

Three Chords and the Truth

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There's music coming out of my ears

It was another great weekend of live music here on our little sandbar. I saw quite a few good shows... the **Kydells** (Austin, TX) played the *Tarpon Ice House* all weekend for their once a year sabbatical. They had some personnel changes from last year but the end result was impressive. As always, **Todd Dorn** did a great job over at *Giggity's* on Saturday as did **Ruben Limas** at *Shorty's* on Friday. Ruben has been on fire lately and seems to be taking Port A by storm... he's everywhere. And, my old friends from Austin, **Kathy Murray** and **Bill Jones** (from the old **Kathy & the Kilowatts** fame) played *Shorty's* on Saturday. Then they showed back up at *Giggity's* on Sunday and sat in with **Antone Perez** and the boys for some great blues. It was really special to have the delightful Miss Kathy Murray in our camp for a little while. What a nice treat. Sunday was also the send-off for our recently fallen compadre, **Howard Odom**, over at *Charlie's Pasture*. It was a good turnout and Howard's favorite band, **Triggerfish** (minus **Luis V...** but with **Julie Caraker** subbing on cajon), cranked up the generator and graced us with some old school island music. BTW, **Woody Lawson** tells me that *Triggerfish* is soon to rise again.

Melissa Brooke...



The Melissa Brooke band with Woody Lawson played *Giggity's* last Friday.

Our local cowgirl, **Melissa Brooke**, played a couple of shows this weekend... one at *Giggity's* on Friday and one opening for the **Dirty River Boys** (more on them in a minute) at the *Back Porch* on Saturday. She's had some personnel changes, too. Our main bass dude, **Woody Ray Lawson**, has now joined her band. Though Woody's not your typical C&W sideman, the music was great. His harmonies really add a lot. Melissa has developed quite a little following here on her home turf and tells me that she's recently auditioned for the TV show, *The Voice*, and is waiting for a call back. How cool would that be? She'll be back at *Giggity's* on August 3rd.

Josh Weathers...

On Friday, **Josh Weathers** (Ft. Worth, TX) hit the *Back Porch* and brother, can this man wail! Lord have mercy, he's got the chops and the soul



Josh Weathers played the *Back Porch* on Friday.

of **Wilson Pickett** in a young, skinny white boy's body. This guy hit notes that would make **Pavarotti** blush. I'm not kidding... at one point he was standing on one of the tables with the crowd jumping all around him waving their hands in the air. It was quite an impressive standing ovation. I honestly got shivers listening to him. This is the guy who should audition for *The Voice*. He's strong! Weathers is, without a doubt, the best blue eyed soul artist I've seen since **Delbert McClinton**. He put on the kind of show that leaves you exhausted. I'm telling you, this man should be a star.

Dirty River Boys...



The Dirty River Boys ripped it up at the *Back Porch* last Saturday.

I could hardly contain myself until Saturday rolled around when the incredible **Dirty River Boys** (El Paso, TX) played the *Back Porch*. I had only seen them once before at *Brewster Street* last year on a bill with **Uncle Lucius** and the **Wheeler Brothers**. And as good as those two bands are, in my mind the Dirty River Boys stole the show. They have a relentless energy on stage that rivals a California earthquake. They're basically an acoustic band (acoustic guitar, stand up bass, mandolin, banjo, hand drums and harmonica) with four part harmonies. Their drummer, **Travis Stearns**, may be the very best at what he does, period. You've never seen such confidence. He has every extremity kicking and slapping and beating like he's been chosen to raise the dead. I wonder what he was like growing up... bet his mama never slept much. He's incredible. And the two lead singers, **Nino Cooper** and **Marco Gutierrez**, are equally amazing. Their voices work perfectly with the songs they've chosen... folksy but on fire. And their bassist, **Colton James**, is the glue that keeps these boys from vibrating right off the stage. He's straight out the old west. At one point in the show, they threw a *Chinese Fire Drill* and passed around all their instruments. Wow! Needless to say, I really, really dig this group. They set the bar about as high as it goes. We've got to get them down here again... and soon.

DO NOT MISS LIST

This weekend...

And the hits just keep right on coming... on *Thursday, July 25th*, **Littlewolf** (Lubbock, TX), the band voted the 2013 "Best Debut Artists" in the *Alternate Root Magazine* Reader's Poll, rolls into Port A for two nights. They will be at the *Back Porch* on Thursday and *Giggity's* on

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Littlewolf will play *Giggity's* and the *Back Porch*.



The Fabulous Thunderbirds will play *Sharkey's* on Aug. 3.

Friday. The nucleus of this band consists of veteran guitarist **Steve Lott** and the young and beautiful **Kristi Clanton** on slide steel guitar and vocals. They play a hybrid style of original tunes that blend blues, rock and roots. It's definitely the show to catch this weekend. On *Friday, July 26th*, **Clay McClinton** (Ft. Worth, TX) will return to the *Back Porch*. Clay is the son of **Delbert McClinton** and is quite a talented young man. He's got that roadhouse vibe his daddy made famous. Also, **Raeanne and the Ride** (Port Aransas, TX) will bring her classic rock and blues show to *Shorty's* and **Tiffany Duckworth** will be at *Fin's*. On *Saturday, July 27th*, the mad happy scientist from Oklahoma, **Joe Mack** (Tahlequah, OK), will play *Shorty's*. Joe is a genius type who builds his songs, which are recorded in real time on loops and works in anything that's handy into the act (beer bottles, his cheeks, any number of musical and percussion instruments he keeps around), you name it. It's an amazing process. His guitar work is pretty incredible, too. Also on Saturday, **Gary P. Nunn** (Austin, TX) will be coming home to the *Armadillo*



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Joe Mack will play *Shorty's* this Saturday night.

one more time at the *Back Porch*. **Cody Canada** will play a solo gig at the *Third Coast Theater* and **Rich Lockhart** (Victoria, TX) will bring his blues and roots show to *Giggity's*.

Sharkey's announces 5 big shows...

The big news around here is the five shows that Sharkey's has announced in August and through Labor Day. It's my understanding that these shows will be on an outdoor stage that's just been constructed behind Sharkey's. The shows will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the ticket cost will be \$20 advanced and \$25 at the door. I'll talk about the T-Birds and Ely next time.

Here's the schedule:

- Fabulous Thunderbirds Toman Brothers... Aug. 3
- Joe Ely, Larry Joe Taylor (opening)... Aug 10
- Cory Morrow William Clark Green... Aug. 24
- Jack Ingram... Aug. 31
- Los Lonely Boys... Sept. 1

And that's the truth!

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, July 25
Three Way Street @ *Giggity's*
Little Wolf @ *Back Porch*
Free Beer Band @ *Tarpon Ice House*
Uncle Lucius @ *Brewster Street*
Local Licks @ *House of Rock*
Kevin Hill @ *Scuttlebutt's*

Friday, July 26
Little Wolf @ *Giggity's*
Clay McClinton @ *Back Porch*
Raeanne & the Ride @ *Shorty's*
Ray T & the City Crew @ *The Flats*
Tiffany Duckworth @ *Fins*
Spark in the Dark @ *Coffee Waves*
Another Level @ *Executive Surf Club*
Someone Like You @ *Dr. Rockits*
Fabian Rivera @ *Scuttlebutt's*
Five Card Draw @ *Brewster Street*

Saturday, July 27
Joe Mack @ *Shorty's*
Gary P. Nunn @ *Back Porch*
Richard Lockhart Band @ *Giggity's*
Cody Canada @ *Third Coast Theater*
Billy Snipes @ *Fins*
Tiffany Duckworth @ *Coffee Waves*
Gulf Wars @ *House of Rock*
Scarecrow People @ *Executive Surf Club*
Melissa Brooke @ *South Texas Ice House*
Torpedoes @ *Dr. Rockits*
Robert Brown @ *Scuttlebutt's*
Double R Nothing @ *Brewster Street*

Sunday, July 28
Open Jam w/ Uel Jackson @ *Tarpon Ice House*
Antone & the All Stars @ *Giggity's*
Open Mic @ *Doc's Seafood*
Tumble Dry Low @ *Bernie's Beach House*

Sunday, July 28 Continued

- Open Jam @ *Neptune's*
- John Eric Open Mic @ *South Texas Ice House*
- HoR 8 Year Anniversary (5 Bands) @ *House of Rock*
- The Last Resort @ *Dr. Rockits*
- Kevin Hill @ *Scuttlebutt's*

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Tuesday, July 30
Tiffany Duckworth @ *Tarpon Ice House*
Open Mic @ *House of Rock*
Green Party @ *Dr. Rockits*
Kevin Hill @ *Scuttlebutt's*

Wednesday, July 31
Open Jam w/ Wolfjaw @ *Flats Lounge*
HOB0 @ *House of Rock*
David Martinez Band @ *Dr. Rockits*

Thursday, August 1
Three Way Street @ *Giggity's*
Dead Beats @ *Back Porch*
Free Beer Band @ *Tarpon Ice House*
RPG, Funeral Ash, Derangement, Until the Grave @ *House of Rock*

Friday, August 2
Thomas Michael Riley @ *Back Porch*
Full Body Puppets @ *Giggity's*
Brett Mussey Band @ *Shorty's*
Tiffany Duckworth @ *Cinnamon Shores*
Billy Snipes @ *Uppy's*
Ray T & the City Crew @ *The Flats Lounge*
90 Proof @ *House of Rock*
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