

Three Chords and the Truth

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Austin Heat was smokin'...



Austin Heat played the Back Porch last Friday night

There is so much music to tell you about. I feel so blessed. Last weekend was absolutely saturated with what keeps me going. My pals, **Austin Heat**, showed up a day early for their gig at the *Back Porch* with a very special guest in tow, guitarist **Ricky Bob Hulett** from Hood River, OR. Originally from Lubbock, Hulett was the first guitarist in the **Joe Ely Band** even before **Jessie "Guitar" Taylor**. I've known him since high school and can attest... he's bonified. Rick came down early with another old pal from Lubbock (and Ely alumni), keyboardist **Small Don Burrows**, who I've also known since dirt.



Rick Hulett from Hood River, OR sits in on ukulele with the Free Beer Band at the Tarpon Ice House last Thursday night

It was special, especially when Hulett broke out his custom ukulele and sat in with the fabulous **Free Beer Band** at the *Ice House* on Thursday night. I'm telling you, this man could make a clothes line scream. By the time their gig rolled around on Friday, we were fit to be tied. Needless to say, their show at the *Porch* went swimmingly in spite of the sloppy weather. In a word, these guys nailed it. They were intensely fabulous. Their lead singer, **Brian Scartocco** (who was a finalist on the TV show *The Voice*) had every woman in the place melting. I could go on and on but suffice it to say, this band is on fire. I will give it my best effort to get them back... count on it.

It don't get no better than W.C. Clark!

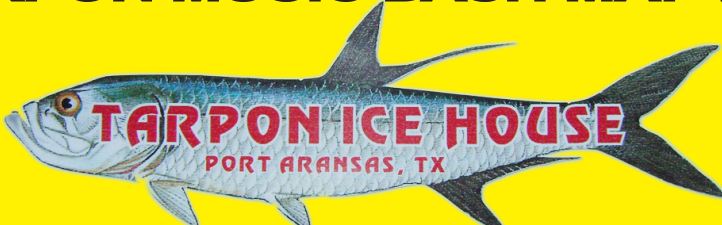


W.C. Clark played the Back Porch last Saturday night.

After the Bottlehead tribute, I headed to the *Back Porch* to catch me some **W.C. Clark**, the one and only *Godfather of Austin Blues*. It don't get NO better than W.C... ever! And W.C. was on. He had his faithful sax man, **Tommy Robinson**, ripping it up and his reliable stable of "go go dancers" testifying... the show was electric I'm telling you. And, nobody does **Al Green** like W.C. I could write volumes about his history (he's 74 years old)

TARPON MUSIC BASH MAY 17-19

Mike Williams
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Friday May 17 (5-7)

Stuart Michael Burns
Every Wednesday (7-10)

Open Jam with Uel Jackson
Every Sunday (7- 11)

but all you need to know is, there wouldn't be any **Stevie Ray** or **Jimmie Vaughan** or **Kim Wilson** or **Lou Ann Barton** or **Angela Strehli** or **Will Sexton**, etc, etc if W.C. hadn't paved the way in Austin. If you hadn't figured it out, I'm a disciple. He hung the moon. This show was epic. The dancers were spectacular.

Get Off the Lawn every month at Shorty's...

I finished off the night at *Shorty's* with the **Get Off the Lawn** (Corpus Christi, TX)



Bluegrass band Get Off the Lawn played Shorty's last Saturday night

bluegrass band. I'm really a fan of this band. They are a real deal string band with hillbilly harmonies. They'll be playing *Shorty's* once a month so make it a point to catch them. They fit in perfectly on *Shorty's* funky back porch. You can also catch two of its members, **Steve Goldstein** (guitar, vocals and mandolin) and **Crawford Brown** (stand up bass and vocals) every Thursday at the *Tarpon Ice House* with the **Free Beer Band**. It's a variation on a similar theme.

Sundays on the island...

On Sunday, I was pleasantly surprised when **Jul and the Chrome Wheels** (Austin, TX) showed up for the weekly jam at the *Tarpon Ice House*. They were in route from South Padre



Jul and the Chrome Wheels showed up for the weekly jam at the Tarpon Ice House last Sunday

to Austin and decided to make a detour. It's amazing how much music comes out of only two people. This is one powerful duo. They'll be back around the *Fourth of July* to play some shows at the *Gaff* and *Shorty's*. After the jam, I caught the last two sets from blues masters, **Antone and the All Stars** at *Giggity's*. They have started playing every Sunday night there and it is very cool. The All Stars consist of guitarist **Ray Summy** and bassist **Art Galvan**. They have held court at *Doctor Rockits* in Corpus for years. This weekly gig at *Giggity's* feels pretty right. It was nice sliding from the jam at the *Ice House* to *Giggity's* for some good blues... a very nice option for a Sunday.

DO NOT MISS LIST

Tarpon Music Bash...

The *Tarpon Ice House* will hold its 4th Annual *Tarpon Music Bash* this weekend, May 17-19. This event features Texas Hill Country musicians and Gulf Coast musicians who come together for three days of music and food. **Al Barlow** (New Braunsfel, TX) has hosted the *Bash* for the past three years but will yield the duties to **Billy Snipes** this year. The fest will kick-off Friday afternoon at 5p.m. with local songstress, **Carol Elliott** and go until midnight. On Saturday it will go from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. On Sunday the *Bash* always ends with a *Gospel Brunch*, this year to be held at *Keeper's* on *Horace Caldwell Pier*. This year's non-stop bill will feature **Kem Watts**, **John Sholten**, **Larry M. Sweeney**, **Dan Brodag** & **Jamie Smith**, **Lucas Taylor**, **Rodney Flores**, **Uel Jackson**, **The Coffields**, **Johnny Santos**, **Tiffany Duckworth**, **Kristen Sheppard** & **Chester Ruder**, **Tony Barton** & **Cary Winham**, **Ashley Monical**, **Sky Malone** and **Blindfold**.

This weekend...

Also on *Friday, May 17th*, the Cal-Mex batos from East L.A., **Los Fabulocos**, will play the *Back Porch*. This band features the **Fabulous T-Bird** alumni, **Kid Ramos** on guitar and is one cool blues unit. **Lela Caldwell's** wild **Purple Monkey Lasers'** show is at *Giggity's*; **Raeanne & the Ride** will be at *Roberts Point Park* for another installment of the *Sunset Sounds Concert Series*; **Russell Edge** will be at *Shorty's*; and the famous surfing folksinger, **Donavan Frankenreiter** will be at the *House of Rock*. On *Saturday, May 18th*, real deal honky-tonk bluesman, **Jesse Dayton**, will play the *Back Porch*. Check out Dayton's soon to be released horror flick, *Zombex* starring



Los Fabulocos will play the Back Porch on Friday, May 17.



Austin honky tonker Jesse Dayton returns to the Back Porch this Saturday night

Malcolm McDowell which tells the story of post-Katrina New Orleans as it deals with a zombie apocalypse. Also, **Jesse** recently recorded a CD of **Kinky Friedman** songs entitled, *Jesse Sings Kinky*. And, check out his mega-cool tune, *Low-fi Lover* at <https://soundcloud.com/gcmooore/lo-fi-lover>. It's got that old timey **Antone's** blues stink all over it. It's always a treat to welcome **Jesse Dayton** back to town! He's a busy guy. Also on Saturday, **Three Way Street** is at *Giggity's*, **Ruben Limas** is at *Shorty's*, **Stevie Start** is at the *Coast Club* and **Matt Hole** is at the *Surf Club*.

30th Annual Songwriter Showcase...

On *Sunday, May 19th*, the *Island Art Center* in Port A will host their annual fundraiser, the *30th Annual Songwriters Showcase at Robert's Point Park*. The event's founder, **Jessie Bishop**, has returned from Costa Rica to revive his old band, **The Dynamics**, for this show. The *Showcase* will feature performances by **Carol Elliott**, **Father James Derkits**, **Guy LaRoux**, **Tyler McCumber** & **Tony Seracene**, **Woodie Lawson**, **Sierra Howe**, **Melissa Brooks**, **Hump Brockman** & **Janet Drew**, **Lela Caldwell** and **L. Leon Sands**. **Preacher Williams** will host the event. And, for the first time in 30 years, there will be a \$7 entry fee to raise money for the *Art Center's* new building.

Memorial Day Weekend...

I'll go into more detail next week, but on *Memorial Day Weekend*, look for performances by **The Dynamics**, **Todd Dorn**, **Hold Fast Fables**, **Gary P. Nunn**, **Larry Joe Taylor**, **Buster Jiggs**, **Ruben V**, **Max Stalling**, **Mandy Rowden**, **Raeanne Reed**, **Josh Abbot**, **Kyle Park** and **Aaron Watson**.

And that's the truth!

LIVE MUSIC TONIGHT

Thursday, May 16

Rockin' Blues All Night @ Dr. Rockits
Free Beer Band @ Tarpon Ice House
John Eric @ Island Italian
Katchafire, Maoli @ House of Rock
Kevin Hill @ Scuttlebutt's

Friday, May 17

Tarpon Music Bash @ Tarpon Ice House
Los Fabulocos @ Back Porch
Purple Monkey Lasers @ Giggity's
Russell Edge @ Shorty's
Raeanne & the Ride (Sunset Sounds) @ Roberts Point Park
Donavan Frankenreiter @ House of Rock
Carol Elliott (5-7) @ Tarpon Ice House
Lyrical Byng @ Executive Surf Club
Timeline Journey tribute band @ South Texas Ice House
Stuart Burns @ Coffee Waves
Reno & the Groove Getters @ Dr. Rockits
Chris Saenz @ Scuttlebutt's

Saturday, May 18

Tarpon Music Bash @ Tarpon Ice House
Jesse Dayton @ Back Porch
3 Way Street @ Giggity's
Ruben Limas @ Shorty's
Stevie Start @ Coast Club
Mike Williams @ Bangkok Star
Spoonfed Tribe, Sabrosa Union @ House of Rock
Matt Hole @ Executive Surf Club
Metal Shop @ Brewster Street
Rob Baird @ South Texas Ice House
David & Barbara Brown @ Coffee Waves
Kevin Hill @ Scuttlebutt's
Steven James and Shakedown @ Dr. Rockits

Sunday, May 19

Songwriter Showcase @ Roberts Point Park
Tarpon Music Bash @ Tarpon Ice House
Open Jam w/ Uel Jackson @ Tarpon Ice House
Ruben Limas (3-6) @ Back Porch
Antone & the All Stars @ Giggity's
Tumble Dry Low @ Bernie's Beach House
Open Jam @ Neptune's
John Eric Open Mic @ South Texas Ice House
Pluto's Orbit @ Dr. Rockits
Blake Sparx @ Scuttlebutt's

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