

IDIOT for February 2012

AGRADELEOUS

Q.1 What is your real name (optional) or the name you would like to be called?

Real name.. Raymond Stephen Kohn. But Ray or Ags works ok. Just not Raymond. Call me Raymond and I'll Kill ya! haha (taken from Francis in the Movie Strips LOL :)

Q.2 What is your age group? 20 - 30. 30 - 40. 40 - 50. 50 - 60. Over 60

Not ashamed of my age I'm a 18 year old with a fifty year olds worth of pain. HEHE !

Q.3 How did you get started in music?

How did I get started in music? I did start right? Hmmmmm wait need coffee !Oh that's good ;) Ok what I can remember which is hard for me LOL. When I was like 6 or 7 somewhere around then I believe, My Mom saw that I liked to bang things. You see I started young Oh oops I mean bang on things like drumming on stuff ! Don't all kids do that? Anyway she thought an instrument would be great for me, I agreed and totally thought Drums were coming ...But no such luck, she got me a guitar. Oooo not a happy kid ! She enrolled me in classes at the local Jewish community centre. It did not go over that well. The class had already started and I was a late comer. I was the only one who did not know what to do with a guitar. The other kids could read music and play so I was lost and very unhappy. What I did find out was when the teacher played some songs, it was outside and a nice sunny day

I found myself drawn to the music. My Mom bought a book and tried to teach me but that did not work. My A.D.D. was in full force and the folks never saw it or did not want too. Heck, even today they won't believe it. So that was the end of that. My folks were divorced and later I went to live with dad. Mom remarried and had moved to Long Island. (Commack to be exact.)

While visiting one summer I met their next door neighbours' son Chris Novack (did I spell that Right ?) We were good friends for the short summer visits and did some fun stuff but what was really great was he played guitar and he was really, really good though a year or 2 older than me. On one said visit he said he was going on a trip to Spain and that had saved money up to buy a new Classical guitar while he was away he said I can borrow his and learn to play some. I remember him saying.. "Now no taking the guitar outside and don't mishandle it"! Then he showed me 3 chords E, A, D. He said practice these for a start. I only had a few days after that till I had to go back to home so I went straight to it and yes, I took the guitar outside and sat under a tree till my fingers bled. Boy did that hurt but it did not stop me, though I did not know why.

After I got Home I asked Dad for a guitar he said OK. Now you got me thinking I'm remembering that Dad did do a lot for me (Sorry Dad for forgetting, Miss you) I had to take a music class in school and guitar was one. This was 8th or 9th grade. Learned a few more chords learned to play along with albums and learned a few notes. But my A.D.D still ruled and even though I kept playing I just could not sit and learn. I met a new friend by the name of Peter Nahbit (not sure if last name spelled right) Boy he could play, he was way above me playing wise. We tried a little band thing. My best friend at the time played drums, but I could not meet Peter's demand for perfection and every timed I messed up he would yell at me I really mean yell ! Needless to say that relationship was short term. I met him some years after and he had his acoustic with him he had moved away and returned for a visit we drank some beers and smoked some ..well you know ;) He played pretty close to 12 hrs straight through without playing the same song twice, Unbelievable! Around that time I tried out for a high school band but they said I could not cut it so I just kept doing my own thing.

There was a band there at school which were seniors that were real good. But they thought I was a joke LOL. I could not blame them I suppose. I tried out for another band but said I was not good enough. Funny though everybody outside of the band thought my playing was fantastic LOL acoustic wise. Later I took music lessons from one of the brothers of that same band (the Senior one) who's name escapes me and again. Mr.A.D.D killed that but the funny thing was the music teacher liked what I was writing and wanted to start a band! Weird! I did not do it though and can't remember why. During that time Rush became my favourite band and, together with my music teacher, we had a long term relationship LOL. After high school I moved to Florida and that's when I started playing with open tunings after buying a 12 string guitar. I used to go down to the Boynton beach inlet and sit on the jetty wall watch the boats go by. It was something else. The current was always moving fast and boats trying pass one and other was quite hair raising LOL. At night it was beautiful and one could just get memorized by the water and reflections.

Creating music there was nice until the cops said you're breaking the sound ordinance.

Never recorded really. Had a few try's with really cheap stuff but that did not last long. After moving to North Carolina had one band interaction and that went south ... You can keep that kind of drama. I have no need of that kind of stuff LOL.

The band fell apart and co-worker friend Chris was a great front man and was good at singing we later got together and come up with some songs, taking him from his heavy scream rock to a more refined abstract way to sing LOL which worked and helped him to become a better singer. If we kept it up we would both have gained more in writing and playing. :(During this I have already found Kristal audio Engine and started recording then that lead me to TTM :) and all's kinds of fun'z :)

Q.4 Can you list your top 3 music genres?

I'd have to say progressive rock along with new rock, NewAge, Ummm .. a toss up between reggae and blues and bluegrass HAHHAHA see how got all my Fav's in there LOL but that's all there is !

Q.5 Of them all which do you associate with mostly?

Have to say Newage , it was the only thing that kept me sane during some rough times (mostly in FLA) in which I wanted to hurt people but only those who deserved it !

Interviewer. I have noticed that you sometimes come across as a, shall we say? (grizzly bear) but I know for a fact that you're not like that. Is this true?

Me Grizzly bear ? hahaha I like that ! Yeah just like Boog from the animated movie 'Open Season " I might come on strong but it's all in type. I am like I type but if you were next to me as I say it you'll see it/hear it differently in most cases, at work watch out if your messing up ! but you'll still get a hug at the end of the day :) LOL I just say it as it is and it's mostly meant in a humorous way. But some don't see it in the type. I won't lie about anything so I pretty much just say how I see it , Just ask the guys what I'm like in Voxli :) **(Voxli is our live audio chat room)** if were laughing were good and that seems to me more often then not ! Now on to a new avatar Bwahahahaha ;)

Q.6 What is your talent? Don't be modest.

Well do you mean in music or the work and fun area's ?

In music, guitar of course. I think a lot of my piece's have great potential to be really cool tunes that only a few people might like ;)

In work just as now not much LOL just a good work ethic I like to do it right the first time regardless of the which job I'm doing , Oh destroy JCB backhoes !

Fun and play ... love to wood work and make things and take things apart TEHE ! don't have a shop here though but in FLA a I had a room and made some neat stuff ! :)

Q.7 Of the talents you have not listed, which would you like to do most?

Be able to keep better time in music and have a better singing voice at least one with more range. And learn to mix.

Q.8 If only for me Ray, as I don't understand, what is A.D.D?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ADHD_predominantly_inattentive attention deficit disorder

Q.9 Have you ever wished, or still wish, that you had made it big in show-business?

Funny you say show business would not think that of musicians though I guess it's right:lol Make it Big Na just make a living. They to be happy in work do what love and I love music but if ended up working in the field it most likely would be behind the scenes. A lot of people told me I should of gone into acting ,one person I meet wanted to get involved in plays when I lived in West Palm beach Fla he thought I would be great LOL he was involved as well , I guess he saw something in me I have no clue about Hahahaha ... Heck I was told that here only a few months back :)

Q.10. What is your favourite guitar and, if not the one you play, which guitar would you kill for?

Wow favorite guitar No clue ! yeah sure the worlds full of them but you can't play them all I have only cheap run guitars around the 4 to 500 range my 78 Ibanez musician series 40 might be worth a bit more as classic. My next guitar will be another acoustic and I'll have to fight the wife over it. :) but at the moment I'm looking into Eastman and Wechter Guitars around 1500 dollar mark and maybe Taylor though I've been loosing interest in them. I'd like to stay American but best bang for the buck might win out depends on the how much of a difference in cost. Over the Holidays Brother in-law Buzz told me that what ever you pick it has to sing to you. So no matter what no sight unseen guitar buys unless they have great return policy LOL .

Q.11 From the list of members you know, who interests you most and why?

(doesn't have to be because you think they own the best talent)

OH that's a toughy ! everybody does in a way but Fordy for one he has great understanding of music and karm mixing and is always helpful and a great far way friend , Dino For his guitar playing and singing, always sounds spot on, Harmonic Earth for his native connection to music and the spirits Earth and nature feel to his music. Karm for Well Karm ! If Karm can't get you to believe there's another way to look at music no one can ! And Jim50 for his talents and experience. Also G.C. Downie for the same reasons and his bass playing abilities among his other musical talents. Over all there are many here who interest me one from the band room is Pete Mac which reminds me I'm over due in saying hello. I don't care for much for music in that area but he hooked me and his voice is great ! I believe he offered to do a collab with me some time I need to make that happen it would be nice and a compliment in my book ! :) The others like Combo, JOOM, MUNG, Bikerbabe, Badfinger, Gazebo and the others to many to list. All have great talent that bends my ear their way. Oh Karm too! hahahaha ! Man he always pops up somewhere !

Q.13 Have you ever collaborated with another member or members on a recording?

Yup sure have , Fordy, Jim50, GC, HE, ComboBob, Karm ... there he is again ! did I miss anyone sorry A.D.D.

Q.14 Which of your colabs did you enjoy most and why?

Hmmm .. can't pick one like them all honestly if I was to pick one it would only be because I myself played better on it then another one.

Q.15 Have you a favourite mix from our band room? (Could be one of your own.)

Mixing is so unknown to me I can't say for sure. Those that stick out for me would have to be Fordy's and Jim50 mixing but not one set song. They have to my ear a good deal of understanding in how to blend everything together where nothing is lost or hidden you hear it all. That blows my mind I hope one day to get better at that but, baby steps..baby steps.

Q.16 What is your ambition both musically and personally?

Find a better paying job and to just improve my playing never seem to play song with screwing it up ...Take 4,006 ! Thanks Gc ;)

Q 17 Do you belong to any other indie websites and will you name them?

Just KAE but been here mostly because everyone else is from there LOL I would be able to keep up with that beside my affliction my backside is hurting now from this ! and the evil glances from my wife No Honey not on Girls live cam LOL

Q.18 Where do you see TTM in 5 years time?

Here I hope but all good things come to an end. If Joom can keep things going and has someone to hand the reins to then I think I'll be here till the day that I'm called away or my body just dies ! DOH !

What role can you play in it's development?

Not much I'm afraid just overall support . Besides that I would not know what I could do to help but if anyone does please let me know and I will !

Q.19 Who is your next choice for the IDIOT?

I suppose who ever has not done one yet ! is there a list ? did HE do one ? that's my second choice if not.
Karm. UGH! Karm go a way ! LMAO !