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Entertainer of the Month John McKinna



Story by Rich Peine

This month's entertainer of the month is an eclectic person who is not only a fine musician, but also a sailor, commercial diver/welder, oil well fire fighter and best selling author.

John has been a professional musician for forty years. He plays lead guitar, bass guitar, banjo, drums and flute. During what he describes as his classic rock period he played with three bands from 1974 to 1982. The bands toured throughout the Northeast and Midwest United States as well as Canada. The groups produced eight albums during that time.

Since coming to the Keys in 1999, John has played with some of the local greats including Jimmy Hawkins, Steve Vinini, Luke Sommer Glenn and Grateful Ted just to mention a few. He describes himself as a "floating fill in guy".

Watching him play at the

Caribbean Club one day sent me back to my youth and listening for the first time to Clapton or Richards. John's leads are on the money and heartfelt. When he got off stage his shirt was soaked with sweat. Folks, that's a musician.

John plays with Luke at the Island Grill on Sundays from 2-6 p.m., and usually at the "Crib" Thursday nights at open mic and jam. He also plays at the Paradise Pub on Friday and Saturday nights from 6-10p.m.

In addition to playing music, John has written six best selling novels. Three are about diving adventures. The remaining three are about World War Two, written under the pen name John Mannock. He has been married for 22 years to Teresa and lives in Key Largo.

John is available for private parties. You can reach him at 451-3598. Check out his web site at www.johnmannock.com.

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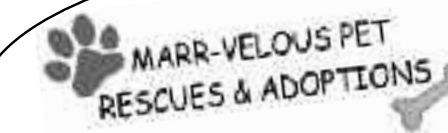


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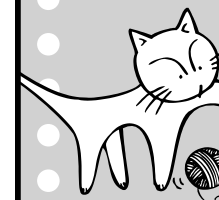
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