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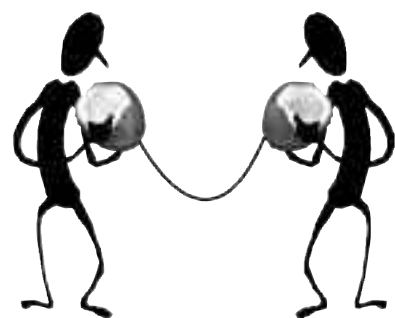
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Blackwater Sound July 2010



Blackwater Sound puts on a very entertaining show, and you will most likely feel like you have been to a rock and roll concert after you have seen them perform. They are friendly, personable and they like to interact with the audience. Additionally, they always appreciate audience feedback. When you hear their awesome vocal harmonies, you will want to sing along.

Let's face it, traditionally, rock and roll bands consist of artists with strong personalities and strong creative effort. People usually have different schedules, and it's not always easy to have everyone available

at the same times. Blackwater Sound is motivated, and they definitely have fun when they are playing music.

The band consists of Steve Miller on Lead Guitar, Tom Tietje on Rhythm Guitar, Rocco Bruno on Drums, and Dale Henderson on Bass Guitar. One thing that is uncommon about this band, is that they are all able to sing lead, and they have outstanding vocal harmonies. How many bands do you know that can consistently sing songs with four part vocal harmonies? Also, you never know who is going to sing lead from song to song, and that adds to the

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Editorial: The Curse of the Locals

The Coconut Telegraph talks about all of the great restaurants in the Keys but we haven't said squat about the bad ones. The bad ones do serve a purpose though, for instance, if a tourist is particularly rude and asks where is a good place to eat you can send them to the "bad place". Ever wonder why some places never take off, or they take off like crazy and then bomb? It's the "curse of the locals" that's to blame.

Here are some reasons to curse a restaurant / bar.

- The owner/manager is a lunatic that needs medication and serious therapy.
- Food quality is poor because no employee will last more than two

weeks in the kitchen.

- They cheat their servers, bartenders and musicians.
- They cheat the county by building without permits and then they go and turn in • their neighboring restaurants and even the American Legion that take great pride in being in compliance with the county.
- They don't pay their bills. "Oops, sorry, we're temporarily out of beer". "The food distributor forgot to bring our order". They buy their booze at Walgreens.
- All the local radio stations and newspapers have dropped them.
- The fishermen won't sell to them so they serve frozen fish, yuck!

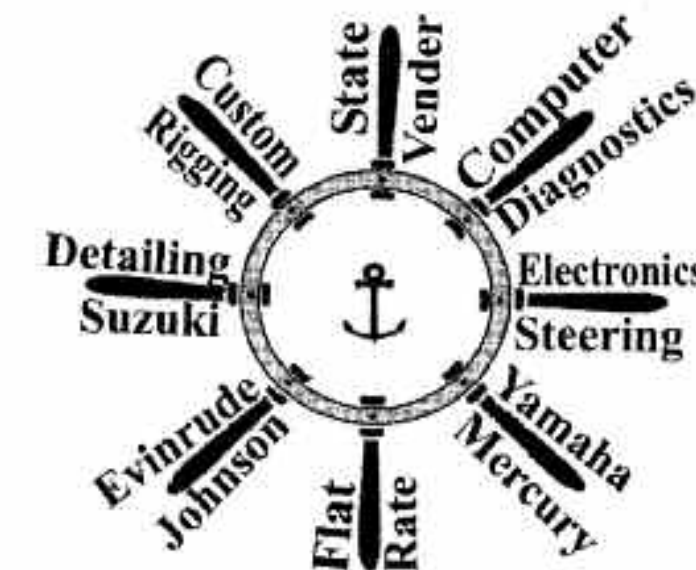
- They get a reputation as the place to score drugs.
- They accuse a customer of stealing money off the bar, he gets beat up and thrown in jail even though it was proven that the customer did not steal.
- The owner/manager thinks he is God.

Every restaurant owner that advertises in the Coconut Telegraph is kind, considerate and approachable. They are the local's choice places to imbibe. These places know that when tourist season is over it is the locals that they must rely on. The above is a conglomeration of cursed places that this writer has observed.

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