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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. Were you ever a gas station attendant?
2. It's +*#% cold here in Wisconsin but readers in the east and south have it worse. If you've still got electricity, let us know what's happening in your neck of the woods.
3. Ever played or sang with a band or orchestra outside of school?
4. Did you ever own a car with fins or a continental kit?
5. Wisconsin roads are getting pretty bad. Do you think they should raise the gas tax to pay for repairs? Cars are getting much better mileage these days and revenues are down.
6. Have you ever been air sick, sea sick, love sick or home sick?
7. Did you elope? Why?
8. I've talked to a couple of CPA's who are preparing tax returns and they say Obamacare is driving them crazy. What's your experience?
9. Have you ever been on an archaeological dig?
10. What have you done since leaving high school?

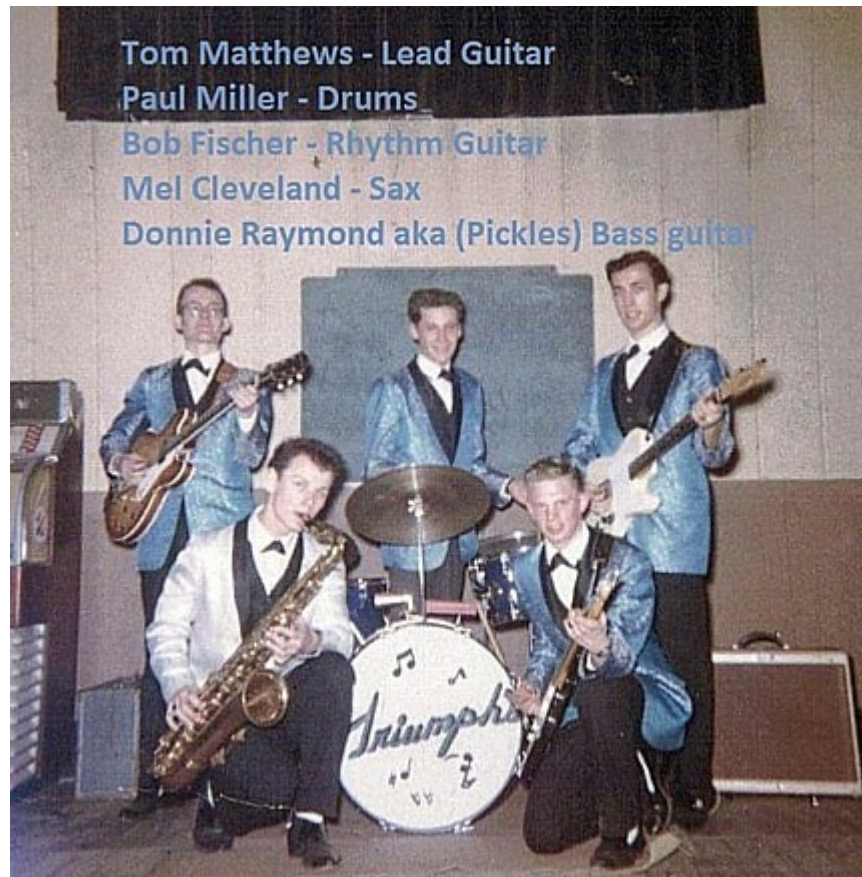
and responses:

Don (Pickles) Rehman 65 - zakons@comcast.net

Ever played or sang with a band or orchestra outside of school?

Yes to both (sang & played in many bands)

I started my music career actually in grade school with the Rapids Scouts Drum & Bugle Corp. Mainly playing bugle and cornet. When I was 14, a group of friends got together and started The Triumphs. The group consisted of my neighbor, Mel Cleveland 16, & Bob Fischer & Tom Matthews who also were neighbors to each other. Mel had the only drivers license in the band. If we played in a bar & because we were under 21, Tom Matthews mother was our chaperone.



The Triumphs later changed their name to the Deadbeats, when we had a chance to purchase a hearse from Hanks Auto Sales on West Grand Avenue. I spotted it when I lived across the street from Hanks. We came up with the idea of using it to transport all our instruments. We had a brainstorm meeting and decided to change the name to the Deadbeats. We put a back seat in it so we all could ride also. Either Mel Cleveland's dad or Paul Miller's dad made a coffin for some of the equipment & instruments, just to add to the atmosphere. We played locally, but mostly in the Dells & Hillside.

When I was 17, Gerry Irwin & Babes Krekowski asked me to join the Zakons. (I used to watch the Zakons play at the Palace, dreaming that someday I would love to actually play with the Zakons.) I played with the Zakons from 62-65. I then went into the Air Force from 65-69.

I was an instructor in the Air Force, and I got some servicemen together to start a new band. The band was called the Changing Tymes. We played the local bars in Rantoul, Illinois. (65-68.). Then I was sent overseas during the Vietnam War. Discharged from the service after coming back from Vietnam in 69.

I was then asked to rejoin the Zakons after being home just 2 weeks. I played with the Zakons again, plus worked at the Rapids airport weekday evenings, while going to school in St. Point.

I then went to school in Madison. I drove back and forth from Madison every weekend to play, while going to school there. I stayed with the Zakons from 69-73. I got married in May of 72, and I graduated in Fall of 72, and we then moved to Northern Illinois. I was offered a job as an Electrical Engineer, at Bell Labs. I still drove back to Rapids from Illinois every Friday night (3 1/2 hour drive one way) to play every weekend. Sometimes arriving just in time to change into the correct matching band outfit, to get on stage. The drive finally finally became too much & I quit the Zakons in April 73. It was a hard decision to make. I played with a great group of guys over the years. It was a fun time in my life playing with the bands. Lots of great memories.

I retired after 39 years at the same company & now we are enjoying retirement & the grandkids. Most play a musical instrument, one is into playing basketball big time. Just a month ago I bought a little ukulele and am playing around with it. Below zero weather outside and Hawaii music inside. Can't wait to go back there!

Ron Karnatz - karnatzr@wctc.net

We are in Punta Gorda, Florida and it was nice today, don't mean to upset anyone, as we also had "cold" weather last week. It was in the upper 30's two mornings and lower 40's a couple of more. Those are "cold" temperatures for southwest Florida. Plant City was concerned with the strawberry crop but they did save it with sprinklers all night. Day time temps were in the upper 50's and lower 60's and the locals had on their heavy winter coats. I still had on my short but a long sleeve t-shirt. It has warmed up and is back to normal temps again. I hope that all of the classmates that are up north and freezing do OK in the cold weather.
Thanks for keeping the news letter going.

Toni Olsen - tonicrafty@gmail.com

Airsick? - In spring of 2009 my husband and I flew to Reno, NV from Tallahassee, FL. A missed connection in Raleigh, NC resulted in a very long flight. Looking back on it, we should have spent the night in Raleigh and continued on the next day; but we thought we'd let the airline re-route us and arrive a little later than planned. Big mistake. After leaving Tallahassee at 7 AM Eastern Time, we flew from Charlotte to Minneapolis to Phoenix to Reno--arriving at 1 AM Pacific Time! That's a lot of hours in the air and in airports, especially for someone who hates to fly. I'm calling the experience "air sickness." We still love to travel!

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

Regarding raising gas taxes for road repairs: California has the highest gas tax in the U.S. and our roads are falling apart. Why? Pretty much for the same reason Social Security is broke. The politicians steal the money and spend it on socialist projects.

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65 - marcie.ortscheid@ki.com

Seasick? We were down in the Keys and did a glass bottom boat. We went down and I was watching the beautiful sea life and all of a sudden I felt warm, and kind of light headed. I went up on the deck and the rest is history. We had stopped part way down to the Keys and I had a hamburger, after that I could not eat a hamburger for 6 months and even the smell made me turn green, it was awful.

Kent Vasby (FAHS 58) - kvasby@smallbytes.net

Gas jockey? - I worked pumping gas for a few weeks at Voss Motors in Ft. Atkinson.

Singing? - I sang with the Methodist choirs in Fort Atkinson, Cambridge, Wis Rapids and Panama City, FL when I was stationed there with the Air Force for a couple of months.

Car with tail fins? - Drove our 56 De Soto for 4 years going back and forth to Whitewater College, got to use it for a few dates while I was in high school.



Sea sick - Every time I get on an ocean going boat - Fishing off Naples, FL. Even got "sea queasy" aboard the USS Coral Sea aircraft carrier in a calm sea. (Did a cross-training trip with the Navy when I was stationed with AF in California.)

Letter to the Editor

Jim Natwick - jjnatwick@gmail.com

Nothing on the general topics, but throwing a question out there. I am thinking of buying a house in Georgetown TX, outside of Austin, to retire in.. Does anyone one live down there? If so, how is it? I have kids in Austin. It is a 55+ retirement community. Does anyone live in one of those and how do you like it? Have to get out of Rapids.

SENIOR ROMANCE

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth!"