

THE SQUABS

“Clean-cut dirtbags with bad drunk habits playing the nastiest squawk and roll Steven Tyler never could.”

– Ollie Stench
punk pundit

INTERVIEW BY DORF MCMAGNUM

THE BAND:

Rich Peterson- Vox
Jet Odrerir- Guitar, Vox
Michael Rumore- Guitar, Vox
Victor Stuhr- Bass, Vox
Bart Klassen- Drums and
Cymbals



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WHILE other bands from Green Day to Good Charlotte are redefining punk for the masses, The Squabs carry the Perry torch into the new millennium. That gritty dirty sleazebag rock n' roll vibe that was prevalent in the 70's has in my opinion become the new underground. Rock N' Roll is dead once again. Which is why when I watch the Squabs play I feel like I've followed the Highway to Hell and I'm exactly where I need to be. This is not your little sisters rock, these guys don't wear white stripe belts. They're not gonna pander to the masses by doing Pixies covers. If you like this music (which you should) you don't say "these guys are really good". You say "These guys fucking rock!" (which they do).

I originally attempted to conduct an interview with the boys about a year ago in the Entry basement, but on my way to the club, I stopped to get gas and somehow lost the questions I had scratched down. So I attempted to wing it, which was a little difficult because nobody in the band took me seriously and the sound quality of the tape was horrible. The guys gave me a chance once again and invited me to their rehearsal space to conduct another interview. This one was ok but the editors of Wormblower decided to go on hiatus, leaving the old interview horribly outdated. Finally after a year of The Squabs making fun of me, Aphid Peewit contacts me and says "Roll that shit out Full Throttle". So I did. Here you go assholes.

- Dorf McMagnum

RICH

DORF: What's your favorite Def Leppard album of all time?

RICH: "Adrenalize."

DORF: Is it true you once attended a Winger concert?

RICH: Shamefully, yes. It was on Kiss' "Hot in the Shade" Tour. Does that make it okay? Didn't think so.

DORF: Is it true the other members of the Squabs all refer to their hard-on's as "wingers" and brag about the dirtbikes they rode in the 70's?

RICH: Yes and no, but not in that particular order.

DORF: Is it true you once attended a Skid Row concert?

RICH: Shamefully, no.

DORF: Is it true you once attended a Kik Tracee and Pretty Boy Floyd concert at the Mirage?

RICH: I don't even know how to get to the Mirage.

DORF: How come your always yelling and glaring at me except when you want a bag of weed?

RICH: Because it's the only time you're not annoying the shit out of me.

DORF: What's the most annoying thing about the other members of the Squabs?

RICH: Jet's always looking at my ass.

DORF: What the hell is your problem?

RICH: You know.

DORF: Why are you such a fag?

RICH: What are you doing tonight?

DORF: Can I sleep with your girlfriend?

RICH: Don't ask me. It's not my decision.

BART

DORF: Why are you such a dick?

BART: Because you wouldn't like me if I was a pussy.

DORF: What's your favorite Banana Splits LP?

BART: That's a trick question. They only had one release 'We're the Banana Splits' released in 1985, long after Drooper, Fleegle, Snorky and Bingo disbanded the group.

DORF: How many hookers have you slept with?

BART: That depends on what your definition of the word "have" is.

DORF: Favorite Squabs show of all time?

BART: I liked the time when Rich came to us right before a gig at the 7th St Entry as we were setting up and told us that he was quitting the drinking, the drugs, the gambling and the man-whoring around and that tonight his sole-purpose on stage was to convert people to the loving grace of Jesus Christ. Then he drank so much cheap whiskey that he puked on himself and the equipment of some other band that we were playing with that night.

DORF: What's "Window 20" about?

BART: Kevin (may he rest in peace) [former singer Kevin Carroll died in '01], wrote that song about something about when you get a ticket and you have to change the court date and somehow you end up in jail, then you have your court date or something like that, then you have to change the date for your hearing or something like that, then you have to go to something called a "Window 20" or something. Who knew lyrics to a Squabs' song could be as convoluted and confusing as something Steely Dan would write.

DORF: Why are you such a sleazebag?

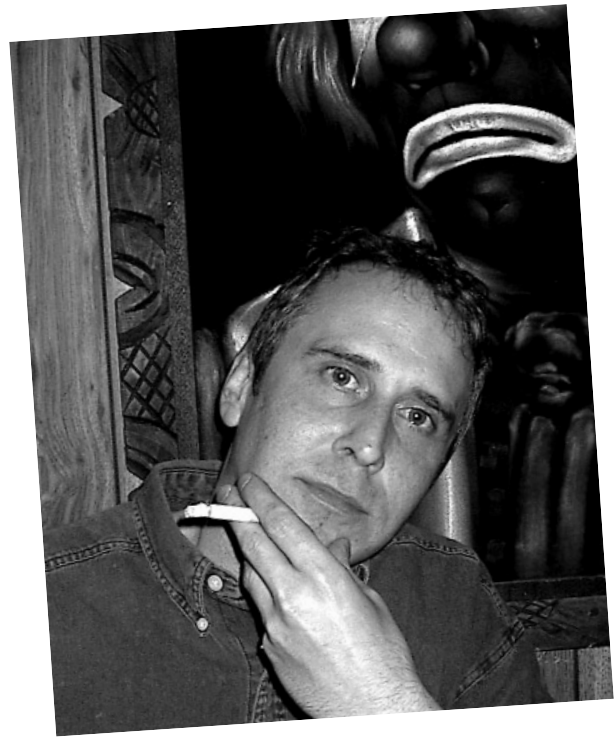
BART: First you call me a dick. Now you call me a sleazebag. Fuck you, you weiny-faced-jock-sniffler.

DORF: There's a rumor that those cigs in your CD were dipped in liquid angel dust, is that true?

BART: They were going to be dipped in liquid angel dust, but being the selfish drug-addled-bastards we are, we decided that it would put to better use for our own consumption.

DORF: Why did you encourage me to kick that dudes door in at that party prompting Rich to yell at me?

BART: I barely remember that moment being that



many chemicals were coursing through my brain at that time, but I think it was because you and the others that were provoking that hippy that was playing the Ass-Rock-Guitar behind that door, reminded me of Alex and the rest of his Droogs in the movie "A Clockwork Orange," and I was hoping for a little of the ol' "Ultra-Violence" and something "Real Horror Show Like." Either that or you guys looked like the Three Stooges trying to put together a gangbang."

DORF: Will you tell us the story of your broken thumb?

BART: I'll sum it up as I'm sick of telling this story. Booze, Corrupt Fargo Gestapo, Obstructing Justice, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief, more Criminal Mischief, Court, one of the two Criminal Mischief Charges dismissed, Surgery, more Court, Fines, Court again, once again Court, Crappy Lawyer, more Fines, Probation, One-Hundred Hours Community Service.

DORF: Are you still on probation?

BART: No, so "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ol' Oak Tree."

DORF: Can I sleep with your girlfriend?

BART: Really? I didn't know you went that way.

MIKE

DORF: Of all the Squabs are you the most emo?

MIKE: Nope.

DORF: I was watching your show at the Uptown around New Years and Rich's "girlfriend" wouldn't stop talking about how hot you are. How do you feel about that?



MIKE: Nice compliment, the bigger question is how does he feel about that?

DORF: How do you feel in general?

MIKE: I feel good.

DORF: Do you own any At the Drive-In CD's?

MIKE: Nope, not-a-one.

DORF: You're a fucking awesome guitarist. Who was it that first made you pick up a broom stick and pose in front of a mirror until your parents finally bought you your first guitar?

MIKE: Jimmy Page, but unfortunately, I bought my own.

DORF: Of all the Squabs you seem the most reserved. Is it true that you secretly hate everybody else in the band?

MIKE: I do not believe it is a secret, we all piss each other off on occasion. I am sure they would say the same thing about me. We have also been known as The Squabbles.

DORF: Although it's clear that all the Squabs are well groomed, except for Rich, why are you the most metrosexual?

MIKE: Are you sure about that? I am not like at least one other in the Squabs, who dye their hair, get brow, chest waxes, etc....

Look around you might guess one of them.

DORF: Are you crying right now?

MIKE: No, but you are starting to make me cry.

DORF: Will you borrow me some money? If I don't pay my rent Rich is going to kick my ass.

MIKE: Nope, your problem not mine. If he does kick your ass, I would like to watch it. I am up for a laugh.

DORF: May I sleep with your girlfriend?

MIKE: Not a chance.

VIC

DORF: How come, sometimes, in a certain light, you sorta look like Vanilla Ice?

VIC: Because I'm lucky like that...actually, I keep it stone cold real like you know...

DORF: Is it true that Rich got his Eric B & Rakim tapes from you?

VIC: Word...more straight realness from the upper-ground...

DORF: Is it true you prefer Mantronix over Metallica?

VIC: Defiantly over NEW Metallica..but never over old Metallica...old metallica stopped after "Master of Puppets"...dude what was that old Mantronix song again..?

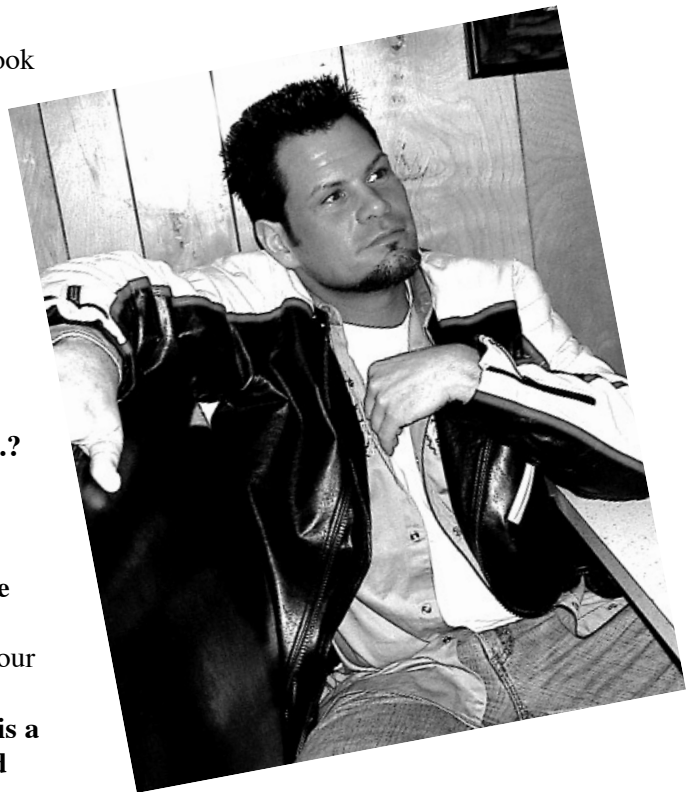
DORF: Who was it that first inspired you to play the bass?

VIC: The opportunity, Mark and Mike phone conversation...Seriously, it would be Gene Simmons of KISS, I had/have a major Gene Simmons complex...I wanted to be Gene growing up..until I realized that isn't a "real" job...

DORF: Is it true you're always bragging about how "phat" your subwoofers sound in your jeep?

VIC: Let me clarify something first...it not a real Jeep, it is a "Training Jeep" soon enough I will get a big boy Jeep and then...let the bragging begin!

DORF: I don't have many questions for you because of all the Squabs you seem to be the most elusive and sarcastic as well, perhaps the hardest to get to know. Why is that?



VIC: It is like this...I am trying to hide the true me not, only from all of you but most of all, from myself. I hide behind jokes, sarcasm, put downs, and laughs. Let me point out that I would never put anyone else down or laugh at anyone else if I was not able to comfortably laugh at myself first and foremost.

DORF: Mike Rumore said you're a fag. How do you feel about that?

VIC: Wow...Mike really said that? Usually it is Bart that says it right after we suck each others cocks...you know, fun little jokes like Bart...you are a real cocksucker.

RICH: Last time I saw you it appeared you were in a little spat with your girlfriend. Do you mind if I sleep with her in the meantime?

VIC: Good observation, was it the way she stormed out of the Turf Club basement that tipped you off, or was it the way I was bawling horribly like a liil...wait..Joe don't print I was bawling..please ..I'll do anything...suck your dick? Dude, I have noticed that I make you downright uncomfortable sometimes when we talk and I am looking into your eyes for the truth...do you always have issues looking into someone's eyes when talking to them? As you can see dude, I am probably the coolest, funniest, smartest, and most sincere of all The Squabs, which is why I am the leader of the band.

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JET

DORF: So what's your favorite lipstick?

JET: JET by MAC, but I usually use L'oreal.

DORF: Is it true you used to sport a frilly white shirt underneath a paisley vest with big hoop earrings ala Tom Keifer of Cinderella?

JET: You say that as if I had stopped, and I was doing the 70's Aerosmith/Alice Cooper thing long before those losers in that horrible music era known as the 80s.

DORF: Is it true that you think you're better looking than everybody else in the band?

JET: I'll pleasure myself and I won't pleasure them, so I would have to go with who I have sex with.

DORF: I once saw you sitting by yourself in a crowded bar reading the newspaper business section, which is strange because your other bandmates tend to write you off as an idiot. Are they just jealous of your success or what man?

JET: They are simply trying to get me unhinged so that I'll divulge the precious knowledge in one of my frequent rants. ONE MUST RETAIN THE PURITY OF YOUR PRECIOUS FLUIDS!!



DORF: Which one of the five is least like the other four: BEAR - SNAKE - COW - DOG - TIGER?

JET: The cow. It is an herbivore, except on big feedlots, then it's a cannibal

DORF: A fish has a head 9" long. The tail is equal to the size of the head plus one-half the size of the body. The body is the size of the head plus the tail. How long is the fish?

JET: Sushi mi is 1 cm x 2 cm x 6 cm.

DORF: What possible reason do you have for going to Cambodia besides taking advantage of child prostitution and glory holes and

how long will you be gone?

JET: The adult prostitution and, of course, the drugs. Duh. And like all other life in Minnesota, I'll be back in Spring.

DORF: Can I sleep with your girlfriend while you're away?

JET: Aaaaah, just fuck her and leave, you don't have to sleep there.

SCORE!

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