

Music Scene

- As a session - concert musician - producer - and studio owner of 35 + years, Dan O'Brien of Hurricane Pass Recording Studio will be giving recording tips, reviewing CD's - local acts, and interviewing musical personalities, local and national. . He will be working closely, with the good folks at Timez Out on some interesting promotions and workshops that we will keep you posted on. Above all, Dan hopes his new column peaks our readers musical interest and perhaps helps musicians in our area. Needless to say if you are a musician in the area with aspirations of greatness or just have the desire to play your heart out, contact Timez Out if you want to be reviewed, record, edited, or produced by Dan O'Brien and Hurricane Pass Recording Studios info@timezout.com

If you listen to Tampa's Best Country Station 103.5 then you've heard about Kenny Flint featuring The Rough Diamond Band. They did a 10 week run at Gameworks in Ybor City doing "Countryokie", where fans could sing their favorite songs and, for just a few moments, have the chance of a lifetime to be the lead singer for a live band. Kenny Flint, founding member of the Rough Diamond Band said "we had 10 weeks of constant radio exposure on US 103.5. We had a great time and also got a lot of name recognition. We hope to be able to do it again later this year."

Kenny Flint featuring The Rough Diamond Band performs New Country, Old Rock n Roll, Southern Rock, Pop, Band Originals and many crowd favorites. The band knows when to tone it down for easy listening and turn it up for party time! They will keep an audience moving in their seats and on the dance floor with the newest Country music and Classic Rock n Roll. Sometimes they bring an extra spark to the stage with costumes and skits which makes the Rough Diamond Band perfect for all occasions. Years of stage experience, opening for national acts, top of the line



equipment, all make up one of Central Florida's top country bands.

With their high energy stage show, they are the perfect choice for your New Years Eve Party, Company or Private Christmas Party, Wedding, Birthday Party, Venue, Nightclub or any special event you have in mind. They tailor their shows to meet your special circumstances. From having drawings

throughout the evening for prizes to special skits and announcements, their



goal is to make your party or event the best it can be.

The Rough Diamond Band consists of some of the finest Musicians in the area.

Kenny Flint is the Lead singer, guitar player and front man for the band. Born and raised in Tampa, FL. Ken is known as one of the best entertainers in the area. His stage presence and personality is like magic drawing the audience to his attention. Kenny has toured and jammed with such notables as Waylen Jennings, Hal Ketchum and Artimas Pyle. He is also the primary songwriter of the band and has previously recorded one CD "Crazy Horses". He is currently working on his 2nd release, "Crosswinds". Kenny has written over 60 and recorded more than 40 of his original songs which guarantees us years of great music from this band. Kenny got his nickname from one of his most popular songs and is affectionately known as "Rattlesnake Daddy".

Their **Lead Guitarist Tom Wright**

is an extremely talented guitar player and they are proud to call him a member

of The Rough Diamond Band. As well as being a versatile and creative guitarist, he is a master showman, well versed in most types of music from Hard Rock to Old

Time Country. Tom calls St. Petersburg, FL home.

Playing Bass for the Rough Diamond Band is **George Sutton**. George does a great job taking care of the low end of the music. As well as being a great musician and dedicating a large part of his personal life to music, George donates his talents to his church helping make their services special.

Drummer Jamie Ganote is comfortable playing quiet ballads or attacking those skins on the rockin' numbers. Hailing from Kentucky, He has a creative and natural feel for the drums and is now a true southerner and a valuable member of The Rough Diamond Band.

These talented musicians have more than a century of professional music experience between them!

Their CD "Crazy Horses" consists of both old and new style Country Music. Written from his life experiences, Kenny says of the older style songs "Old Style Country is where the roots of Country music is and it is important to me to honor an age old tradition." Kenny plans to release his 2nd CD "Crosswinds" in the fall of this year which features a Southern Rock feel. In the meantime, you can hear a few samples of it on their website including the timely tune "Hurricane". Ken wrote "Hurricane" during the busy Hurricane season of 2004 when the house felt like it was blowing down! He says "We were lucky to have minimal damage and prayed for the people whose homes and lives were devastated by Mother Nature's fury." In 2005,

Kenny decided to help some of the more innocent victims by doing a benefit for the Animals of Katrina for the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. We are told more than \$4000.00 in donations were made. What a great bunch of people we have in Tampa Bay! If you'd like to help with this important cause for future displaced pets, please visit our store and make a donation to The Humane Society of Tampa Bay. The money raised goes to help with the veterinary care, feeding and placement of these pets and pets of other natural disasters...hopefully they will be placed back with their owners, but if the owner can't be located, with a new loving family.

The Rough Diamond Band loves to show their support for their community. They all say they are blessed to have been given the talent and means to "give back". All their members are deeply spiritual and along with financial and musical contributions to their individual churches, The Rough Diamond Band is known for donating their services to worthy causes such as the animal victims of Hurricane Katrina thru the Humane Society of Tampa Bay, they have also contributed to such important causes as "The Joshua House" a home for abused and abandoned children, "Raven Oaks Raptor Sanctuary" a refuge for injured birds of prey and The March of Dimes whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

As well as accepting contributions for the Humane Society of Tampa Bay, they will also be offering t-shirts to benefit The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for sale on their website. If you are interested in helping either of these worthy causes, please visit their website and click on the "RDB Store" button.

With their hard rockin' country style, Kenny Flint featuring The Rough Diamond Band is

known as one of the hardest working bands in the area. Their love for their music and their fan's devotion will keep them entertaining for years to come. If you'd like to contact them, or see where they will be playing next, visit their website at www.kennyflint.com or call 813-654-4503.

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