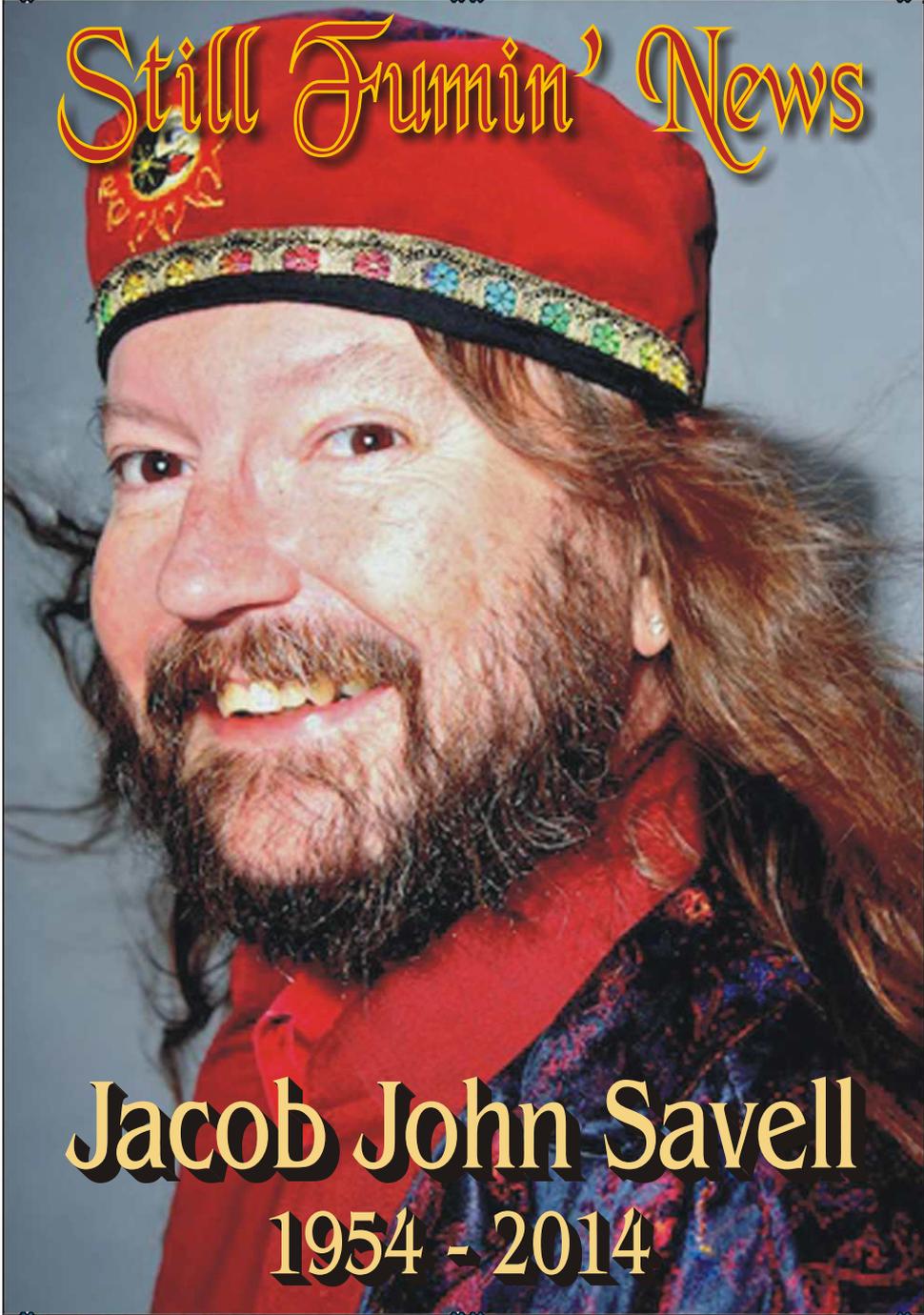


Still Fumin' News



Jacob John Savell
1954 - 2014

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It is with heavy hearts and many tears that we make this announcement. Dear Jacob, brother, friend, philanthropist, preacher, singer, guitarist, songwriter, producer, manager, and force of nature passed on to the next life on July 29, 2014 after a long battle with illness. He will be dearly missed and always loved. As the visionary and driving force behind Still Fumin' Records, he can never be replaced. We love you Jacob!

Please visit Jacob's memorial Facebook page at facebook.com/jacobjohnsavell to see videos, photos and memories of Jacob, and post your own Jacob video/photo/memory if you like.



Jacob John Savell
June 17, 1954 - July 29, 2014
A Resident of Santa Cruz, California

Jacob John Savell, music producer and manager, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at age 60.

Jacob was born in Niland, CA, a small desert community near the Salton Sea east of San Diego, and always had a love for the desert. Growing up in Escondido, he gained an early interest in music eventually making a career as an accomplished singer, songwriter, guitarist, producer, and manager. Moving to Santa Cruz in 1996, he continued to make his mark on music, creating the annual Decemberchild Benefit Concert which has donated thousands of dollars to local charities to help children and their families in need, and producing a couple of singles that reached #1 on radio charts around the country in 2008.

He was a devout, bible-reading Christian with a deep generosity that touched many people's hearts and souls. He would give his last dollar to a stranger in need, gifts to friends for no special occasion, his prize possession to someone who mentioned they liked it, and all without hesitation. One of his trademarks was to give away a guitar at concerts, combining his love of music with his truly generous spirit.

Memorial services will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, August 2nd at Santa Cruz Memorial Mission Chapel, 1927 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. If you would like to send condolences to Jacob's family, share memories, view or post photos or light a candle, visit www.scmemorial.com

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A lovely and moving memorial service was held at the Santa Cruz Memorial Mission Chapel on Aug 2, 2014. The chapel was completely full of Jacob's friends, and the outpouring of love and support from everybody was overwhelming. The memorial video put together by SC Memorial with direction from Joel and Tom was received with an enthusiastic standing ovation from the packed chapel. The staff at SC Memorial commented that it was the first time they had ever seen applause at a service! The video can be seen on Jacob's facebook tribute page at facebook.com/jacobjohnsavell.

Jacob was laid to rest at Santa Cruz Memorial Park in a scenic spot on the south end, nestled between a garden area with a bench, a pine tree, and a stone relief mural of The Last Supper.

After the burial, the procession went over to the nearby Savell house for a celebration of Jacob's life, with live music from Superior Olive past and present members, including Tom, Joel, Michael Saint John, Carl Wakeland, and Gary Goldsworthy. Everyone there could feel the presence of Jacob smiling down on them.

Save the Date: Decemberchild 2014 Dec 6, 2014 at Kuumbwa Jazz Center

Of all the many projects, feats, and events put on by Still Fumin' Records, the annual Decemberchild Benefit Concert held an exceptionally special meaning for the recently passed Jacob John Savell. He put a truly inspirational amount of his own time, effort, thought, and money into the annual event, making it the best experience possible for the audience, especially the kids.

Jacob also made sure that all proceeds (as in all proceeds) went to various non-profit organizations that help children, such as Children's Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition.

So in honor of his memory, we are continuing with the Decemberchild tradition and dedicating this year's concert to Jacob John Savell. It will be held at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center located at 320-2 Cedar St. in Santa Cruz, CA on Saturday, Dec 6 at 7pm. Live music, cake, and good times will be on tap. Admission is \$20, tickets available online at www.decemberchild.org or at Offshore Music, located at 526 Soquel Ave in Santa Cruz.



Jacob with grand prize winner Christian Michalak from the 2007 Decemberchild

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Superior Olive to dedicate Friday Night in the Park show to late brother

Friday Night in the Park continues this week with the music of Superior Olive, featuring Tom Savell along with his brother, bassist and singer Joel Savell. The show and another one the following night in Oregon will be dedicated to their brother Jacob John Savell, who passed away last week. From the band's website: "These upcoming concerts will be dedicated to the memory of Jacob John Savell (June 17, 1954-July 29, 2014), brother, friend, philanthropist, preacher, singer, guitarist, songwriter, producer, manager, and force of nature. He will be dearly missed and always loved. He wanted to do these shows, so we are going to make them as awesome as possible for Jacob!" The 10-week free summer concert series takes place at Clair Engle Park in Shasta Lake from 6 to 8:30 p.m. In addition to live music, the event includes vendor booths and food and drinks, including beer and wine. For more information, call the Shasta Lake Chamber of Commerce at 275-7497.

Recap: Jacob Tribute Concerts

Still reeling from Jacob's passing and funeral, Superior Olive had two scheduled concerts to do: First at Shasta Lake's "Friday Night in the Park" on August 8, and then at Cattlemen's Saloon in Rogue River, Oregon on August 9. Jacob had really, really wanted to do these shows, so the band soldiered on through the grief and dedicated the shows to his memory!

Many of Jacob's Shasta Lake and Southern Oregon friends came out to grieve with his surviving bandmates while enjoying Superior Olive's unique rock music in Jacob's honor. To promote the concert, the local newspaper, Shasta Lake Bulletin, published a front page article (shown here, to the left) about the band and Jacob.



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Superior Olive rocking in Jacob's honor at Clair Engle Park in Shasta Lake as part of the Friday Night in the Park summer concert series

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Crickets! (And a Praying Mantis)

Several cricket sightings among Jacob's closest friends and family seem like a little more than a coincidence. Read on:

In Tom's words: "The night Jacob passed, when Joel and I got home from the hospital, there was a cricket chirping inside the house. I said to Joel, 'That's Jacob. Let him stay inside for a while, then we'll catch him and take him outside and set him free.' A couple hours went by and I went to catch the cricket, but as soon as I got close, he stopped chirping so I couldn't find it. It started again a while later, but again when I got close, he stopped chirping. He didn't want to leave the house."

In Joel's words: "At one point while the cricket was silent, Tom sat down at the piano and began playing and singing Jacob's composition 'How I Love You.' About 20-30 seconds into the song, the cricket began playing along. I kid you not, it was chirping perfectly in rhythm and in tune with the song!" Jacob was well known among his musician peers for his impeccable rhythm as a percussionist, guitarist, and bassist.

Tom again: "The cricket started chirping again the next morning in a different part of the house. But still wouldn't let me find him - he always stopped chirping when I got close. After that I didn't hear the cricket anymore."

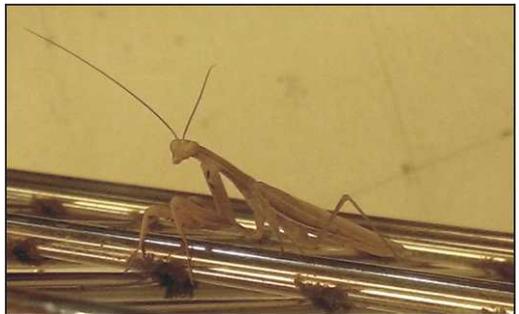


This cricket rode for 8 hours on Michael's Motorcycle from Medford to Santa Cruz!

This isn't a cricket story, but it's close: right before Jacob took his final turn for the worse, this praying mantis hitched a ride on Joel Savell's shopping cart while he shopped at Nob Hill. Just like the cricket that stayed on Michael Saint John's motorcycle for the whole trip, this mantis hung on like a trooper through shopping, checkout, turbulence and everything! Afterwards Joel set it free into a nice shrub. When he got home he showed the picture to Jacob, who was quite impressed. Two days later Jacob was in the hospital, and four days after being admitted he was gone.

A couple days later, Superior Olive drummer Michael Saint John was riding his motorcycle on his way down from Oregon to Santa Cruz for Jacob's funeral. While on the road, he sent out the photo to the left with the following caption: "This cricket has hitched a ride to Santa Cruz! 4 hours at 85 mph, good job lil buddy!" Michael had not heard about Tom and Joel's cricket story yet. A little while later he sent an update: "Couple hours to go! He's still on there!" The cricket stayed on Michael's motorbike (on the speaker grill which was blaring classic rock) all the way to the Savell house, after which Michael commented "And was still on when I arrived.... Crickets are singing Jacobs songs. ..." A little known fact about Jacob is that he used to ride motorcycles in his younger days...

At least three other remarkable close encounters with crickets were noted among Jacob's friends in Santa Cruz and other areas, all around the same time, i.e. the first few days after Jacob's passing.



This Praying Mantis hitched a ride on Joel's shopping cart



Jacob's Last Travels around the Country



JFK Airport, New York, NY, Oct 2013



Charn Thai Restaurant, Camarillo, CA, Jan 2014. Charn is on the right



Seaport Village, San Diego, July 2014



Manhattan, New York, NY, Oct 2013



NAMM Show, Anaheim, CA, Jan 2014. Tim Swartz is on the left.



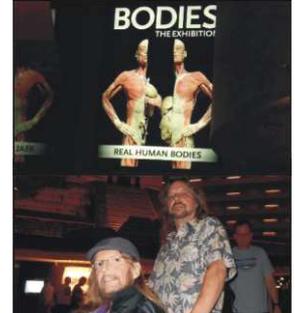
Balboa Park, San Diego, July 2014



Catal Restaurant, Downtown Disney, Anaheim, CA, Jan 2014



Las Vegas, NV, Jan 2014



Las Vegas, NV, July 2014

Jim Viele, Tom Eveland, and Roy Eckles, RIP



Jim Viele



Roy Eckles

Unfortunately, Jacob isn't the only recent death that we have the sad duty of reporting. Jacob, Tom, and myself loved all of the dearly departed people mentioned here and we were strongly affected when each of them died.

Jim Viele passed away in January 2014. As a longtime drummer for Triumphant Star and Superior Olive, he was remembered as the drummer in a wheelchair who could do more with two limbs than many drummers could do with four.

Tom Eveland left us in September 2013. Tom was a big supporter of Superior Olive and could always be seen in the front row at our San Diego concerts, cheering and belting out "metal screams"! Tom's brother Richard Eveland is Jim Viele's best friend and a solid drummer who has worked with Superior Olive in the past.

Roy Eckles was Jim's brother-in-law, another good friend of the band, and an exceptionally nice guy. He passed away two months after Jim, in March 2014. He is survived by his widow Janet (Jim's sister), daughter Beki, and grandchildren Maddie & Judah.

We pray for our friends the Viele, Eckles and Eveland families, but can also take comfort in the fact that Jacob, Tom E., Jim and Roy are all hanging out together now, looking down at us and smiling.

-Joel Savell



Tom Eveland





From December 2013: (L-R): Tom Savell, world famous drummer Aynsley Dunbar, David & Linda Laflamme from world famous band It's a Beautiful Day, Jacob John Savell

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