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hang it in your cubicle and stick it to the man



WORDS FROM THE WIZARD

BY YOGI

TARG is a magical place. It represents many things to many different people and although I wont generalize and pretend to understand the motives of all of the great people/friends who frequent our establishment. I would like to communicate what it means to us - the wizards of TARG.

We have dreams - many of them seem unobtainable or difficult - life can be tricky. We work together: we support and believe in each other and treat each other as equals to overcome obstacles, deal with challenges and realize these dreams. We are friends first - and this friendship reaches out to a vast community for which we are eternally grateful. We work hard to create and maintain a safe and exciting environment where people can be themselves, have fun, let loose and make friends. When I try to think of how TARG came to be I can only shake my head in disbelief, the odds of something like this coming together are staggering and would not be possible at any stage without the help and support of those around us - we thank you with all our hearts and pledge to always do our best as we grow, learn and continue to dream. We are just getting started - welcome to the house of TARG!!



CONGRATS ON YER NEW ALBUM WIZARD PATRICK!

Patrick is an amazing part of the TARG staff. His wicked band ASILE just completed a new album called *Les Enfants Batards D'un Pays Maudit*. They will playing here at TARG on Tues Aug 19 as part of the 5 Year FWYS Anniversary. We can't wait!

INNOVATION AT TARG

We put our best Wizards on the case to figure out a way to keep your drinks safe while you step out for some fresh air. BEHOLD the TARG BOOZE VALET. Each drink holder has a number so you know which one is yours & they are always under the watchful eye of the Bearded Wizard!



CLASSIC ALBUMS REVIEWED BY A MILLENNIAL

by 15 year old FELIX



Well denizens of Targ, it is time for another classic album to be reviewed. If you recall my last review it was on a Metallica album, but did you know loyal Targians that the album which initially got me into heavy metal was in fact "The Number of the Beast"?

Yes if I use all of my brainpower I can with some difficulty recall the events of February.....2014. I was taking a business tech class and I was working on spreadsheets upon spreadsheets and here I mean it, it was long, monotonous work.

I soon noticed some people listening to music from their computers and their phones so after I borrowed a pair of headphones. I got to it only to realize I didn't really have any music that I wanted to listen to. However I remembered at this time singing along to "2 Minutes to Midnight" and "Breaking the Law" as a 5 year old when on road trips so I decided to revisit Heavy Metal as it had been a long time and maybe there would be something to it (little did I know that I would soon be listening to it at every chance along with punk rock, but that's a story for another day).

Well clearly there was something to it as within a couple of days I had listened to most of "The Number of the Beast" along with bits and pieces of other popular Maiden albums. Recently I borrowed the 1982 version on Vinyl from my grandfather and I thank god/Cthulhu/Crom that my face doesn't melt off from sheer awesomeness every time I listen to it.

Starting with the first side, I think Invaders and the 2 songs after it are solid, but to me the song that stands out is 22 Acacia Avenue.

The second side is just so full of greatness; I cannot begin to describe it (although somehow I'm going to have to). All of the songs on it are just great and most (except gangland, which I think is a bit underrated) are classic heavy metal songs. This is for good reason because they keep you constantly interested

in no small part due to Bruce Dickinson's amazing vocals (is it really a coincidence that the first album he did with Maiden is considered by many as their best?).

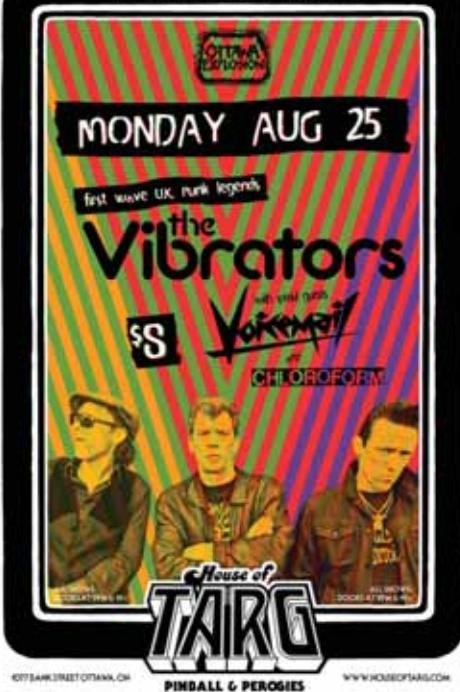
Overall, this is an album which every self-respecting metalhead should listen to. Even if you don't consider yourself a metalhead, I'd check it out because you might soon find yourself wearing a battle jacket and a band shirt in a matter of months.

Note: While not necessarily part of the traditional metalhead attire, bellbottoms certainly won't hurt.

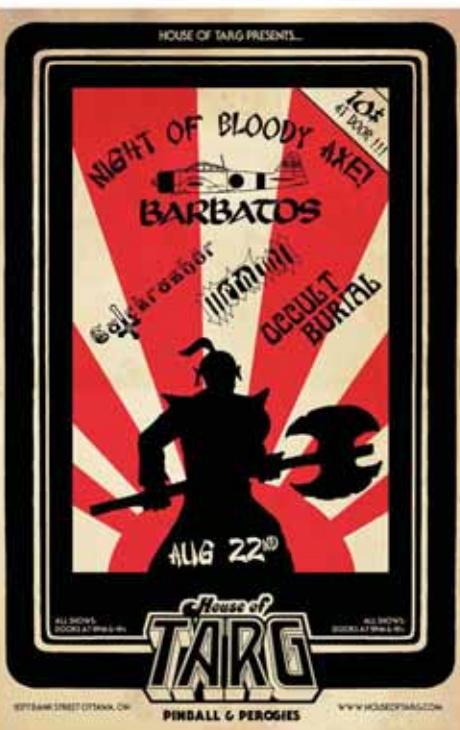


WIZARD PICK - PUNK

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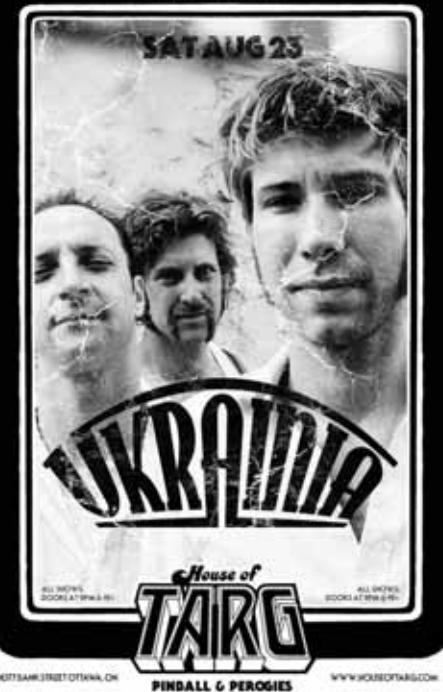


WIZARD PICK - METAL



WIZARD PICK - ROCK

HOUSE OF TARG PRESENTS.



WIZARD PICK - METAL



ANNIVERS.

FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

**5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!
AUGUST 14-17 WEEKEND**

FWYS IS A DIY RECORD LABEL THAT PUTS ON PUNK SHOWS & GENERALLY ENRICHES THE OTTAWA UNDERGROUND. HERE'S WHAT LEAD PROVOCATEUR SKA JEFF HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE 2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES:

August 14th-17th weekend we are celebrating 5 years of Finish What You Started around downtown Ottawa! A weekend to serve as a creative outlet for DIY music, a place for independent thought and creative expression, a place to talk and meet new people of like mind in comfort and tranquility, and a time to party hard and get sloppy! This is a celebration of Ottawa's underground. There's tons of rad bands coming from as far as Japan, Texas, Philly, and Detroit and here's the low-down of what's happening at the House of TARG:

MONDAY, AUG 11TH:
Pre-show w/
SETE STAR SEPT
TOKYO, JAPAN.
THE DONNER PARTY
SKETCHY POUTINE
HARSH SUPPLEMENT

FRIDAY AUG 15TH
BLOODNAIL
ELEMENT
HEAD CHARGER
IDNS

THURSDAY AUG 14TH
DEAD WEIGHTS
NECK
THE VALVEENUS
FRESH HELL

TUESDAY AUG 19TH
ASILE
THE IMPALER
ROUGH HOUSE
POLICE FUNERAL
LOST YOUTH

All shows start at 9pm and are 19+ and only \$5.
More info on facebook: Search:
Finish What You Started.

ASK THE WIZARD



Dear wizard - I live in Alaska, there's not much to do and I get pretty bored - I noticed on your website (www.houseoftarg.com) that you have just acquired a PINBALL 2000 table loaded up with REVENGE FROM MARS - would you be willing to ship it to me and what other titles are available for it?

Frozen Dwarf

Dear Frozen Dwarf - yes it is true we have that table, it's amazing! Pinball 2000 machines feature a computer monitor to display animations, scores, and other information. The player perceives this video to be integrated with the playfield, due to a mirrored playfield glass utilizing an illusion called "Pepper's Ghost". This allows the display of virtual game targets in the playfield's upper third that can be "hit" by the machine's physical steel ball. As far as we know it can also be loaded with a STAR WARS EPISODE 1 which we will swap into the table at some point in the future. We plan on keeping this game - it is Wizard SKA-JEFF's favourite!!!

Dear wizard - My friends and I have been spending a lot of time at the House of TARG since you opened, our favourite night to hang out is on TOUGHEN UP! FREEPLAY SUNDAYS - the tunes are awesome (and may I say the DJ is a super hunk) Only problem is that my arms are quite sore after a long night of arcade action - is there some sort of stretching/warmup exercise you can recommend that would increase my arcade stamina?

Yoga Elf

Dear Yoga Elf - your problem is quite

common, many wizards in training build up their arcade stamina on games like AREA 51 which requires the player to hold his/ her arms up in a raised firing position for extended periods of time. I would suggest no more than 15 minutes per session with 10 minute pinball breaks in between until you feel that you are ready - and don't forget to hydrate!!!

Dear wizard - I have always wanted to be a wizard. My pinball skills are improving daily - my game is consistent, I have good patience, etiquette and dedication. I research the rules of your tables and believe I am ready to move to the next level. Does the House of TARG have some sort of wizard in training program for someone like me?

Hobgoblin

Dear Hobgoblin - there are many things required of a wizard and the qualities you mention are certainly among them. We have had our eye on you for awhile now and will be contacting you soon to test your skills. In the meantime , I would suggest attending the OTTAWA PINBALL AND GAMESROOM SHOW at the Aydelu centre on Sept 13/14th, wizard conventions are rare and this one will be unrivalled. Gain as much knowledge as you can and remember - a wizard never gives up. Good luck!!

ADVENTURES OF TARG: BIG DAY AT THE BEACH

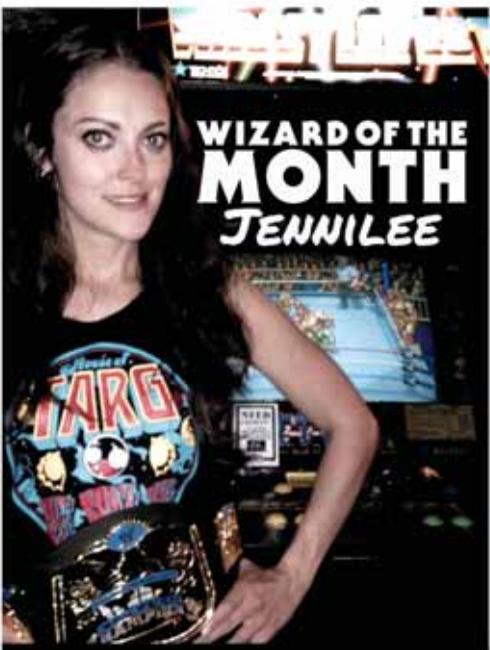


TARG PIN UP AUGUST 2014



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ZEX



Jennilee is an Elixir Wizard at TARG, but there is more to this friendly Chicks Ahoy' than slinging beers. Her Acting career ranges from Harvey's commercials to gore flicks. She is also a gifted illustrator and created the adorable Rollerbot featured this edition's colouring page. She is currently working on an illustrated Kids alphabet book. Sorry if this photo is out of focus but her Valley Dimples are so perfect that the photographer was bent before he knew it.

WHAT ARTISTS ARE YOU INTO RIGHT NOW?

Gray's Anatomy. Dore. Rauschenberg. Kay Nielsen. Beatrix Potter. Karen Walker. Tomi Ungerer

FAVE MOVIE?

Beyond The Valley of the Dolls by Russ Meyer

FAVE ACTING ROLE?

I played Georgina Carson (Gigi Spot) in Lee Demarbre's Smash Cut.

FAVE TARG ELIXIR

I love the ABC Harvest Brown Ale on tap



When Beau's All Natural sales rep Chris Sheppard agreed to jump over a pile of vintage video game consoles for our front cover photo shoot we kinda started to get cold feet.

I mean the guy is in his 60's or something and well past his prime... but you know what? That way of thinking goes against the wizard code. Instead we got behind & him helped him get into the zone so he could execute this totally radical stunt. Just like when playing pinball with friends, you need to cheer them on & help them achieve their goals. Dream big & help others dream even bigger this summer.

CONSOLES & GAMES JUMPED:
Intellevision. Donkey Kong. MLB Baseball. Vectrex. Mini Frogger. Bump'n Jump. Bowling. Magnavox Odyssey². Sega Game Gear. Sinclair 2000. Space Invaders

RAD RIDES FROM THE 80'S

Nothing says 'Summer' like skateboarding & in the 80's choosing a deck said a lot about your personality & style. Modern skateboards are industrial design marvels & are pretty much perfect but don't ya kinda miss all of the wacky misguided shapes?



PSYCHO STICK
Vision Skateboards
circa 1986



FLAGSHIP
Sims
1983



RODSKOPP
Santa Cruz
1984



MISFITS
Plan 9
1986



HARRIS
Powell Peralta
1986



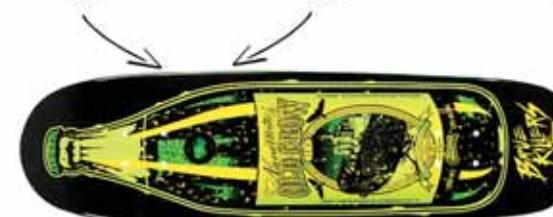
COFFEEREAK
GGS
1987



HAMMERHEAD
Hosoi Skates
1984



STREET THING
Schmitt Stix
1987



HOLD THE PHONE -
some modern decks are equipped with bottle openers. Now that's innovation!



HE SINGS WITH DUDES IN SPACE & WRITES #1 HIT SONGS BUT STILL MAKES TIME FOR PINBALL

On the day The Barenaked Ladies were to play Bluesfest, we found frontman Ed Robertson waiting for the doors of TARG to open. He was the first customer in the arcade that day. Amazing! He is passionate about parenthood, music & of course pinball. He took some time to answer our questions.

TARG: What arcades did you hang out at when you were a kid?

ED: I grew up in the heart of Scarborough. I had two arcades that I hit regularly in the plaza on the south side of Eglinton Ave., just west of Brimley Rd. They were both walking distance for me, a walk I made OFTEN. I also hit The Wizard's Castle every time I went to the Scarborough Town Centre Mall. As a kid, I didn't connect with the pinball machines though. They seemed like they were for the adults, and the video games were for us kids. I pumped a lot of quarters in to Robotron, Donkey Kong, Galaga, Galaxian, Zaxon, Super Sprint, Atari Hard Drivin', Asteroids, Dragon's Lair, Tron... the amazing thing is, as I recall these games, I can remember where they were located in the arcade!!

TARG: What Pinball Tables Do you Own?

ED: Twilight Zone, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Lord of the Rings, Star Trek LE, Wizard of Oz, Metallica Premium Dirty Donny Edition, and Tron (a Pro which I've modded to within an inch of its life. It looks better than an LE now!)

TARG: List your top 5 lifetime achievements.

ED: 1- Being married for over 20 years, and being a good Dad to 3 great kids.

2- Still being in the rock band I started when I was 18 years old. That's over a quarter century of Barenaked Ladies!

3- Earning my Private Pilot's license, and making a TV show that involved me flying my C206 Amphib ALL OVER North America.

4- Writing a song that went to Number 1 on the Billboard Charts.

5- 829,050,250 on Stern's Lord

of the Rings.

TARG: Have you ever met anybody famous through Pinball?

ED: Since becoming a total Pinball Nerd, I've met many luminaries in the industry. Gary Stern, Jack Guarneri, Steve Richie, John Borg, Roger Sharpe, etc etc. Probably my coolest pinball related celebrity meeting came years ago when BNL were on an episode of "The View".

We were musical guests & one of the other guests was none other than Patrick Stewart.

I approached him in the green room, and told him I was a big fan of his work. Now, anytime I've ever met anybody of any level of success, and told them this, the response has been a polite or modest, "Oh... Thank you", or something mildly self deprecating.

Patrick answered with characteristic vigour, "REALLY??!! Which of my ROLES has been your Favourite??"

I knew this was a test. Did I only know STNG, or was I aware of the decades of SERIOUS acting that got him to that role?? I responded that I'd recently seen an amazing BBC Production of... Perhaps it's was Richard III?? He completely lit up. "Ah YES, That was Marvellous to make. We shot that in Devon..." Etc etc. He went on enthusiastically about the production, all the while asking me questions about my music, and the band, and what touring was like, and just generally having a nice chat. Once I felt the time was right, I sprang the quote that had been on my mind the entire conversation. I said, "I must confess that my favourite line you've ever delivered is, "All Hands Prepare for MULTIBALL!", and of course I did my best impression of him, pronouncing it with his characteristic accent emphasizing the MuL-TIE-Ball. He had

a genuine chuckle, and told me that many of his American friends had teased him about his pronunciation of the word, but added, "I assured them it was correct".

TARG: What canadian indie bands are you listening to these days?

ED: Hmm... Danny Michel's last record with the Garafuna Collective is one of my favourite records of the last 5 years. Crazy good. Danny enjoys the pinball too btw. He's been over to my place several times to play. I never get tired of The Weak-ethans. John K Sampson is one of the greatest songwriters around. I like Colin Cripps' new record a lot. He's a ridiculous guitar player.

TARG: Do you like playing other genres of music like Punk & Metal at all?

ED: I grew up on hard rock, and prog stuff. My highschool band played 26 Rush songs!! Metal, Punk, and Hard Rock is just way too fun to play onstage. I've done a fun side project band for about 8 years now called "Yukon Cornelius". It's Stefan Lessard from DMB, Adam Gardner from Guster, Eric Fawcett from Spymob, and we are joined by a cast of thousands. Dee Snider sings, as does Sebastian Bach. Warren DiMartini joins us on guitar. Mike McCready etc etc. The list goes on. It's a ridiculous band. We play Scorpions, ACDC, of course we do Twisted Sister, and Skid Row. The fun part is we also do Talking Heads, and The Cars. It's a blast.

TARG: any chance of a BNL themed Pinball table?

ED: I would love this of course. The cool thing is that music is just an element of a great pinball game. I'd want to make a great game first and foremost, and just use our music as the soundtrack. I would want to "borrow" some of my favourite mechanics from classic games, and make a deep game, with multiple strategy approaches. Most importantly, it would be a flow game. I'm not in to the stop and start mechanics of so many tables. It would have 2 main ramps, and 2 orbits that both feed the opposite flippers, and could be comboed ad infinitum. It would have a wandering magnetic ball (a la BSD Mist Multiball). Perhaps this would represent the elusive "hit record"? It would have a ceramic ball for crazy speed play. This might happen during a specific mode representing the excitement of a tour. It would be fun to simply progress through a musical career.

Knock down "Practice Man Practice" StandUps to learn an instrument. Combo Verse and Chorus ramps to create a song. Collect 10 songs to create a record, and start Record release Multiball. Releasing the Record starts the elusive hit wandering ball, knock out a hit, for Jackpot! Shoot the inline drops "Practice Man Practice" during Multiball to open up the scoop shot for Super Jackpot!

TARG: On a scale of 1-10, how serious is your pinball addiction?
ED: 27

HOUSE OF TARG PRESENTS...



**SEPTEMBER 13-14
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AUGUST EVENTS @ HOUSE OF TARG

SU	MO	TU	WE	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	3	4	5	6	7	1 ROBERTA BONDAR + Female Accident + The Brobozons
						2 ZEX + Alcohol Fueled
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	10	11	12	13	14	3 ALASKAN + Loviatar + ZAUM + Kuato + Merdorahra
						4 STEVE ADAMYK BAND + Tropical Dripps + Blue Angel!
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	17	18	19	20	21	5 FEVERS + The Box Tiger + Those Gulls
						6 BLOODNAIL + Alement + After The Fall + Hard Charger + IDNS
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	24	25	26	27	28	7 WIZARD PICK
						8 OUGHT + Fresh Snow + Blue Angel + Freelove Fennar
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	31	1	2	3	4	9 WIZARD PICK
						10 ASILE + Impalers + Police Funeral + Rough House + Lost Youth
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	17	18	19	20	21	11 WIZARD PICK
						12 MOON DESTROYER + Brandon Allan
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	24	25	26	27	28	13 WIZARD PICK
						14 THE VIBRATORS + Voicemail + Chloroforn
TOUGHEN UP! with DJ KIMoxx FREE PLAY <i>AFTER 9pm</i>	31	1	2	3	4	15 WIZARD PICK
						16 THE RED RAILS + Eagleson + Bristol Hum

HOURS

ALWAYS OPEN

THURS - SUN
5pm - 2am

ALL AGES WELCOME
BETWEEN 5pm - 9pm

SHOWS

Doors at 9pm 19+

PEROGIE KITCHEN

5pm - 10:30pm

ARCADE

5pm - close

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sometimes we open Mon.
Tues. Wed if a show is
booked (consult calendar).

Hours: 9pm - close
Perogie Kitchen: 9pm - 11pm
Arcade: 9pm - close

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