

music blog - *The old girl is happy (and I'm happy too)*

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There was an incredible line-up at [the Utah](#)¹ tonight. [The GG Tanaka Electric](#)² band opened, and GG let me sit in one number ("[Femme Fatale](#)"), which made me happy. GG forgot his bass, so he asked me if I wouldn't mind bringing mine for [Dave G](#)³ to play. I was happy to - my Fender Jazz -- the old grl -- hasn't had a real work out and I was glad to see her in Dave G's capable hands during the set.

GG's band is tight -- the spaces between songs are minimal, and he can rock the house. He also played [Mike Chase's](#) "Would You Be My MySpace Friend" (cool if other people want to cover your tunes!) and it was great hearing the song with drums and lead guitar.

The sweet spot belonged to the "[American Professionals](#)⁴" -- Klaus Flouride⁵'s new band. It occurred to me as I was listening to them cover the Beatle's "It Won't Be Long" that the Beatles were probably the first punk band! The American Professionals are very Beatle-esque and I think that they may be one of my new favorite bands. I don't get to support Klaus very often -- he doesn't play at the open mics, so it was wonderful to hear him play bass (and I wish I could describe his bass⁶ -- it looks like a normal guitar, but sounds very bottomy).

Alex Staten⁷ followed, as well as another band. I'm very sorry that I did not catch their name, but I was outside trying to avoid an individual who was hitting on me by saying I looked like a vampire -- and Todd Shipley reminded me that I do look like a vampire. I was wearing my [Morroccan burnoose](#), which many Americans think is a Halloween cape. It's a bona fide way to keep warm when the desert winds kick up and the temperature drops. One time, I wore my burnoose while shopping for a gift for my nephew at the Disney Store and a horde of children started gathering around me in search of a candy or Disney trinket.

But I digress. It was a great evening, and it has occurred to me that perhaps my electric Fender Jazz deserves a better name than Old Grl (my upright is Oma). If anyone has any suggestions, let me know.

¹ Hotel Utah Open Mic – <http://theutah.org>

² GG Tanaka Electric Band – <http://www.ggtanaka.com> –or- <http://www.myspace.com/ggtanaka>

³ Dave G - <http://www.myspace.com/davegursommusic>

⁴ The American Professionals – <http://www.myspace.com/theamericanprofessionals>

⁵ Klaus Flouride – <http://www.klausflouride.com> –and- <http://www.myspace.com/klausflouride1>

⁶ Klaus Flouride bass – Fender Bass IV

⁷ Alex Staten – <http://www.myspace.com/alexstaten>