

PROFILE

I am a musician and music teacher with a reputation as a top-notch guitarist with smooth vocals and a huge song list, targeting locals and tourists (generally 40 and older) in restaurant settings. As a former manager in high tech, I am professional and easy to work with.

REPERTOIRE

I have over 1000 songs from the 40s to the present, focusing on 60s to 80s:

- Classic rock
- Folk
- Country
- Blues

Requests are encouraged. With a songlist this large, regular patrons often experience a different show each week.

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Solo Musician The Villages, FL (Eastport Area)

EXPERIENCE

I have been playing guitar for over 50 years, and performing to audiences in various bands and solo since 1977. After a 30-year career as a manager and engineer in the semiconductor industry, I retired in 2010 to the Myrtle Beach area, where for 15 years I was a full time performer and guitar teacher. In 2025, I moved to The Villages, FL, (Waters Edge), where I will continue to offer solo performances and music instruction in the Eastport and surrounding areas.

PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT

I play a variety of top quality acoustic and hollow body electric jazz guitars. A looping device allows me to play both rhythm and lead guitar. I play through a compact state-of-the-art Bose sound system, which enables even distribution of sound throughout the venue, at volume levels appropriate for dining. It also has the capability to connect to the venue's sound system, if desired.

VENUES PLAYED

In South Carolina I had regular weekly or monthly performances at dozens of venues, plus private engagements, and corporate functions.

Most notably, I was the featured weekly performer at Frank's Restaurant in Pawleys Island, SC for over 10 years. Frank's is an iconic destination in the southern Myrtle Beach area, and seats over 300 guests per night year-round. I performed almost 700 shows there, and developed a loyal following.

WRITING AND RECORDING

As of 2025, I have recorded and released 4 solo albums of original songs: "Late Arrival" (2020), "Off The Clock" (2022), "Tales Of The Crooked Oak" (2023), and "Running The Table" (2024). These releases are available worldwide on all streaming services, and have been streamed in over 30 countries.

In 2022, I wrote a book, "Being A Pro – A Guide For The Local Solo Musician", which covers best practices for gigging soloists. The book is available on Kindle.