

Travels with Bubba & Bonnie

Monterey Pop

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It was the perfect day for a giggle. We had a special event in Rossford and had learned about a Mikey Mouse restaurant there. All you old Mouseketeers grab your Mickey Mouse Ears, this is just your kinda place.

The easy way from this area is take US 20 towards Perrysburg, turn right on Lime City Road. Stay on Lime City till you pass All Saints Catholic Church. The next intersection is Schreier Rd., turn left and "The Wayward Inn is on the left @ 1213 Schrierer Road.

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As you enter if you turn to the right you are in a wonderful Sports Bar with games, TVs and Mickey Mouse. If you turn left, as we did, you enter a quaint dining room also enhanced with literally 1000's of Miceys. (I must admit I searched for Annette Funicello during our entire visit and never did find her.)

The tables are a bit close together but as in most owner-operated restaurants we felt at home on our very first visit. The background music comes from an old juke box. Tonight the selections were what I call light Jazz. You know the stuff sang by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, etc. I think I even heard a little Burl Ives but the intimate conversation of the evening kinda blocked the music from my ears.

The menu is one of those multi page, "I need my glasses" thing. The food is a delightful mix of American, Chinese, Szechuan, Cantonese, etc, even a few duck dishes that make me feel a return trip is in the future. They did

have a nice selection of sandwiches, soups, and salads also.

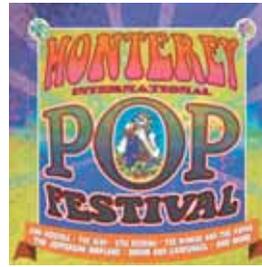
We wanted an appetizer while we read the book/menu. The Queen Goddess chose some deep fried mushrooms, I chose pot stickers, both were excellent. Our server for the evening was a talented young girl, she had been trained well. I watched her dance the ballet through the tightly spaced tables with little or no effort.

Bonnie, my Queen Goddess, decided on the Sweet and Sour Chicken. It had the red sauce on it and was too mildly seasoned. I chose the Szechuan Deluxe Vegetable dish. It was as spicy as advertised and a delight for me. Both these meals included the soup of the day. This day it was Cream of Broccoli. The soup was tasty but the broth was a bit thin.

There were a couple of mature ladies next to us. As I've said the tables are close. One old gal overheard us discussing the soup. She remarked "The Wonton is superb, try that next time. I always get an extra bowl to go when I'm here."

Folks we did it again, appetizer, dinner, beverages, sales tax, and a generous gratuity for under \$35. We will be back to try the duck and the Wonton soup. If you get there before us just tell 'em Bubba and Bonnie sent you.

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Outdoor rock and roll festivals began forty years ago with The Monterey International Pop Festival. 1967 was the "Summer of Love" and an incredible time for music. The Beatles had put Sgt. Pepper on psychedelic tilt while "Flower Power" hippies were wearing flowers in their hair and hopeful that peace and love might make a difference.

Over the course of three days more than 200,000 people attended the festival at the Monterey

fairgrounds in California. It is said that the Monterey Pop Festival was not only the first of its kind but also the most organized event ever put together from the sound system, security, transportation and even first class accommodations for the artists. It was the first benefit concert as all artists performed for free. Since the line-ups were so diverse in their own music genres many of them had not met before until Monterey.

"At Woodstock, people remember the weather. At Altamont, people remember the murder.

For Monterey, people remember the music." These are the words from Lou Adler during a recent interview conducted by Warren Zanes at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Lou (music producer/manager) and John Phillips (The Mamas and The Papas) were the co-creators of the Monterey Pop Festival.

Many artists made their debut during those three days some forty years ago to later secure their lasting legacy. Such artists included Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, Otis Redding and Jimi Hendrix. Performing at the festival gave them the pop culture impact that propelled their careers forward.

Since The Mamas and The Papas were considered one of the major headline acts of the Monterey Pop Festival with Lou



Janis Joplin



Jimi Hendrix

Adler as their manager, producer and best friend of John Phillips, it seems fitting that the first rock festival of its kind was held in California. The summer of 1967 was for peace, love, hope, change, music and California Dreamin'.



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