
Subject: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [BC](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 14:02:22 GMT

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As we say down south, "Y'all shoulda been there" There is no way to tell about everything the weekend brought. Fantastic does not come close. Many old friends made the trip and many names on this board are now faces and friends as well. (I would try to name them but I would forget somebody...but you know who you are)Amps, stories, jam session, pictures, people who built them the places they were built....it all exceeded my expectations. I know some absolutely could not make it and that is most unfortunate. The best news is that we all had a GREAT time and forged new friendships which only makes our little family grow. Kustom folks are the best folks I know! I hope all had a safe trip home! Neil did a fantastic job getting all the details worked out.....many thanks again! BC

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [pleat](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 14:30:36 GMT

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BC, was right, it was the best time in the world seeing old friends, and meeting so many others face to face and the stories from the employee's that actually made these great amps was wonderful. Two nights of jam sessions, on a all kustom stage complete with kustom PS had the place rocking old school. Several musicians that were in Bud's band in 1958 were there on stage playing and Bud even sang a couple of songs. What a sight sound to see as many as 12 musicians on stage at one time jamming. Friday afternoon we were invited to tour the Kustom Signals building where the amps were made, the building that the guitars were built. Many thanks to Neil and everyone who worked to make this journey to our Graceland a weekend to remember. Don Thompson

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [chicagobill](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 15:18:28 GMT

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Ditto!

A really big thanks to Neil for a great time! I'm sorry that we didn't get to talk much. So many new friends.

And a very special thanks to Bud Ross for being everything I hoped he would be. Gracious, open and funny as all get out!

Bill

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [Optyk](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 15:54:03 GMT

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OK, we want pictures, video files and audio files. A detailed chronology of events would be great, too.

Other than that, we're pretty apathetic about the whole thing. (Kidding, of course!!!)

Rod

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [BC](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 16:42:12 GMT
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Bill.....I am so pleased you made the trip. Great to meet you! BC

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [chicagobill](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 16:52:14 GMT
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Great meeting you as well. You're much better looking in person than here on the board .

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [WVTom](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 19:28:39 GMT
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Hey guys,

It appears that you all had a "great" time. It would have been nice to attend and meet up with you all as you guys appear to be a good group of guys with a purpose of "enjoying" Kustom. You can read it in your posts.

I have been watching the site over the weekend in anticipation of hearing updates of what was going on. I too would love to see some pictures and if any videos were taken, maybe a link to that.

Keep us posted.

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [kustomoholic](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 20:00:03 GMT

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It was a great time. I enjoyed meeting everyone! . I appreciated the offers I got for my Little Blue 150 Pa set.. I enjoyed jamming for awile.. Drummer was great!!! As were all who participated!!

Bud is quite a character!!! Great entrepreneur!!!

Jeannette had a great time as well..She hasn't stopped talking about it yet. Wish we could have been there for all the activities instead of just Saturday and gotten to know all of you better.

Thanks to all who made us feel welcome.... That club restaurant next door made a SUPER steak!!!! Outstanding!!!!

Craig Marshall & Jeannette Jefferson

The Kustomoholic.....

Ps That 250 3-15 rig I jammed with was awesome audio.....

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [BC](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 21:10:04 GMT

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Thanks for the compliment on the amp Craig! That is my newest Kustom. I was very proud of it!
BC

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [chicagobill](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 22:11:10 GMT

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Kustomholic:

Which PA was yours, the one right by the front door?

Man there was so much stuff to look at.

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [kustomoholic](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 23:26:43 GMT

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It was at the front end of Brians sales display...it was covered with merchandise.....I thought he might be trying to hide it.....

Craig

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [pleat](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 00:45:27 GMT

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Craig, your right, Bryan was trying to hide your PA, he wanted to buy it, knowing Bryan, he figured if he could hide it, it would be a better chance of only him making an offer. It was really great to meet you and your bass playing was great. Heck, it was great meeting all the people we talk to on the site and finally be able to put a face to the names. Now we have to get this site updated to allow posting of photo's without having to jump thru hoops of fire. Anyone know an easy way to copy and paste a photo to the site. I have about 70 photo's and I've been getting some from other collectors today via email.

Don Thompson

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [Bill](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 04:11:17 GMT
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Well, You all summed it up on the button. I don't know how it could have been better, other than the a/c being cooler, and us old coots remembering to bring a fan for the stage! Janet and I had more fun than we have had in ages. I really enjoyed playing AND listening to other musicians play in the jam. What a ball. No big fat egos, just everyone enjoying playing and visiting. I would have liked to have had power to some of the amps in the display area to try out and compare. There were SO MANY! Gotta hear those Altecs BC talks about!

It was great to see the faces that go with all the emails we have exchanged for the last several years. I know Bud and Carolyn and families had a good time as well. Hearing the employees reminisce about the old days at Kustom was great, too. I found out that my aunt worked there for several years and was quite a card at work.

I wish there was more time to visit one on one with all who came. Didn't get much time to visit Chicago Bill and Gina, Craig and Jeanette, and many others, but made lots of new friends as the event went on. Joey Bent is a gas on the sax and really fun to be around. Even his dad, Dan, isn't too bad! haha.

I can't say how much this all meant to me, but let it suffice to say that is was one of the highlights of my life! And if anyone deserves a medal, it is Neil Leverenz, who organized the whole thing! Ok, I'm gonna stumble off the soapbox. Enjoy those Kustoms.
Bill Collins

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [carlc](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 11:28:48 GMT
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I can echo everything that has been said here about the Chaute get together! It was great meeting everyone. I'm really glad I got to meet chicagobill and talk with him about technical issues. The jam sessions were a blast. I sure wanted to buy that blue PA from Craig. I saw so many amps that I want to get so now I'll start the search with more diligence. Don't see many around here.

JC, Don, Bryan, Bill, Neil and all the others (too many to list) the honor was mine.
Carl Chinn

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [rodak](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 13:15:36 GMT

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Glad to hear it went so well - wish I'd been able to make it

Probably the easiest way to post pictures for everyone would be with a service like Flickr, but I'd be happy to host them at my [combo-organ.com](#) website. Irfanview has a neat feature that creates a quick web page with thumbnails from a batch of pictures, and I could post a "hidden" link that wouldn't show up on any search engines. Anyone interested feel free to send pics to robert@combo-organ.com. I think I can take up to about 10MB per email.

Now, did y'all have a chance to answer the burning question that's puzzled everyone: "Which Kolor sounds best"?

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [neil](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 15:55:56 GMT

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Folks:

You are thanking the wrong person.

There were many people that helped this event happen.

Don, Bryan, JC and others made the decision back in 2007 to have an event in Chanute, Ks. Don picked the June 27th weekend to have it.

David Bideau, Chanute, Ks. deserves most of the credit.

David contacted Jane Brophy, Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce & Office of Tourism, to see if they would back this event. Jane contacted me for more information. I went to high school with her.

Jane set up the tour at Kustom Signals. Jane also contacted the Chanute Tribune to run a story before the event. Jane also contacted the Super 8 motel to let them know we were coming to town. Jane also asked the Tribune to bring us extra copies of the article in the newspaper. It was also Jane who asked the newspaper to send someone out to do a follow up article.

David Bideau set up the tour of the guitar factory.

It was my wife who mentioned that we need some sort of liability insurance. I emailed David about it and he agreed. It was David that went out of his way to get this insurance, and paid for most of it.

David B. also contacted Nu Way campers, in case we needed a secure place to park our trailers. David B. gave them my email address so I could let them know if we needed it.

David B. also contacted Mike Sutcliff at the radio station to see about doing a radio spot. David made the arrangements.

My wife talked to her sister about the country club ballroom. To see if it would be a good place and what we needed to do there. Her sister told my wife that the food was great there, but, we would have to clean the place up to get it ready for the public. I phoned the club to book June 27th.

Don T. made the cool flyer that was used around town.

David B., Jane B. and my brother put the flyers up around town.

Don T. made the cool name badges we all had.

Don T. started the write up for the newspaper. All the collectors chimed in with different ideas for it.

I emailed it to the Chanute Tribune. The editor took out all the collectors names in it and made it sound like it was me talking.

Bryan Sawyer compiled a list of who all was coming and bringing what. Complete with email addresses and phone numbers. Also for the Kustom Te-shirts and guitar picks.

Tom W. also brought Kustom Te-shirts.

Don T. was a big factor in getting most of the collectors to come. Don deserves a lot of credit for bringing this event together. Actually, I believe he is the main person who thought about going to Chanute in the first place. He is also the one that started this thread on this web site, in the first place.

Dan B. and many others compiled the list of the sounds that the musicians were going to play. And, in what Key.

Bill Collin, Parson Ks. also deserves credit for getting the word out and putting up flyers and putting something in the Parsons newspaper. If it weren't for Bill, we would not have had a drummer for this event.

My brother Larry deserves credit along with Carolyn Ross for notifying all the past employees. They are the ones who got all these past employees out there.

Thank Bud Ross for also getting the word out and for bringing his old band mates to this event.

Thank Carolyn Ross for all the great pictures she brought. She had a lot to do, behind the scenes, in making this a great event.

Dan O. sent the cool kustom patent to Bill C. to have the group and Bud sign. Thank them for

this.

Thanks guys, but, your thanking the wrong person. It took a lot of people, including yourselves to put this event together.

So, thank these people listed above for what all they contributed to make this event a success. I only booked the event at the club, sent the write up to the newspaper, and kept you all posted on what was going on.

Thanks guys, but, the credit needs to go to the right people.

I want to thank my wife for being such a great wife, in still wanting me to go to this event, during a difficult weekend, where I should of stayed home and taken care of business. Instead, she stayed home and did it all.

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [wbs56](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 16:42:20 GMT

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Now that you mention it Neil, what the hell did you do?

I too really enjoyed making new friends, Andrea and Dee! WOW, did you guys check out Dee's legs? OUTSTANDING!

By the way, if anybody out there that couldn't attend would like a T-Shirt from the event let me know, I've got leftovers! I also have 4" and 10" Picks along with 10" Pick Clocks, and they all say "Kustom by Ross!"

Bryan Sawyer

Did I mention Dee had great legs? Did I mention they were both beautiful? (I couldn't see Andrea's legs, she had on long pants, but I'm sure they were great too!)

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [ZoukBoy](#) on Tue, 30 Jun 2009 17:36:37 GMT

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I want to thank everyone involved. It was my first exposure to Kustom tuck'n'roll amps since I worked in a music store when I was in high school in 1976-77. (I grew up just east of Kansas City, MO and saw a lot of Kustoms back in the day but I never played through one until last Saturday.)

My brother and I were reminiscing over the weekend about a street dance in Blue Springs, MO where we grew up. I was about 10 years old, so it must've been in 1970. The band was from Kansas City and except for their instruments they had all Kustom gear including the P.A. That was

my first experience with Kustom. Boy, was that band LOUD!

I had a great time at the Konvention and came really close to buying matching cascade bass and guitar rigs. Oh well, at least now I know what I want.

Particular thanks to Brad (I learned a lot from him in a short time), and also to Terry and Don for their help.

Looking forward to next year!

Roger Landes
Los Chingos del Mar

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [mcline5804](#) on Wed, 01 Jul 2009 04:19:08 GMT

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Hey Kustom Kats,

I just wanted to thank all the people on Neil's post for the killer time I had down in Chanute. All I could do is just grin and smile for the first ten minutes because I had never seen so many kustom amps in one place like that. I really enjoyed meeting everyone and now have a face to put to all members that were there. Also thanks to JC for my first Kustom amp a sweet black K200 B1 with a 2-15 CTS cabinet. When I showed up for my bands practice on Sunday the rig blew my band members away. I wish I could have stayed longer for the jam but I had 2 1/2 drive back to Kansas City that night. Hey ZoukBoy did the music store you worked at in KC happen to be Quigleys on Troost. That is where I saw my first Kustom amp in 1970.

Peace,
Mark Cline

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!

Posted by [ZoukBoy](#) on Wed, 01 Jul 2009 04:27:11 GMT

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No Mark. I worked at Raytown Music, which wasn't a Kustom dealer, but we saw quite a bit of Kustom stuff used. Raytown Music was a Fender dealer so of course the owner and manager were down on Kustoms because they were solid state. Their loss!

mcline5804 wrote on Wed, 01 July 2009 00:19 Hey ZoukBoy did the music store you worked at in KC happen to be Quigleys on Troost. That is where I saw my first Kustom amp in 1970.

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [BC](#) on Wed, 01 Jul 2009 23:12:31 GMT
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Sorry the amp deal did not work out. They were nice...but in time there will be others. I know a few amps sold at the end of the night....I brought home an extra cabinet myself...in RED! I will keep my eyes and ears open. I really enjoyed talking to you and the CD is Great! Thanks!

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [kustomoholic](#) on Fri, 03 Jul 2009 22:00:28 GMT
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I loved going amp shopping in KC in the 70's.. Spent many hours at Quigley's drooling... There was a "Pro" shop...in KC as well...Don't remember the exact name now.. I looked for bargains in the stores basement and picked up a Sunn 2-15 which I used for 7-8 years with a Kasino "Concert" bass head. Great sounding rig and that cab was lightweight which beat sawdustboard cabs by a good 20-25 pounds in a 2-15. I would love to find that rig today...And It and all my stuff fit into a 75 Camaro... Wish I could move that easily today!!!!!!

Craig

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [ZoukBoy](#) on Fri, 03 Jul 2009 22:13:51 GMT
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kustomoholic wrote on Fri, 03 July 2009 18:00There was a "Pro" shop...in KC as well...Don't remember the exact name now.. Craig

Jack Nead's Pro Shop on Broadway. It was in the same building that houses Big Dude's Music City today. Good store. I remember coming close to buying a Tele there - one that someone had customized to look like a Vox Phantom.

Quigley's was run by an old guy named Art Joliff. He was kind of scary and would never would let me play anything. I went by there about a year ago and they were out of business.

Subject: Re: Chanute!!!!
Posted by [kustomoholic](#) on Fri, 03 Jul 2009 22:38:28 GMT
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It's been 33 years since I was there....Sorry to hear about Quigley's...My friend Sam and I never spent any money there cause they were very proud of the stuff but they always had some neat stuff... We would go to KC from Leavenworth to scope out the deals...and spend the whole day dreaming about equipment..
Sam was a genius at getting the most bang for our band bucks...He could wheel and deal!!!!

Very gifted guitarist..We had Kustom and Kasino stuff exclusively and paid for it playing... Bought a Charger up in Kc in 06 for parts and saw Musiciansfriend center there but didn't have time to check out the old haunts..Those were fun times!!!!

Craig
