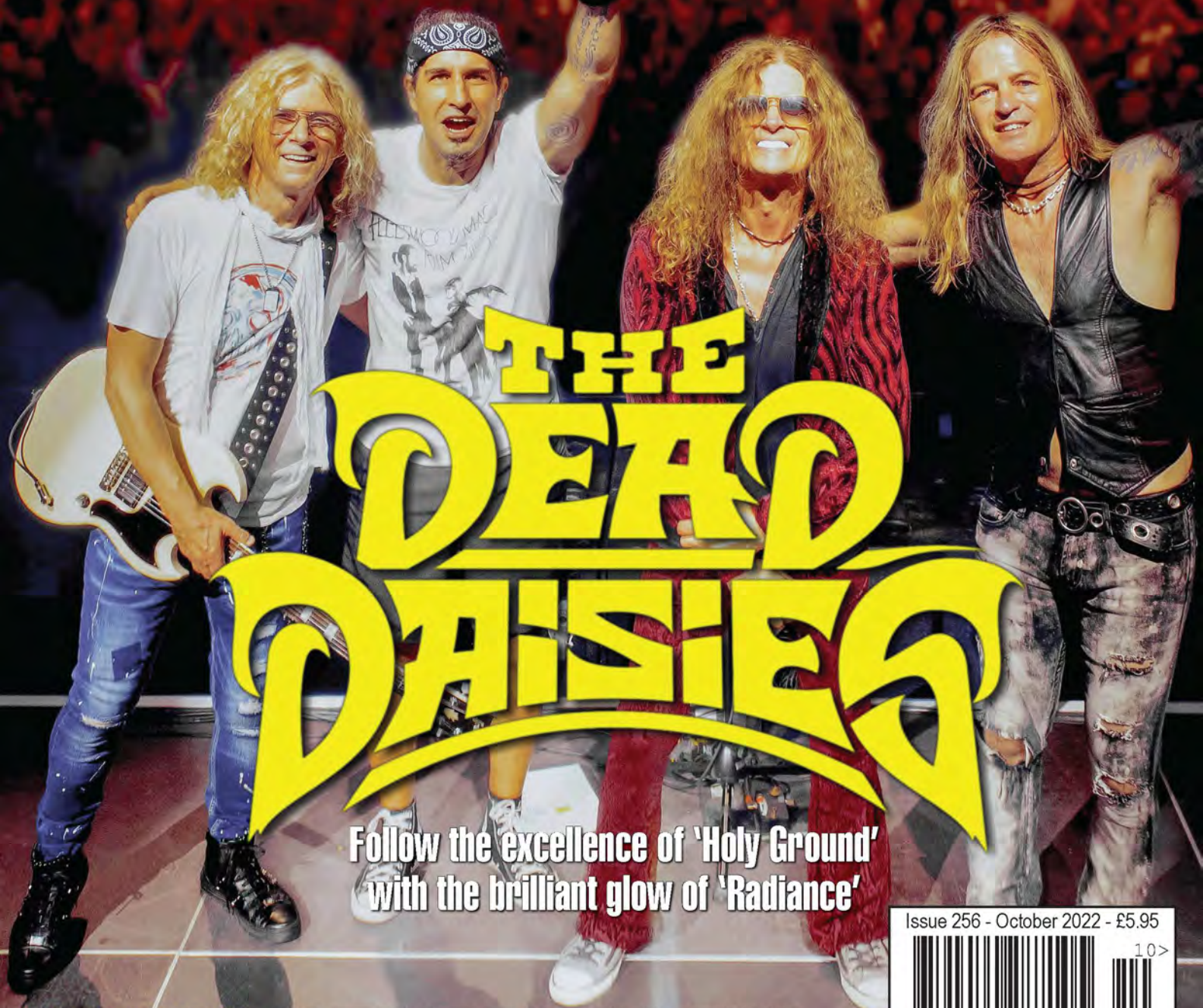


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**Band:** The Dogrocket Blues Band  
**Album:** Rusty Train  
**Label:** Dogmatic Studios  
**Genre:** Blues/Rock



**Description:** This is the band's first release and encompasses a time period of nearly thirty years' worth of musical influence. Two of the tracks, In My Heart and Press On, were written in the eighties. In My Heart originally had a U2 feel, but after it was 're-adapted' in the last few years; it's taken on more of a southern rock feel, while Press On has remained more in its original form. The remaining tracks were written in the last ten years with more of a blues/rock flavor. Each track is quite unique, in my opinion, which I feel will appeal to a wide listening audience.

**Influences:** Junior Brown, Steely Dan, U2, Boston, Ray Charles, Stevie Ray Vaughan

**Band Line-Up:** Bill Kesel - keyboards/lead vocals,

Joe Custer - bass  
Mike Jacobs - guitar/vocals,  
Dave Matherly - drums/percussion/vocals

**CD Tracklist:**  
1. My Big Woman  
2. Only Man  
3. Press On  
4. Rusty Train  
5. Psalm Blue  
6. What is a Man  
7. Right Thing  
8. Magic Kingdom  
9. In My Heart  
10. Bitter Town Blues

**THE DOGROCKET BLUES BAND**, are a blues rock trio from Roanoke, Virginia USA. They have a new ten track album out now called 'Rusty Train' which runs in at just over forty-five minutes long and is the band's debut album.

We are sitting around in the converted attic space of lead singer and keyboardist Bill Kesel's house in Roanoke, a small city in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Southwestern Virginia. It's a late wintery afternoon and the room is a tight space, filled with drums, mic stands and band instruments, with a large dormer window that looks out over Victorian houses, butting up against the steep tree lined slope of Mill Mountain.

The DogRocket Blues Band are not a young bunch and the band

members all come from very different backgrounds; musically and otherwise. "We've got a lot of life experience between the four of us! Joe: Second that! You and I have been flying airplanes around the world for most of our lives," explains Bill. Guitarist Mike Jacobs started playing the trombone in elementary school.



He picked up guitar and played with several rock bands over the years and even became a worship leader in church.

Bassist Joe Custer just decided that he wanted to play bass one day, so he bought one and taught himself to play. Dave Matherly has been playing drums since the age of ten; but along the way, he got into some pretty busy bands in the mid-Atlantic, then he found these guys in a Craigs List advert. Bill started playing piano when he was a tot. "I started playing in bands in high school and college and even tried to make a living at it, but

then I had to get a 'real' job... I took a long break, but now here we are," he smiles. His favourites bands growing up were Earth Wind and Fire, Steely Dan, and the Doobies. "I also was influenced by several eighties Christian rock bands, like Petra and Degarmo and Key. I bought a strat about ten years ago and started playing blues, because it came easy. I fell in love with Junior Brown's album, 'Semi Crazy,' because it was just plain nutty! That was the inspiration for the song 'Rusty Train'. The rest of the songs were just things I had in my head at one time or another and I just turned them into a song," he expresses. When he is not writing or performing Bill enjoys from flying, and he loves outdoor sports. "My wife and I just did a half Ironman in June and I own five bicycles. I can speak for Joe- he love's flying too; in fact, I met him at a prior airline, and we just happened to live in the same town," he points out. Joe also loves motorcycles and boats. And baseball. Mike also loves the outdoors, the beach, mountains, reading, politics, religion, and science., whilst Dave is the only guy with kids. "I love spending time with my family. I also dig gardening, landscaping

and we love to travel," he enthuses. Dave really loves the variety of the songs on 'Rusty Train'. "It's a unique blend of upbeat blues, and pop rock with a twinge of country, Carolina Beach and jazz rock influences," he tells me. This album was recorded entirely in house. Literally, the guys recorded it in Bills 'man attic', or 'mattic', which is where 'Dogmattic Studios' comes from. "This album was one good thing that came from the 'lock downs', because we had nothing else to do. I told the boys that it was time to record, so we just got to it. I would say that it took us two months, from start to finish. I used our Sound Craft Ui24R along with Reaper and a ton of YouTube tutorials! Thank God for all those folks, creating those tutorial videos! I'm sure that the recording professionals out there can tell that it was DIY, but we had a lot of fun doing it and we're pleased with the result. We even took our own album cover shots," he smiles. 'Rusty Train' is a product of thirty years' worth of song writing and the fact that it took so many years to finally get a group of guys together to make it happen. "We're really not in it for the money. We just love

to play and wanted to share our music with the world," expresses Bill. They live shows are picking up. "Since we're a relatively new band, we are just beginning to establish a footprint in the local music scene. We're playing at a lot of local breweries; we've played a few gigs at the local baseball stadium and we're playing for some private events. Roanoke has a decent music scene, and we will probably go regional. I'm just glad that we graduated from the open mic scene," explains Bill. Two of the band members are Covid survivors. "We're just hoping for the best. Sadly, I think the Covid narrative is politically driven, especially at this point and I just hope and pray that true science and data prevail. If not, we're in for a long, bumpy ride," he sighs. While it's nice to rest on our laurels for a bit with this album, Bill wants to start writing some more tunes "That being said, I would say that we will put out another album within the year, which may contain some of our interpretations of other artist's covers. We have several that we really love. Our fans are really adamant that we always play a Journey song or two at our shows," concludes Bill, bringing an end to our conversation. The album is available from

all the usual digital platforms, it's a cracking album and well worth checking out. My apologies to the band for the delay of this article. Check The DogRocket Blues Band out at <https://www.facebook.com/thedogrocketbluesband/> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyzOWtVZF97YFB8yKt7wcTg> <https://www.dogrocketbluesband.com>