

Grandview Station

Grandview Station is a special project with a unique history that goes back further than most people would ever guess. The band name originated with the creation of the first group formed by 4 high school seniors back in 1982...yes 1982. The group went through several lineup changes but remained active for the next 5 years, playing gigs at numerous venues in southwest Arkansas. Original member Scott Arivett explains, "We got started pretty quick and stayed about as busy as we wanted. There were places to play then. We played bars and nightclubs before any of us were old enough to get in otherwise. We had house jobs at several places for long stretches of time. I don't know what would happen now under the same circumstances. We probably wouldn't last 6 months because there isn't anywhere to go". The original GS was a cover band that played a mixture of several kinds of popular music at local venues. Arivett continues, "We played rock, country, blues, whatever was on the radio and popular at the time. Original music was an afterthought but not an active part of our sets". After about 5 years from its' inception, Grandview Station members were growing weary of the routine and the band dissolved. "A couple of us were pretty burned out by then and ready for a change" says Arivett, "so we left a pretty rockin house gig and just walked away".

In the years that followed, most band members continued to play with other groups and musicians in different circles and various areas. Some of the former members played together in other groups from time to time. A lot of the gigs were in the Hot Springs area. "Hot Springs had a disproportionate amount of club gigs for a town its' size for a long time. It's a vacation spot and centrally located with a pretty colorful history. Lots of really good musicians settled there over the years. You could stay busy and make steady money". After a long career of making the rounds in those circles Arivett decided to pursue a lifelong goal of recording an album of original music.

"I had written songs and recorded demos through the years and had recently signed a publishing agreement with a major label before embarking on the album project. I decided to record at a pro studio and got some of the best musicians I'd known through the years to help. After considerable deliberation I made the decision to go back to my roots and resurrect the band name I started with for the project. It was my band name, I named it back in day and even though only one other musician from that time is on the album it felt right to do it. I started with that and I'm probably finishing with it. It's been over 30 years of playing for me and I'm coming full circle with it. It just feels good and feels right".