

BLUES RADIO

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WNTI-FM is a 5000 watt non-commercial radio station located in Hackettstown, New Jersey. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2008- the WNTI studios are located at Centenary College. A "Triple A" format with specialty shows. WNTI-FM was one of the first radio stations in the world to broadcast on the internet.

In 1987 my wife and I bought a home in Hackettstown which is 58 miles west of New York City. This house was across the street from the college. At this time WNTI signed off the air Fridays at 6PM and resumed broadcasting Monday morning. Having previous DJ experience at WQSD-FM Selinsgrove Penn from 1971-1975, I always hoped to do another radio show someday. So in October 1987 I was given the ok to host and engineer "Blue Sunday" which ran til 2000.

Currently I host "My Back Pages" The Bob Dylan Hour and "Things We Said Today"-The Beatles Hour. In addition I contribute interviews with book authors on "Contours" a WNTI-FM Magazine Show. Favorite interviews include Robert Greenfield ("Exiled On Main St.") and Joe Bogo ("White Bicycles").

Favorite Blues Interviews : Dr. John, Lowell Fulson, Lou Ann Barton, Johnny & Shemekia Copeland, John Hammond, Little Milton, James Harmon and Al Kooper. Also I had the privilege

of having Buddy Miles live one night in the studio. When we spoke of Jimi Hendrix—Buddy seemed to go to a special place.

I have always "improved" my shows. Nothing is ever planned! Spontaneity rules on WNTI!

The Stanhope House is the greatest roadhouse in New Jersey. Babe Ruth used to stay there—rumored to be a brothel—now closed temporarily. (I saw Muddy Waters, Albert King, Buddy Guy, Delbert McClinton and Johnny "Clyde" Copeland).

Another great place to hear Blues is at the Black Potatoe Festival held each July at the Red Mill museum in Clinton, NJ nestled along the Raritan River—it is the most laid back festival. In August there is the Knowlton Riverfest and WNTI will have a RV backstage to interview artists. I get to stage announce Terrance Simien after seeing him 3 weeks earlier at the Pocono Blues Festival!

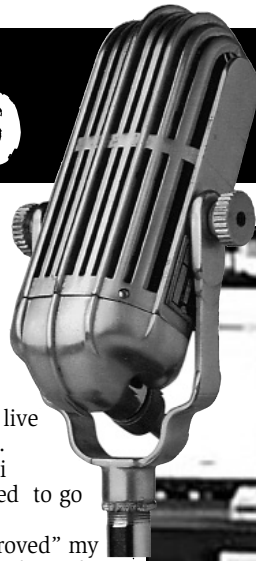
Hackettstown has a good Italian Restaurant—Mama Cafe, Smokehouse BBQ, Laughing Lion, even Turkish and Thai food. Also

like a Little Hershey, PA sometimes.

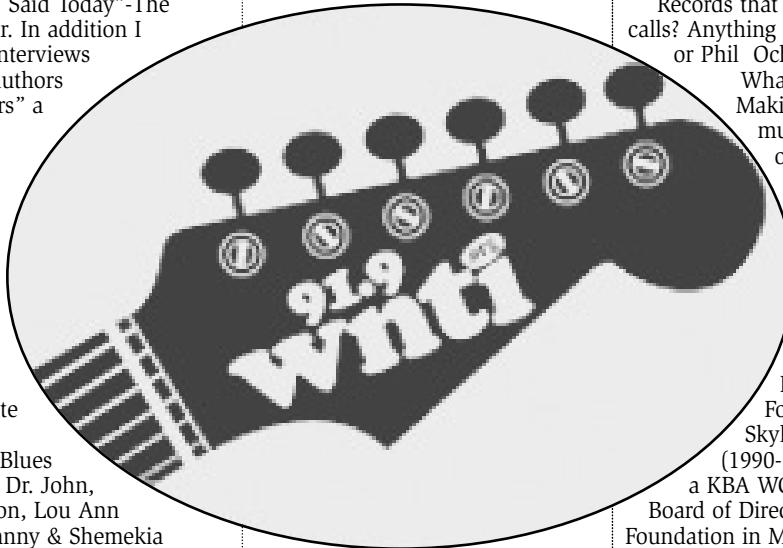
Records that draw the most calls? Anything by Curtis Mayfield or Phil Ochs!

What do I love? Making a difference musically in someone's life. WNTI also features a Sinatra Hour, Bluesology, World Rhythms. Check us out on line at WNTI.org.

Scott Acton is President & Founder of the Skylands Blues Society (1990-1998) recipient of a KBA WC Handy Award, Board of Directors for The Blues Foundation in Memphis, stage announcer along with Niles Frantz, Dave Moskal at The Pocono Blues Festival since 1992.



Scott Acton in Action!



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