

'Big wheel keep on turnin', Proud Mary keep on burnin'

Way back when I was a teen, one of my favourite music groups was Creedence Clearwater Revival. CCR, Creedence Clearwater Revival or simply Creedence - the group was well known to all of my age group.

And I tell ya, when it came to AI, mint and unreal gear jammin' music while seated behind the wheel of a fire-breathing muscle car, well, Creedence was pretty much the music of choice.

Everyone knew Proud Mary, Green River or Born on the Bayou, and countless others. They were classic rock-and-roll songs with a down south feel.

I had every CCR eight track tape known to mankind in my car and they received hours of play time in that old eight track player.

I don't have a "bucket list" but I do have a few groups from my younger days that I'd like to see. And John Fogerty was one.

I've seen The Stones, The Who, and McCartney. Also The Eagles. Sadly, after losing Glen Frey, I realized how mortal we all are. My all-time favourite



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group is still Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, which I've seen twice in concert as well.

But back to Creedence, or more specifically Fogerty - I was looking at various shows at local venues, and saw Fogerty was playing the River Run Centre in Guelph.

I was a bit surprised that he'd play a small venue like Guelph, but there it was; "John Fogerty and Creedence Clearwater Survival."

OK, it said "survival" not "revival." Maybe it was his joke that he'd "survived" that long in the business.

What the heck, I ordered tickets, and The Sidekick and I found ourselves at River Run Centre on Satur-

day, Sept. 23. It was a sold-out show, and on the way in, we ran into a former school friend and his wife. We chatted and agreed to meet at intermission.

The show started with an AV presentation outlining Fogerty's early days, and finally, that signature bass run from Run Through the Jungle started up, and Fogerty emerged through a cloud of smoke, onto the stage.

We were in Row 3, almost lookin' up his nostrils.

All those CCR memories flooded back. I loved that music, and the effect it had on me as a kid.

I knew every lyric! I was in heaven.

And as the smoke cleared I thought to myself, that John Fogerty had aged well for a 72-year-old.

I pulled out my smartphone and looked up a few photos. He'd certainly won the aging lottery!

Between songs he'd talk about "I wrote this song back in the '80s when I was stuck in such-in-such."

And at one point, he even made reference to his

wife Julie Lebiezinski in the crowd. wow, she came along too?

At intermission, I ran into my old school friend and we discussed the show.

"He sure looks good for 72-years-old," he said to me. I agreed, but pointed out that I'd recently seen The Who and 73-year-old Roger Daltrey looked like he was 50 years old.

We know celebrities spend obscene amounts of money to look young. And we all know that Fogerty's dark hair couldn't be real.

A couple years ago I saw John Fogerty on American Idol on TV. At that time he looked to be in amazing shape.

After the River Run show, The Sidekick and I made our way home, wondering if we'd actually seen John Fogerty or not.

Once home, I looked up his website, and checked out his tour schedule.

Yup, by golly, it was right there - John Fogerty was playing Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017. in Las Vegas.

Oh well, at least my Down Memory Lane memories were genuine, even if the performer wasn't.

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This picture was taken on Main Street, looking north. The second building on the right is 91 to 97 Main Street. Currently, only four windows remain. Date of the Then photo is 1925.

LETTER

Cyclists, pedestrians need to respect each other

I have lived in Halton the majority of my life and have enjoyed and raised my family here.

I am proud to call Burlington my home.

This situation with bikes; I am sorry, but I need

to speak up.

I myself enjoy jumping on my bike or walking in and around Burlington and I particularly enjoy heading down to our beautiful waterfront.

I am very disturbed by what happened to a visitor from another country that was hit by a bike and was injured. This should NOT have happened.

That sounds like an isolated case and well (we need to) look at the person riding the bike. They took off, (so) what does that say? Most people would not act in that manner.

I have travelled quite a bit to other cities and countries and I walk and ride bikes when away. I have noticed - especially in Vancouver - they have made it

quite clear where the bikes go and where pedestrians should walk. It is also (about) respect for each other.

If there are too many people, slow down. It's simple. Have pure respect for each other.

I have spoken to the city and expressed my concerns for years that the proper markings have be-

come worn down and now I believe paved over. This, to me, is a huge safety concern.

Bike paths and walkways need to be enjoyed by all, to encourage exercise, and to just get people outside and out of their cars.

Burlington has been given the best city to live in award. Can we please make (paths, walkways) one of

our best spots in Burlington - safe for all concerned? We are better than this.

Let's fix it and make designated areas and make our city more bike-friendly and accessible.

Also, we need proper bike lanes on our roads that are safe. Everything is a process, but it has to start to move forward.

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