

PROBABLE CAUSE

Member Bio

Biography of Greg Dawson – Lead Vocals/Rhythm Guitar

Founding member Greg Dawson began playing music as soon as he was tall enough to reach the keyboard on his mother's upright piano. After slamming the lid down on his tiny fingers several times to stop the horrendous noise emanating from the piano, his mother broke down and agreed that perhaps actual lessons might be the solution.

In 1963, The Beatles invaded America and infected Dawson forever with the need to play Rock'N'Roll. Dawson began playing guitar shortly thereafter. Dawson has been playing in various bands and on his own in the Portland area ever since.

In 1987, Greg Dawson and his friends and fellow musicians Evan Oulashin and Brad Lund began playing on a very casual basis together in a band that would later become Probable Cause.

Dawson's influences are The Beatles, Elvis, Conway Twitty, Roy Orbison, The Doobie Brothers, Single Malt Scotch, and Häagen-Dazs®

Biography for Dr. Dana "Drums" Watson – Vocals/Drums

Born in Portland, Dana Watson started playing drums at age 10. He studied music and women at Mt. Hood Community College. While he became very proficient on the drums, to this day he does not understand women, but is still willing to experiment for the sake of science.

Watson went on to study with some of Oregon's Best Drummers. He started playing professionally at 16, during the 80's

Watson played drums for Portland band Ground Zero and recorded 1 CD "What a Blast." In the 90's he played with Wild Heart. Both bands were classic Rock & Roll. Dana has also played with The Bill Hagen Trip.

Dana is adept at most styles of modern percussion including jazz and blues. If required, he would play rim shots for a comedian.

Biography for Marvin "Five-Fingers" Slifman – Vocals/Electric Bass Guitar

Portland native Marvin "Five Fingers" Slifman became part of Probable Cause in early 2000 when original Bass Player Matt MacNaughton left due to job and family constraints.

Marvin first met Greg Dawson while playing with The Bill Hagen Trip.

Slifman started playing guitar while in high school. This of course was back in the day when public education was a brand new idea.

Marvin has played off and on in several blues and rock bands since.

Slifman States, "We are playing the songs I have loved all these years, and with the addition of several original tunes written by our lead guitarist Mark McDermott, offer up a collection of music guaranteed to get you on your feet dancing along with us all night".

Biography of Mark "Air-Cooled" McDermott – Vocals/Lead Guitar

Mark "Air-Cooled" McDermott joined Probable Cause in late 2000. Originally from New Jersey, Mark began playing guitar at age 10. He has played in several New York-area bands including Riff Raff, Diamond, and Taboo.

His influences include Jeff Beck, David Gilmour, Duane Allman, Eddie Van Halen, Jimi Hendrix and Evan Williams.

Mark brings a fresh new feel to Probable Cause with his song writing talents and aggressive guitar style.