

My Guitar Story – Bill Seifert

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When did you start playing guitar?

My college roommate taught me basic chords in 1980. I didn't play seriously until I took classes from the gentleman who started the Pocono Chapter of *Guitar League* in 2018 (Bob VanDerheyden).



What was your motivation to learn the instrument?

My favorite musicians are all guitar players - JJ Cale, Cash, Denver, Clapton, Gibbons, Gill, Gilmore, Knopfler, Lovett, Raitt, Simon, Taylor, Young.

What styles do you play?

Rock, Blues, Country.

What make/model guitars do you play?

Acoustics: an old Guild and a new Taylor 150e twelve string. Electrics: Fender Squire and a Gibson Les Paul. I've got a Martin D-18 on order.

What kind of strings do you like?

Elixir phosphor bronze nanoweb, 12/53.

Do you play out?

Yes, the groups I play with are asked to play sets for various public events in our community.

Do you like to jam with others?

Yes, as much as I can, sometimes a couple times a month.

What is your practice routine?

Every night for 30-60 minutes, longer if I'm practicing for a gig and learning new songs.

What are your current goals? How does GL support them?

To be more than a whole chord, rhythm guitar player. The Les Paul was gifted to me from a family member that passed away almost 15 years ago. When I showed it to my guitar friends, they said that I really had to learn to play lead with a Les Paul in my collection. My other goal is to increase my understanding of music theory (there, I said it).

Guitar League got me started being a serious player. It connected me with other players, taught me how to listen to the other people I was playing with, and gave me the confidence to stand up in front of other people and play. I am forever grateful for *Guitar League*.