

Testimonials

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“I think that the Comfort Inn is a perfect fit for our town. It’s a beautifully constructed hotel (with a) breathtaking view of the Susquehanna River and our beautiful downtown,” offered Chris Maruzzelli, one of the lead singers of the 10-piece band *am Radio*, which is comprised primarily of Tunkhannock area residents, even though their fan base is far reaching. The band’s faithful renditions of hits from the ’60s to today literally drew gala guests from the hotel’s hallways to the parking lot, where they clapped their hands and swayed to venerable pop favorites as diverse as Maroon 5’s “This Love” and Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” to Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5” and Carl Douglas’s “Kung Fu Fighting.”

“It was an honor to play for the grand opening of the new Comfort Inn,” added band member and group cofounder Chuck Pirone. “It’s always nice to play for a hometown crowd. We knew the majority of the people at the event and consider them to be friends.”



Local pop and rock cover group am Radio drew accolades from guests of the July 14 grand opening of the Tunkhannock Comfort Inn and Suites. The ten-piece band, featuring lead vocals by Chris Maruzzelli (on tambourine) and Joelle Witner (on microphone), played on a patio adjacent to the hotel, which is situated along the Susquehanna River in Eaton Township, Wyoming County. Photo by Rick Hiduk

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Hi Chuck,

amRadio was absolutely amazing during our wedding reception. The dance floor was packed all night, and everyone had a great time. Our guests were so impressed with variety of songs, voices, and sounds, as well as the outstanding showmanship. We received so many compliments! We are thrilled that amRadio played at our reception. It made the night!

Thank you so so much. I really wish we could do that every weekend :)

Sincerely, Annette

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Our special day turned into the best day of our lives, and it had a lot to do with how FANTASTIC you guys were!! I got a TON of compliments! And I couldn't stop dancing (as you probably noticed!) :) The songs were perfect, the energy was amazing and the sound was un-matched! I wish we could have another wedding exactly the same!

~HAPPY BRIDE (Maria)

Hello Mr. Pirone,

I'm so sorry that I have not written this email to you sooner...I hope that you still remember who we are! You all were very gracious and played at our wedding reception last October. I know that this is coming to you super late, but I had to make sure that I sent this to you.

I just want to thank the entire amRadio Group for a fantastic night! You all truly made our wedding one to remember! Our guests still talk about what a great band we had that night and that we should have a party like that every October (I wish!). The music that you chose was amazing...not your typical "wedding music", but music that made people enjoy themselves and the night. I have been to weddings where as soon as the bride and groom cut the cake everyone begins to leave. That wasn't the case at our reception. Everyone had a great time and the dance floor was still packed when you had to call it a night. I think we all would have stayed there the whole night dancing if you kept playing!

You all were phenomenal and I can honestly say that you were our "WOW" factor for our wedding. You went above and beyond our every expectation and you kindly found the correct music for all our special dances. I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful memories that I will cherish for a lifetime, because of amRadio, when I thinking of our wedding day.

I have attached some pictures that our photographer took of the band from the reception. Please feel free to use them anyway you need to. I hope that you enjoy them! It may take a few emails to get them all sent to you, but I will keep sending them :)

Thank you again for a fabulous wedding!

Victor and Tina Gorham

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Wedding favors

New Milford's Green Gables Restaurant provided the perfect backdrop Saturday for the rocking wedding reception of graphic artists Maria Conigliaro and Eric Toffey.

Eric, the renaissance gent who pens electric city's twisted comic strip *Sauce* and serves as web designer/graphic artist guru for *the570.com*, met the lovely and talented Maria during their shared stint in the *Times-Tribune* newsroom many moons ago. Since then, the artistic duo have been drawing hearts around their names ever since, which culminated in them tying the knot at St. Martin of Tours Church to a packed celebrity house.

Times-Tribune/Shanrock Communications newspaper folk from far and wide came to bestow their best wishes on the perky pair, including photographer Mike Maillen and his awesome wife Julie; Ed Piskulski and his better half, Kaylee; lifestyles editor Faith Golay and her hunky hubby, Mike; and marketing man Tim Holmes and his sexy spouse, Krissy, who I polka-ed, disco-ed and cha-cha-ed with all throughout the night.

Tina, by the way, is gearing up for this Friday's *Swingin' on Vine* soiree in front of the library in downtown Scranton and with *The Office*'s Brian Baumgartner set to make a celebrity appearance, you know Rude Rube will be there, bells on.

Back at the wedding, fab photographers Chad Sebring and Bob Sanchez served as the event's pickled paparazzi. Electric City/Diamond City was also representing with editor extraordinaire Randy Shemanski spotted in the wedding house as well as Tucker Hottes who — to my chagrin — proved to be a darling hottie after I finally met him face to face. Electric City alumnus Jamie Callen also made the swinging scene and I'm happy to report the former *Soulvjet*

Union front man is the proud papa of two — count 'em! — two sweet babies while he and his wife live in the burbs just outside Philly.

Speaking of wedded bliss, Bliss drummer Jim Graham was also on scene with his uber adorable wife who is expecting the couple's second bouncing baby sometime soon. His musically inclined brother, Tom, of course was there as well with his gorgeous fiancée as was tavern magnate Mike Stalter — owner of Scranton-based bar Stalter's — who rang the proverbial wedding bell all the livelong day. And although the perfect party took place in New Milford, Sir Stalter had a heck of a time finding a new MILF to rock his world for the night.

Meanwhile, the fabulous band A.M. Radio rocked the wedding pavilion for almost five hours straight with the beautiful bride proving to be the anti-bridezilla by dancing the entire night away on the dance floor like a fairy princess. What fun! Outrageous owner Paul Nardone was anything but outrageous as he avoided the dance floor at all costs. However, the bustling businessman didn't venture far from the bar as the evening progressed. Way to work your bended elbow there, Paulie.

By night's end and after a full shift of making merry with good friends, I reflected on the many cast of characters I have come to know and love all these years as I drove off into the sunset in the Rude Rube limo of love. We've all practically grown up together and have come so far in life and I'm proud to see we're all finally maturing and becoming responsible adults.

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The hangover I suffered the next morning made me want to pull my eyeballs out with a fork. So much for getting better with age.

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~HAPPY BRIDE



Post Family Wedding

"amRadio performed as true professionals throughout the entire wedding experience. They worked with me to tailor the music selections for our wedding, and really guided me through the process. Chris and Chuck were sensitive to my special requirements (and all of the family dynamics that come with music selections for a wedding). They even learned polkas! And those polkas sounded perfect - you'd never suspect it was their wedding debut!"

-Mother of the Bride

"What a wedding! amRadio was so fantastic -- some guests even said they performed better than the original songs!"

-Father of the Bride

"amRadio made the music planning part of our wedding so easy. They were always available when I needed to talk through the details for the evening -- even with a three hour time zone difference! They were incredibly professional and flexible, and really let me define how I wanted to night to sound."

-The Bride

"Fantastic. Professional. Easy. amRadio was all of these things and more for our wedding. There were no "surprises" and they delivered exceptional service and sound on my big day. Their expert confidence throughout the planning process made my "anxious bride" feelings subside. The evening was beautiful, and they provided the perfect wedding soundtrack for my memories!"

-The Groom

"I can't say enough about how terrific the band amRadio is! Their performance at our grand opening in September was the highlight- what a great way for us to kick off a nationally recognized arts center. I knew they'd be good, but they were off the charts awesome. Working with amRadio was easy- prompt, professional and just damn good.

Listening to amRadio was great- immensely talented, down to earth people playing really good, classic rock! They played all my favorites. I was singing along and I wasn't the only one- all around me, people were singing and loving it. One word for the brass section- incredible! The crowd was totally into the performance- tapping feet, singing and dancing. Encore! I got so many compliments on how good the band was. I hope they will come back to the Workhouse next year to perform for us again- maybe we can do this every year as a regular event. My advice to the band members- you guys need to quit your day jobs."

Tina Leone
President/CEO
The Lorton Arts Foundation, Inc.
Lorton, Virginia
www.lortonarts.org

“The afternoon of live sing-along hits provided the perfect backdrop for a truly sensational day. As I watched dozens of people dancing in front of the stage as amRadio performed, it really brought home to me that this first year festival had become even more than I had envisioned. amRadio brought a delightful combination of professionalism and outstanding talent to the event, and for that I thank you sincerely. I look forward to working with amRadio again at next year’s “Second Annual Harvest Festival”

Cordially,
Dan Tompkins
Tunkhannock Rotary Club
Harvest Fest Chairman
www.tunkhannockrotary.com

“amRadio band artists are seasoned musicians. Their crisp sound and passionate delivery bring a quality to the amRadio experience and a show that you must see. These musicians interact and can bounce ideas around spontaneously and allow the crowd to enjoy an awesome show. This group is one of the top acts in Wyoming County and soon to be one of the top bands in the Northeast.”

Corey Susz
Entertainment Purchaser
Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair
www.wyomingcountyfair.com

"The Wyoming County Chorale was fortunate enough to have amRadio perform as guest artists for our British-Invasion-themed concert in Fall of '07. The band drew a large and enthusiastic crowd, their set was spot on, and their Beatles renditions were just what the concert needed to drive the idea of the concert home! It's not often that you hear a 400-person audience singing backup vocals on 'Hey Jude', but that's the effect that amRadio has on people!"

Carl Shinko,
Director, Wyoming County Chorale
www.wyomingcountychorale.com

“You guys sounded absolutely phenomenal the other night.....No other band is even close when it comes to the vocal prowess you guys have going on. I seriously was amazed by the sound you guys had....and not to mention the rock solid tempos”

Randi Nichols
Local & Studio Musician