

## They're not just trying to quit their day jobs

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Six years ago it was a quiet neighborhood.

A group of middle-aged men, 16 children between them, passed each other at church, sports practices and potlucks. But it took a women's ministry's need for a country-western band at their Church of Latter Day Saints to pull their talent together.

Now they are a bookable popular band in Oregon playing events and private parties. The musical genre, however, has shifted to classic rock.

"We all played instruments as kids, but we had not been playing in an organized band for 15 or 20 years," Tom Larimer said.

The six men — Tom Larimer, Mike Kelly, Max Breedlove, Steve Davison, Tim Curry and Bill Larimer — come together on stage for fun and good tunes.

Tom Larimer is an attorney by day and a lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist on gig nights.

Ever since the group started, Liquid Assets has been playing classic rock for money and kicks, and they are just as busy as they want to be.

"We turn down twice as many gigs as we accept," Larimer said.

Many factors distinguish Liquid Assets from other local bands.

First of all, the band was formed way beyond the teenage dreams of garage bands and stardom. Second, their "tour" schedule is dictated by work and full family schedules. Third, if they played too much it might just not be fun anymore.

"We don't do this for money," Tom Larimer said, although the group charges about \$1,000 for an evening of classic rock and good clean fun.

"People really appreciate the rock-and-roll energy that we bring to an event but are not afraid to bring their kids or their grandma," Tom Larimer said.

Mike Kelly plays the bass guitar and sings. It's working together to make some good music that Kelly appreciates about being in the band.

"It is especially worth it when we are entertaining and the audience is having a good time," Kelley said.

When not entertaining, Kelly is a chief financial officer for KT Contracting in Keizer.

Tim Curry, drummer for the band and manufacturing engineer for Boeing in Gresham, had been involved in several bands in high school. But somewhere between getting married and having children, he sold his drums.

### Learn more

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"I like having people to play with," he said.

Curry grew up playing drums with people in his family and was glad to get back in it and use his talent.

Maybe a rock band that started as a church social doesn't sound quite right, but to these guys it's about talent and using God-given gifts.

"In our church, we believe in having a good time. We are fun people to be around. I have been blessed with a talent," Kelly said. "I have never had drum lessons, but I have been able to use my talent to make other people happy."

"We try to play good songs with good lyrics and good dance-type music," he said. "My parents raised me to like rock 'n' roll. My mom still likes it, and she is 72 years old."

Tom Larimer thinks that pursuing dreams is not just for the young but something everyone should do.

"With a new year on the horizon, I think everyone should try to do something they dream about," he said. "Whether it's rock climbing or writing short stories, it is a good example to set.

"I think everyone should pause and ask themselves, 'What would I rather be doing?'"

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