



Greetings Guys & Ghouls!

Just a reminder that punk & roll maniacs, The **SCARED STIFFS** will be back home in NYC on Saturday 7/23 for a killer show with Baltimore's Ubangis! Swing over to Otto's Shrunken Head (538 east 14 street, between A & B) for a great night of jungle rock!

Then, prepare yourself for the release of **Lugosi's Needle!** Poptown will have their debut EP, packed full of metal mayhem, available later this month! Keep checking the website!

Poptown welcomes home the Emperor of Rock, **Richie Scarlet!** After completing a highly successful tour with Mountain (which included headlining gigs as well as several weeks of opening up for Deep Purple), Richie is taking a well deserved break before hitting the road again. In addition to meeting a lot of his fans on the road, Richie had a great time hanging out with Roger Glover & company. He says that one of the highlights of the tour was when Ian Gillan called him out on stage to sing Smoke On The Water! It don't get better than that!

Look for Richie to be contributing a track to a new Poptown compilation album due out later this summer. In addition to the Emperor, tracks are expected from The Dead Elvi, Psychocharger, Calabrese, Bombshell & more! Stay tuned for more info about that!

On a sad note, it has been reported to us that saxophone player Scott Cutler has passed away. Scott gained notoriety playing on Richie Scarlet's *Hit for Hit* record. More recently, Scott appeared with **Chris Laubis** on his album *In A Wyrd Place*. Scott spent his last weeks at Millbrook Sound Studio recording as much as he could to preserve his music for his children. His contributions to our music will always be remembered and his company will be missed.

Finally, all of us at Poptown send out our congratulations to Mr. Mark & Mrs. Karen Collins who were wed on July 5, 2005 in Norfolk, Virginia. Karen is Associate Editor of More Sugar Magazine and has always been a great supporter of independent music. We wish them all the best!

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