

THE LIFE & TIMES OF ROBBI SPENCER

Based on Actual Events that are just too Bizarre to Make Up...



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It all started back in 1989 with Lost Sheep Records and Lost Sheep Publishing. Producer Robbi Spencer started the very first Full-Service Christian Record Label with a plush fully-automated recording studio on Madison Avenue in Sacramento. Robbi hosted a weekly Radio Show called "The Lost Sheep Radio Hour" every Friday evening from 5pm to 6pm on KFIA radio. Lost Sheep Publishing was the primary music publisher for all of Robbi Spencer's original music, as well as some of the other artists that were signed to the Lost Sheep Records label.



Robbi sold Lost Sheep Records in 1992 for \$450,000 and then moved to Oklahoma City, to work for MidWest MIDI Consultants and John Fordenbacher of IBM. Robbi had already been working with MidWest MIDI creating sequences for the Roland MT-32 Sound Module and had gained popularity on Pre-Internet BBS's (Dial-up Bulletin Board Systems).

In 1993, Robbi moved back to California to be close to his family. During that time Robbi performed live in bands like Tangent and Navarro and opened for groups like The Tubes, Greg Kihn, The Georgia Satellites and Tommy Tutone. Coming from a musical family, Robbi really enjoyed his time performing live. Though Robbi lived mostly in the Sacramento area, his heart wasn't into living in a concrete jungle, so eventually he moved to La Grande, Oregon.



When Robbi first moved to La Grande, Oregon it wasn't exactly clear of what he should do, but as always God was leading the way in his life. Robbi met Mike Maguire who was working for Varsity Contractors doing the floors in all the GTE buildings in N.E. Oregon. He offered Robbi a job and from there it was obvious what Robbi needed to do. He began working at Audio & Computers Unlimited for Jack Bedoe. Jack was a great man and he helped Robbi on more than one occasion. Having access to the entire GTE phone network, Robbi began doing some corporate-type espionage by scoping out the framework for the communications hub of La Grande, OR.

In addition to working as a Custodial Engineer for Varsity Contractors, Robbi also built and fixed computers for Jack at the stereo store. Another opportunity arose at the local FM Radio Station KUBQ La Grande/Baker City and Robbi began doing the morning show for Jamie. With three part-time jobs, Robbi had everything he needed to form NEOCOM, North East Oregon Communications Group, a cutting-edge communications company!



It wasn't long before the entire town was buzzing about this city slicker from California who rolled into town and was going to take over the Internet market for N.E. Oregon. A lot of people got their feathers ruffled when Robbi worked a deal with ComSat Technologies to install a Dish in Portland and one in La Grande, making it possible for local residents to surf the web at much higher speeds.

Working with Audio & Computers Unlimited, Robbi convinced Jack Bedoe to build several computers to donate to the La Grande Public Library. Once again, the competition was very upset that Robbi would do all this. The people who owned Oregon Trail Internet were especially butthurt, but when they lashed out at a public meeting, Robbi only upped the stakes by contracting with America Online to offer FREE access to the Internet.



Robbi became a local hero, but on July 4th he became a tyrant and a wanted man as people in the town began to conspire against him. First, the incident with Talina Smith and her mother who worked for the Battered Woman's Shelter called "Shelter from the Storm". Robbi hooked up with the wrong crowd and soon he was being stalked by a tweaker named "Steve". And then there was Robbi's crazy roommate Mark Carter, who got Robbi in trouble with the law, causing him to lose his job at the stereo store.

While working at the computer store, Robbi did manage to meet an attractive lady named Ally. When things went South for Robbi, she suggested that he move into her home and help her, so he humbly accepted. Some really freaky stuff happened after that and let's just say that she was the nuttiest person that Robbi EVER met!

Robbi was later ostracized by members of the community, causing him to lose his job at the radio station and from there it was obvious that La Grande had served its purpose. That was just fine. Time to Move On!

While in La Grande, Robbi met a lot of very interesting people and had a chance to see life from a different perspective. People from Oregon despise Californians, but it should be the other way around actually. The drugs and the weird surroundings were damaging on Robbi's psyche, but the beauty of the countryside and the friendship of Mike Maguire and his family made up for any of the bad things that he experienced there.

People's hearts are sometimes delicate things that need to be respected as such and treated with the ultimate love and compassion. Robbi spent a lot of his time in Oregon reflecting (and hiding). Even after Robbi left La Grande, he still felt the creepiness of all the drug people and all the scandalous behavior from adults.



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