



The Monkeywrench

Mark Arm—vocals
Tom Price—Guitar, vocals
Tim Kerr—guitar, vocals
Steve Turner—bass, vocals
Martin Bland—drums, vocals

The Supergroup is back. That's right! **The Monkeywrench** is alive once again. If you don't know the story, here's how it goes:

The Monkeywrench began when **Mark Arm** and **Steve Turner** met **Tim Kerr** in Texas about a decade ago. Mark told Tim how much he liked **Poison 13**. **Poison 13** had a bunch of unrecorded songs, and the idea was hatched. In 1991, Mark recruited **Tom Price** on guitar, since the **U-Men** had hung out in Texas for awhile and came home playing "One Step Closer". Steve promised he could play the bass "pretty good", and **Martin Bland** landed in Seattle from Australia. Two weeks later, "Clean As A Broke Dick Dog" was in the can and Tim was back home in Texas. A couple of live shows in '92 and then nothing. Every so often one member would say to another member "We should do that again." They did. April 1999 found our boys hastily preparing for a short set at **Woodstock '99**. When they were informed how lame that was, they opted for **Garage Shock '99** instead. It was quickly apparent that the magic was still there, and plans to record again were soon in place.

The list of bands that these guys have been in over the years is more than impressive. **Tim Kerr** was in the original skate punk band the **Big Boys**, **Bad Mutha Goose**, **Poison 13**, **Jack o' Fire**, **King Sound Quartet**, and the **Lord High Fixers**. Tim is also moved behind the mixing board to produce a slew of bands such as: **The Makers**, **The Quadrajets**, **Fireballs of Freedom**, **Gasoline**, **Madame X**, **Sugar Shack**, **The Gimmicks**, **Estrella 20/20**, and **The Insomniacs**, just to name a few.

Mark Arm is probably best known as the front man for **Mudhoney**. But was also in **Green River**, and the **Thrown Ups** to name a few, and is still in **Bloodloss**. **Steve Turner's** band history is just about the same as Mark's. Aside from the obvious, **Mudhoney**, Steve was also in the **Thrown Ups**, and **Green River** with Mark. Steve briefly played bass with the **Fallouts**, and he is also the man behind **Super Electro** records.

Tom Price has done stints in many bands as well. Most notable of the many are Northwest legends the **U-Men**, and **Gas Huffer**. **Martin Bland** was in **Lubricated Goat**, and is also in **Bloodloss** with Mark Arm.

It's been just about 8 years since the bands first record "Clean as a Broke Dick Dog" was released on Sub Pop. This past May, **the Monkeywrench** played their 4th show in their existence at **Garage Shock '99**. It looked to the crowd as though the band had been playing all along not that they had taken a 7 year vacation. A couple of months ago the band took a night off from recording their second record to grace the stage of the **Crocodile Café** in Seattle.

Estrus Records is very proud to present the second full-length record from **the Monkeywrench**. "Electric Children" was recorded this past November in Seattle at **Private Radio** with **Jack Endino** turning the knobs. What a combo: **Mark Arm**, **Steve Turner**, **Tim Kerr**, **Tom Price**, **Martin Bland**, and **Jack Endino**. The record turned out great, and how could it not. Rumor has it that **the Monkeywrench** might be playing shows again in the near future. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled and check for the latest info at www.estrus.com.