

Rockin' Giblaltars / Montgomery, Alabama

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Brief Description	Outstanding band that played the Alabama/Georgia/Florida circuit in the mid 60s, covered STAX and James Brown very well; comments by band drummer, Bobby Dupree, included in the book as well as photos; band moved to L.A. (Los Angeles), not Lower Alabama, in late 60s, changed name to Heart, had several recordings, eventually folded, but two members of band Johnny Townsend (lead vocals) and Ed Sanford, (keyboards), formed Sanford Townsend Band (<i>Smoke From A Distant Fire</i>), RG's reformed in 90s and recorded several cuts produced by Dan Penn, including <i>Smoke Filled Room</i> .			
Year Established	1965-1968			
Favorite Venues	Old Dutch Inn, Panama City, Florida			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B: singles- <i>It Will Stand, Bug of Soul</i>			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Dupree, Bobby	Tallasee	Drums	1965-1968	Bobby also worked at Muscle Shoals for years as engineer; he recalled that the band recorded <i>It Will Stand</i> at Muscle Shoals immediately after Wilson Pickett recorded <i>Land of 1000 Dances</i> . Both songs produced by Dan Penn. "Dan was a sight to see, he was in his bathrobe and slippers with a cigarette in hand."
Sanford, Ed	Los Angeles, CA	Keyboards	1965-1968	After Heart, teamed with vocalist John Townsend to become Sanford Townsend Band.
Crumpton, Rusty		Guitar	1965-1968	
Grier, Sonny		Lead Vocals	1965-1968	Noted for James Brown medley.
Brewer, Keith		Bass	1965-1968	
Monroe, Ronnie		Trombone		