

Bill Deal & The Rhondels / Virginia Beach, Virginia
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Brief Description	It's the opinion of Dick Hodges, long time manager of The Divots of Roanoke, Virginia, that Bill Deal invented Beach Music. "He was playing all the music right off the beach at the Carosel and Peppermint Beach Club and calling it 'Beach Music' long before I ever heard the term anywhere else." Regardless of who first coined the term, Bill Deal & The Rhondels embodied the music. Chapter 18 of <i>The Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music</i> , The Real Deal & Other Virginia Bands, is a chapter that spotlights the Virginia R&B bands of the '60s with narratives and stories written for the book by the musicians. The admiration by these musicians for Bill Deal is very apparent. <i>I've Been Hurt</i> by Bill Deal & The Rhondels is featured on one of the two CDs that			
Year Established	1960 - Current (Bill Deal's Rhondels)			
Favorite Venues	Virginia Beach			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B <i>May I</i> (1968), <i>I've Been Hurt</i> (1968) <i>What Kind Of Fool Do You Think I Am</i> (1969) <i>Nothing Succeeds Like Success</i> (1969)			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Deal, Bill	Deceased	Vocals, Keyboards	1961-2003	One of the genre's most endearing
Tharp, Ammon	Va Beach	Drums, Vocals	1960-1978	Fat Ammon Band, Shieks of Shag (88), Rhondells, Mystics Soul Bubbas
Shriner, Al	Norfolk, Va	Guitar	1960-	
Ash, Mike	Norfolk, Va	Saxophone	1960-1961	
Stillman, Mike	Yolanda, Calif	Saxophone	1960-1961	
Bennett, Byran	Hillsdale, Ala	Trumpet	1960-1961	
Smith, Joel	Va Beach	Guitar	1961-1964	
Weaver, Bill	Deceased	Saxophone	1962-1965	
Shelton, Jackie	Va Beach	Bass	1961-1963	
Anderson, JT	West, VA	Guitar	1962-1965	
Allsbrook, Jimmy	Va Beach	Drums	1962	6 Months / Ammon Return FT/Life Membership
Hallman, Ronnie	Chesapeake Va	Trumpet	1961-1963	
Calligan, Perry	Roanoke, Va	Guitar	1965	
Quisenberry, Don	Va Beach	Bass	1964-1978	Fat Ammon Band / Currently leads FAB Group....
Bell, George	Va Beach	Saxophone	1961-1975	In& Out of the Group Several Times
Ligart, Rollie	NewportNews Va	Trumpet	1965-1970	
Dawson, Ken	Wilmington, NC	Trumpet	1963-1970	
Copeland, Kenny	Va Beach	Trombone/Saxophone	1963-1969	
Hines, Roy	NewportNews Va	Vocals	1964-1966	Soul/Singer Act
Stephenson, Gloria	NewportNews Va	Vocals	1964-1966	Soul/Singer Act
Kerwin, Mike	Norfolk, Va	Guitar	1965-1978	Fat Ammon Band/ Back to Current Rhondels
Church, Gary	Hampton, Va	Vocals	1966-1967	

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Kelly, Asa	Deceased	Road Crew	1964-1967	
Everett, Bobby	Portsmouth, Va	Road Crew	1964-1967	
Pittman, Tommy	Boston, Mass	Saxophone	1966-1969	
Rosenbaum, Ronnie	Chesapeake Va	Trombone	1966-1971	
Hardy, Gary	Va Beach	Trumpet	1968-1976	BJ Thomas Band/Music Director
Fletcher, Randy	Nashville, Tenn	Sound Engineer/Lights	1968-1978	ZZ top, Tour Manger for Brooks & Dunn
Tarkenton, Tuck	Florida	Sound Enginer	1967-1974	
Pollard, Jeff	Florida	Trumpet	1970-1973	
Fisher, Bobby	Utah	Saxophone	1970-1976	
Shipp, Willie	Norfolk, Va	Road Crew	1971-1975	
Galucci, Tom	Florida	Saxophone, Guitar	1971-1973	
Barge, Leon	DC Area	Congas/Percussion	1971-1973	
Rogers, Wilson	Alexandria, Va	Saxophone, Vocals	1972-1973	From Black & Blue
Owens, Freddy	Deceased	Saxophone, Vocals	1971-1978	From The In-Men Ltd./Peace Core
Eaton, Howard	Greensboro, NC	Trumpet. Vocals	1971-1973	From The In-Men Ltd./Peace Core
Green, Linda	DC Area	Vocals	1971-1974	From Black & Blue then to Peaches & Herb
Cooper, Chatty	Aspen, Colorada	Congas/Percussion	1972-1974	
Sledge, Marion	Detroit Area	Vocals	1973	Summer (Percy's Cousin)
Hill, Everett	Deceased	Trumpet	1973-1978	
Brown, Gary	Little River, SC	Vocals	1973-1979	to Catalinas
Pope, Randy	Va Beach	Guitar	1974	
Wilkes, Ray	Roanoke, Va	Guitar	1974-1975	
Burns, Bruce	Charolotte, NC	Saxophone	1974-1977	
Hogan, Jimmy	Va Beach	Sound Engineer	1975-1977	
Maynard, Mark	Roanoke, Va	Trombone	1975-1976	
Williams, Dave	Chesapeake Va	Trumpet	1975-1977	
Jacobs, Bernie	Norfolk, Va	Saxophone, Vocals	1976	
Porter, Alan	Norfolk, Va	Bass	19780-1979	
Williams, Eddie	Norfolk, Va	Saxophone	1978	
Bily, Bennie	Va Beach	Bass	1979	
Tennant, Chris	Charolotte, NC	Trombone	1977-1978	
Barringer, Ken	Va Beach	Trumpet	1978-1979	
Sharp, R.B.	NewportNews Va	Guitar	1978-1982	
Roberts, Mike	Richmond, Va	Trumpet	1977-1981	
Scott, Tom	Chesapeake Va	Drums, Vocals	1978-1981	replaced Ammon whern Fat starts Fat Ammon Band
Kessinger, Wayne	Va Beach	Bari Sax & Vocals	1979-Current	

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Justice, Edgar	Va Beach	Guitar, Trumpet	1977-Current	Has a group called The Rhondels
Stanley, Audie	Richmond, Va	Bass	1979-1981	
Swisher, Curtis	Tappahannock Va	Trumpet	1979-1981	
Agans, Bill	Va Beach	Band	1979-1981	
Percer, Mike	Va Beach	Band	1979-1981	
				Reformed as Bill Deal's Rhondels after Fat Ammon and Bill Deal's Sheiks of Shags
Deal, Bill	Deceased	Keys, Vocals	1990's-2003	Bill passed away - Dec 2003
Tharp, Ammon	Va Beach	Drums, Vocals	1990's-2001	
Morris, Sonny	Va Beach	Drums, Vocals	2001-Current	
Bell, George	Va Beach	Saxophone	1990s-2001	
Kessinger, Wayne	Va Beach	Bari Sax & Vocals	1990s-Current	
Fitzgerald, Ed	Chesapeake, Va	Trumpet, Vocals	1990s-2001	
Bleakley, Brian	Va Beach	Trumpet, Vocals	1990s- 2001	
Hardy, Gary	Va Beach	Trumpet, Vocals	1990s-Current	
Kerwin, Mike	Norfolk, VA	Guitar	2001-Current	
Pope, Randy	Va Beach	Keyboards, Vocals	2003-Current	
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