

## More cool websites... that you'll want to bookmark immediately.

### Musician War



There's something about the guitar that just lends itself to competition. Popular bands stay in the headlines by ripping on another band's skill, and on the

floor of every guitar show, you'll hear frenzied shredders trying to out duel the next guy. And while there is rarely a clear-cut winner declared in the physical world (besides the occasional backstage fistfight), Musician War has shown up to crown the Internet's finest players.

This unique website lets users go head to head with players from around the world, and lets the Musician War community decide the victor. Guitarists first decide which category they would like to compete in – categories include accuracy, musical complexity, compositional focus, speed focus, etc, and competitions may be in a specific genre (metal, jazz, etc.). They then upload an mp3 file of their playing, and are matched against another guitarist's mp3. Community users vote on which guitarist plays with better accuracy, complexity, focus, speed, or is more true to their specific genre, and so on. In the end, one guitarist wins and receives legitimate bragging rights to take to their next bar gig.

There are a variety of competition options available to members – skill challenges, grudge matches (where you can single out a user and say, "let's do this."), team challenges (where several users essentially create music as a band) and championship matches – meaning that the odds of you getting bored are slim indeed. And Musician War has wisely structured their challenges so that all the users involved can provide constructive feedback, helping everyone involved improve as a musician.

There's also a wide array of chat forums and message boards for members to take advantage of, meaning that you might learn a thing or two. Which can only help you win more competitions.

Throw down at [guitarwar.com](http://guitarwar.com)

### Antique Vintage Guitars Info

Learning about vintage instruments can be fun – it usually entails looking at pictures of old Les Pauls and first-year Strats and drooling profusely. On the flip side, learning about the minute details of vintage guitars can be a brain-burning endeavor – memorizing scale lengths, screw head shapes and serial numbers are all tasks required for the serious vintage lover, even though it takes a lot of dedicated research and know-how.

Antique Vintage Guitars Info is a great resource for the guitarist looking for specific, detailed info about a variety of once cool, now priceless axes. Compiled by a single, dedicated gearhead, this utilitarian website will tell you everything you've ever wanted to know about Fender, Gibson, Martin, Gretsch, Rickenbacker and more, all without having to sit in the stacks at the library, cracking open books.



It may not be the prettiest or flashiest website, but in-between reading articles about Kluson tuners from the '40s to the '60s and a detailed look inside a '54 Strat, you'll wonder how you ever got by without it. There are

also tons of great photos, especially of guitars that have become extremely hard to find today, and the webpage's author is a vintage buyer/seller himself, so the information comes from an experienced, knowledgeable source. Make special note to check out the section on appraising vintage guitars – it will be an eye opener.

Overall, Antique Vintage Guitars Info is a great resource for anyone interested in exploring the vintage world.

Get to vintage school at <http://www.provide.net/~cfh/index.html>