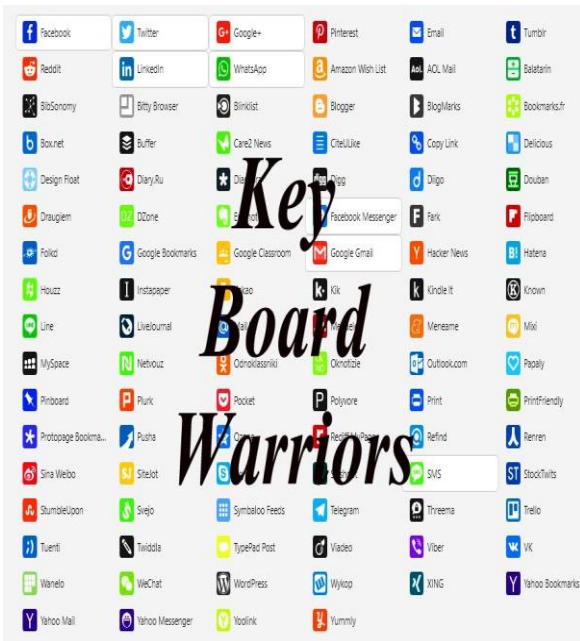


Who are the KB Warriors of the web?

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Long before the internet, we had warriors of every kind. There were the [Bodgies](#), the [Widgies](#), the [Rock and Rollers](#), the [Mods](#), the [Skinheads](#), [Vigilantes](#), the [Bikies](#), the [Street Gangs](#), and a host of other wannabee warriors roaming the streets.

We fought amongst ourselves and invariably we were more mischievous in our outlook on life rather than sinister and such we were relatively tolerated. I was and still am a Rock and Roller and even today I love listening to old Rock and Roll music while I am reflecting on life. Rock and Roll gets the old blood boiling, passions return and before you know it, I am up and moving around feeding my depleted brain cells with the music of the past.



I chuckle to myself when I hear a familiar song and I reflect back to my youth where we were going to live forever. I loved being with my mates and there was never a day that did not go by without us doing something that was considered outrageous and possibly stupid by today's standards of political correctness. No internet, no Facebook, No Twitter, No LinkedIn, No websites just our little old transistor radio that we would listen to. You were something else if you had a car and could drive. It attracted others to you as you could drive around cruising into neighbouring suburbs, raiding others territories and if you were lucky enough created some ruckus of sorts.

Today, those days have disappeared and replaced by a new generation I call the KBWs'. KBWs' or for the purists "[Key Board Warriors](#)" are so fearless, powerful, influential, destructive as well as constructive and believe that they will live forever. But there is a twist to being a KBW as there are no age barriers and in fact if you use one of the many online social media communication outlets like [Twitter](#), [Google](#), [My Space](#), [Facebook](#), [WhatsApp](#) and so forth. Fingers, brain and keyboard are the new tools of the trade so it seems and people are incensed that they may receive information in the form of emails, articles, images and/or videos which they did not subscribe to.

At an age of where privacy is in a headlock by internet users, obtaining email addresses is common place. Harvesting email addresses is not new, nor is it against the law, but some may argue why receive information when we did not subscribe to a product or particular site. This is where [honeypots](#), harvesting and capturing emails are commonplace and used by call centres, organisations that offer free products or institutions that answer queries capture email addresses. Some are so open about the harvesting email addresses such as charities, welfare organisations, non-government organisations and a host of other like-minded institutions. Such is the way of today's world. A technological age which has its positives as well as its negatives. We the [baby boomers](#) are probably more at risk because of our poor understanding of technology.

My advice to those who are offended is to block or identify the sender as [spam](#). Furthermore, find the website and unsubscribe from being on a database not of your choosing. On my website for example, I have a program called [Akismet](#) which monitors emails and comments visiting the website. I receive thousands up thousands of emails every week. Many are bogus emails sent by mischievous hackers. Some of the emails are sent by individuals who are testing their skills against the website defence system which in my case is [Word Fence](#) and is my second line of defence against hackers and mischievous wannabee keyboard warriors. Despite these safeguard, a few manage to get through and it is those that make it difficult for the webmaster to explain why the individual's emails are on the data base.



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