

Dave Meltzer

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I emailed Dave pretty early on, in late 2000 or so. He emailed me back a short email. 'Call Larry Matysik...' and included Larry's number. That was it.

I later ran into him when I was doing interviews at APW's King of the Indies tournament on October 27, 2001. He remembered my email and told me he was a huge mark for Brody. He said he would do an interview with me. I emailed him and he emailed back.

It ends up he lives about 45 minutes from me. My friend Tomas brought his camera and we borrowed a lighting package and headed over to Dave's house. He was watching either AAA or CMLL wrestling from Mexico when we got there. He told me his favorite luchadore was Atlantis. I told him mine was Super Porky, I was joking, and I think I lost a few points in his mind.

I was really surprised that there were so few reminders that Dave ran the Observer. There was a little stack of Observers and a bookshelf with about fifty wrestling tapes and that was it.

The interview was great and Dave's mind is like a steel trap. I guess nothing escapes it. His memory was incredible. Even now, after all my research I go back and watch that interview and am surprised at everything he remembers.

Dave filled in a lot of gaps as far as Brody's time in Japan and a little about his early life.