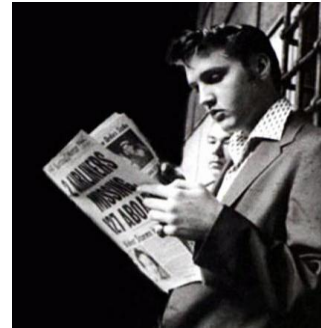


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Have you heard the NEWS



There's Good Rocking Tonight

News letter for members of the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club, Elvis-Aberdeen.

New Elvis 'Gladiators' DVD to debut in August

Most Elvis fans know of Elvis' great love of karate but what some do not know is that during 1974 Elvis was producing a documentary film about Karate and his love of the sport. In the documentary he appeared giving demonstrations to pupils at various studios and it was intended that this film would be released around 1975. For various reasons the plan did not proceed and only some parts of the footage have appeared in films such as 'This Is Elvis' and also on bootleg dvd's, however in August a new dvd will be released with the full support of EPE showing much more footage than has been seen before. The following press release gives more information;



For nearly two decades, Elvis Presley practiced the art of karate with skill and enormous dedication. The discipline brought a thrilling new physicality to his film and stage performances, but fans have never before had the chance to see the King in authentic action.

A collector's edition set from Madacy Entertainment available this August provides exactly that opportunity, bringing together footage from Elvis' never-completed martial arts epic The New Gladiators along with insightful commentary by fellow-enthusiast Wayne Carman who was with Elvis when much of the footage was shot.

This exciting new collectors set also includes an informative booklet that explores the singer's relationship with the art of karate, an evocative photo-retrospective and six collectable postcards.

Elvis Presley Gladiators – The 1974 Elvis

Karate Legacy Project will be available at Graceland in mid-August and fans will soon be able to pre-order this exciting new product on shopelvis.com.

I also read in Elvismatters.com that Andrew Hearn of Essential Elvis is the driving force behind this dvd as he has been working on this project for almost ten years.

Wayne Carman, who can be seen with Elvis in the movie and who wrote a very good book entitled 'Elvis's Karate Legacy' is apparently providing the commentary on the dvd.

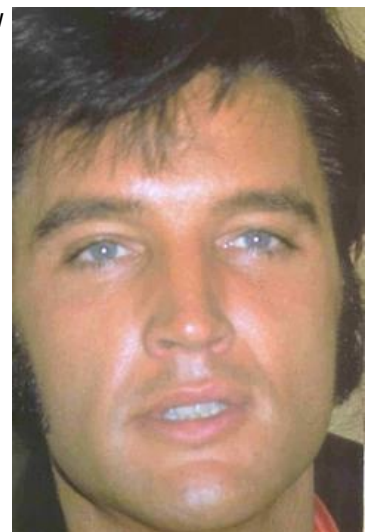
I always thought Elvis looked cool in his Karate 'Gi' so am looking forward to seeing what will hopefully be some great footage.

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Elvis Trivia

'New Morning' was the title of a Bob Dylan tribute album to Elvis released on Columbia records (Columbia 30290) in October 1971.



New Books / Projects Announced

There has been a few new books announced recently. (Easy to see that August 16th is around the corner again.)

'The King and Dr.Nick: What Really Happened With Elvis and Me' is due out in February 2010 and is by the infamous Dr George Nichopoulos and is said to contain the 'truth' about Elvis' death from the doctor who spent a decade with Elvis on the road and at Graceland, trying to maintain the precarious health of one of the world's greatest entertainers. But on August 16th, 1977 he found himself in the ambulance with Elvis on that fateful last trip to the ER.

I guess you will all have to make your mind up on this one and suspect it will cause many arguments. I did however recently notice that a number of people in Elvis' inner circle have recently come to the defence of Dr.Nick so it may be an interesting read...

Another one to watch out for is 'Elvis: My Best Man' by George Klein. This may be a very interesting read indeed as George Klein is one of the few who were around Elvis for a number of years who has never actually written a book until now. I am sure there will be a lot of great material in there and will definitely be on my shopping list. The book is due for release in January 2010.

Finally, I hear that a new musical documentary is in post-production entitled 'This Time' and features those lovely girls who backed Elvis throughout the 1970's, yes you've guessed it, 'The Sweet Inspirations'. Original members Myrna Smyth and Estelle Brown and 'new' member Portia Griffin are followed by the cameras. The highlight of their success was in the sixties and seventies. They were not only very popular as Elvis' backing vocalists, Aretha Franklin and Dusty Springfield are some of the other famous artists that hired the Sweets during studio sessions. Besides their career as backing vocalists they were also very successful as a solo group. It is this part of their careers that the director is concentrating on so at this stage it is unclear if there will be a lot of footage of Elvis included in the documentary. May be interesting none the less...



Elvis The Concert—SECC March 6th 2010

The club has now sold all 30 tickets which were purchased in advance for the show and whilst there are still tickets available directly from the SECC, anyone wishing to come on the bus will have to purchase their own tickets and then book a seat on the bus.

Please note that the price for the bus only will be £10 and spaces are very limited. Please book by sending payment to the address overleaf, with cheques payable to Ally Rose or Richard Stables.

The bus will return to Aberdeen directly after the show.

Shawn Klush Concert In Edinburgh—Friday 28th August

For those of you who were interested in attending the Shawn Klush event I regret to inform you that there has been insufficient demand from club members in this event to warrant an organized trip.

Anyone still wishing to attend can contact the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh directly or alternatively book by calling the number below. For anyone interested please contact Arron James on 07796 616808 or by email to; arronjamesenterprises@yahoo.co.uk

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Next Dance: Friday 31st July