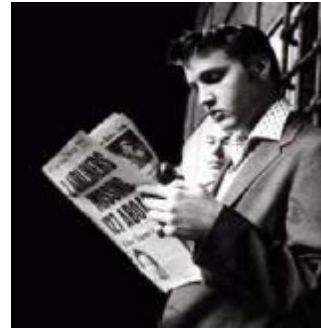


Have you heard the NEWS



"There's Good Rocking Tonight"

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

ELVIS 75

This month sees the 75th Anniversary of Elvis' Birth and the celebrations will soon be in full swing in Memphis and all over the world. A Big Thank you to our own BBC for broadcasting a number of Elvis programmes during the last week or so including an interesting documentary on Elvis & Las Vegas. In addition, there has been a number of programmes on the radio.

Some of you may also have seen the latest Elvis 75 release, a 3 CD set which has just hit the record stores. (Bought my copy today). The birthday celebrations will kick off in Memphis on January 7th and promises to be the largest ever, with thousands of fans travelling to Memphis from around the world to join Lisa Marie and Priscilla Presley in celebrating this landmark year.

A variety of birthday week events will help kick-off the year-long 75th birthday celebration, with additional events occurring throughout 2010 that will celebrate the life and legacy of Elvis Presley, the undisputed King of Rock 'n' Roll.

No matter where they are in the world, fans can be part of the 75th Anniversary of Elvis' Birthday at Graceland this year. On January 8th Elvis.com will stream the annual Elvis Presley Birthday Proclamation Ceremony live as it happens at Graceland in Memphis. Elvis' 400,000 plus Facebook friends can share their comments when they join a live chat during the ceremony via the video streaming page on www.elvis.com. On January 8, 2010, Elvis' birthday, a special exhibit will open at Graceland in Memphis that will chronicle Elvis' life. Starting with his birth in 1935, it follows through high school graduation and his last few days before stepping into the spotlight and becoming an international singing sensation. The exhibit, titled "From Tupelo to Memphis," gives fans a glimpse at rarely seen artifacts, such as photos of Elvis from his childhood, report cards and one of Elvis' first pay stubs from his days as a delivery truck driver before making his first recording at Sun Studio on July 5, 1954. Also opening on Elvis' birthday is a special exhibit featuring Elvis' iconic stage costumes from 1969-1977. This charts the evolution of the design of Elvis' stage-wear, popularized during his Las Vegas engagements and concert tours. Inspired by Elvis' great interest in karate, simple wool gabardine suits were engineered with tunic-style tops and long, karate-style belts knotted to one side with the ends dangling from the hip. More than 20 of these costumes, now considered works of art, will be on display in this special exhibit that is included in the VIP Tour at Graceland.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ELVIS ABERDEEN

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Members and Friends a Happy New Year. We cannot continue to run this club without your support and this support given to us by our Members has been invaluable throughout the year. Thank you so much.

The Christmas Party was well attended by around 90 people on December 11th and was a great evening. For the Members who missed the Christmas Night, we hope to see you again soon. Please remember there is no January Dance so the next Elvis Night will be on Friday 5th February and the first Friday of each month thereafter.



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Elvis Trivia

Quote for the month;
"He was an integrator, Elvis was a blessing. They wouldn't let black music through. He opened the door for black music." **Little Richard**





Elvis—The King of Las Vegas

A great new book about Elvis' life in Las Vegas from 1956 to 1976 has just been released and looks to be one to look out for. I have seen reviews and pictures from the book online so now need to try and track down a copy of it...

The book has some stunning Vegas photographs in fantastic quality and runs to 360 pages with 1300 pictures. It also weighs 5 pounds so make sure that coffee table is up to it!!

ROCK N' ROLL NIGHT REMINDER —Friday 15th January 2010, 8.00pm—1.00am, 15 Bon-Accord Square, Aberdeen There will be a Rock n'Roll night at the club on Friday 15th January for those interested. It is sure to be a great night with lot's of Rock n' Roll hits being played by the likes of Billy Fury, Buddy Holly and Little Richard. Garry, Gary and Steve will be on hand to take care of business on the night and it is sure to be a fantastic night. Garry Leiper has also advised that this will be a Charity Night, so any funds raised will be given to the next charity chosen by the Elvis Club. A very nice gesture indeed. For any further information please contact Garry Leiper.

Be Careful What You Spend Your Money On...

Even now, 32 years after Elvis died there are still sensationalist books hitting the bookshelves and 'Baby Lets Play House' by Alanna Nash is no exception. I have read part of this and also some online background information on it, and my advice to you all is STAY AWAY JOE! The Book is garbage and should never have hit the shelves. It is clearly from the 'Albert Goldman School of Journalism' and is best avoided if you have not already ordered. The book unfortunately even tries to sensationalise further by asking the opinion of a psychologist to interpret Elvis' attitudes to women and sex. This book has clearly very little to do with the women who loved Elvis but instead concentrates on gutter press innuendo and unsubstantiated 'facts'. Clearly the author was looking to make some cash from a serialisation in 'The Sun'!

Elvis The Movie

If anyone remembers 'Elvis The Movie' from 1979 starring Kurt Russell and directed by John Carpenter, it is being released on DVD for the first time on March 2nd. This collectible DVD features the main presentation of the movie restored from the original film elements as it was meant to be seen, as well as an array of bonus features including: 'Bringing A Legend To Life', a featurette with archival interviews of Kurt Russell and John Carpenter (1979); commentary by 'The Voice Of Elvis', Ronnie McDowell, and author Edie Hand; rare clips and captivating photo gallery. Elvis The Movie garnered a Golden Globe nomination and multiple Emmy® nominations, including one for Kurt Russell as Outstanding Lead Actor for his incandescent performance as the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

MEMPHIS 2011 ?

A question has arisen from various members at the club about the possibility of another organised trip to Memphis following the very successful one in 2007. As we are interested in exploring this further if there is sufficient interest, we would be grateful if anyone seriously interested could give their names to the committee and they will be included on any further correspondence on this matter. The probable timing of this trip would be late 2011 which would be sufficient time to make the arrangements and save up! However, if anyone has any reason to suggest another time, all ideas or suggestions are welcome. At this stage we are only trying to gauge interest to see if there would be enough numbers to make the event worth organising. In addition, if anyone is willing to undertake any of the organisation required, please let yourself be known as I know how much time and energy was spent by Ally and Jennifer on the last organised trip.

Just remembered, I will now have to go and ask my wife if there is any chance I can go too!!!

Please advise name and contact info either by email, phone or alternatively to the committee at the next 2/3 few Elvis nights.

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Next Dance: Friday 5th February