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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.

Elvis-Aberdeen—Memphis Trip October 2011 ?

As some of you may know, we have been for some time thinking about organising a trip to Memphis in October 2011. As a result of this we have made some investigations and have been given indications of price (see below) from Ramsey Travel in Aberdeen.

We now need to know names of people who are genuinely interested in going before we make a final decision and book with the Travel Agent. We therefore require that anyone interested advises us of Name and Passport Number as well as details of who they want to share rooms with. There is a marked difference in the cost so please bear that in mind when advising us.

We will require confirmation of names no later than 8th December, but preferably by our Christmas Night which is on 3rd December.

The flights are on 8th October from Aberdeen and via London and Newark. There was an alternative from Edinburgh which was £60 less but we did not think this would be the preferred option. The cost includes Flights as well as accommodation for seven nights at Heartbreak Hotel on Elvis Presley Boulevard.

- 3 adults sharing room £869 per person
- 2 adults sharing room £935 per person
- 1 adult in room £1,210 per person

At this stage there are no costs known for any additional trips we may plan to Tupelo or on Riverboat, however these would be advised later.

PLEASE NOTE: NAMES REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Elvis-Aberdeen—Prestwick Trip 8th January 2011

The club is once again making the trip to Prestwick in January for Elvis' Birthday Bash. This has always been a popular event and Elvis Aberdeen will therefore once again be supporting it.

The event will take place as usual at Prestwick Airport and accommodation has been arranged at a local Travelodge.

Please advise names as soon as possible as numbers are restricted by the size of the minibus.

The price will be in the region of £50 including overnight hotel accommodation at the Ayr Travelodge and Ticket for the event (£7) as well as travel costs.

Names as soon as possible once again please to any of the Committee Members, Richard, Tracey, Bill, Steve, Ann or Morag.

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Elvis Trivia

Elvis would not watch Love Me Tender as Gladys & Vernon had bit parts in the movie and it was too sad for him to watch his mother after her death. Elvis also refused to watch Jailhouse Rock after leading lady Judy Tyler was tragically killed in a car crash.

REMEMBER ELVIS-ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS NIGHT ON 3RD DECEMBER !!



Jerry Scheff—In Person

The trip to Newcastle to meet Jerry Scheff at an event run by the Tyne & Wear branch of the Elvis Fan Club on 20th November had taken an age to come around as it had originally been planned for May this year, however it was with some enthusiasm that Ally Rose and I headed to Newcastle on our 'Road Trip'.

We were travelling to Newcastle to see the great Jerry Scheff, Elvis' Bass Player throughout the 70's and an integral part of Elvis' famous TCB Band along with James Burton, Ronnie Tutt, Glen Hardin and John Wilkinson.

We arrived at our hotel and bumped into Paul and Linda from The Elvis Touch in Glasgow along with some other well known faces representing their branch. It was great to see a large contingent from Scotland being represented.

The event turned out to be great despite the modest turnout of around 50. At least Scotland represented a fifth of the crowd there!

Jerry was in good form and told a few stories about the good old days playing in concert with Elvis. Jerry is 69 now (70 very soon) but the audience were enthused by some interesting stories interspersed with the occasional riff on Jerry's signature bass guitar.

Jerry advised that he would no longer be participating in 'Elvis The Concert' but would still from time to time appear with the TCB Band at events. It would certainly be fantastic to see him in Aberdeen at some point.



The night was enjoyed by everyone, especially as Jerry recounted some of his stories including first meeting Elvis. Would you guess he wasn't even a fan himself? Jerry pretty quickly changed his opinion of Elvis on first meeting him, and soon began to appreciate Elvis as an Artist as well as an individual.

Most poignant however was when Jerry recounted the story about hearing of Elvis' death. The band were on a private plane on their way to Bangor Main when the pilot got a message to land at Colorado. Someone called Memphis and they were given the news that Elvis had died. They just stood on the tarmac for a while. The only sound was sobbing from some of the people there. They got back on the plane and flew back to LA in silence. There was a terrible thunder storm as they landed and everyone just got off the plane and disappeared into the rain.

Thanks for a great evening Jerry. Hope to meet you again sometime...

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Next Dance: Friday 3rd December