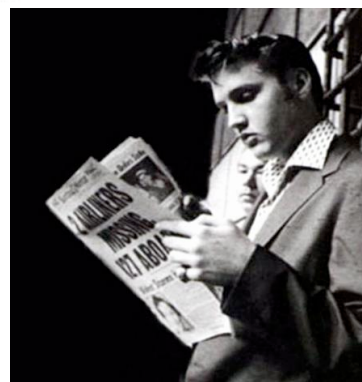




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"There's Good Rocking Tonight"

Newsletter for members of the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club, Elvis-Aberdeen

UNSEEN PHOTOS OF ELVIS IN THE ARMY

It was the most exciting day in a young girl's life - a meeting with Elvis Presley, a kiss on the cheek and the gift of a rose. These pictures, unearthed after 50 years, show the day a teenager met her rock 'n' roll idol while he was serving with the U.S. Army in Germany.

The girl's mother and father took her to Bad Nauheim in 1959 when Elvis was living there, close to his base. By a stroke of luck, they found him relaxing off-duty. The parents took the photographs in which their 16-year-old daughter is seen with Elvis, who in one snapshot has his arm around her as she wears his Army cap while he wears his combat helmet. Elvis, then aged 23, also signed some publicity photos that she already had of him.



The photographs were shown on BBC's Antiques Roadshow after a German-born Londoner brought them to one of the programmes at the British Museum. The woman in possession of the pictures, who wished to remain anonymous, was a 14-year-old schoolgirl living in Mainz when her friend revealed that she had met the world's most famous heart-throb. Roadshow memorabilia expert Hilary Kay said: 'I've never seen Elvis Presley look more gorgeous. It is a wonderful collection and the thing is that nobody knew these photographs existed'

She valued the collection at up to \$10,000 because the 'fan vase for Elvis is still really strong.' Roadshow presenter Fiona Bruce said: 'Those must be some of the most stunning pictures of a young Elvis I've ever seen and to think, they've never been seen in public before. 'No wonder Hilary Kay was looking so flushed!'

Source: Daily Mail

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

A (hopefully) final reminder that the Annual Membership fees were payable in March. The fee remains unchanged at £5 per year and includes Monthly Newsletters as well as the £1 discount on the door price at the Elvis Nights every month. Members whose fees remain unpaid will not receive their monthly newsletters.

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Elvis Trivia

Budapest's city council has approved a plan to name a small park after Elvis Presley in commemoration of The King's support for Hungary's anti-Soviet revolution of 1956. Budapest mayor Istvan Tarlos said that a plot near the Margaret Bridge will be called Elvis Presley Park to honor the singer's "sincere sympathy" toward the short-lived uprising.

On Jan. 6, 1957, during his last appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," Elvis sang a gospel standard, "Peace in the Valley," which Sullivan said reflected the singer's concern for Hungarians' plight after the uprising. Sullivan said Elvis wanted people to make donations to be sent to Hungary.

The site in Buda, separated from Pest by the Danube River, was chosen in voting held last month on the city website.

CLIFF AT GRACELAND

English pop star and Elvis fan Cliff Richard stopped by Graceland this weekend while in Memphis recording a new album. Richard, who has sold over 260 million records worldwide, dominated the British popular music scene in the pre-Beatles period of the late 1950s and early 1960s. His 1958 hit single 'Move It' is often described as Britain's first authentic rock 'n' roll song. He continues to record and perform around the world and is the only artist, other than Elvis, to make the UK singles charts in all of its first six decades (1950s–2000s).

This was a return visit for Richard who came to Graceland in the '60s as a guest of Elvis' father, Vernon Presley. Richard was very excited to be back at the home of the King of Rock 'n' Roll and said, 'Elvis is the reason I became a rock singer. If he hadn't been around, I don't think there would've been a Cliff Richard either'.

One very lucky group of Graceland guests, who happened to be from the UK, had a very special moment when, just before they entered the mansion for their tour, Cliff Richard exited.

Their mouths dropped open and one guest said, 'CLIFF RICHARD ... What are YOU doing here?' Richard responded with a smile, 'You never know who you are going to see at Graceland!'

Source: www.elvis.com.au

Elvis' Birthplace Gets \$6.6 Million Upgrade

A Tupelo tourism attraction which attracts over 75,000 visitors each year is about to receive a large face-lift. City leaders held a ground breaking at the place where Elvis Presley was born as it will soon expand 10,000 plus square-feet. Project plans estimate to cost about \$6.6 million including a theater, reception hall, walking trail, and other displays. Two and a half million dollars for this upgrade comes from the Mississippi Legislature, a wise investment according to some of our tourism experts. "For every dollar we spend in advertising and marketing in the state of Mississippi we get about seven dollars returned on that one dollar," says Neal McCoy, Director of the Tupelo Convention and Visitor's Bureau. "So this is a good sound investment we think will attract visitors." "We're the number one tourist attraction for the State of Mississippi. The state tourism people realize that and they're not afraid to put money into a project like this," believes Executive Director of the Elvis Presley Memorial, Dick Guyton.

Records show in 2010, the birthplace brought visitors in from all 50 states as well as 50 foreign countries.

Source: Elvis Unlimited

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