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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

There have been some recent meetings to discuss the future of Elvis Aberdeen, and the good news is that the club will thankfully be continuing, thanks to interest among current members to keep the club where it belongs, at the top of the tree as far as we are concerned!

A new committee has been formed which will take over at 10.30pm on 28th November comprising of the following members; Richard Stables – President, Tracey Walker – Vice President, Ann Cromarty, Bill Bruce and Stephen Baxter. The existing committee will step down at that date and there will be an official handover at the Elvis Night.

It is hoped that all members will be happy with the outcome and that they will continue to support the club over the forthcoming months and years.

There will be some changes over the next few months but it is felt by the new committee that in general the current format is well received and should not change too much. There was a question asked over whether the date of the Elvis Night should change but that has been investigated and is not an option for the foreseeable future so the last Friday of each month will continue during 2009.

There will be further news on the website and the new contact email address but that will be advised to members in due course. So for now, let's all keep Elvis' memory and our club alive.



'Christmas Duets' Due for release 3rd November

The soon to be released Elvis Presley – Christmas Duets is creating quite a stir online. The good news is that one half of the duet in each song is Elvis Presley, but, and there is a but, the other half are a selection of singers which some of us have never heard of, or is that just me?

The list includes Martina McBride, Carrie Underwood, Leanne Rimes and Olivia Newton-John, and should be well worthwhile investing in to hear how the duet has altered the original arrangements in each song. I have only heard snippets so far but although I feel that Elvis' music should not be messed around with, at least it introduces something a little different to the usual Christmas offering from Sony/BMG.

'Santa Claus is back in town' seems to work quite well with Wynona Judd, however I am not so sure about my favourite Elvis Christmas song 'Merry Christmas Baby' which is sung with Gretchen Wilson. I will still go out and buy a copy and I am sure it will get a few plays over the festive period. Let's make this a Christmas #1

Louisiana Hayride auditorium named National Historic Landmark: Shreveport's Municipal Auditorium, where Elvis performed at the Louisiana Hayride, was named as a National Historic Landmark the U.S. Interior Department announced Tuesday. "It's a wonderful designation that, hopefully, will allow us to go out and find grant money and other additional funding to do the things we need to do to make that a functional place," said Shreveport Councilman Michael Long, a musician who has been active with The Foundation for Arts, Music and Entertainment of Shreveport-Bossier. Municipal Auditorium is one of 16 sites to receive the designation this year of being significant in American history and culture. The local venue is known as the home of radio station KWKH's Louisiana Hayride, country music's most innovative and experimental radio show from 1948-58, the Interior Department noted. The City-owned Art Deco-style auditorium was built in the 1920s and was dedicated to World War I veterans. In 2007, city officials signed a contract with Friends of the Municipal to manage the property.

Love Me Tender Shop & EP Delta Kitchen in Memphis close-down:

The 'Love Me Tender' shop in Memphis has closed with the former manager Satoshi commenting, "It is with great sadness that we must announce that Love Me Tender Memphis will close its door for the last time on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Although we have been here less than two years, we have met a lot of Elvis fans from all over the world. We have been very fortunate to have a store in a building that has so much Elvis history. We are also proud to have played a role in keeping Elvis' legacy alive on Beale Street. We have tried to always promote his memory in a positive way. We hope that his presence on this street will not fade away after we leave. We have made a lot of friends here. We wish that we could say good-bye to all of you personally, unfortunately, time does not permit us to do that. So, we will close with a big "THANK YOU" to all of the loyal customers that have supported our efforts here. We hope that you enjoyed shopping with us at Love Me Tender Memphis, and we hope to see you again some day." Satoshi was also employed at Memories Of Elvis on Elvis Presley Blvd until their lease with EPE ran out. In addition to the closing of the shop, the EP Delta Kitchen formerly EP Memphis has also announced its closure. This happened previously with the restaurant only being resurrected for the 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2007.

Hopefully both of these premises will be once again be occupied by Elvis related businesses in the future, however it is sad to see both of them go as there is now no real Elvis presence left on Beale Street.

Elvis Presley's Graceland - Through the years 1957-77

The Memphis Recording Service is hard at work on a high quality, coffee table hardcover book showcasing images of Elvis' beloved Graceland mansion, as titled above. At this time MRS are working toward for a 2008 release, however due to the massive amount of work, research, writing and photos involved it is possible the release may be delayed until early 2009. This book will include all the photos from the recent 'Inside Graceland' book plus much, much more! This new hardcover book will contain hundreds of pages and many hundreds of rare and/or previously unpublished photographs all from original negatives and transparencies, including visuals of not only the mansion, but Elvis, Linda Thompson, Elvis' cars, the Trophy Room, the bedroom and a lot more.

Latest FTD Releases

Elvis Country

(2 CD Version from the Classic Album Series)

Nevada Nights

2 CD Set with Live Recordings from 1974

Elvis Trivia

Elvis once owned a 3 wheeled Messerschmitt car which he purchased in March 1956 and gave to Bernard Lansky of the Lansky Bros. clothing store in Memphis 1957 in exchange for selecting a wardrobe from his store. Bernard Lansky apparently still owns the vehicle to this day.



Next Dance: October 31st