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NEWSLETTER

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"Promoting Rock 'n' Roll in all its forms in the ACT"

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1. Presidents Report

I would like to thank and congratulate the new committee elected at the AGM held on 23 July 2009. The AGM was the best attended in years and we now have all positions on the committee filled. The committee is looking forward to the year ahead, with the aim of building on the strengths of the club and improving service to members. In particular I would like to thank Paula Sloan for her efforts and help over the last two years. Details of the new committee are below.

I would encourage any members who have not yet purchased their tickets for the Prom to do so as soon as possible, before 9th Aug. An update on the Prom is below. This year looks like being bigger than the last two years, so if you want a seat let us know soon.

Finally, just a thought on the future in regard to bands and dances. I plan to continue the practice of over the last year where possible to book bands that we have not seen in Canberra before, or are a good popular dance or rockabilly band. The ACT RnR Club has always had a rockabilly focus, so if we can get good rockabilly bands to come to Canberra we will, recognising that at times it is appropriate for some functions to have a more rounded RnR dance band, hence our mix over the next six months of the Atomic Hi Tones (Melbourne Rockabilly) and the Rattlesnakes (Newcastle Rockabilly) followed by the Midnight Drifters for Xmas (Wollongong dance). I would appreciate your feedback on the approach.

Michael Kitchen

2. Your Committee Welcome to our new & returning committee members!



Michael Kitchen
President



Sharon Rennes
Vice President



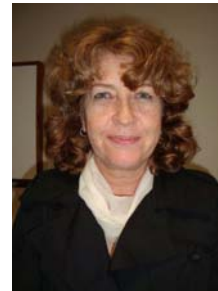
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Secretary



Jason Blair
Treasurer



Tracy Harris
Membership



Trish Jamieson
Events

Linda Aunela (not pictured)
Promotions/Demos

Watch this space

3. Prom Update & Info

Have you bought your tickets for the Prom yet? Dinner/Dance tickets need to be purchased at least 2 weeks before the night for catering purposes. Cut off date 9th Aug. Menus of the 3 course meal have already been sent to members.

Just going to the Dance, pre-purchased tickets can guarantee you a table, as the doors will not be open before 8pm. Tickets can be purchased on Friday nights or by contacting Michael on 0400 034 189.

Cruisin' Australia will be setting up a stall with rock 'n' roll shoes, clothes and accessories. They will take cash or credit card.

What to wear? Take a look at our website www.actrocknroll.org.au at the photos of last years' Prom to get an idea of what to wear. Dress is 50's evening wear, suggestions would be skirts or dresses with petticoat for ladies, and trousers & shirt, with or without jacket, for gents. To get a few more ideas look up the links page of our website for r'n'r clothing. For the dressmakers out there most pattern books have vintage fashion pages. Retro fashion is 'in' in most shops, you may be lucky to pick up an outfit. Charity shops sometimes are a treasure trove and e-bay is always worth a try. If all else fails wear something dressy that you are comfortable in and enjoy your night!

Volunteers Thank you to all the people who are helping to decorate the room and sit at the door. Barbara will contact you in the next few weeks with details.

4. Lessons

4 Step Beginners Lessons: **23 Oct – 27 Nov** – 6 nights

Rockabilly Lessons: **31 Jul – 4 Sep** – in progress and **11 Sept – 16 Oct** – 6 nights

Numbers are limited and payment must be made up front - \$60 per person for a set of six lessons. Email: mail@actrocknroll.org.au Attention Tracy, for more information or see a committee member on Friday night.

5. Birthdays Happy Birthday to our members:

August Birthdays

Ed Sulway **2**, Sharon Rennes **7**, Rose Weir **26**, Adrian Jorritsma **28**

September Birthdays

Jo Cumberland, Phillip Clark **2**, Bill Black **6**, Neil Fergie **8**, Margaret Boyes **9**, Graham Reardon **10**, Paul Watts **18**, Rick Bowen **19**, Rosemarie Allard **21**, Michael Cabbage **26**

6. New Members We would like to welcome our new members:

Jessica Buttriss, Andrew Buttriss, Jo Cumberland, Ian Haigh, Noelle Hillman, Marlene McNamara, James Moschitz, John Payne, Kaylia Payne, Breanna Payne, Daniel Payne, Graham Reardon, Kevin Reid

7. Bon Voyage

A few of our members will be travelling overseas in the next couple of months. We wish them safe and happy times while away. Bon voyage Bev & Bob, Eileen & Bill and Angie & Paul.

8. Demos

*The ACT Rock 'n' Roll Club is often asked to perform demonstrations for the public. If you are interested in participating please contact Linda on **0404328486** or lindaaunela@yahoo.com.au who will add you to our demo list. A keen sense of fun is all that is required, rock'n'roll skirts can be provided.*

9. Shirts & Jackets.

The Club now has an established supplier for shirts and Jackets

Action Sportswear Belconnen.

To place your order directly at pre-arranged prices, contact:

Lyn McKenzie, Action Sportswear, 47 Nettlefold Street, Belconnen Ph 02 6253 0069

Black wool with black leather sleeves are \$128.00, Black wool with tan suede sleeves are \$128.00

Black Polo Shirts are \$36.00, Black Ladies T are \$35.00

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sat. 22nd Aug Prom



10. GIG GUIDE FOR 2009

Submit your information to mail@actrocknroll.org.au

August

- 31st Jul – 2nd Aug Greasefest – Kustom Kulture Festival – bands, hot rods etc – Brisbane Qld – www.greazefest.com.au
- 14th – 17th Mildura Wintersun Festival – Bands, cars, Elvis festival, Masters Games - <http://www.wintersun.org.au/Mildura.ews>
- 22nd ACT RnR Club Prom - The Atomic Hi-Tones - Italo-Australia Club – Contact Michael 0400 034 189 or mail@actrocknroll.org.au

September

- 5th Southside RnR Club Dance - Straight Eights - Burns Club Kambah
- 11th, 12th & 13th Rockfest - Pt Macquarie – No Brakes & Memphis Outlaws – Details & table bookings 6580 2300
- 19th Rockabilly Ball – Queen Juanita & the Rockabilly Big Band – Italo-Australia Club – Bookings 0407 434 469 www.rockabillyball.com
- 18th, 19th & 20th Toop & Toop Rock'n'Roll Festival – Victor Harbour, South Australia

October

- 3rd, 4th & 5th Great Southern Blues & Rockabilly festival – Narooma NSW – <http://www.bluesfestival.tv>
- 23rd, 24th & 25th Tallangatta 50's Festival –The Allstars & The Deltones, market, cars etc – www.tallangattafifties.com.au
- 31st ACT RnR Club Halloween Dance – Rattlesnakes - Harmonie German Club

November

- 31st Oct – 8th Nov Adelaide Rock'N'Roll festival – www.adelaiderocknroll.com.au
- 20th ACT RnR Club Christmas Party - The Midnight Drifters - Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

December

- 12th Southside RnR Club Xmas Dance - TBA

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