

Comments: Fourth Quarter 2008

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This is the last comments that we will post at the site regarding the book, bands etc In order to offer more information and obtain more feedback; we are converting the Comments to a blog. www.heybabydays.com remains intact and will only be updated to reflect changes in the list of bands and band directories. All other features will ultimately become part of the blog. The blog will enable us to add more information and receive more interactive feedback. We have consistently received high praise for the web site, most of which should go to Captain Craig who has made heybabydays a site that is consistently visited by many. We expect it to increase as our blog grows. It was with Captain Craig's encouragement that we entered the world of blogging. Hope you will want to join our blog as we continue to explore the Heeey Baby Days.

<http://heybabydays.blogspot.com/>

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We'll be making an announcement in a couple of days regarding the site. In the mean time, we'll be taking a few photos of the In-Men Ltd. as they perform for an Elon University homecoming event.

In addition to the previously announced Elon Alums that will be performing , former In-Men Ltd.

Tommy Rogers and Jerry Clapp

will join the following Elon Alums as the In-Men make a return to the stage in advance of their forthcoming CD:

Moose Smith - Keyboards

Sonny Long – Guitar

Garth Hutson – Trumpet

Howard Eaton – Trumpet

Tommy Burgess – Saxophone

***Skip Hinshaw – Lead Vocals**

With special guests Elon alum performers from the Monzas :

Linda Quinlin “Quig” James and Sharon Hinshaw who are known as “The First Ladies of Beach Music.”

Sneak Preview of the forthcoming IN-Men Ltd. CD .

“**Rhythm**” a giant hit for the IN-Men Ltd. in 2007 appears to be the tip of the iceberg for the multitalented In-Men ltd. Those who have read about the band in “The Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music” are aware of the band’s many dimensions: it’s very strong horn section and it’s stable of great lead vocalists. Geoff Smith (Son of a Moose) provided the great vocals behind “Rhythm” with a little help from the legendary Impressions, who coincidentally provided the same background vocals for Major Lance when the song was first released in the 60s. There will be other great vocals by Geoff and his sister Susannah in the forthcoming CD. **Skip Hinshaw** , lead singer for the In-Men Ltd. in the mid 60s will make a great contribution with a cover of the Temptation’s “I Know I’m Losing You”

Another big surprise is the contribution of a South Georgia legend, **Eddie Middleton**. Few below Georgia’s gnat line are aware that Eddie had a brief stint with the NC based band as the Heeey Baby Days were in full decline. The question is” Is it Otis or is it Memorex? Neither, it’s Eddie! Check out the teaser located in the Vintage Sounds section on the band page for this and other cuts. Below is a shortcut link to the Eddie Middleton In-Men-Ltd. clip.

http://www.heybabydays.com/In_Men_Ltd_2008.ram

One from the Wow Department: One of the benefits of having a sold out book about Beach Music is that you get invited to some very special events. Nora and I are grateful for having been guests at some very special affairs. Recently we attend the “Evening with John McElrath” concert in Greenwood South Carolina. It was indeed a fitting honor for Mr. Medallion. Previously we had attended a charity benefit in Roswell, Georgia that featured the Jesters band from party central, Athens, Georgia. AND NOW: I will attending the upcoming homecoming concert at Elon, University North Carolina, Nora won’t be attending as she continues her quest to save the world. (www.Nami.org)

Elon University, Elon, North Carolina (near Burlington) is known for being the launching pad for the In-Men Ltd, a band with an incredible amount of talent during The Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music. Obviously, the talent remains as they caught everyone by surprise by the release in late 2006 of “Rhythm” Some wonder why the song that remained at the top of the Beach Music charts for such a long time during 2007 did not receive the CAMMY for song of the year.

Back a little over forty years ago, the In-Men Ltd. backed R&B greats, The Temptations, as they performed for homecoming at Elon. This time sans the Temptations, most of the

very same musicians that appeared in 1967 with the band will appear in a very special concert. We hope to hear live many of the cuts that will appear on their upcoming CD release. Having had an opportunity to hear many of the cuts, we are very excited not just for the band but also for a fan base that extends from Virginia through the Carolinas to Athens and Waycross, Georgia.

Among the In_Men_Ltd. alumni of Elon University that are scheduled to appear include:

Moose Smith - Keyboards
Sonny Long – Guitar
Garth Hutson – Trumpet
Howard Eaton – Trumpet
Tommy Burgess – Saxophone
*Skip Hinshaw – Lead Vocals

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* One of several outstanding lead vocalists for the In_Men_Ltd., Skip Hinshaw will likely perform several In_Men hits of the 60s but if you are among the unlucky and won't be attending the Elon event, copies of the original recordings are still available. Click on the following link and add the In_Men_Ltd. 45 RPMs to your juke box:

http://www.raresoulman.co.uk/IN--MEN_LTD._Feat:_SKIP_HINSHAW/artist-browse/nor/1

If you don't want to spend \$471.00 for each of two cuts listed in the link above, go to www.ripete.com and order the Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music compilation that contains both of these monster Northern Soul classics at substantially reduced prices. However, it becomes more and more obvious that good quality 45s from the Heeey Baby Days are worth the investment.

Rumors that the In_Men_Ltd. may make appearances in the U.K. soon are purely speculative.

As to the upcoming homecoming gig at Elon University, if there is a category for such, a Guinness World Record will be established as SIX musicians from a leading band of the and who are alums of a single university will reunite for a concert at that university. In addition to Elon University Alumni who are members of the In_Men_Ltd.; the following performers will appear:

Geoff Smith (son of Moose) lead vocals on “Rhythm”
Susanna Smith (daughter of Moose)

and other In_Men from the 60s (that are not Elon alumni) which we will add as soon as we know. Unfortunately, the concert is open only to students and alumni of Elon University . Look for photos following the event at www.heybabydays.com