

That Woz the Day That Woz!

The Penny Rockets



In 1962 Carole Sturtzel met and sang with a band named 'The Penny Rockets'. This led to her joining 'Woodies Teen Time' on NWS 9. The show was the start of Carole's long and distinguished career on TV which included regular appearances on **Country and Western Hour, Adelaide Tonight, Bandstand, Seventeeners, Stairways, Childrens Show, Action with Bob Francis, Barry Ion Show, Country Style** and many others.

Our Newsletter Ed received a phone call from **Bill Northcott** on Friday 6th July 2012 saying one of his old mates **Brian Penglase** had recently passed away. **Brian** sang with the Adelaide band **The Penny Rockets...** known as **The Rock and Roll Kings of South Australia.**

The **Penny Rockets**, named after **Brian Penglase** whose nickname was '**Penny**', were one of South Australia's first successful rock bands of the 60's era. Their career lasted over 10 years playing at all major venues and radio....

Band Members have included...

Brian Penglase - Lead Vocalist
Ray O'conner - Saxophonist, Lead Vocalist
Ron Carson - Double Bass
Knobby Doug Clark - Saxophonist/Flute
Brian Davidge - Bass
Vonnie Jay - Vocalist
Lee Sellars -Vocalist
Doug Toll - Guitar - Leader
Graham Shradder - Piano
John 'Slick' Osborn - Drums
Frank Newland - Guitar Brother Of Ron Carson)
Dave Frank - Bass
Allen Hewitt - Piano
Peter Harvey -Bass

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Our Saturday R&R show with **The Anthony Stewart Tremolos** was an absolute Rock Out! The line up of excellent musos including Born In The USA **Jay Tobin** who was fantastic. They had the dancers all shook up with their freeform and synchronised jiving. Thanks for a great night guys! **Craig Giles** put on a great show with his superb voice and tribute to **Jimmy Little** ...Blue Suede Shoes.

Oh Boy, he had **Pretty Woman, Carina, Rave On, and Twisting** until Paralysed.

Our Sunday Country show was packed out to **Bernie and the Bandits** and again **Craig Giles** singing his repertoire of songs, this time without his R&R gyrations.

Congratulation to our entertainers for giving us a great weekend of entertainment.

Over the years the band had many line-up changes, and now we have lost most of the members but the band will always be remembered as the very first to enter the arena of **South Australian popular rock music.**

We all have the band to thank for giving the rest of **South Australian musicians** a direction, and showing everyone that musical success **can** be achieved.

Note: Their two recordings are available on line at **Youtube**
Penny Rockets - Johnny B. Goode 1961 Festival EP FX 10176.wmv
Penny Rockets - Lovin' Woman 1961 Festival EP FX-10176.wmv

THANK YOU to the two generous people who each **anonymously** donated significant funds to **The Gawler Country Music Workshop.**



The funds will go towards purchasing a new PA System.

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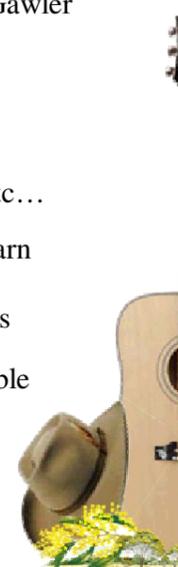
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Dot's Spot!



Dot's Willaston friend a member of the **South Australian Explorers Club** had recently been hunting for rare animals in remote parts of Africa.

Whole there he discovered the strangest looking animal he had ever seen. It's a quarter part elephant, a quarter monkey, a quarter hippo and a quarter tiger and with a very sweet disposition.

His research team caged the animal and shipped it to the **South Australian Explorers Club** in **North Terrace Adelaide** next to **Wally's "Country Brekky" Radio Studio.** Fortunately there was no sign of the **Moose Warrior.**

While there **Dot's** friend exhibited the creature that he had named as a "Rarey" and gave talks on it before the club members and the local authorities. **Wally** decided to give his **Country Brekky** show a miss during that time, and passed his duties over to **Uncle Fred.**

Over a short period of time **Dot's** friend had notices that the Rarey was growing extremely fast and it soon became too large to keep in a cage; so he transported it home to keep as a pet.

A few days later, the animal with its huge appetite began eating **Dot's** friend out of house and home.

'My neighbour tried to take it to the zoo, but they knew about how much Raries eat and wouldn't take it. He took it to the dog pound to have it put to sleep, but they said they couldn't do that to an endangered species. So he drove to the top of **Mount Lofty** and prepared to push his car off the edge with the Rary in it.'

'Before he could, however, an Adelaide Policeman arrived and asked what he was doing.'

'My neighbour explained about the Rary and how much it ate and how the zoo wouldn't take it and how he had decided that the only thing to do was to kill it by tipping his car off the cliff.'

The police officer had a look over the edge of the cliff and shrugged, "I dunno.

It seems like ...

It's a long way to tip a Rary.'

Oh Dot!