



2021 ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK NEWSLETTER

News,
Updates, Facts
and Photos



Gord, Daryn, Frankie, Shawn and Gary, all ready to play some rock and roll in 2021.

DON'T WORRY...ROCK AND ROLL IS HERE TO STAY!

And so is Ontario's Premier Rock and Roll Revue and Fundraising Favourites, Frankie and the Fairlanes! Read on to see what the band has been doing since being sidelined at the end of the "Good Rockin' Tonight" Tour

Our last newsletter seems like a long, long time ago. Frankie and the Fairlanes had just finished a very successful two year run of their popular show " Good Rockin' Tonight." We had no idea that when we took our regular seasonal break that it would last nearly two years!

So what do a bunch of talented musicians do with this much down time you ask? Well you can only practice your instrument by yourself for so long before you decide you need to find a few new things to do. In this article I will bring you up to speed on our "off duty" adventures. I will start with myself, **Michael Frankie Lambert**, vocals and guitar in the band. I have always been a painter and the break

gave me lots of time to get back to some serious painting. Check out my website to see some of the new work. www.artstreamstudio.com The new projects that I tried were wood working and sewing. My wife, vintage Tina sews, and the dining room became her sewing room this past year. I have some experience with a sewing machine dating back to my theatre days making costumes. I started making throw cushions, a small quilt and then graduated to some cool "rockabilly" style shirts. I eventually even made a whole set of stage wear for Michigan's "Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies". (continued next page)



Daryn Bee, our ever entertaining bass player demonstrates his new talent for playing drums. Does this free up Gord for vocals?

So what do a bunch of bored musicians do when the gigs dry up?

When the weather warmed up I turned my attention to wood working and have been learning to use a wood lathe this past spring. I also had a chance to write some new songs, some of which will debut in the upcoming Fairlanes shows. All in all, despite the disappointment of a cancelled 2020 tour, I had a great opportunity to catch up on other projects and try some new skills.

Gary Robb, keyboards, bass and vocals also got very creative this past year. Gary had been filling in his spare time in automotive sales and he gave that up and has been spending a lot of time teaching motorcycle riding. He is a long time Harley Davidson enthusiast and having more time to instruct was a great opportunity for him. Gary's new passion is wood carving and especially in the winter months you would have found him making a big pile of shavings and some outstanding carvings at his workbench. Careful Gary! We need all those fingers working for the next show!

Daryn Bee, our bass player who has also played keyboard, saxophone and trumpet in the band added drums to his long list of instruments he can play. This development just might give the band the flexibility to try a couple of new arrangements.

Shawn Bragg our "guest Fairlane" lead guitarist kept busy buying and selling guitars on-line trying to decide what is the best guitar for him. It's a tough job but someone had to do it. We are going to see Shawn back for the Christmas tour.

Meanwhile, **Gord Sackville**, known to our fans as "the worlds oldest teenager" has been doing what teenagers are known to do. That is, take chances and act like they are invincible. Instead of taking up stamp collecting or something nice and safe, Gord has been trying his luck with a new passion...SKYDIVING!

So needless to say getting back to our rehearsal schedule has been great for us all and we had lots of time to re-charge our creative batteries and focus on what we all love, That Old Time Rock N Roll! Hope to see you in-person this winter or next



Please Gord, can't you find a safer hobby!

KEEPING BUSY



Danger is our middle name!

UPCOMING TOURS



A Very Merry Christmas: November 2021



Lucky 13 Tour Spring 2022

Two New Shows Starting Soon

This fall we are touring our popular Christmas show, "A Very Merry Christmas".

The new year will see our brand new show, "Lucky 13" debut in the spring.

Both shows are available for booking now. Call Frankie at 519-633-7442 or email to: artstreamstudio@gmail.co

LIVE MUSIC
is the BEST!



Frankie and the Fairlanes are on tour this fall and they are excited to be back for the Christmas season.

It has been a few years since we toured our popular Christmas show. This November we are offering a new version of "A Very Merry Christmas". All the rock and roll classic Christmas songs like "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree, Blue Christmas, Run, Run Rudolph and so many others will be included. There are also the fun stories and gags that have made this band one of Ontario's fundraising and entertainment favourites! It is a two hour show in two acts with a short intermission.

We continue to use our no-risk fundraising formula for our church and service group partners.

"Lucky 13" is the brand new show that debuts in Spring 2022 and it is going to be a blast!

"Lucky 13" is our newest show and it offers a wider selection of music than ever before. We have a tribute to Las Vegas in the show and some hilarious "special guests" as well. This show was booked solid for the 2020 season when the pandemic hit and wiped our calendar clean! We hope that all of our past clients will "Jump, Jive and Wail" at the chance to have Frankie and the Fairlanes back on stage at their locations in 2022.

READY-SET-GO! ...OR NOT?

The ever changing parameters of gathering are a challenge, but we will work through it with our hosts and partners.

Frankie and the Fairlanes is committed to all public safety measures and health practices as defined by our government and local health units. As a group of entertainers all of our team members are fully vaccinated. Although it may be impossible to know what the rules for concerts and gatherings will be in the months ahead, you can rest assured that Frankie and the Fairlanes will follow all protocols required.

Also, at this point in time we do not require a deposit to book the band and no fees are charged if a show has to be cancelled because of developments in provincial health regulations.

The No-Risk Fund Raising Formula

One of the reasons that Frankie and the Fairlanes have been so popular over our fifteen year history is our success when offered a lucrative fundraising event. We never want to place our hosts in the position of working hard to promote and present an event only to have the expenses

eclipse the revenue generated. To that end we offer the NO RISK FUND RAISING FORMULA. With this arrangement the door receipts are split evenly between the band and the host. We are willing to take the financial risk with you to offer a professionally produced and quality event.

We also understand that as live entertainment begins to rebound it is hard to predict the size of an audience and to this end we are willing to play for smaller audiences as well. In the past we have requested that groups work towards a goal of 200 tickets. This season we are asking that each host group just try their best to attract an audience and we will navigate the new normal together.

What We Provide For Your Event

As always we will provide a top-notch evening or afternoon matinee of



Batman, our guest star in 2018/19 is not returning to the Fairlanes tour. His Covid weight has him sidelined at present

music from the 50's, 60's and 70's interwoven with the stories behind the music, gags and costume changes. Our family-friendly production will be a hit with all ages. You don't have to already have an Elvis record collection to enjoy our timeless selection of music from Elvis to Elton and from the Beatles to Bob Segar. We show up with our own sound and lighting system and will provide you with posters for the event. Your big day will also be promoted on the band's social media and website. It is time to take the next step forward in getting back to enjoying life and live music and Frankie and the Fairlanes would like to be your partner in this transition.

Contact Us:

Frankie and the Fairlanes has a website, a **YouTube** channel and a **Facebook** page. The **website** has a digital press kit and a question and answer video that will help you organize your event. Also feel free to **text us at 519-872-5964** for further information or **call our land line at 519-633-7442**

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