

INSIDE SCENE



Hawleywood's Men's Corner For the Not-So-Modern Man

By Donnie Hawley

As sad as it is, most gents reach for the "quick bic" when they need to hack off 4 days of Leo the caveman growth from their face. What I'm about to share with you will hopefully get us what we all need - no ingrown hairs that boil-up, no rashes, and a gal that's ready to get close. So here's the inside scoop.

Let's just get this out of the way: Electric razors are fine in a pinch, but they pretty much suck. They pull the hair, which causes irritation and breakouts and not to mention razor burn.

So, what do you do - disposable or straight razor? The answer is straight razor - hands down.

Let's be realistic though - most guys don't take their time and then suffer the harsh realities of learning how to perform a straight razor shave on ...continued on pg. 36

Hey Djordje!



Upright Bass extraordinaire defies borders and limits with new album

By Orlando Rios

What is it about the upright bass that intrigues you?

Primarily the sound! I fell in love with the rawness of Bill Black's slap bass on the Sun Sessions and to this day it still attracts me. I also really dig the sound of walking jazz lines by Charlie Mingus, Ray Brown, and bowed sound of some

great classical players like Ovidio Badila. It's amazing how upright bass is so necessary for a good groove in many music genres.

When is the last time you picked up an electric bass?

I never really played electric bass seriously. A while ago, I was playing in a band where I had to play just an electric bass. It lasted for about a year, but I was never really into it. Upright bass is definitely my main axe.

On the Havana Whisper album *Flammable* (2002), we did a cover of Del Shannon's Runaway, and I think that's the last time I played electric bass.

Atomic Sunset's new music video can be seen on MTV in Serbia?

Yes. It's pretty cool that MTV in some parts of Europe still plays real music and not just fake groups made by producers/managers to bring

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them dough. Thanks to the Internet, people can see it on YouTube and on our w-site www.atomicsunset.net.

What is the rockabilly music scene like in Serbia?

It's small, but pretty consistent. There are always a few bands that play rockabilly, but unfortunately nobody has had major success. Before Atomic Sunset, I was leading a neo swing band called Havana Whisper. We had a bit more exposure on national media thanks to the major record deal we had. We didn't have a chance to play a lot outside of Serbia, because our country was under sanctions at the time.

I noticed there are more and more kids with pompadours at Atomic Sunset shows. Those are not always hard core rockabillys, but they are definitely interested in that music style. I'm sure that this combination of modern rock 'n' roll approach with rockabilly can bring young blood to the scene.

Do you like the rockabilly scene in America or overseas better?

I wouldn't say that I like either of the scenes better. I noticed that the "billy" scene in the US is pretty divided. Guys that are into traditional rockabilly music don't like anything that goes out of that. Guys that are into Neo or Psycho, don't dig traditional bands. The only thing that matters to me is music. If it's good, it's good. It doesn't have to fit into any particular genre.

The rockabilly scene is small everywhere. Apart from a few bands that have larger

audiences, most groups play clubs. That separation and music elitism doesn't do any good for the bands.

I truly enjoy playing in more edgy sounding bands like Atomic Sunset and Head Cat (with Lemmy Kilmister, Slim Jim Phantom and Danny B. Harvey), with new traditionalists Deke Dickerson and Big Sandy (we never played in a band together, but he sang with us in Deke's band) or original rockabillys like Sonny Burgess and Joe Clay. Those are all great guys that play their own music. I love playing every kind of energetic and cool rockabilly, traditional or not, and especially if there's high musicianship involved!

What was the first song or record in your life that made you go, "Wow!"?

The first records that made me interested in rockabilly were Elvis Presley's 45s that my father bought on a US tour in 1956. The first record that made me grease my hair was the first Stray Cats album. The song would probably be "Runaway Boys".

What do you consider to be the best moment of your life so far?

I had a lot of great music moments in my life! Most recently would be the release of the first Atomic Sunset album "Hot Rods & Pin-Ups". I always wanted to have a contemporary sounding rockabilly band and that's what Atomic Sunset is all about!

Playing with Lemmy and Slim Jim is awesome as well! Getting recognition by Scotty Moore and Sonny Burgess is unbelievable too. All those guys have been my rock 'n' roll heroes since I was a kid.



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Who are some of the artists you have shared the stage with?

I have had the luck to play with many great artists since I moved to the US 4 years ago. Some of them are legendary rockabilly musicians like Sonny Burgess, DJ Fontana, Scotty Moore band (with Paul Ansell on vocals), Wanda Jackson, Dale Hawkins, Joe Clay, Gene Summers; blues greats Billy Boy Arnold, Jody Williams, then Lemmy Kilmister, Slim Jim Phantom... I toured the US a few times with Deke Dickerson and played many times with jump blues pianist Mitch Woods.

Atomic Sunset just released a new album. What is your own take on it?

"Hot Rods & Pin-Ups" is our debut album and I'm very proud of it. Musicianship is very high. I think the album is very unique and it's bringing something

new and fresh to the style. It has 11 original songs plus 4 covers. Bassists will probably enjoy instrumentals Atomic Boogie (already has many views on YouTube; album version is arranged for full band) and Proud Hawk (based on a melody from my father's fatherland Montenegro) where bowed bass plays the main melody in the surf style.

How did this particular band come together?

I always had the idea of a contemporary sounding rock 'n' roll trio that would be mostly based on rockabilly, but not limited to it. We call it "Nu Hot Rodded Rockabilly". I just can't be deaf for other sounds that intrigued me as well - swing, jazz, punk, surf, etc. One of my favorite rock guitarists Drazen Skaric was down with the idea, and we started making arrangements for songs that I already wrote. We were playing

together in Havana Whisper for a few years and knew each other well. We immediately noticed we had something unique and special, so we invited one of the best Serbian drummers Sinisa Jovic to join the band.

Any tour plans for Atomic Sunset?

We just did bunch of shows and TV appearances in the region of western Balkans. We work all the time while I'm in Serbia and we just started recording our second album. After releasing it, we plan to hit the road and do more touring in Europe and the US. With all the contacts I made over last few years, I hope it happens soon.

THREE FAVORITE MOVIES

1. Rocky
2. Down By Law (Jarmusch)
3. Wild at Heart (Lynch)

THREE FAVORITE BANDS

1. Clash
2. Stray Cats
3. Motorhead

ROCKABILLY

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themselves.

If you're going to use a disposable, at least get yourself a set-up that comes with multiple blades. But as with everything else in life, there's always an issue - sometimes, multiple blades can irritate your skin, so mix it up & try a single blade set-up - you'll have to figure out what works for you.

ALWAYS - use a clean, sharp blade - yours is probably dull and quite possibly slightly rusty. Replace it often.

Now for the Royal with Cheese - when performed by a properly trained barber, the straight razor shave causes no skin irritation, razor burn or ingrown hairs. It will also be twice as long before you would normally need to shave again. Treatments of hot towels and fresh hot lather set the stage for the fresh, razor-sharp blade.

So, that's the skinny on the fat stuff ...

For your own enjoyment, go visit your local barber or find your way down to one of my shops in So. Cal. - we'd love to take care of you (www.hawleywoods.com / www.myspace.com/hawleywood)

Stay Sharp!

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