

An Explanation

This is a live recording of Joey Did & The Necrophiliacs at Bon Accord Community Hall on August 8, 1980. Mike wanted to organize a hall party where Joey Did and The Diefenbakers would both perform. Unfortunately, the only venue he could afford was in Bon Accord, twenty miles north of Edmonton. Very few people bothered to make the drive out there to see two new "up and coming" bands on a Friday night. Not including the band members and Bob Drysdale (who supplied the P.A. system), there were probably only about a dozen people in the audience.

I brought along a tape deck to archive the event. I placed a microphone on stage to capture the drums and guitars. I took a feed off the P.A. system to record the vocal track. Anthony Fulmes was in charge of the recording when Joey Did played. You can hear me prompting him to check the tape several times.

This recording makes a very painful listen; we were AWFUL. Mike sounds like he has a vocal range of one semitone. Ed does his usual trick of speeding up every song until it becomes so fast that we can barely play it. Lucky for Dennis and I, the bass and guitar are largely inaudible so you can't hear just how badly we played. I had terrible problems with my guitar going out of tune. There were several on stage tune ups that were edited out of the final tape. Also, the vocal track is marred by static and buzzing caused by a broken microphone cable that wasn't able to withstand Mike's relentless leaping about. Dennis' background vocals are good, though.

I made numerous live recordings of both Joey Did and the Malibu Kens over their careers. Few of these recordings survived because they were very bad and I usually erased them after one or two listens. However, they were useful in demonstrating just how bad we were and where we needed to clean up our act. For unknown reasons, this recording survived.

Joey Did & The Necrophiliacs were:

Scott Juskiw	guitar
Mike McDonald	lead vocals
Dennis Lenarduzzi	bass, background vocals
Ed Dobek	drums

Scott Juskiw
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