

Big Ball - Press Release (April 2006)

AC/DC Convention www.acdcconvention.co.uk

Date: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 4th – 6th August 2006

Title of Show: The Big Ball – AC/DC Convention “*Highway to Wrecks `Em 2006*”

Venue: North East Wales Institute (NEWI), Mold Rd, Wrexham www.newi.ac.uk

Eat Cat 2 Promotions presents: *The Big Ball* AC/DC Convention..which this time the fans insisted on calling.. “*Highway to Wrecks `Em*” ..can't think why!?! Hosted once more by the irrepressible **Krusher**, ably assisted by a few special guests, including **Jerry Ewing** – aka The Fatman / Totalrock Radio)

You'll once again see the return of the now infamous Big Ball stage, a replica of AC/DC's touring stage from the Back In Black era, plus 17 bands + DJ's, aftershow parties, films, record fair, guitar workshops, seminars, book signings and of course.. plenty of madness and mayhem onstage with **Krusher**! Friday sees four bands, Saturday, six and Sunday seven! 100mph from the word go, this will be a weekend to remember!

Big Ball 3 starts on the Friday lunchtime and goes through to the early hours of Monday morning..a gruelling test of stamina and deafness..ha ha! **The Sensational Alex Harvey Band** headline the Friday on the main stage, friends of AC/DC since the mid `70's, these guys asked to play, in order to pay their respects to Bon! Featuring **Chris Glen** on bass, who once played in a band with members of **AC/DC** and **Motorhead**..where everyone played the wrong instruments! You'll get the full wild and crazy show, all the mad antics and make-up, so get down the front, you don't wanna miss a thing! **Bonfire** (from Ohio, USA) will tear open the show on the main stage from 7pm with their mix of early DC and rarely heard Brian material from the mid `80's. Special guests from America, these guys just HAD to be here this year!

As usual there will be two bands at the aftershow party, plus DJ's..all winding up at stupid o'clock! This year, for the first time held onsite, all three aftershows will be at the Union Bar (opposite the restaurant). The first confirmed band are **Nemonix**, recently featured in **Zero (Because You're Worthless) Magazine**, these guys re-define the term power trio.. fast, furious and incredibly tight, check out their fun DC covers, you've never heard it played like this!

Saturday kicks off with guitar workshops where you can see Angus and Malcolm's style in close up, (with Stic and Simon from **DirtyDC**) and a seminar hosted by author **Paul Stenning**, author of “*Two Sides To Every Glory*” the AC/DC biography released last year through Chrome Dreams.

Then the madness starts on the main stage with the bands. First up..**Volts**, the recently reformed scottish tribute to both Bon and Brian are first to make your ears bleed, **Hells Belles** the *de rigeur and gorgeous* female tribute from Germany are next to keep the blood pumping!! **Hole Full Of Love**, the second jaw-dropping German tribute are back once again and then headlining for the first time, the incredible..**Action In DC**, the Dutch lads who should be called DC In Disguise..they're THAT close!!

The aftershow party kicks off once again at the Union Bar with two bands and DJ's.. one band still to be confirmed, followed by **Imperial Vipers**.. an explosive up and coming UK band, sounding like DC meets Guns N Roses.. raw, gritty, nuts & bolts **RRROCKKK!!!**

This year, Sunday is the **Classic Rock** day..but.. there *had* to be a DC tribute in there somewhere.. so we asked **Bonfire** – from L.A. in the U S of A! Following a recent tour of Germany they caused quite a stir as the singer looks and sounds *exactly* like Bon! They feature as special guests, along with six other great bands! **Use Your Illusion (Guns N Roses)**, **Hi-On Maiden** with the amazing **Speed Harris**, the incredible “Stone Deaf Forever” **Motorheadache**, **Bonfire** (LA), **Rainbow Rising** and on the aftershow stage.. **Axis Of Evil** and the new **Best of British -Tokyo Dragons!**
As it's the 30th anniversary of Rainbow's stunning **Rising** album, Rainbow Rising will play the entire album during their set, as well as all the favourites..faaan-tastic!! Axis of Evil will be playing a set featuring the irrepressible, One and Only, God of Rock.. **Krusher** on vocals...Rock HARD..Rock HEAVY..Call that AMBULANCE!! Raise yer fist and say... “Tidy!”

Day and Weekend tickets are available via Paypal, through the website, or locally from Moonlight Records and EA Music, Wrexham. Friday tickets: £12-50 adv/£15-00 from July, Saturday / Sunday tickets: £25-00 adv/£27-50 from July, Weekend: £60-00 adv/£65-00 from July. Concessions for under 18's and children under 14 go free (earplugs provided free). Evening tickets can only be bought on the day, dependant upon availability. It is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment. (a minimal booking fee may be charged)

Accommodation is available on-site (see website for details) or within staggering distance at the BB Camp site. All the usual amenities are close, restaurant, showers, pubs and shops, for those using the campsite.

For more information and updates on the party of the year, please visit the website: www.acdcconvention.ac.uk or call our enquiries hotline during UK business hrs: +44 (0) 7921 800410

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