



## Danny Dean & The Homewreckers

Danny Dean is no new comer to the music scene. Born in Houston Texas and raised in the *SouthBay* (near Los Angeles). He began playing guitar at the age of 14. This talented musician and vocalist attended Hawthorne High the same school as The Beach Boys so naturally his first band played Surf.

His first musical taste was was Rock 'n Roll, but over the years he played Punk as well as various types of Rock. A veteran of some 14 albums, Danny has finally returned to his first love, Rockabilly. "Move It" is his greatest achievement to date. On this album Danny is backed by The Homewreckers.

I first met Danny a few years ago at a record convention in Los Angeles. He approached me and asked if I could suggest some British Rock 'n Roll music. I introduced him to Billy Fury, Tommy Steele, Marty Wilde, Johnny Kidd and Cliff Richard. Over the next few months Danny would become a big fan of British Rockabilly - Cliff Richard having the strongest influence. One afternoon he stopped by my office to give me an album called, "Mental Slam Dance".

Dance".

On this CD sampler (representing local groups), Danny recorded Cliff Richard's 1958 hit -"Move It", which reached #2 on the British charts (written by British born Ian Samwell). I called Ian Samwell (who now lives in California) and played Danny's version of "Move It". Ian loved it - saying it was one of the best vesions

he'd heard. Ian and I both were surprised that a 1958 British Rock 'n Roll song would be included on a CD in 1997.

As part of the 40th Anniversary of Cliff Richard shaping the music business and the success of "Move It" - Ian Samwell asked Danny to record a new version while adding a second verse that he had written. Danny Dean and The Homeweckers are the first to record an American version of Britain's greatest Rock 'n Roll song. Although the song has been recorded several times, it still sounds as fresh and new as it did forty years ago.

Danny Dean & The Homewreckers have combined American and British Rock 'n Roll, jump Blues, Swing and rockabilly on one CD. Eight tracks on this CD are originals by Danny Dean - my personal favorite, "Clouds" is one of the most beautiful Swing Ballads I've ever heard. "Thunderbirds Are Go" and "Hey Mama" are Rockabilly at its best.

This CD is a great tribute to Cliff Richard and Ian Samwell on their 40th Anniversary.

I am very happy to introduce you to - "Danny Dean and The Homewreckers". Sit back and enjoy this fresh and exciting album at a time when the music industry is trying to find something new to motivate us - the buying public...

Pete Samra

Danny Dean: Vocals & Guitar Gavin Jones: Bass & Vocals Chris Wakula: Lead Guitar Callum Benepe: Drums Kirk Tracy: Sax

Mixed by: Jay Baumgardner Produced by: Bob Saling & Ian Samwell Engineered by: Steve Mixdorf

Plus; Eric Ekstand - Piano on "Hey Mama", "Clouds" and "Double Talk"

Vinnie Bargas - Drums on "Flea Brain"
Pete Samra - Rhythm Guitar on "Move It"

Kenny Flood - Sax on "Move It" Extra back up Vocals; Rob G. Juarez, Tim Gallegos, Johnnie Saiko Espiritu, Jeff Skelton and Bob Saling Steve Kidda & Shawn Styles Steffen - Live Drums

Asst. Engineers; Jeff Skelton, Jimmy Sloan, Derek Carlson, John Ewing and Bill Krodel

John Ewing and Bill Krodel
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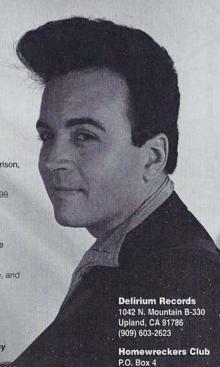
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# Many Thanks ...

DANNY DEAN Vocals & Guitar

CHRIS WAKULA Lead Guitar



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With the profusion of bands emerging, distinguishing one outfit from another is becoming increasingly difficult. The same songs are rehashed so often that the new music borders on generic at times. "Instant swing: just add water!" Consequently, I have honed my shell pinks into finely tuned radar, ever vigilant for originality.

Danny Dean & The Homewreckers fit my bill guite nicely, playing early 1950s suit-and-tie rock 'n' roll akin to The Tyrones, Freddy Bell & The Belmonts, and Charlie Gracie & His Wildcats. With honkin' sax instrumentals, rockin' blues-inflected vocals, clean guitar licks, a steady rhythm, and plenty of moods and tempos. their music is rebellious with a touch of class. They love what they do, and it shows. The Homewreckers have only been together for sixteen months, but they haven't gone unnoticed. Having shared the stage with Bill Halev's Comets and struck the first chord for Tom Ingram's Viva Las Vegas and the 4th annual Grease

Ball in San Francisco - Dean guest appeared on stage with Gene Vincent's Blue Caps, and most recently The Homewreckers appeared on a Xmas episode of Beverly Hills 90210. This Los Angeles-based quintet is earning its stripes in a hurry. The complete line up features Chris Wackula (quitar), Gavin Jones (upright bass), Callum Benepe (formerly of the Jumpin' Jimes on drums), and Kirk Tracev (Save Ferris saxophone).

As with so many other swing and rockabilly musicians, the 33 year-old Dean has had a motley career in L.A.'s underground music scene. In 1978-1979, he played with the surfabilly outfit Skinny Memphis "back when surf was laughed at by most". From 1980-1984 he played with punk rockers Anti - opening for such acts as Black Flag, Circle Jerks, TSOL and Fear - and moonlighted with Mood of Defiance. In addition, Dean wrote for the L.A. punk 'zine Flipside.

with a featured column entitled "The Southbay Report"

In 1985. Dean formed Easter, a punkabilly pop group with Mike Ness of Social Distortion on rhythm guitar. Their video's played on MTV stations nationwide, and their music was on a regular rotation on L.A.'s alternative radio station, KROQ.

After two albums and a 12-inch, the band called it guits in 1990. Dean went the progressive rock route in 1992 with Mercury Tilt Switch, They broke up in 1994, but not before performing live on the local morning television show Good Day L.A. and releasing an album. In 1995, he formed Danny Dean & The Hot Rod Orchestra, an Adam & The Antsstyled / Gary Glitter act complete with two drummers and a horn section.

But even in those earlier years, Dean received plenty of exposure to the '70s and '80s roots revival through James Intveld, Jimmy & The Mustangs. Levi Dexter, and The Orangutangs. "I was really impressed with the rockabilly scene. Everyone dressed so damn good. It was all about Americana: music, clothing and cars." According to Dean, "Early punk had a definite rockabilly influence. It borrowed heavily from rockabilly's rebellious attitude and music. Just listen to the Sex Pistol's covers of Cochran and Berry tunes. In fact, everything I have ever played has had a rockabilly undertone, but now I've decided to get back to my roots proper.

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Hey mama tell me why your boy can't dance I got my blue suedes on And I got my fancy pants

You know a boy needs a girl - For true romance But I won't get - Half a chance Oh mama won't you teach your boy to dance

Hey mama tell me how to get a car I Gotta have some wheels Or I won't get very far

Got some grease in my hair It's a cool pompadour Now all I need - Is a four on the floor Oh mama I gotta hear that engine roar

Oh mama - Let's make a deal So your son won't have to beg, borrow or steal

Hey mama now I need some money fast Got my girl and my Chrysler Waiting in the back

I don't want a job - But I need some cash Or I'll be wanted - For robbing banks Oh mama won't you get your boy financed

I need to learn me to dance I need some high finance I need a girl - Who'll give me - True romance

I need some fancy wheels I need three square meals I need to get me a life - That's oh so real

Hey mama now your boy has learned to dance I got a cool guitar - And I got a rockin' band

But living at home Has become a drag Cause this party can't swing With you and dad Oh mama won't you let me use the pad

### Look to the Clouds

They say if you look to the clouds and pray Your wish may come someday For the angels feel your pain And their teardrops fall like rain

The rain falls down to the ground below And up will come a rose And someone close to home Will enclose it in a book you know

And just because the skies are dark and

The world won't always be a shade of gray You know that behind every cloud the sun is shining

And yes my dear, it's still raining Yes my dear, just keep praying Yes my dear, I still love you everyday

Who knows where this book of love will go As the wind begin to blow The book that's in the boat To the girl I call my own

But every so often Only once in a while After the angels have cried A sign comes from heaven That might bring you a smile And this rainbow Will color the sky, color the sky

You own my heart, my love, my friend This book to you I send And I hope the rose within, Will make your teardrops end Or I'll look to the clouds again!

- For Angelica





### Thunderbirds are go

Black top baby On ah route 66 Ain't no stoppin' us no

This ride is clean This carriage trick Thunderbirds are go

Take a midnight cruise We got nothing to lose Blow off this rocky road - go, go, go

T-Birds are go Everybody knows Thunderbirds are go Watch those tail lights glow Hop on board, Take a ride to the moon this rocket's gotta go, yah

Thunderbird Oh my word It's my rocket ride

Climb on board The engines roar We'll take it to the sky Right up to the moon

Shiftin' gears The runway's clear We'll leave this world behind - go, go, go

Thunderbird, Let's get gone

It's too cool Past beyond We'll be up there real soon

Jet outta here Through the stratosphere Dig that sonic boom - go, go, go





#### Move it

Come on pretty baby, Let's ah move it an ah groove it Well ah shake ah baby shake Oh Honey, please don't loose it This rhythm that gets you to your heart and soul Let me tell you baby it's called rock - n - roll They say it's gonna die but honey please let's face it Well, they sure don't know what's going to replace it Ballads and callipso's have got nothin' on Real country music that just drives along Well honey move it

Come on pretty baby, let's move it an ah groove it Dance honey dance baby please don't loose it It's all over town there's a brand new beat And it's a hangin' in the air like the mississippi heat There's fireflies in the night and bull frogs croakin Here comes the train and boy is she smokin Headin' out from New Orleans an clear to L.A. Better get ready it's a brand new day

Honey move it Yah move it Well honey move it

- Ian Samwell

- Move It
  - Thunderbirds Are Go
- Hey Mama
- Clouds Bad Girls Who Smoke Flea Brain
- Teenage Cutie Damned If You Do

- Restless
  Take Me Back Again
  Double Talk
  Thunderbirds Are Go alt. take





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