

Interview with Alan Freed (10/58)

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In October, 1958, Buddy Holly made a visit to television station WNEW in New York. The program was called "The Big Beat" and it was hosted by the late "King of Rock 'n' Roll", Alan Freed. The conversation touched on the subjects of planes and plane crashes. Four months later Buddy was dead in a plane crash. That interview follows:

Alan: ...Buddy Holly!!! Hey Buddy!

Buddy: Hi ya Alan!

Alan: How are you?

Buddy: Fine.

Alan: Good to see you ol' buddy again. Where (are) the other fellas?

Buddy: They're runnin' around somewhere, Alan.

Alan: They are?

Buddy: Uh huh.

Alan: Gee, last time I saw, I guess I haven't seen you since our tour have I?

Buddy: 'bout in April wasn't it?

Alan: I think somewhere...

Buddy: Been a good while hasn't it.

Alan: Yes it has been. What have you been doing and where have you been?

Buddy: Well, we haven't been workin' all summer, Alan. We just been kinda loafin' and takin' it easy and runnin' around some...enjoying what we hadn't enjoyed the whole year previously...you know, all the work goin' on...

Alan: Oh boy, you worked hard that year Buddy.

Buddy: So, uh, we're getting ready to start in some new work now.

Alan: You goin' on tour again now?

Buddy: I think so. Uh huh.

Alan: Buddy, we had a lot of fun...we did a lot of flyin'.

Buddy: Yeah, we sure did! You know I was just in a town the other day, Cincinnati...Remember when we landed there and uh, the helicopter had crashed that day we got in there?

Alan: That's right!

Buddy: And uh...we took the ride in there from the airport when we landed.

Alan: We've ah, Buddy we've played...I think we rode every kind of airplane there was imaginable.

