

## 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.

Buddy: We sure did!

Alan: Those DC-3s were really something!

Buddy: Ah, hum...with the umph-umph-umph!!

Alan: Oh boy! Oh boy! Without the seatbelts we'd ah, been right through the top...that's for sure.

Buddy: Sure would!

Alan: Buddy, we had a lot of fun together and I hope we're gonna have a lot of fun together in the future too, because you're just a wonderful guy and say hello to Joe...

Buddy: O.K.

Alan: Joe Buy...ooops. It's Joe what? [Mauldin]

Buddy: Joe Buy-Us!

Alan: Joe Buy-Us, cause he was always saying...the fellow with the bass fiddle...and we called him Joe Buy-Us because he was always saying "Buy us a coke!"

Buddy: Uh hum...buy us something!

Alan: Buy us some...buy us a candy bar! So we had a lot of fun together, Buddy. Let's get together soon. And thanks for being with us.

Buddy: Thank you Alan, it's been my pleasure.