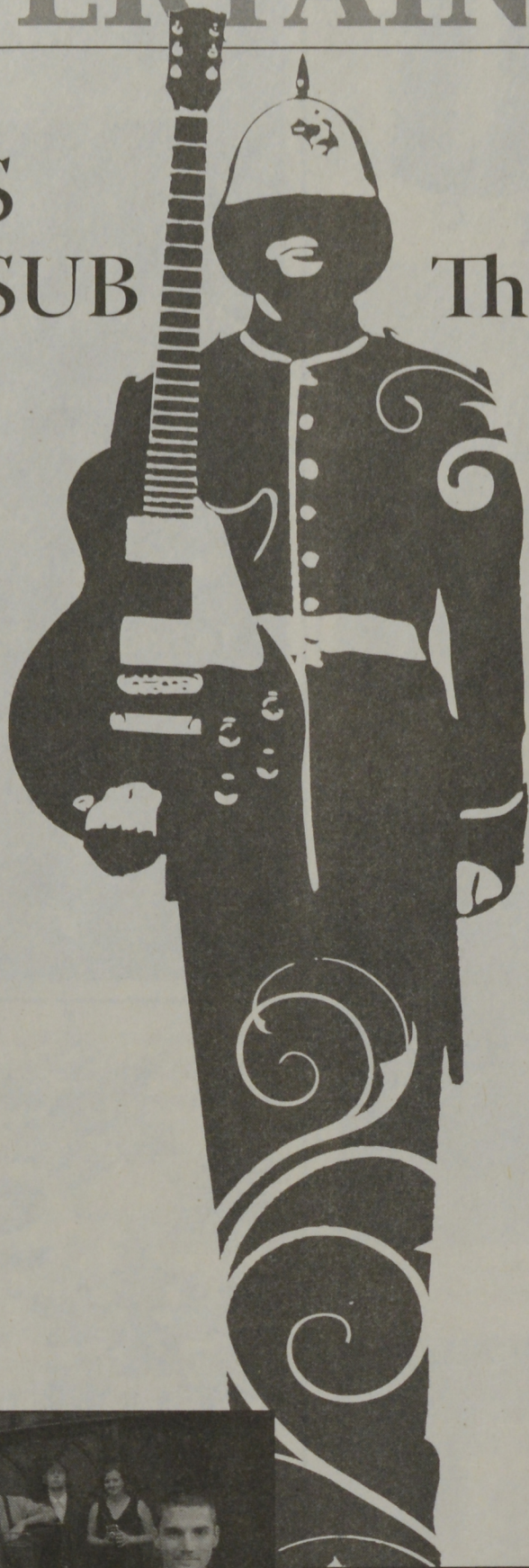


Seven bands Rock the Hill hits the SUB

One ticket Thursday, Feb. 7 at 10 PM



Two Hours Traffic

Alec O'Hanley from "Two Hours Traffic"

1. What's the most fun or craziest part of the ECMAs?

The patrons, the ones who bring the parties.

2. What do you think about the east coast music scene?

It's in a great, wonderful state. We are usually the underdogs but we are all sticking together and good things are happening.

3. Do you have any neat rituals or pre-show habits?

It's one we would kind of like to get rid of: our drummer tends to disappear just before we are supposed to go on. But it's fine; it's a drummer's nature.

4. What's your best tour story?

Probably getting our van totaled in Edmonton by a drunk driver. We were playing at the Starlite Lounge and we just came out to load our gear at the end of the night and found out our band had been sandwiched between a tree and a big, old, hillbilly Bronco. It took out a parking meter. It was pretty crushed, to say the least. We were too young to rent a van so we had to get a driver. Our parents ended up driving a new van that they found in Prince Edward Island to Winnipeg, where they met us.

5. It's the 50th anniversary of the Lego block. If you could build anything with Legos, what would it be?

If you had enough bricks you could build a wonderful castle for your friends and family.

6. Do you have a favorite YouTube video?

A performance R.E.M. did for their record back in 1983 on the David Letterman Show that was pretty mind blowing. I remember seeing that for the first time on YouTube.

7. If you could play anywhere in the world with any other band, who would it be?

The Hives are pretty awesome right now. Spoon would be wicked to play with.

8. Insert words here: You sound like a _____ on _____.

Teenage Fan Club on apple juice.

9. Do you have any cool stories about being in New Brunswick?

There is this wonderful little gem of a place that few people know about. It's called Andy's Dummies. It is this dummy farm. It's quite a place of wonder. Andy looks like a hobo Santa Claus.



hey Rosetta!

Tim Baker from "hey Rosetta!"

1. What's the most fun or craziest part of the ECMAs?

I think one of the craziest things about the ECMAs is that it is nearly impossible to separate anything or isolate any one event from the rest... the whole weekend and all the shows and all the awesome people you meet just blur into one big, long, indistinguishable, half-buzzed, half-productive, half-holiday whirlwind of business and performance and parties.

2. What do you think about the east coast music scene?

Amazing. Thriving. I'm super proud to be a part of it.

3. Do you have any neat rituals or pre-show habits?

Nothing neat. Mostly nerdy stuff...stretching...singing...whiskey...few words of inspiration...and then the waiting...always the waiting, waiting, waiting....

4. What's your best tour story?

Best eh? Hmmm... Not sure. Maybe the time I played a half dozen shows in the [Greater Toronto Area] at the heights of summer with an intestinal virus and an insane fever (that's not just hyperbole, it actually did make me kind of insane).

5. If you could build anything with Legos, what would it be?

An invisibility cloak.

6. Do you have a favorite YouTube video?

I never go on YouTube because it ends up eating up half your day without you realizing.

7. If you could play anywhere in the world with any other band, who would it be?

I think I'd like to play with Sufjan Stevens or Radiohead or the Arcade Fire probably on top of the great pyramid of Giza.

8. Insert words here: You sound like a _____ on _____.

Bunny on mescaline.

9. Do you have any cool stories about being in New Brunswick?

I once hung out in the hospital in Fredericton for 7 hours...it was on the way back from Ontario with my crazy stomach fevers. That was a deal of my liver.



The Trews

"The Trews"

1. What's the most fun or craziest part of the ECMAs?

We're all usually on the road in different directions, and it's great to get everybody together in one town for a few days. The level of sleep deprivation is a little crazy, but hey, that's rock and roll.

2. What do you think about the east coast music scene?

The east coast music scene is hot. There's always been great music here; it's always been a big part of the culture. We all grew up here and that's had a big influence on where we are as songwriters and musicians today. It's very cool to see how east coast music is breaking out all over the country.

3. Do you have any neat rituals or pre-show habits?

Sleep, water, beer, whiskey.

4. What's your best tour story?

Seeing Mick Jagger watching our set from the wings.

5. If you could build anything with Legos, what would it be?

A drum riser.

6. Do you have a favorite YouTube video?

The Ron Hynes performance of "Dry" from last year's ECMA show. It's cool to see 10,000 people at the Halifax Metro Centre listening in complete silence, to this one solitary singer songwriter.

7. If you could play anywhere in the world with any other band, who would it be?

Aerosmith in Boston.

8. Insert words here: You sound like a _____ on _____.

"A 747" on "high speed take off" according to Ron Hynes. Damn right!

9. Do you have any cool stories about being in New Brunswick?

The time we played UNB with our friends. Will Hoge, from Nashville, opening up stands out as being one of my favorite shows down there. I lost my hat that night, and a great deal of my liver.



Wintersleep

"Wintersleep"

1. What's the most fun or craziest part of the ECMAs?

I'd say it's probably just the gathering of a lot of people involved in music from the east coast; it's neat. Lots of different styles and everyone is always all smiles.

2. What do you think about the east coast music scene?

It exists, it's no different than anywhere else, I suppose. People continue to play music.

3. Do you have any neat rituals or pre-show habits?

Secret handshakes.

4. What's your best tour story?

I have a hard time answering this question, I'm sorry. I've had many a funny moment, though jumping in the Pacific (ocean) directly after sound check at Cane's in San Diego was pretty awesome, that was a great day. I'm sure our upcoming Japan trip will take the cake.

5. If you could build anything with Legos, what would it be?

I used to try to build communities - so much maintenance. Nothing ever grew on it's own.

6. Do you have a favorite YouTube video?

Ah, I like this Danish comedy show where an interviewer is interviewing, it's a particularly serious topic and the host has an uncontrollable laughter fit. I can relate.

7. If you could play anywhere in the world with any other band, who would it be?

Led Zeppelin in Newfoundland?

8. Insert words here: You sound like a _____ on _____.

Rat on tat.

9. Do you have any cool stories about being in New Brunswick?

We used to hang out at the old Eric's Trip house in Riverview, that was inhabited by the Peter Parkers, who are equally as cool.



Slowcoaster

Steven MacDougall from "Slowcoaster"

1. What's the most fun or craziest part of the ECMAs?

Just like seeing all my friends that I never get to see. We're always on the road, we're like ships passing in the night...we never get the chance to sit down and create together.

2. What do you think about the east coast music scene?

It's fantastic. We rule this country. Seriously. East coast musicians have that vibe of years of music and heritage coming together... Who's touring the country right now? Us and Joel Plaskett and Matt Mays and Grand Theft Bus and the Trews and Tom Fun...the same friggin' bands that are on the [Rock the Hill] show are the ones we see all the time.

3. Do you have any neat rituals or pre-show habits?

Usually eat some pasta. Our show is pretty high energy, so the last thing you want to do is lose your momentum an hour and a half into it...our music is like a sport sometimes. Or we usually chill out and watch an episode of South Park.

4. What's your best tour story?

Nothing I can probably tell the press, that's for damn sure. I get asked this question all the time and I'm sure there are hundreds of those stories... We still get in our fair share of trouble. We're Cape Bretoners in Ontario...we feel like we have a license to kill.

5. If you could build anything with Legos, what would it be?

A Lego spaceship...or a Lego coffin for when I die. You'd probably be perfectly conserved and mummified inside a Lego coffin. It's plastic, right?

6. Do you have a favorite YouTube video?

I'm a YouTube fanatic, so I'm going to try to narrow that one down. We really got into Japanese Pranks, so Japanese Ski Pranks is pretty good.

7. If you could play anywhere in the world with any other band, who would it be?

Can they be dead bands? I'd love to tour with Led Zeppelin in Brazil or something. That would be nice.

8. Insert words here: You sound like a _____ on _____.

Monkey on crack. Let's not go there. I dunno. A cruise ship on stun?

9. Do you have any cool stories about being in New Brunswick?

Oh shit! Yeah, I do, but I definitely also can't tell those ones. I was at the Snooty Fox the other day and I had suicide wing sauce on my burger and I thought I was gonna have to die and roll around in the streets and eat snow...it's the hottest sauce in the east coast. Fredericton wins in the hot sauce category.