

The David Soul Appreciation Club

NEWS Letter

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Dear Members,

Here we are with the new style DSAC newsletter. There's lots of exciting news this month so keep reading!!

HERE IS WHAT DAVID HAS BEEN UP TO IN MAY:

- **The Feeling of '77** – This show was screened on Dutch TV later than advertised on Friday, 26th May. From all accounts David seemed very relaxed and to be enjoying himself.
- **Fool for Love** – David made a whistle stop visit to Edinburgh to finalise arrangements for the show and to find somewhere to stay whilst he is appearing there. The good news is that Jon and China should be flying over to stay with David sometime during the run, but dates are not yet known.

DIARY DATES:

- **3rd June** – David's final appearance in Comic Potential. **Please note – Sylvie will be outside the main entrance of the Lyric Theatre at 12.30pm to meet any members attending.**
- **16th July** – A guest appearance in a concert, organised by the Merseyside Police Band, which starts at 7pm. He will be singing 5 or 6 songs. 3000 seats.
- **6th August** - David will be taking part in an open-air concert at Oakland Park, Chichester starting at 2pm. It's a nine hour extravaganza called **Music 2000** and 50,000 people are expected!! David will therefore only sing 3 songs: 'Don't Give Up On Us' – 'Sweet Caroline' – 'Always On My Mind'. Tickets are on sale now. Phone the box office on 02380 711818 for more details.
- **Sept /Oct 2000 – Massive UK tour!!** About 20-22 cities in a chain of clubs, scheduled for later in the fall. No official information out yet.

They are hoping to sell the 'Don't Give Up On Us' and 'Surrender To Me' re-makes at all these venues.

With regard to the above dates, except for Music 2000, booking details are not yet known. If you would like details before they appear in the July newsletter please send Keith an s.a.e.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Comic Potential** – A book of the play has been issued by Faber & Faber at £6.99, Publisher's ISBN No 0-571-19787-6.
- **Play Station 2** – It has been reported in various computer game magazines that Sony have bought the rights for S&H and intend to turn it into a play station game. They are also hopeful that David and Paul could add their own voices to it, however, this is still to be confirmed.
- **Fool for Love** – Tickets **can be booked** via Kirsten's e-mail or write to: Scottish International, Unit 15 Abbey Mount, Tech Base, 2 Easter Road, Edinburgh EH7 5AN.

That's it for my first issue with thanks to Sylvie for her guidance. Due to David's hectic schedule for the rest of the year I hope there will be plenty of opportunities for us to meet up. **In Friendship.**

YOUR REPORTS:

Meeting David in New Jersey by Genie

When I decided to go to New Jersey in April to meet David Soul, my friends, family and co-workers were less than excited...in fact, they thought I was nuts. First, they thought I could not make the trip from Indiana to New Jersey by car alone. Second, they thought the idea of meeting people from the internet for the first time in a strange place was completely nuts and that I might as well have my Will updated and be prepared to die a horrible death!

Friday afternoon when I was lost in new York for 3 hours, I pretty much decided that I was never going to meet David Soul and I was never going to make it home alive!

I did make it out of New York (how, I still don't know...obviously, my sense of direction is not that good.) And, I did make it to the hotel. When I arrived, the front desk sent me to the wrong room. I wasn't in the room more than 2 minutes when a woman came in and said "You're in my husband's room"

I finally found my room and my roomies (a great group I must say and not a serial killer in the bunch). But, unfortunately David had not yet arrived at the hotel.

When David arrived, I was having a much needed, very stout refreshment...thankfully, the girls hollered for me and there to my wonderment and amazement was David Soul at the front desk checking in... I can't describe what that moment was like.. waiting for 25 years (since I was 8 years old) to lay eyes on him! He looked wonderful. Blue jeans, black leather jacket and sunglasses; a sight to behold. I felt like my shoes were made of cement, I couldn't move.

Out in the tent, we were almost last in line. As I was waiting I struck up a conversation with a handsome young man and his two friends. We talked about S&H and how it had impacted on us as the line slowly moved.

As we got closer, I started getting really nervous. I must have looked pretty pathetic, because one of the guys handed me a very nice S&H poster and said "Here have this, I won't use it"

When I was third or fourth in line I said, "I can't do this." But, my new friends assured me that I could. I just knew if I stepped up to the table something really horrible would happen...I would trip, fall on the table, blurt out something inappropriate. something! When it was my turn, David looked up and smiled and asked my name... I said "Genie" and he said "Jea...right?" I tried to tell him it was spelled weird and finally blurted out "Genie-like genie in a bottle."

I didn't even look at what he was signing on the pictures. My next hurdle was walking around the end of the table to have my picture taken with David I felt sure I would land on the floor instead of the chair. As soon as I sat down I pretty much plastered myself to David's side! David was very sweet and didn't mind that I had glued myself to him.

It wasn't until after I had left the table that I looked at the pictures...the autograph said "Genie – Just one rub!" Well, I was flabbergasted! What did this mean! Had I hit pay dirt? Could I go back for another picture and a "rub"! It wasn't until about 1:00a.m. that it hit me.."Genie in a bottle.." Clever, David!

On Saturday morning we headed back down to the tent. David looked so handsome that morning... jeans, blue button down shirt and tie. His eyes were bright blue and he looked rested and happy. When I went for my second picture (a glutton, I know), David looked at my badge and said you must be "Jenny?" Janice, very kindly said "no, Genie." And David said "Oh, from last night." He remembered!! Well, and that was even without getting in my "rub!"

After Sylvie took our picture, I (without even thinking) hugged David and kissed him on the cheek. As I leapt up from the chair in horror at what I had just done, David put his head down a little, smiled and said "Oh..thankyou." I think I surprised him too...or maybe he was just wondering if he would have to call security!

Saturday afternoon as we were riding up in the elevator tour rooms, the elevator stopped and David and Brendan got on. The elevator was instantly quiet! It was the best elevator ride I've ever had! We stayed Sunday too, even though I had planned on leaving early that morning to make the long drive home. Seeing David was like a drug...as long as he was there, we had to be too!

There is so much more...such a special weekend. I met David and made some wonderful new friends. So, if you're wondering? Yes, David looks great! He is handsome and charming! And, pictures don't do him justice.. he has a magnetism that can't be captured.

So, the lesson I learned:

1. Never get lost in New York.
2. Follow your dreams – even if takes 25 years...
3. And, never, never get lost in New York.

YOUR ADS:

<u>WANTED</u>	<u>PENFRIENDS</u>	<u>MERCHANDISE</u>
I'll start the ball rolling: I am after the ' You Can Fly To Me' single, released by David in France in 1977. Reply to Keith White.	Gillian Robinson 46 Brookside Walk Tadley Hants RG26 3RW	Various items of David memorabilia are being sold by DSAC members. Please contact Keith White for list of items available.

YOUR VIEWS / MISC.

This is an opportunity for all of you to air your views and comments on David, the DSAC etc. Please let me have all your thoughts, positive or negative, in order that I can provide the best service possible. I would also like you to send me your reports on meeting David, attending his shows etc., so that we can all share your special experiences via the newsletter.

See you next month!

See you all next month! Please remember to send ALL your contributions to KEITH only. Thanks!