

Mp3 Thundertrain - Hell Tonite!

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Rock'n'roll powerhouse Thundertrain -Their legendary live WCOZ Boston radio broadcast from 1979 - Lost tracks included. 13 MP3 Songs ROCK: 70's Rock, ROCK: Glam Details: "How about some hot rock'n'roll? From the Hell's Angels in Salem and the Summit Club... I bring you THUNDERTRAIN!" After offering up her introduction, petite deejay Leslie Palmiter runs for cover as the floodgates open up behind her. The year is 1979 and Thundertrain is being recorded for a midnight broadcast on Boston's powerhouse FM station WCOZ. The band rumbles into life and erupts into an orgy of fire-breathing Gibsons and massive Ludwig fury. "We're gonna raise some HELL TONITE!" promises leather-voiced Mach Bell. The hot'n'horny wailing guitar of Steven Silva, cockrockin' Bobby Edwards on drums and the two-fisted Provost brothers Cool Gene Ric on rhythm guitar and Thunderbird bass seal the deal. Five years on the road with nothing to show for it except a roadcase full of songs, a wall of Marshall stacks and a ferociously precise rock attack. Back in 1974 these five suburban rockers decided that rock'n'roll was their ticket out of nowhere. Thundertrain was the vehicle that they constructed to take them to the top. Cram Eddie Cochran, Black Oak Arkansas and Slade into a blender. Pour in a shot of 70's decadence and a dash of the puritanical New England environment that the Thundertrain boys were raised in. Gulp that cocktail down and hop into the Thundertrain hot rod. You better hold on tight because these boys never bothered to install a steering wheel or brakes. While the music industry romanced disco, punk and the new wave crazes, Thundertrain stubbornly stuck to their mega-watt Chuck Berry riff 'n' roll formula. Thundertrain had studied their rock forefathers - but they never copied them. Thundertrain forged a distinct and original sound. They became one of the early Boston DIY bands. Producing their own concerts, fanzines and records to the delight of their devoted fans, whom the band called "Thundertroopers". Five years later on Feb.1,1979, with over 1000 one-nighters under their belts, Thundertrain swaggered onto the Summit stage rocking harder, heavier and hairier than ever before. HELL TONITE! is the climatic, never-before-told final chapter of the Thundertrain story. HELL TONITE! takes off like a deathrace and burns rubber through 13 hellraising tracks. Guitarists Steven Silva and Gene Provost provide 5 new original songs. As usual the lyrical theme is Thundertrain vs. Parental

Authority (COUNTERATTACK), Thundertrain vs. Girls (AFTERSCHOOL) and Thundertrain vs. High School (READIN'RIOTIN'ROCK'N'ROLL). We get a supercharged run-through of their Rat anthem I GOTTA ROCK (Thundertrain vs. Disco) and an extended version of Thundertrain's breakthrough 1976 underground hit HOT FOR TEACHER! HELL TONITE! also features Thundertrain's kustomized version of the Standells DIRTY WATER and a no-holds-barred blast through Slade's MAMA WEER ALL CRAZEE NOW. Listening to HELL TONITE! it becomes immediately obvious how far the group had progressed sonically since their widely known earlier 1975-1977 recordings (collected on TEENAGE SUICIDE Gulcher Records 411). The '79 Summit performance turned out to be one of the final Thundertrain shows and homemade tapes of the original Thundertrain WCOZ Playback program have been trading hands for decades now. Thundertroopers regard the "Summit" recording as the TT holy grail - the real Thundertrain sound captured as they remember hearing it at The Rat, CBGBs and a hundred biker bars and high school cafeterias around the northeast. Gulcher Records has gone back to the original Starfleet Mobile master reel and HELL TONITE! features two "lost" tracks that were cut from the original radio broadcast. The entire concert has been restored, remastered and is presented today in it's finest uncut form. The Gulcher package includes recently uncovered photos and new liner notes from Thundertrain singer Mach Bell detailing the final days of the legendary Thundertrain. HELL TONITE! is truly the ultimate Thundertrain trip. *** Thundertrain was never to be forgotten. In the wake of the band's break up, the Joe Perry Project scooped up lead singer Mach Bell, Van Halen nabbed guitarist Steven Silva's catchy song title ("Hot For Teacher!"), and bootleggers continue to press Thundertrain discs to this day. Bloomington, Indiana's Gulcher Records, purveyors of classic underground rock since 1976 (The Gizmos, Red Glance, Afrika Korps, Dancing Cigarettes, Screaming Mee Mees etc.), has carefully remastered all of Thundertrain's landmark recordings from the restored original tapes. Thundertrain reformed in 2003 and have been playing to SRO audiences and rave reviews.

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