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The Invictas

During the 1960's, The Invictas were one of Rochester's most popular rock and roll bands. Their song, "The Hump," made it to the Top 100 in the country. It's been 20 years since The Invictas' last reunion, during the 1980's, where the concerts were packed! This summer there will be one more reunion of the band, and it promises to be a great time, with The Invictas playing a limited number of engagements, and at each event, they will raise funds for Leukemia research.



The band's national hit, "The Hump," released during the mid-60's, made news for being banned in Boston and number one in Miami. The Invictas were said to have sold more records in the Rochester area than The Beatles! The band played at the hottest place in town at the time, Tiny's Bengel Inn, on St. Paul Blvd., where hundreds of people stood in line to see them. There were many stories about The

Invictas being chased by fans...one of the members had to hide in the ladies room in Sibley's old downtown location!

The Invictas were unique for their time. They dressed differently, wore English riding boots, had long hair, and traveled in a black Cadillac hearse. During the 80's, the band released a CD that included several of their songs from the 60's, as well as new originals. Their music still sells on e-bay and around the world, and they are considered one of the original garage bands.

For the 2005 Comeback Tour, The Invictas will feature 3 out of 4 of the original members. Fans can enjoy the reunited band at the following performances: Friday, June 3rd & Saturday, June 4th at the



California Brew Haus with special guest, B2 (with Saturday also featuring The Street Machines of Rochester's "Cruise In," and a record signing earlier (2pm) at the House of Guitars); Sunday, June 12th at Shamrock Jack's; Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 3rd at Captain Jack's in Sodus; Saturday, July 23rd at the House of Guitars; Sunday, July 24th at Pelican's Nest; Saturday, August 13th at Montage Grille and Sunday, August 14th at Shamrock Jack's. See theinvictas.com for more details.