

# Mickie

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Hi everybody,  
I hope your vocal chords have recovered from singing along to all the super hits we printed in our last issue. There certainly seem to be a few sore throats in the Mickie offices right now — we got so carried away, that at one stage we were singing the lyrics of 'How Can I Be Sure' to Slade's hit 'Mama Weer All Crazee Now'! . . . Must be the weather!

Well, one thing's for sure, judging by all your letters you certainly were delighted to learn that we'll be publishing every other week from now on. We're happy too, 'cos that way we can really keep you up to date with lots of hit lyrics as the records are released. Even Mickie Bear, our mascot, has got a big smile on his face, because just lately he's been in a very jokey mood (he's a regular Tony Blackburn, you know!) and he'll be bringing you a fortnightly laugh from now on — so *beware* of Mickie bear!

We'd like your help with our Golden Memories spot! If there's a special golden oldie that you would like us to publish, then do write in and tell us. Just send your request on a postcard to Mickie's Golden Memories at the address above — we're looking forward to seeing just how far back your memories go!

Now, on a serious note, *you're* all getting very serious with the messages you've been sending in to us. I've never known so many broken hearts in my life. How about a few of you comedians writing in and giving us all a few giggles — we could certainly do with some laughs.

We've got a super Mini Poster of Lovely Donny Osmond on our centre pages in this issue — he's got the cutest smile! And on the back cover you'll find the cheeky face of Rod Stewart waiting to greet you. There's lots more hit lyrics for you to sing along to and some great info on the Jackson Five tour that's to happen here in November!

Enjoy the issue and have fun! See you again in two weeks' time.

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Trish

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WE KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS!



The JACKSON FIVE will arrive in Britain on November 6th for a long-awaited concert tour, following venues in Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Paris — turn to our On The Road spot and you'll find the tour dates there. . . . Love ALICE COOPER's new single *Election* — it's sure to be as big here as *School's Out* was. . . . ERIC CLAPTON currently putting the finishing touches to his next solo album in his own recording studio at his home in Surrey. . . . The FOUR TOPS are in the country at the moment — hope you can make it to one of their concerts, they *really* are fantastic. Nation-wide tour by SLADE is currently being negotiated for November — mustn't miss that! . . . new single from CILLA BLACK is long overdue. . . . A bad fall by FREE's Paul Kossoff caused the group to cancel several of their tour dates recently — but they intend to make up for lost time, later this year. . . . While his film *The Harder They Come* is being shown at selected theatres throughout the country, Jimmy Cliff is currently doing a three-week tour of the country — reggae fans take note! . . . Brilliant new album from YES currently enjoying the success it deserves in our album charts. . . . ELVIS's *Burning Love* reminds us very much of an early CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL single. . . . Alongside VINEGAR JOE, STONE THE CROWS must surely be one of the most powerful groups to hit the scene here. . . . Seems that our Stateside fan friends did not catch on to beautiful MARC BOLAN during his concert tour of the country. In fact, his tour was rated as a 'near disaster' by some American critics — it's their loss, not ours! . . . Reverse situation for SLADE though: The same fans are still stomping to the echos of our famous four's high-heeled boots as they kicked America apart on their recent tour of the country!

Super DAVID CASSIDY's next album is called *Rock Me, Baby* and David told us it's more of what he's always wanted to record. . . . After their knock-out tour here all-girl rock group FANNY off to Germany to do concerts with SLADE — must say, we'd like to witness one of those shows! . . . BARRY RYAN seems to be slightly Tamla-influenced on his single *I'm Sorry Suzanne* — nice sound, though! . . . Just received an advance copy from America of DONNY OSMOND's latest LP *Too Young* — it's a really fabulous album and one well worth saving up for — hope Donny treats us to a few snatches of it on the OSMONDS concert tour here! . . . that's all the pop news for now — see you all again in two weeks' time!





# Echo Valley

## 2-6809

Recorded by the **PARTRIDGE FAMILY**

on their *Sound Magazine* album on the Bell label

We grew up together  
With Ferris wheels and sunshine laughter  
A rainbow love that lasted after the rain. Mmm.  
Now we're separated  
And I've become a lonely runner  
And when I rest I hurt and I wonder  
If I'll ever see you again.

Echo Valley Two-Six-Eight-Oh-Nine  
I used to call that number all the time  
But the last time that I called you  
We hung up cryin'.

Echo Valley Two-Six-Eight-Oh-Nine  
I can see you clearly in my mind  
But I'm scared to call  
'Cause it's been such a long, long time.

I've never been much for writin',  
'Cause what do you say to a dream that's dyin',  
A fragile lifeline that's untyin', Oh, no, Oh, no,  
Now I can't face the sunrise  
Lightin' up a road to nowhere  
Where you are I have to go there  
Are you waitin', I got to know.

Echo Valley Two-Six-Eight-Oh-Nine  
I gotta call that number one more time  
'Cause I've just got to know if you're still mine.

(Spoken)

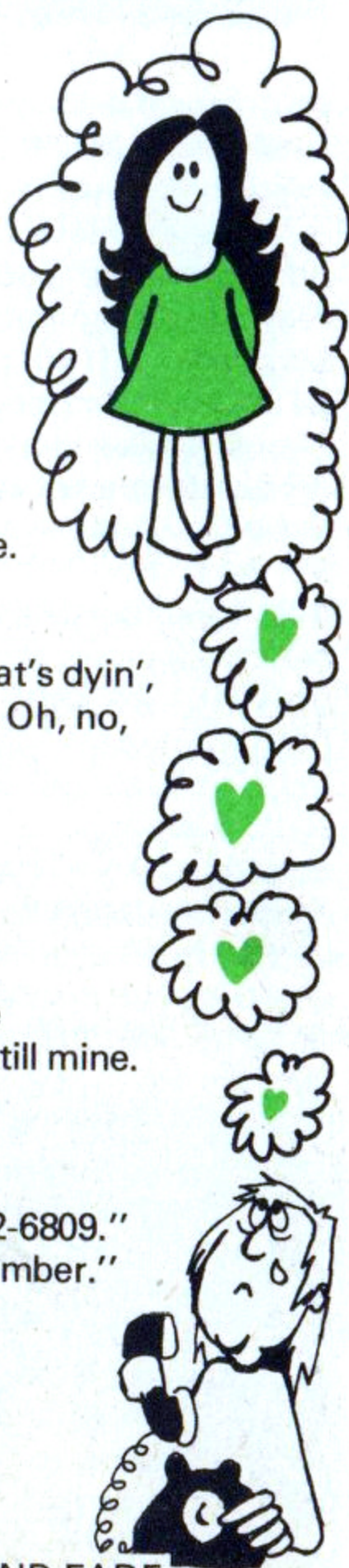
"Hello, Operator, get me Echo Valley 2-6809."  
"You have reached a disconnected number."

(Sung)

Echo Valley Two-Six-Eight-Oh-Nine  
I should have called that number.

REPEAT LAST TWO LINES TWICE AND FADE

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# ALBUM

# ACTION!



## DONNY OSMOND

### *PORTRAIT OF DONNY*

Bounding up the album charts is Donny's new one, and it's certainly not surprising that it's doing so well. Because not only does it show Donny at his versatile best, but it is extremely well produced and arranged as well. There's lots of oldies amongst the tracks, such as **All I Have To Do Is Dream**, the old Everly Brothers song, and **Big Man**, but they are rendered fresh and new by Donny's great vocal treatments. One of the tracks, **Love Me**, has been arranged by brother Merrill and has a really exciting opening, while Donny's version of **Hey Girl**, following **Puppy Love**, is bound to reduce even the most stony-hearted non-fan to tears! Must be the best thing Donny's ever done . . . sure you'll all agree about that!! There's three super photos inside, too.

## PARTRIDGE FAMILY . . . *SHOPPING BAG*

The only disappointing thing about this album is that there are no photos attached! But once on the turntable that Partridge magic dispels any glooms that may have occurred. David's fabulous voice has been brought right to the fore on every track and proves that his voice is getting better and better all the time. Listen particularly to **There'll Come A Time**, which David wrote himself. **Hello, Hello**, with its happy, sing-along trad jazz accompaniment and **Every Song Is You** were also among our personal favourites. David's next solo album is due to be released soon — we can't wait to hear it. Sure you can't either!

## MOTT THE HOOPLE . . . *ALL THE YOUNG DUDES*

If you raved over the single, you're bound to freak over this. The Bowie touch is there on every track — he produced and co-arranged the album, too. All tracks except the title and **Sweet Jane** have been written by the group. The lyrics just **HAVE** to be listened to as they are really way-out. Watch out for the acoustic telephone dial and clock-winding — yes, there's lots of surprises on this record. Definitely one for sitting down with, 'cos it's much too interesting to be background music. Try to catch up with one of their live performances — Mott are the mostest!

## SLEEVE NOTES

Black Sabbath have rush-released a new album, **Black Sabbath Volume Four**. It was recorded in both Britain and America and comes in a folding sleeve complete with a book of pix! . . .

Sutherland Brothers have an album coming out at the end of the month. . . . Bill Withers and Jim Croce both have excellent LPs out — give them a listen. . . . Melanie's double album a must for all fans — she also has a new one due for release soon. . . . Beautiful **Dingy Dell** album from Lindisfarne — in places they sound like the early Rolling Stones. . . . 14-year-old Mark Radice's album incredible. Not only has Mark written and sung all the numbers but plays keyboard and has co-arranged the album as well! . . . whole new dimensions opened up by Cat Stevens on **Catch Bull At Four** — should get high in the charts.