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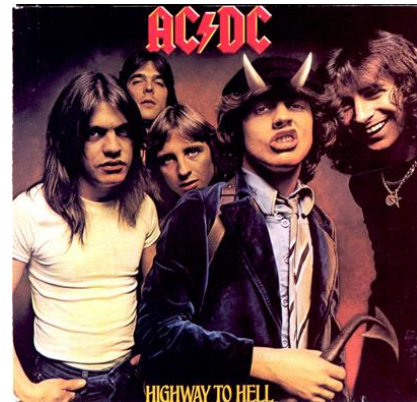
### Direct Info from the Bonfire

Cleveland's **Bonfire** is everything you'd expect in an AC/DC act, plus some things that you may have never expected. We may not look just like them, but we sound just like them! Our shows are parties, plain and simple. The sound and reproduction of AC/DC tunes is first and foremost. We pride ourselves on duplicating the greatest hard rock music ever made. The best compliments we hear are "I closed my eyes, I thought it was the real thing...you sound just like them!" We cover tunes from every album plus of course all the "Standards."

Bonfire is made up of five rock-and-roll-loving, AC/DC fans. Though there have been a few line-up changes, the present members make Bonfire the strongest it's ever been. Will Halikias, the band's lead guitar player, masters the job of Angus Young with his duck walking and strip routine. Wes Lauderback is Bonfire's bassist and has been involved in bands for most of his life. The thump behind the band belongs to Kenny Struhar, who also has much experience with local bands. The band's rhythm guitarist, Tony Tyminski completes the rhythm section and makes it the best it's ever been. Our singer Scott Mattocks will amaze you with his ability to go from the nuances of Bon Scott's whiskey drenched vocals to the raw power of Brian Johnson!

Bonfire has rocked many big events, including a gig at Cleveland's Hard Rock Cafe for an AC/DC album release party in 2000. The band also played pre-AC/DC concert parties dealing with 2000-2001's "Stiff Upper Lip Tour." Cleveland rock station WMMS sponsored two shows at The Odeon Concert Club where fans could purchase AC/DC tickets before they went on sale to the public and rock with Bonfire as the nights went on. The Angus Army even made a stop at a Bonfire show in the spring of 2001.

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### For Those About to Rock...

**AC/DC** is an Australian rock band formed in Sydney in 1973 by brothers Malcolm and Angus Young. Although the band is commonly classified as hard rock, and considered pioneers of heavy metal, they have always classified their music as "rock and roll".

AC/DC has sold more than 200 million albums worldwide, including 71 million albums in the United States. *Back in Black* has sold an estimated 45 million units worldwide and 22 million in the United States alone, where it is the fifth highest-selling album. AC/DC ranked fourth on VH1's list of the "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock" and the seventh "Greatest Heavy Metal Band of All Time" by MTV. In 2004, the band was ranked number 72 in the *Rolling Stone* list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

### Other AC/DC Tribute Bands

**AC/DShe** (pronounced A C - D She) is an all-female AC/DC tribute band. The band, hailing from San Francisco, covers only pre-1980 AC/DC songs (thus those written while Bon Scott was the lead singer). The band was created by Nici Williams and Amy Ward in 1997. AC/DShe has toured throughout the US and in Europe and performed at the AC/DC tribute festival in Wales in 2004. They began getting significant media coverage in November of 2001, with a feature in *Details Magazine*, and have had national and international press since, alongside other gender-specific tribute acts such as Lez Zeppelin and Mandonna.

**Hayseed Dixie** is an American band which began in the Fall of 2000 with the release of their first album, *A Hillbilly Tribute to AC/DC*. The band performs a mixture of cover versions of hard rock songs and original compositions in a style that is a cross between bluegrass and rock music. The band's name is a play on the name AC/DC and was originally AC/Dixie, but they were forced to change it. Claiming to hail from the fictional Deer Lick Holler, Appalachia, the band has played nearly 1,000 live dates in 21 different countries since 2001.



### How To Make Your Own Bonfire

- 1) You need to create a fire pit or use a pre-made one. To create a fire pit, dig a big hole away from any trees or anything else flammable. Make sure that the place where you are making the bonfire allows bonfires, and that the people around are okay with it.
- 2) Stack wood in a log cabin fashion inside of the pit, building upwards. Make sure to space the wood out to leave a center.
- 3) Fill the center with wood chippings/twigs/newspaper. Only use dry leaves if you don't have anything else as they have a tendency to burn up quickly and be carried away in wind.
- 4) Use matches to light different points in the center.
- 5) Blow into center of the "log cabin" appropriately to get the fire to burn hotter.
- 6) Add additional kindling until center logs catch on fire and embers are created.



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