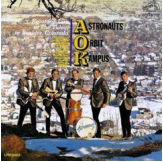


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01. Johnny B. Goode (Berry) - 2:56 02. Be-Bop-A-Lula (Davis, Vincent) - 2:14 03. Good Golly Miss Molly (Blackwell, Marascalco) - 2:37 04. Let The Good Times Roll (Goodman, Lee) - 2:21 05. Linda Lou (Sharpe) - 3:24 06. Bony Moronie (Williams) - 2:08 07. Diddy Wah Diddy (Diddley, Dixon) - 3:16 08. Roll Over Beethoven (Berry) - 3:11 09. Shop Around (Gordy, Robinson) - 3:33 10. Greenback Dollar (Axton, Ramsey) - 2:39 11. Summertime (Gershwin, Gershwin, Heyward) - 2:39 12. Sticks & Stones (Turner) - 2:10 - Richard Otis Fifield - vocals, guitar - Bob Demmon - guitar, vocals - Jim Gallagher - drums, vocals - Dennis Lindsey - guitar, vocals - Stormy Patterson - bass

The Astronauts recorded their RCA album, "Astronauts Orbit Kampus" on location at Tulagi in 1964. The band then went on tour and performed at colleges around the country. They also made several appearances on a television show called, "Hullabaloo" and made a couple of cameo appearances in teen movies. Unfortunately, the group's success never rose above their initial chart position, even with attempts at recording other styles. --- jukebox.au.nu

Along with Minnesota's Trashmen, the Astronauts (from Colorado) were the premier landlocked Midwestern surf group of the '60s. They recorded numerous singles and albums and achieved vast regional popularity, but only scored one modest national hit, "Baja." With little material of their own, they judiciously tapped heavyweights like Lee Hazelwood (who wrote "Baja"), Roger Christian, and Gary Usher, as well as covering tunes by Dick Dale and Henry Mancini. The group shone brightest on their instrumentals, which used mounds of Fender reverb and two rhythm guitars; when they sang, the results were much less successful. --- Richie Unterberger, AllMusic Review

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