

Melody Makers / Beaufort, South Carolina
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Brief Description	One the early South Carolina Beach Bands, the Melody Makers contribute several cuts to the Heeey Baby days compilation including a quicker-paced take on Willie Tee's classic, "Walking Up A One Way Street" (CD #12) On CD # 6, Hear their early cover of "Early cover of "Everlasting Love." Band members Gerald Polk and Ron Nobels later moved on to the upstate Swingin' Medallions, but both ultimately returned. Long time Bassist, Fred Gauch, keeps the tradition alive.			
Year Established	1960-CURRENT			
Favorite Venues	Folly's Beach Pier			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B: singles: The Oreo Song, Everlasting Love, I Who Have Nothing			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Gauch, Fred	Hilton Head Island, SC	Lead Vocals, Bass	1960-Current	The long-term leader and founding member, Fred has kept together one of the oldest beach/party bands covering four decades. Definite member of "Never Gonna' Give It Up Club", Shaggers Walk of Fame, N. Myrtle Beach 1995, World's Oldest Teenager.
Nobles, Ron	Beaufort, SC	Drums, Vocals	1960-1969 / 1971-2003	Founding member, left band in 1969 through 1974 to join the Swingin' Medallions; returned to the band until 2003.
Polk, Gerald	Deceased	Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone	1961-1969	Founding member, left band in 1969 to join the Swingin' Medallions; In 1975, he helped form the East Coast Party Band where he remained until his death in 2003.
Ledford, Ted	Beaufort, SC	Keyboards, Guitar, Vocals	1962-1964 1964-2002	Mark IV, Melody Makers
Rogers, Larry	Beaufort, SC	Guitar, Vocals	1960-1994	Founding member; the deep bass voice of the band retired from music in 1994.
Clamp, O'Neal	Deceased	Trumpet	1961-1970	Founding member; formed Custom 4+2 band 1970 thru 1990; Gospel Brass Band 1990 - his death in 2004.
Murgaugh, Donny	Columbia, SC	Drums, Trombone	1966-1970	To Godfather Band, Newbury, SC
Parker, Charlie	Greenville, SC	Saxophone	1961-1966	Owns Parker Music Company, Greenville, SC; still plays pick-up work in the Greenville, SC area.
Parker, Mike	Columbia, SC	Trumpet, Saxophone	1964-1967	To Godfather Band, Newbury, SC
Austin, Tim	Beaufort, SC	Guitar, Lead Vocals	1977-1994 / 1994-Current	Austin/Richards Acoustic Duo; Columbia, SC, Melody Makers Band
Harley, Russell	Beaufort, SC	Keyboards	2000-2000	Owns Harley Music, Beaufort, SC
Hoffman, Herman	Walterboro, SC	Trombone	1969-1974	Still plays gospel music in Walterboro, SC
Wiggins, Steve	Charleston, SC	Keyboards, Vocals	2003-Current	One of the original Charleston Villagers, Bootleg Band. Joined Melody Makers in 2003.
Gresham, Greg	Beaufort, SC	Drums	2003-Current	1993-1998, Mark Collins Band, Charleston, SC, 1999-2003, Joshua Fox Band, 2003-Current Melody Makers Band