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What's happening in St. Cloud

Wacky band makes pit stop at the Rox

The Auto Body Experience sure to dent your funny bone

Leave it to a band called The Auto Body Experience to have a horn section called the Car Horns.

"That's what we call them because they think it's funny," said Scott Yoho, Auto Body Experience guitarist and head funny guy.

The Car Horns are actually St. Cloud musicians Al Asmus, Kim Gaet and Al Schumacher. They made a few coveted appearances on Auto Body's self-titled debut and will join the band for its St. Cloud CD Release/Holiday Party Wednesday night at the Rox, 506 Mall Germain.

Never mind that Auto Body released its CD this fall. This is a Twin Cities band that seems to have a sense of humor about nearly everything — including its music.

The band's CD is one string of clever lyrics after another. Song titles range from the innocent-sounding "Animals' Rights" to the just plain bizarre "Seedless Hydroponic Cucumber." Take a listen:

■ "They Wack Balls" is perhaps the band's best-known single. It's nabbing airplay on regional college stations as well as the "Dr. Demento Show," which is broadcast on more than 180 stations in the country and overseas. It's a catchy little ditty about what successful corporate types do with their time. "They whack balls, they whack golf balls, tennis balls, racquet balls, hand balls, polo balls, even croquet balls."

■ "Motion Sickness" delivers just what listeners might expect. On the way to Aunt Astrid's house, "I woke to my stomach heaving, something in my mouth. My meal had headed north while the car had headed south."



Best bets

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■ In "Animals' Rights," members call for the need for vegetables' rights. "All we are saying is give peas a chance."

If you get a kick out of those songs, Yoho says there are more to come. "We've even got some new funny tunes. We keep fine-tuning our show — to borrow a car phrase."

Among the new additions is "Wedding Band," a spoof on some of the difficulties Yoho encounters at the many wedding receptions he plays. "All kinds of bad wedding music rears its head in that one."

The Auto Body Experience, which also includes Tom Hambleton, Matt Jacobs and Erik Fratake, parks it at the Rox Wednesday night. Reynold's Remarkable Rhythm Cattle, which features the remarkable Reynold Phillippek (another St. Cloud native who just released his 31st album), opens the show. No cover.



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