



on-the-set with the PARTRIDGE Family

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Hi! Jane Joyce here. As Susan Dey's full-time guardian, best friend, and stand-in on the "Partridge Family" set, I'll be giving you the inside track on all the members of the family right here every month! Above, is a recent shot (showing my new short haircut) taken on the Partridge Family set. Susan and I share a house in the Hollywood Hills and since the "Partridge Family" takes up most of our time, I'll be passing on their super-secrets to YOU in this exclusive column every month!

This month, Jane takes you ON TOUR with The Partridges!

Suppose you read in your local paper that some of the Partridge Family were coming to your town for a personal appearance. No doubt you'd be very excited about seeing David, Susan, Danny, and everyone else who might be coming, and you and your friends would make plans to go wherever the Partridges might be appearing. Maybe you'd even make gifts for them—at least bring your camera, your autograph book, or just a very happy heart, and there you would stand, on the side of the parade route, waiting and waiting for a glimpse, at least, of your favorite stars.

Here they come—on an old-fashioned fire truck—and the crowd starts to scream, "David, look this way." "Susan, Susan!" or "Danny, here's a ring for you!" The air is full of shouts, camera bulbs flash, and you stand on tip-toe to get a good look. There's David in a dark blue coat, and he's waving right at you. Susan looks so beautiful and the outfit she is wearing is just fantastic! And Danny—his hair is really orange and not red. He looks like he's having a great time.

REMEMBER THE EXCITEMENT

Then the truck moves on, and the three Partridges go out of your view. Maybe they are physically gone but the memory of this day will always stay in your mind.



ON THEIR FIRST PERSONAL appearance tour, both Susan and David were excited, but realized after 24 hours what super-hard work it was!

Sound like a dream to you? Well, it might someday be true. But there is another side to the story—what goes on to prepare for just such personal appearances and what happens during them. Recently I had the chance to go along on one of these trips with David,

Susan, and Danny, and here is what a personal appearance trip is like from this side of the parade route:

DANNY WAS THRILLED

A month or so in advance of the trip, David, Susan, and Danny were asked by Bell Records, the producers for the Partridge Family albums, if they would like to go to Cleveland, Ohio for a personal appearance in a parade there. Everyone was very excited—particularly Danny—and immediately said yes. That set all the wheels in motion, and detailed plans were made for the flights and hotel reservations in Cleveland. As it turned out later in the planning, we were only to use the hotel rooms to change clothes in and use for resting a while before and after the parade. The whole trip would only take a day. Anyway, it was nice to know that there would be some place quiet and away from the noise and the crowds.

Thinking of the crowds now, I don't think either David or Susan or Danny thought there would be a huge mob on hand to greet them anywhere. But Brendan Cahill, the music representative from Bell (and a recording manager of the Monkees when they were big) kept warning everyone to be aware of the size of the crowd and to be careful. Not that the people would purposely try to do anybody any harm but that a crowd that big sometimes gets out of hand. "That big," everyone laughed. "We'll be lucky if anyone knows who we are." (How wrong they were!)

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