

# ROCKABILLY JUNCTION

## Q94 Backyard Rocker – CD Review

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### **ROCKABILLY JUNCTION – DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU... (Shady Lady Records)**

Don't let the name Rockabilly Junction fool you. You won't hear Buddy Holly- or Jerry Lee Lewis-styled 50's roots rock on the Armstrong County-based group's second CD, Don't Let It Fool You.; but instead a blend of rock, "hillbilly" country and southern rock sounds rooted in the traditions of Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special, Steve Earle and more. Over the disc's seven songs, Rockabilly Junction loosely weaves a concept album of one man's quest for peace of mind and contentment. The songs portray various aspects of this quest; the hard-rocking opener "Shifting Gears" explores his restless and wild spirit, while the slower and more rural-gearred "Southern Skies" answers the call to return to his roots. The protagonist escapes to find some peace of mind with friends and booze on the rowdy "Six-Pack to Stay," and reflects on life's journey on the thoughtful and tranquil closer "Open Book Memories." The performances are steady and strong, with guitarists Snap Brandon and Lars Rosell competently demonstrating and blending ample rock muscle and country twang on their instruments, offering stinging solos and colorful riffs along the way. Drummer Tony Kunkle and bassist Marty Roppolo anchor the sound with crisp, steady rhythms; and vocally, singer Casey Davis (replaced since the disc's release) displays a sturdy and rugged voice up front, supported by full two- and three-part backing harmonies along the way. The group's production is balanced and gives everybody an equal presence in the mix. Simply put, Rockabilly Junction delivers a hearty Southern-flavored workout on Don't Let It Fool You..., offering an inspired and sincere effort. (The CD can be purchased through the group's website, [www.rockabillyjunction.com](http://www.rockabillyjunction.com).)

# Don't Let it Fool You...