



The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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October 19 Showcase – Harley String Band

By Granny

The Harley String Band will be playing the Folk Club showcase on October 19. As you may be aware, the band consists of Jim Johnson, Jim Clark, and Steve Coffee. As the publicist for the Harley String Band, the “boys” have asked me to put in a few good words for them – and I certainly do have my work cut out for me!



The Harley String Band started five years ago as a joke (although there are some who maintain the joke has continued to the present time). During August 2005, Jim Johnson rode his Harley Davidson Heritage Softtail motorcycle over to Jim Clark’s house for a music party. While the Softtail is nice, I much prefer a fully raked-out chopper as you can see from my calling card below, but I digress. During a lull in the music, someone snapped a picture of Johnson and Clark playing banjo and Irish bouzouki on Johnson’s Harley. (Happily there were no young children present to be corrupted by the banjo playing.) Unbeknownst to Johnson, someone created a musician’s website at www.MySpace.com/theharleystringband and posted the incriminating photograph under the heading, “The Harley String Band” with the subtitle, “Singing Songs of ~~Love~~, Divorce and Life on the Road” (and yes, the word “Love” was actually crossed out). Steve Coffee joined the band a month later, and the rest is history as they say. Just goes to show how careful you have to be with incriminating photographs.

The members of the band are all award-winning singer/songwriters who joined up to back each other on their original compositions. They all play guitar but each of the boys also plays one or more other unusual instruments including Irish bouzouki, mandolin, banjo, African thumb piano, and nose flute (don’t ask). Recently they’ve generated some air play locally and, of all places, on a rock station in Memphis, Tennessee. Frankly, as their publicist, I must say it’s about time, but then again you can’t make a silk purse out of a sow’s ear.

The boys have a lot of fun with the music – and it’s not just local gigs anymore. Last January they toured Honduras for a couple of weeks, and in February they set sail for the Caribbean on the Cayamo Music Cruise. They’ve also produced two fine CDs – a children’s CD and, more recently, a CD of original contemporary folk music for those of you who like to think you’re grown up. You can check out the boys’ music and foreign trip videos at their “official” website at www.harleystringband.com. As their publicist, I’ve also called up YouTube on several occasions and told them to get their video crew out pronto for some live footage of the boys. It must have worked because their videos are all over the YouTube website.

See y’all on October 19. And as Granny always says, “It’s Never Too Late!”

Granny

Publicist for the Harley String Band





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ALT NASHVILLE WRITERS IN THE ROUND

Craig Carothers - Don Henry - Sally Barris

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - Show starts at **7:15 p.m.** (*no open mic*)

\$16 (\$15 MEMBERS) *Requested Donation*

Back Room of **The Tortilla Factory**

648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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In the last few years alone **CRAIG CAROTHERS** has driven 80,000 miles to play in more than 50 cities in 20 states. When you figure in the airplanes and rental cars, it adds up to a lot of scenery and a lot of songs. The journey, and the songs, began in the Pacific Northwest. Craig's parents were both music teachers. Around the house, sounds ranged from Brubeck to Mancini; Victor Borgé to Jonathan Winters. Later influences included Motown, Joni Mitchell, Tom Lehrer, and The Beatles. He has shared the stage with a wide variety of acts: Mose Allison, Karla Bonoff, Rosanne Cash, Catie Curtis, Donovan, John Hiatt, Janis Ian, Leo Kottke, Patty Larkin, Michael McDonald, Anne Murray, Danny O'Keefe, Leroy Parnell, Richard Thompson, Loudon Wainwright III and Warren Zevon, to name a few. In 1995, he hung a gold record on the wall when country music star Trisha Yearwood recorded his song "*Little Hercules*." He moved to Nashville and the rest is history.

Nashville-based artist and Wrensong Publishing writer, **SALLY BARRIS**, has managed to be successful in the mainstream world of country music without giving up her folk & Celtic roots. Her unique style, influenced by artists such as: Tony Rice, Dougie Maclean, Triona Ni Dhomhnaill & Richard Thompson, is what makes her stand out in a city known for "cookie cutter" talent. Whether in her own hands or those of a well-established artist, such as Trisha Yearwood ("*Let The Wind Chase You*") or Lee Ann Womack ("*Some Things I Know*"), Sally's music is unmistakably recognizable. "Sally Barris doesn't easily fit into the country genre, but is one of the most talented writers currently working in Nashville." *Alan Cackett Maverick Magazine U.K.*

Grammy-award winner for the country classic "*Where've You Been*," **DON HENRY** is a veteran of 28 years in the music business. His experience in writing, publishing, producing and engineering has evolved him into the singer-songwriter, guitarist and entertainer he's become today. Don's unique perspective is expressed in instantly memorable melodies and equally smart arrangements that appeal to listeners across musical borders. With his songs recorded by Ray Charles, Conway Twitty, Kathy Mattea and others, the witty wisdom of Don's songs is widely renowned.

You just might leave The Folk Club still humming their tunes.

Read more and listen to a sampling of the artists tunes on-line at:

<http://www.donhenry.com/> <http://www.sallybarris.com/> & <http://www.craigcarothers.com>

Seating: Contact Dave Hurd Tuesdays at The Folk Club or by e-mailing - DAHurdSr@cs.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS include: **Terry Garland** – 11/16/10 and **The Honey Dewdrops** – 12/7/10

MUSICAL NOTES

Bluemont Fair Pictures

Did you miss the fair? Would you like to see some pictures? Check out the RHFC website Special Pages section for snapshots of some of our members in action!

If you have any additional pictures you'd allow us to post, send them on (with captions, if possible) to bhampton@ossva.com

Richmond Folk Festival, October 8th-10th

In October of 2007, Richmond was host to the 69th annual National Folk Festival. The event was such a great success it was decided that Richmond should host an annual festival. Now in its 3rd year, the Richmond Folk Festival celebrates the richness and variety of American culture through music, dance, traditional crafts, storytelling and great food.

There is no cost for admission – the festival is supported only by donations given to the roving "bucket brigade" of volunteers who circulate through the event with their orange buckets. Donations are appreciated to help keep this a free event.

Dozens of musicians will perform on 4 stages over the course of the 3-day festival. For a complete list of artists (including Peter Rowan and Tony Rice), check the information on the website RichmondFolkFestival.org

DCBU Pickin' Party – November 7th

The DC Bluegrass Union will be hosting 'The Great Pickin' Party' Sunday, November 7th from 2-6pm at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA. Featured entertainer will be Claire Lynch. And more info on entertainment will be available soon on the DCBU website. DCBU.org

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

That's right – they don't just play at The Folk Club!

Larry Mediate larry-mediate.com

T.M Hanna, birdphluph.com

Ric Sweeney (a.k.a. – 'Mr. Rain')
myspace.com/ricsweeneysilverlinings

Bill Davis (w/Somos El Mar)
schoolshows.com/somoselmar

Scott Malyszka
cdbaby.com/cd/scottmalyszka
feelthewag.com

Doris Justis
dorisjustis.com - Folk, original, and contemporary music

Tomy Wright
Contact Tomy at tomy@tomywright.com, 301-637-5707
tomywright.com

Ron Goad – MisterGoad@aol.com

- Non-concert Mondays, 7-10pm at **Jammin' Java** (see JamminJava.com for schedule), hosting showcases

- Mondays 7:30pm, SAW-BSA-BMI Variety Showcases at Brewer's Alley, Frederick, MD. (when not at Jammin' Java) myspace.com/roddeacey

- 2nd Thursday each month 7:00pm, SAW-BMI concerts at The Athenaeum, Old Town Alexandria. NVFAA.org

- 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-11pm, SAW-BMI Variety Showcase at Bangkok Blues, Falls Church, VA. bangkokblues.com

Bo Carneal
myspace.com/bocarneal

MONTHLY MILESTONES

Born This Month:

10/7/1870 - "Uncle" Dave Macon
10/9/1940– John Lennon
10/10/1946 –John Prine
10/13/1942 –Paul Simon
10/15/1906– Victoria Spivey
10/18/1947 –Laura Nyro
10/20/1913 –Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones
10/31/1912 –Dale Evans
10/31/1937 –Tom Paxton

And In Passing:

10/2/1998 –Gene Autry
10/3/1967 –Woody Guthrie
10/3/1976 –Victoria Spivey
10/7/1966 –Smiley Lewis
10/12/1997 –John Denver
10/17/1991– "Tennessee" Ernie Ford
10/19/1988 –Eddie James "Son" House
10/20/1983 –Merle Travis
10/20/1999 –Hank Snow
10/21/1931 –Robert "Barbecue Bob" Hicks
10/23/1978– "Mother Maybelle" Carter
10/25/1992 –Roger Miller
10/26/1999 –Hoyt Axton

Noteworthy Events:

10/3/1945 – In his first public appearance (at the tender age of 10) Elvis Presley wins 2nd place (a \$5 prize) at the Mississippi-Alabama Dairy Show talent contest

10/13/1937 – Leonard Slye (a.k.a. Roy Rogers) leaves the Sons of the Pioneers when he signs a movie contract with Republic Pictures

10/28/1939 – Bill Monroe makes his debut at The Grand Old Opry, performing "Foggy Mountain Top", and "Mule Skinner Blues"

Quote for the Month

"Were it not for music, we might in these days say, the Beautiful is dead"

~ Benjamin Disraeli



of Reston & Herndon

Meets Tuesday nights, 7:15pm at The Tortilla Factory
648 Eldon Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin

Treasurer: Dave Hurd

Board of Directors: Sue Beffel, Bill Davis, TM Hanna, Lynn Jordan, Ray Kaminsky, Ellen Kaminsky, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Sue Schier, Ron Goad, Bob Hampton, Laura Schier

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Bookings: Chris Kramer-Harnage

Newsletter: Bob Hampton, Dan Grove, Chris Kramer-Harnage, Dave Hurd

Newsgroup: Dianne Lafleur

Website: Bob Hampton

FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a signup board. Each performer has 12 minutes, which includes setup time. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 25-minute performance.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, artwork and other music-related items to newsletter editor Bob Hampton at bhampton@ossva.com. Information should be received 1 week prior to the end of the month for the next month's newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS IN ADVANCE

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Dave Hurd, 110 Devil's Backbone Overlook, Stephenson, VA 22656, (540) 722-0146

FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The cost is nominal, just \$15 per year. Along with the opportunity to participate in Showcase drawings, you get a \$1 discount on the recommended donation for guest artist concerts (up to 2 donations per show). Join up on Folk Club Tuesdays, or call a board member for info.

NEWSGROUP

The Folk Club newsgroup is a great way of keeping in touch with what's happening around town and beyond. Just go to: <http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/FolkClubofRestonHerndon/>

WEBSITE

The Folk Club has its own website at:
www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

INFO LINE

For general folk club information contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402



Classifieds



SEEKING MUSICIANS: Cornet and harmonica player, experienced, seeks working performer, group, or band based in NoVA (Vienna). Jazz, rock, blues, folk, pop, country.
david@savageheart.com

WANTED: Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Kevin Deame, 28 Ladd, Ellington, CT 06029



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