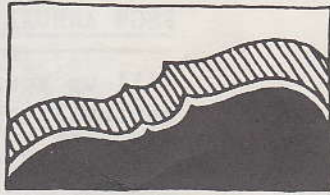


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## SPECIAL EVENT

### HIGH LEVEL RANTERS

### AUGUST 19 - 8 P.M.

Mark your calendar now! The HIGH LEVEL RANTERS will perform a concert-dance on Sunday, August 19 in the Spanish Ballroom of the Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Md. This is their first U.S. tour since 1971. Their music is primarily from Northumberland, in northeast England, on the Scottish border. ALISTAIR ANDERSON is best known in this country for his recordings on concertina and Northumbrian smallpipes. In addition to his work with the Ranters, he has recorded four solo albums. He will call the dance. TOM GILFELLON is vocalist and guitarist, singing border balladry to music hall songs. His guitar work is featured on Kicking Mule's "Contemporary Ragtime Guitar" collection. He has two solo albums as well. JOHNNY HANDLE, vocal and accordion, was 14 years a coal miner, and brings the mining tradition to Ranters' songs. A songwriter himself, he also has two solo LPs. COLIN ROSS is the Ranters' fiddler,

plays jews harp and whistle, and has been a leader in the revival of the gentle Northumbrian smallpipes. He makes the pipes fulltime, teaching that craft as well. He and Alistair have produced an album of 18th century Northumbrian pipe music.

These four have made music together more than 15 years, taking their name from the High Level Bridge next to the folk club where they first gathered. (The Rant is a Northumbrian dance step) As a group they have produced eight albums, toured around the world. So expect to learn a few new steps -- or just come to listen to the fine music. SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, at 8 p.m. in the SPANISH BALLROOM of GLEN ECHO PARK, off MacArthur Boulevard, outside the D.C. line, in Glen Echo, Md. ADMISSION, a bargain \$3.00.

with thanks to the Park Service, of course....

OPEN SING

"Love"- of man and woman, of nature and of freedom. That is the theme chosen by Rachel Brill who will lead the August Open Sing. So bring your voices and songs and come to the Ethical Society Building at 16th and Kalmia N.W. on Friday, August 3rd. The sing begins about 9 p.m. and the admission of \$1 includes wine and punch.

The September sing will be on Sept. 7th, and will be led by Don Nichols, with the topic of 'Your favorite traditional or traditional style song.'

GET-AWAY NEWS !!!!

Believe it or not, Get Away weekend is less than 3 months away and it's time to start planning for it! The dates this year are October 5th, 6th, and 7th; the location is Prince William State Forest, and the co-chairmen are Debbie Hutton and Bill Day. If you have any suggestions for programs, out-of-town performers, activities, crafts people, call 270-2217. We still have an opening for a food chairman. If you are interested give a call.

GOSPEL SING

The time and location of Gospel sing was unavailable at press time. Call Kathy Condon, 234-5115, for information. It will probably be the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of August.

August Calendar:

July 22: Trolley Car Concert		WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1.	2.	3.	4.
July 23: Alm Bloch + John Beam - (Fox)		5-FSGW Board Meeting		9-Open Sing	Square Dance
July 26: Louisiana Accs					
5.	6. Red Fox Hoot Alm Bloch John Beam	7. String-band at Red Fox	8.	9.	10.
11.					12. Charity Concert
12.	13. Red Fox Hoot Leo Kretzner	14.	15. Newsletter Deadline	16.	17.
18.					
19.	20. Red Fox Hoot	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.					26. Picnic
26.	27. Red Fox Hoot FAITH PETRICK	28.	29.	30.	31.

FSGW ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 25th, 1 P.M.

Fill up your picnic baskets, get out your softball equipment or frizbees and bring them all to the FSGW picnic on Saturday, August 25th, 1 p.m. In the afternoon there will be music, food and games; in the evening a square dance (with caller and band) until dark. All this will take place in the picnic pavilion at Nottoway Park, Vienna, Virginia. Directions: Take the beltway to Rte. 123 South, thru downtown Vienna and turn left at MacGruder's Super-market onto Old Courthouse Road. Follow this Rd. thru one traffic light and the park will be 1 1/2 blocks on the left. Enter park and follow road to right which will go to the parking lot. A path leads to the picnic area from there. For further information, call Dolores, 938-4564.

FSGW BOARD MEETING - AUGUST-1st, 8 P.M.

The August Board meeting will be held at the home of Julie Ball in Arlington, Va. Board meetings are open to the membership and we would like to encourage membership participation. Call 379-4454 for directions.

The September Board meeting will be on Sept. 5th. Call the FSGW hot-line, 281-2228, for more info.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September newsletter is August 15th. Mail any articles, notes etc. to Nancy Schatz, 3312 Glenway Dr., Kensington, Md. 20795.

CORRECTION

Due to the small demand for, and the large amount of tapes needed, circulating (rental) tapes of FSGW concerts are no longer being made. Most people want a copy tape to keep for their own collection. The procedure for getting a copy of a concert made (see list in June 1979 newsletter) is to contact Mike Rivers, 892-6117. If the tape is earlier than 1973 contact Mary Cliff, 534-7582. You must supply your own tape and the cost is \$5 for an average length program. No original tapes are lent out for any reason.

A Note to put on your calendar: Peter Bellamy & Dave Swarbrick on Sept. 8.

CONCERT AT THE TROLLEY CAR MUSEUM

In 1962 one hundred years of streetcar transportation ended in Washington D.C. The trolley era that began with horse cars during Abraham Lincoln's presidency ended with the final run of an electric streetcar during the term of John F. Kennedy. However, at the National Capitol Trolley Museum the streetcars still run and historic American trolleys share the rails with picturesque little trains from the heart of Europe.

Once a year a concert of trolley and train songs is presented and the date this year is July 22nd, Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. Performers will include Mike Rivers, Mike Holmes, Jonathan Eberhart and other FSGW members, as well as a Bluegrass group, "The Informed Sources" (whose name comes from the fact that all members belong to the media).

Directions: Take the beltway to Georgia Ave. Drive North for approximately 5 miles to Bonifant Rd. Turn East for about 1½ miles. Trolley museum on left, Admission is free.

MONDAYS AT THE RED FOX - FOLK HOOT

The Red Fox Inn on Fairmont Ave. in Bethesda, Md. has an open stage for traditional folk music on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. Occasional feature sets, listed below, are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. (there is a \$1 cover charge on those nights). Come and share your songs and tunes from the open stage. For more info. call Bruce Hutton at 270-2217.

July 23- Alan Block and John Beam, the very best old time fiddle music.

August 6- Jay Round, from Michigan, playing hammered dulcimer and guitar.

August 13- Leo Kretzner, playing plucked dulcimer and guitar.

August 27- Faith Petrick, "Mother" of San Francisco folk music.

September 10- Peter Bellamy and David Swarbrick, from England playing traditional British Isles music, concertina and fiddle.

TUESDAYS AT THE RED FOX-STRINGBAND NITE

Old time string bands and clogging at the Fox on Tuesdays. August 7th will feature the Continental Drifters. Other bands to be announced. Call Bruce Hutton for more info., 270-2217.

LOUISIANA ACES PERFORMING ON JULY 26th

The American Folklife Center's Outdoor Concert Series will continue on July 26th with a performance by the Louisiana Aces, playing traditional Cajun instrumental and vocal music. The Aces include D.L. Menard, whose career as guitarist and vocalist with the group has extended over 25 years, Marc Savoy, builder and player of the Cajun accordion, and Dick Richard, playing steel guitar. The group will be joined by Dewey Balfa, the surviving member of the internationally-known Balfa Brothers, playing fiddle, and his nephew, Tony Balfa, on guitar. Time: 12 noon - 2 p.m. Place: Neptune Plaza, Library of Congress. No tickets required.

ATTENTION BLUEGRASS PICKERS

The Takoma Park Bluegrass-Folk Association would like to announce the weekly pickin' sessions in the park at the corner of Sligo Creek Parkway and Kennebec Ave. in Takoma Park. The hours are from 1-5 p.m. every Saturday afternoon (weather permitting). All local Bluegrass and Folk pickers are invited to come and play. There is no charge for admission. For details call Phil Gillespie at 587-5082.

DANCE

The weekly FSGW Sunday night dances and the monthly FSGW family dances will resume in September and October respectively.

Lou Shapiro, with the Styx River String Band, will be calling square dances, 8 P.M. on July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th at the McLean Community Center, 1236 Ingle-side Ave., McLean, Va., 790-9248. Admission \$2.

SEA CHANTIES AT CHESAPEAKE MARITIME MUSEUM

On Saturday, August 11th the Georgetown Chanty Singers (Tom McHenry, K.C. King, Carly and Alan Mackall, Don Nichols and Bob Hitchcock) will be singing at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, Md. The concert begins at 8 p.m. St. Michael's is on the other side of the Bay Bridge. For further information and directions call 938-4564.

RARE AND UNUSUAL FOLKLORE BOOKS

A newly discovered, by Kathy Westra, bookstore in the Washington area is noteworthy. It is -'Irene Rouse - Bookseller'- 1004 Prince St., Alexandria, Va. 22314, Tel.- 549-8745. The hours are Mon.-Sat. 11-6 and Sun. 1-5. A catalogue of about 450 listings of books on Folklore, Folksong and Americana topics will be published soon. Most of these books are out of print and generally unavailable. Copies of the catalogues will be free for the asking. Just drop a postcard to the above address. There is also a search service for rare, used and out of print books. More about this unique bookstore in the September newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to help? \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Individual</u>		<u>Family</u>	
1 year	\$8 _____	1 year	\$12 _____
3 year	\$24 _____	3 year	\$36 _____
1 yr.contr	\$25 _____ *	1 yr.contr	\$25 _____ *
1 yr.sust.	\$50 _____ *	1 yr.sust.	\$50 _____ *
Life	\$150 _____ *	Life	\$225 _____ *

\*portion is tax deductible

Out-of-town membership, newsletter only, \$4.

New Membership? \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

.....and speaking of books, the Archive of Folk Song at the Library of Congress has a new bibliography out, Folklore and the W.P.A., which can be obtained by calling 287-5510 or writing to: Archive of Folk Song, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20540. There are 175 other complete bibliographies available on various other subjects also. For a list of these write to the above address.

WANTED: Auditoriums, halls, large living rooms, humongous parlours, and secluded back yards..for FSGW concerts, workshops, dances, sings. Need: location of facility, restrictions on its use (such as residency in particular county, or co-sponsorship with the organization that owns it), size or seating capacity, costs for rents<sup>1</sup> (and other requirements, such as security), name and phone of contact person. Send as much of these as you can gather to MaryCliff, c/o 205 S. Va. Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FSGW'S NEW P.O.BOX #

The FSGW's address has been changed-- or rather the P.O. Box # has been ( the rest of the address remains the same). So our official address now reads: The Folklore Society of Greater Washington, Box 19114, 20th St. Station, Washington D.C. 20036.

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