

Aug. 20, Austin, TX—I might write a letter, but what I like better is getting back from the "Jerry Jeff Ford" Golf Tournament in Vail, Colo. Bob Hope, at 89 years of age, at 7500 feet of altitude, did twenty minutes of song and dance and comedy. Now that's heady stuff.

'Twas a long summer for the kid in the baggy pants, too. The Gonzo Compadres did a three-week tour in July across the upper West Coast, parts of the Rocky Mountains, and Canada (that is, everything we said we'd do in the last newsletter!)...Lots of golfing and fishing and singing, not necessarily in that order.

Everybody seems to have found something special in the *Hill Country Rain* album. It feels good to know some songs mean that much to people.

Jimmy Buffett and I had fun on the *Texas Connection* show; hope you all saw it. It was a trip down memory lane. Greg "Fingers" Taylor was along, since we all go way back—He's the "Son of Jerry Jeff".

On a different track, I've been made a brother of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity at Dartmouth College, and was honored by the national chairman this spring for the ongoing relationship between the "Boom Boom Boys" and old J.J. hisself. Thanks again, guys!

I took the closest thing to a vacation I've had this summer, and flew to Montreal, and then to Prout's Neck, Maine with our friends Gabrielle and Alex Sheshunoff. It was nothing but lobster and Labatt's Blue and Frank Cabot's gardens. The French Canadian people are the loveliest and friendliest in all the Northeast. Now, stop

fighting with Ottawa and make up!

On second thought, maybe I'll start a separatist movement in Texas (It's already joked about... Queen Ann! I can see it all now...)

I've got to run, they're waiting on the first tee.

Remember, life is mostly attitude and timing.



Bringing it back home: Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres serenade the Tried & True Warriors at the Luckenbach Dance Hall to celebrate the release of Hill Country Rain on June 19, 1992.

## A PIRATE LOOKS AT 50: THE FIRST JERRY JEFF WALKER GULF & WESTERN CRUISE

Tried & True Music is delighted to announce the departure of *The Crown Monarch* from Palm Beach, FL on Jan. 2, 1993 for the first (but perhaps not last) JERRY JEFF WALKER GULF & WESTERN CRUISE.

The eight-day/seven-night cruise through the Caribbean is open to pirates and vagabonds of all ages, and will feature nightly concerts by Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres, as well as the customary shipboard diversions; golf (off the deck-Fore, Flipper!), sight-seeing, snorkeling, swimming, dancing, gym and sauna privileges, and-yes, Diamond Jim--onboard gambling. We're also trying to scare up a golf game in Grand Cayman. Or somewhere.

Our ports of call will include: Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamica; Key West, FL; and either Labadee Shores or Nassau, Bahamas.

Approximate cost, per person, including airfare from most

U.S. cities (West Coast cities will be priced slightly higher) begins at about \$1,100, ranging up to about \$3,000, based on double occupancy and depending on cabin choice.

We are working with Cindy Hanson, of The Cruise Capitol in Austin. She can handle all your questions and/or your reservations. Cindy can be reached via The Cruise Capitol (P.O. Box 161330, Austin, TX 78716, 800/950-8314 or 512/327-8760, FAX 512/327-8768).

The Cruise Capitol will need to have your reservations and payment in hand as soon as possible to ensure you a place onboard, as space is going fast.

Here at Tried & True, we have envisioned the cruise as the ultimate Jerry Jeff Christmas present; No snow or reindeer, but it's hard to beat a January tan! We'll see you on board.

Jerry Jeff, Susan, and the Tried & True staff

# Chris Wall



Howdy Pardners,

I guess after the last newsletter there was some concern amongst a few of you that I had passed on. No such luck!

If my space seemed abbreviated in the last edition it was because my plans were on hold waiting for our European tour to develop. But we had to postpone it, so I packed up and headed for the Rocky Mountains. I arrived to find Montana as green and lovely as I had ever seen it. There was plenty of work to be done and fun to be had, and I set to both tasks.

What a summer it was! We had lots of visitors (including a few Warriors) which I welcomed, always relishing the chance to show off "the last best place on Earth."

I bunked in at an old friend's cabin with no TV or phone. There was just an old Zenith that only picked up the public radio station out of Billings. So it was me and Mozart, my guitar, a few good books, and a Frigidaire full of beer. Paradise found!

The stay in Montana was highlighted by a reunion with my old friend, Chris LeDoux, and his band. Chris, a former World Champion Cowboy, is doing great, and his duet with Garth Brooks has been a big success.

Then it was on to Colorado for an engagement at the Country Palace in Littleton. Thanks to all the Denver-area Warriors for their support.

The summer wound up with our annual stay in Jackson Hole, WY at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. As usual, the best was saved for last, as literally scores of Warriors made the trek to Jackson.

Well, kids, it's back to Austin and more music. I've got some new songs and I can't wait to play 'em for you.

## FYI: Chris Wall

- Scary! Chris and the band will be holding forth on Halloween at the Three Teardrops Tavern (1318 N. Industrial Blvd.) in Dallas. The highlight of the evening promises to be a "Trashy Woman" costume party! Consider the possibilities...
- Attention, Texas Exes!: Chris and the Rhythm Wranglers will help you pull the Longhorns through this fall. Please note that on Oct. 2, Chris and the band will be playing at Blanco's (3406 W. Alabama) in Houston the night before the UT/Rice game; And on Oct. 23, the guys will be at La Zona Rosa (612 W. 4th St.) the night before the Texas/U. of Houston game and the Texas Exes Homecoming. Come rally with us, and toast the Homs.
- Thanks from Chris and T&TM to: Mike Crow and KBEC-FM in Waxahachie, TX for making "Boots" from Chris's No Sweat album No. 1 on their "Top Ten Texans" request chart. We knew it all along!

And thanks from Chris to the various organizations and member voters that have nominated him and his music for an array of awards at Nashville's Major Independent Record Label awards show, the NAIRD Indie Award

Birthday '93

## ATTENTION!!! HANDY PHONE NUMBERS!!!

 (All area codes are 512, except as noted)

 American Airlines
 800/433-1790

 Austin Convention and
 478-0098

 The Broken Spoke
 442-6189

 Driskill Hotel
 800/252-9367 or 474-5911

 Four Seasons Hotel Austin
 478-4500

 The Omni Plaza
 400/843-6664 or 476-3700

 Paramount Theatre
 472-5470

 Tried and True Music
 288-1695

■ BIRTHDAY '93: MARCH 12-15, 1993; Plans are underway for Jerry Jeff's 1993 Birthday Weekend. We're still kicking some ideas around, but the dates are firm. Start making your plans now! The schedule—as always, subject to whims (including yours; write to us with ideas!) and changes—is as follows:

FRI., MARCH 12—TBA
SAT., MARCH 13—"100% Walker"; Jerry
Jeff in concert—solo and with the Gonzo
Compadres—at the Paramount Theatre.
SUN., MARCH 14—TBA
MON., MARCH 15—Jerry Jeff's Golf &
Western Golf Tournament, location TBA.

We'll have complete information in the next newsletter. In the meantime, American Airlines is once again our official Birthday Airline. For their lowest fares, call 800/433-1790 and ask for Star Number 0133PH.

As in the past, we are making the Driskill Hotel (604 Brazos, Austin, 78701) our Birthday Weekend Headquarters. The first block of rooms are now available for \$58; Additional rooms will be available

Nominations, and Music Row magazine's Independent Artist of the Year nomination.

■ Chris is looking forward to returning to St. Louis for a show at that city's beautiful Sheldon Theatreon Sat., Oct. 17. He still has fond memories of sharing a bill with Jerry Jeff there a couple of years ago, and he hopestorenew acquaintances with all the Missouri Warriors.

Austin, TX

Sept. 18

subject to change.

4th Anniversary Show, Broken Spoke;

Sept. 25		Scholz's Beer Garten; Austin, TX			
	Oct. 2	Blanco's; Houston, TX			
	Oct. 3-4	Rose Hill Plantation; Rocky Mtn., NC			
	Oct. 10	The Broken Spoke; Austin, TX			
Oct. 17		Sheldon Theatre; St. Louis, MO			
Oct. 23		La Zona Rosa; Austin, TX			
	Oct. 24	Stafford Opera House; College			
		Station, TX			
	Oct. 31	Three Teardrops Tavem; Dallas, TX			
	Nov. 7	White Elephant Saloon; Fort Worth, TX			
	Nov. 13	The Broken Spoke; Austin, TX			
	Dec. 18	The Broken Spoke; Austin, TX			
	For schedule updates contact Tried & True Music,				
	512/288-1695 Please remember, all dates are				

at higher rates. Cutoff for all Driskill reservations is March 4, 1993.

The Omni Austin Hotel—formerly the Radisson Plaza Hotel—(700 San Jacinto), across the street from the Driskill, is providing single, double, triple and quad-occupancy rooms for \$75; cutoff date is Feb. 25, 1993. (After the cutoff date, the group rate is subject to availability. If the rate is no longer available, the corporate rate will be offered).

The Four Seasons Hotel (98 San Jacinto Blvd..) on First St. is offering single/double occupancy rooms at \$105 (for city view) and \$120 (for lake view). One of Austin's premiere hotels, on the shores of Town Lake, The Four Seasons will hold this block of rooms until March 1, 1993 and will continue to accept reservations after this date on a space-available basis. (They cannot guarantee the availability of our special group rates after this date).

IN ALL CASES, ASK FOR THE JERRY JEFF WALKER BIRTHDAY WEEKEND RATE!

# FYI



- TV OR NOT TV: Be sure and tune in to The Nashville Network on Sat., Sept. 12, when Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres premiere songs from Hill Country Rain on a special half-hour episode of The Texas Connection. Check your local listing for times and channels.
- RADIO ACTIVE; Thanks to all the Warriors who have been calling their local stations and requesting cuts from *Hill Country Rain*; Thanks, too, to all the disc jockeys who have been playing it. We've gotten great response from radio "Last Night I Fell In Love Again" and "So Bad Last Night."
- GRUENE SCENE: We're ready for cool weather at Tried & True, and by way of celebrating the arrival of fall, Jerry Jeff will play at Gruene Hall in Gruene TX (site of his famous 1989 live recording), on Fri., Nov. 20. We're hoping for a beautiful autumn weekend to showcase Jerry Jeff, so mark your calendars!

Due to crowd control restrictions, we must limit admittance to 600 people; Tickets

may be purchased in advance for \$20 at either Gruene Hall (512/629-5077), or by calling T&TM (512/288-1695).

- HOLIDAY ORDER DEADLINE: To insure delivery of your merchandise by the holiday season, please place your mail and phone orders by NOVEMBER 15. Thanks!
- BIG BALLS IN COWTOWN: Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres will ring in the New Year at Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk, in the heart of Fort Worth's historic Stockyards District. Tickets will go on sale in mid-October; For ticket information, call 817/624-7117.

As for hotels, we can recommend the Stockyard Hotel (800/423-8471), a fancy joint around the comer from Billy Bob's on Exchange Ave., or the Best Western Sandpiper, (817/625-5531) at nearby Meacham Field. Make your plans early!

SO LONG, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU: Tried & True Music regrets to announce the departure from the company of Jill McGuckin. Jill was with T&TM since its beginning in 1986. In her

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role as Fan Club president, she was the voice of Tried & True for many of our Warriors.

But we are pleased to welcome Eileen Gill, who will be filling Jill's place. Eileen has worked in many aspects of the music business, and was with the Walkers in another capacity before stepping into the T&TM operation. She looks forward to meeting you, both on the phone and in person at T&TM events.

■ TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Hard as it some-times is to believe, we are actually organized. T&TM is divided as follows:

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- ★ NEW! JERRY JEFF WALKER GULF & WESTERN CRUISE; The perfect Christmas present! Cruise the Caribbean with Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres. Call The Cruise Capitol (800/950-8314) for details and reservations.
- ★ NEW! HOLIDAY '92 T-shirt; Jerry Jeff portrait on the front, with a holiday greeting. Short-sleeve, white; L & XL Adult sizes.
- ★ NEW! Hill Country Rain Poster; JJW against a Hill Country thunderstorm, in full color. 18" x 20".
- ★ NEW! JJW logo shirt; Beefy-T, with JJW oval logo in silver. Long-sleeve, black; L & XL Adult sizes.
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- ★ NEW! JJW Can Koozie; Red, with blue and white JJW logo.
- ★ Hill Country Rain; (T& TM/Ryko tape and CD): Includes "The Dutchman," "Last Night I Fell In Love Again," five new JJW originals...
- ★ Hill Country Rain T-Shirt; JJW against a Hill Country thunderstorm, in full color. L & XL Adult sizes.
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- ★ LAST CHANCE! Classic oversized Levi-style Black Denim Jacket, 100% cotton, with embroidered JJW logo design, in red and gold, on the back. Call T&TM for sizes/details.
- ★ Navajo Rug (T&TM/Ryko tape and CD): This 1991 JJW release includes "Just To Celebrate" and "Blue Mood".
- ★ Navajo Rug Souvenir Book: Includes lyrics, a JJW bio, pictures and a discography.
- \* Navajo Rug Poster: From the album cover; Full color, 1.5 x 3 feet.
- ★ Live at Gruene Hall (T&TM/Ryko tape and CD): The '89 classic features "Man In the Big Hat," "Pickup Truck Song" and "Trashy Women".

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★ Gypsy Songman (T&TM/Ryko tape and CD): A 1986 collection of JJW's best, including "Mr. Bojangles," "She Knows Her Daddy Sings" and "Railroad Lady".

#### Chris Wall

- ★ Chris Wall T-shirt, white, short-sleeved, with the Texas Flag in three colors. L & XL Adult sizes.
- ★ No Sweat (T&TM/Ryko tape and CD): Chris Wall's newest! Includes "Hangin' Out," "Boots" and "Fine Line".
- ★ Honky -Tonky Heart (T&TM/Ryko tape and CD): Chris Wall's debut, includes "Empty Seat Beside Me," "Entourage" and "Something To Shoot".

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#### JERRY JEFF WALKER ON THE ROAD

Sept. 11 Louisiana Music Hall, Lake Charles, LA

Sept. 12 Poet's; Lafayette, LA

Sept. 12 Jerry Jeff on The Texas Connection

Sept. 19 Las Vegas, NM (Private)

Sept. 20 El Cid Ranch; Farwell, TX

Sept. 21 Belly Up; Solana Beach, CA

Sept. 22 Riverside Cowboy; Riverside CA

Sept. 24 Toolie's; Phoenix, AZ

Sept. 25-26 Great American Music Hall; San Francisco, Ca

Sept. 27 Hall Crest Winery; Santa Cruz, CA

Sept. 28 Crazy Horse Saloon; Santa Ana, CA

Sept. 30 TBA, Colorado

Oct. 1 Madison Civic Center; Madison, WI

Oct. 2 Biddy Molligan's; Chicago, IL

Oct. 3 Baltimore, MD (Private)

Oct. 4 Rose Hill Farm; Rocky Mt., NC\*

Oct. 5-6 Birchmere; Alexandria, VA

Oct. 7 TBA; Memphis, TN

Oct. 8 Heart of Texas Fair; Waco, TX

Oct. 9 State Fair of Texas; Dallas, TX

Oct. 10 Red River Revel; Shreveport, LA

Oct. 23 Symphony Hall (solo, with Nanci Griffith); Boston, MA

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Oct. 24 Texas Lutheran College; Seguin, TX

Oct. 27 West End Marketplace; Dallas, TX (Private)

Nov. 2 Jerry Jeff on On Stage, TNN

Nov. 20 Gruene Hall; Gruene, TX

Nov. 26 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; Houston, TX

Nov. 27-28 Rockefeller's; Houston, TX

Dec. 31 Billy Bob's; Fort Worth, TX

Jan. 2-9 Jerry Jeff Walker Gulf & Western Caribbean Cruise

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