



AUSTIN, APRIL '95—1995 is off and running!

We did our annual trip to Belize back in January. This year, we went for two weeks, instead of one. It's still not enough.

Someday, I'll be in Belize all the time, with groups of folks coming down to fish and dive, and a couple of times a week, I'll pick some songs at some dockside bar. (Papa Hemmingway, are you listening?)... "No phone, no pool, no pets," as the old song goes... Just daydreamin' a little.

The new CD *Night After Night*, is out (and for sale at the shows, or through our office), and judging from the fans' reaction, they like it. I realize it's not all new stuff, but it's different stuff, and it's all in one place. There are so many new fans, and they wanted the music we do in our shows on one album. So now they've got it.

'95 was a wild Birthday Bash here in Austin...Non-stop



Jerry Jeff is joined onstage at his annual Birthday Concert at the Paramount Theatre in Austin by the legendary Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

music from Friday until Monday night. We started out with a show and dance at the Broken Spoke on Friday, then moved on to a special acoustic show at the Paramount Theatre on Saturday, where our musical guests included my fellow Austin pickers Rusty Wier, Allen Damron, Kinky Friedman, and Steven Fromholz, along with Karen Brooks and the inimitable Ramblin' Jack Elliott. On Sunday, we took everyone down to Luckenbach for a moonlight concert in the old dancehall. On Monday, we held the annual Jerry Jeff Golf & Western Tournament and Pickin' Party. And on the seventh day, we were arrested.

As the bleary-eyed fans left the Driskill Hotel on the last day, they shouted "Best one yet!" I agree!

Onward,

THE OLD FART AND THE CD

Dear Tried & True Warriors,

Here I am again! Steven Fromholz—Up-and-coming, middle-aged, stand-up folksinger, specializing in Free-form, Country-Folk-Rock, Science-Fiction, Gospel-Gum-Bluegrass-Opera-Cowjazz Music!

Here again? Ha! Still here! Graduate, Lawdy, How Come, S.F. Bay Area Folksinger School, Co-founder of Progressive Country Music, and survivor of "The Great Progressive Country Scare of the Mid-Seventies." Singer, songwriter, actor, playwright, and now—Tried & True Recording Artist. Yes!

What is the difference between Steven Fromholz and Elvis Presley? Some people think Elvis is still alive. Ha-ha.

What is the difference between a folksinger and a Savings Bond? After forty years a Savings Bond matures and begins earning money.

I love that one. I first heard it in reference to boatmen and river guides. Which has, in recent years, become my "other" vocation—whitewater river running.

Being, horoscopically speaking, a double Gemini, I am able to handle this duality with relative ease. My motto is, "I'm not schizophrenic, and neither am I." I have learned to like each other.

The idea of a "live" recording first struck me about ten years ago as I sang in the evening in Santa Elena Canyon in the Big Bend of Texas, camped out with my boatman and boatwoman buddies beside the Rio Grande. I will eventually record there.

This "live" recording, however, was made with much joy at an exceptional club called The Birchmere, in Alexandria, VA. It was recorded the same evenings in September '94 during which J.J. recorded his album, *Night After Night*.



Steven Fromholz—The old, um, coot in the mirror.

I opened each show, along with my long-time friend and guitarist, Larry Nye. We had a ball! And we recorded it.

The house was full each night with J.J.'s fans—you folks are a great audience to play for.

The Birchmere is a true "listening room," and Larry and I got kind of rowdy sometimes, being just two guys with two guitars. I hope Gary and Linda, the owners, didn't mind too much us leavin' an unsightly ring around their perfectly good club. Thanks for your hospitality.

We've got some of that "rowdy" on the CD. For instance, there's "Come On Down To Texas," a song of welcome for our brethren and sistren of the Northern persuasion. And there's the title track, "The Old Fart in the Mirror," a little ditty dedicated to my best friend.

My favorites are the sweeter moments like "Dear Darcy" and "Lover's Waltz," but then I like 'em all! My best effort yet, "The Texas Trilogy," rounds out the package.

I truly do hope you enjoy *The Old Fart In The Mirror* as much as The Old Fart in the Mirror enjoys being enjoyed by each and every one of you.

My thanks to Susan and Jerry Jeff Walker, Larry Nye, soundman Billy Wolfe, my wonderful family and all the other special people without whom none of this would have ever been necessary.

Watch for my next yet-to-be-recorded CD, *Fromholz and Friends—Live at the Starlight Theatre in Terlingua, Texas...* To be released before the turn of the century. Go Warriors!

Love and Kisses,



T&TM Special Events



■ **THE AGGIE AND THE ECSTASY:** Tried & True is planning a special Jerry Jeff performance to coincide with Texas A&M Parents' Weekend in College Station, TX on FRIDAY, APRIL 28. Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres will entertain at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre, Call T&TM for more information.

■ **YOU GOTTA BELIZE:** The 1996 Belize Getaway is already in the planning stages. As in the past two years, we are inviting Tried & True Warriors to join us at the Victoria House on lovely Ambergris Caye in Belize. Jerry Jeff will be picking on the beach and in the bar each evening, but the main attractions are the sand, sea and sun and the absolute absence of winter. (For those of you interested in visiting the Mayan ruins on the Mexican mainland, we suggest leaving a day or two early and visiting them on the way to Ambergris Caye.)

We were able to block out a six-day block for our group, from JANUARY 22-27, 1996 (departing on the 28th). For more information, contact Michelle at the Victoria House, 800/247-5159.

■ **CHILL OUT:** Jerry Jeff and the Gonzo Compadres will play a special show at the Fripp Plantation on St. Helenas Island near Beauford, S.C. on MAY 20. The show will benefit the local Boys and Girls Clubs and the YMCA. Movie fans will recognize the Beauford area as the setting for *The Big Chill*. For more information, call 800/986-5430.

■ **HOME, HOME ON THE STAGE:** We're planning a full-tilt hometown blowout in Austin at a lovely outdoor venue, The Backyard, on MAY 27. We're going to round up as much of the entire Gonzo Orchestra (lots of musical surprises) as we can lay our hands on for this Memorial Day Weekend event. Call T&TM in late April for details and ticket information.

■ **RO-DEO-DEO COWBOYS:** Jerry Jeff and the band will entertain at the Crosby Fair & Rodeo in Crosby, TX on JUNE 8. C'mon out and help us take the bull by the horns! For more information, call 713/328-6984.

■ **BACH TO THE BASICS:** Jerry Jeff and the guys will return to the Luckenbach Dancehall in Luckenbach, TX on JUNE 17. Tickets will go on sale through the T&TM office on MAY 1. Reserved-seat tickets are \$40 each and may be paid for by Visa/Master Card or check. For more information, call T&TM.

■ **MAJORS? WE DON'T NEED NO STEENKIN' MAJORS:** Baseball and Jerry Jeff: it's the American Way. Once again, we'll be celebrating Independence Day with the San Antonio Missions. Jerry Jeff and the Gonzos will perform after the Missions-Midland ballgame at Missions Stadium in San Antonio on Independence Day. For information, call 210/675-7275.

■ **GREUNE SCENE:** We've booked several appearances with Jerry Jeff and the band at Gruene Hall in the next few months. Dates as of this writing include: JULY 14...SEPT. 8-9 (Our Back To School Party!)...DEC. 8-9 (Gonzo Christmas!). Tickets go on sale at Gruene Hall and T&TM usually about a month in advance of the date.

FYI ■ **NOTHIN' BUT 'NET:** My Gawd, it's come to this...Jerry Jeff is on the Internet!

Thanks to a computer-literate fan, Cary Camden, Jerry Jeff and Tried & True now have a mail box in cyberspace on the World Wide Web. Fans can download tour schedules, band bios, and samples of songs from Jerry Jeff's new album *Night After Night*. In addition, messages can be left for the T&TM offices. We will be happy to return queries, via the Stone Age methods of fax, telephone or the good ol' U.S. Mail (We our ourselves are not entirely conversant with surfen' the 'Net; some members of the T&TM staff are still baffled by the technological intricacies of the fork and the ballpoint pen. Bear with us).

For interested parties, here is our Web address:
<http://www.io.com/~ccamden/jjw/>

Once more, big-time thanks to Cary for dragging us kicking and screaming into the Nineties!

■ **MAPLE LEAVES:** Every year, our Canadian friends, Bob and Doreen Souch, are confronted with their annual dilemma: Shall they leave tranquil-though-frozen Canada and journey to the wilds of Texas for the Birthday Weekend? This year, Bob was kind enough to commit his decision-making process to paper, and we are happy to share a portion of his Birthday Weekend pros-and-cons:

REASONS TO ATTEND THE BIRTHDAY WEEKEND:

I want to come.

REASONS TO AVOID THE BIRTHDAY WEEKEND:

- Language barrier, eh?
- Might end up on episode of *Cops*
- He never comes to my town, why should I go to his?
- No matter how many concerts I go to, Bob Livingston will tell me I missed the best one.
- John Inmon always plays with his eyes closed, won't know whether I'm there or not.
- Texas waitresses will make ones at home seem cold and bitchy.
- Will be accused by three sons of squandering their inheritance.
- Twice as far back as it is to get there.
- Will want to go next year.

Despite (or perhaps because of) his detailed soul-searching, Bob and Doreen did attend this year's Birthday and had a heck of a fully-thawed time. We just hope the Canadian customs officials are understanding about the armadillo...

■ **SPEAKING OF WHICH...:** The dates for the 1996 Birthday Weekend will be MARCH 29-APRIL 1, 1996.

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COMPACT DISCS & TAPES:	
NEW! Steven Fromholz—	
<i>The Old Fart In the Mirror</i> CD	\$15.00 _____
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(Contains "What I Like About Texas," "The Gift," ten more)	
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(Contains "Navajo Rug," "Rockin' On The River," eight more)	
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<i>Gypsy Songman</i> tape	\$10.00 _____
(Contains "Charlie Dunn," "Railroad Lady," more)	

T-SHIRTS (All 100% cotton, short-sleeve):	
NEW! <i>Black Night After Night</i> T-shirt	
(Black, with black & white album cover art of JJW onstage)	
Adult L __, XL __, XXL __	\$15.00 _____
JJW Logo T-shirt	
(Oval JJW logo in dark blue on front)	
Adult L __, XL __, XXL __	\$15.00 _____

POSTERS:	
NEW! <i>Night After Night</i> poster	
(Features JJW and the Gonzo Compadres—John, Bob and Freddie, 17" x 23-1/2")	
	\$5.00 _____
<i>Viva Luckenbach!</i> poster	
(Features JJW and band in front of the Luckenbach general store, 17" x 24")	
	\$5.00 _____
<i>Hill Country Rain</i> poster	
(JJW against a Hill Country thunderstorm, 18" x 20")	
	\$5.00 _____
<i>Navajo Rug</i> poster	
(Features album cover art, 18" x 36")	
	\$5.00 _____
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(Free with \$25 purchase, otherwise \$2 each)	
JJW bumper sticker (Oval logo in red, white, blue)	
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<i>Viva Luckenbach!</i> bumper sticker	
	\$2.00 _____
"I'm Proud To Be A Tried & True Warrior" bumper sticker	
	\$2.00 _____

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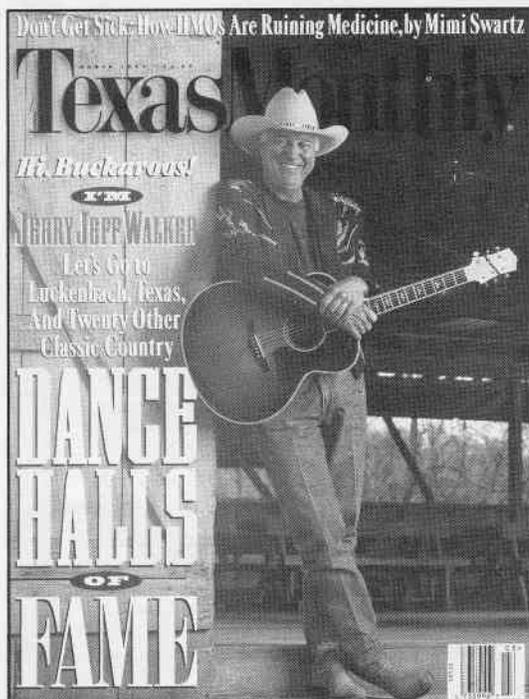
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| APRIL 28 | Wolf Pen Creek Ampitheatre;
College Station, TX | JUNE 8 | Crosby Fair & Rodeo; Crosby, TX |
| APRIL 29 | Pleasure Island Music Festival;
Port Arthur, TX | JUNE 10 | Floores Country Store; Helotes, TX |
| | | JUNE 17 | Luckenbach Dance Hall; Luckenbach, TX |
| | | JUNE 24 | Cattle Barons' Ball; Longview, TX |
| MAY 4 | The Main Event; Little Rock, AR | JULY 1 | Billy Bob's Texas; Fort Worth, TX |
| MAY 6 | Tramp's; New York City, NY | JULY 4 | Missions Stadium; San Antonio, TX
(after the game) |
| MAY 7 | The Music Hall; Tarrytown, NY | JULY 14 | Gruene Hall; Gruene, TX |
| MAY 11 | Private Party; Austin, TX | JULY 19 | Grizzley Rose; Denver, CO |
| MAY 12 | Private Party; San Antonio, TX | JULY 21 | Roseland; Portland, OR |
| MAY 13 | Gruene Hall; Gruene, TX | JULY 22 | Backstage; Seattle, WA |
| MAY 18 | The Atlanta Buckboard; Smyrna GA | JULY 23 | Mishawaka Inn; Fort Collins, CO |
| MAY 19 | Spirit Square; Charlotte, NC | | |
| MAY 20 | Fripp Plantation/St. Helena's Island;
Beauford, SC | AUG. 19 | Whiskey River; Chicago, IL |
| MAY 22-23 | The Birchmere; Alexandria, VA | AUG. 24-25 | Fine Line Music Cafe; Minneapolis, MN |
| MAY 27 | The Backyard; Austin, TX | | |
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| JUNE 3 | Blue Ridge Barbecue Fest; Tryon, NC | SEPT. 8-9 | Gruene Hall; Gruene, TX |

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