

Local Band Raise Kilobucks, Drink Killer Beer Later

The Road to Ruin saw their greatest triumph this year with a benefit for the Friends school (what else) where they wowed them with such greats as Lizzie Lindsay and Fare Ye Well Ye Mormond Braes rounded out by the old standards, Ookpik and Petronella. Most of the band had felt trepidation at the lack of foldback monitoring but Sallie 'Loud Mouth Frog' Cruise enthused "I could hear the whole band and we sounded great!" This sentiment was echoed by a fan in the audience who approached one of the members with the greatest accolade "You kick serious arse! You're totally cool" and he would know as he was 13 and in touch with the hipness of things.

The gentle Quakers raised \$10,000 that night which all went towards a playground and not for the ever growing equipment stable amassed for the homegrown recordings in The Road to Ruins future. That's right folks, coming to a cd player near you! Fans of the band can send email to sallie@chara.gsu.edu.



'Jammin' at a party to celebrate the aging of it's members.

Late Breaking Stories

* New Console General arrives in town just in time for Queen's birthday celebration, and declared plan to bring Peacock to Atlanta. Despite this he seems like a nice enough bloke and his husband is just lovely.

* Last minute trip to Philadelphia PA planned this summer to shmooze with mirror makers.

* Well planned in advance trip to Hawaii on the cards next spring. Gotta love the SPIE!

* Many badly planned trips to LA certain.

* Saw Steeleye Span live AND got their autographs. Sallie too shy to speak to Maddie P.

Get Your Plenty on Route I20: The quintessential way to see the US of A is by road trip and that's what the driving duo, Theo and Sallie Truckers Inc. did on the 28th of March this year in a 15' moving van packed with very expensive telescope parts. They drove straight across the country on Highway 20 from Atlanta to where it meets Highway 10 to Mt. Wilson, California just to the north of Los Angeles. For those of you "on line" and appropriately equipped you can see the entire roadtrip log and photos on <http://www.chara.gsu.edu/~sallie>. For all you hardcopy lovers of the analog world this is it in a nutshell: The featureless expanse of Texan desert is positively riotous with life compared to Death Valley, CA which boasts, as the only punctuation, along the highway "State Prison - Do Not Pick Up Hitchhikers" "Oh, really?"; The best food in a straight line between here and LA is in Sees, a tiny dot on the map in Arizona in a cafe with 7' high ceilings and an ambience to rival Waffle House; The recently awarded Driver of the Year, Sallie Cruise, said of her FIRST Highway experience "Gosh, it's easy in these big ol' vans. You just turn on your indicator, count to 3 and everybody has vacated your lane! It's so sweet!" Of course, if you would like to read the log in its entirety, please drop us a line and we shall pop one in the mail forthwith.



A Man and his truck in Texas

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'Odds are,' Theo said, 'that we'll have to move to LA in the not-too-distant future, and that would mean getting a change to our status.' He went on to explain that since CA is a different state a new ACL would be required. 'First we need an I140, that should take about 6 months, if that works we'll follow it up with an I485, then quick as all get out an I165. We should have Sallie back in the coal mine in less than three years. Permanent residence would then only be a stones throw away.'

Retail Therapy

Despite the large phone bills and dental costs the 'Sound Partners' of eastern Decatur have continued this season to invest far too much money in audio equipment. They have actually been forced to rearrange their furniture to accommodate the size of the setup. 'I got all retentive and drew it all up with the CAD program first', said Ms Cruise,

'we simply need a bigger place.' This is no surprise when you include the space taken up by a complete (largely home built) MIDI drum set, keyboard, router, mixer, turntable, monitors, bass, guitar and more cable than you need to fly a jumbo jet. Rumour has it they have put a deposit on a 'four-track'. This is denied by the duo but Sallie was heard to say that 'well... it's only a 486.'

Dragon Update

Many changes have been happening in the lives of our brave, although some would say fool-hardy, adventurers; not least finding the gender balance swayed towards the feminine. 'Soon we'll be wearing dresses to our get-togethers' said Cryastal, a lovely but untrustworthy Mage. 'Fact is all the male members (sic) of the party are dead., Very dead. Not so much pushing up the daisies as slimed by undead.' the Cleric Wyandot retorted. They hope to find out the cause of this anti-semen-tism.