

...leaping leprechauns, it's march already!...



October 2021 AHS '63 Newsletter

The Forest Primeval Edition

Northern Outpost, October 1st, 45-62 degrees, go leaves! People who come up here to look at the red and pink and orange leaves are affectionately :) called leaf peepers. Actually, New England fall color is a perfect distraction—it is our official new passionate pastime for escaping the viral and political landscape. Which are two kinds of wicked for sure. Everybody needs something else to look at instead of the news these days. And the leaves are amazing. But farther south, what's a fun distraction? Yer in luck. We're doing the work for ya here—it's ACL week!! Albeit the tickets for George Strait et al are \$400 to \$4000. YIKES. Talk about wicked. *And that's just for the first weekend.* Meanwhile, the new AHS principal says he is trying to figure out how kids can even get to school today with all the "new traffic." Which is kinda funny. The *old* traffic is pretty spectacularly bumfuzzled all by itself. So, how about giving the kids Friday off? Let them go do something outside, like *forest bathing* or something. Yup. It's even one of the umptyumpgazillion [new cures for covid](#). *Forest*

bathing. We could probably go for that, *sans* lions, tigers and bears. Or snakes. In fact, we reckon Adam and Eve were perfectly healthy from all that forest bathing until the snake incident—and then they covered up fast. And *then*, after all that original sin, they were probably the original leaf peepers, ya think? *We can't even believe we wrote that*. But we've noticed that one of the advantages of advancing age is we are becoming more guilt-relaxed. Fer shure, when you need a good distraction, that everything-old-is-new-again kind of wicked is the *perfect* thing. So we're going with it. Ha— Q



"JohnnySax" Bode sent this in last month and we saved it—the O Henry Dixieland Band was one of those preambles to the Austin High Jazz Band that endured.

Johnny wrote: "Hey, piano girl. Found 2 old photos. We were in 9th grade there during spring of 1960. Were on TV, KTBC - LBJ's station, since Scotty's dad was LBJ's personal lawyer. From AHS band/orchestra you knew everyone. Scotty Thomas (trumpet), Ted Parrish (clarinet), Joe Holt (drums), Sue Cook (stand-up bass), Bill Engle (trombone), Mollie Gregory (piano), me (sax)."

We notice that shy guy Ted (really?!) is somewhere in the background of the second pic—more likely, Joe and Johnny were just full of themselves and hogging the camera shot, ya think? But check out all those crinolines on the OTHER piano girl!



SPEAKING OF HOT MUSICIANS ...



[Here's a hot new article](#) on Al Staehely that sounds like a legend in the making ... except we knew him back when he was just really good and had no idea about the stardust in his future. Go read that interview and be amazed ... Al's releasing a new album next week—October 7—and we're inclined to go pay attention. The album features solo recordings from his days in Los Angeles titled *Post Spirit 1974 – 1978 Vol 1*.

Huge congrats, Al. And best of everything with the album release!



02 Alan M. Smith (45)
02 Kathy Carr Hobbs (45)
02 Will Berezovytsch (45)
03 Carol James Plassmann (44)

04 Harvey Fox (45)
05 Phil Ricketts (45)
06 Ann Varnado Page (45)
06 Emily Eichelberger Harrell (44)
06 Bill Driscoll (44)
06 Virgil Johnson (44)
06 Gary Swenson (45)
08 Kay Isbell Alvis (44)
10 Ada Fay Cook Peters (44)
11 Ann Monkhouse Martel (44)
11 Olivia Hollaway Mauney (45)
12 Joe Dale Morris (44)
13 Robert Fletcher (44)
13 Scott McGuire (45)
14 Sheila Stallings (45)
14 Jeane Weaver Reusch (45)
15 Jane Lucksinger Francis (45)
15 Bill Barnhouse (45)
16 Alice Embree (45)
17 Patricia Morrison (44)
17 Richard "Rich" Adams (45)
18 Claudia Middleton (44)
21 Ray Andrade (44)
26 Bill Bennett (44)
26 Bobby Dollar (44)
27 Karen Erwin Springer (45)
27 Larry Tasby (44)
27 David Hart (45)
29 Ronny Rowley (45)

And just a word about this birthday list—we don't make it up, but we could,
and if you don't remember your birthdate just drop us a line and we'll fill in the blank!
It's a new service for seniors who would rather be part of the fun but aren't sure how to do it.

You like that?

OTHERWISE, hit reply and send us your birthday/year
and you'll make the big time right here.

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