

The Folk Club of Reston/Herndon

Preserving the traditions of Folk Music, Folk Lore, and Gentle Folk Ways

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Theme Night – Three Chord Songs – August 17th

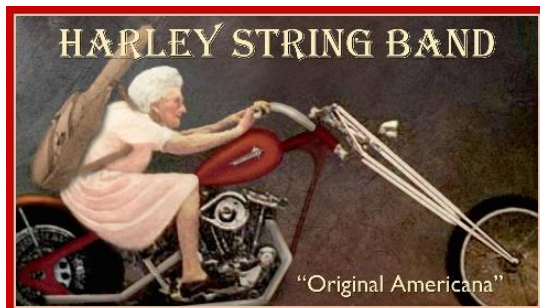
Yeah, “country music is three chords and the truth.” But many other genres have 3-chord songs, too.
See below.

August 10 Showcase – The Harley String Band

by Jim Clark

The Harley String Band (HSB) will be performing the showcase on August 10th. The members of HSB are well known to the Folk Club, and consist of Jim Clark, Steve Coffee, and Jim Johnson. They have been performing together for 16 years and look forward to performing publicly again after a long pandemic-induced hiatus.

Videos and music of HSB can be found at www.harleystringband.com.



Theme Night – August 17 – Songs With Only Three Chords (or Less)

The hot summer is making us lazy. The dog days of summer are oppressive: with drought, pop-up thunderstorms that turn torrential, bad luck, mad dogs, lethargy. So let's take it easy and for one night do simple songs with only a few chords. Those who come up with songs with only two chords will get extra credit – and is there a one-chord song? Gimme a G, gimme a C, gimme a D - in blues that would be E, A, and B - in any case I, IV, V (but there are 3-chord songs with other variations). *Mr. Tambourine Man*, anyone? ? *Ring of Fire*? *Louie, Louie*?

Folk Club Labor Day Weekend “Campout” Jamboree – Change of Plans (Again)

Nancy and Wayne Truax will host the Labor Day Weekend Jamboree (“campout” doesn't make much sense anymore, and there's a lot of jamming) at The Aerie, their place on Massanutten Mountain just west of Luray (the old “Berry Patch Inn”). That's where the Memorial Day Weekend Campout was held earlier this year, and it is a great place for us to gather. Barb and Craig Keeler were hoping to host, but fate intervened and (most unfortunate!) their garage ceiling collapsed, so they cannot have us this time. The Aerie's address is 8727 US 211 West, Luray, VA, 22835. There may be limited accommodations available, or you can pitch a tent or set up your RV (RV space is limited – please call). This gives Folk Club fans a chance for three days of socializing and music, from Friday, September 3 to Monday, September 6. If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy Truax at nancyjtruax@gmail.com or 703-286-9417 and let her know when you plan to be there, how many will be in your party, and how many meals you would like. If you need more information, let her know and she will send you a flyer. Nancy's preference is that everyone be vaccinated, and that masks and social distancing will be observed.

August 31st = Fifth Tuesday = Unplugged Night

This calendar month has a fifth Tuesday. That means on that night our open mic will be all-acoustic, without amplification. This provides a more intimate environment with natural sound. And it gives our sound and setup crew a night off.

Membership Expiration Reminder

If your membership has expired or is about to (see the expiration date in your newsletter email or on your address label) please reinstate your membership by paying Al Hobson \$15 for one year or \$55 for five. In September (after Labor Day) we'll inactivate anyone who is not a paid up member – ending our pandemic-extended grace period. We hope everyone remembers to do this so we don't lose any of our friends.



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Meets Tuesday nights, at 7:15 PM ET at Amphora Diner Deluxe,
1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

President: Ben Hamblin **Treasurer:** Al Hobson

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FOLK CLUB FORMAT

Most Tuesday nights the Folk Club is an open-mike format with a sign-up board. Each performer has 8 minutes, which includes setup time.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month (usually), we feature a "Showcase" of a Folk Club member in a 24-minute performance. To be in the Showcase you must: 1) be a Folk Club member who has not done a showcase in the last 6 months; 2) fill out a lottery slip and place it in the "drawing bucket"; 3) Win the drawing on the night of the current month's showcase; and 4) be prepared to be featured in the next newsletter!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION (not much room now)

Folk Club members are encouraged to submit performance calendars, classified ads, articles, reviews, and other music-related items for the newsletter. Items will be published on the basis of music-related interest, timeliness, and available space. Send your input to newsletter editor Ben Hamblin at FolkClubOfRestonHerndon@gmail.com.

RESERVE YOUR CONCERT SEATS

Donations can be made in advance for Guest Artist concert performances on Tuesdays at the Folk Club or by prepaid mail. Contact Al Hobson, 810 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170, alhobson@verizon.net.

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FOLK CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you enjoy the music and company, become a member! The process is the same if your membership has expired. Make out a check to "The Folk Club" in the amount of \$15 for one year or \$55 for 5 years. Please DO NOT make the check to Al Hobson. Send the check to: Reston/Herndon Folk Club; c/o Al Hobson; 810 Elden St; Herndon, VA 20170. Please provide your name, email address, phone # and type, and residential address. By the way, we are looking into a way to accept online payments in the future.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are several ways you can keep in touch, or find out more about The Club: **Website:** www.restonherndonfolkclub.com

Facebook: Search for "The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon"

General Info: Contact Sue Schier at (703) 435-2402

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WANTED

- Your old guitar strings! The Second Strings Project has distributed over 10,000 sets to the world's most depressed regions. Send complete sets only to Second Strings, P.O. Box 234, Nederland, CO 80466.

MUSIC GEAR

- FREE: 1960 Knabe baby grand piano and bench; in good condition but needs tuning; you must pick up from 2nd floor condo and carry down stairs. Contact Connee Chandler at connee22@verizon.net for more info.

- For Sale: Taylor GS Mini (Rosewood) w/bag \$438.62; Cordoba Mini M w/bag \$172.43; Cordoba Mini II EB-CE \$237.21.; Kala U Bass-2 FS w/bag \$243.14; Martin LX Jimmy Buffett guitar w/bag \$474.85; All are in very good shape, Contact TM at pressroom@birdphluph.com

LESSONS

- 5-string banjo. Scruggs and melodic. In Haymarket. Monday or Tuesday. \$25/hr. Age 8 and up. Contact Bruce Gair at wbgair@gmail.com. First lesson free as a sample. No obligation.

- Private guitar lessons available on-line, FaceTime or Zoom. Flexible learning techniques including reading, ear and applied music theory. Contact Eric Forthman: email: eric.forthman@gmail.com; phone: 571-329-9875.