

# THE RANT AND RAVE GAZETTE

A Music Newsletter

Issue 1

Well, not so much a newsletter as a blog - a venue for the unruly mind - a fertile field for rolling in ... well ... whatever you roll in when frolicking in fertile fields. Still, there's no way to entertain unruly thoughts without getting a little something on ya ...

And who knows, maybe a few fresh ideas will rear hairy little heads ... phrases of music perhaps, snippets of poetry, philosophical positions and the like. Something akin to:

You are here  
because something  
is claiming your attention  
At the moment  
it is this

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There it is then ... onward Jeeves

## THE HOKEY POKEY

"YOU PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT IN....."



The main dance event at the moment is the arrival of my new book: "[A Guitar Player On The Yukon Border](#)" on Amazon. The thing is in several stores, and reviews are good, but this is the big push.

The book is a collection of torrid tales about my double life as a priest and assassin ... oh no ... wait a minute ... that's my uncle ... No, it's all about my double life as a Jazz guitar player and bush bunny. It's what happens when you try to combine a main stream music life with an 'off the grid' existence on the Yukon Border.

While there is an elegant sufficiency of 'me' in there, these tales tend to be much more about the people who surround me in this rough and tumble environment - the strength, humour, talent, intelligence and irreverence of the type of folks who choose to live this life. These stories have been waiting to be told for some time, making the whole business, as well as being huge fun, somewhat cathartic. I'm extremely lucky to have Lynn Johnson ("For Better Or For Worse") as illustrator for this mighty tome. The cover and description are under one of the headings on the Home Page. There are also sample chapters on the site.

But now it's time for "Little Gems," - small digestible chunks of wisdom I've heard around the musical campfire over the years.

## LITTLE GEMS

ADVICE THAT WAS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD



"**Practice** and **Playing** are as different as **Reason** and **Instinct**.  
- Don't play when you practice and don't practice when you play."