

THE RANT AND RAVE GAZETTE

A Music Newsletter

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Welcome to my newsletter/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 ...

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 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 Jim. No, this is all about my double life as jazz guitarist and bush bunny. It's what happens when you try to combine a main stream music career with an 'off the grid' existence on the Yukon Border.

While there is an elegant sufficiency of me in there, these stories tend to be 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. The book has been on the back burner for some time, making the whole business, as well as being huge fun, somewhat cathartic. I'm lucky to have Lynn Johnston ("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 first ... a snippet from the muse:

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

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And now, welcome to "Little Gems," - small digestible chunks of wisdom I've heard around the musical campfire over the years that you might find useful.

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."

THATS ALL FOR NOW FOLKS! SEE YOU NEXT TIME