



# RICK SPRINGFIELD FAN CLUB -ONLINE

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*Happy Holidays to all!*

We have quite a few holidays over the next few months. There's Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Chanukah. Whatever holiday(s) you celebrate, may they be fun times filled with family and good friends. While we await the coming holidays, let's see ....

## THE LATEST ON RICK:

I have lots to cover here so let's first start with what everyone looks for - the latest list of tour dates:

### For 2007

Oct 6	Coachella, CA	Spotlight 29 Casino
Oct 19	Anaheim, CA	House of Blues
Oct 20	Primm, NV	Primm Valley Resort with special guest Eddie Money
Nov 3	Tacoma, WA	Emerald Queen Casino
Nov 15	Biloxi, MS	Hard Rock Biloxi Hotel & Casino
Nov 17	St. Charles, IL	Arcadia Theater
Dec 7	Sarasota, FL	Van Wezel Performance Arts Hall
Dec 8	Hollywood, FL	Hard Rock Live

### For 2008

Feb 15 & 16	Nashville, TN	Wildhorse Saloon
Feb 22	Riverside, IA	Riverside Casino
Feb 23	Dearborn, MI	Ford Community Art Center
Feb 24	Lancaster, PA	American Music Theater
March 27	Verona, NY	Turning Stone Casino
March 28	New Brunswick, NJ	State Theater

March 29 Atlantic City, NJ The Borgata  
 May 21 Cerritos, CA Cerritos Center

Lots of dates listed and not only for the rest of this year but 3 months into 2008. I hope there's one near you. :) And should there not be any at this time, don't worry. There will be more dates coming for 2008.

Rick's Christmas CD is available for pre-ordering!! It's called ***Christmas With You***. If you go to [www.rickspringfield.com](http://www.rickspringfield.com) you will see the cover and hear a snippet of the song Rick wrote..."Christmas With You". This song is dedicated to all of our Fallen Troops. And, there will be a video for this song coming out! The video will be posted on RS.com and other places as well. Now if you would like to pre-order this great CD, there's a link on RS.com that will take you Rick's merchandise site where you can get it for \$9.98. This CD will be officially released on November 6, 2007. Just in time for us to enjoy this Christmas season.

If you remember, when it was first announced that Rick was going to do a Christmas CD, we did a survey here of what songs we would love to hear Rick sing. Well, below is a chart... on the left is the actual track listing and on the right is all the songs we came up with in the October 2006 newsletter. If you compare, you will find that we (as a group) did pretty darn well. We guessed 7 of the 14 songs on the CD.

<u>ACTUAL TRACK LISTING:</u>	<u>OUR COMPILED LIST OF GUESSES</u>
* Christmas With You	A Holly Jolly Christmas
* The First Noel	* <i>Away In A Manger</i>
* Hark The Herald Angels Sing	Baby, It's Cold Outside
* What Child Is This?	Blue Christmas
* God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	* <i>Carol of the Bells</i>
* It Came Upon A Midnight Clear	* <i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>
* Away In A Manger	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
* Oh Come All Ye Faithfull	Jingle Bell Rock
* Carol Of The Bells	Jingle Bells
* Do You Hear What I Hear?	Let It Snow
* I'll Be Home For Christmas	Little Drummer Boy
* Silent Night	* <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
* Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem	O Holy Night
* I Saw Three Ships	* <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
* Deck The Halls ( With Boughs of Longboards )	Rudolph, The Red Nose Reindeer
	Santa Clause is Coming To Town
	* <i>Silent Night</i>
	Simply Having A Wonderful Christmas Time
	* <i>What Child Is This</i>
	White Christmas
	Winter Wonderland
	<i>(songs in Italics are the CD track listing)</i>

Here's a couple of other places where you can find and pre-order this CD, they are:

- 1) Amazon.com
- 2) CD Universe

And as if that's not enough... Rick has started on another CD that is planned to be released in early 2008. Now we all know how particular Rick is with his music, every note having to be just right. So let's hope it will be *early* 2008.... I'll be glad if it comes out any time during 2008. Anything good is worth waiting for and Rick's music is certainly worth the wait. :)

Also, here are a couple of fun videos on YouTube that I think you will enjoy watching:

1) WKRNR on YOUTUBE -- From the General Hospital episode, just in case you missed it.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J815pny5DqA>

2) Funny early video / The Happy Hour Brigade -- All I'll say is... very young Rick and Australian accent.:)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE3nRyMtgko>

Now if anyone finds any more cute videos like this or any other Rick videos on You Tube that you think the members would enjoy seeing, please email me the link and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

## **ASK RICK:**

Remember from the last newsletter, I told you I found an old questionnaire. Well, here is the last of the questions from it. Enjoy!

1) Did the Karma Tour meet your expectations? How so and how not?

*Rick: Yes it did. It was more fun than I thought it would be.*

2) You seem very comfortable in your own skin right now. How do you think you have evolved as a person and as an artist?

*Rick: Homer Simpson.*

*Wait, I'm not very comfortable in my own skin, who said I was????*

*I meditate and work to be as truthful as I can.*

3) Your relationship with your father and losing him has been a constant thread throughout your musical career the last 20+ years. How does he affect you to this day?

*Rick: I want to go back to the questions I can answer with 'Homer Simpson'.*

*My dad's memory lives with me always and his life is rekindled in my relationships with my sons*

4) What movies have you seen lately?

*Rick: Matrix 3. Finding Nemo and the Whale rider*

(Editor's Note: I think you can get an idea of how old the questionnaire was based on the movies Rick listed.)

## **FOR THE MEMBERS:**

Before I get to the results of the online auctions, I would first like to say my "Thank You"s. I like to thank those who generously donated items to the auctions for without these items, we wouldn't have had an auction. I would also like to thank all those who bid in the auctions, your participation help to make it the

success it was. And a final thanks to all the members for letting me send multiple emails that probably helped to fill up their email boxes. In a 3 month span, I sent out as many emails as I would usually do in a couple years time. Thank you members! For your patience, understanding and support!

Okay, now for the results. My goal for these auctions was a realistic one. I planned a total of 40 auction spots. (1 spot for each auction item). If I was able to get \$5.00 for every spot, then I would be able to raise \$200.00.

Did we raise it? Heck Yes! We nearly double it. The results for the auctions were:

Auction #1	\$ 99.00
Auction #2	\$ 50.00
Auction #3	\$ 45.00
Auction #4	\$150.28
<u>Extra donations</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Grand Total	\$354.28

Great work everyone! :)

## FROM THE MEMBERS:

### Milwaukee "Freakfest" 2007

*By Jean Allmond*



It was May again which means one thing for us Rick fans... MILWAUKEE & five nights of Rick & the guys!!!! Many of us arrived on Monday to extend the festivities. Milwaukee is a great "little" city. There is plenty to see & do while there and the casino where Rick plays is an easy walk from a lot of the hotels near the water. Activities were arranged for those who were interested and my friend/roommate went to Jellybelly's & a winery while there. I chose to check out the lake and the scenery.

We stayed at the Pfister this time which made things more convenient as there is a free shuttle service from the hotel to the casino and back. Every evening after the concerts & on Monday night as well a lot of us fans

would hang out at one of the two bars at the Pfister to help wind down after all the excitement of the evenings.

Tuesday afternoon we headed over to the casino & Laura and I were shown to our seats. We were able to get one of the front row tables all the way to the left by George B. We talked with some of the fans sitting near us and was I happily surprised to meet Donna Wellman from HI. She is a really sweet person and I am glad to call her friend.



"Who Killed Rock and Roll" was the first song, as usual right now, and then he sang "Will I", "AOTH", "Alyson", "IDEFY", and "ROL". Our Debbie Smith was surprised with a phone call so she could enjoy some of the concert as well. He was given a toy during sound check and he took a brief moment to play with it. He mentioned going to Catholic school and he "shot" a nun every time he shot off the toy "gun". I am not sure if it was some kind of dart or what that the toy shot off.

He also asked us how many of us were there for all five nights. Quite a few of us raised our hands and he then called us "sick puppies". One of the fans gave him a "Pandora's Box" during sound check which had slips of paper in it that had either a dare or a question written on them. The one he chose said "We dare you to play something from your new CD (the one with "Who Killed... on it). He then got a different guitar and started talking about the Christmas CD & how it was going to be all traditional songs as he didn't like Rock and Roll Christmas albums and that Derek & he wrote a song. He then played part of the song the two of them wrote and everyone, including Debbie, loved it!!

Alan from Scotland was at the concert again this year and Rick looked for him during DTTS. He found him sitting with a woman from England so Rick joined them and they took turns singing with the three different accents. Scottish, Australian and English. Alan is such a sweetie and he is great to chat with.

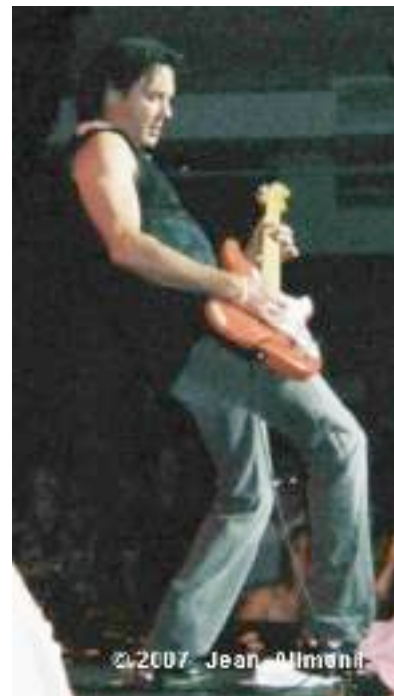
Rick let us know that he no longer drinks wine so don't bother buying him any anymore. He asked for beer and was given several during the concert and at one point told one fan "I'll kiss you on the lips, but I ain't drinking out of your beer". He continued drinking beer at the rest of the concerts as well.

One of the fans brought some Great White shark toys and Rick pretended one of them was eating him & then hiccuped while the band was playing the theme to "Jaws". He talked about his plans to go in a shark cage in September with his son Liam (which he has since said now won't happen until next year).

When Rick came out for the encore we got a nice surprise as he was shirtless. He had made a comment during the concert about being naked by the end of the show but going shirtless was as close as he came. He only did one song for the encore as usual. He didn't do any songs that the fans had brought the words for but we still had four more concerts to go and he said that tomorrow nights concert would have some different songs.

Wed. night found Laura and I sitting at the same table we had the night before. Renata and a friend of hers were sitting in the first two seats closest to the stage with their cameras laid out on the table. At one point I felt water falling on me and discovered George II was using his water bottle to "annoy" us. I teased him later & called him "Armed and Dangerous" which he liked.

The set list was a little different tonight as Rick said it would be. He left out "Will I" & sang "Itsalwaysomething" instead. He also sang "Love Me Do" and played his harmonica. It was a real thrill hearing & seeing him do this song much less getting to hear him play harmonica.



He went back into Pandora's Box & pulled out the question "Who is the biggest asshole on the GH set?" He paused and then said he thought it might be him. Someone called out "Tony Geary" and Rick said he has known Tony since '81 and he is a doll. He also said he was not doing GH for the money as daytime/soapstars don't get paid as much as night time stars.

He also sang LIO, I'll Make You Happy, Gloria, Inside Sylvia, Jesus Saves, JG (in the audience, instead of HT) and added Wasted to the encore.



Thursday nights concert was special as it was Derek's 40th birthday. Ronnie came out with a cake and Derek joined him up by the front of the stage and blew out the cameras. and we all sang Happy Birthday to him

The set list changed a little as Rick sang Souls, Crossroads Blues and Kristina. He did a fantastic job on Crossroad Blues. The man is an excellent blues musician. He played Red House immediately after CB. Rick also sang the song Take A Hand which was a real thrill and we had fun singing it with him.

Rick also complained about having a headache and asked if anyone had some Advil. Someone gave him Motrin and confused it with Midol briefly and said it might change his sex so he wasn't taking it. Another fan did have Advil so Rick's headache was taken care of. After the show I got to say hi and get a hug from Rick.

While heading for the elevator I crossed paths with Derek and we went up to the top floor where all of us there sang Happy Birthday to him. After a few minutes I went back down to the lobby bar to hang out with some friends. While on the house phone I saw Derek heading for the lobby bar and ended up joining him in time for those of us there to sing Happy Birthday to him again and left shortly after.

Friday's concert I was in the balcony with Laura. Clara had arrived with three of her IN friends. Clara, Laura and I had spent the day at the zoo and while at the gift shop I discovered some stuffed dogs that looked like Lethal Ron and some were dressed as pirate captains and others as sailors/shipmates. There was also a sign saying something about living up to a dog's expectations. I couldn't resist buying one pirate captain, two sailors and one of the signs to have some fun with Rick during the concert.



One of Rick's younger fans, Lanie, turned 16 today so one of her presents was a phone call during the first part of the concert. Rick sang Beautiful You, I Should Have Known Better (Beatles song), and Wild Thing. He also snuck in the Buddy Holly song Not Fade Away while performing My Generation.

Rick talked about how they went with Rodger to a dog shelter where Rodger brings food for the animals when he is in town. According to Rick this shelter is a "no-kill" shelter. They enjoyed themselves with the animals and I am sure the animals were happy too.



Rick referred to him leaning on George II while George is putting Rick's mobile gear on him as a "brokeback mountain" moment. He mentioned someone taking a photo of the two of them and that they must like a little man on man action but he preferred girl on girl.

He sang Inside Sylvia, Crossroad Blues and during the encore Wasted again. If you want a variation of songs and to hear songs you either don't usually hear or haven't heard before then Milwaukee is the place to be.

While Rick was up in the balcony I held up two of the stuffed dogs and the sign. He saw both of them and a big smile came across his face as he also saw how much they looked like Lethal Ron. I even got a hug!! After the concert when Rick came through the hotel lobby he saw the stuffed Lethal Rons again and said they were really cute. Rodger loved the sign and now owns it.

Saturday, Clara and I took a walk and spent a few minutes chatting with Rodger and Jim before we left for Sahara's charity luncheon. The luncheon was a blast! Pam was there and called Amy from her cell phone so we got to hear how Sahara was doing. Amy thanked us for all we were doing. There was a lot of fantastic items donated and we had fun vying for the ones we wanted most. This year certain items were bid on instead of raffled off. The bidding was fast and furious as well as a lot of fun. Kudos to the women who worked hard on the luncheon/raffle/auction.



Saturday night arrived and it was time for the final concert. It was hard to believe how quickly the time had flown by and we were all going to be leaving to head home tomorrow, some of us getting to see Rick perform yet again in NJ on Sunday night. Rick was excellent as usual.

Ronnie came out onstage holding up a huge fake check showing that the luncheon raised over \$13,000. Ronnie jokingly tried to stuff the check down his shirt before leaving the stage. Rick was thrilled that we had raised so much money for his favorite "daughter". Now Sahara would be getting her new bathroom.

One of the fans wanted Rick to sing The American Girl but even though she provided the lyrics he didn't really remember it although he tried to do it. He gave up and started singing the Christmas song again. I can't wait for the CD to come out as it is a great song.

He was given another toy that reminded him of a certain part of the human anatomy and Rick being Rick made some sexual comments about the toy. He even put it to his mouth. He asked if he could keep it and after being told yes tossed it towards the back of the stage. Rick pulled Pandora's Box out again and the dare was for him to drop his pants or rip his shirt off. Neither happened but we did get a shirtless encore for two of the concerts.

While Rick was in the audience a woman caught his attention with the poster/sign she had made. She had given birth on April 24th this year and indicated that as well as Rick's dad passing on the same month & day on the sign. Rick commented on what the sign said and mentioned his dad and how "when one door closes another one opens". He took the time to autograph the sign for her.

He performed JG in the audience for the second time and then only did LIAT for the encore. Before he left the stage he said "see you next year" so we have another Freakfest to look forward to. We were able to see him after the show at the hotel and I got my final Milwaukee hug and he called me sweetie for the very first time. :-). Unfortunately the week ended all too soon but the plans are already being made for next years Freakfest 2008.....



## **BEST WISHES YOUR WAY:**

Sending best wishes for all those who are either celebrating a birthday or anniversary. May your special day(s) be good ones! :



*Happy Birthday to:*

OCTOBER

2 - Debra Rayta  
4 - Dave Whiston  
5 - Lynn Kostrab  
7 - Margie Steiner  
11 - Matty Spinel  
13 - Karen O'Bryan  
13 - Judy K. Otsuka  
14 - Debbie Smith  
15 - Sherri Gross  
19 - Michelle Kasunic  
21 - Sue Bidwell  
26 - Joyce Kellerian  
27 - Beverly Sears  
28 - LIAM  
30 - Joan McLaughlin  
31 - Terri Ann Stout

NOVEMBER

1 - Warren Linke  
1 - Sharon Thompson  
4 - Diana Johnson  
4 - Melissa Dougherty  
5 - Liann Baker  
11 - Foster Davenport  
12 - Nancy Lynch-Yates  
13 - Kim Van Horn Distin  
13 - Erin Cook  
17 - Roland Cliffe  
21 - Brenda Kovac  
23 - Christy Vandermark  
26 - John Wisbiski  
29 - Chris Linke

DECEMBER

5 - Debbie Chiappisi  
9 - Nancy Cannon  
9 - Lauri Jaffe  
10 - Glenda McNear  
11 - Tina Lawson  
12 - EILEEN SPRINGTHORPE  
15 - Thomas Schmidt  
16 - Steve Bernet  
17 - Jessica Linke  
18 - Janine Ross  
18 - Mary Alphin  
19 - Karen VanDeberg  
21 - Didi Smith  
22 - BARBARA  
23 - Minal Forrester  
25 - Tammy Tackett



*Happy Anniversary to :*  
OCTOBER

- 2 - Diana Johnson
- 9 - Kim Albright
- 17 - Christine Louzader
- 22 - Dorothea Wasik
- 25 - Sandy (San1sass)
- 27 - RICK & BARBARA
- 27 - Joanne Doll
- 28 - Stacy Shepard

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Tonya Corrado
- 8 - Carole Mouallem
- 11 - Chris & Warren Linke
- 13 - Nancy Sterner
- 15 - Joan McLaughlin
- 22 - Sheri McManus
- 23 - Susan Sherwood
- 24 - Wendy & Gary

DECEMBER

- 5 - Jennifer & Michael Davenport
- 9 - Debbie Alfred
- 31 - Lisa & Jed Pederson

**EXTRA SPECIAL WISHES FOR:**

**To Rick and Barbara..... Happy Anniversary to two very special people!**

May your lives together, now and forever, always be full of love and joy!

**Happy Birthday Liam! :)**

May your special day be filled with fun, cake and presents! Have a great birthday!

**Happy Birthday Eileen! :)**

Sending wishes that your birthday be as special for you as you are to us!

**Happy Birthday Barbara! :)**

A very Happy Birthday to a *very special lady* ! May your day be filled with lots of wonderful surprises!

**Matty Spinel**

Happy Birthday to the greatest Sound man! :) Thank you for all your patience and understanding in your dealings with us fans! You are truly a sweet and gentle soul and greatly appreciated by us all!

## WRAPPING UP:

Well that about does it for this newsletter. If you have a concert review, a story, or just a great experience you would like to share, please feel free to send it in .... member participation is always welcomed!

I would also like to thank all the following: Jean Allmond, A-RKO and all those fantastic fans who so generously share information on the various Rick lists out there.... you are the greatest! A special Thank You to Rick for finding ever more ways of giving back to his fans!



Till January 2008 ..  
Enjoy the upcoming Fall Season!  
Stay Happy, Healthy and in Human Touch!

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