

# Rock Concerts In Berlin, Germersheim Highlight Weekend

by John C. Hinds Jr.

Stealing from the lyrics of a very famous song, one could say, "Germany is alive with the sound of music," and by the time the weekend is over, old Deutschland will have been rocked, rolled and folked until they can folk no more.

It all started in the Deutschlandhalle last night when the super heavy space rock group Pink Floyd layed down a few licks, continues tonight in both the Wald-buehne right here in the Divided City, and in, of all places, Germersheim, West Germany.

Yes, rock music lovers wherever you are, the weekend that we have all waited for and dreamed about is finally here. The groups are finally all signed up, and with a few additions and deletions, it will all start in a few short hours, none other than two of the greatest live rock-folk music festivals to ever be staged on the European mainland. So, whether you are going down to the big bash in Germersheim or staying right here and camping out in the Waldbuehne, hang on to your hats and get ready for two super shows.

## Germersheim Concert

As for me, you might say I am going to enjoy the best of both worlds. I attended the Pink Floyd concert last night and will be leaving the Divided City tonight via the duty train to catch the show in West Germany. For those of you taking that route, the festival will be held on the Insel Gruen ("Green Isle"), a lush green island in the Rhein River and with camping and swimming facilities available. If the weather takes a turn for the better it should really be quite a scene.

Top name bands will include Rod Stewart and the Faces, Pink Floyd, the Kinks, Osibisa, the New Riders of the Purple Sage, the Doors, Humble Pie, Pacific Gas and Electric and the Buddy Miles Express with a possibility that Carlos Santana, Buddy's newest jamming

partner, will be on hand. Some of the other bands that will be appearing are Uriah Heep, Tom Paxton, Rory Gallagher, Savoy Brown and Stone the Crows. One big feature that I am looking forward to is the movies that they will be showing, namely, "Bonnie and Clyde," "Easy Rider," "Yellow Submarine," and "Help."

## Berlin Concert

As great as all of that sounds, I know that there are a lot of you who will be staying in Berlin this weekend, and there is plenty of good reason to stay here. It all starts this evening and will headline Juicy Lucy, Pacific Gas and Electric, Atomic Rooster, Buddy Miles Express, Hawkwind, Gentle Giant, If, Yes, Ekseption, Golden Earring and many, many more. Here, just as in West Germany, camping and swimming facilities will be available and once again, if all the rain and cold weather we have been having the past week dissipates, there should be a lot of people at the festival site around the clock from tonight until Monday.

Tickets for both festivals will be available at the gate, 20 DM for all four days here, and \$8 for the whole show in Germersheim. Food, beverages and shower facilities will be available as well as emergency medical supplies if you need them and lets hope nobody needs them. Unfortunately, it's bring your own . . . Sorry, fellows.

The Observer will be carrying special on the scene, after action reports next week. Wherever you are going to be spending your weekend, if you like rock, blues, folk, or electric music, like the fella said, "Mister you've come to the right place."

Mr. Breeze hit picks of the week are "Garcia" by the leader of the Grateful Dead, Jerry Garcia, and the Cheech and Chong comedy album which is really a gas of an album and a definite change of pace.

Until next week, keep on keeping on, and Peace and Power to the People.

## Gentry Is J. C. Award Nominee

Captain Joseph W. Gentry, the race relations and equal opportunity officer for Berlin Brigade, is the U. S. Army, Berlin's nominee for America's Ten Outstanding Young Men Award. Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, this annual event selects ten men between 21 and 35 who have made an exceptional contribution to their chosen field, the state or nation, and honors them for that contribution.

Gentry has been in Berlin for two years. Serving as the equal opportunity and race relations officer he instructs race relations classes, counsels young soldiers and conducts informal investigations in incidents of racial prejudice. He is greatly responsible for establishing a black officers' candidate program which has qualified and sent six black men to OCS. Gentry set up one of the first race relations education programs in Europe. He is also active in community relations, assisting in a Special Services German, British and American sports competition program.

As the U. S. Army, Berlin's nominee for the Ten Outstanding Young Men Award Gentry's contributions will be judged against those of nominees representing other USAREUR commands. The individual selected as the USAREUR nominee will be judged at the Department of the Army level. The Army-wide nominee will compete with young men from all walks of life. The final selection of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men is made by a group of distinguished citizens appointed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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## Speaks Over Air Waves

# Ken Morris Hams it up With Morse Code

by Dan Eggleston



**TUNING IN** — And tuning on to the sounds and voices heard over the short-wave radio is SP4 Ken Morris of A-3/6. Ken regularly chats with individuals the world over via his ham radio set with a homemade antenna.

(Photo by Dan Eggleston)

Are you interested in talking to people all over the world, but don't want to re-enlist or take a European out to do it? Specialist Four Ken Morris, armorer for A Company, Third Battalion, Sixth Infantry had been conversing with Germans, Australians and Italians long before he'd ever heard of a choice of station option. Ken was high above the jet set, bouncing radio beams off the ionosphere from his Ham radio set to other amateur radio enthusiasts all over the world.

Ken, a quiet person until he gets started talking about radios, first became interested in short-wave radios about nine years ago. "I bought a short-wave receiver and would listen," said Ken. "I just listened for a long time, but after hearing people talk from around the world, I thought how interesting it would be to talk to them myself. So, I began learning morse code for my license."

There are five categories of licenses in the U. S.: novice, technical, general, advanced and amateur extra class. The requirements for a novice license are a basic understanding of radio theory and to be able to give and take morse code at five words a minute. Novice license holders are limited to three small band segments and may only transmit and receive in morse code.

### Morse code not dull

"Most people probably think that only being able to use morse code and not talking would be pretty dull, but it's not," commented Ken. "There is a real incentive and challenge to build up your code speed to 13 words a minute for the technical license and to be able to talk."

Like promotions, the licenses come as fast as you can handle them, or even more, to the amount of work you put into them. At the present time, Ken holds a general license and plans on getting the advanced license. "If an average person practiced code for one and a half hours twice a week, he could probably get his license in a month," said Ken. "I know a guy that learned the code in 45 minutes, but he had a photographic memory."

Back in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, Ken had been building himself a grandiose Ham set-up that included five antennas and several receivers mounted in old Army radio cabinets. Uncle Sam broke in on him, but upon being assigned to Berlin he brought along an Eica 753, 200 watt portable transmitter.

### Builds own antenna

A transmitter needs an antenna, so Ken built his own. It consists of an 18 foot pipe filled with BMW coils and hangs off his balcony on the 12th floor at a 45 degree angle. "When I tell the person I'm transmitting to about my antenna, they can hardly believe it," he said. "Antennas are my specialty, but by my calculations, I shouldn't be able to transmit out of Berlin using it. I've picked up stations as far away as the states and Australia, so I'm not going to mess with it."

### Talks with Au H:O

During his time on the air, Ken was talked and listened to many interesting people. He's had a conversation with Arthur Godfrey, spoken to Senator Barry Goldwater twice and listened to King Hussain of Jordan give an interview to BBC via short wave radio—it was the only communication out of Jordan at the time.

"I picked up this one guy who was really funny and whose voice was familiar, but I couldn't place it," he recalled. "We must have talked for an hour and a half before I found out it was Eb of Green Acres."

### Contact with GIs

Ken has also talked to several GI's stationed in Europe since he's been in Berlin. "It seems that any place there are American servicemen, at least one of them is a Ham operator. By talking to these guys I can find out where some good places to visit are and I'll know someone when I get there."

Any Ham operators that would like to contact Ken can usually find him at 14.250 MC on Saturdays and some week-day evenings. His call sign is DA2QK. Ken also mentioned that "if anyone is interested in getting their license, I'd be more than happy to help them out."

This is DE543, signing out.

## Bike 200 Miles

# Band Members Go on a Road Show

by Thomas Smith

Spring is traditionally the time of year when nature comes alive again and people take to the out of doors in great numbers. Not wishing to disappoint tradition, four men from the 298th Army Band took to the wide open spaces for a three day bicycle trip over the weekend of May 6-8.

Arriving in Frankfurt via the duty train Saturday morning, Specialist Five Tom Smith, SP4's Rick Rossi,

Pete Stempe and Randy Tyler unloaded their bikes and took off for Kaiserslautern to visit friends in the band there. After 90 miles and 12 hours, they finally arrived, ending a day that saw them crossing the Rhine on a ferryboat, making half a dozen wrong turns, sitting out a sudden rainstorm for 1½ hours in a village Gasthaus, and developing sore leg muscles.

Sunday saw them on the road to Heidelberg. This leg of the journey included such delights as picture-taking in the village of Frankenstein, climbing a 7% grade for two miles just outside the village and fixing a flat tire twice. But all agreed that the sights of Heidelberg were well worth the effort.

After a comfortable night at the house of friends, it was time to complete the journey back to Frankfurt. No major crises developed this day, and there was even time for a noon picnic and siesta in the city park at Darmstadt, where curious youngsters flocked to meet the visiting Amerikaners.

By mid afternoon all four weary but happy cyclists were back at the RTO in Frankfurt, resting up for the train trip to Berlin.

"It was quite a test of endurance" said Rick Rossi, organizer of the trip. "I couldn't believe we logged 200 miles in the three days. It's something we're going to remember for a long time." Plans are being made now for a five-day trip in the fall. Good Luck!

## What's Inside . . .

### Still Tired of Mess Hall?

Well, folks, last week we gave you a sample German menu. This week we tell you what to do with it, on page 2. If you were lucky, you got to hear, see, smell and almost feel Pink Floyd after your dinner last night. If you weren't so fortunate, John Hinds describes it for you on page 2.

### Allied Forces Parade

So you missed Allied Forces Day Parade Saturday? Or you want something to send home to your kid brother? Pull out page 3 for a short pictorial review of the Three Power march.



# Davison Accents People

Often my personal effort to communicate with every officer and soldier in United States Army, Europe, is frustrated by the simple fact that there is no single medium that effectively reaches every member of the command. I have, therefore, chosen to use, periodically, brief notes to express my viewpoint on certain issues. Some of my views will require implementing directives, which will be published concurrently.

Because this is the first of these notes, I choose to address a subject of singular importance to the command, Equal Opportunity and Human Relations. Discrimination against individuals because of race is intolerable, and occasions of it in United States Army, Europe, are a matter of deep concern to me. The stated goal of the Department of Defense is to provide the model for the rest of society in establishing Equal Opportunity for all. It is my personal goal that we in the United States Army, Europe, shall lead the way.

This command is and will continue to be "People Oriented." There is only one measure of success in our Equal Opportunity effort: the unqualified achievement of equality for every member of the command. I hold each commander and individual soldier responsible for eliminating negative situations that work against equality for all and for initiating positive and imaginative programs to create racial harmony within his or her sphere of influence.

General Michael S. Davison  
Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR

# Law Day Student Essay

The following essay was judged to be the best one written by an 11th or 12th grader in the recent Law Day essay contest.

by Debra Maryland

The conservative person would ask "What is wrong with society?" My answer to him is nothing, if you like racism, poverty and wars.

The first question that comes to most youths of today is "Why improve society?" With all pollution, wars, and racism in the United States, why bother?

The black community thinks that it is the white society's problem because they own practically everything else, so why can't THEY improve society?

It is funny to think, though, that we can send people to the moon, help pay for wars and even participate in other people's war, but it is extremely difficult to improve our own society.

We can fight in Vietnam for democracy but there are still Americans who are forbidden it. We have also spent money on improving other countries but never think of all the people in the States who live in poverty everyday. Ironically, we are the richest nation. One of the reasons I am so concerned is that I am black student, one of many, who feel it is time for a change.

There are many ways of solving the problems — it depends on the students and his/her environment. A rich person feels that his tax has helped the poor and that someday things will change.

The prejudiced person feels that the blacks have enough justice and should be grateful for it. Some blacks feel that now is the time for a change. Is this what YOU want — a divided nation?

Now let's look at the viewpoint of great black men on the subject of racism. Malcolm X, for instance, felt that whites can help us get our rights. The way they can do this is in their own neighborhoods by getting other whites to understand the black man. Not by saying "Why do you hate me, I haven't done anything to you?"

Last, but never least, Martin Luther King, Jr., who felt that we must change society ourselves by getting involved. We should get in the vote and stand up and be counted. He felt that there are just as many good black politicians as white.

The next problem is pollution. The air we breathe each day is so bad that when you look up at the sky it is never really blue. We have gotten far in industry, but look at the cost.

These are only a few reasons why I feel that we (blacks, white, red, and Catholic, Protestant, Jew) should take a good look at what's going on in the United States and find some way to improve. If you don't agree with a law, get out and change it through proper channels. How do you think we got the laws of today?

Well, these examples are only a few of the problems we face. Isn't it time for us to solve them before it is too late?

# Weight Limit Lifted

The administrative weight limitation on household goods shipments from overseas areas has been lifted and military members are authorized shipment of the full JTR weight allowance less the weight of household goods in non-temporary storage. The full JTR allowance is currently applicable to Army and Navy members and DOD civilians whose effective date of orders is on or after July 1. As PCS orders must cite a FY 1973 movement designation code, amendment to PCS orders may be required for some moves. Members departing during the months of June and July who anticipated household goods weight problems are advised to con-

tact the Berlin Housing Goods Section immediately at 6994.

# Rats, Kids Beware

Follow the Pied Piper of Hamelin for a weekend of relaxation and fun. Special Services Tours Office, in conjunction with the German railroad and the British Forces, offers you a trip to this legendary town near Hannover June 10.

For 41 DM you get: all transportation, hotel one night with breakfast, bus excursion through the lovely hill country surrounding Hamelin and a short play about the "Rat-catcher of Hamelin."

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# Sound Thinking

# Special Effects & Pink Floyd

by John C. Hinds Jr.

Pink Floyd performed one of their techno-wizard romps through sparsely charted territory at the Deutschlandhalle last night, before a crowd that jammed the ancient structure to the rafters.

The Floyd got together in London in 1966. In those early days of Flower Power and all, they were to London what the Grateful Dead were to San Francisco — a new kind of band whose mission it was to accompany and inspire the lysergic travels of their peers. Comparisons between them and the Dead are bound to reveal much of recent musical history, but this is not the place; suffice it to say that Pink Floyd's music came partly from the roaring, hard rhythms and relentless social anger of the Who, partly from Procol Harum's stately soaring fancies and archaic meanderings, and partly from the Inner Being/Outer Space inspiration then common to the scene. They played live like the Beatles recorded "Sergeant Peppers."

Obviously they have not given up the search for the ultimate mixed-media concert experience. While most others back-track down their root lines, Pink Floyd travels further out. Their lyrical wits have sharpened, their musical vision has expanded, and their technology, wow! They play through a quadrasonic sound system, with speakers placed all around the hall; David Gilmour's guitar is played through any one of seven different special-effects pedals at his feet; Rick Wright's keyboard complex looks like the creation of some mad 21st century genius; they supplement the onstage music with tapes of sounds ranging from cosmic noise to a Malcolm Muggeridge monologue and the sonic effects of all this are unbelievable. Floyd has more technology and more space in their rock than any group that I can think of. Every one of the members of the group has his own battery of super-duper gadgetry.



PINK FLOYD

... in Berlin last night

No shortage of non-sonic effects, either. Banks of colored lights rise and fall eerily, pulsing off and on, illuminating the musicians bent in strange poses, doing things to their instruments which surpass all previous attempts to extract their full potential. During their finale, a monstrous firecracker explodes and wreathes the stage and audience in billows of acrid smoke; Roger Waters, chief wizard, slams a huge gong, and it bursts into flames which last precisely as long as the musical passage they introduce.

It all sounds gimmicky when you read it in print, I know, but when the waves of hypnotic sound are coming at you from everywhere, and those four intense musician/technocrats are programming your brains for expansion as never before, it's nothing less than magnificent.

# Experiment!

# The Inside Dope on Eating in Berlin

Last week, the B. O. gave you a sample German menu; this week we present a guide on what to do when you've read the menu. Next week, we'll bring you a guide on how to get to the Berlin restaurants—the bus system.

by Tony DeWitt

Does the climax from Götterdämmerung come to mind everytime you make that gastronomically suicidal trip to the currywurst stand? Have you ever wanted to go out for a nice yet inexpensive German meal but nevertheless ended up at local watering hole ordering pizza and beer because of language problems?

Well take heart, because in Berlin there are hundreds of restaurants which serve German and other European specialties of exceptional quality and at very reasonable prices. There is an abundance of what can be called "middle restaurants" where the prices vary from DM 5-15, the dress is causal and the food usually outstanding.

Here follow a few pointers on where to look, what to try and how to order.

The best way to find that favorite "spot" to which you will return often is simply to listen around for re-

commendations or to walk around the downtown area and try a few that look good. German restaurants always post their menus outside or in the front window, so you can make your decision before entering.

Quite often they are printed in English as well as in German, but if in German only and you don't speak the language, don't be afraid to ask the waiter for a recommendation (he probably speaks enough English to translate the menu). There is also available from the service clubs and language labs a list of dishes with translations.

There are many veal (Kalb) dishes offered such as Wiener Schnitzel (breaded veal cutlet) and Kalbsteske. For you venturesome souls there is also Kalbsleber (calf's liver). Beef is not as popular here as in the States but it is plentiful and comes in a variety of forms such as Rumpsteak, Filetsteak and the grandad of them all, Chateaubriand (usually served for two).

If you really want to go native there is always steak tartar — which amounts to raw hamburger with an equally raw egg surrounded by chopped onions, peppers and spices (personally I like it, but don't feel left out if this entry does not start your mouth watering and your tastebuds tingling with anticipation; there are a great many Berliners who agree with you).

Pork (Schwein) is an old German favorite and at the restaurants we are talking about tends to be quite good and not at all fatty or greasy. Breaded pork cutlet (Schweinekotelett Paniert) or plain (Schweinekotelett natur) are among the most popular and tasty. Each restaurant will have its own specialties and subtle variations, and once again, don't be afraid to ask about some exotic sounding dish you don't recognize.

If you like your meat particularly spicy ask for it — scharf gewuerzt — and stand by for blastoff. Some of the Balkan restaurants serve meals hot enough to tame the most fanatical Mexican food buffs (I speak from personal experience).

Though you may have or acrued a standard favorite, by all means keep experimenting, because there is always something there you haven't tried and will probably like. In fact, it's sometimes fun to close your eyes and just point. Remember that drinks, salads, bread and butter, and desserts are all extras and not included in the price as in most American restaurants.

### Courtesy

A word about courtesy. It is not unusual for restaurants' proprietors and waiters to take a liking to certain customers and to offer extra tidbits and the best service to them. As an American you stand out from the crowd, and whether this is a liability or an asset depends upon your conduct and that of your fellow soldiers.

Simple things like keeping your voice down, saying please and complimenting the waiter on the food if it is good make the difference between a free beer the next time you come in or a singularly unattentive staff. Either way, you will be remembered. Service is included in the final tab, so don't make the mistake many Americans do and overtip. For a meal of DM 10, a tip of 50 pfennigs is plenty.

Above all, experiment! Especially if you are new in the city, go out with a friend and try something new. It is a great way to meet people and to discover new places to spend that free time we all have but so often waste. You will be back to plain old American food soon enough, so while you are in Berlin, live a little!

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