

## **Welcome to Bones Fest XXI**

Welcome to what may be a “hot” time in San Antonio! Lots of places to visit; a very nice iconic hotel to stay, play bones, and re new old or make new friendships; tour and perform in a venue that soon may no longer be present; enjoy a signature meal in a unique setting; enjoy the history that shaped the state and our nation; all included in your attendance at Rhythm Bones Fest XXI.

Welcome to Texas!

Dennis Riedesel, Your Host

If you need assistance my cell is 361-676-2208

## **Bones Fest XX Program**

### **BONES FEST XXI SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY, August 22**

If Requested San Antonio Airport Transport

**WEDNESDAY, August 23**

Wed. Arrivals San Antonio Airport Transport

If Possible Transportation to San Antonio Attractions May be Provided  
by Special request

On Your Own I suggest:

Lunch—All you can eat buffet at the Menger Hotel for \$17.95

San Antonio Tourist's Attractions

River Center Mall: iMax "The Price Of Freedom" and/or "The Battle  
For Texas"

On and Off Bus Tours

Fiesta Texas or Sea World

Dinner—Restaurant of your choice on the Riverwalk

Riverwalk Late Night—Irish Pubs

**THURSDAY, August 24**

All Day San Antonio Airport Transport

6:30-10:00 Crockett Hotel: Free Breakfast Buffet

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Alamo Room: BF XXI Registration, Vendor Setup, Jamming/Visiting

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FRIDAY, August 25

6:30-10:00 Crockett Hotel: Free Breakfast Buffet

8:00-9:30 Alamo Room: Leave for Alamo Tour

9:30-11:00 Alamo Compound: Prepare for 10:00 Rhythm Bones Performance

11:30 Menger Bar (Think Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders) Flash Mob

On Your Own Lunch (Remember we will have Mexican Food on the Dinner Cruise!)

I suggest the excellent Sea Food Buffet for \$20.00 at the Menger Hotel

1:30-4:00 Alamo Room: Workshops—System Analysis; Teaching Bones Roundtable

4:30-6:30 Meet at Casa Rio Restaurant for 5:00 pm Dinner River Cruise

On Your Own Enjoy the San Antonio Riverwalk Night Life

7:30-12:00 Alamo Room: After-hours Jamming/Visiting

Pool Area: Havana Boy's Cigar Club Reception??

SATURDAY, August 26

6:30-10:00 Crockett Hotel: Free Breakfast Buffet

8:00 Walk to Institute Of Texan Cultures (ITC)

9:00-10:30 ITC Guided Tour

11:00-12:00 ITC Rhythm Bones Performance

On Your Own Lunch: I suggest Landry's Atop Hemisphere Tower since it is next door to ITC.

2:00-5:00 Board Room: Rhythm Bones Society Board of Directors Meeting; Jamming/Visiting

Membership Meeting; Rehearsal for Evening Performances

On Your Own Dinner

7:00-9:00 Alamo Room: Bones Fest XXI Performances

9:00-?? After-hours Jamming/Visiting

SUNDAY, August 27

6:30-10:00 Crockett Hotel: Free Breakfast Buffet

Sun. Flyers Crocket Hotel: Check-out with San Antonio Airport Transport Service

If Possible Transportation to San Antonio Tourist Attractions

MONDAY, August 28

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ing everything work like a “well oiled machine.” As I often remark, I don’t know what I would have done without their family. I look forward to being with all of you bones-friends at San Antonio.



**Dennis Riedesel** - I was working as an extra and on the wardrobe crew on an “Alamo” movie set and saw my first bones player. Later, I saw another one at the San Antonio Folklife festival. I play many different kinds of instruments and here was a weird one that I knew nothing about.

I found a set of bones and an instruction book and tape from “Lark in the Morning” and ordered the set. I had to do a lot of driving so I used this time to learn to play with either hand and then when I was not driving I taught myself to play double bones.



I belong to a Civil War and Cowboy era music group called “Dr. E.T. Bushrod and the Tanner Family Medicine Show or “Col. Bushrod’s Tanner Family Wild West Extravaganza”. We usually play what our fiddle player calls Authentic Americana Folk Music. Sometimes, when we are all together, I get to play bones with the “Sweet Song String Band”, and the “Next Generation String Band/No Foolin’ String Band”. Also, very occasionally, our fiddle player switches over to his primary instrument,

the “Blues Guitar” and I get to groove along with him!

I was on an Alaskan Cruise and found a piece of Mammoth Ivory at one of the tourist traps. I now have a set of Mammoth Ivory Bones!!

**Jim Runner** - Jim attended Bones Fest IV in Chattanooga and last year in Homer. He was inspired by his grandfather, but basically taught himself to play. He likes real bones and ebony rhythm bones, and makes some of his own.



**Steve Wixson** - I am your Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of the Rhythm Bones Player newsletter. I learned to play one handed from my butcher father and then, after finding Ev Cowett and attending Bones Fest II, I learned to play two handed. I love to research and write about rhythm bones, but I really love it when members renew their membership and send in articles for the newsletter.



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