



Rackensack Folklore Society

Pulaski County Chapter

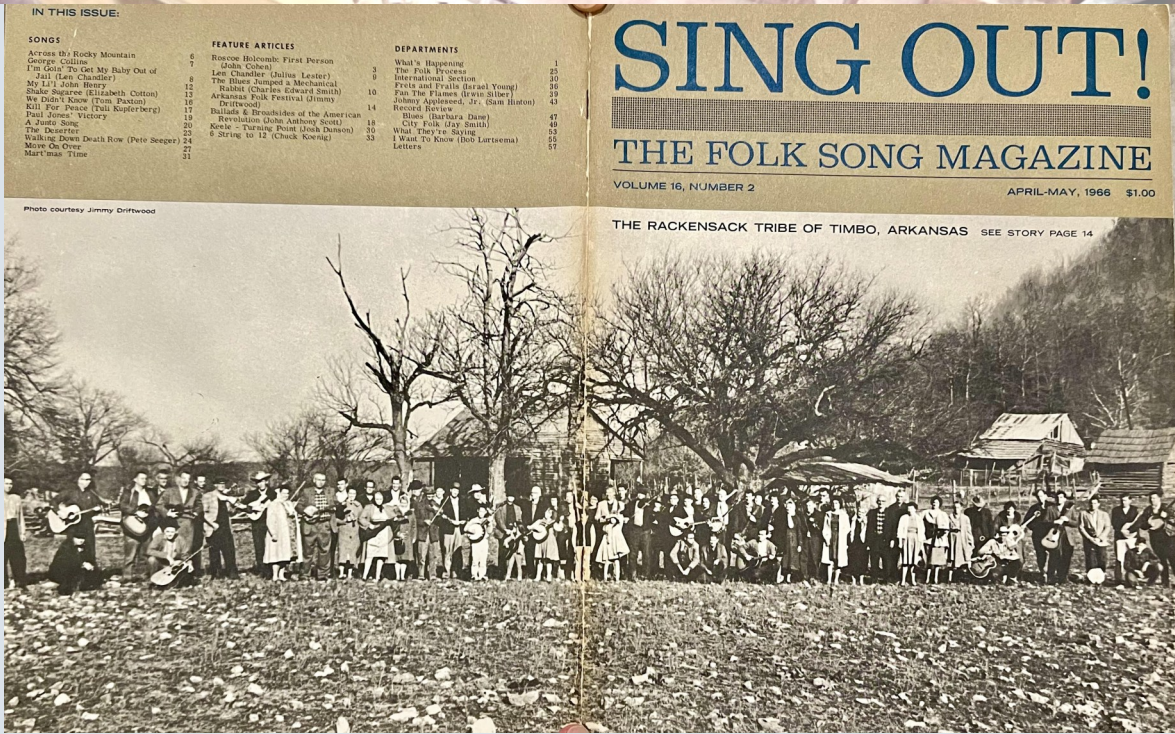
Next Meeting: **OCTOBER 2025 ISSUE**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th
Historic Cox Building 6:30 pm
Across from the Main Library Entrance

Rackensack Folklore Society Newsletter

Our mission is to promote and preserve old-time traditional folk music through performance on acoustic instruments.

SING OUT!

This great photo of the Mountain View Rackensack Folklore Society appeared on the front and back covers of the April-May 1966 issue of "Sing Out!" - a folksong magazine begun in 1950 by Pete Seeger and Irwin Silber. Published bi-monthly, it contained articles about folk musicians, festivals, reviews of recordings, and other subjects related to folk music and the oral tradition, as well as lyrics and music for 12 to 15 songs in every issue. Publication ceased in 2014.



This issue includes an article by "Jimmie" (his spelling) Driftwood entitled "The Arkansas Folk Festival, Revival at the Grass Roots." The event is described as the 4th annual festival, featuring talented Ozark musicians whose family members go back many generations. Driftwood states "Isolation has kept this 'patch of Ozarkia' rich in British ballads and early American folk-songs. The Festival concerts will feature ballad singers, fiddlers, banjo frailers, guitar strummers, tunes from the dulcimer and gourd, and old-time square dances as well as spontaneous jig dancers." He offers help and advice for communities who want to start their own folk music festival and concludes with: *"Play your music straight and keep it clean...We have no amplified instruments or drums. We try to play like our forefathers."* ~ Charlotte M. Copeland, Rackensack Archivist

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 Rackensack Website

Rackensack Retreat 2025

This weekend, October 3-4, is the Annual Rackensack Retreat in Mountain View, where we go back to our roots and celebrate the people and music that we cherish and enjoy to this day. It will be a full weekend of music, food and fellowship! Can't wait to SEE YOU IN THE MOUNTAINS!



Rackensack Recap– SEPTEMBER Meeting

Photos by Gene Saugey

September Presenters:

- Ron Graham: I Saw The Light
- Brode Morgan: Ten Pretty Girls
- Jonathan Smith/Amber Milburn: Wildwood Flower
- Rita & Buddy Thatcher: Grey Cat/Shortnin’ Bread
- Janet Watkins: A Handful of Songs
- Gene Saugey: Dark As A Dungeon
- Steve Hurd: My Oklahoma Home
- Jim Munns: White River Valley
- Gus/Gabe Holmstrom: Cherokee Shuffle/Sittin’ On Top Of The World
- Ted Williams: The Butterfly
- Roger Paul: I Will Follow My Savior
- Charlotte Copeland: Boll Weevil Blues
- Jeff Johnson: How Great Thou Art
- Eric Fraser: The Lover’s Waltz
- Markey Ford: Little Mountain Church House
- Cindy Fong/Bill Beard: Redwing



Hoedown!



Hoedown Musicians:

- Laurence Gray
- Denise Hurd
- Angela Simms



Mr. Roger Paul

See you in OCTOBER!



Gus Holmstrom and his dad, Gabe



Jonathan Smith brought his Grandmother, and played her favorite song, Wildwood Flower.

Joe Kemmer

Rackensack lost a dear friend on September 8th, 2025. Joe Kemmer, a native of Marvell, AR would drive 100 miles one way to attend Rackensack, and did so for many years. It was always a pleasure to hear him sing and play his beloved accordian. He was a hard-working farmer, and due to crop demands he wasn’t always able to come to Rackensack, but we were always happy to see him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his sweet wife, Rose.

