

Dear Friends and Fans of Alpine Squeeze!

## *Herzlich Willkommen and Welcome to Alpine Squeeze's Newsletter!*

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is upon us, and the holiday season is just a few short weeks away! As I write this, Cherie and I are settling in and enjoying the time for ourselves and our families, as the past few months have been non-stop for us and the band. But that's a good thing, because it was truly a lot of fun seeing many of our friends and making many new ones.



The new "Polka Van" held up well during its first season of festival action. October flew by as we made our way through West Point, White Plains, Plattdeutsche Park (a second performance), Travers Island (NY Athletic Club), Burning Tree Country Club in Darien, CT, The Bruderschaft "Martini Day" dance at Gottscheer Hall, and Das Best Oktoberfest in Manhattan. The Platzl Brauhaus was again a great family oriented festival with plenty of authentic German beer and food to go around. Bear Mountain, on a picture perfect, fall day, was another well attended event, although maybe too well attended.... the lines for beer were somewhat long. But great German beer is always worth the wait! During the Halloween weekend, we ended the month with two performances at Zeppelin Hall in Jersey City, with the band in full Halloween costume. What a lot of fun seeing all of those great costumes!

I'm delighted to take a moment and thank the musicians for their dedication and hard work. Due to popular demand, many of the gigs we performed in October included our drummer, Bob Carapezza, who did a great job. Based on the feedback we have been receiving, we anticipate our continued migration to a full band "with drummer" as we go forward. Joe Mariany on sax, clarinet and flute always put on a great show (he's wireless, too!). Joe Yachnik, not only performed with great enthusiasm, he also won a contest at Das Best Oktoberfest in NY, which made us all very proud! Dana Sylvander, our brass aficionado, continued to impress even though he had two teeth pulled right during the middle of the month. David Grego - on tuba and bass guitar, needs no introduction and is a true professional. And Cherie, well... not only can she now break down the equipment with her eyes closed, she continues to help keep our audiences engaged by continuously doing a great job on vocals and percussion. Walter Barrett, on trombone and trumpet, can also be counted on to provide rock steady and laser sharp performances! All of you are terrific, and I know that because our friends and fans come up and tell us!  
THANK YOU!

A special thanks also goes out to Peter Blume and Jim Perry, excellent musicians in their own right... who subbed at one of the Zeppelin performances. You guys were totally professional! Thanks for helping out!

Outside of the band we also need to thank our neighbor Terry, who was our eyes and ears while we were on the road, and a great dog and cat sitter for Keno and Sandy.

Sometimes when driving home from a gig, late at night, I couldn't help but think about how stressful performing in a band can sometimes get. There's the commute, and making sure we get there on time. There's the set up, the performing, and then the breakdown and load out. And then of course the ride back home. It can get pretty daunting especially when the gigs are booked non-stop, every weekend. But there is a tremendous feeling of

satisfaction when you know that everyone on the team performed their best, and we made the audience happy. To top it all off, we did our part in keeping the tradition alive for future generations.

That's what makes it all worth it!

The festival season has come to an end for 2010. However, even in a soft economy, we made lots of great memories during a jammed packed season. Thanks again to our supporters, agents, vendors, fellow musicians, fans, friends and especially our families - for putting up with us during this crazy time. Let's do it again next year! (LOL!!!)

PS: Don't forget to watch our schedule and check in at Facebook for upcoming events and band news.

PSS: I have heard from a reliable source that the Black Forest Mill will have their Oktoberfest next year, and Alpine Squeeze! will be there! Watch for updates and final confirmation in the coming months.

### *Eric, Cherie and the Alpine Squeeze! Band*

