

Washington State if any book collectors among you have ever delved into the state-by-state round-ups that comprise the Weird America series of local landmarks and legends, these box sets might well be their musical equivalent.

Of course, American road trips are not confined to dusty boxes of old 45s, not when you have a copy of **"Easy Rider"** lying around. And that brings us to Geffen/MVD Audio's vinyl reissue of what still stands among the most evocative rock soundtracks ever grafted to a movie.

Just ten tracks tell the tale, but what tracks they are: Steppenwolf's "The Pusher" and "Born To Be Wild," Hendrix's "If 6 Was 9," "Kyrie Eleison" by the peerless Prunes, the Fraternity of Man's "Don't Bogart Me," Roger McGuinn's title track ... even the forced substitution of Smith's "The Weight" for The Band's original did not lessen the heft of the original soundtrack, and who can resist the Holy Modal Rounders' keening "If You Want to be a Bird"? Brief it may be, but "Easy Rider" set the bar for every soundtrack album that followed, and it's shocking just how few ever lived up to its standards.

Another much-loved (but seldom eclipsed) album was the **Butterfield Blues Band's 1970 Live** album, recorded at A&R Studios in December 1970 and originally released (strange as it might sound) through the efforts of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Reissued now (Rock Beat), that story is told here, and we have much to be grateful to Singer for.

Nine songs spread across four sides of vinyl catch Paul Butterfield, David Sanborn, Rod Hicks and Co. truly blazing, epochal renditions of "Born Under a Bad Sign," "Driftin' Blues" and "So Far, So Good," each one so dramatically expanded that you wonder, sometimes, how mere vinyl can even contain the energy. But of course it does, and Butterfield's son Gabriel is not wrong when he describes this line-up (the first with a horn section) as "constantly reaching new heights in blues and rock."

Finally this month, **Audio Fidelity** strike a most resounding chord with a limited, 180 gram remaster of **Leon Russell's** eponymous album, the home of course to "Delta Lady," "Shoot Out on the Plantation" and "Roll Away The Stone," and all so inextricably bound up with memories of the Mad Dogs and Englishmen tour that preceded it.

The sound quality is exactly what you'd expect from the label; the packaging, too, is as sturdy as it ought to be, and the entire album stands out as one of those moments in time that you will never tire of reliving. Now, if only "Mad Dogs" could receive the same treatment.

- Dave Thompson

RECORD SHOW CALENDAR

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July 2 IN. Indianapolis. Crossroads Music Show, Northside Knights Of Columbus - 2100 E 71st Street. Naptown's Biggest & Best Show! Over 60 x 6' tables @ 30 ea. A: \$3. Hours: 10AM-4PM. Contact: 317-627-8057.

July 8 MN, Minneapolis. MSP Music Expo. American Legion World-Chamberlain Post 99, 5600 South 34th Avenue, Minneapolis, 55417 (Minnesota Highway 62, 34th Avenue exit). SH: 10AM-4PM. A: Free 10AM-4PM, early-bird admission \$10/person at 8:30 AM. Tables \$40 (8-foot). Contact: Tim 651-373-0065. www.mspsmusicexpo.com

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Aug 12-13 IL, Grayslake. Chicagoland Show & Sale. Lake County Fairgrounds. Buy • Sell • Trade. Vintage guitars, vinyl records, classic drums, rock 'n' roll memorabilia. A: \$7 (Good for both days) SH: Sat 9am-4pm; Sun 9am-3pm. Free parking. Contact: Zurko Promotions, 715-526-9769. www.zurkopromotions.com/musicvent.html.

RECORD STORE RECON

by Dr. Disc



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8 STOCK: You'll find a really amazing selection of new and used CDs, some DVDs, a few 45s and a pretty decent selection of new and reissued vinyl. Very little, if any, used records is the only disappointment, but like many small shops, it might be a space issue. The prices are really good and I was happy to walk out of there with a few less dollars in my pocket.

10 STAFF: Back in October of 1989, owner Randy Wagner did not want a normal job so he decided to open a record store and he has been a one-man store ever since. I had a great time talking music and life in general with Randy. He brought me back to the days when you could go into a record store not only to buy what you wanted but to learn about other music and just shoot the sh*t. Randy feels it's his job to know the needs of his customers and this college community.

9 STORE: The store is clean and very organized, yet it feels like a classic record store. You get the smell of incense when you walk in because the store sells it. Good music playing overhead adds to the ambience. Wall-to-wall music and the bins are easy to go through.

8 SELECTION: The store has a great selection of new LPs and a really poor selection of used LPs. But if you want it on CD, most likely you will find it at Radio KAOS. All styles of music are found here and Randy will do special orders for his customers.

SPECIAL MENTION: Involved with National Record Store Day from the start and will continue to support it. This year the store had a really good selection and able to accommodate many of their customers.

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