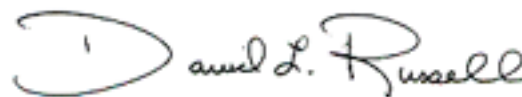


Playing with a Little Funk *Continued...*



J.D. Crowe has mentioned that early rock-n-roll guitar pioneer, Chuck Berry, had an influence on his playing as did a number of others. You can hear the influences of rock-n-roll, jazz and blues in the playing of Don Reno and Sonny Osborne (surprise, surprise!) Let's face it, every generation is influenced by the music in that generation, and this also holds true for the music that Bill Monroe, the Stanley Brothers, Flatt and Scruggs and Jimmy Martin created. It's for this very reason bands today should not be criticized for being progressive. All of our founding father heroes were progressives, why shouldn't we follow their example? Let's not forget the heavy influence Bob Dylan even had on Earl Scruggs! By the way, did you know that Dylan played a role in the break up of Flatt and Scruggs?

So what does this have to do with playing the banjo with a little funk? Well, everything. My challenge to you is to learn as many spicy, funky licks as you can in order to make your playing that much more interesting and versatile. Have fun!



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Hot Banjo Licks News

• Computer Woes!

Our main recording computer decided to get a nasty virus and shut down. The last thing we saw was our beloved Flatt & Scruggs picture on the screen and nothing more! It's in the shop and we're awaiting its return. In the meanwhile, we have managed to get our newer computer online and up and making audio recordings. Hence, the delay in the newsletter and the new Funky Licks CD. But it's done now, and we're back on line!

• The December Edition of the Newsletter

We're decided to take the month of December off to get our computer issues all resolved and updated. The main problem is that we're using a small collection of old computers and the time has come to update them! This is good, but also represents a big learning curve as we push forward into the realm of Mac OS X and a couple new computers. And with the holidays here, we'd like to take the time to be with our families. Look for a new newsletter in January with new licks, tab and information!

lick of the month



L.O.M. - A Funky Little Lick

In honor of our latest release, Funky Licks, and to compliment the comentary and slightly funky version of No Mother and Dad tab in this issue, we bring you the Lick of the Month. This is a great alternative way to come into a bluesy song like "Blue Night."

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Banjo Tip of the Month

If you're trying to learn a break off a favorite CD or Mp3, consider downloading the freeware program Audacity off the internet. If you have iTunes or Windows Media Player on your computer, it will allow you to take a CD selection and export as a Mp3. Audacity will then allow you to import a song and you can then clip out just the break and save it as a Mp3 file. Add a little white noise space at the end and you'll have just the part that you want to learn and can play it over and over without having to fuss with backing it up or fast forwarding over and over on the CD player while you're practicing.

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No Mother or Dad

This month's free tab is that classic "No Mother or Dad" that Flatt and Scruggs really tore up! It's a great song to whip out at a jam because it's not as popular as most of the tried and true jam songs. And if you're playing in a band and want a nice traditional cover tune, this one is a gem because it's not heard as often as some of the favorite covers of Flatt and Scruggs.

We've added a little funky twist to it here and there, in honor of this issue. Hope you enjoy it!



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The Zip File includes several audio tracks for you to listen to, play along with and learn about playing this month's tab.



Sherri telling the neighbor lady about the Hot Banjo Licks Newsletter

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G TUNING - Arranged by Dave Russell
Written by Lester Flatt and Curley Sechler

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