



On the banjo ROAD RUNNER is proud to feature Sievert Ahrend. Sievert was born May 30, 1960 in Leer, a small West German town in Ost-Friesland, about fifteen kilometers from the Dutch border. From an early age Sievert grew up in a musical environment. His father is considered to be one of the world's foremost organ builders and his mother, a music teacher and flute player, sang and played baroque music. At the age of five Sievert began to read music and play classical recorder. At thirteen he found himself bored with this style and quit playing music. Three years later he heard a recording of the "Kentucky Colonels" playing American bluegrass music and his musical interest was revived. For two years he played bluegrass style guitar, and at eighteen he saw a bluegrass banjo player (Brian Seegers from Texas) for the first time. From this time on Sievert devoted himself to the banjo. He soon formed a band with his brothers called the "Roving Gamblers" and produced an album called "Water Rats". In 1980 Sievert met Les and Jim in Berlin and began providing ROAD RUNNER with clean, hard driving banjo licks.

