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Buckaroo Banzai on stage at Artie's  
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# FROM THE CHEIF

Welcome to the first issue of the Blue Blaze Bulletin. We had a bit of trouble putting it together, since we are all scattered about. Many members of Team Banzai are back in New Jersey. I'm doing some work in Sonoma County, Reno and Billy are busy in the South Bay, and we never know where Perfect Tommy is.

Reno had to put this whole issue together, with just a little help from Billy and myself. We plan on releasing The 8th Dimension in March. If you have any stories, drawings or ideas, we would welcome the contribution.

Our first meeting will be in February so that we can meet face to face and exchange ideas. Reno and I will be at Eclecticon on February 13-15, 1987. We realize that most of you will be unable to attend, but, if you can, Reno is holding a little party and we hope to see you there.

Arigato,

*B. Banzai*

B. Banzai

January 16, 1987

## BILLY & THE BEATERS HIT THE TOP TEN!

Over two years ago, when THE ADVENTURES OF BUCKAROO BANZAI was just becoming a cult film, I learned who BILLY & THE BEATERS are.

Since discovering how the HONG KONG CAVALIERS were based on the L.A. group, THE BEATERS, I've become a big fan of the group. I have had the opportunity to see them play live at THE PALMINDO CLUB in North Hollywood and I have collected all of their albums, including BILLY VERA's first album, recorded for ATLANTIC RECORDS back in 1968.

So, I have been enjoying their music for some time now and had thought that I would be destined to be one of their few fans. Until now. Two months ago, Bay Area Banzai fans were slightly shocked to find that THE BEATERS' song, AT THIS MOMENT, was receiving tremendous air play on several local stations.

# BILLY & THE BEATERS

AT THIS MOMENT is a solid hit, currently residing at #5 on BILLBOARD MAGAZINE's Hot 100 chart. It looks as if, sometime this month, the song may be able to hit number one.

The song, however, owes a lot of its success to the top rated NBC television show FAMILY TIES. Having been played during two of the show's episodes, it began to receive interest and air play.

Credit also goes to all you BBI's out there who wrote in asking for another album from THE BEATERS. This past year, Rhino Records released a "Best Of" album, a 45 of AT THIS MOMENT and a video for the song as well.

THE BEATERS, and especially BILLY VERA, are receiving some long overdue recognition. In the past two months, THE BEATERS have appeared on AMERICAN BANDSTAND and twice on THE TONIGHT SHOW. With all this current success, it would appear that THE BEATERS are no longer just L.A.'s premiere party band.

Their current album, BY REQUEST, is available on RHINO RECORDS. If you are interested in their older albums, they are BILLY & THE BEATERS and BILLY VERA. Both of these albums are on ALFA RECORDS and they are fairly easy to find at used record shops.



BLUE BLAZE BOARD

Upcoming events:

January 30th

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Santa Clara County Office of Education

100 Skyport Drive

San Jose

Write for more information on this meeting.

February 13th - 15th

ECLECTICON

Sacramento Inn

1401 Arden Way

Sacramento

BBI party on Saturday night in THE BAY AREA  
BANZAI INSTITUTE's room. Write for more  
details.

Sorry that we haven't had time to schedule a  
lot of meetings as of yet. Next month's  
issue of THE BULLETIN should have a more  
extensive listing.





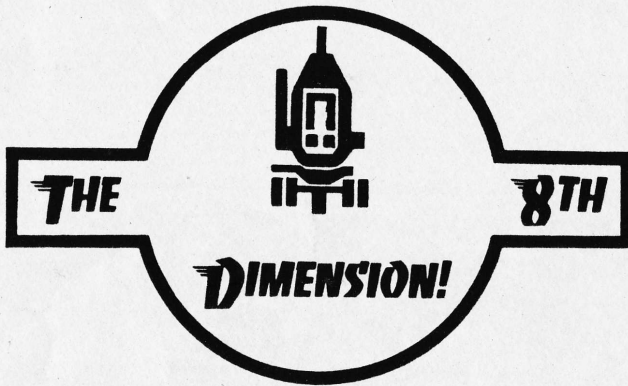
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BIG TROUBLE IN STORE FOR VIDEO

BILLY & THE BEATERS HIT #1 (we hope)

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