

Poniewaz & Antler Tour

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Jeff Poniewaz and Antler, two poets frequently visited by the muse of Deep Ecology, plan to hit the road in 1988. They seek folks willing to arrange readings. They volunteer a portion of whatever admission money they make to the Earth First! and rainforest causes. Antler's *Factory*, published by Lawrence Ferlinghetti's City Light Books in 1980, is an epic example of how poetry can monkeywrench ecocidal mindsets. Allen Ginsberg called it "the most enlightening & magnanimous American poem I've seen of 60s and 70s decades." Gary Snyder and Art Goodtimes also praised it. Jeff's *Dolphin Leaping in the Milky Way*, his collected poems of 1975-82, features a debate between Reagan and Thoreau that Jeff arranged using actual quotes. Jeff and Antler say they take to the road in the spirit of Whitman who invoked poets who would be "itinerant gladness scatterers." In spring they plan to travel east from Milwaukee to New York City and along the coast, hoping to read also in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In summer they plan to read the length of the West Coast, and in the Southwest and Texas. EF!ers interested in arranging a reading in their area should write to them at 1711-A E. Bellevue PL, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

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