



(excerpts from a letter from Ken Albers to Bob Solheim dated November 30, 2000)

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the Don Fagerquist tape. . .I love his playing. . .back in 1946 or '47 when "Red Rodney" was leaving the Gene Krupa band, I went to NYC to audition for the "jazz" chair. While I read all the music quite expertly. . .my jazz playing wasn't exactly what they were looking for. So, who got the job? Don Fagerquist. . . .Oh, Well. . .

Thanks again, Bob. Hope to see you in Kentucky next fall.

Ken Albers

Writer's note: pictured above is Ken at the 1998 Las Vegas convention flanked by brother Eric (left) and the writer. Gene Krupa's loss was our gain.