

Gunnar's **Other** Interests

**We're here to celebrate a friend, whose work has helped us all
To study complex systems *with powerful where-with-all*,
For Gunnar has devised a means to minimize the G
Of everything we care to mix, be it slags or cups of tea.**

**And from his famous SOLGASMIX a program has evolved
With which materials problems can easily be solved.
But did you know that Gunnar's skills were destined by his name?
I want to demonstrate this fact with a simple letters game.**



GE

GE

Gibbs Energy

SAGE

GE are the initials that Gunnar's name define
'tis obvious **Gibbs Energy** was in the family line
And as his program grew and grew its name was changed to **SAGE**
Here, once again, the **G** and **E** are part of the package.

**But if we go still further in this dissection of GE
We discover many secrets that I plan to now set free
With inspection of each letter in Gunnar's complete name
His inmost joys become exposed – let's continue with the
game!!**

G U N N A R E R I K S S O N

GUNNAR

G

**We start with G, what can we find behind this letter bold,
Why, Germany is central to much that now unfolds**



But **G denotes a **G**ourmet too, that's Gunnar have no fear,
His palate is quite famous in kitchens far and near!**



And often it's a **G** Grappa that closes out a meal
Or two, or three if they are good – depends just how he feels!



U

**With U we turn to Umeå where Gunnar's work began
The frozen north of Sweden was the birthplace of our man.**



**Well actually it's not so cold that polar bears are seen
But cold enough that "Thermo" made Gunnar's blue eyes gleam.**



**Cross-country skis and Erik helped Gunnar on his way
That Umeå Doctor's thesis led to where we are today.**



NN

Next **N** turns up, in fact two **Ns**, a most important letter,
Of course all **N**ordic things are meant, for they are often better,
Norse legends are packed full of deeds to inspire both young and old
'mongst alchemists the legend of bold Gunnar will be told.



**And then there is a favourite Niece whom Gunnar holds so dear
I think she should be mentioned 'cos she brings him so much cheer.**

A

**With A it's clear that Aachen's at the centre of our tale
The favourite home, though sometimes other cities can prevail.**







**The Tivoli has seen good times where clad in full regalia
He'd shout his head off with the best and cheer for Alemannia!**

But **A** can mean **A**tlanctic and **A**sia and.....**A**far
Back and forth around the globe he's traveled like a star.



R

Walt Disney World Resort

RUNNING – better - JOGGING

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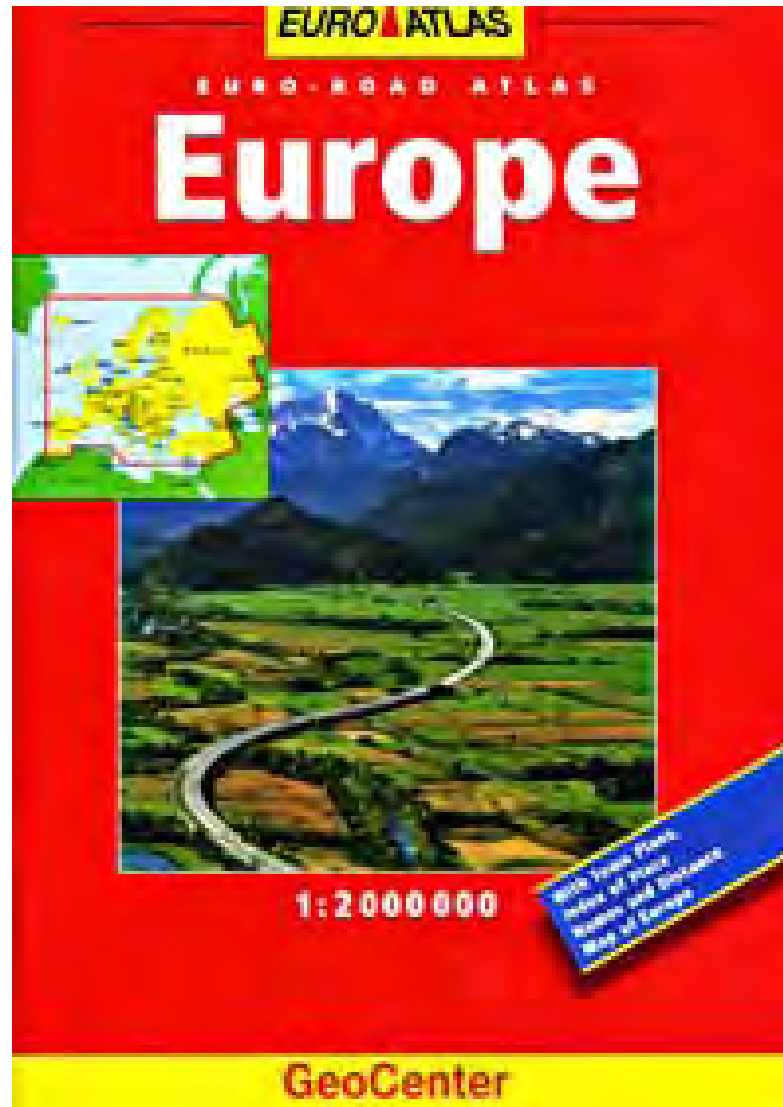
Active Fun

Teens

Romance and Relaxation

R brings **R**unning to the fore, is this a fitness quest?

I'm not quite sure from reasons three which Gunnar thinks the best!



And **R** refers to **R**oads galore, he's driven in his Audi,
This sometimes in a tandem mode – Florence, Prague and Albi.

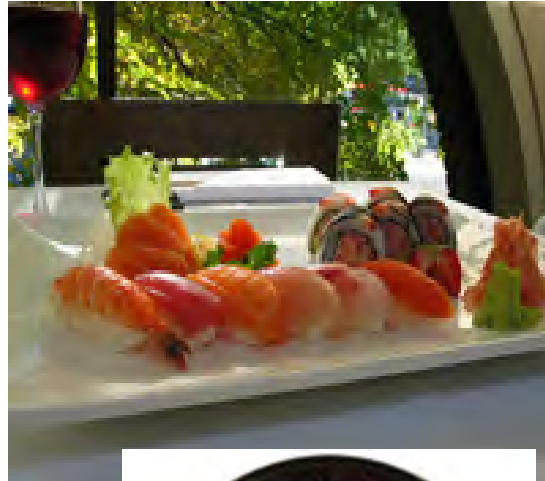
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E



**And on to Gunnar's family name for further letter spotting,
The **E** means an **E**questrian love, specifically trotting,
For Gunnar knew the horses well and favoured quite a few
He travelled far from track to track - and made a buck or two!**

R





The biggest love I've saved till now, it's **R for **R**estaurants,
French, Italian, Indian, Thai,they are his favourite haunts.
Go with him in any land, whenever you are able,
You'll find it's "Bonsoir M. Eriksson, we have your favourite table".**

**We all are sure within his code he's programmed every place,
In every town, in every land, where the food's not a disgrace
This list is worth a fortune but however hard we've tried
He'll not reveal how FactSage can be used to search this guide.**

I



We come to **I, and now it's time to turn to sports again,
Ice-hockey is a passion, that never seems to wane,
The Canadiens and Sweden, both are crowned with fame,
When Gunnar was in Montreal he never missed a game.**

K

I beg artistic license on reaching letter **K
In olden times they tell me, they wrote the **C** that way,
So **K** stands now for **K**anada, which Gunnar holds so dear,**



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And then the **K**lassic whiskeys, they bring him endless cheer!

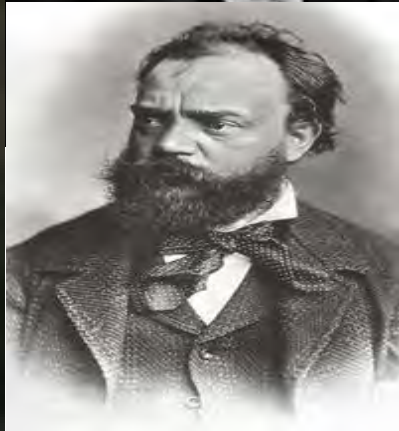
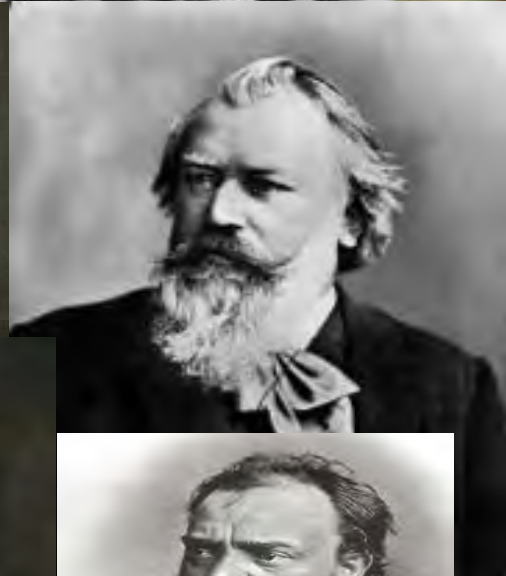
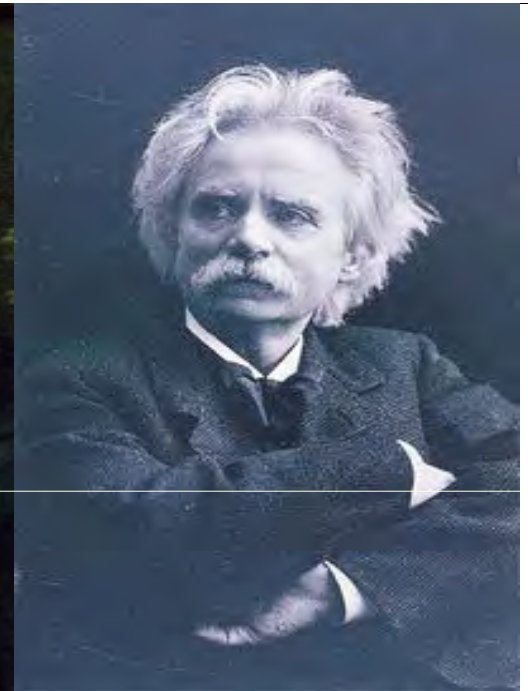


His **Klassik musik library runs from ceiling to the floor,
Symphonies, concertos, and orchestras galore,
From every known composer, and every soloist too,
Gunnar has the best CD, and each month something new.**

Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Charles Dutoit and Calvin Sieb





S S

Two **SS**s follow next in line, just what is it that they mean?
Well one **MUST** be for **S**weden else Gunnar'd never been.





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The second **S is quite clear too, we all have come from far,
To be with him at GTT for Gunnar's **S**eminar.**

Note that the building has been specially painted in the Swedish colours for this event!!!

But there's another double **SS that's dear to Gunnar's heart
And when he's back in Umeå he fills his shopping cart
With strange miss-shapen metal tins; what is this special treat?
SurStrömming, just a whiff of which will knock you off your feet!**

SurStrömming is a Swedish delicacy consisting of fermented Baltic herring. Because of its particular smell, which is *similar to fish gone bad or garbage left out in the sun for a couple of days*, **SurStrömming** is infamous in popular culture.

Certain airlines have banned **SurStrömming** tins on their flights, considering the pressurized containers to be potentially dangerous.



**He's tried to smuggle tins away to far-off distant lands,
And made his way to business class with somewhat stinky hands,
But one quick glimpse of those strange tins just sent the flight crew
mad
Out the door poor Gunnar went – it really was so sad!**

O



**With O we're back to music of the very grandest kind,
An evening at the Opera helps Gunnar to unwind**



**And returning to the table there's another favourite dish
It's **O**ssobucco that he loves – even more than fish!**

N

We've reached the **N, which signifies the end of Gunnar's name,
I hope I've shown there's much to find within our letter game,**



This last **N simply says that Gunnar is the **N**icest of all guys
The code is great and so is he, I want to emphasize.**

**The whole analysis has shown that Gunnar is much more than programming of thermo-D, though that's his favourite score
Yes Gunnar is a special guy who loves his food and wine
Combined with sport and music the diet suits him fine!**

**We want to tell you Gunnar that we're with you here today
Because not only has your science helped us further on our way,
But you've shared some special times with us in places far and near
Our memories remain quite strong, of that there is no fear.**

**So thank you for your software and for your friendship too
They've brought rewards in different ways and many toasts to you
We know one day you'll need to pause, it's inevitable with age,
But please we have one last request – remain for ever **SAGE!!****

