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A News Letter For and About Our Members

Feb 2012

Meet the NW Western Swing Music Society's Secretary for 2012 Alice Striegel

I was born and raised in Oklahoma, way out in the country amongst the oil derricks. I am the eldest of 7 children, 2 of whom are deceased. As a teenager and as a young adult, I worked in Oklahoma City.

It was during these years that I became acquainted with US Marine Corps recruiters, as their office was across the street from my place of employment. These recruiters really knew their business as they soon convinced me that their way should be my way. I enlisted and was soon on the way to Parris Island, South Carolina, for "Boot Camp." After this training I was transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and this is where I stayed for the remainder of my enlistment.

After discharge I returned to Oklahoma briefly, moved to Nebraska, and then on to the Seattle area. I started working at the University of Washington Cancer Center in 1970 and was there for

36 years. I retired in 2006.

I found out about Western Swing Showcases through my Old Time & Country Music friends, Cee and Elliot Johnson. They encouraged me to attend the showcases with them and, as is said, "the rest is history."

My most "memorable moments" at Western Swing events have been during Lloyd Hooper's salute to veterans at the November Showcases, since I'm a veteran as are Lloyd Hooper, Ed Bischoff and so many others. Being included in the ceremonies are always emotional times for me.

I have never been a musician per se; however, Western Swing and Country Music was a way of life for me, growing up in Oklahoma. Not only do I thoroughly enjoy the music but also the companionship of members of the Northwest Western Swing Music Society (*many I am now proud to call friends*) and have been the Society's Secretary since 2009. It is my intention to continue my relationship with and support of this organization in the years to come.

I look forward to sharing my enjoyment of



Alice Striegel

our western swing musical heritage with all of our members! You can usually find me in the dancehall, at the information table during the monthly showcases. Please stop by or smile as you dance past!

Showcase: Sunday, Feb. 12 at Lynnwood Eagles

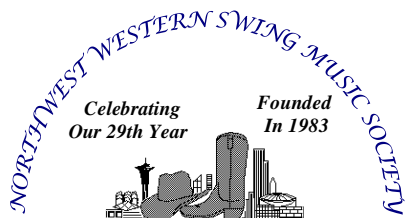
19223 Hwy 99 – Three Blocks North of 196th Street on Hwy 99

Wood Dance Floor – Nice Seating – Families Welcome – Food Available

Dancing: 1:00 – 5:00

Featuring "**Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners**"

Celebrate Valentines Day with us!



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A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FORMED IN NOVEMBER 1983 BY A GROUP OF MUSICIANS AND ENTHUSIASTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING, PROMOTING & PERFORMING WESTERN SWING MUSIC.

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\$15.00 Single

\$20.00 Couple

Newsletter Only: \$10.00

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PO Box 14003, Mill Creek, WA 98082

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Minutes from the Board January 3 , 2012



President Butch Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Vi Anderson, Lou Bischoff, Butch Gibson, LeRoy King, Jerry Seitz, Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel

Excused: Darrell Anderson, Darrell Haddock
Guest: Ed Bischoff

Treasurer: No report available at this time.

Bills: Accepted to pay.

Showcases: Decision was made to limit performers on stage at one time. Jammers must sign up with Vi Anderson at all Showcases. LeRoy King will provide a sign designating Vi as the person for jammers to go to for signup. For Split-The-Pot at the Showcases, volunteers are needed to circulate among attendees and sell tickets. Motion made, seconded and approved to limit the number of door prizes at the Showcases to 6.

Old Business: None

New Business: Copies of Bylaws and Washington State requirements will be distributed to Board members via email by LeRoy King. Motion made, seconded and approved to sell NWWSMS shirts which we currently have in stock at cost + \$1.00. New shirts will be ordered, red with white lettering and with the year displayed.

Hall of Fame: President Butch Gibson will visit the Auburn Eagles to discuss our contract with them, and he will contact the motels for room rates. Lou Bischoff will Chair the Hall of Fame. Sharyn Lee will organize the decorations. Ramon Selby and Jerry Seitz will coordinate distribution to reviewers of nominations received for inductees into the 2012 Hall of Fame. Inductees will be limited to 10.

For The Good Of The Order: Fred Yearian will be checking one of our disabled amps .

Motion passed to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

NOMINATIONS for Inductees into the 2012 NW WSMS Hall of Fame *Now Being Accepted!*

– Those nominated to be inducted into the 2012 NW WSMS Hall of Fame must have had at least 25 years of Performing, Promoting or Preserving Western Swing Music, but do not have to be members of this or any other Western Swing Society.

– Those making nominations must be current members of the NW WSMS or have been previously inducted into the NW WSMS POWS/ Hall of Fame.

– Include a complete profile of the nominee along with your cover letter, to:

NW WSMS, Nominations Chairman
PO Box 14003
Mill Creek, WA 98082

– Deadline for receipt by the Society is April 15, 2012. Those selected will be notified by early May. A picture suitable for framing will be requested at that time.

– This year's Hall of Fame will be held again at the Eagles Club in Auburn, WA, August 9-12, 2012.

*You're invited to our annual tribute to
the King of Western Swing*

*Bob Wills' Birthday Party
at the March 11, 2012*

Showcase

at the Lynnwood Eagles

19223 Hwy 99

(Three Blocks North of 196th Street)

*featuring
Eddie Fields'
Cool River Band*

PHOTO CREDITS January Showcase photos by Lou Bischoff.

Thanks to all of our newsletter contributors!

Prez Sez-

By Butch Gibson



Good February to you all,

I didn't hear . . . did the groundhog see his shadow? Oh well, I guess it doesn't matter. It will be six more weeks of winter anyway.

I want to take a few moments to remember past Western Swing shows and the one that comes to mind right now was at Ballard Eagles. I'm not sure if it was an HOF event or not but what I do remember is that Slim Dossey was there. My dad and I had just finished a set when Slim came down and told us that he could book us as a Sons of the Pioneers tribute band. What a compliment!

It was during this same time period that I had a new drummer. You might have heard of him. His name was Ray Shawley. (*I hope Ray and Beryl enjoy some of these same memories.*)

My point is this. Many of you know that Ray and Beryl are leaving the northwest to be closer to their daughter who lives in West Virginia. The Northwest Western Swing Music Society will surely miss them - I know I will. They and the work they leave behind are a part of the glue that holds us together.

We hope you will be able to join us at the February showcase. Ray and Beryl plan to stop by for a short visit where we will have opportunity to say our farewells in person. Please join me in wishing them both all things good. Hope to see you there!

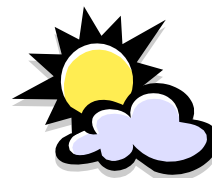
'Till next month,

Keep Swingin'

Butch

(ps) Please book your motel early (see page 6) for the August Hall of Fame. A motorcycle rally will be in town at the same time!

Sunshine and Rain



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 Laurie Haslund
 Feb 2 Kenny Lowrey
 Feb 2 Gary Seviles
 Feb 3 Neal Beechinor
 Feb 5 Harry Warmack
 Feb 7 Joyce Carter
 Feb 7 Jim Neel
 Feb 7 Speedy Price
 Feb 8 Bobby Dixon
 Feb 8 Chet Lacy
 Feb 10 Sue MacAvoy
 Feb 11 Pee Wee Whitewing
 Feb 13 Michelle Ward
 Feb 14 Lane Johnson
 Feb 15 Alton Simpson
 Feb 16 Sam Necochea
 Feb 16 Gayle Vader
 Feb 19 Lou Rochelle
 Feb 20 Ray Drake
 Feb 23 Darrell Anderson
 Feb 23 Nellie Jacobs
 Feb 23 Bob Meeks
 Feb 24 Laurie Ayres
 Feb 24 Ken Carter
 Feb 25 Wanda Ramos-Love
 Feb 27 Roy Lee Brown
 Feb 27 Les Tucker

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ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 3 Don and Gerry Creason
 Feb 4 Charlie and Jean McBay
 Feb 5 Jack and Maxine Wohl
 Feb 10 Ed and Lou Bischoff
 Feb 14 Ken and Joyce Carter
 Feb 22 Peter and Lana Proskurnik
 Feb 28 Lola and Bill Scamahorn

BIRTHDAYS (con't.)

Feb 28 RB Snelson
 Feb 28 Jeannie Wacker

WITH BEST WISHES

And PRAYERS

Chuck Robbins
 Audry Clayton
 Earl Williamson
 Jim Sanderson
 Ray and Beryl Shawley
 Julie Martin (Mrs. Bob)
 Dave Holter
 Pat Goodbla
 Chris Pate
 Dianne Meeks
 Ethel Rankin
 Topyy Brigge
 Tippe Latham
 Truitt Cunningham
 Jeannie Poe
 Alton Simpson
 Cathy Anson (Lou's daughter)
 Cal Smith (Fronted w/E.T.)

CONDOLENCES

To Bobby Davis and family on the loss of his brother and sister.
 To Bob Cobb and family on the loss of his sister.
 To family and friends on the loss of Evelyn Wills Stevens.
 To family and friends on the loss of Travis Smith.
 To family and friends on the loss of Marion 'Red' Richardson.

Did we miss someone or do you know of someone who should be included in the next newsletter? Please let us know.

Contact a member of the Board (see page 2) or the editor of the newsletter (see page 7).

In Passing . . .



Travis Smith
1929-2011

Travis Smith was born in Telephone, Texas. He began playing steel guitar while in high school, and joined the Musician's Union in 1946. During the rest of the 40's he played with several musicians including Cleon Winters and the Gold Coast Playboys with Truitt Cunningham, The Maddox Brothers and Rose, Sagebrush Serenaders with Jack Lloyd and Mel Morrison, Smilie Burnett, Ray Wade and the Rhythm Riders. He also had his own group, the Lucky Spot.

Travis spent a stint in the Army during which he played the clubs on base in Japan. He went into Special Services and played the Far East Network and toured service bases.

After his service time through the rest of the 1950's, he played with several artists and did a short tour with Jim Reeves. Moving to the LA-Long Beach area provided new opportunities to play.

In late 1957, Travis moved to the Salinas-Monterey area, later forming his own band.

Despite a car accident in 1981 that nearly ended his musical career, Travis came back to form his own band, playing for the Moose Lodge in Modesto, Ca. for over 10 years.

He was inducted into the NWSMS Hall of Fame in 2001.



Evelyn Stevens
1925-2012

Evelyn Stevens, a pioneer of western swing music who sang with her sister and toured with legendary Bob Wills before marrying his brother, bandleader Billy Jack Wills, died Dec. 24 of cancer.

Mrs. Stevens began singing at age 12 on an Alabama radio show during the Great Depression with her 14-year-old sister, Dean, as the McKinney Sisters. Their sweet sound led to appearances with the singing cowboys Sons of the Pioneers and Grand Ole Opry shows with Eddy Arnold.

The McKinney Sisters went on to sing with the Ted Weems Orchestra in Chicago. In 1946, they were invited to tour with one of the most popular bands in western swing, Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys. They performed on Wills' radio program, made a musical film and recorded for MGM, Columbia and Tiffany Transcriptions.

The band settled in Sacramento, where Mrs. Stevens married Wills' younger musician brother, Billy Jack, who formed his own western swing band. She raised two children while performing with her husband on Sacramento radio and TV shows in the 1950s.

Her marriage to Billy Jack Wills ended in divorce after about 20 years. Her second husband, Norman J. Stevens, and her son, John, each died in 1996.

She and her sister Dean recorded two albums of sacred music and were active for many years in the Western Swing Society. They sang together in public and remained close until Dean Moore's death in 2009.

Here and There

If you would like upcoming appearances to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. Play dates / times / locations must be received by the first of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Patty McConnell and the Travelin' Four. Patty will be on vacation until mid-February. Watch for the Travelin' Four's updated schedule on her return!
Patty 360-886-1998 / LeRoy 253-845-8359.

Butch Gibson, *Pardners*, Jam Session, every 3rd Sunday, Buckley Eagles, 3:00.

Wally Giffin, *Black River Falls Band*, Visit their website: blackriverfallsband.com for information on their upcoming play dates.

Nick Dumas, *Northern Departure*, Feb. 11, 7:30 pm Hometown Hootenanny, Historic Everett Theater. Feb. 23-25, Wintergrass, various showcases.
Visit their website: northerndeparture.com

Rick Jorgensen, *The Dakota Territory Show*, live webcast playing 78s from 1925-1965, on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, from noon to 6 pm at:
www.therightcountry.com

Music Scholarships Available

Financial assistance is available to those endeavoring to further develop their musical/vocal talents, preferably leading toward their performance of Western Swing Music.

Typically, past assistance has been to send younger musicians to summer music camps, but other directions of study will also be welcomed.

Please send information on the applicant's qualifications and need to:

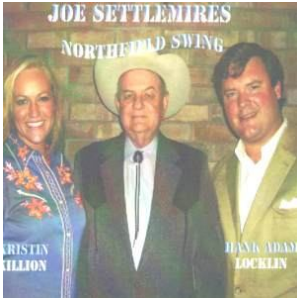
NW WSMS, Attn: Scholarship
P.O. Box 14003
Mill Creek, WA 98082

(Or contact any board member of the Northwest WSMS.)

Album Reviews:

By Mike Gross
www.swinginwest.com

KSEY – FM
Seymour, TX



Album:
Northfield
Swing
Artist: Joe
Settlemires

Joe Settlemires is a wonderful lead guitarist and band leader who for his second CD journeyed to Nashville to be joined by some first call musicians and vocalists to record this eight tune CD.

Joe is heard on lead guitar and is the vocalist on two of the tunes, Cindy Walker's *Bubbles in My Beer* from the great Bob Wills and from Cliff Bruner, Gene Autry and so many others, the 1930s standard, *Makes No Difference Now*.

The great Doug Jernigan plays steel, Kenny Sears- fiddle and Harold Bradley- guitar and banjo. Billy Burke is the accordionist, Pig Robbins the pianist, the great Bob Moore is the bassist and Bob Mater plays drums. Kristin Killion, Hank Adam Locklin and Kim Townsend

Mike's Top 10 for February 2012
Top 10 Songs:

- High Country- Billy Mata & Texas Tradition
- Man in the Moon- Chuck Cusimano (Cusimusco)
- Easier to Know- The Stardust Cowboys
- Everything is Bigger in Texas- Garry Ash
- It's a Good Day- Leon Rausch & Asleep at the Wheel (Bismeaux)
- Look What Thoughts Will Do- Bobby Flores (Yellow Rose)
- How the Cowboys Swung the West- The Stardust Cowboys
- The Bronze Buckaroo- Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers (Musikode)
- There's a Gold Star in Her Window- Jean Prescott
- Texas Swing/Sun Bonnet Sue/Sweet Jenny Lee- Ricky Boen & Texas Mud (Westex)

Top 10 Albums:

- This is Tommy Duncan- Volume Two- Billy Mata & Texas Tradition
- The Western Swing Authority- The Western Swing Authority (Canadian Import)
- Bright Lights & Country Music- Jody Nix (Hillside)
- How the Cowboys Swung the West- The Stardust Cowboys
- I Wrote This- Chuck Cusimano (Cusimusco)
- It's a Good Day- Leon Rausch & Asleep at the Wheel (Bismeaux)
- 3 Trails West- 3 Trails West
- I Dreamed Count Basie Was a Cowboy- Don Burnham (Redoubtable)
- Straight From the Fridge- Stretch Dawson & the Mending Hearts (UK Import)
- Swing Big- Tony Harrison & Hot Texas

are heard on both lead and back-up vocals.

Hank Adam Locklin, the son of country music's late Hank Locklin, is heard on vocal on four tunes. From the great Bob Wills is heard *Maiden's Prayer* and *Stay All Night* and from his dad's pen and library he sings *Send Me the Pillow that You Dream On* and the Texas dance hall styled *Same Sweet Girl*. Of course, *Send Me the Pillow* was also done by Western Swing

super group, The Miller Brothers band, in 1957. From the final Bob Wills session Kristin Killion sings Cindy Walker's *Baby It Sure Would Go Good*. The final tune, with big hit potential, is sung by Kim Townsend. It is her original composition *A Heartbeat Ago*.

The album can be obtained from cdbaby.com/joesettlemires or by mail for \$12 from PO Box 2324, Chickasha, OK 73023.



PO Box 14003 Mill Creek, WA 98082

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— (Yearly Dues) —

- Individual, \$15.00 Couple, \$20.00
 Newsletter Only, \$10.00

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Address _____
City _____
State / Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail Address _____

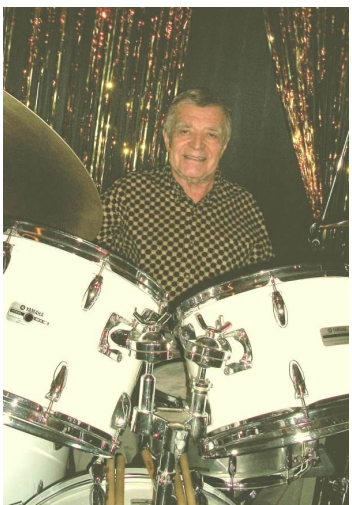
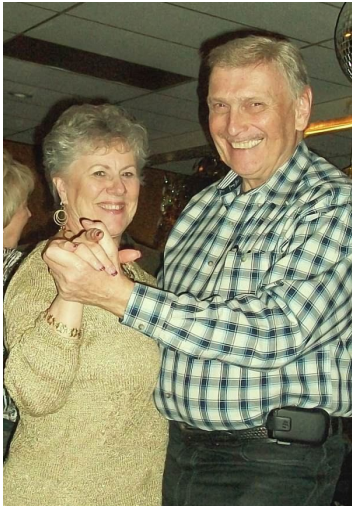
Performing Member Supporting Member
Instruments _____

 Vocalist Band Leader

His Birthday _____ Her Birthday _____ Couple's Anniversary _____

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(Does it look like fun??? It is!!!)



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Best Western Peppertree

401 - 8th St SW, Auburn, WA

Phone: 253-887-7600

King Bed \$ 99.99

Double Queen . \$109.95

Amenities: Complimentary hot breakfast with waffles and egg
souffle; indoor pool, spa, and fitness center; microwave and
refrigerator; next to Longhorn BBQ Restaurant and Lounge; close
to Super Mall Outlet Stores.

Guest House Inn (formerly Val-U Inn Motel)

9 - 14th Ave NW, Auburn, WA

Phone: 253-735-9600

Singles \$ 69.00

Doubles, Kings . \$ 79.00

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast with coffee, tea, muffins,
juice, fresh fruit, cereal, sausages, biscuits with gravy; all rooms
with cable TV, coffee maker, hair dryer, ironing board, microwave
and refrigerator.

Travelodge Suites

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Single Queen . . \$ 65.00

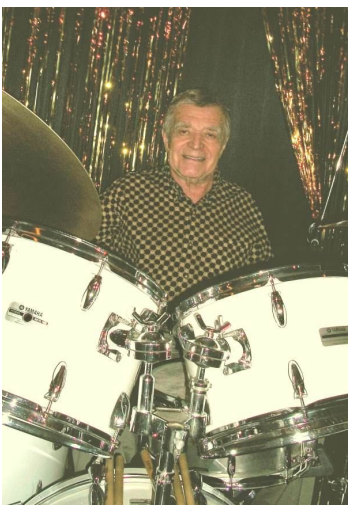
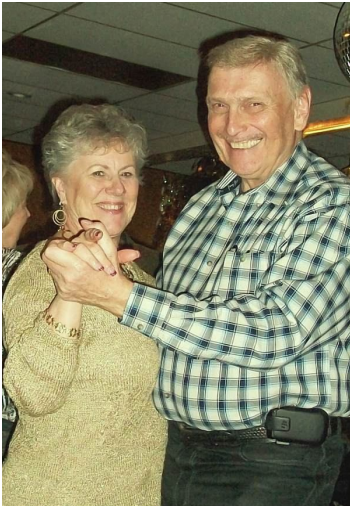
Double Queen . \$ 75.00

Includes refrigerator, microwave Suite \$ 85.00

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast with coffee, tea, danish,
muffins, toast, juice, fresh fruit, Belgian waffles, oatmeal and
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JANUARY 8 SHOWCASE

(continued from page 7)

Strolling through the crowd, a lady approached me and asked if I was Lou. I said, "Yes," and she proceeded to introduce herself as Lynnette Woerne. I was delighted to see her as it was her first time to attend a show since her husband, Guenther, had passed away. She was happy to once again be among western swing folks. She vowed to visit us again. We love to see members from the past still interested in what we're doing. Come again, Lynnette, and be our Special Guest.

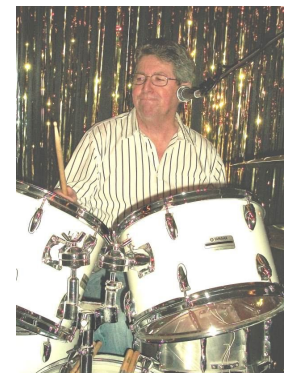
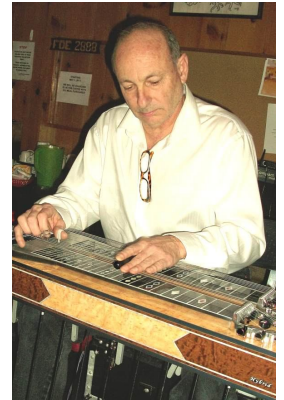
After speaking with her, I heard a gentle squeal. It was Mary Knapp, wanting to share with us her grandmother ring she received for Christmas. It was beautiful, set with the birthstones for each child. Mary is such a darling.

Vi Anderson was very busy organizing the jam, but took a moment to listen to hubby, Darrell, sing *I Can't Give You Anything But Love* and *White Cliffs of Dover*. She is his biggest fan. Butch sang *Crazy* as the lovers swarmed the floor. LeRoy followed with *Drinking Champagne* and kept the dancers moving. Eddie Fields finished the set on drums. We look forward to seeing more of him in the future.

Back to the host band with Dave

The Western Wranglers

(aka Dave DuChene and Friends)
January's Showcase Band



Pictured top left to right:

Darrell Haddock, Dave DuChene, Shelly McNaughton, and Wayne Franco

Pictured bottom, left to right:

Jeno Burbank, Jim Neel, Ramon Selby, and Van Akker

DuChene, who stirred up the crowd with *Charlie's Shoes*. Slowing it down, Jeno harmonized as Shelly sang *I Thought of You, I Should Call*. It was a special moment to reflect on what many of us need to do at some time.

The waltzers loved *Waltz Across Texas*, done by Dave and Jeno. Shelly sang a favorite, *All of Me*, for us to enjoy. She is such a talent. We were so happy to have her and Van as special guests in Dave's band on Sunday.

The donation jar was getting filled as Vi passed it around. Everyone seemed to want to express how much they appreciate our showcases. Thanks, Vi!

Once again we thank the Lynnwood Eagles for providing this great venue for our monthly showcases. And *thank you* to the Eagles' staff who work so hard . . . every one is a volunteer! They do appreciate the tokens of thanks that we give them.

We send prayers for our friends who are ill or confined. We hope each day brings them closer to recovery.

Thanks again to the Western Wranglers (*aka Dave DuChene and Friends*). Super job!

We love and appreciate you all,
Lou Bischoff

