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**Preserving the music that is too country for Jazz
and too jazz for Country**



Meet us at the
NWWSMS Western Heritage Stage

Located on the east side of the Fairgrounds, next to the Covered Arena

We're so excited to be part of the King County Fair this year, helping them - helping us to begin again. We are sponsoring the Northwest Western Heritage stage. It will cover traditional musical styles taken from several of the various groups who brought their cultural traditions to the Northwest. As a special treat, we have added **Cowboy Poetry** and a bit of **western music** to the program!

Join **cowboy poet Lynn Kopelke** for free workshops on the basics of writing and performing cowboy poetry and prose on Thursday and Friday. Want to give it a try? Then enter a **Tall Tale competition** for a cash prize. Interested? Sign up with Lynn at the fair. The yarn spinning will commence at high noon on Saturday.

What better way to start each day than with western swing music! Beginning Thursday, **Butch Gibson and Partners with guest musician Mike Schweedler on the steel guitar** will be hosting the opening jam session, from 10 to 11:30! After a short warm up for the band, jammers will be invited to the stage. Sign up to join in.

We will have a spot set up with a 20x12 covered by a 20x20 canopy. There will be space for the dancers in front of the stage (still under the canopy) but it will be grass. We will also have bleachers for seating (hopefully covered with a canopy) but you are welcome to bring your own chairs along. The stage will be placed next to the Covered Arena on the east side of the fairgrounds and the restroom is just down the paved walkway a short distance. Our stage will be open from 10 am - 6 pm, Thursday, July 15 through Sunday, July 18.

Check the King County Fair website www.kingcofair.com for the most up to date information. Great admission prices this year. (Did you notice Seniors get in for \$1.00 from 10 am to noon!) (Continued on Page 5 . . .)





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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD APRIL-JUNE, 2021

In observance of the State-wide quarantine, the NWWSMS Board did not meet during the months of April through June 2021; however, corresponding through email it was decided:

- ★ to host a Northwest Heritage stage at the King County Fair, held in Enumclaw, WA, from July 15-18. Daily, the stage will open with a musicians' jam, hosted by Butch Gibson and Pardners and guest musician, steel

guitarist, Mike Schweedler. Various NW groups, including cowboy poets, will entertain daily until 6 PM.

- ★ to reinstate it's liability insurance, effective July 1, 2021.

The monthly venue for NWWSMS Showcases, the Lynnwood Eagles, is open to members only at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Yearian, Secretary



1983-2021 Celebration

DUE TO CONTINUING HEALTH CONCERNS, THE NWWSMS AUGUST 2021 EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED. SAME LOCATION, NEW DATES: AUGUST 11-14, 2022
WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE AUGUST 2022 NW WESTERN SWING MUSIC CAMP, WESTERN SWING MUSIC FESTIVAL AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION COMING THIS SUMMER ON FACEBOOK, IN THE E-NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE AT [NWWSMS.COM](http://www.nwwsms.com).

Summer Music Camp

coming to the historic Field House (aka: Pete's Pool)
at the Enumclaw Event Center!

Click on the photo to the left for more information on the facility or go to:

<http://www.enumclawexpoctr.com/>





We'll be back once the dust settles, but, until we understand the new 'normal' stay safe and let's take care of each other.

Remember: Find ways to support your favorite musicians.

Around the NorthWest Support Live, Local Music

For regular appearances at a particular venue to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. Contact information for a member band is always welcome.

3rd Sunday Western Swing Jam, Enumclaw Music, 1515 Cole St, from 2 to 5! Due to State mandate, cancelled until further notice. Jeanne Yearian & Toby Hanson hosting.

Call 425-432-7888 for additional information.

Steel Country. For bookings or schedule updates call Duane at (425) 870-7311 or Pat at (425) 745-3798.

The Barn Door Slammers. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: www.barndoorslammers.com.

Mike Faast and Jangles. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: www.janglesband.com

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. Dance Hall Music by **The Sundowners.** Visit their website for information on additional play dates: www.thesundownersband.com

JC McCormick & the Cherokee Band. For booking information or a schedule of upcoming play dates, call JC at: 253-268-2314.



Paula Jungmann



*Hello,
from deep in the
Heart of Texas!*

by Paula Jungmann

A Big Texas Howdy Y'all

We are witnessing a comeback of our music here in Texas with a renewed and always growing list of festivals returning after a year of shut downs. We have had two festivals wait a year to return but, they are already scheduled for 2022.

Our Texas Historic dance halls are showing a return to normal. Especially in the San Antonio area they have resumed operations as usual. They have survived because of their savings, good stewardship and wonderful volunteerism.

This past weekend we had a large crowd at Snyder's West Texas Western Swing Festival, with the largest Thursday night on record! What was special is the coming together of old friends who'd missed each other during the shut downs. We also mourned the losses of our friends that occurred while we were away from each other and encouraged each other during those times. There were many new faces - folks who'd never been to our festivals - an encouraging sign toward the continuation of our music to many of us.

Some traveled long distances to be at the Snyder Festival, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and from all over Texas to be apart of this music festival. The hotels were full, the restaurants had waiting lines and the RV slots were at capacity, a most welcome sign of recovery for the small town of Snyder which hosted the event. To top it off, the bands kept the dance floor full with their outstanding talents. The music industry was hit hard by the pandemic shut downs. All of them were so ready for this comeback to begin. . . . Till Next Time

(Editor's Note: Our sincere admiration goes once again to Paula Jungmann for her large part - including her unflagging determination and tenacity - in the passage of Texas Resolution 35, making Western Swing music the official State Music of Texas.)

"WHEREAS, Born and bred in Texas, western swing is a musical melting pot that represents the diverse groups that have contributed to the growth and prosperity of our state and the distinctive way of life that has flourished here, and it is indeed a fitting symbol for the rich cultural heritage that is shared by all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate western swing as the official State Music of Texas."

June 17, 2011



This photo (left) of the dance floor on Thursday night is courtesy of Tracy Pitcox of Heart of Texas Records. who MC'd this past weekend's stage performances and always does a sharp professional job!

Western Swing Forum Keep your letters and e-mails coming!



Dick & Dee Heil at the 2015 NWWSMS Western Swing Music Festival & Hall of Fame Celebration, held at the Auburn Eagles, Auburn, Washington

Editor's Note: Dick Heil, NWWSMS Co-Founder, retired and lives in Yuma with his wife, Dee. He said that at 86 years old, it is time to downsize and he has a collection of vinyl records he would like to pass along. He asked if we might place this offer in the newsletter:

Dear music enthusiasts,

If you are interested in or would like more information on any or all of the vinyl collections listed below, please contact me (Dick Heil) between 10 am and 4 pm (PST) at 928-580-4195: (I focused on collecting anything danceable.)

78 RPMs from the 1920s on - a mix of jazz, swing and western swing

45 RPMs primarily country and western swing

33.3 RPMs mix of country, pop, jazz and swing.



Graham Lees
HOF 2017

Marlene and I are so sorry to hear that Joe Baker had passed away. I know that he's had some health problems over the years, still a shock! Please offer my sincere condolences.

He was a good friend to me since I first met him around 2004.

Best Regards to you and Fred...Graham



Bob Richards
YouTube: radiobob805

In 1961 I was a Country DJ on KCKC in San Bernardino. Tenn. Ernie worked there as a DJ long before I did. But I loved this song then, and now in modern stereo, it's even better. This is the original, remastered, and not the overdubbed version. This is her first #1, and it remained on the charts for most of 1961. Walkin' After Midnight was a bigger hit, It only made it #2.



Great STEREO , I Fall to Pieces, Patsy Cline #1 in 1961 - HD video



I Fall to Pieces is a great overwrought love song. I love the Nashville sound. 1960 companies were building new stereo studios. As a result the recorded sound improved a lot.

Cherishing the Memories



Joe Baker
1952-2021

Joe Baker was born October 7, 1952, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He was raised on a Black Angus cattle ranch near Flower Mound, Texas. Joe was drafted into the Army in 1972 and remained there until 1983. While in the Army, he worked as a music

promoter.

Joe and his love for Western Swing and Cowboy music started at an early age and continued throughout his life. He began his radio career in his hometown of Mineral Wells, but it is from the State of New Mexico that he became world-famous for his work. He was a great promoter of Western Swing and Western Music Artists and he worked hard for many years to preserve the rich heritage of this genre of music.

Joe had been in ill health for several years and was in hospice care for the week before his passing. Here is a partial list of his honors and awards.

- ★ 2013 Cowtown Society Of Western Music WSG Publication Of The Year
- ★ 2012 Texas Western Swing Music Hall Of Fame, San Marcus, Texas
- ★ 2011-2013 President, Western Swing Guild
- ★ 2009-Western Swing Society, Sacramento (CA) Hall Of Fame
- ★ 2009-Backforty Newsletter Cowtown Society Of Western Music's-Publication Of The Year
- ★ 2008-Western Swing Music Society Of Seattle - Pioneers Of Western Swing Hall Of Fame
- ★ 2007-Western Swing Music Society Southwest - Hall Of Fame
- ★ 2004-Cowtown Society Of Western Music - Disc Jockey Of The Year
- ★ 2004-Academy Of Western Artists - Disc Jockey Of The Year
- ★ 2004- 2021 Cowtown Society Of Western Music - Membership Director
- ★ Owner of Backforty Bunkhouse Productions

There will not be a funeral at this time, however, a Memorial Service will take place at a later date. Details to be announced as they become available. Our condolences and prayers go out to Laura Burleson Fouke and his family and many friends.

Cards and Condolences may be sent to:

Laura Burleson Fouke
4361 FM 1195, Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Visit the NWWSMS Western Heritage Stage At the King County Fair, Enumclaw, WA, July 15-18, 2021

Located on the east side of the Fairgrounds, next to the Covered Arena



Thursday, July 15, 2021

- 10:00 -11:30 AM Stage opens for a **Musicians' Jam**.
Hosted by **Butch Gibson & Pardners**
with guest musician *Mike Schweedler*
- 12:00 - 12:30 PM **Cowboy Poetry**
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Cowboy Poetry Workshop with Lynn Kopelke**, Part 1: Getting Started
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Mike Schweedler and Retro Classic Swing**
- 3:15 - 4:00 PM **Cowboy Poetry with Jim Crotts**
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM **Mike Schweedler and Retro Classic Swing**
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM **Western Swing with The After Breakfast Boys**
- 6:00 PM Stage closes for the evening

Friday, July 16, 2021

- 10:00 -11:30 AM Stage opens for a **Musicians' Jam**.
Hosted by **Butch Gibson & Pardners**
with guest musician *Mike Schweedler*
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM **Cowboy Poetry Workshop with Lynn Kopelke**, Part 2: Presentation
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Tony Bachler**, songwriter/musician
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Toby Hanson & The Smilin' Scandinavians**
- 3:15 - 4:00 PM **Cowboy Poetry**
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM **Tony Bachler**, songwriter/musician
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM **Toby Hanson & The Smilin' Scandinavians**
- 6:00 PM Stage closes for the evening.
Let's Rodeo!

Saturday, July 17, 2021

- 10:00 -11:30 AM Stage opens for a **Musicians' Jam**.
Hosted by **Butch Gibson & Pardners**
with guest musician *Mike Schweedler*
- 12:00 - 12:30 PM **Tall Tale Competition around the campfire with Lynn Kopelke & Duane Nelson**. Register with *Lynn Kopelke* to participate. Cash prize awarded.
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Rockin' HW, Cowboy Poetry put to Music**, with *Alan Halvorson, Ramon Selby and Al Troupe*
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **The Cherokee Band** (music for dancing)
- 3:15 - 3:45 PM **Cowboy Poetry**
- 3:45 - 4:45 PM **Soul Posse Country Rock**
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM **The AdVentures**
(*Ventures Tribute Band*)
- 6:00 PM Stage closes for the evening

Sunday, July 18, 2021

- 10:00 -11:00 AM Stage opens for a **Musicians' Jam**.
Hosted by **Butch Gibson & Pardners**
with guest musician *Mike Schweedler*
- 11:30 - 12:30 PM **Gospel Singing led by Denny Perrigou**
- 12:30 - 1:00 PM **Cowboy Poetry**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Rockin' HW, Cowboy Poetry put to Music**, with *Alan Halvorson, Ramon Selby and Al Troupe*
- 2:15 - 3:15 PM **Sharyn Lee & The Sundowners**
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM **Cowboy Poetry**
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM **Toby Hanson & The Smilin' Scandinavians**
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM **Happy Trails~**

JULY 15 - 18, 2021



MUSIC NEWS

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Founded in 1981 by Loyd and Perry Jones



**GOOD NEWS, We will have a dance Sunday July 4th, 2021
at The Machinist Hall, 1-5 (Tommy Thomsen & Friends)**

Here we go, we're back at the Machinists Hall for July. It was right down to the last minute and we are still not sure we will be able to sell liquor. You guys can figure that out, I'm sure.

What I do know is that there will be some great "Western Swing Music" being performed by Tommy Thomsen and Friends from 1:00 to 3:00. Our great "House Band" will take over from there. If that's not enough, you can check out the back room for the "Jamroom Band".

Tommy is not only a Western Swing Society Legend, he also owns and runs the famous Church of Western Swing in Turkey, Texas. Turkey is famous for giving us Bob Wills and every year (except 2020 for obvious reasons) they host Bob Wills Days. It always is the last week of April. Please check out this great event at <https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-Western-Swing-Turkey-Texas>.

A project like the Church is a labor of love and takes all of our support. Tommy has turned it into a non-profit so all monies donated are now dollar for dollar deductible. You can help out at gofundme.com/the-church-of-western-swing.

Usually, you would have to go to Texas to hear music like Tommy will play for us on the 4th of July. So let's show up and let Tommy know how much we appreciate him and dance up a storm.

President Rex and the Board want to thank everyone for their patience through this time of Covid. We know that there has been enough loss to go around. We will make this dance admission free and also we will sup-ply a free cake for everyone. This will be a great dance to bring a friend.

July is also our "Membership Drive Month", so please stop at the front desk and they will take care of helping you bringing your dues current.



Tommy Thomsen

See Ya Soon, *Ronnie Elkan (Editor)*



Tommy Thomsen

More about Tommy from his friends . . . "One of the great treasures of Sonoma Valley goes by the name "Tommy Thomsen," entertainer extraordinaire!" says **Squire Fridell**, proprietor of GlenLyon Vineyards & Winery. "Tommy is a Musical Magician, celebrating life through his guitar and voice. We cannot get enough of Tommy!"

In addition to being inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in Sacramento, Thomsen's subsequent awards include induction in the Cowtown Society of Western Swing, Ft. Worth, Texas, Pioneers of Western Swing Hall of Fame in Seattle and the Western Swing Society of the Southwest in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"To say that an artist puts a new spin on an old style is to say they are still finding their ground. Tommy Thomsen does not need to put a new spin on anything. What he does is what he has always done: rock the house with good, honest Western swing. Played with feeling and panache, Tommy's music has always been correct." – **Tim Curley, Music and Entertainment writer.**

"Western Swing Hall of Famer Tommy Thomsen is the quintessential entertainer," says **John Burdick**, owner of Cuvee Wine Country Event. One of the best in the music industry. "A magnetic performer, Tommy always delivers. I have hired him and referred him and his band many times."

[Tommy Thomsen and All Star Western Jazz Band: "Keep on Truckin" - YouTube](#)

[Dream - Tommy Thomsen and Billy Philadelphia - YouTube](#)

[\(31\) Tommy Thomsen - San Francisco Bay Blues 2015 - YouTube](#)

[\(31\) Tommy Thomsen - YouTube](#)



(Editor's Note: Our thanks to John York, former president of the Western Swing Music Society of BC, for bringing Tom to our attention. Great CD!)

SO WHAT DOES THE PEDAL STEEL GUITAR HAVE TO DO WITH JAZZ?

'Steelin' Crazy Rhythm'

By Dave Schroeder, Owner East Records, Vancouver, BC

Album Release Date: October, 26, 2020

Genre: Western Swing and Jazz

So what does the pedal steel guitar have to do with jazz? Plenty...

While the steel guitar had its start in Hawaiian music, it was eventually picked up by the early western swing bands of the 1930s and 40s. That music took big band arrangements and replaced the horns and reeds with exciting arrangements on stringed instruments. The swinging

harmonies played by steel and electric guitars and electric mandolin were a hallmark sound of the genre.

Langley, BC musician Tom Hammel has combined his love of the pedal steel guitar and western swing and jazz music to create this 12-song album. It consists of mostly instrumental covers and one new song, "Out of Odessa", written especially for the album. Hammel has been playing, writing, and recording music for decades with local Vancouver roots bands, and currently plays with alt-country band *DerbyTown*.

Vancouver guitarist Paul Pigat lends his guitar mastery to the album on five tracks along with upright bassist Jeremy Holmes and drummer James Badger. Toronto jazz singer Alex Pangman, Canada's Sweetheart of Swing contributes her expressive and playful vocal styling to the song *It's All Your Fault*.

With the rise of COVID-19 and a pause in the live music scene, Hammel thought this would be a great time to collaborate with some of Canada's finest jazz and swing musicians. This created some technical challenges as the musicians could not just all show up at one small studio to record. With some diligence and learning on everyone's part, the remote recording hurdles were cleared successfully to create this music.

The songs are available on bandcamp and other digital sites.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Crazy Rhythm | 7. It's All Your Fault |
| 2. Out of Odessa | 8. Mission to Moscow |
| 3. Tenderly | 9. When Sunny Gets Blue |
| 4. Cherry | 10. What Is This Thing Called Love? |
| 5. Four Steps West | 11. Steelin Home |
| 6. Si Tu Vois Ma Mere | 12. Willow Weep for Me |

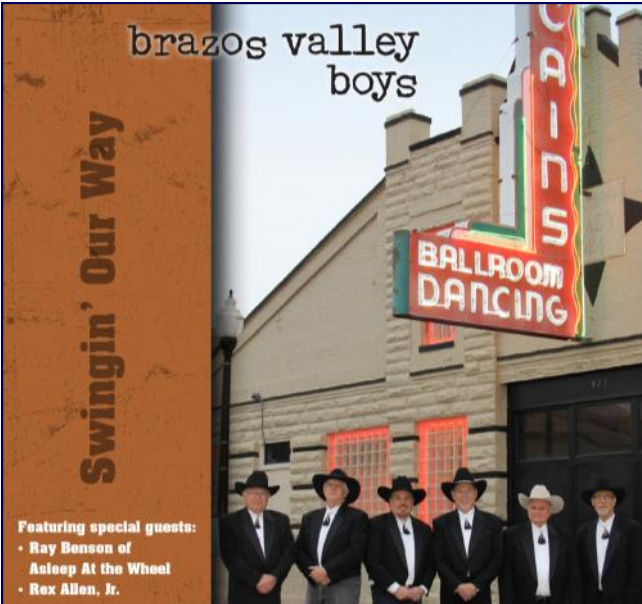
Quotes/Reviews

Great job capturing the feel & essence of hard driving Western Swing... I can almost hear Tiny [Moore, mandolin player for Bob Wills] sitting in with you all.

[John York, former president, Western Swing Music Society BC]

*The performances are superb. Paul [Paul Pigat, guitar] is, of course, his usual brilliant self on the tracks he plays on; as your steel playing matches those high standards, the results are pretty damn exciting! I also really dig the accordion added to some numbers, particularly on *Si Tu Vois Ma Mere*, answering the steel lines, and on *What Is This Thing Called Love*, with its extended 3-way riff near the end. You've found new things to contribute to some old favourites of mine, such as *Steelin' Home*, and *Mission To Moscow*; and *Cherry* proves an excellent choice for a new adaptation. But even more impressive, I think, are the ballads: delicate, forceful, and emotional, all at the same time. your "feel" for these tunes is outstanding, and a bit of an eye-opener. The more I listen, the more good things I hear: a great set of recordings, with not a single second-rate tune in the bunch.*





Album: Swingin' Our Way
Artist: Brazos Valley Boys

Album Reviews

by DJ Mike Gross



Mike Gross

The Brazos Valley Boys under the direction of Morey Sullivan have just recorded a wonderful new CD of 12 cuts with the spotlight on many of their fine musicians and guest vocalists.

Morey is heard on lead vocal and bass, Rob Loren plays fiddle, Mike Moore- trumpet and flugelhorn, Joe Settlemires- lead and rhythm guitar, Gary Sullivan- drums/percussion and backup vocals and JD Walters is playing steel guitar. Asleep at the Wheel icon, Ray Benson joins Morey on vocal duet on the pop standard, *That's Life*. Rex Allen Jr. joins Morey on vocal duet on a medley of Chet Atkins and Boudleaux Bryant's *Midnight* and Bob Wills and Tommy Duncan's *Brain Cloudy Blues*. Elizabeth Sullivan joins Morey for a duet on Leon Russell's *This Masquerade*. Other musicians heard on various cuts are Frankie Kaye- lap steel, Harry Miller- keyboard, Jim Piller- drums, Adrian Rees- lead and rhythm guitar, Bruce Roberts- Drums, Bob Walzel- saxophone and clarinet and Josh Ward- rhythm guitar.

The album opens from the Bob Wills library with *Blues for Dixie* and the pop big bands are remembered with Duke Ellington's *Do Nothing Till You Hear from Me*. There is also a nice medley of *How High the Moon* and Charlie Parker's *Ornithology*. Other pop, blues and jazz favorites revisited are *Blues O'Mighty*, *In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning*, *Relaxin'*, Peggy Lee's *I Love Being Here With You* and Ray Charles' *Hallelujah I Love Her So*. A true gem is Cindy Walker's *You Don't Know Me*, from Eddy Arnold, Jerry Vale and so many others.

The CD is \$15.00 plus five dollar shipping fee. Anyone can order it from www.brazosvalleyboys.com. On the website they can pay via PayPal. It can be ordered from Amazon either as a complete CD or you can stream individual tracks.

NWWSMS Application for Membership

Date Rec'd: _____ Rec'd by: _____

NAME: _____ NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

ADDRESS: _____ INDIVIDUAL, \$20.00 COUPLE, \$25.00

_____ DANCER SUPPORTER

CITY: _____ PERFORMER VOCALIST BAND LEADER

STATE / ZIP: _____ BAND: _____

PHONE: _____ INSTRUMENT(S): _____

E-MAIL: _____

I have enclosed an additional \$ _____ donation to the NWWSMS workshop/scholarship fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Use the E-mail provided above to send newsletters and other NWWSMS news
- Please have someone send me a paper newsletter
(Note: the NWWSMS does not mail out paper newsletters)
- I'd be happy to print and mail _____ extra newsletters to those without e-mail access
- Please DO NOT include me in the Membership Roster.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



San Angelo Cowboy Gathering 2021

September 10-11

**by Terri Holland, Producer,
San Angelo, TX**

Well, here we are into 2021 and things are moving along nicely for us as we anticipate our 9th San Angelo Cowboy Gathering on September 10-11th. I have to say 2020 was quite a challenge to maneuver as a live music event producer, of course it was for most everyone is some capacity or other. That being said, we still managed to pull off our 2020 festival with over 900 in attendance! Not only did we overcome the pandemic rules and regulations, we had to overcome moving into a new venue, basically a livestock barn, as Mother Nature took the roof off our usual venue. God blessed us however with great weather, a bit of rain, the best sound in a metal barn I've ever heard in my life (even the musicians were impressed), and so many new attendees and vendors, that I was doing a happy dance!!! Our occupancy limit was cut in half, but with the bigger Venue, it brought us right up to nearly full capacity of our old venue, and we had a terrific time. Now we turn our sights to our 2021 festival.

The SACG will be back in the newly repaired First Financial Pavilion this year, and we are sure to have a sold out crowd, as our occupancy is back to 100%. In addition to our regular attendees, and our new folks from last year, we are seeing an influx of new people calling and buying general admission tickets. We are already on track to have one of the best years yet. We even have new vendors intent on providing a great shopping experience over the 2-day event.



Tommy and Jake Hooker, performing at the 2020 event.

Our SACG will again have food, cash bar, vendors, raffles, silent auction, and a live auction over the weekend. We

always have given back to a non-profit each year, but 3 years ago we chose House of Faith as our permanent recipient. A portion of our event proceeds will be given to them every year. One of the highlights of our festival will be held on Saturday morning, September 11th at 10 AM. We hold a Cowboy Church at The Gathering, with Ricky & Darrell Boen. The men lead a wonderful gospel music portion of the service and then Ricky leads us in a message of hope and goodness. It is a well-attended portion of our festival that will lift you up spiritually.



Above: San Angelo Cowboy Gathering venue 2020

Of course the main course of the 2 day SACG is the music and dancing! We have 15 artists & bands that will be taking the stage over the weekend. We will start on September 10th with The Old Hat Band, followed by Monte Good, newcomer to us Kristi Kalyn, Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys, Jake Hooker & The Outsiders along with featured guest Tommy Hooker, and rounding out the day will be Jeff Woolsey & The Dancehall Kings. Then we start all over again on September 11th with Greg Gibbs & Lonesome Standard Time, Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition with featured guest Floyd Domino, The Justin Trevino Band, The Rocky King Band, The Jason Roberts Band & closing our festival out is Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys. Now if all that music doesn't get you up to dance or at least tap your toes, you might want to see if you are still breathing!!!

Our Sponsorships and Vendor Applications are being taken now and can be found on our website to download, print and mail in with your payment:

www.sanangelocowboygathering.com

Our General Admission tickets are on sale now by calling 325-763-9923 and paying by credit card, or you can mail in your payment as well. Call Terri at 325-763-9923 for that information. Tickets are \$50 per day, per person. Or you can purchase a 2-day ticket for \$75 per person.

RV reservations can be made. For information on the on-site RV facilities, call 325-653-7785 and ask for Brittini.

We look forward to having you join us at the 2021 San Angelo Cowboy Gathering!

(See event flyer on page 13 of this publication!)



John Jones
President, WSMSS

WSMSS Update From John Jones, the President of the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest

Article excerpts below taken
from their official publication
Swing Beat, June 2021

Our first showcase since November 2019, was held at the Elks lodge in Wichita Falls, March 25-27, 2021, and it was a great success by any measure! It was also very evident that folks were ready to get out and dance and enjoy themselves! The bands were all excellent, and Bobby Flores even made a guest appearance with Larry Lange's band Friday evening.

I want to truly thank all the musicians and singers who volunteer their time and talents to ensure we have great music. I am also grateful for the dancers and listeners who support our showcases, and especially all the volunteers who help with the cake walks, 50/50 drawings, equipment setup and tear down, photography and working the front entrance. The Elks Lodge in Wichita Falls, continues to be one of my favorite venues, with a hardwood dance floor and a great kitchen and bar, and we look forward to returning there for many years to come. . .

Our Hall of Fame induction ceremony and music showcase will once again be held at the Comanche County Fairgrounds in Lawton, OK, July 8- 10. This special event will feature an induction ceremony honoring 10-12 musicians, singers and promoters of traditional Western Swing music. The folks in Lawton really go out of their way to make WSMSS feel welcome, and we very much appreciate their hospitality and support. Due to the pandemic, we were not able to have this ceremony in 2020, so we will be honoring the 2020 inductees in 2021.

Last but certainly not least, our final two showcases for 2021 will be in Amarillo, TX, September 16-18 at the Fifth Season Inn & Suites, and in Hulbert, OK, November 4-6 at the Sequoyah State Park and Lodge. Lynn Holland is the director for Amarillo, and Hack Starbuck is the director for Hulbert.



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2021 Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

DANCE AND JAM



July 8th, 9th and 10th

Sponsored by The Lawton Fort Sill Convention and Visitors Bureau

Cake Walks; Door Prizes; 50/50 Drawings

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Thursday, July 8th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands

Friday, July 9th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

Saturday, July 10th 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

For Information Contact: Orville Lindsey @ 972-658-0204 or John Jones @ 713-208-4793

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Wednesday, September 15th, 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Setup and Jams

Thursday, September 16th, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands (no cover)

Friday, September 17th, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

Saturday, September 18th, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

For Information Contact: Lynn Holland @ 806-664-2259



The Lockhart Western Swing and BBQ Festival will take place again this year on the weekend of September 24, 25, and 26th. The Texas Playboys under the direction of Jason Roberts will play at the Saturday evening dance and Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition and Al Dressen's Super Swing Revue will be there, as well as, three of the Texas Playboys from the 1950's and 60's like Joe Settlemires, Jerry Case and Louise Rowe.

There will be a street dance on a real dancefloor, music going on inside and outside, and great BBQ from Lockhart, which is known for their BBQ. Historical BBQ places like Kreuz Market BBQ, Black's BBQ and Smitty's BBQ will be part of the event with Western Swing Music played at each place and in other great food establishments in Lockhart.

Put those dates on your calendar!! More information about the total line up will be provided very soon! You'll be able to listen to great songs like Faded Love, San Antonio Rose, Lily Dale, Sugar Moon, Beautiful Texas, and Right or Wrong while enjoying great Texas style BBQ.

This is the 33rd year this event has taken place. Just think, the Official Music of Texas, and Great Texas BBQ in Lockhart, a great central Texas town and the county seat of Caldwell County! Join us and be a part of Texas history!

Information for the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame show will be coming your way soon! Check out their page on Facebook for the latest information.



Skeebo Norris

June 2021 Playlist for "Skeebo's Line Shack Review"

We here at Pickin' On The Oldies want to thank all of our very loyal and "new" listeners to our internet station. One thing we strive for is "Traditional Country and Western Swing," featuring the classic great artists and all of the upcoming new independent artists who are continuing to produce "Dance Music."....plus, we air old radio versions of Gunsmoke on Sundays at 6am and 6pm, along with Luke Clayton's Outdoors Show at 7am-8am on Sunday morn and archived editions of Glory Road, the old Quartet Gospel Music, with the late great Larry Scott as host at 9am-10am also on Sundays ...We'd LOVE to have you join us.... If you like us, please share with your friends who enjoy this music as well at www.sansabaradio.comwe are the Academy of Western Artists, STATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2018.....streaming 24/7.

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Billy Mata - *Misery*

Bret Raper - *Texas Swing*

Jason Roberts - *Don't Let the Deal Go Down*

Della Bustamonte - *I'll Go Down Swingin'*

Jimmy Burson - *Marie*

Walt Roberts - *Big Balls in Cowtown*

Red Steagall - *Back in the Swing of Things*

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COWTOWN

Birthplace of Western Swing Festival





















Thu, Nov 11, 2021	Fri, Nov 12, 2021	Sat, Nov 13, 2021
<p>3pm Justin Trevino</p> <p>5:30pm Jeff Woolsey and his Dancehall Kings</p> <p>8:30pm Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Purchase Tickets Online: BirthplaceOfWesternSwing.com</p>	<p>10am Stockyards Tour</p> <p>11am Herd Cattle Drive</p> <p>12pm Kristyn Harris at Longhorn Saloon</p> <p>4pm Lisa Layne Band</p> <p>6pm Landon Dodd</p> <p>8:30pm Jake Hooker and his Outsiders</p>	<p>1:30pm Playgirls & LCD Tributes</p> <p>2pm Shoot Low Sheriff with Milton Brown Tribute</p> <p>4pm Private Film Screening</p> <p>5:30pm Billy Mata and his Texas Tradition</p> <p>8:30pm Bob Wills' Texas Playboys under the direction of Jason Roberts</p>

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