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A News Letter For and About Our Members

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

UPDATE ON THE 2017 NWWSMS WORKSHOP BAND'S 2ND ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

Just as advertised, instructors, scholarship recipients and NWWSMS musicians came together on Saturday, April 1. The students showcased what they had learned by playing a variety of western swing dance music from 1 pm to 4 pm. And, there was no doubt that the musical arrangements had their feet planted firmly in authentic western swing musical stylings.

What caught my attention immediately was that each of the student musicians had a part to play, regardless of their skill level. And it all blended so effortlessly into a swinging, harmonious whole! The instructors definitely stayed true to style.

Beside the familiar sounds of western swing, an obvious connection between the musicians - as well as between the musicians and their audience - grew song by song. This added something special to the warmth and energy of their performance.

I honestly don't know who had more fun . . . the western swing music students, the dancers/supporters in the hall or those of us who came out to help.

Where do we go from here? Time will tell as we take a look at what has been accomplished this year. But, for now, we look forward to welcoming some of Saturday's participants to the monthly Showcases in Lynnwood. In



Instructors jam after the dance: (L to R) Taylor Kent, Elena de Lisle Perry, Suze Marshall, Pete Martin and Paul Elliott (not pictured: Toby Hanson)

addition, the Workshop Band has an open invitation to perform during the August Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame Celebration. *(We'll keep everyone posted on whether we can coordinate this with the students and instructors.)*

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NWWSMS showcase photos by
Fred and Jeanne Yearian.

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

MARCH 12, 2017



Alice Striegel
Secretary

President, Jeanne Yearian, called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

Present by Verbal Role Call: Nan Butler, Sharon Capps (by Skype), Dave DuChane (by phone) Shelley McNaughton, Jerry Seitz, Sharon Smith, Alice Striegel.

Excused: Lou Bischoff, Dave Wheeler

Guests: Steve Carter, Fred Yearian.

President's Report: Let's support the NWWSMS Workshop Band. We hope to see an enthusiastic turnout Saturday, April 1. Fred Yearian will be doing sound. I hope to capture a little video. Nominations for this year's Hall of Fame will close on Wednesday. The Selection Committee will meet during March to go over the nominations and finalize the selection of inductees for 2017. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the silent auction and raffle in support of Chet and Betty Hastings. There have been some positive responses to the postcard mailing.

Treasurer: Jeanne Yearian reported Dave Wheeler is preparing this year's tax filing for the IRS.

Bills: Approved to pay.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/Website/Facebook: Jeanne Yearian reports that the first Sacramento WWS Sunday Festival Highlight has been uploaded to YouTube and posted on the website. DVDs of their Induction Ceremony were sent to President Bill Seabridge in February.

Membership Update: Jeanne Yearian reported there are 225 paid-up members, with one new member since February's report.

Showcase: Sharon Smith reported that the host band for March's Bob Wills Birthday Bash is Butch Gibson and Partners. Southern Comfort. Is confirmed for April. For May the host band will be Kristi Nebel and Cowgirl's Dream. Please remind all bands that we no longer have a drum set for them to use.

Sunshine: In Lou Bischoff's absence, Jeanne Yearian provided an update.

Festival Committee: Jeanne Yearian reports that 18 nominations have been

(Minutes from March 12, 2017 continued . . .)

received. A Committee consisting of Shelley McNaughton, Alice Striegel, Sharon Capps and Dave DuChane will review the applications to make the selections. I have heard from Judy Rountree regarding Bobby Flores and the Alaskan Cruise. Bobby along with a few of the musicians from the Yellow Rose Band are planning to attend the festival on Friday – no word on whether Bobby will perform. Judy Rountree and several from the cruise will also be joining them.

The Expo Center has received 10 banker partitions which they plan to modify and hang from the back wall to help with sound absorption.

The Festival Committee would like to propose the following ticket prices for this year: \$10 per day at the door, \$7 pre-sale online through Brown Paper Tickets, \$25 weekend Pass at the door, and \$20 for a pre-sale weekend pass. Children under 10 would be free.

Please let us know if you have donations for the Festival raffle/silent auction.

Scholarship/Workshop Committee Report: Jerry Seitz and Nan Butler updated the Board on the arrangements made for the NWWSMS Workshop Band's Spring Dance at Eagles Aerie #1 in Lake City.

Unfinished Business:

Equipment Trailer Update: The search for the trailer's title and registration is on. This was last seen taped to the inside of the trailer door.

New Business:

NWWSMS Storage: A motion was made seconded and approved to establish a committee to review the NWWSMS items in storage to determine which records to retain and which to mark for disposal.

Good of the Order:

Chet Hasting: A fundraiser will be held at the March Showcase for Chet Hasting and his family. There will be a silent auction, a raffle and the NWWSMS's portion of the 50/50 pot split will be donated to the fundraiser.

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

Dance to the Music!

From 1 to 5 pm at the
Lynnwood Eagles

19223 Hwy 99
(Three Blocks North of 196th
Street)

at the April 9, 2017
Western Swing Showcase

Featuring the
Southern
Comfort Band



Click on the image above to view Robert Huston's interview with Billy Champion.



Click on the image above to view highlights from the 2nd Annual Spring Dance, Part 1.



Click on the image above to view highlights from the 2nd Annual Spring Dance, Part 2.

President's Corner



It hardly seems possible that time has gone by so quickly. The

Selection Committee met at the end of March and will present their list of Inductees for 2017 to the Board on Sunday.

Next week, once everyone nominated and their sponsors are personally notified, a list of the NWSMS Hall of Fame Inductees will be posted both on the website and Facebook.

Following the public posting, we will be sending out invitations to western swing bands inviting them to perform at the August festival.

Changing the subject before my blood pressure rises, I am so proud of our western swing family. Remember that old saying, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'? Well, we proved it true once again! The fundraiser we held for Chet and Betty Hasting during the March Showcase brought in \$459.00. Now, if you missed the opportunity to give in March, you can give on-line on our website (www.nwsms.com). We hope to show our support for them through this difficult time - that is what friends and family do better than anyone else.

Our thanks to **Butch Gibson & Pardners** for delivering a very special Western Swing showcase, featuring many of my favorite western swing tunes. A very special thanks to Pardner's drummer, Jim Hollinger, who turned out to be the only drummer in the house - and played through all 4 hours without complaint!!

Southern Comfort - including Dave DuChane, is back this Sunday! On a personal note, Dave DuChane is the only person I know who leaves Seattle's cold, wet winter for a climate even more challenging: Minnesota!! Be sure to stop by and join in the fun. Come have lunch with us then work it off on the dancefloor! We would love to see you!

JY

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.

The Go Outside and Playboys. For booking information and more on Seattle's newest western swing band, visit their website at: www.gooutsideandplayboys.com.

Southern Comfort. For bookings or schedule updates call Shelley at (206) 235-0530. Check out The Southern Comfort Band's current activities on Facebook..

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.bardoorsslammers.com.

The Oregon Valley Boys. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: www.oregonvalleyboys.com.

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

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates: www.thesundownersband.com

Ken Fullerton and Country Fever. Auburn Eagles, every Monday, 6-9 pm. First Fridays dinner/dance at the Black Diamond Eagles from 5:30 to 9:00. Call 253-922-7888 or 253-380-2445 for more information.



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Western Swing Forum

Keep those letters (and emails) coming!



Betty & Chet Hasting, at the NWWSMS Showcase with the Country Fever Band

Editor's note: The following was received from Chet and Betty Hasting. \$459.00 was raised for the Hastings at the March Showcase.

Thanks to all of the generous folks at the NorthWest Western Swing Music Society for your help in putting together the benefit to help us after losing our home and everything in it, to a house fire the day after Christmas. We are greatly thankful to all our wonderful friends that organized and donated to help us in a time of need.

Thank you all very much,
Chet Hasting & Family

Editor's note: The following was received from Bill Seabridge, current president of the Western Swing Society of Sacramento. Fred and I went down for their annual festival, held the first week-end in October. We were able to capture some video of the festivities.

Dear Jeanne,

Just a short note to thank you and Fred for the excellent footage of our Hall of Fame Festival. You guys are great!

Thanks, Bill

Editor's note: The following was received from Butch Gibson, whose band, Pardners, hosted the Bob Wills Birthday Bash at the March Showcase:

Just a note to say that I had such a great time. The dancers were engaging, the applause just made us want to do better. The comments..... humbling. I want to thank you all for allowing me (us) to be a part of Bob Wills birthday bash again.

Love to everyone...
Butch

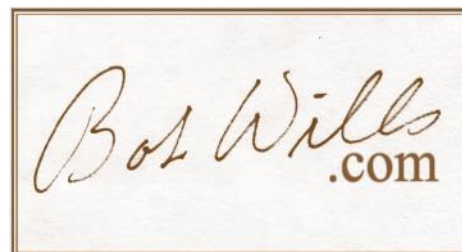
Editor's note: The following was received from one of the 2017 workshop participants, Sheila Ryan. She shared her note to her instructor, Paul Elliot, with us:

WOW!

Paul, thank you, thank you, thank you! I am totally overwhelmed and amazed at what you are doing with the Western Swing workshop band! The band is a genius concept for promoting WS music by encouraging interested musicians. Your outstanding work with the fiddle section is only a piece of the awesome work you are doing organizing, coordinating and leading the band. I'm looking forward to a most successful dance on April 1.

I am honored to have been part of this remarkable learning experience. I consider myself very fortunate to have received some fiddle lessons from you to prepare for the event. You assessed my needs immediately and were able to teach the skills I needed to be successful playing with the band. I am so impressed with your talent as a musician, your people skills and above all your ability as a teacher extraordinaire. Thank you for your contributions to this event and to Western Swing Music in general. The NWWSMS has a real gem to assist with their mission!

With much respect,
Sheila Ryan



Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

Ken Stroud	Chuck Robbins
Patricia Stroud	Mary Downing
Tink Carriker	Shorty Joe
Jody Meredith	Quartuccio
Chuck Robbins	Jim Sanderson
Edd Burnett	Cliff Brizendine
Dayna Wills	Lane Johnson
Lou Bischoff	Dave Martin
Gene Carter	Keith Holter
Betty Hasting	Jim Wallace
Sandy Macham	Kathy Wallace
Jeannie Poe	Red Gillean
Ray Poe	Cindy De Leon
Kris Burnett	Roy Lee Brown
Ken Jones	Web Tipton
Robert LaClaire	Vi & Darrell
Lavena Hill	Anderson
Lloyd Hooper	Betty Reeves
Wanda Ramos Love	Chuck Woods

Condolences

A friend
is someone who knows the
song in your heart
And can sing it back to you
When you have forgotten the
words.

-Unknown-

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

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

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The Winners (highlighted) and Top 5 Finalists for Western Swing

Male Vocalist

Coby Carter
 Bobby Flores
Greg Gibbs
 Rory Hoffman
 Billy Mata

Album

Carolyn Sills Combo - *Dime Stories*
 Swing Commanders - *Steelin' Back*
 Uptown Drifters - *Recollections in Swing*
 Wayne Hancock - *Slingin' Rhythm*
Timejumpers - Kid Sister

Female Vocalist

Susie Blue
Katie Glassman
 Kristyn Harris
 Stacy Lee Guse
 Carolyn Martin

Song

Hot House 4 - *Hot House Jump*
 T Jarrod Bonta - *Tennessee to Texas*
 As Good As Brothers - *Sugar Moon*
 Hawaiian Pistoleros - *Pick Me Up on Your Way Down*

Paul Schlesinger - You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams

Duo/Group

Bobby Flores - Yellow
 Rose Band

Jason Roberts Band

Carolyn Sills Combo
 The Western Flyers
 Johnny Case/Texas
 Swingtet

Instrumentalist

Richard Helsley
 Dave Martin
 Joey McKenzie
 Jason Roberts
Mike Sweeney

From your Western Swing family here in the Northwest, Congratulations to all of the 2016 Winners and Finalists!



25TH ANNUAL WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL

IN DOWNTOWN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

Mark your calendars for a weekend of live music and fun for the whole family at the 25th annual Swing on the Square festival, April 7-9, in historic downtown San Marcos.

LIVE MUSIC DOWNTOWN
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HALL OF FAME SHOW
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1983-2017 Celebrating 34 Years!
 The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's

27th Annual Western Swing Music Festival & "Hall of Fame" August 11-13, 2017

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A family event. Everyone welcome!

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To receive special prices listed below
 Call and ask for the 'Western Swing Music Festival' rates

Cedars Inn Located right next door to the Festival location at 1334 Roosevelt Ave. E (Hwy 410), Enumclaw, WA 98022
 Western Swing rate . . . \$ 99.00 for singles with queen bed
 \$109.00 for two beds

Phone: 360-825-1626

Amenities: Free wireless high-speed Internet access, Outdoor heated pool. Refrigerator, microwave, and coffeemaker in each room.

Guesthouse Inn Located near the heart of downtown Enumclaw at 1000 Griffin Ave., Enumclaw, WA 98022
 Western Swing rate . . . \$139.00 for singles with king bed
 \$129.00 for two queen beds

Phone: 360-825-4490

Amenities: Free wireless high-speed Internet access, Complimentary continental breakfast. All rooms with cable TV, coffee maker, hair dryer, ironing board, microwave and refrigerator.

Econo Lodge Buckley Located at 29405 State Route 410 E, Buckley, WA 98321 (8 miles from the festival venue)
 Western Swing rate . . . \$109.00 for singles with queen bed
 \$119.00 for two beds

Phone: 360-829-1100

Amenities: Complimentary hot breakfast, Outdoor pool, Washers/Dryers.

Make your motel reservations as soon as possible! Rooms are limited.



46TH ANNUAL BOB WILLS DAY - APRIL 29, 2017

Ticket Information

Unlike a lot of festivals, at Bob Wills Day, it doesn't cost a thing to enjoy many of our popular events, like, the downtown parade, arts and crafts show or the **FREE Outdoor Concert** on **Saturday, April 29th** at **1:30 p.m.** Featuring *friends of the Texas Playboys*, *Western Swing Entertainer of the Year--Billy Mata* and *Texas Fiddle-Man-Jason Roberts*.

We are happy to announce Former Texas Playboys' **Bobby Koefler** will be returning this year, along with vocalist **Leon Rausch**, and **Joe Settlemires** on guitar. **Dr. Charles Townsend** will be the Master of Ceremonies for the free outdoor concert. The outdoor concert will be held on the old football field next to the high school.

Thursday dance tickets are \$15.00, Friday & Saturday dance tickets are \$20 per person.

Thursday night April 27th 8:00 p.m., we will kick off our annual Bob Wills dances with a show like never before. This year we are excited to welcome a compilation of great Western Swing performers. Joe Settlemires, Bobby Koefler, Jason Roberts, Wayne Glassen, Lee Barlow, and

Jimmy Burson.

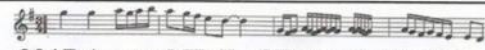
On **Friday, April 28th**, your \$20.00 ticket gets you in for both **Jake Hooker and the Outsiders** and **Friends of the Original Texas Playboys**. Dancing from 5:30 p.m. to midnight!

On **Saturday, April 29th**, we welcome back our long-time friend **Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys** for a wonderful dance. The South Plains College western swing band will kick things off at 5:30 - \$20 for a ticket. Also, don't forget about live music featuring Jason Roberts, in the Bob Wills Museum.

*From your Western Swing family here in the Northwest,
Congratulations to all of the 2017 Inductees into the
Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest!*



Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest



2017 Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Lawton, Oklahoma

July 13, 14, 15

Great Plains Coliseum: 920 S.W. Sheridan Rd.

2017 Inductees

Paul Anastasio	Church Point, LA
J.D. Barham	Millsap, TX
Billy Bowles (promoter)	Sundown, TX
Mark Dessens	Houston, TX
Kenny Dunagan	Collinsville, OK
Phillip Ferguson	Ravenna, TX
Robert Huston (promoter)	Van Buren, AR
Junior Knight	Eustace, TX
Billy Mata	Lytle, TX



For More Information visit us on Facebook or on our website @ WWW.WSMSS.COM

WSMSS (Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest) is a Texas based Non-Profit organization founded in 1998 by 5 musicians. These founders envisioned a group of artists playing and singing Western Swing music as popularized by Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys, Spade Cooley, Leon McAuliffe, Tex Williams, Hank Thompson, Asleep at the Wheel and many others.

Free Western Swing workshops in Weiser, Idaho

Fiddler Paul Anastasio and his friends will be offering free western swing workshops in Weiser, Idaho, beginning five days prior to the start of the National Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest. From Wednesday, June 14th through Sunday, June 18th, 2017, the workshops will be held each day from 1 to 3 PM in the camping area known as Stickerville, behind the Intermountain Institute. They will take place in a covered area known as Jimmy's trailer.

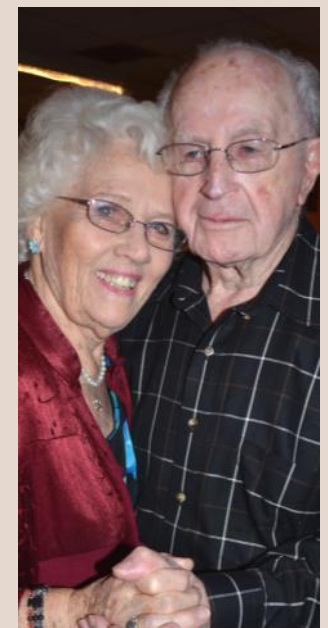
The workshops themselves are completely free. Donations will be accepted to support the Friends of the Fiddle, the non-profit organization that owns Stickerville, to assist them with the costs of maintaining the camping area.

Vocalists and players of all instruments and of all levels of ability are welcome. CDs and sheet music will be provided. We'll be delighted to work with both ear players and note readers. We'll learn some great tunes from Bob Wills, Cliff Bruner, Milton Brown and other western swing greats. We'll explore harmonization, improvisation and arranging. These workshops are always a lot of fun. Please join us in Weiser! **For more information, please contact Jerry Seitz.**

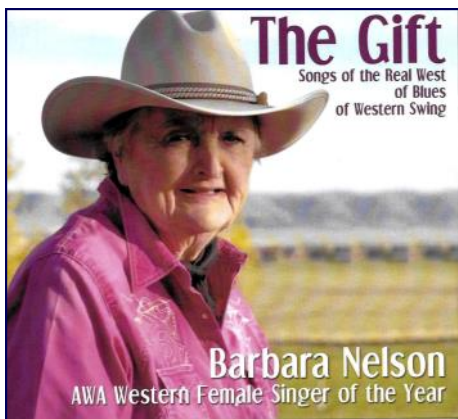


Photo Highlights from the March Showcase

Come by and let us overwhelm you with hospitality and the sounds of Western Swing music . . . made in America!



*Hope to see everyone at the April Showcase.
Save a smile for the camera!*



Album: The Gift
 Artists: Barbara Nelson

Album Reviews

By Mike Gross KSEY - FM
www.swinginwest.com Seymour, TX



Mike Gross

Rhode Island is Famous for You, California Dreaming, Do You Know What it Means, Give a Little Whistle, It's Only a Paper Moon, In the Wee Small Hours and Carol King's You've Got a Friend.

The remaining two cuts are real gems, Right or Wrong from both Milton Brown and Bob Wills and Ernest Tubbs classic Waltz Across Texas, written by his nephew

Talmadge Tubb.

This CD can be obtained from Barbara Nelson, 72521 Tutuilla Creek Rd, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. The cost is \$15, shipping included. Also available at www.barbaranelsonmusic.com, CD baby or Amazon.

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX & KTNK-AM, Lompoc, CA & www.swinginwest.com

This wonderful new CD, her 9th, by the AWA western female singer of the year, includes 15 tunes with Barbara's voice and guitar in the spotlight. She is backed by guitarist Geoffery Mays and other wonderful musicians on this CD. Henry Cooper plays slide guitar and trumpet, Mark Schneider plays bass, Paul Biondi- sax, flute and clarinet and David Burham- violin.

The album opens with the first of three western standards, Ian Tyson's *The Gift*. Other western standards brought back are Tim Spencer's *Everlasting Hills of Oklahoma* from the Sons of the Pioneers and from both Western and pop music *Buttons and Bows*. The album also includes Barbara doing country classics, *Anytime*, borrowed from Eddy Arnold, *House of Gold* from Hank Williams, and Melvin Endsley's *Singing the Blues*, from Marty Robbins. Then from pop music Barbara borrows

Mike's Top 10 for April 2017

Songs:

1. My San Antonio Rose - The Time Jumpers (Rounder)
2. She's All Texas - Ed Montana (Six Pack Music)
3. We're the Time Jumpers - The Time Jumpers (Rounder)
4. Everything's Gotta Swing in Texas - Cowboy Joe
5. Stop, Look and Listen - Frank Maloy, Paul Anastasio, Casey Driscoll & Friends
6. Dallas - Tommy Hooker
7. This Song Is Just for You - Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing
8. You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams - Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing
9. Souvenir - Joyce Woodson (Radish)
10. Love Is a Lingering Thing - Solitaire Miles

Albums:

1. Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing - Paul Schlesinger
2. Kid Sister - The Time Jumpers (Rounder)
3. Rose of Old Pawnee - Curio Cowboys
4. Recollections in Swing - Uptown Drifters
5. Green Mountain Standard Time - Rick & the Ramblers (Airflyte)
6. You're the Best Thing - Nick Demaio
7. Mood Swings - Liz Masterson (Western Serenade Music)
8. Susie Blue & the Lonesome Fellas - Solitaire Miles
9. Wild Blue Yonder - The Western Flyers
10. Something to Bragg About - Leddy Bragg

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.



Shelley McNaughton

Highlights from the March 12th Showcase The Bob Wills Birthday Bash

By Shelley McNaughton for Lou Bischoff



Back by popular demand.....

What a great showcase event in March!!

The featured showcase band for March was Butch Gibson & Pardners, featuring Butch Gibson on Lead Vocals. This month, the "Pardners," consisted of long time bandmates and all around wonderful musicians, Larry Broad – Lead Guitar and Vocals, Ms. Judy Hayes - Bass Guitar, and Jim Hollinger – Drums.

I think that what I loved the most about Butch and the band's performance this month, was the fact that they were so obviously having a great time. Butch and Larry took turns singing some great old Western Swing standards that kept the crowd on the dance floor and produced a general "Feel Good Feeling" in the room.

Butch opened up their showcase set with a great Swing staple "Ida Red" and then took us "South of the Border (Eye-Yi-Yi-Yi)" and "Across the Alley from the Alamo". Larry crooned to us the benefits of "Drinking Champagne" and having a "Heart to Heart Talk." Butch gave us "Bubbles in my Beer" (a classic Cindy Walker – made for Bob Wills Western Swing Tune. The story goes that Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys vocalist, Tommy Duncan, came up with the "Bubbles in my Beer" title, and Cindy Walker wrote the song for Bob Wills and the band. She is quoted to having said that she never wrote a song without first having a title)



Jimmy Neel



Jammers LeRoy King and Dave Davis

The Pardner's continued to wow us with fav's like "Choo-Choo-Ch'boogie," (Butch) – the skirts were a twirling on that one!! "Undecided Now" (Larry), "Corina- Corina" and "Maidens Prayer"(Butch), "Love is right around the Corner" (Larry) and his beautiful instrumental version of Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Girl from Ipanema" Great Job Guys!!

And..... as always..... holding it all together and keeping the rhythm and the swing of it all alive, were the heartbeat of the Pardners..... the always tasty, rock solid beats, played by Jim Hollinger on Drums, and the always in the pocket, amazing Judy Hayes on Bass.

Mary Lee Lykes was back this month with her increasingly popular dance lessons. Those of us with "two-left-feet" have really blossomed under her tutelage. Those of us with one of each (a right foot..... and a left) are now tripping the light fantastic!! The dance floor was hopping from start to finish. Thank you so much, Mary Lee!!

We were so happy to welcome back Lou and Ed Bischoff this month. Our dear Lou has been recovering from an illness since October of last year, and we have missed her so. It has been lonely without them at the showcases and the board meetings while she's been recuperating. They were completely bombarded with LOVE when they came in. I hope that we didn't overwhelm them too much. All our love is with them both and we hope that they continue to feel stronger every day.

The Showcase Jam was great!! So many wonderful Jammers again this month. Our starting showcase jam band lineup was:

Steve Carter - Lead Guitar

Leroy King - Bass Guitar

Dave Davis - Lead Guitar

Jim Hollinger was our Drummer du jour.

(Jim lent his skills to all the jams for the whole day. Thanks again for all your help, Jim. We so appreciate you!)

Leroy kicked off the first set our jam with a Western Swing classic "Remember Me" followed by "Drinking Champagne" and "Paper Rosie" – Great Job Leroy!! We love to see and hear you!! Dave Davis picked up the tempo and got the dancers up and moving on such great dance tunes as "Swingin' Doors," "Honky Tonk Man" and "Kansas City." Thanks for coming out to play Dave!! It was great to listen to Dave Davis and Steve Carter trade guitar lead rides on the first set.

Split the Pot was drawn while the second jam was setting up. Alice Striegel won our split for \$104.00 – Congratulations, Alice!! Then, Alice turned around and donated her winnings to Chet and Betty Hasting. Her very generous gesture speaks for all of us who wish the Hastings a speedy recovery from the loss of their home.

And.... as always, a big Thanks to Carl and Vesta Neue for their tireless raffle ticket sales for Split the Pot!! Thank you so much!! Speaking of raffles, by the end of ours, there was a line of folks hoping to take Sue Hollinger to the Casino with them - we all agreed, she had a *VERY* lucky day . . . *AGAIN!*

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The second set was just as much fun as the first!!
 Steve Carter – Lead Guitar Jimmy Neel – Lead Guitar
 Merle Anderson – Bass Guitar
 Rod Blackman – Upright Bass
 Jeanne Yearian – Fiddle

And, of course – Jim Hollinger – Drums

Merle Anderson started us off with the Ray Price favorite “The Other Woman” followed by “The Fireman.” Steve gave us a beautiful version of Bob Wills “Faded Love,” with he, Jeanne, and Jimmy trading leads. *(Interesting note: One of the accounts of how this song came to be says that the melody of Faded Love came from a Fiddle tune titled “Darlin’ Nelly Gray” from the 1850’s. Bobs Father, John, also a fiddle player, knew it first, reworked it, and played it instrumentally for years, teaching it to his sons. The song was played for years as an instrumental, until the 1950’s when Bob, his father, John, and Brother Billy Jack, wrote the Lyrics. It has been a huge success and become a Western Swing anthem.)*

Merle shook us all up with the “Working Man Blues!!” Wonderful job Merle. Please come back and play for us again soon!!

Rod Blackman came up to play his big upright Bass. This is Rod’s second time jamming with us. We hope that we get to keep him coming back. Judy LeBlanc, with her arm in a sling recovering from shoulder surgery, sang for us “You ain’t Woman Enough to Take My Man” and “Blanket on the Ground.” Obviously, her surgery didn’t hurt her singing any!! Her clear pretty voice was as strong as ever! Thanks Judy!

Steve Carter serenaded us with “Angel Flying too Close to the Ground” and I got to sing some harmony with my fella. I like the way we do that song. Since I was already there, I got to sing a couple of my favorites, Smiley Burnetts – “Lazy Day” and Isham Jones – “Wabash Blues.” Thanks for letting me croon a couple!! After a little begging, we talked Rod Blackman into singing the Western Swing classic “Deep Water” for us. I love that song!



Jimmy Neel’s vintage Magnatone Lap Steel Guitar with the MOTS finish, sitting next to Jeanne Yearian’s Yamaha Electric Violin.

Showcase Band for March Butch Gibson & Partners



Pictured above from left to right: Butch Gibson, Larry Broad, Judy Hayes, Jim Hollinger

Maryanne and Dave Enslow brought our showcase jam to a close. Maryanne sang her lovely version of Jim Reeve’s “She’ll have to go.” Dave Enslow sang a beautiful song that we don’t hear often enough, “The Rose of Old Pawnee.” That’s a keeper! Dave finished out the jam with Marty Robbins – “Don’t worry about Me.” Terrific job Dave and Maryanne!!

On a little side note of interest: Jimmy Neel brought by his future Jam Instrument (we hope!). It was a vintage Magnatone Lap Steel Guitar. It is a beautiful instrument with an old marbled greenish acrylic finish, and I hope we get to hear Jimmy play it soon. He said that the finish was called MOTS (Mother Of Toilet Seat!!) Really!! What a hoot!! This instrument I’ve got to hear!! If Jimmy plays half as beautifully on the lap steel and he does on his regular Red Guitar, we’ll be in for a treat. Mother of Toilet seat finish, and all!!

We want to thank the Lynnwood Eagles and Staff for their continued support and help with our monthly showcases. Thanks for making us feel so welcome and appreciated!

April’s showcase band will be Southern Comfort! I have a personal interest in this ol’ band, and I guarantee that the upcoming article will be a little slanted. Wahoo!

See you next month!!



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

by Paula Jungmann



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Top 10 Western Swing & Traditional Country for April 2017

Top Ten CDs

1. *Kid Sister*, Time Jumpers
2. *Old Pictures in a New Frame*, Brady Bowen and Swing Country
3. *Green Mountain Standard Time*, Rick Norcross
4. *The Gift*, Barbara Nelson
5. *Unbridled*, Riva Spier
6. *Alexander's Goodtime Band*, Dave Alexander & His Big Texas Wing Band
7. *Before It's Too Late*, Billy Puckett & Tommy Dodd
8. *Open That Gate*, John England & the Western Swingers
9. *Cowgirl Swing*, Mikki Daniel
10. *Bubbles in My Beer*, Mike Siller

Top Ten Songs

1. *I'll Get Over You*, Rick Norcross
2. *There Stands the Glass*, Mike Siller
3. *You Comb Her Hair*, Willie Carver (Australia)
4. *Tinker to Evers to Chance*, Carolyn Sills Combo
5. *Today I Started Loving You Again*, Jimmy Tomlinson
6. *Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes at Me*, Time Jumpers
7. *Break My Heart*, Lonnie Bartmess
8. *Eventually*, Laurel Medes
9. *I Don't Believe I'll Fall in Love Today*, Jody Nix
10. *You Can Buy My Heart with a Waltz*, Desperados

The **Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas** is held in La Grange, Texas, on the second full weekend of March every year and brings an early spring happening to us music lovers and dance hall in enthusiasts. This year's "Gathering" didn't disappoint. We had hours of great music and dance - two days offering two separate stages and dance floors. It has been such a popular event, they had to split the great entertainment between two different stages, the Pavilion Dance Hall (500 capacity) and the Outside Stage (with a wooden dance floor and protective siding in case of a change in the weather).



The Jason Roberts Band, performing on the 'Outside Stage'

Starting out on Wednesday night, we early birds had a covered dish meet and greet in the exhibit hall with loads of great food brought in by each attending. We were joined by the RVers who arrive early at the event to get that perfect space for the full weekend of self-contained camping right on the fairgrounds.

Thursday brought us our first evening of dancing, starting at 3pm with New Mexico's **Coby Carter and Five Miles West** . . . the fest tries to bring in something new each

year if possible and they didn't disappoint with this young man and his fine band. Jeff Woolsey rounded out this evening with his right on the spot real deal Texas Traditional and Honky Tonk offerings they kept us right on the dance floor . . . all night long!

Friday, the first full day of entertainment, started out at noon with Heart of Texas artist, Landon Dodd, followed by Sequin Texas' **Rocky King Band** and ending the "Dance Hall" day with Fort Worth's **Jake Hooker and the Outsiders** . . . what a dance hall offering! The Outside stage began at 3:30pm with with another Fort Worth band, **Shoot Low Sheriff** . . . now that's western swing folks. The outside dancers got a treat with another set by Jeff Woolsey's band beginning at 7:30. Both floors, inside and out, were in constant use.



Pavilion Hall, one of the Historic Dancehalls of Texas, located on the Fayette County Fairgrounds

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Joyce Miller

**THE COWTOWN SOCIETY OF
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 5-6, 2017

It's going to be a swinging good time May 5th and 6th in Mineral Wells Texas for the Cowtown Society of Western Music's 19th Annual Swing Fest at the Holiday Hills Country Club, Highway 180 East of Mineral Wells.

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CSWM SWING FEST 19TH ANNUAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE
(MAY 6, 2017)

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1:00 P.M. TIL 1:45 P.M. – 1ST AWARDS CEREMONY

1:45 P.M. TIL 2:30 P.M. – GLENN MCLAUGHLIN (THE GYPSY PLAYBOYS)

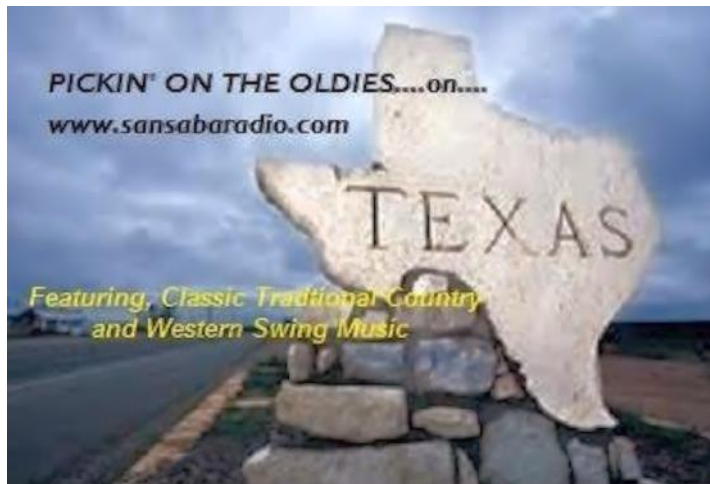
2:30 P.M. TIL 3:15 – LOUISE ROWE AND TEXAN PLAYBOY BAND

3:20 P.M. TIL 3:55 P.M. – 2ND AWARDS CEREMONY

4:00 P.M. TIL 4:45 P.M. – BILL MITCHELL AND THE CSWM ALL STAR HEROES BAND

5:00 P.M. TIL 5:45 P.M. – 3RD AWARDS CEREMONY

**6:00 P.M. TIL 9:45 P.M. –
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Becky Hobbs - *They Always Look Better Leaving*

Chuck Cusimano - *There's One in Every Bar*

The Desperados - *Adobe Hacienda*

Kristyn Harris/Devon Dawson - *I Didn't Realize*

Landon Dodd - *Give a Lonely Heart a Home*

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The Saturday fun is full of music, exhibits, BBQ cook-off, horse exhibits, cowboy chuckwagon demonstrations, buggy rides, Buffalo Soldiers, a John Wayne impersonator, Cowboy Poetry and songs and vendors booths . . . rain or shine.

Saturday is Western Swing day by some of today's finest performers . . . **Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys,** and the **Jason Roberts Band.** All three bring us the very best dance music each and every

time, keeping the dance floors packed.

What is great about this fest is if you hold a dance hall ticket you can go from one venue to the other as you wish, enabling you to catch your absolute favorite on either stage or just float between the dance hall and outside stage so you can enjoy them both. The outside ticket holders still have great entertainment. The outside stage and floor is for the overflow patrons, ensuring the dance hall stays within it's capacity restrictions.

Rounding out the Saturday entertainment were the **English Brothers** and **The Lake Travis Fiddlers**, a great group of young fiddlers who'll keep the music alive. Last but, certainly not least came the **Jody Nix Fiddle Extravaganza.** Jody fills the stages with every fiddler he can find and wows the crowd with their skills . . . everything from hoe downs to western swing - always a fun time and a crowd favorite.

The Pavilion dance hall on the Fayette County Fairgrounds is one of our Texas Historic Halls I'll cover that in another article.

If your down our way in Texas during March look up the **Best Little Cowboy Gathering in Texas** and come join us!

Till Later



Pictured above: The folks who make it all happen!



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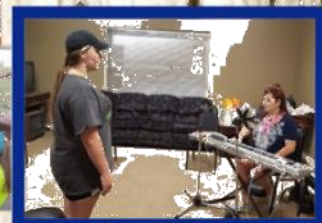
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4. *Give a Little Whistle*, Barbara Nelson
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6. *Blood Shot Eyes*, Hank Penny
7. *I Won't Need It Anymore*, Chuck Cusimano
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