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and too jazz for Country**

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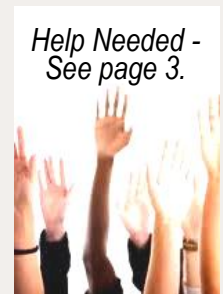
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jeanneyearian@yahoo.com, to receive our newsletter in your in-box.

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November Showcase photos by Jeanne Yearian.

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

President Jeanne Yearian called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.

Present by Verbal Role Call: Tony Bachler, Sharon Capps, Dave Enslow, Butch Gibson, Lori Hanson, Sharon Smith.

Guests:

President's Report: Jeanne Yearian reported on attending the Wally Byam (Airstream owners) Halloween Rally at the Land Yacht Harbor RV park in Lacey.

The two main topics of discussion:

- Meeting Ed and Marie Efir, music coordinators for the International and Regional Airstream rallies.
- Possibility of attending the Airstream Regional Rally in Lyden, WA, July 21-26, 2020, or holding an RV-centered western swing event in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Smith reported on the current bank balances in both accounts.

Submission of Bills to Pay: Jeanne Yearian submitted bills for printing costs.

IRS 2018 Tax Update: Jeanne Yearian reporting. Linda Teachout reported the IRS has accepted the return as submitted. Linda sent the invoice for her services. The invoice was \$250.00 over what was first approved. A motion was made and approved with no objections to pay the addition money for her services. It has been paid.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Jeanne Yearian reported.

Newsletter/Website/Facebook:

Additions/Changes to the Newsletter:
Discussion regarding Page 4 of the newsletter, *Sharing the Journey*. This was Lou Bischoff's column for years. Without someone to check on who to add and who to take off of the list, we cannot confidently print accurate information on our members. It is suggested the column be discontinued and the space used for two purposes:

- * To post the obituaries of those in the NWSMS Hall of Fame along with other western swing notables.
- * As a home for the Western Swing Forum column, to post notes and messages from our members.

Additions/Changes to the Website:
As a 501c3, the Society is required to post its tax returns in a location accessible to the public.

Before the next meeting Jeanne will post the returns for 2017 and 2018 on the website with the By-Laws.

Membership - Jeanne Yearian reporting: The Society's liability policy's annual premium is based upon membership. Liberty Mutual asked for the total of paying and lifetime (non-paying) memberships. It was explained that we do not have a way of tallying the lifetime memberships so a figure of 268 was agreed upon. The premium will be calculated using 268 total paying and non-paying members.

Showcase - Sharon Smith reporting: **JC McCormick and the Cherokee Band** will be the host band for November. December's Showcase Band will be **Butch Gibson & Partners**.

Enumclaw 3rd Sunday Jam Update: The October 20 jam was exhilarating. Once again, the owner of Enumclaw Music said people have been asking if the jam was open . . . of course it, but he wanted to make sure. He also asked if people could sit and listen. So much fun! We had two accordions, one dobro, one fiddle and two gulars, playing lots of western swing. Due to December's busy holiday schedule, the next jam will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 2 to 5 pm, at Enumclaw Music on Cole St.

2020 Western Swing Festival - August 4 (set up) through August 10 (tear down). Nominations for Inductees into the 30th Hall of Fame will open in January 2020. Completed nominations need to be received by March 15, 2020. The Jangles have confirmed they will be performing at the festival on Friday evening!

Scholarship/Workshop: No update

Winter White Fundraiser: Lori Hanson reported the search for a venue continues. Sharon Capps' NWSMS Dancers' Quilt will be displayed at the Showcases until the fundraiser. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each.

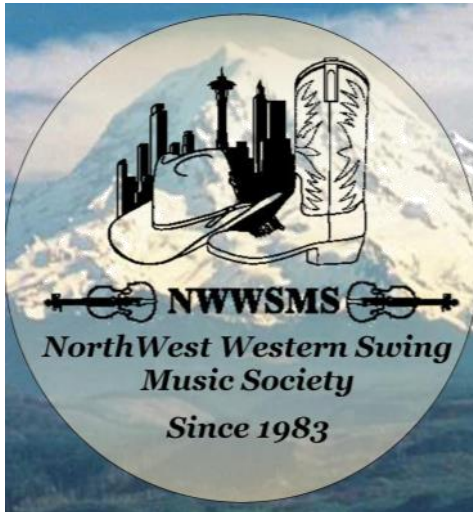
Unfinished Business: No unfinished business to report.

New Business: No new business to report.

For the Good of the Order:

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Yearian, Secretary



President's Corner



Some of you may have noticed on Page 1 that we now have an opening for Treasurer. Sharon Smith, our dear friend and long-time supporter who has been filling that position for several years, has to step down. It was unexpected but is unavoidable. We are so very grateful for her support and dedication. And, we look forward to seeing her back out on the dance floor soon!

Our Society needs to fill this position as soon as possible. Please talk to me or one of the other Board Members if you or someone you know might be interested in helping out.

November brought us another outstanding showcase. The music of **JC McCormick and the Cherokee Band** kept everyone dancing. After a moving Veterans Day Tribute (*more details on page 10*), Ramon Selby and Al Troupe stepped up to run the jam. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make these showcases possible.

Check out the musical Christmas card sent to us by Bob Richards at the bottom left of the page. Click on the green box to enjoy it. Just a reminder: Bob has offered to assemble our Society's 6 top western swing songs and upload it to YouTube for us! Please make your list, no matter how basic or complex - but, no more than six selections - and email or send it to me. I will tally the Top 6 and send them on to Bob in January - so you have time to muse over the possibilities.

Need a gift idea? Here is a suggestion from the Western Swing Music Group in Texas: "Remember music is a perfect forever kind of gift that just keeps on giving . . . checkout their favorite artists' websites and keep the tradition of great music alive. (Most artists have them.) There's still time to get the CD's shipped before Christmas . . ."

Plan to take a break from your holiday preparations and join us on December 8 at the Lynnwood Eagles to refuel and refresh. Relax in our stress-free zone. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor, enjoying the music of **Butch Gibson and Parners**.

From our home to yours, we send each of you wishes for a very special holiday season, filled with the hope the message of Christmas brings and promise for the New Year.

Fred and Jeanne Yearian

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! Will resume January 19, 2020, due to December's holiday festivities! Jeanne Yearian & Toby Hanson hosting.

Call 425-432-7888 for additional information.

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.barndoorsslammers.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.

Come ready to give (or receive) holiday cheer!

Dance and Play at the Lynnwood Eagles

On December 8

join your western swing family as we celebrate the season and share our holiday spirit!

From 1 to 5 pm at the Lynnwood Eagles Featuring

Butch Gibson & Parners

19223 Hwy 99
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Come for free dance lessons from 12 to 12:45, taught by MaryLee Lykes



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Cherishing the Memories



Bill Enyeart

(photo taken during the NWWSMS October 2018 Showcase—thank you, Todd Henderson, for the use of your guitar)

better playing music with guys that he had met in the Corps. He wound up in the All Marine Variety Show and they toured all over Korea playing different Marine bases. There were twenty-five of them in that show. They called the music they played Country, but it was really Western Swing.

Discharged in 1954, Bill moved to North Carolina, where he started playing in clubs around Jacksonville. Soon he moved to Illinois and played music with a bass player he had met in Korea. Bill moved to California in 1957 and got back into the clubs. He retired from his day job in 1963 and music became his life and work.

Most of Bill's music over the years was Country and Western Swing. After joining the Sacramento Western Swing Society in the 80s, he became Western Swing only. He preferred Western Swing to any other kind of music.

One day, his old friend, Gary Howe, shoved him onstage and the first thing he knew, Howard Edwards nominated him to the Hall of Fame (WSS HOF 2003). He was soon on the Board and appointed Music Director. Shortly thereafter, the Board picked Bill to be the President of the Western Swing Society in Sacramento.

Over the years, Bill spent many nights on the bandstand backing or playing with Jimmy Dickens, Bill Anderson, Susan Ray, Buck and Don, Tommy Duncan, Lefty Frizzell, David Houston and many more. Bill always said he had a ball. The week before his passing, Bill could be found in the jam room during the WSS monthly showcase, singing and playing.

Bill, a strong supporter and good friend of the NWWSMS over the years, was inducted into the Northwest's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Bill Enyeart, past president of the Western Swing Society of Sacramento, passed away on November 9, 2019.

Bill was raised in Nebraska. When he turned eighteen, Bill joined the Marine Corps. He was in Korea when the truce was signed. He had been getting

Kim was born in Glendale, CA, in 1937. He received his first musical training taking classical piano lessons from age 6 until his teens. At that time, Kim received a guitar and learned how to accompany his dad, who played the mandolin.

He and his sister had a band of their own, with his sister on the bass viol. In those days it was called the doghouse bass.

After a year, Kim and his sister joined a country band called **The Sundowners**, working three nights a week. Since Kim and his sister were under 21 years of age, their mom had to be at the clubs with them. They held that job for a couple of years. After **The Sundowners**, Kim played guitar or piano in the nightclubs of North San Diego County. Some of the clubs had guest stars like Skeets McDonald and Hank Locklin and the band would be asked to back them up.

Kim moved to Los Angeles a few years later and played piano on the Cal Worthington Dodge shows on TV. The band backed up a host of country stars, including Glen Campbell when Glen was just starting out. Kim did more TV shows with a fellow named Gene Davis. Gene had a good band with Ralph Mooney of steel guitar fame. Kim also worked with the Otwell twins of the Lawrence Welk Show.

Kim did backup on the piano in the Billy Mize band with his band leader, Doc Ford. After Sammy Smith had the hit, *Help Me Make It Through the Night*, she came out to California to do some shows at the lodge in Cambria, California, owned by her record producer. Kim was a member of the house band so he backed her up on the piano.

Over the years, Kim played for two radio stations, KOWN (1969) and for KHY in Hemet (1984-1985). Kim played with Ray Poe's **Pickin' Time Band** in Lemon Grove and the **Billy Harper Dance Band** in the San Marcos/Vista area.

Kim was inducted into the WSS Hall of Fame in 2014 and the NWWSMS Hall of Fame in 2016.



Kim Beck

Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

Dear friends and family,

We are discontinuing this section of the monthly newsletter beginning January 1, 2020. This does not mean we do not care. But, we do not have a way of accurately updating the information.

Let's continue to share our requests and concerns with each other on a personal, one on one basis so we can support each other with prayers, well wishes and encouragement.

We will continue to post the obituaries of our Hall of Fame Inductees and western swing notables when we are notified.

Condolences

Sally and the entire Enyeart family, the WSS, and international community of friends on the loss of her partner, Bill.

The Beck family, the WSS, the members of Ray Poe & Pickin' Time and large community of friends on the loss of Kim.

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

-Author 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 (see page 2).



Gary Beaver & Joyce Miller

January 15, 2020 deadline:
Nominations
now being accepted for
The Cowtown Society of
Western Music's 22nd Annual
SwingFest

Our 22nd Annual Cowtown Society of Western Music Western Swing Fest will be Friday, May 1, 2020 and May 2, 2020 at Holiday Hills Golf Club. Jam session 3:00 PM til 10:00 PM Friday. SWING FEST and Heroes Award Ceremony Noon until 10:00 PM on Saturday.

We are taking nominations for Heroes, Living Legends, Rising Stars, Venue, Disc Jockey, Promoter, Fans of the Year, Publication and Lifetime Achievement now until January 15, 2020. If you would like to make a nomination, please send bio and picture to Joyce Miller at jmlbubbles032443@att.net or by private message to Joyce's Facebook page before the deadline.

You can also mail the information to Joyce Miller or Gary Beaver at 3709 E. Highway, Cleburne, Texas 76031. Please include contact information for your nominee such as phone number, address or email address.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are looking forward to hearing from you.



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Top 10 for 2019

By Mike Gross

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Mike's Top Picks for 2019

Songs:

1. In the Middle of the Song - Western Swing Authority & Carolyn Martin
2. Wild Texas Rose - Jimmy Burson
3. Swing Time Baby - Steel Horse Swing
4. Rainbow Song - Jimmy Burson
5. King of the Blues - Western Caravan
6. I'm Back In Texas - Emily George
7. Stardust Ballroom - Nancy Elliott
8. Texas When It Swings - Terry Brown (THB)
9. Little Bit of Texas - Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing
10. Manhattan - Judy James

Albums:

1. Lone Star Dust - Jimmy Burson
2. Sactown Playboys - Sactown Playboys
3. Swing Time Baby - Steel Horse Swing
4. Swing Set - Lee Lee Robert
5. Big Deal - Western Swing Authority
6. Time Changes Everything - Leon Rausch
7. Timeless Treasures for a Living Legend - Tommy Thomsen
8. Honky Tonk - Western Caravan
9. Room in Your Heart - Curio Cowboys
10. Little Bit of Texas - Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing



The NWWSMS Announces
**The Fifth Annual
 People's Choice Award**

Cast your votes for your favorite monthly
 Showcase Band of 2019!

As someone once said,
 "Vote Early, Vote Often!!"

Let's have some fun and raise money for the NWWSMS! You are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual NWWSMS' People's Choice Awards! We, the people, will be voting to choose our favorite performing band for the 2019 monthly Showcases! (Of course, these results will be playfully skewed and reflect only the willingness of a group's fan base to contribute. Our sincere thanks to all of these talented musicians who so willingly entertain us without compensation.)

The winning band will receive the traveling trophy plus its choice of day/time for local bands to perform at the 2020 NWWSMS Western Swing Festival! You can vote as many times as you like!

IF you prefer general guidelines, you might consider the band's quality and choice of western swing music as well as their stage presence. Ask yourself if the music made you want to dance. Was the band entertaining? Fun?



WESTERN SWING TIME!

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The price of a ballot (\$5.00) allows you to vote 5 times. You can vote for one band five times or five different bands! Fill out your ballot(s) and deposit them into the ballot box at the December and January showcases. Or, send your ballots in, along with your check, to the Society's PO Box no later than January 30, 2020. The People's Choice for 2019 will be announced at the February 2020 Showcase!

All monies collected during this fundraiser will go toward expenses for the 30th Annual Western Swing Festival & Hall of Fame Celebration in August 6th - 9th, 2020.

2019 Peoples Choice Awards	
Western Swing Showcase Band of the Year	
<i>(The bands are listed in order of their first 2019 appearance)</i>	
Number of Votes (\$1.00/vote)	Band
_____	Butch Gibson & Pardners
_____	Southern Comfort
_____	The Old Stokers
_____	Steel Country
_____	The Board Band
_____	Paul Cooper & the Pickin' Coop
_____	JC McCormick's Cherokee Band
Total \$ Amount donated: _____	
\$5.00 Minimum	

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\$5.00 = 5 VOTES



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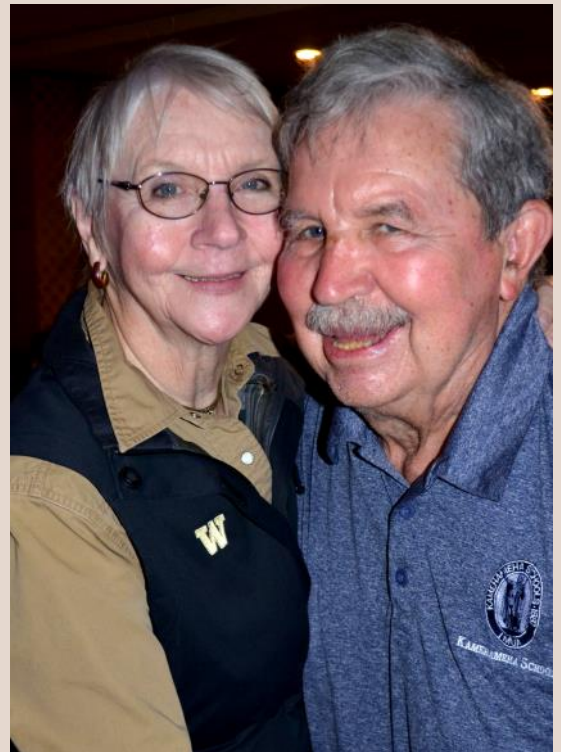


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Photo Highlights from the 2019 November Showcase

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



*Hope to see everyone in
December!
Save a smile for the camera!*



Album:
Honky
Tonk
Artist:
Western
Caravan

Album Reviews

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



Mike Gross

Wills. Also included are other really nice Dave Hansen originals, the Texas dance hall styled *A Power Tool is Not a Toy* and *Car Trouble*. Then there is the traditional instrumental *Fire on the Mountain*, Marty Robbins' pop/country classic *Don't Worry*, from the Hank Thompson library, *Drunkard's Blues* and an early Mel Tillis composition from the Webb Pierce library, *The Honky Tonk Song*.

The CD is available through CD Baby for \$15. or downloaded from iTunes, Amazon or Googleplay.

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX & KTNK-AM, Lompoc, CA

This is a brand new 10 tune CD by this wonderful New York City based Western Swing band. In the vocal spotlight is Thirsty Dave Hansen who is joined by the awesome fiddles of Kenny Kosek and Bob Mastro and the wonderful pedal steel guitar of Skip Krevens. Steve Alcott plays bass and Van Manakas is the very talented lead guitarist. Dave Sonneborn is the group drummer and is also heard on background vocals and the lead vocal on Ray Griff's *Step Aside*, a Texas dance hall standard from the library of the late Faron Young. The album opens with a Dave Hansen original with strong Top 10 potential, *King of the Blues*.

The album also includes Western Swing standards done in the group's special style, *Right or Wrong* from both Bob Wills and Milton Brown and also *My Confession* from Bob

Mike's Top 10 for December 2019

Songs:

1. Little Bit of Texas - Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing
2. Wild Texas Rose - Jimmy Burson
3. In the Middle of the Song - Western Swing Authority with Carolyn Martin
4. Don't You Dare - Curio Cowboys
5. Rainbow Song - Jimmy Burson
6. Stardust Ballroom - Nancy Elliott
7. There's Not a Cow in Texas - Rod Moag
8. Manhattan - Judy James
9. San Antonio Rose - Jan Schiferi
10. Swing Time Baby - Steel Horse Swing

Albums:

1. Lone Star Dust - Jimmy Burson
2. Little Bit of Texas - Carlos Washington's Steel Horse Swing
3. Room in Your Heart - Curio Cowboys
4. Sactown Playboys - Sactown Playboys
5. Swing Set - Lee Lee Robert (Musikode)
6. Timeless Treasures for a Living Legend - Tommy Thomsen
7. Ridin' Ropin' & Rounders - Rusted Spurs West
8. Big Deal - The Western Swing Authority
9. Shadows of What Used To Be - Emily George
10. Swing Time Baby - Steel Horse Swing

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DANCER

SUPPORTER

CITY: _____

PERFORMER

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BAND LEADER

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INSTRUMENT(S): _____

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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.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Bob Wills

Editor's Note: The following article was reprinted courtesy of the Bob Wills Heritage Foundation

THE BOB WILLS DANCE by Carolyn Wills

The "Bob Wills dance" was an institution in the south-central Midwest in the 1930s, synonymous with fun. People who scrounged up the quarter or so it cost to get in knew they would get at least a 4-hour respite from the crushing Great Depression.

People in and around Tulsa knew that Cain's Dancing Academy was the place where Bob played every Saturday night. He and the band also did live radio broadcasts on KVOO-Tulsa on those Saturdays and every day at noon. They traveled from there, performing a grueling regular circuit for years and always getting back, sometimes after dawn, to make that noontime radio show. Thus, the 1941 song "Take Me Back to Tulsa" came into being.

Bob wanted every song they did to have a beat that people could dance to. They did fiddle tunes, blues songs, the latest pop tunes and swing numbers. They did sentimental numbers such as "The Waltz You Saved for Me" and "I'll See You in My Dreams," pop hits such as "Corrine Corrina" and "That's What I Like about the South," and novelty tunes such as "Pray for the Lights to Go Out" and "Who Walks in When I Walk Out." This is alongside fiddle tunes Bob wrote or inherited from his family such as "Maiden's Prayer," "Spanish Two Step," and "Silver Bells."

The four best-known tunes, "Take Me Back to Tulsa," "Steel Guitar Rag," "Faded Love," and "San Antonio Rose" show the versatility and freedom Bob wanted to create and allow his band to enjoy. "Take Me Back to Tulsa" is basically a fiddle tune featuring some spectacular breaking of meter, with catchy lyrics and devilishly intricate instrumentation.



Above: The Steel Guitar Rag Band (left to right): Everett Stover, Ray Degeer, Zeb McNally, Bob Wills, Herman Arnsperger, Al Stricklin, Tommy Duncan, Johnnie Lee Wills, Jesse Ashlock, Sleepy Johnson, Joe Ferguson, O.W. Mayo, Leon McAuliffe.

Album Release! Just in time for Christmas!

To order your copy send \$15.00 check or money order to:

Mike Faast PO Box 272, Bow, WA 98232

Mike Faast Sings the Standards

Seattle-based member of the NorthWest Western Swing Hall of Fame and band leader for **The Jangles**, Mike Faast has released a new album, "**Mike Faast sings the Standards.**"

With the help of some of the Northwest's most accomplished swing/jazz players, Mike shares his renditions of Jazz standards such as *All of me*, *Gee Baby*, *Honey Suckle Rose*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Route 66*, *Autumn Leaves*, and *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*.



"Steel Guitar Rag" was Leon McAuliffe's elaboration on an earlier blues piece called "Guitar Rag." The 1936 recording features a piano solo by Al Stricklin and a heroic saxophone solo by Ray DeGeer.

"Faded Love" became something of a country music standard and showed how, even in a song with positively mournful lyrics, Bob was determined to make the tune danceable.

"San Antonio Rose" started life as a 1938 instrumental version featuring fiddle and steel guitar, something of a reworking of "Spanish Two Step," and then became a huge hit in 1940 after lyrics were added. The song is the Bob Wills tune everybody knows, even if they don't know it came from him. It has been covered by countless artists. The vocal remake has a big band sound, plenty of horns, no fiddle or steel, and a fine vocal by Bob's main singer for many years, the great Tommy Duncan.

Showcase Band for November JC McCormick & Cherokee

Top to Bottom: JC McCormick,
Chet Hasting, Jim Hollinger,
Wayne Franco & Jeanne Yearian

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2019 NOVEMBER SHOWCASE

Speaking as a member of Cherokee, we had a wonderful time at the November Showcase. There was so much great music, lots of great dancing, and a great mix of friends coming out to visit, dance and have a good time. It really was the perfect setting for our Veterans Day, and "Pre-Holiday" Showcase.

The beautiful, hand-made quilt by Sharon Capps, featuring our Showcase dancers, hung behind the stage for all to admire. We will be raffling the quilt sometime in the beginning of March. There is still time to buy tickets at \$5.00/chance! The money will be used to help with the expenses for the August 2020 Festival and Hall of Fame celebration.

In honor of Veterans Day, at the beginning of the second set the Cherokee Band played a service song medley. What we didn't know was a group of veterans had drifted into the room from the bar and began to sing along with us as we played . . . at times in harmony! What a heartening response.

As Cherokee ended the tribute with *It's A Grand Old Flag*, a line began to form in front of the stage. First up was a veteran and showcase regular, still dressed in his Sunday best, who asked if he could lead us in singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. (What a powerful, strong voice!) Everyone joined in. Then, one by one, veterans and service men spoke about what Veterans Day meant to them. As a final tribute to our veterans and to kick off the jam portion of our showcase, board member/veteran Tony Bachler got up to perform Johnny Cash's *Ragged Old Flag* . . .

I was so moved by everyone's sincerity and open display of love for our country - not particular politicians or policies - but love of our homeland. It gave me renewed hope.

In just a few minutes, the jam band musicians had taken the stage and were ready to warm up with a short set. Backing our jammers this month was Ramon Selby and Al Troupe, joined by Wayne Franco on steel, with Paul Cooper and Phil Mitchell sharing bass and Chet Hasting on lead guitar. Along with Jim Hollinger, we had Gil Barbee and Randy Miskulin on drums. Soon the jammers were taking the stage. Thank you to everyone who participated.

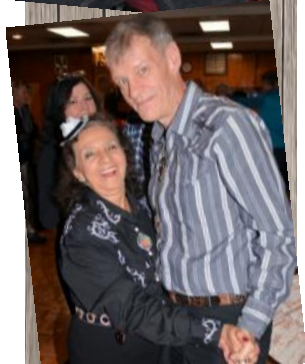
It was a full house again this month but we were short on volunteers so we had to hold the door prizes until December. Remember, to be included in this drawing, be sure to print your name on the back of one of the door prize tickets and put it in the bucket . . . it's as simple as that.

We would like to thank the Lynnwood Eagles and Volunteer Staff for all of their attention, great food and hard work. Thanks for your help providing a warm, welcoming venue for our showcases! And, a personal thanks to each of you who come out every month to support our Western Swing society. It means so much to us that you all are here, whether you are a dancer, musician, listener or all three!

Our December Showcase will feature **Butch Gibson & Pardners**. In addition to their varied selection of Western Swing tunes, **Pardners** is one of my favorite holiday dance bands. The floor should be full of happy dancers. Here's a toast to live music, western swing and the year ahead: Let's swing on with renewed HOPE that what is wanted can be had, that events will turn out for the best.

Remember everyone's membership renewals will be due again on January 1st. Let's try to get our membership numbers up this year and show our support of the society. I look forward to seeing you at the December Showcase!

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1. *Somewhere Out in Texas*, Ray Harrison
2. *The King of Western Swing*, Hank Thompson
3. *Bob's Got a Swing Band in Heaven*, Red Steagall & Ray Benson
4. *Frosty the Snowman*, George Strait
5. *Whole Lot of Gone*, Chuck Cusimano
6. *Let the Teardrops Fall*, The Carolyn Sills Combo
7. *The Letter that Johnny Walker Read*, Asleep at the Wheel
8. *My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You*, John de Burgh
9. *I'm Not Crying; I've Just Rubbed Jalapenos in My Eyes*, The Carolyn Sills Combo
10. *Time Changes Everything*, Ray Harrison

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Skeebo Norris

December 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, and Syndicated Shows, If That Ain't Country, hosted by Western Red, Saturdays 1-4 pm and Legend Radio Show with host Jim Loessburg airing Sunday 1-5 pm and archived editions of Glory Road, the old Quartet Gospel Music, with the late great Larry Scott as host ...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.sansabarradio.comwe are the Academy of Western Artists, STATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2018.....streaming 24/7.

Dave Linkus - *Because of Me*

Amber Digby - *One More Thing I Wished I'd Said*

Bobby Flores - *The One You Hang Around*

Kelly Spinks - *If Her Lips Are Moving*

Rocky King - *Down In Mexico*

Bret Raper - *One Fiddle, Two Fiddles*

Big Sandy & Fly-Rite Boys - *Let Me In There Baby*

Leon Rausch - *Taking Bob Back to Tulsa*

Tommy Morrell - *Let Me Talk to You*

Jeff Woolsey - *All These Things*

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