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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

LET'S PICNIC AT THE FAIR!



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Sunday, July 16th, from 1 pm to 6 pm,
meet us at the Main Stage to enjoy
Toby Hanson and the Smilin' Scandinavians
(1 pm to 3 pm)
followed by our very own
'Tex' Hill and The Oregon Valley Boys!
(4 pm to 6 pm)

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ANNUAL PICNIC USUALLY HELD AT LOU AND ED BISCHOFF'S ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF JULY.

Here is additional information on the King Co. Fair:

July 13-16, 2017

Thursday 10:00am - 10:00pm

Friday 10:00am - 10:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 10:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

\$10 Admission at the gate.

\$7 Presale tickets are available

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Children under 5 - **FREE** daily

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\$5 Parking

All shows, concerts and exhibits are **included with admission.**

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MAIN STAGE: SUNDAY JULY 16TH

★ **1:00pm - 3:00pm** The Smilin' Scandinavians

3:00pm - 4:00pm Jerry Harris - Hypnotist

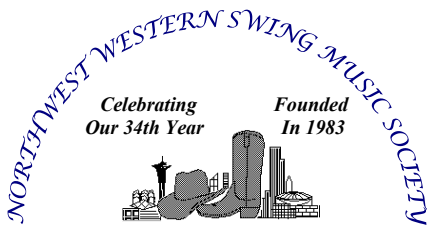
★ **4:00pm - 6:00pm** The Oregon Valley Boys

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

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NWWSMS showcase photos by
Fred and Jeanne Yearian.

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

MAY 14, 2017



Alice Striegel
Secretary

Yearian.

President's Report: The 2017 Nominees and their sponsors have been notified of the Selection Committee's decisions. A listing of the 2017 Inductees has been posted on the website and Facebook. Earlier this month, letters of invitation went out to bands, inviting them to perform at this year's Festival.

The Oregon Valley Boys have been hired to play for the King County Fair. They will be performing twice on the main stage on Sunday afternoon, tentatively beginning around 4:00 pm. Instead of an annual picnic at the Bischoff's this July, I would like to encourage everyone to come out to the King County Fair on July 16 to support the band and promote the August Festival.

During the King County Fair, the NWWSMS has been offered the opportunity put up an information table in the building for non-profits as well as a table next to the main stage during the performance of **The Oregon Valley Boys**. There will be further discussion on this with the Expo Center staff. We would need volunteers to staff the tables.

Treasurer: Treasurer Dave Wheeler presented the financial reports.

Bills: Approved to pay.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/Website/Facebook: Jeanne Yearian reports that Festival information has been posted. This information as well as the link to purchase tickets on-line through Brown Paper Tickets has been posted on a flyer as well as the website. The Enumclaw Expo Center has sent the Festival information along with the link to Brown Paper Tickers to the person who maintains their website as well.

Membership Update: Dave Wheeler reports 229 paid-up members, with 12 new so far this year. The postcard mailing has been successful, with responses from some members.

Showcase: Sharon Smith reported that the host band for today is **Kristi Nebel and Cowgirl's Dream**. June's host band will be **Paul Cooper & Pickin' Coop**. The September host band will be **Steel Country**.

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

(Minutes from May 14, 2017 continued . . .)

Festival Committee: Jeanne and Fred Yearian met with several of the Board members and volunteers to tour the Field House. They have hung several bankers' partitions on the back wall which has helped to some extent with the reverberation. We are waiting for information from the Expo Center on the next payment due on the venue, State Fair participation, the possibility of a monthly Western Swing jam scheduled, and a list of caterers.

Invitations have gone out to 24 bands. If anyone knows of a band that was expecting an invitation but has not received one, please let Jeanne Yearian know.

We are pleased to announce that **The Jangles** and **Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band** will be performing on Friday evening. **The Oregon Valley Boys** are scheduled on Saturday evening, **Bonnie Guitar** is planning to attend the Induction Ceremony on Sunday; no news yet on whether she will be performing. Bands representing both the Southwest and Sacramento Societies will be performing as well as **Bob Dolle & his Hall of Fame Variety Band**.

We are looking forward to receiving raffle items during the coming months. Our NWWSMS trailer will be an item for the silent auction.

Scholarship/Workshop Committee Report: Jerry Seitz reports the workshops have been successful. He will have a debriefing with Paul Elliott.

Unfinished Business:

JBLM Music Therapy Program Update: The paperwork has been submitted for approval of a private donation from Sharon Smith. Sharon and Alice Striegel will be transporting the instruments and equipment to the base. Gary Ouellette, the Program Director, will meet them, drive their vehicle to the Warrior Transition Battalion and give them a tour of the facility.

Update on finding a western swing band to represent the Society for 2017: Paul Elliott has also expressed an interest in helping to develop a band . . . more to come.

Request for a South Sound Jam: A request has been received by one of the Scholarship Recipients (Sheila Ryan) that a western swing jam session be set up closer to Olympia. Jeanne Yearian will contact the Expo Center to discuss the possibility of western swing locations in Enumclaw.

New Business: A new committee (Jerry Seitz, Dave Wheeler and Mike Schweedler) has been formed to research obtaining grants.

For The Good Of The Order: Dave Wheeler has retired!

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary



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 NorthWest Western Swing Music Society
 Preserving, Promoting & Performing
 Western Swing Music Since 1983

**Celebrate
 Fathers Day
 with your western swing
 family!**

**From 1 to 5 pm at the
 Lynnwood Eagles**

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

**at the June 11, 2017
 Western Swing Showcase**

Featuring

**Paul Cooper &
 the Pickin' Coop**



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Join the conversation on Facebook:
**Sacramento Western Swing
 Society**

**President's
 Corner**



Jeanne Yeargin

The Annual Festival is just a few months away and with each piece that falls into place, we are gaining confidence that this new venue will become a great meeting place for our Festival and Hall of Fame Celebration, (a.k.a. western swing family reunion) for years to come! The entertainment scheduled for the week-end will be posted early next week. In addition to outstanding entertainers, special happenings include a Steel Guitar Grand Jam on Friday afternoon and a couples dance contest on Sunday - with prizes! (Couples dance lessons will be offered on Saturday morning for those who want to brush up their two-step, waltz and polka.)

Meals are going to be provided by Rainier Catering/Emory Bar-B-Que. The Expo Center staff will be running the bar and providing snacks. Lunch will be served from 11 to 1 and dinner from 5 to 7 on Friday and Saturday. There will be a late lunch served from 2 to 4 on Sunday.

Make plans to join us on July 16 as we hold our annual picnic at the King County Fair (more on page 1 of this newsletter). **The Oregon Valley Boys** will be representing the NWWSMS and promoting the upcoming August Festival! They will be playing on the main stage at the Fair on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 4 pm. Adding to the fun, 'our' Toby Hanson and his Smilin' Scandinavians will be on the same stage from 1 to 3. Let's make an afternoon of it!

Our thanks to **Kristi Nebel and Cowgirl's Dream** for hosting the May Showcase in style. From hosting the first two hours to taking part in the jam that followed, these folks made everyone feel right at home.

We are so pleased to have **Paul Cooper and the Pickin' Coop** back and playing for the June Showcase. This will be the last showcase before the August festival. We'll be back in Lynnwood on the second Sunday of September with **Steel Country** hosting the showcase.

Our western swing family has suffered some hard losses this past month - Chuck Woods (HOF 2006), Paul Henry Baker (HOF 2016) and Roy Lee Brown (HOF 2002). For those new to western swing, Roy Lee Brown was the brother of Milton Brown. Milton is widely accepted as the 'Father of Western Swing.' When I attended Swing Fest in 2014, I managed to capture a video of Roy Lee singing a western swing standard, *The Old*

**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

Watermill, sounding so much like Milton on his early recordings. (Click to play the clip below.)

Unfortunately, I can't identify some of the band members; however, Brady Bowen is one of the fiddlers and I believe Lee Barlow is on bass. The jam hosts, Charlie and Linda O'Bannon (both honored this year by the Cowtown Society of Western Music), are also accompanying Roy Lee. Charlie is on the keyboard and Linda on drums.

Don't forget this Sunday, June 11, is the June showcase. Come have lunch with us then work it off on the dancefloor! We'll look forward to seeing you! JY



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Cherishing the Memories



Chuck Woods

Claude "Chuck" Woods, of Sun City, Calif., passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Chuck was born in Canton, Georgia. At an early age his parents moved to Athens, Tennessee, where Chuck

attended school and started singing on local radio station WLAR with the Coleman Brothers Band and the Dixie Playboys. Chuck and the Dixie Playboys performed all over the South at schools and theaters.

In 1944, Chuck went to Knoxville, Tennessee, and appeared on radio station WNOX on a program called "The Midday Merry-Go-Round," with the Carlise Brothers and Cowboy Copas. In 1948, Chuck moved to Dayton, Ohio, and went to work at the Maple Gardens with Luck Moore, traveling around Ohio and Michigan doing shows.

In 1949, Chuck went to work at the Roosevelt Lounge in Detroit, Michigan. It was a large Western Swing nightclub where Chuck performed in several shows with Moon Mullican, Hawkshaw Hawkins, Sheets McDonald, Elton Britt and others. Chuck was inducted into the Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Seattle, Washington.

He was in the Army for a brief period of time, then moved to the San Diego, Calif., area in 1955. He was retired from General Dynamics where he worked as an Engineer for 30 years. He also served on the board as Union Vice President.

Over the years, Chuck has promoted over 80 benefit shows for sick and disabled musicians and their families. He also used to put on shows at the Navy Hospital in San Diego for Vietnam Vets who were recuperating from wounds received in Vietnam. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and also a Scottish Rite Mason.

He was a blessing in many lives and was a blessed man in his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Faye Forgety, 120 County Road 447, Athens, Tennessee 37303.

Roy Lee Brown, 96, passed away after a week in a hospital, Friday, May 26, 2017.

Roy Lee was born in Fort Worth, Feb. 27, 1921, to Barty Lee and Annie Huxford Brown. After marriage to Ellen Jean O'Malley, Dec. 25, 1937, he graduated from Arlington Heights High School and attended special classes at SMU.

First employed at a bakery, he later organized the Jr. Brownies Band. After serving two years in the U.S. Navy, he became a City of Fort Worth Fire-fighter, retiring as a Battalion Chief.

In retirement, he returned to music as a guitarist/singer, with a band headed by the late Joe Grady Thomas, the Fiddle-dee-dees. They were contract performers at Six Flags Over Texas eight years in a row. Other gigs included Dion's, in the Apparel Mart, Dallas; various businesses; several retirement centers, and private affairs.

Roy Lee was voted by his colleagues as a hero of western swing music, and was inducted into the Cowtown Society of Western Music in that category. He was inducted into two western swing music society halls of fame; the Texas Western Swing Music Society, San Marcos, Texas and NorthWest Western Swing Music Society in Seattle, Washington.

Roy Lee strived most of his life for the rightful place in the history of Western Swing music, of his brothers Milton and Derwood Brown, who were also Hall of Fame inductees. He co-authored a properly documented, informative book about their music and the Musical Brownies Band.

Roy Lee was a lifelong member of Arlington Heights Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by: Ellen, his wife of 75 years; his parents; sister, Era Lee; brother, Milton Brown; nephew, Buster Lee Brown; brother, Derwood Brown; and nephew, Ronald Brown.

Roy Lee will be missed by all whose life he touched.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to VITAS Hospice; or to a charity of choice in his honor.



Roy Lee Brown

Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

LaDonna Nelson	Buck Wacker
Lou Rochelle	Lloyd Hooper
Fern Hooper	Wanda Ramos Love
Sharon Capps	Chuck Robbins
Ken Stroud	Mary Downing
Patricia Stroud	Jim Sanderson
Tink Carriker	Cliff Brizendine
Jody Meredith	Lane Johnson
Edd Burnett	Keith Holter
Dayna Wills	Jim Wallace
Lou Bischoff	Kathy Wallace
Gene Carter	Red Gillean
Sandy Macham	Cindy De Leon
Jeannie Poe	Web Tipton
Ray Poe	Vi & Darrell
Kris Burnett	Anderson
Ken Jones	Betty Reeves
Robert LaClaire	Pat Gore
Lavena Hill	
Shorty Joe Quartuccio	

Condolences

To Daniel and Timothy Brown, family, friends and fans on the loss of their father, Roy Lee

To the large community of friends and fans on the loss of Claude "Chuck" Woods.

To Doris Baker, family and a large community of fans and friends on the loss of her husband, Paul Henry.

To Darrell Downing, family & friends on the loss of Mary McCoy.

*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
(see page 2).*

**NWWSMS Hall of Fame
2017 Inductees**

- JD Barham - Texas
- Lee Barlow - Texas
- Jimmy Burson - Texas
- Robert Huston - Arkansas
- Alfie Johns - California
- Graham Lees - United Kingdom
- Dan Lyon - Washington
- Tony Ramsey - Arkansas
- Lefty Schrage - Iowa
- Duane Trueblood - Washington
- Joe Walenta - Texas
- Charles (Chuck) Webb - California

Posthumous Inductees

- Gene Gasaway - Arkansas
- Paul Tutmarc - Washington



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The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's

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

At the Enumclaw Expo Center Field House (Hwy 410) - 1456
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Cedars Inn Located right next door to the Festival location at
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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.

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Meet the Super Sidemen -
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Enjoy the sounds of the music too country for jazz
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Dance and play with us at the 27th Western Swing Music Festival and
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August 11-13, 2017
Location: The Historic Field House, located on Hwy 410, part of the
Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA

Festival Schedule
Dance Friday through Sunday to local and guest bands in the main ballroom,
and outside, around the venue's RV park.
(The club's doors open daily at 11:00 AM to jammers and dancers.)
Meet & Greet Jam Session on Thursday evening, August 10:
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Friday, August 11: 1:00 PM to 11:30 PM
Saturday, August 12: 1:00 PM to 11:30 PM
Sunday, August 13: 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Sunday, August 13, the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony begins at 7:00 PM.
Dance before and after the Induction Ceremony until 8:00 PM.

Admission for General Public (children under 10 admitted free):
Thursday - Free of Charge
Friday, Saturday and Sunday - \$10.00/day
Discounted tickets available through brownpapertickets.com (search: nwwsms)

This family-friendly event is open to the public.
Food and a selection of adult beverages are available
at the venue.
For further information or updates on the festival and other
upcoming events, visit our website at nwwsms.com/events or
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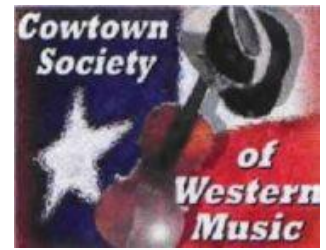


Joyce Miller

THE COWTOWN SOCIETY OF WESTERN MUSIC'S 19th Annual

SWING FEST RECAP

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 5-6, 2017



Cowtown Society of Western Music proudly hosted the 19th Annual CSWM Western Swing Fest on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Holiday Hills Country Club in Mineral Wells, Texas. The party actually started on Friday, May 5th with a free 8 hour jam session. Brady Bowen headed up a spectacular group of musicians as they played some of the all-time favorite western swing tunes. We have to give Elmer Laurance a big pat on the back. I don't think he ever got up from his steel guitar except for maybe one small break. He, along with the other great musicians enjoy their craft so much, they lose track of time.

Around 5:00 PM Miss Lucy Dean Record did a live interview and played the piano along with Wayne Glasson, accompanied by Brady Bowen, Chuck Cusimano, Robert Baker, and Greg Gibbs for a taping by *Bob Phillips, Texas Country Reporter* crew to be aired on RFD TV at a later date this summer. It



Linda O'Bannon (Hero of Western Swing)
& Charlie O'Bannon (Living Legend)

will feature some highlights of her 73 year career as a piano teacher and musician. Congratulations to Miss Lucy and Happy Birthday too. She turned 93 years young in June.

The dancefloor was crowded right up until 10:00 PM. Then, everyone left for a night's rest, eagerly anticipating the Swing Fest the next day. At noon on Saturday, Gary Beaver, President of CSWM, and Joyce Miller, Secretary/Treasurer, along with Joe Baker, Membership Director, and Brady Bowen, Vice



Promoter of the Year,
Robert Huston and wife, Kimberly

President, welcomed the large crowd. Greg Gibbs, our Master of Ceremonies, took over after that doing most of the announcements and presentations. He was a natural and very professional, combining his winning personality and his unique wit.

The first band to take the stage was Brady Bowen, Greg Gibbs, along with Bill Mitchell, Albert Talley, and our 2017 Rising Star recipient, Glenn McLaughlin. Throughout the day up until 6:00 PM, we honored seven Living Legends of Western Swing, and twenty Heroes of Western Swing, persons we recognize for their outstanding contributions to western swing in such categories as Living Legends, Promoter of the Year, Disc Jockey of the Year, Fans of the Year, Heroes (Musicians) of the Year, Band

of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Rising Star, and President's Choice.

One surprise presenter (Jason Roberts) stepped up to the delight of the audience and his father, Vern Roberts, to present Vern with his Hero of Western Swing award. Vern was virtually speechless when he approached the microphone to accept his award.

Louise Rowe and The Texan Playboys played a rousing musical set of old, well-known western swing favorites and filled up the dancefloor, followed by Cowjazz (Band of the Year) wowing the crowd with their talent and showmanship. Bill Mitchell headed up the CSWM All Star Heroes Band and kept the music flowing and the dancers dancing. Then to top off the night, Brady Bowen along with Greg Gibbs, Jason Roberts, Larry Reed, Albert Talley, Glenn McLaughlin, Kim Blakey, Gil Prather, Luke Reed and a host of wonderful guest musicians, showcased their talents and invited many of the 2017 CSWM Heroes of Western Swing up on stage to perform.



DJ of the Year, Chuck Ramsey
and wife, Gina

(Continued on page 11)

Photo Highlights from the May 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 June Showcase.
Save a smile for the camera!*



Album:
Cowgirl's
Dream
Artist:
Cowgirl's Dream
Label: Icebird

Album Reviews

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



Mike Gross

written especially for the group home state is *My Home in Washington* and there is a country/polka/waltz co-written with Toby, *Beer, Beautiful Beer*. The remaining tune is the wonderful Western classic from Gene Autry and Hollywood, *Deep in the Heart of Texas*.

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information you
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This CD can be obtained for \$15, postage included by mail from Steve and Kristi Nebel at P.O. Box 5764, Tacoma, WA 98415. For www.swinginwest.com

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KTNK-AM, Lompoc, CA &
www.swinginwest.com

This enjoyable new 12 tune CD by Cowgirl's Dream features Kristi Nebel in the vocal spotlight and on bass on both new and classic items. Also in this group is Steve Nebel on vocal and guitar, the vocals, accordion and piano playing of Toby Hanson and Mike Friel on vocals and drums.

The album opens with Terry Fell's classic country composition *Truck Drivin' Man* and then goes on to the first of two Hank Williams country standards *Jambalaya* and also *You Win Again*. There are included Western Swing classic memories from Jack Guthrie, *Oklahoma Hills* and three from Bob Wills, *Deep Water*, Tommy Duncan's *Time Changes Everything* and *Take Me Back to Tulsa*. Four of the tunes are originals written by Steve, the western oriented *Go Out to Alberta* and the country oriented *Everybody Gotta Hurt*. Also,

Mike's Top 10 for June 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. You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams - Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing
5. Stop, Look and Listen - Frank Maloy, Paul Anastasio, Casey Driscoll & Friends
6. Hidey-Ho Montana - Rodeo & Juliet (Horsefly)
7. Across This Lonely Floor - Panhandle Cowboys
8. Texas Home to Me - Kim Blakey
9. Montana Moon - Dan McCorison (Musikode)
10. Santa Fe Special - Rich Price (Adonda)

Albums:

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

NWWSMS Application for Membership

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Rec'd by: _____

NAME: _____

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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

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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.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Shelley McNaughton

Highlights from the May 14th Mother's Day Showcase

By Shelley McNaughton

What a wonderful Mother's Day showcase! Recording Artist, Kristi Nebel, with her band, **Cowgirl's Dream**, never fail to deliver. The **Cowgirl's Dream** band hails mainly from the South End of Puget Sound. However, we do love it when they'll agree to make the big trek and come perform for us at one of our Showcases in Lynnwood. What a treat!!

Kristi Nebel, Lead Vocalist and Bass Player, her Song Writer/Lead Guitar player/Vocalist husband, Steve Nebel, and award winning Accordion/Piano Player extraordinaire/Vocalist, Toby

Hanson, are the front line for **Cowgirl's Dream**. Holding them all together with his always in the pocket, always tasty rhythm stylings, is longtime drummer, Mike Friel. Although this band has only been together for about 6 years, they have the seasoned feel of a band that has been together much longer.

Their set was wonderful, with interesting song choices, encompassing a variety of swing styles, that were danceable and So...Much....Fun. From their opening song, a traditional Western Swing classic "Heartaches by the number" to a light hearted "Just Because You Think You're So Pretty," to the always popular "Right or Wrong" and then to the Latin Rumba rhythm of "Yellow Bird," the dance floor was always full. Kristi's beautiful melodic voice and easy vibrato lend a warmth to everything she sings. From the moment she begins to sing, we feel invested in her song and want to hear it through. From the raucous "6 Pack to Go," to the classic "Time Changes Everything," to the heart wrenchingly beautiful "Wish you were here," when Kristi sings, we want to listen. We were treated to Kristi's versions of "Deep in the heart of Texas" and crowd favorites "Don't Fence Me In." and Patsy Cline's "Crazy." This woman can sing anything!

Steve Nebel, solidly taking care of all the lead guitar work throughout the whole performance, was also able to show us his Lead and Harmony vocal prowess with a few of our favorite standards, such as "From a Jack to a King," and "Oh Lonesome me." He then sang for us a few of his original pieces, such as the beautiful waltz "Stranger" and "Alberta." Steve and Kristi gave us a gorgeous Duet in "Would you Hold My Hand" (another original) and followed it with western swing favorite "Deep Water" (one of my personal favorites)

Toby Hanson rounds this band out with wonderful Accordion or Piano leads on every song. His own songs for the set included "Take Me back to Tulsa," and the Jerry Lee Styled "You win Again" plus the always popular "Oklahoma Hills Where I Was Born." Whether those leads were Piano, Accordion or Lead Guitar, we couldn't wait to hear Toby and Steve play!!

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We can't forget to mention the wonderfully solid rhythm section in Mike Friel. Not to be outdone vocally either, Mike gave us a rowdy and crowd pleasing zydeco version of "Jambalaya" and a little bit later invited us to cook something up with him in "Hey Good Lookin." I'm pretty sure that I saw our very own dance instructor, Mary Lee Lykes, out on the dance floor with a big smile on her face right about zydeco time.

Cowgirl's Dream closed out their set with ever popular "Stay a Little Longer" And that's what we were wishing..... that they could stay a little longer!!

All in all, this was a terrific set, full of fun danceable material, great vocals and fine musicianship! Much Thanks to Kristi Nebel and **Cowgirl's Dream** for making our May showcase such a success.

Our Jam session was up and running in fine form. Toby Hanson, from **Cowgirl's Dream**, stayed on to play piano for the jam. Thank you so much Toby! We really appreciated your extra time. Rounding out of



A surprise visit from Cindy and Al DeLeon

First Jam band were NWSMS Board Vice Pres. Jerry Seitz on Fiddle, and Treasurer Dave Wheeler on Bass, with new comer to our group, Mike Schweedler on the Steel Guitar. We would like to welcome Mike and his wife, Trinidad, to our Western Swing society. We hope to see more of you, and get to know you both better in the future. We cannot forget about our Jam drummer, Randy Miskulin, who has so generously provided the drums for our last several showcases. Thank you, Randy!! You're one of the good guys.



Wearing the winning ticket, Split-the-Pot Winner Maryanne Enslow, and NWWSMS Treasurer, Dave Wheeler

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Jerry Seitz started the jam with the "Panhandle Rag." Jerry's rich baritone voice is perfectly suited for this one. Next the fellas had a great time with the instrumental version of "Blue Spanish Eyes." Just Beautiful.

Things switched up a little bit and The **Pickin' Coop's**, Paul Cooper came up to sing "Let's Chase Each Other Round the Room Tonight" and "Silver Wings." Steve Carter and I jumped up to sing a little harmony on that one.

Next, our longtime friend and jammer, Dave Enslow, came up to sing a song for the ages, "Yours till the Stars lose their Glory." Without missing a beat, he followed it with "You belong to my Heart." first in Spanish, then in English. Dave always picks the most beautiful songs.

Maryanne Enslow came up next and sang for us her heartfelt versions of "Abilene" and "Jambalaya," expertly backed by our jam band, with beautiful Piano and Steel leads provided by Toby and Mike. Thanks Maryanne!! Coincidentally, Maryanne was also this month's Split the Pot winner!! Congratulations too!!

We changed up a few musicians and were joined by Steve Carter on Lead Guitar, Paul Cooper on Bass, Denny Perrigoue on drums, and our NWWSMS Pres., Jeanne Yearian on Fiddle. Toby on Piano and Mike on Steel Guitar, decided to hang in there and play some more, so we had a big sound for the rest of the jam!

The fella's and Jeanne kicked off the second half of the jam with the instrumental version of a Western Swing classic "Maidens Prayer."

Paul Cooper gave us Leroy Van Dykes "Just Walk On By, Wait On the Corner." Steve Carter gave us his beautiful instrumental version of "Faded Love". Everyone took a lead turn with this Western Swing anthem. Guitar, Fiddle, Piano, and Steel. It was just inspiring.

Paul Cooper brought them all back out onto the dancefloor again with another Western Swing favorite "Crazy Arms" while Steve Carter sang harmony. Way to go, Paul!!



Mike Schweedler

hear you sing enough. More please.

Toby Hanson made us all a bit nostalgic with Jerry Lee Lewis's "Another Place, Another Time," followed by Steve Carter's Willie Nelson classic "Angel Flying to Close to the Ground." Steve and the whole gang did a wonderful instrumental version of "The Wabash Blues."

Newcomer, Mike Schweedler, and the rest of the jam band took us all home with the ever popular "Steel Guitar Rag." Wow! Talk about saving the best for last. Thanks

Showcase Band for May Kristi Nebel & Cowgirl's Dream



Pictured above from top, left to right: Kristi Nebel, Toby Hansen, Steve Nebel & Mike Friel

Fella's!! What a wonderful Jam Session! Thanks to everyone who participated. Please come back. We love to hear you play and sing!

Since this showcase fell once again on Mother's Day, I also want to thank all the Mothers who were there, and all the families and friends that honored them. We hope that you had a Happy Mother's Day!!

We would like to thank the Lynnwood Eagles and staff for taking care of us again, so well. We do so appreciate your hospitality. We also would like to Thank Carl and Vesta Neue for selling our Split the Pot tickets and once again gifting every mother, biological or otherwise, with a chocolate rose. You're the tops!!

June's showcase band will be **Paul Cooper and the Pickin' Coop!** I'll be lucky enough to be a Coop-ette, with Paul and Steve and the fellas. This will be a great time!! Come on down!! We can't wait to see you there!!

(Editor's note: June will be our last showcase in Lynnwood until September. July 16 will be the annual picnic - make plans to attend. This year it will be held at the King County Fair with **The Oregon Valley Boys**. Check page 1 of this newsletter for more details. Then, August 11-13 will be the Western Swing Festival/Hall of Fame in Enumclaw. Information is on page 5.)

(Swing Fest Recap, continued from page 6 . . .)

The Fans of the Year, Doug and Betty Carter, danced and twirled and mesmerized the crowd with their great dance moves and their colorful matching outfits. Special guests, Jun and Enocky (Rockin' Enocky) from Tokyo, Japan, even danced several times. Enocky joined the band many times during the jam session and during the Swing Fest playing his guitar and singing Roly Poly. He is such a phenomenal guitarist. Our great friends, Esther and Dave Tuthill and Sharon and Mike from London, England, entertained everyone with their outstanding swing dancing....they are real show stoppers. Esther and Sharon helped out with presentations to the Heroes by presenting them with their Certificates of Recognition from the Governor of Texas, Gregg Abbott, and placing the medals around their necks, sometimes even adding a little kiss on the cheek. They also accompanied each new inductee to the photo area so that our good friend, Terry Elliott (our official CSWM Photographer) could take their photos. Terry's wife, Marian Elliott, took care of selling tee shirts and programs throughout the day.



Betty & Doug Carter

Dorothy Blair, past Fan of the Year and sweet friend, was a blessing to have working the front door and taking tickets. She greeted all with her beautiful smile and pleasant conversation welcoming each one to the event.

If it wasn't for all our great volunteers, we would not be able to pull off such a wonderful event each year. Thanks to the fantastic musicians who give of their magnificent talents and precious time, the volunteers who help make it all run as smoothly as possible, and especially the fans who buy the tickets. Somehow, it all comes together and we all have a wonderful time, visiting, dancing, laughing, sometimes crying, and most of all honoring



Janet Lynn, accepting for Dayna Wills



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Top 10 Western Swing & Traditional Country for June 2017

Top Ten CDs

1. *Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills & the Texas Playboys*, Asleep At The Wheel
2. *Susie Blue and the Lonesome Fellas*, Solitaire Miles
3. *Green Mountain Standard Time*, Rick & the Ramblers
4. *Willie and the Wheel*, Asleep At The Wheel & Willie Nelson
5. *Dime Stories*, Carolyn Sills Combo
6. *Before It's Too Late!*, Billy Puckett & Tommy Dodd
7. *Alexander's Goodtime Band*, Dave Alexander
8. *'Till the Cows Come Home*, Desperados
9. *Whatever You Want Me to Be*, Eddie McAlvain
10. *This Is Tommy Duncan, Vol. 1*, Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition

Top Ten Songs

1. *I'll Get Over You*, Rick & the Ramblers
2. *Tinker to Evers to Chance*, Carolyn Sills Combo
3. *It's a Good Day*, Asleep At The Wheel & Leon Rausch
4. *Break My Heart*, Lonnie Bartmess
5. *I'll Never Be Free*, Solitaire Miles
6. *Swing On*, Carolyn Martin
7. *Eventually*, Laural Mendes
8. *My Life's Been A Pleasure*, Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band
9. *You've Got a Friend*, Barbara Nelson
10. *Your Old Used to Be*, Lonnie Spiker

our Heroes of Western Swing. We are already gearing up for our big party next year as it will be our 20th Anniversary of the CSWM Swing Fest. Be expecting something special and exciting. You won't want to miss it. Remember Swing Fest is always the First Saturday in May! Check our Cowtown Society of Western Music face book page from time to time for updates, news, and photos. For more information on how you can help or become a member, contact Joyce or Gary at 817/558-7580 or by e-mail: jmlbubbles032443@att.net

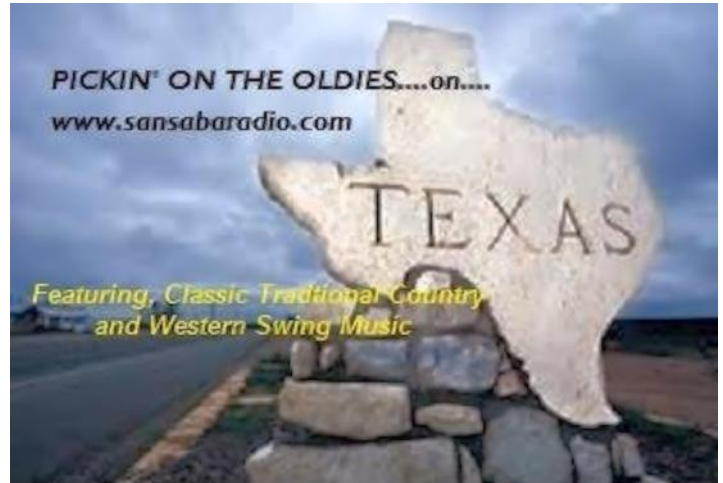


Free Western Swing workshops in Weiser, Idaho

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 ea 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.**



June Playlist for "Skeebo's Line Shack Review"

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Mike Siler - *Man of Clay*

Becky Hobbs - *Jones on the Jukebox*

Brady Bowen - *Troublin' Mind*

Big John Mills - *What Makes Texas Swing*

Carolyn Martin - *When You're Smilin'*

Cowjazz - *Mack the Knife*

Jake Hooker - *If No News Is Good News*

Justin Trevino with the Quebe Sisters - *Bluebonnet Lane*

The Time Jumpers - *Honky Tonkin'*

Wade Benson Landry - *Let the Four Winds Blow*

Artists may send mp3 submissions to production@sansabaradio.com and personal messages to skeebo@sansabaradio.com. We are on Facebook as well... Pickin' On The Oldies. To listen go to our website www.sansabaradio.com



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**Your Invitation -
SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2017
TO THE 5th SAN ANGELO
COWBOY GATHERING**

Terri Holland, Director SACG



The San Angelo Cowboy Gathering wants to invite you to attend the 5th annual festival in San Angelo, Texas on September 8-9, 2017, at the Wells Fargo Pavilion. We have an award winning line up of artists, right down to our Emcees for the event. Not only do we have 16 of the very best western swing and traditional country bands performing over the two day period, but we have increased our hours this year too. We will start on Friday, September 8th at Noon, with the doors opening at 11 AM, and you can dance all day until midnight. Then Saturday, September 9th, we will open our doors at 10:30 am and start music at 11 AM and go till midnight again. I hope you bring plenty of boots because you might just wear one pair out. Wristbands are selling faster than any year before, so get yours before they are all gone. Find out how to get yours by going to www.sanangelocowboygathering.com. Prices are \$45 for a single day wristbands, or get a 2 day wristband for \$60, which allows you to come and go both days.



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Family Power Sports will loan us their large ATV's so we will have our Goodfellow Air Force Base Volunteers shuttling attendees from the parking lot to the building. You don't have

to walk at all or at least not very far.

Food this year will be provided by the Managers at Brookdale of Southland, assisted living center. They are planning a menu of some down home cooking at very reasonable prices, and they plan on donating a portion back to the San Angelo Cowboy Gathering and to the Alzheimer's Association.



*The Jason Roberts Band performing
At the SACG in 2016*

Remember one important thing, please. The San Angelo Cowboy Gathering is one of few festivals in the State of Texas that donates a portion of it's event proceeds to another non profit organization that is picked by our Board each fall. This year, after receiving many applications, we chose the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo. These folks do great work and never refuse a patient because of their financial inability to pay! They serve babies to the elderly and veterans too. The SACG is hopeful that we can endow a piece of much needed equipment for them this year to the tune of at least \$10,000. Since 2013, the SACG has donated some \$78,000 to 4 different non profits! WOW, that makes me very proud of my Board, our Volunteers and most especially our Sponsors and attendees. You are ALL a part of this endeavor. Thank you for that!

Check out West Texas Rehab at www.westtexasrehab.org to read about the great services they provide.

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Emcee Skeebo Norris with Rocky King



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discounted rate of \$79.95. Here is the link to their website: www.pearlontheconcho.com or if you are attending in your RV, then call Linda to reserve your parking spot on the grounds of the Wells Fargo Pavilion at 325-653-7785. We really look forward to seeing you in September and we truly appreciate all your support each and every year. As my dear friend Red Steagall says "I think we got this one sauced and blowed", so adios' my friends and we will see you in September.

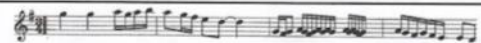


Floyd Domino performing at the
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Let's get down to the good stuff, the music. Here is our line up on Friday, September 8th:

The Old Hat Band, Clearwater, Justin Trevino with special guest Myra Rolen, Kelly Spinks & Miles of Texas, Jake Hooker & the Outsiders, and Jeff Woolsey & The Dancehall Kings. Whew, that makes me excited already.

Then Saturday, September 9th our line up goes like this: Clifton Fifer, Jr, Case Hardin, Brady Honeycutt, Darrell & Mona McCall, Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition with Floyd Domino, Coby Carter & 5 Miles West, The Rocky King Band, The Jason Roberts Band, and to close us out Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys! How do you like that for a music packed day?

Let's not forget our Emcee's for this shin-dig either, Chuck Ramsey from Texas Dancehall Radio, www.texasdancehall.com will keep us on track on Friday, and Skebo Norris from Pickin' on the Oldies internet radio, <http://www.streamfinder.com/streaming-radio/pickin-on-the-oldies/58986/#.WSOOs42GPzA> will be our Saturday Emcee, and he will pull double duty both days being our Auctioneer. Both Skebo and Chuck are excited about being here and helping this event be successful as it always is, and we are certainly glad to have them both back this year.

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3. *Bubbles in My Beer*, Bob Wills
4. *Fascinatin' Rhythm*, Carolyn Martin
5. *Dusty Skies*, Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys
6. *Back in My Texas Home*, Hot Texas Swing Band
7. *Cold in Colorado*, Chuck Cusimano
8. *It Don't Mean a Thing*, Carolyn Martin
9. *Miles and Miles of Texas*, John de Burgh
10. *San Antonio Rose*, Brady Bowen

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