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



Shelley McNaughton

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2017 WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL AND HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

On this, our first Festival and Hall of Fame event at Enumclaw's Historic Field House, I think that that we can easily call this a successful first run of, hopefully, many more to come.

Every aspect of moving the location of our annual western swing festival posed a new obstacle to overcome. In years' past, we had been so well treated by the Auburn Eagles and their dedicated volunteers. The benefits of having our annual festival there began with being made to feel so welcome, included catering, a built in bar service, two huge dance floors,

spacious provisions and ending with RV parking for our traveling guests. The bar was set very high for our new event location. We'd like to send a big thank you to the Auburn Eagles for all the past years that our Festival has called the Auburn FOE home.

Not surprisingly, finding the right place to call home for our current and future Festival was a daunting task, but one that Jeanne and Fred Yearian took on with gusto. After several 'almost rights,' they found for us, the beautiful Historic Field House, at the Expo Center in Enumclaw, Washington. This is an amazingly beautiful venue, built in the 1930's, with split log walls and

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NWWSMS Annual Meeting Notice

The NWWSMS Annual Meeting will be held on October 8 at the Lynnwood Eagles. Nominations for officers and board members to serve in 2018 will be accepted at this time. The meeting time and agenda will be posted in the October 2017 Newsletter.

Reminder: You must be a member in good standing (dues paid) to participate, nominate & vote.

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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

AUGUST 6, 2017



Alice Striegel
Secretary

President Jeanne Yearian, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am, at the Kettle Café, Enumclaw, WA.

Present by Verbal Role Call: Nan Butler, Shelley McNaughton, Jerry Seitz, Sharon Smith, Alice Striegel, Dave Wheeler.

Excused: Lou Bischoff, Sharon Capps, Dave DuChane

Guests: Steve Carter, Cynthia Johnson, Barb Seitz, Al Troupe, Fred Yearian.

President's Report: We are proud to announce that two of the NWWSMS' Northwest musicians are being inducted into the Western Swing Society of Sacramento in October, Pat Rowe (HOF 2016) and Chet Hasting (HOF 2013).

Treasurer: Treasurer Dave Wheeler presented his report.

Bills: Approved to pay.

By consensus it was agreed the agenda would simply be reviewing and finalizing plans for the upcoming Hall of Fame event.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter/Website/Facebook: Jeanne Yearian reports that Festival information has been posted and will continue to be updated.

Membership Update: Dave Wheeler reported that there are 229 paid-up members (12 new in 2014; 30 new in 2015; 11 new in 2016; 12 new so far in 2017).

Showcase: Sharon Smith reported that in September **Steel Country** will kick off the new season at the Lynnwood Eagles.

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

Festival Committee: Items on the agenda pertaining to the Hall of Fame were discussed and everyone was updated on details. Sharon Smith is chairing the shuttle cart. Barbara Seitz will be the lead cashier.

JULY UPDATE: Lacey Mansanarez said that the Expo Center had received the funding and curtains for the two windows on the stage. This will help cut the heat from the setting sun! In addition, we will be setting up a truss to drape fabric over burlap to help deaden the sound and absorb more of the heat.

WE ARE THE FIRST MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN THE NEWLY RENOVATED FIELD HOUSE.

State Fair Participation/Non-Profit Booth. We set up our booth on Wednesday, July 12, and thoroughly enjoyed the fair. The Oregon Valley Boys were even

(Minutes from August 6, 2017 continued . . .)

better than I remembered! The Expo staff put us in a low traffic area where our absence was not too conspicuous. We left materials on the table for people to pick up. We received notice that they would like to have us back again next year – and, our booth was 'excellent'!

We have received our Event Permit from the Fire Department. The Fire inspection has been waived.

Kelly Gibson is having the Inductee booklets and tri-folds printed. She and Butch will be bringing them out next week. Jeanne stopped by Printing Control on Thursday to pay but was asked to wait. They will invoice us upon completion.

On Thursday evening, we are planning to have a pot luck meal to welcome the out-of-towners. If you would like to bring your favorite side dish/desert, please let us know. There will be a donation jar to help cover the cost of a sandwich tray from Subway – You can also add another main dish to the table. Please talk to Sharon Smith or Alice Striegel if you would like to help.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION: A major raffle item hasn't been contributed yet this year. Jeanne Yearian will contact local member bands to determine whether they would be willing to have their services raffled - the holder of the winning ticket could schedule a band to play for their private event, house party or picnic.

Jazz Alley has been very generous in addition to advertising in their weekly e-newsletter again.

Steve Carter outdid himself on his two quilts . . . we truly appreciate his support as well as sharing his talent with us.

Scholarship/Workshop Committee Report: Jerry Seitz will be reporting at the September meeting.

Unfinished Business:

JBLM Music Therapy Program Update: Sharon Smith and Alice Striegel commented that our involvement with JBLM's music therapy program is very much appreciated.

Update on finding a western swing band to represent the Society for 2017: No further action has been taken at this time.

Request for a South Sound Jam: No further action has been taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing to report at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Seitz for Alice Striegel, Secretary



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**at the September 10, 2017
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 Steel Country**

**President's
 Corner**



Jeanne Yeargin

Our sincere appreciation to everyone who took part in this year's festival. The new location received rave reviews from musicians and dancers alike. Now, let's build on this enthusiasm and grow!

My favorite memories? That's a tough choice. There was the joy of seeing Vi and Jay Anderson coming through the door along with their caregiver and her entire family. Then, meeting our guests from Paris, France, who saw the flags and activity. Caught watching through the window, they were invited in. Or, when someone excitedly rushed up to me, saying, "Look outside!" From the front porch out into the parking lot, jams were taking place! But, if I had to choose one, it would be remembering the volunteers who worked tirelessly by our side throughout the event., making it possible.

I hope everyone who participated came away with new friendships, memories and relationships that will last through the years.

A limited number of copies of the Inductee booklets will be available at the September showcase.

This month we are welcoming **Steel Country** back to the Lynnwood stage, shortly after band members' Dan Lyon and Duane Trueblood's inductions into the NWWSMS 2017 Hall of Fame. Come out and see what makes this band so special! Dave DuChane will be featured on bass.

Speaking of Hall of Fame Inductees, the NWWSMS' Pat Rowe and Chet Hasting are being inducted into the Sacramento Western Swing Society's Hall of Fame in just a few weeks! We are so *very* proud! If you would like to join us and share this special occasion with them in Sacramento, check out Page 5 of this newsletter for details.

Former DJ Extraordinaire and music historian, Bob Richards, first known to me as RadioBob850 through his YouTube

**Around the NorthWest
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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.bardoorslammers.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

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

channel, does not just post more of the same but sees what is out there and what else he might have to add to it. (*For more on Bob, click here to check out the February 2015 issue of this newsletter.*) Click below to enjoy one of his latest contributions:

See you on the dance floor!
 JY



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Western Swing Forum

Keep those letters (and emails) coming!

(Editor's note: 2017 Inductee DJ Graham Lees from the UK, was not able to make the trip to accept the award this year but did send this note along with some photos expressing how much this honor meant to him. He was also written up in his hometown paper.)

Hi Jeanne,

Hope the festival and Hall of Fame inductions went very well for you. Saw the photos on Facebook - looks like it was a great event. Sorry I couldn't make it. It looked as if Lou stood in for me at the inductions. Please thank her for me. (I did think and hope that Lou would do so.) . . . I'll write to her this week and thank her.

Our local newspaper did a small item about me being inducted. . .

Best wishes to all the inductees to NWWSMS Hall of Fame. Sorry I couldn't be there.

Graham



(Pictured above, 2017 Inductee, DJ Graham Lees with his certificate and medal..)

(Editor's Note: Following is part of an e-mail received from Suze Spencer, one of our fantastic western swing workshop instructors. Suze calls Vancouver, WA, home.)

Hi Jeanne,

Suze Spencer here. Hope this note finds you happy and well. I was not pleased to have missed the annual celebration in August, but we have a family member who is quite ill and nearing the hospice stage, so we've been taking turns being there for him. He needs us and we love him dearly, so it is important that we are close by to keep him comfortable.

From what I hear, it was a blast as usual. Dang, I sure missed being there. One of my students from last year went up for the entire time. He tells me he had the best time of his life there and that all the people were so warm, friendly, welcoming and fun to be around. He cannot wait to come up for some of the monthly events. (Richard McShan)

After last year's super successful scholarship program, I find myself already receiving various questions/inquiries about this next year's program. Though it may be a little too early to be expecting sign-ups to occur, I would like to know if the Society is planning on holding this program again this winter. I sure hope you do. It's a fantastic program and the students that participated last year are spreading the word about how cool our Western Swing music is. . . .

(Editor's note: The following e-mail is from Lefty Schrage, 2017 Inductee, who drove to Enumclaw from Iowa, on the condition that he would be able to see Mt. Rainier.)

Hi Pres!

Jeanne, I just had to write to tell you what a wonderful time I had during your organization's recent three-day festival and to express my sincere appreciation for the HOF induction. It all seemed to end so soon. And congratulations on the great job you accomplished in carrying out such an outstanding event! You worked hard and I hope you now have some time to relax.

It was wonderful meeting you and your husband and hope our paths will again cross sometime down the road. Take care and stay safe.

My Best,
...lefty

Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

Greta Larson	Judy Collender
LaDonna Nelson	Herb Remington
Lou Rochelle	Lloyd Hooper
Fern Hooper	Wanda Ramos Love
Ken Stroud	Chuck Robbins
Patricia Stroud	Jim Sanderson
Tink Carriker	Lane Johnson
Jody Meredith	Keith Holter
Edd Burnett	Jim Wallace
Dayna Wills	Kathy Wallace
Sandy Macham	Red Gillean
Jeannie Poe	Cindy De Leon
Ray Poe	Web Tipton
Ken Jones	Vi & Darrell
Robert LaClaire	Anderson
Lavena Hill	Betty Reeves
Shorty Joe	Pat Gore
Quartuccio	

Condolences

To all of those who suffered loss during Hurricane Harvey.

To all who continue to suffer loss from the wildfires sweeping across Canada and America's West..

*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).*

On behalf of the Board and Members of the NWWSMS, I send heartfelt congratulations to each of the 2017 Inductees into **The Western Swing Society** of Sacramento's Hall of Fame. Each of you will now take your place in the history of Western Swing Music in America as chronicled by the first - the mother - of all western swing societies, the WSS! We are particularly honored to have two musicians from our Northwest Society being inducted this year, Chet Hasting (2013 NWWSMS Hall of Fame) and Pat Rowe (2016 NWWSMS Hall of Fame). Many of us look forward to sharing this special day with you in Sacramento.

Our gratitude goes out to all of Inductees, each selected for notable contributions to the preservation of this American music genre that someone once described as "simple, warm tunes set to the rhythm of America's heartbeat." JY



Jeanne Yearian

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The following persons have been designated for induction into the Western Swing Hall of Fame on October 1, 2017 in recognition of their contributions to the preservation of Western Swing Music.

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Larry G. Anderson | Larry Park |
| Gary Blodgett, Jr. | Pat Rowe |
| Richard Chon | Billy A. Smith |
| Chuck Cusimano | "Desert" Dan Whitney |
| Chet Hasting | Hollie Lane Williams |
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Summer at the Historic Field House

. . . she's a marvel!!

Butch and Kelly Gibson were there to help as well. Butch took a week of vacation from work especially for this event. He was there when the first load of sound equipment arrived on Tuesday morning and worked until the last load rolled onto Highway 410, headed for home, on Monday evening. The Gibsons did it all, from hauling gear, setting up tables, running the raffles and split-the-pot, to supervising the printing of the Flyers and programs. Wow!! Thank you both for all your help!!

Another key player throughout the entire festival, Dave Duchane was busy helping to set up and run the jam room downstairs, helping Fred with sound upstairs, being available to help onstage and off, just being an all 'round go-to guy. Dave, Butch and the Yearians were there from the beginning to the end. Thank you so much, Dave!!

Steve Carter took the time to design and sew two quilts which were raffled off in our fundraiser. He was also on hand to help Dave with the jam room, set up and tear down the tables and backdrops and help where ever he was needed. (Thanks Honey!!)



Steve Carter's quilts on display.

Swing couples dance contest!! What a hoot!! (Congratulations to the winners, Jack and Theresa!)

Thanks to Fred Yearian and Eric Harding, who did a wonderful job with the sound. I can't wait to hear the festival performances on the NWWSMS.com website.

We want to thank both Terry Crouson and Dave Wheeler for entertaining us as Emcees on the main stage while keeping the Festival moving along on schedule.

What would we have done without the lovely ladies who tended bar and Rainier Catering, who kept everyone fed and watered? We weren't sure what to expect our first year in a new place but they cheerfully threw caution to the wind and came aboard anyway. And, we can't forget JC McCormick's grandson, Aries, who helped the musicians all weekend with the heavy lifting on and off the stage.

Thanks to the Fieldhouse staff for all their help and cheerfulness! We so appreciated you and look forward to working with you all again! Thanks to any other volunteers I've forgotten to mention. Your work was seamless and so much appreciated.

and soaring ceilings. It feels like the quintessential Northwest Style Dance Hall. Just a gorgeous facility.

However, there was so much that they had to do to make this happen. After arrangements for the Field House were finalized, there was the liquor license, the catering, the security, the transportation, the sound system, and the mass of small details that would need to be ironed out to pull this event together. Jeanne and Fred, we commend you for your leadership, your diligence, your organizational skills and, most of all, all of your hard work.

But, they were not the only ones who wanted to make this venue work for us. Throughout the festival, NWWSMS volunteers stepped up in a big way to keep things rolling along. Sharon Smith, from day one, was there to help anywhere she could be useful, from shuttling folks back and forth from the RV park, to setting up the tables, designing decorations, to putting together the Thursday night "Welcome Pot Luck".



*The Dynamic Duo:
Butch Gibson and Dave DuChane*

Jerry and Barbara Seitz, manned the front door, taking care of admissions, and welcoming our attendees through the entire festival. They were the Hosts with the Mosts! Thank you both so much!!

Alice Striegel and her sister, Cynthia Johnson, took care of merchandise sales, donations and selling raffle tickets. Most importantly, they made folks feel welcome throughout the whole festival. Thanks so much, ladies!!

Sharon Capps and Mary Lee Lykes were on hand to teach, judge (and participate) in the Western



*Terry Crouson, EmCee,
with Kelly Gibson and Friday night's
Split-the-Pot winner*

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As always, throughout the festival and representing our society as the faces of the North West Western Swing Music Society, were two of our core members, Lou and Ed Bischoff, who were fully engaged making everyone feel welcome and special. They are truly the epitome of hospitality for our society, and we love them so much.

NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MUSIC!! OH MY!!

Our headliner was **Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band** on Friday evening. These amazing musicians came straight from their western swing cruise to perform at our festival. A finer fiddle-based group, you will not find. Bobby Flores and his two companion Fiddle Players made for a fiddle trio that will not be forgotten. The clean, beautiful harmonies of twin and triple fiddles were a treat for all of us. Skillfully backed by only drums, a steel and a bass guitar, **Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band** were a high energy slice of heaven for the first night of our festival. Joining the band on the dance floor were several passengers from the cruise. Introducing the band was Skeebo Norris, a well-known Texas DJ and supporter of western swing and pure country music. Skeebo's high energy and unbounding enthusiasm set the stage for what was to come!

Traveling in from all points East, South, South East, and South West, we were so lucky to have so many of our friends return to perform. I can't tell you how much we love to hear and get to know every one of these bands - how much fun it is when they switch it up and play together forming different bands with a new sound. Below are a few of our travelers that we were thrilled to be able to hear during the festival . . . sometimes - many times if we were lucky!



Tommy Thomsen

happy to meet many 'new to us' members of his Western Swing Jam Band, including Dave Reitz, fiddler extraordinaire (*NWWSMS 2016 Inductee*) and lady singer Grace. Welcome!! Tony, of course, was busy playing drums in the jam room or on stage all weekend!! Thank you, Tony!!

Tommy Thomsen and Friends came to wow us all. Whether this tall man with the big voice was in the jam room or on the main stage, he was giving us his all. Thank you, Tommy!! Please come back!!

Morey Sullivan and Friends came to play for us!! During his Sunday morning spot, Morey entertained us with musical examples to accompany his stories of life on the road with Hank Thompson. Thank you!

Terry Crouson made the trip from California as part of Tony's Jam Band but then stepped up to EmCee on Friday, entertaining us on the big stage and in the jam room.

Also traveling here from California with Fran Howard was Eleanor Ford, wife of our friend and greatly missed event photographer, the late Dennis Ford. Thank you for coming Eleanor. We've missed you, and are so happy that you were here.

Randy Hill and the Oregon Valley Boys came up from the greater Portland area to show us how it's done in Oregon . . . and by golly, it swings!!! We love these guys and hope that they'll come back. Again, if I've missed someone by name, there is no disrespect intended. I loved meeting, singing with, and listening to everyone at the Festival. My ears are still full and happy!



Ed and Lou Bischoff with Morey Sullivan

John Jones flew in from Texas on Wednesday, picked up his bass at the Field House and headed out to the RV Park to jam! Did anyone see him NOT playing music until the Induction Ceremony began on Sunday? As the current President of the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest, he sets an example few could rival, traveling around the Great American West, promoting and playing western swing music.

Bob and Virginia Dolle made the long trek to the Pacific Northwest from Missouri to be a part of our festival. Bob kept busy playing keyboard with several groups as well as leading his **Hall of Fame Variety Band** that entertains in the Rio Grande Valley during the winter. Two of Bob's band members, Lefty Schrage and Joe Walenta, were inducted on Sunday! Lefty took the lead during the Steel Guitar Grand Jam on Friday evening, when he was joined by the Northwest's Jimmy Webb and Pat Rowe with Nathan Fleming, from the Bobby Flores band. These four outstanding steel players shared their personal musical stories and favorite tunes.

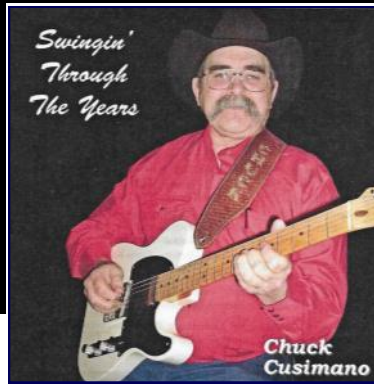
Cliff and Christina Brizendine made the journey from California. How many bands did Cliff and Christina play with? Let's just say they might have been the hardest working musical couple here. We love them.

Tony Arana, his drums and his band made the big trip from Nevada and California. We were



Grady Smith and John Jones

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Album: Swingin' Through the Years
Artist: Chuck Cusimano

Album Reviews

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



Mike Gross

Singer/Songwriter Chuck Cusimano has just released this new CD of 25 selections all from his pen (three of which he co-wrote.) As the title suggests, all 25 cuts are Western Swing from over Chuck's career. The three tunes that were co-written are a fantastic cut written with Les Buffham, *Man in the Moon*, one of two instrumentals, *Happy Daze*, written with steel player Ron Stafford and *Been a Long Time Comin'*, written with Donnie Barrow. All remaining cuts were written entirely by Chuck. They include a true gem, *Let Me Off in Texas*. The other titles are *Swing Me a Song*, *Baby Buggy Boogie*, *You Ain't Here to Hear Me Say Goodbye*, *Brand New Tune*, *My Last Word to You*, *Wind, Blow My Blues Away*, *No One At All*, *Time Off For Bad Behavior*, *All the Love in San Antone*, *Gonna Go Dancin' Tonight*, *San Antonio Waltz*, *Honey Money*, *Gone For Good*, *San Antonio Blues*, *Nothing Left to Lose*, *Eleven Eighteen Nadine Lane*, *Are You Gonna Miss Me*, *Worth the Chance*, *How Many*, *Home For the Heartache* and the second instrumental, *Taters and Beans*.

The musicians are some of the best in the music business. Among the many musicians you will hear the following steel guitarists: Gary Carpenter, Ron Stafford, Buddie Hrabal, Ernie Martinez, Ronnie Miller

and Junior Knight. Junior also plays Dobro. Chuck and Kenny Penny play electric guitar and Chuck also plays acoustic guitar. Joe Stephenson, Dale Morris, Jr., Jess Meador, Reggie Rueffer and Hank Singer play fiddle. Stan Lark, Jeff "Stick" Davis, Billy Martin, David Mitchell and Mark Abbott play bass. Billy English, Dixie Hankins, Danny Adams, David Mitchell and Josh Rogers play drums and Floyd Domino, Eddie Morgan, Chip Bricker and Terry Bayless play piano. There are also many background vocalists.

This wonderful CD can be purchased for \$20., including postage and handling from Cusimusico, 1608 Ross Lane, Springtown, TX 76082. You can also download for \$1. a song at www.i2irecords.com

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

Mike's Top 10 for September 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. Dance Hall in Arizona - Big Hat, No Cattle
5. Hidey-Ho Montana - Rodeo & Juliet (Horsefly)
6. Swing Me Back Home - Garry Ash
7. Deep Water - Haydn C. James & Bobby Flores
8. Home in San Antone - Jack Phillips (vocal - Jake Hooker)
9. Five Minutes More - R. J. Daniel
10. Gringo's Guitar - The High Country Cowboys (Musikode)

Albums:

1. Kid Sister - The Time Jumpers (Rounder)
2. Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing - Paul Schlesinger
3. Big Hat, No Cattle - Big Hat, No Cattle
4. Live at Barbes - The Brain Cloud
5. Recollections in Swing - Uptown Drifters
6. Green Mountain Standard Time - Rick & the Ramblers (Airflyte)
7. Rose of Old Pawnee - Curio Cowboys
8. I Hear You Talkin' - Lake Travis Fiddlers
9. You're the Best Thing - Nick Demaio
10. Mood Swings - Liz Masterson (Western Serenade Music)

NWWSMS Application for Membership

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

NAME: _____ NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

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Photo Highlights from the August Festival

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

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

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We had a great showing of our local Western Swing bands as well. These are the dedicated and talented groups from the Pacific Northwest:

- ★ Paul Cooper and the Pickin' Coop came to play and have a good time
- ★ Our favorite Northwest Western Swing band, Mike Faast and the Jangles, showed us what true Northwest Western Swing looks and sounds like.
- ★ The Southern Comfort Band brought out their favorite Western Swing Set
- ★ JC McCormick and the Cherokee Band had their new fiddle player, Jeanne Yearian! Woohoo!! Great set!!
- ★ Butch Gibson and Pardners just sounded great!! Wonderful!!
- ★ Steel Country (with two 2017 inductees) had everyone on their feet.
- ★ Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. The award-winning band was lovely as usual!!
- ★ Kristi Nebel and Cowgirl's Dream closed the festival this year. This band is mesmerizing.

The induction ceremony was wonderful and we loved getting to know our inductees a bit better through their acceptance speeches. John and Tracey Jones did a beautiful job as presenters for the Hall of Fame Ceremony. You are invaluable to us. Our inductees were attended by hostesses Sharyn Lee and Lauri Hanson. Thank you so much, Ladies.

We would like to congratulate again all of the 2017 inductees, whether or not they were able to attend, including the representatives for the two posthumous inductees. Thank you so much for your love of Western Swing Music!

Note.....

Because of the wildfires that were raging in Canada at the time of our festival, and because of some crazy wind patterns (onshore flow is what they call it, I think), most of the valley surrounding the Fieldhouse was hidden by a layer of smoke for

the better part of the festival. On Saturday night, it finally rained and cleared away all that smoke. For a brief period of time, before rainclouds covered it up again, all of our guests were able to see the magnificence of Mt Rainier, parked in our backyard. I'm so glad that they got a peak at our mountain here in the Pacific North West.

One of my favorite memories of the festival, took place on Saturday evening, when the jam room was chock full of great swing players having a ball, and the main stage was hopping with another great Swing band - people were dancing and loving it . . . and the need to make more music by the players that were left meant that they would find another place to play. There materialized an acoustic jam on the front porch, full of fiddles and guitars, unplugged.



From there jams spread to the parking lot as small groups of musicians gathered for their own special tailgate parties. How wonderful is that?

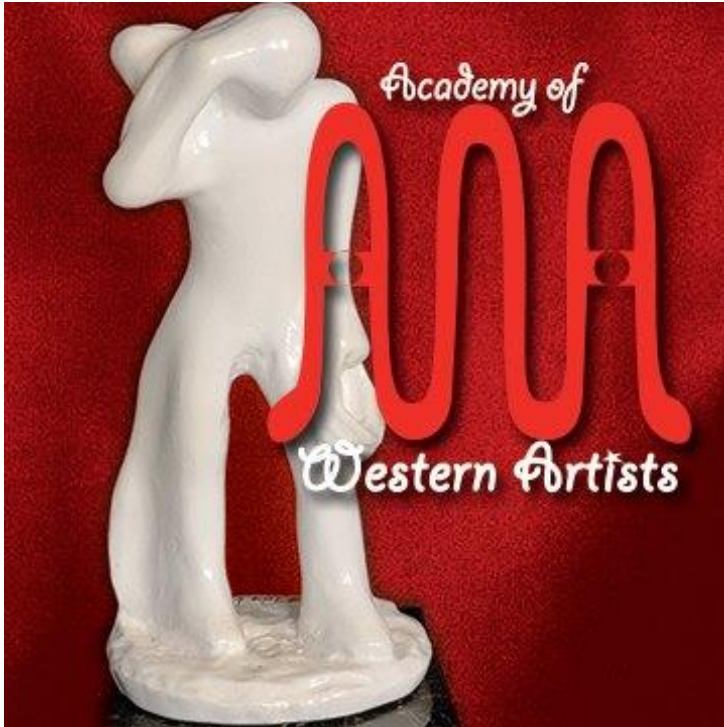
The lesson was realizing that music just happens. It doesn't matter where. Whenever you throw a bunch of likeminded players together, music just happens . . .



2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Standing,
Back Row, Left to Right:
 Charles (Chuck) Webb, Duane Trueblood, Dan Lyon, Lefty Schrage, Alfie Johns, Jerry Seitz for Robert Huston, Edd Burnett for Lee Barlow

Seated,
Front Row, Left to Right:
 Morey Sullivan for Gene Gasaway and Tony Ramsey, Lou Bischoff for Graham Lees, Greg Tutmarc for Paul Tutmarc, Jimmy Burrell for Jimmy Burson, and Joe Walenta.



The Academy of Western Artists wishes everyone in the south Texas area hit by the hurricane a speedy recovery and also those in the northwest still ravaged by fire that they, too, will hopefully be over soon.

The Academy of Western Artists is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Will Rogers Awards. You need not be a member to nominate someone. What we need is an email with the name of the artist and music, which should have been released in the last year. If it is an artist or craftsman, we need a resume and contact information. These lists will be posted shortly. Please send all information to working_cowboy@hotmail.com, email for any questions as well.

We want to extend our sincere congratulations to all of those nominated for the Second Annual Josie Awards and the First Royal Wade Kimes Awards and wish those events a tremendous success.

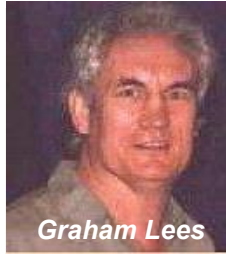
Don't forget the 22nd AWA Awards is March 16, 2018 in the Brown Lupton Ballroom on the campus of Texas Christian University, 2901 Stadium Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76129.

Tickets:

\$75 per person or \$750 per table (seats 8 per table)

Dinner: 6 PM Award Show: 7:00 PM

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Top 10 Western Swing & Traditional Country for September 2017

Top Ten CDs

1. *This Is Tommy Duncan, Vol. 1*, Billy Mata & the Texas Tradition
2. *Old Pictures in a New Frame*, Brady Bowen & Swing Country
3. *That's My Home*, Jason Roberts
4. *Jack Phillips*, Jack Phillips
5. *Dime Stories, Vol. 3*, Carolyn Sills Combo
6. *Susie Blue and the Lonesome Fellas*, Susie Blue and the Lonesome Fellas
7. *Swingin' Broadway*, John England & the Western Swingers
8. *Neon Lights*, Bobby Flores Band
9. *The Gift*, Barbara Nelson
10. *Living My Dream*, R. J. Smith

Top Ten Songs

1. *Another Bridge to Burn*, Brady Bowen & Swing Country - Gil Prather
2. *Make the World Go Away*, Jake Hooker & the Outsiders
3. *Bye, Bye Blackbird*, Jason Roberts
4. *The Way You Look Tonight*, Riva Spier
5. *Stars Over San Antone*, Billy Mata
6. *Little Red Wagon*, John England & the Western Swingers
7. *Roly Poly*, Jack Phillips & Caroline Grace Wiserman
8. *Who Needs a Girl*, Blake Emmons
9. *Wrong Number, Right Heart*, Mary & Rowan DeCoursey
10. *Orange Blossom Special*, Hank Singer



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September 2017 Playlist for "Wyn on Tuesday"

1. *Say Old Man, Can You Play the Fiddle*, Hank Singer
2. *Spring Has Come*, Hot Texas Swing Band
3. *Back Here With Me*, Pap and the Sidemen
4. *Thank Heaven for Dale Evans*, Kristyn Harris
5. *Makin' Whoopie*, The Cactus Swing Band
6. *I Can't Give You Anything But Love*, The Swing Billies
7. *When She Does Me Right*, Chuck Cusimano
8. *I Don't Want to Play with You Anymore*, Rick & the Ramblers
9. *Four or Five Times*, Tennessee Ramblers
10. *Gonna Go Dancin' Tonight*, Chuck Cusimano

Artists are welcome to send cds to:

**Wyn Machon
5 Lowther St.
Oamaru 9400.
New Zealand.**

wynmachon39@gmail.com



Coming March 8-11, 2018, La Grange TX

The Best Little Cowboy Gathering In Texas has been such a popular, growing event that in year 7 we had to split the great entertainment onto two different stages, the Dance Hall & the Outside Stage. This is a weekend of great music & dancing day and night, BBQ cookers, children's events, historical events, and Texas sized hospitality! We are getting everything ready for our 10th year and will post updated information soon!



September Playlist for "Skeebo's Line Shack Review"

Skeebo says, "spin some more bisquits". Always traditional country and western swing here on POTO.....check us out on-

line at www.sansabarradio.com 24/7.....plus we've added old radio versions of Gunsmoke on Sat. morn at 7...and Sundays at 6 am and 6 pm

Justin Trevino - *Are You Sure*

Jeff Woolsey - *Fool*

Chuck Cusimano - *Troubles in the Bottle*

Mikki Daniel - *On the Street Where You Live*

Jason Roberts - *That's My Home*

Al Dean - *One Heartbeat from the Blues*

Cowjazz - *Mean Woman with the Green Eyes*

Quebe Sisters - *How High the Moon*

Tommy Morrell - *Bright Lights & Blonde Haired Women*

Wade Ray - *Little Red Wagon*

Artists may send mp3 submissions to production@sansabarradio.com and personal messages to skeebo@sansabario.com.

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**NOMINATIONS
FOR THE 2018
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AWARDS ARE NOW
OPEN**

*Email your favorite in each of
the below categories to
nominations@ameripolitan.com*

- Western Swing Group
- Western Swing Female
- Western Swing Male
- Honky Tonk Group
- Honky Tonk Female
- Honky Tonk Male
- Rockabilly Group
- Rockabilly Female
- Rockabilly Male
- Outlaw Group
- Outlaw Female
- Outlaw Male
- Ameripolitan DJ
- Ameripolitan Venue
- Ameripolitan Festival
- Ameripolitan Musician

**NOMINATIONS END
SEPTEMBER 22nd 2017**

Pictured Right: The Guest House at Graceland.

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Dinner and Dancing ~ Kickoff of Hall of Fame

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

- >> 5:00 Cocktails, No Host Bar
- >> 6:00 Tri-tip and Chicken Dinner
- >> 7:00 - 8:15 Robby James
- >> 8:30 - 10:00 Buck Ford

Machinist's Hall
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Music By:
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THE GUEST HOUSE AT GRACELAND, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
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TICKETS: Go on-sale Tuesday, August 15 and will be available
at gofundme.com.

For official nomination and voting rules, information on categories,
updates and breaking news, please visit Ameripolitan.com.



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November 2nd, 3rd and 4th

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17131 Park 10

Hulbert, OK 74441

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Wednesday, November 1st, 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Setup and Jams
Thursday, November 2nd, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands (no cover)
Friday, November 3rd, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions
Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

For Information Contact: Hack Starbuck @ 580-571-5081

