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A *News* Letter *For* and *About* Our Members

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1983-2019 Celebrating 36 Years!

The NorthWest Western Swing Music Society's 29th Annual Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

AUGUST 8TH - 11TH, 2019

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

(click on the photo to the left for more information on the facility or go to: http://www.enumclawexpocenter.com/fieldhouse)

For information on the NWWSMS' Western Swing Music Camp (August 7-10), taking place along side the festival, go to pages 14 & 15 of this newsletter. It is also available on our website and Facebook.

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Single membership: \$20.00

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Visit us on the web at: www.nwwsms.com to read the newsletter in full color, JOIN the NWWSMS, RENEW your membership or DONATE.

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Page 1: Workshop photo by Butch Gibson. Band photo by Courier Herald photo-journalist, Ray Miller-Still. Showcase photos by Jeanne Yearian.

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD March 10, 2019

President Jeanne Yearian called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Present by Verbal Role Call: Tony Bachler, Sharon Capps, Dave Enslow, Butch Gibson, Dorothy Pallas, Sharon Smith

Absent: Lori Hanson

President's Report: Jeanne Yearian announced that Paul Cooper has resigned from the Board due to health and family issues. He will still be available to us as a consultant.

Through the end of January, nominations for Showcase Band of the Year were received, \$5.00 for 5 votes. The winning band will be announced at today's Showcase. This is a fundraiser. The total amount raised was \$100.00.

Nominations for Inductees into the 2019 Hall of Fame will close on Friday. A Selection Committee will meet by the end of March to review the nominees and choose the Inductees for 2019. They will be presented to the Board at the April meeting. Inductees will be notified and their names posted on Facebook and the website. Shortly after the April meeting, letters of invitation will go out to bands to perform at the August festival.

The 2019 festival will take place from Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11. Music workshops will begin on Wednesday, August 7, and carry through the weekend. Jeanne paid half of the amount due on the Field House in Enumclaw. Our \$600 deposit carried over from last year.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Smith reporting. An update on Printing Control's invoice was given by Butch Gibson.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Jeanne Yearian reported.

Newsletter/Website/Facebook: The newsletter has been updated to reflect the changes to the Board for 2019.

Showcase: Butch Gibson & Pardners is the host band for March. Southern Comfort will be back in April.

2019 Western Swing Festival: Yearian reported 2018 Inductee, Daron Brown from Plainview, Texas, has joined the team of instructors for the Western Swing Music Camp. Another 2018 Inductee, Toby Hanson, will be on the team, teaching keyboard and accordion.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HEADLINERS/PRESENTERS FOR INDUCTION CEREMONY/DAILY EMCEES

No report given.

Recruiting for Sponsors: Jeanne Yearian reported an informational packet has been assembled. She distributed it for review by the Board. Discussion followed.

Annual Event Fundraiser: Winter White Dance - or house party with special entertainment discussed-more to come on this possibility. Proposal to table this until the end of the year. Lori Hanson suggested planning begin by October 1.

Unfinished Business:

UPDATE ON a western swing jam to be set up in Enumclaw. Jeanne Yearian reported a Third Sunday Western Swing Jam will be held at Enumclaw Music next Sunday, March 17, from 2 to 5. Toby Hanson and Jeanne Yearian will host. There is room for a cozy, circle jam, which may spill outside during better weather. Sadly, there is no room for dancing.

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE: Donation jugs have been set up at the door, asking for a nonmembers to donate \$2.00 to attend the Showcase. Events would remain free of charge for members. A motion as made and seconded. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE: No update.

NWWSMS Logo: No update at this time.

New Business:

PLACEHOLDERS FOR FESTIVAL TABLES: Due to the February snow delay, Tony Bachler has completed cutting, painting and assembling the figures for the table.

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:15 pm.

> Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Yearian, Secretary





Dave DuChane is back from wintering in Minnesota!

Welcome Spring to the sweet harmonies of the Southern Comfort Band!

On April 14 join your western swing family

From 1 to 5 pm at the Lynnwood Eagles

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

Let's Dance!

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

- NOTICE-

Beginning in March 2019 a \$2.00 donation is being requested from non -members of the NWWSMS to attend the dance.

Current members of the NWWSMS are admitted free of charge.

Thank you for your support!

President's Corner

Nominations this year's Hall of Fame closed March 15. Selection Committee



their list of Inductees for 2019 to the Board on Sunday, April 14. Later that week, once everyone nominated and their sponsors have been personally notified, a list of the NWWSMS Hall of Fame Inductees will be posted both on the website and Facebook.

Following the public posting, we will be sending out invitations to western swing bands inviting them to perform at the August festival. Please note, the bands and Inductees do not receive compensation from the Society for participating at the festival, which is one of the reasons we are asking for Sponsors. Need a Sponsor? Contact me or another member of the Want to be a Sponsor? Sponsorship Package is available to download from our website and will be available from Board Members.

On Sunday, March 17, we held our first western swing jam at Enumclaw Music. My sincere thanks to Toby Hanson and Tony Bachler, who made a special effort to attend (more on p.9).

Congratulations to the 2018 Showcase Band of the Year, Butch Gibson and Pardners! At the March Showcase, Butch and his band once again played the right mix of western swing music to keep the dance floor full. Our thanks to all of the participants for coming out to help celebrate the birthday of the King of Western Swing, Bob Wills.

The Festival is drawing closer and we have to ask: What would make this year's festival even better than the last? In a word, YOU! Whether you plan to attend for an



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.

Sunday Western Swing Jam, 3rd Enumclaw Music, 1515 Cole St, from 2 to 5! Jeanne Yearian & Toby Hanson hosting. Beginning March 17 Call 425-432-7888 for info.

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.barndoorslammers.com.

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

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. Dance Hall Music by **The Sundowners**, the 4th Sunday of every month (beginning Jan. 27, 2019) 1:30-4:30pm at Swede Hall, Rochester, Wash. 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

afternoon or the week-end - you have our guarantee we will make you feel welcome.

Invite friends and family! Let's fill the hall! I'm keeping my fingers crossed that some or all of Sacramento's Bite the Bullet will be heading our way! Click on the photo to the left to listen to a sample recorded during the 2018 Western Swing Society of Sacramento's Hall of Fame Celebration.

With Spring, some of our members begin heading North, coming home. It makes April April and May special showcases. Welcoming them home this month will be **Southern Comfort**, hosting from 1 to 3. Then, from 3:30 to 5, the jam portion of the program begins. If you would like to join in for a few songs, be sure to sign up at the information table.

> See you on the dance floor! (I'll be the one with the camera.)

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: (To use PayPal or your credit card go to our website or click on this link:) Become a member, renew or donate on-line or by mail. Mail your check to: NWWSMS, PO Box 14003, Mill Creek, WA 98082.





Western Swing Forum

(Editor's note: The following was received from Lou Bischoff at the end of last month. She asked that we share this with as many as possible. Your continued prayers and cards help her through this.)

"A thoughtful deed and friendly touch can tell a person, oh, so much!"



Thanking <u>each</u> <u>one</u> of <u>you</u> for your love, support, prayers and, most of all, sincere friendship. Both Ed and I are so very thankful for all of you.

Bless you in the Lord's Name. Always yours, Lou and Ed Bischoff

(What follows is from JC McCormick. With our help, he now has transportation, his medical bills are more manageable and his health is holding.)



I would like to sincerely thank everybody, but especially all of my western swing family, who showed up to support me after the accident through GoFundMe, personal gifts received through the mail and at both fundraisers for the North

and South Sound music communities. Your show of love and concern brought me out of a dark place. Some of you, I'm sure, gave out of need and not surplus. If /When you ever need me, I'll do my very best to be there for you.



www.westernswingsociety.net

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Western Swing Society

Click on the image or text above to be directed to the organization's website.

Cherishing the Memories



Charles 'Edd' Burnett

(Editor's Note: Our thanks to John Jones for the following, written by Edd's son, Michael)

Charles "Edd" Burnett passed away peacefully at home with his family on March 5th, 2019. He was born on July 24, 1935, in Rush Springs. Oklahoma.

to Vaul and Susie Burnett, where he grew up with his younger brother James W. Burnett. He graduated from Rush Springs High School in 1954 and joined the United States Navy that same year. He spent four years with the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1958 from Whidbey Naval Station in Oak Harbor.

Dad was excited to start as a DJ at several of the local radio stations where he got to play his beloved Western Swing music on the air. Music and singing brought him so much joy - he ALWAYS had a song in his heart! He then met and married Shirley Pearson, and resided in Mount Vernon, WA for 39 years. They had one son Michael Burnett. Dad worked for Skagit Corporation as a machinist from 1961 to 1972 and then he settled into a career at Cascade Natural Gas where he retired from in 1997.

Upon retirement Dad moved back to Oklahoma and enjoyed his retirement golfing, woodworking and then got involved with Western Swing Music Society. Boy did that keep him busy and so happy traveling around to the show cases and singing his heart out! He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Washington, Oklahoma and California chapters. As if that wasn't enough, he also joined the Masonic Lodge in Oklahoma and was involved with them for several years.

The real highlight for Dad was when he became a Grandpa first in 1997 when Korey Daniel was born and then again in 2003 when Kristian Michael came along. Dad shared a very special bond with his grandsons! He loved going to their sporting events and when the boys would go to Oklahoma to visit him for most of the summer. We were all so excited when he finally decided to move back home here in Mount Vernon. He leaves behind his only son Michael and his wife Teresa, grandsons Korey and Kristian Burnett, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and many, many friends!

Please make donations to North Puget Cancer Center, or to an organization of your choice. (Note: Any donations made to WSMSS in Edd Burnett's name, will go toward our youth music scholarship program).

(Editor's Note: Although the Society received notice of Edd's memorial services too late to attend and pay our respects to this fine man and his loving family, the Society hopes to honor Edd's memory at a Showcase in the future. More to come.)

Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

Graham Lees Lou Bischoff Eleanor Ford Jimmy Queen & the Jazzabillies Charlotte

Charlotte
Tomlinson
Kevin Healy
Joe Dwyer
Betty Hasting
Arlene Stuth
Geno Burbank
Greta Larson
Fern Hooper
Jody Meredith
Ken Jones
Robert LaClaire
Shorty Joe
Quartuccio

JC McCormick Larry Broad Gloria Schindler Connie McMahon Ed Hynes **Betty Reeves** Paul Cooper Judy Collender Wanda Ramos Love **Chuck Robbins** Jim Sanderson Lane Johnson Keith Holter Jim Wallace Kathie Wallace Red Gillean Cindy De Leon Web Tipton Vi & Jay Anderson

Condolences

To Shorty Joe Quartuccio, family and friends on the loss of his wife, Jennie.

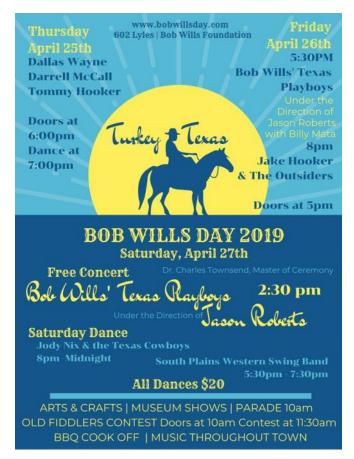
To Michael Burnett, the Burnett family and large Community of friends and fans on the loss of your father, Charles 'Edd' Burnett

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).



Unlike a lot of festivals, at Bob Wills Day, it doesn't cost a thing to enjoy many of our popular events, like, the downtown parade, arts and crafts show, lawnmower races, or the FREE Outdoor Concert on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Featuring friends of the Texas Playboys, Western Swing Entertainer of the Year--Billy Mata and Texas Fiddle-Man-Jason Roberts. We are happy to have Leon Rausch, Jimmy Burson, and Joe **Settlemires** performing as well. **Dr. Charles Townsend** will be the Master of Ceremonies for the free outdoor concert. The outdoor concert will be held on the old football field next to the high school.

Thursday dance tickets are \$20.00, Friday & Saturday dance tickets are \$20 per person. Thursday night 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. 20\$, we will kick off our annual Bob Wills dances with an all star salute to the legends.

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

On Saturday, we welcome back our long-time friend Jody Nix and The **Texas Cowboys** for a wonderful dance. The South Plains College western swing band will kick things off at 5:30 - \$20 for a ticket

Also, don't forget about live music featuring Jason Roberts, in the Bob Wills Museum.

For more information you can call the Bob Wills Museum in Turkey any weekday at 806-423-1253 or City of Turkey at 806-423-1033.

> We'll see you in Turkey, Texas, for the annual Bob Wills Day festivities!



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Celebrating 36 Years!

The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's

29th Annual

WESTERN SWING MUSIC FESTIVAL & "HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION"

August 8 - 11, 2019

At the Enumclaw Expo Center Field House (Hwy 410) - Enumclaw, WA. With Its Beautiful, Big Dance Floor - Four Days of Great Music.

A family event. Everyone welcome! Continuing the tradition, the Thursday night (August 8) meet & greet potluck followed by the dance/ jam for our out of town guests is always free!

MOTELS SPONSORING THE 2019 NWWSMS WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL/HALL OF FAME, AUGUST 8 -11

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

Rodeway Inn Next door to the Festival location at 1334 Roosevelt Ave. E (Hwy 410), Enumclaw, WA 98022 \$ 99.00 for singles with queen bed

Western Swing rate . . .

\$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.

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! Tourist season is at its height. Rooms are limited.

RV & Tent Camping Available

Call for festival pricing and information: 360-226-3493



Coming May 3 & 4, 2019

The Cowtown Society of Western Music's 21st Annual

Swing Fest

Gary Beaver & Joyce Miller

2019 Event Schedule

MAY 3, 2019 - FRIDAY - JAM SESSION 3:00 PM till 10:00 PM - FREE Live Western Swing music, dancing, door prizes and raffle.

7:00 PM Special Presentation of Hero of Western Swing Awards to Jake Hooker, Tommy Hooker and Mark Abbott. Music and Dancing until 10:00 PM.

MAY 4. 2019 - SATURDAY - SWING FEST & AWARDS SHOW - Noon till 10:00 PM

Noon - Welcome by Gary Beaver & Brady Bowen Co-Emcees Kelly Scott and Greg Gibbs

12:05 PM Jimmy Burson & Texas in the Swing showcasing Hailey Sandoz and Jack Phillips

1:00 PM - First Heroes of Western Swing Award Show

2:00 PM - Louise Rowe and The Texan Playboys

3:00 PM - Second Heroes of Western Swing Award Show

4:00 PM - The WSMSS Band under the direction of John Jones

5:00 PM - Third Heroes of Western Swing Awards Show

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - The CSWM All Star Heroes Band under the direction of Brady Bowen. Including such greats as Albert Talley, Greg Gibbs, Robert Weeks, John Jones, Larry Reed, J.D. Barham, Gil Prather, Tom Jones and many more guests.

10:00 PM - Conclusion of Swing Fest.

Dancing all day long is encouraged, silent auction, door prizes, raffle of Heroes' Signed Guitar and fun! Food and beverages available for purchase. Admission - \$20.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 12 and under. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased by check or money order until April 15, 2019. Send to: Cowtown Society of Western Music, 3709 E. Highway 67, Cleburne, TX 76031. Save \$3.00 off each Adult ticket and \$2.00 off each Child ticket. Call 817/558-7580 for more info.

Both days will be at the elegant Holiday Hills Country Club in Mineral Wells, Texas.

Our host motel is the Best Western Inn & Suites, Mineral Wells, Texas 940/325-2270. Mention Swing Fest for room discount.

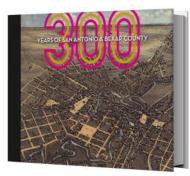
Cowtown Society of Western Music is a proud member of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce.



For More Information about our 21st Annual CSWM Western Swing Fest, please go to our website:

cowtownwesternswing.com

Gary Beaver, President, and Joyce Miller, Secretary of the CSWM



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, BEGAN CELEBRATING ITS TRICENTENNIAL IN 2018 . . .

How long would it take to celebrate 300 years of existence as one of America's oldest

communities? A week? A month? San Antonio took a year . . . and it's not over yet! The part of San Antonio's history forever entwined with Western Swing is Bob Will's biggest hit, (New) <u>San Antonio Rose</u>, holding different memories for different people over the decades and firmly planting Bob Wills and Western Swing in American History. Here are parts of that story.

FROM TEXAS MONTHLY THE SECRET HISTORY OF TEXAS MUSIC

"New San Antonio Rose" (1940)

WRITTEN BY: BOB WILLS RECORDED BY: BOB WILLS AND HIS TEXAS PLAYBOYS

The biggest recording of Bob Wills's career—the one that led him to be crowned the King of Western Swing—had no fiddles on it at all. But the song didn't begin its life that way. In 1938 Wills and His Texas Playboys were at a recording session in Dallas when their A&R man, the English-born Art Satherley, asked Wills if he had any more tunes like "Spanish Two-Step," an instrumental fiddle number he had written and recorded in 1935. "No, I don't," said Wills, as he later recalled, "but if you give me a few minutes, maybe I can come up with something." He set to work right there in the studio, picking out some of the melody lines from the bridge of "Spanish Two-Step," and before long he'd arranged a new tune. He and the band recorded it immediately, with the fiddle taking one solo and the steel guitar taking another. When Satherley asked what the new tune was called, Wills, who hadn't thought that far, told him to go ahead and name it. Satherley, who had a fondness for Texas place names, christened it "San Antonio Rose." . . . (Editor's note: This was just the beginning. Click below to listen, then read on for more!)



Photo Highlights from the March Showcase

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













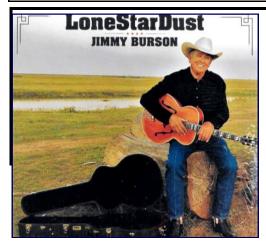






Hope to see everyone at the April Showcase. Save a smile for the camera!

Mike Gross



Album: Lone

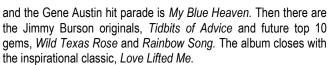
Artist:

Jimmy Burson

Album Reviews Star Dust

By Mike Gross www.swinginwest.com Seymour, TX

KSEY - FM



This gem can be obtained from Jimmy Burson, PO Box 195, Silverton, TX 79257. You can email at haylaker@icloud.com The cost is \$15 + \$2 postage.

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

Talented singer and songwriter Jimmy Burson has just issued a fantastic Western Swing album that he co-produced with Joe Settlemires. It consists of 10 very enjoyable tunes. Many wonderful musicians helped to create this gem. The fiddle is that of the great Kenny Sears and the steel guitar and Dobro is that of Tommy White. Jeff Taylor plays the piano, Dennis Crouch is the album bass player and Andy Reiss and Joe Settlemires both are the guitarists. The drummer is Josh Hunt.

The album opens in the Western mood with the album title tune. Luke Reed's Lonestar Dust. Also included are many standards; from the Gene Autry and Elton Britt songbooks is Someday and originally from the Happy Chappies and the early 1930's is When the Bloom is on the Sage. Borrowed from pop music is If I Had You, Charmaine and from the pen of Walter Donaldson

Mike's Top 10 for April 2019

Songs:

- 1. In the Middle of the Song Western Swing Authority with Carolyn Martin
- 2. Swing Time Baby Steel Horse Swing
- 3. Wild Texas Rose Jimmy Burson
- 4. King of the Blues Western Caravan
- 5. I'm Back In Texas- Emily George
- 6. Lone Lonesome Moon Clint Bradley (Bluelight)
- 7. Texas When It Swings Terry Brown (THB)
- 8. One Fiddle, Two Fiddles Bret Raper
- 9. Rainbow Song Jimmy Burson
- 10. Swing Me Back to Texas 3 Trails West

Albums:

- 1. Swing Time Baby Steel Horse Swing
- 2. Lone Star Dust Jimmy Burson
- 3. Time Changes Everything Leon Rausch
- 4. Honky Tonk Western Caravan
- 5. Big Deal The Western Swing Authority
- Sactown Playboys Sactown Playboys
- Swing Set Lee Lee Robert (Musikode)
- Timeless Treasures for a Living Legend -Tommy Thomsen
- Shadows of What Used To Be Emily George
- 10. Somewhere Near Austin Bret Raper

NWWSMS Application for Membership

Date Rec'd:	Rec'd by:		
NAME:ADDRESS:			
CITY: STATE / ZIP: PHONE:	PERFORMER □ VOCALIST □ BAND LEADER □ BAND: □		
E-MAIL: I have enclosed an additi	nal \$ donation to the NWWSMS workshop/scholarship fund		
PO Box 14003 MILL CREEK WA 98082 OCT TO SWING MILL CREEK WA 98082	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Use the E-mail provided above to send newsletters and other NWWSMS news Please have someone send me a paper newsletter (Note: the NWWSMS does not mail out paper newsletters) I'd be happy to print and mail extra newsletters to those without e-mail access Please DO NOT include me in the Membership Roster.		
Visit us on the web at: www.nwwsms.com	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.		

March Highlights



Congratulations to the **2018 Showcase Band of the Year**, **Butch Gibson and Pardners**! We will be displaying the trophy at various NWWSMS events. As winners, **Pardners** will choose when they will play at the August Festival. Our thanks to everyone who took part in this fundraiser. \$100 was added to the General Fund to help with festival expenses.

Hall of Fame member, Butch Gibson, when he's not being a lead singer and band leader of the **Pardners**, is a Past-President of the Society, a current NWWSMS Board member, and, along with his wife, Kelly, always ready to volunteer to help with whatever is needed. From that list of credentials, does anyone doubt Butch's passion for Western Swing? And, it would follow that Butch would assemble a very capable western swing band

- and he has - all members of the NWWSMS Hall of Fame!

The **Pardners** are longtime Northwest musicians who have, and still do, play with many of our favorite bands. This band of pros can play nearly any musical style with ease and have developed their unique, well-rounded sound over several decades of professional play. The **Pardners** usual line up includes: Butch Gibson – Vocals/Bass; Larry Broad – Lead Guitar/Vocals; Judy Hayes – Bass; Jim Hollinger – Drums; and Pat Rowe – Steel Guitar/Electric Guitar. Filling in for Jim Hollinger and Pat Rowe (who both had other commitments) were guest musicians Robert Van den Akker on drums/vocals and Howard Connelly on guitar/vocals.

From the first song through the entire showcase, the dance floor was full of smiling, happy people. It's hard to express how satisfying it is for the musicians to see you all out there dancing and enjoying yourselves. Without dancers (and listeners), playing music for the showcases each month would fall flat. Thank you for supporting live music. Speaking of support, March was the first month we asked for a \$2.00 donation from non-members to attend the Showcase. The response from members and non-members alike was so encouraging! Thanks to everyone for your generosity. At 5 PM we closed the Showcase with several couples still on the floor. Wonderful!

Serving hospitality <u>PLUS</u>, our thanks to the Lynnwood Eagles and staff for all of their attention and hard work. (Take a look at the food they serve on page 7! Cee and Elliot Johnson are enjoying just one of the lunch selections offered.) The welcoming atmosphere the Eagles provide helps make our showcases a success!

See you this Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 5. Can't wait to hear our 2017 Showcase Band of the Year, **Southern Comfort**! JY



On Sunday, March 17, we held our first western swing jam at Enumclaw Music. My sincere thanks to Toby Hanson and Tony Bachler, who made a special effort to



The Beginning: The first Western Swing Jam Band at Enumclaw Music, March 17.

attend. Our goal is to be able to showcase at least one experienced western swing musician each month. This would serve a couple of purposes. Our guest musicians demonstrate the style as they know it and, then, we (the rest of the jammers) get the opportunity to make music with these professionals. It's like a musician's day spa - refresh, revitalize and restore your musical energy! Come on out and try it. We'll be meeting on Easter Sunday, April 21, from 2 to 5. JY

Page 9 **Butch Gibson & Pardners** NWWSMS Showcase Band for March 2019 **Pictured** from the top: **Butch Gibson** Larry Broad Howard Connelly Robert Van den Akker Judy Haves

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Above: P-39N-5 Airacobra fighter, repainted and refurbished, now proudly adorns a pedestal at the front gate of the J.K. McCarthy Museum in Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

San Antonio Roses

By Michael Bates on April 11, 2011 10:21 PM

It was the song that took Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys "from hamburgers to steaks." In 1938, they took a fiddle tune called "Spanish Two Step" and ran the melody backwards; the result was a popular instrumental. ("Jazz violinist Joe Venuti, for example, told Wills and members of the band that he had many requests for it and that Wills needed to do more with it." -- Charles Townsend, San Antonio Rose, p. 190.)

A year and a half later, Irving Berlin's publishing company expressed interest in the song, but wanted lyrics for the tune. The band quickly put together some lyrics and the resulting "New San Antonio Rose" was recorded in 1940, with the 18-piece Texas Playboys big band -- and not a single fiddle on the recording. The song was a gold record for Bob Wills. Bing Crosby's cover sold even more records.

Someone somewhere wrote that the enduring popularity of the song owes something to San Antonio's role in World War II. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of servicemen passed through the city for initial training before being shipped to the battlefields of Europe and the islands of the Pacific Theater. For many a soldier or airman, the song was no doubt a reminder of his own Rose of San Antone.

Shortly after World War II, the Texas Playboys recorded a special version of San Antonio Rose dedicated to Abner (of the hit radio show Lum & Abner). During the song intro, vocalist Tommy Duncan said that when they worked together on a special Armed Forces Radio program, "[Abner] told me that he wore out 21 records of 'San Antonio Rose'."

Paula Allen, local history columnist for the *San Antonio Express-News*, devoted a recent column to three World War II airplanes -- a P-51 Mustang and two B-17 Flying Fortresses -- named for the hit song:

Through at least the first half of 1941, Wills' original and Bing Crosby's version were almost inescapable. Fights broke out in honky-tonks between "Rose" lovers and others who couldn't stand to hear it one more time on the jukebox. A man in Big Spring who lived near a fire station called the police on the firefighters for playing the record over and over and over again.

The three aircraft had distinguished war records. For example: The other "San Antonio Rose" Fortress was piloted by Capt. Larry L. Kerr of this city, and it served him well. Shortly after the bomber "dropped a cargo of high explosives over Nazi installations at Solingen (an industrial city in Germany), a burst of flak hit the plane's No. 2 engine and knocked it out," says the Express, Jan. 27, 1944. "The control mechanism was partially disabled (and the propeller) windmilled violently, causing a leak in the oxygen lines." Fighters escorted the Fortress, still under fire, as its crew jettisoned all loose equipment to maintain altitude. With Kerr at the controls, the plane made it back to home base in England, where more than 300 flak holes were discovered. The pilot, who had flown 25 bombing missions over Europe, received the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters.

A follow-up column by Allen turned up more San Antonio Roses, including a P-39N-5 Airacobra fighter, piloted by retired USAF Col. Charles W. Borders.

"It was found abandoned years later in a New Guinea jungle junkyard," he says, "and has been repainted and refurbished from pictures I sent in 1962 and now proudly adorns a pedestal at the front gate of the J.K. McCarthy Museum in Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea."





RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM—MARCH 14, 2019—The legendary Ray Benson's Asleep at the Wheel leads the featured concerts scheduled for a landmark 30th annual edition of Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium held on October 10-13 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

"This is a special occasion marking our 30th year," music director Dave Alexander said. "The ownership team at Ruidoso Downs wanted this to be a special year highlighting the storied history of this iconic event, and what a tremendous lineup of southwestern swing artists and musicians we have put together for this celebration."

The most awarded band in the history of western swing music returns to the Cowboy Symposium when Ray Benson's Asleep at the Wheel makes an appearance on Friday evening, October 11th with special guests The Quebe Sisters.

"There's not another band in the swing music genre that compares to Ray Benson's Asleep at the Wheel," Alexander said. "As the Symposium celebrates a special anniversary, it's only fitting that we've included this legendary group of performers on Friday night. Plus, adding the hottest group in today's swing music, The Quebe Sisters, to the Friday night concert makes that evening even more special."

The Cowboy Symposium begins on Thursday evening, October 10th, with the signature band that inaugurated the Cowboy Symposium back in 1990, only with new players. Bob Wills' Texas Playboys Under the Direction of Jason Roberts take the stage to start the weekend.

"When you hear, 'The Texas Playboys are on the air,' you know that you're going to be in for a good time," Alexander said. "Jason has accepted the responsibility of carrying on the Texas Playboy tradition. This is a brandnew group of players who all believe in that special sound and feel that only the Texas Playboys can deliver."

Dave Alexander and the Big Texas Swing Band will also be appearing on Thursday night, and there will be a special VIP reception in advance of the show to commemorate the Symposium's 30th anniversary.

On Saturday evening, October 12th, the Symposium welcomes Texas Jamm Band, featuring members of George Strait's Ace in the Hole Band, for their Cowboy Symposium debut. Special guests that evening include the Floyd Domino Trio along with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

"These are the talented players that toured for a generation with George Strait," Alexander said. "Anyone who has ever attended a George Strait concert knows how special the Ace in the Hole Band is to country and swing music. They are going to fill-up the dance floor all evening, followed by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys — the most popular band in the history of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium."

Many of the Symposium's regular events include the World Champion Chuckwagon Cookoff, more than 100 vendors with western products, equine seminars, three daily music stages and more family activities. Tickets for all events associated with the Symposium are scheduled to go on sale June 3rd.





June 20-22, 2019

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Ticket Prices:

\$35 per day or \$95 for the full three days! Supervised Children under 16 are FREE Click to Purchase Tickets Online!

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Thursday, June 20

Shoot Low Sheriff Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys Jake Hooker and the Outsiders

Friday, June 21

Coby Carter Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition Dave Alexander

Saturday, June 22

Bobby Flores & the Yellow Rose Band Jason Roberts Jeff Woolsey & the Dancehall Kings

Music producers, Gloria and Dewey Miers, have been instrumental in keeping the boots tappin' and feet dancin' to the tunes of Western Swing music for the past 25 years. The Legends of Western Swing Music Festival began in 1987 in Canton, Texas, with Gloria and Dewey on board in 1990. After a quick stop in Snyder, the festival moved and settled in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1997. Since lawn chairs first circled the "stage wagon" 25 years ago, The Legends of Western Swing Music Festival has hosted the finest western swing bands in the country. Legendary musicians that played with Bob Wills himself, as well as new bands with a love for it and desire to keep the music alive, have graced the stage and kept the fans happy and dancin'. With a desire to save a music form that seemed to be in trouble, Gloria and Dewey worked with passion to keep it alive – thanks to the best fans in the world and shows such as The Legends of Western Swing Music Festival, the great State of Texas now boasts Western Swing as the official state's music.

After Dewey passed away in 2000, Gloria became the sole producer of the show and Gloria Miers Productions was formed. Affectionately known as the "Grande Dame" of Western Swing, Gloria has grown the Festival to crowds in excess of 4,000 fans. She prides herself in bringing to her stage only the best musicians Western Swing has to offer and hosts fans from around the country, as well as England, Japan, Canada and Australia.

Gloria lives a blessed life in Plano, Texas, when her horse isn't hitched to the wagon and on its way to promote her show...the trails all lead to Wichita Falls, the third weekend of every June.

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April 2019 Playlist for "Wyn on Tuesday"

- 1. Forgive Me One More Time, Spade Cooley & His Orchestra
- 2. Guitar Boogie, Arthur Smith's Hot Quintet
- 3. Arizona, LeeLee Robert
- 4. Texas On A Saturday Night, The Time Jumpers
- You Always Keep Me In Hot Water, Carolina Cotton & Bob Wills
- 6. Buffalo Gals/Bear Creek Hop, Riders in the Sky
- 7. Friend of Mine, Suzy Bogguss
- 8. *It's A Long Way to Tipperary,* Jimmy Revard & the Oklahoma Playboys
- 9. Bubbles in My Beer, Brandon McPhee
- 10. Neon Sun, Chuck Cusimano

Artists are welcome to send cds to:

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April 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 "Dance Music." Gotta have fiddles, steel guitars, good lyrics and be danceable. Check us out. If you like us, please share with your friends who enjoy this music as well at www.sansabaradio.com 24/7- plus we've added old radio versions of Gunsmoke on Sat. morn at 7am ... and Sundays at 6am and 6pm.

Western Swing Authority - Dance With Who Brung You
Jeff Woolsey - I Just Want to Be Alone
Kristyn Harris - White Christmas
Hank Thompson - Three Times Seven
The Quebe Sisters - Going Away Party
Splinter Middleton & the Missouri Plowboys Swing a Country Song
Jake Hooker & the Outsiders - Forget the Past
Dottsy - Here in Texas
Landon Dodd - All They Serve in Here is Misery
Miss Leslie - 50 Years Ago Today

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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Details Coming Soon...Cuba Cruise 2021



The North West Western Swing Music Society's

2019 Western Swing Music Camp and Festival

Musie Bump:

Wednesday, August 7 - Saturday, August 10

Music Festival & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Thursday, August 8 - Sunday, August 11

Held at the historic Field House in Enumclaw, WA

Music Camp is limited to 25 students. Register early to avoid disappointment.

Register on-line: Brown Paper Tickets.com, (search for NWWSMS)

\$130.00 – Tuition includes Hall of Fame Festival weekend pass. (Save \$30.00 by paying \$100.00 in full by July 15, 2019.)

Study the culture behind the genre

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Vocals & Harmony

NWWSMS Application for 2019 Music Camp

COMPLETE & MAIL THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: SUZE SPENCER, PO BOX 61509, VANCOUVER, WA 98666-1509 (SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE - PLEASE CONTACT jeanneyearian@yahoo.com FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY)

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2019 NW Western Swing Music Camp Who Will Be There - What to Expect

Meet This Year's Lead Instructors



Suze Spencer

Suze Spencer was born into one of America's most renowned Western music families. Raised in the fold of working ranch hands, musicians, artists and entrepreneurs, she began learning guitar by watching her grandfather and Karl Farr, the original guitarist with Sons of The Pioneers. Later, Lloyd Perryman, Roy Lanham and Freddie Green were influential to her style. Suze teaches master classes in the Classic Western and Western Swing styles in SW Washington, at festivals and music camps across the USA.

Tim Dawdy is the Dobro and steel guitar player for the Steer Crazy Western Swing Band. His approach to teaching the Dobro is to train the players right hand to in simple picking patterns. The left hand is trained in basic bar technique. This will allow the player to rapidly advance to a level where they become comfortable playing music with others. And, jamming with others is where the real fun begins.





Wednesday Afternoon: Meet the instructors and coaches in a relaxed setting. Discuss what you and the other attendees as well as the instructors would like to take away from this week-end. Get started!

Thursday: After an intensive day of study, the Music Camp staff and attendees will host a Hawaiian-themed social hour under the pavilion before the festival weekend kicks off with a covered dish dinner followed by a free dance and jam.

Western Swing = music made for dancing!

Friday: After a morning of classroom instruction, continue outside, under the pavilion, where there will be a mixture of small group instruction.

Saturday: This morning there are dance lessons in the main hall, preparing couples for the dance contest taking place on Sunday afternoon to close the festival! The camp attendees will take turns both on the dance floor and on the bandstand, playing. Then, kick off Day 2 of the festival by performing on the Main Stage!

Spend the rest of your week-end enjoying the music, playing, dancing, visiting with new friends!

Please let us know about your experience. And we'll look forward to seeing you next year!



PLEASE NOTE: There will be separate flyers for the NW Western Swing Music Camp and the Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame Celebration. These are two separate events rolled into one fantastic musical week-end! Due to advertising opportunities, the flyer for the music camp has come out first. Much more to come!!!



The NorthWest Western Swing Music Society's 2019 Western Swing Music Camp is partially funded through the

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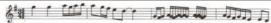
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To all of this year's WSMSS Inductees, sending our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS from your Western Swing family here in the NorthWest!



Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest



2019 Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Lawton, Oklahoma July 11, 12, 13

Congratulations 2019 Inductees!

Crac Purposs	Edmond, OK
Greg Burgess	Eumona, OK
Dewey Groom	(posthumous)
Quinlan Groom (promoter)	(posthumous)
Paul Thomas (Tom) Jones	Briggs, TX
Keith Junot	El Campo, TX
Jody Nix	Big Spring, TX
Sam Noth	Sherman, TX
Dickey Overbey	(posthumous)
Randall Palmore	Albany, TX
Bo Posey	Weleetka, OK
Louise Rowe	Euless, TX
Richard Sharp	Moore, OK
John Steele	Katy, TX
Lee Roy Whisenhunt	Wagoner, OK



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Thursday, July 11th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands (no cover) Friday, July 12th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions Saturday, July 13th 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions

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