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


## You are Invited to the NWWSMS' January Grand Jam

Happy New Year to each of you! We're ready to kick off 2020 with lots of live music - you might say, a western swing free-for-all - everyone is invited to sign up and join in. This is an opportunity for musicians to possibly discover a future 'best friend' or 'pickin' buddy.' You might decide that 2020 is the year you're going to do it . . . . and sign up for lessons with one of the outstanding instructors ready to take you to the next level on your journey through western swing, as a musician or vocalist. Better yet, catch a vision for a new band. This could be the time and place for any number of new beginnings, right here at the Western Swing Showcase, from 1 to 5 pm, on January 12th, at the Lynnwood Eagles.

At this time, in the Puget Sound area the number of jams and open stages where new and aspiring musicians can mingle and share the stage with more experienced players is steadily decreasing. Take this opportunity to sample the dynamics of playing in a group setting and the potential of developing your musical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Over the years, I have attended numerous jams and have also been part of host bands at jams, so I've seen it from both sides. One thing I quickly discovered. Each musical genre and group has its own way of conducting a jam session. It's a good idea for novice players - before jumping blindly into a potentially scary or embarrassing situation - to learn something of jam etiquette so you can get the most out of your experience and leave looking forward to the next time!

At our western swing jams, novice musicians are mixed with experienced players on stage and perform songs together. The 'jam band leader' will ensure there is an experienced drummer, bass player, rhythm guitar and at least one lead instrument on stage during their set. The leader of the jam band will run the stage and 'direct traffic' (see page 6 of this newsletter for more on directing traffic).

On Page 12 are some jam etiquette guidelines compiled from various sources. Some pertain to the way the NWWSMS conducts jam sessions but most would be valuable no matter whose jam you are joining.


Above: Jammers performing at the 2019 Grand Jam

## Membership Reminder: Renewals due Jan. 1st

Become a member, renew or donate on-line or by mail.
Mail your check to:
NWWSMS, PO Box 14003, Mill Creek, WA 98082.

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NorthWest Western Swing Music Society

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

## PHOTO CREDITS:

December Showcase photos by Jeanne Yearian.

## Minutes from the Board

## December 8, 2019

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

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

Guests: N/A
President's Report: Jeanne Yearian reported on the vacant position of Treasurer and Showcase coordinator for 2020. Discussion followed.

In the interim, Tony Bachler, assisted by Lori Hanson, will fill the position of Treasurer. Butch Gibson will take over as Showcase coordinator. Judy Hayes will schedule the jam session leaders.
Due to the vacant position, Judy Hayes will assume a position as a full member of the Board. Sharon Smith will continue to serve as an alternate.
Treasurer's Report: Sharon Smith reported on the current bank balances in both accounts.

Submission of Bills to Pay: Budgets for 2020 should be submitted for approval by the January meeting.

## Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Jeanne Yearian reported.

## Newsletter/Website/Facebook:

Additions/Changes to the Newsletter:
Discussion regarding Page 4 of the newsletter, Sharing the Journey. This was Lou Bischoff's column for years. A notice has been placed in the December newsletter regarding the change coming in January.

## Additions/Changes to the Website:

As a 501c3, the Society is required to post its tax returns in a location accessible to the public. The IRS returns for 2017 and 2018 have been posted on the website, as part of the page labeled Join/Contact, along with the Board members and By-Laws. The page will be relabeled: About Us.

Membership / Liability Insurance - The Society's liability policy has been received. Liberty Mutual will be sending the premium within a few weeks. January begins NWWSMS membership renewal.

Showcase - Sharon Smith reporting: today's Showcase Band will be Butch Gibson \& Pardners. For January we will host a Grand Jam, inviting several band leaders to participate.

Enumclaw 3rd Sunday Jam Update: The November 17 jam filled the Enumclaw Music store with music. We had three accordions, one dobro, one fiddle, both a guitar and ukulele, playing lots of western swing. Due to December's busy holiday schedule, the next jam will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 2 to 5 pm , at Enumclaw Music on Cole St.

2020 Western Swing Festival - August 4 (set up) through August 10 (tear down). Nominations for Inductees into the 30th Hall of Fame will open in January 2020. Completed nominations need to be received by March 15, 2020. The Jangles have confirmed they will be performing at the festival on Friday evening. Morey and Dorrie Sullivan are ALMOST certain they can host the ceremony again. The Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest has readjusted their schedule. Their events will not conflict with our festival this year so be sure to invite our friends from the Southwest who will not have another obligation. They were certainly missed last year!

Scholarship/Workshop: Jeanne Yearian reported we are still waiting to hear from Suze Spencer and Tim Dawdy.

Winter White Fundraiser: Lori Hanson reported on her progress. (See Page 5 of this newsletter for the latest information.) Discussion followed.
Sharon Capps' NWWSMS Dancers' Quilt will be displayed at the Showcases until the fundraiser. The raffle tickets will be sold for $\$ 5.00$ each.
Unfinished Business: No unfinished business to report.

New Business: No new business to report.
For the Good of the Order: No one reporting.

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present. Motion passed to adjourn at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Yearian, Secretary



## What better way to kick off the New Year:

## Let's dance!

## On January 12

 join your western swing familyFrom 1 to 5 pm at the Lynnwood Eagles

19223 Hwy 99
(Three Blocks North of 196th Street)
Featuring
The Annual Grand Jam

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



Happy New Year to All
From radiobob805

## President's Corner



Someone once said with every ending comes a new beginning. With that thought in mind - starting off with a clean slate in 2020, I went onto the internet to find out just how the experts suggest starting a new year geared for success.

After looking over several lists, it was clear to me that my involvement in the NWWSMS benefits not only the Society but ME - my attitude and well-being. Combing through the lists, there it was: the importance of volunteering along with making the effort to strengthen friendships and family ties; again volunteering along with learning something new every day; and volunteering along with taking a dance class. Volunteering - a key to health and success!

Now that I know what valuable benefits the NWWSMS offers me as a volunteer, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities 2020 will bring. And, each of you are invited to take part, with whatever talents, time, and ideas you have to offer!

What an energizing holiday celebration we enjoyed at the December Showcase. Decorations in the Lynnwood Eagles added warmth to the festive spirit. The door prize table was overflowing with holiday cheer. THANK YOU to everyone who donated door prizes. I believe nearly everyone who wanted to take part in the drawing walked away with something to make their holidays brighter. And special thanks to the Eagles and their volunteers who make us feel so welcome.

The Host Band for December, Butch Gibson \& Pardners with guest musician Pat Rowe, kept the dancers on the floor with a great mix of western swing and holiday favorites. Several guests made a point of expressing their delight. More than once I heard, "You couldn't have picked a better band for this month." Thank you, Butch Gibson \& Pardners!

Just a reminder, membership renewals are due in January. We need your support to continue. $\$ 20$ or $\$ 25$ a year is such a small price to pay for the benefits received

## Around the NorthWest Support Live, Local Music

For regular appearances at a particular venue to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. Contact information for a member band is always welcome.

3rd Sunday Western Swing Jam, Enumclaw Music, 1515 Cole St, from 2 to 5! Will resume January 19, 2020, weather permitting! Jeanne Yearian \& Toby Hanson hosting.

Call 425-432-7888 for additional information.
Southern Comfort. For bookings or schedule updates call Shelley at (206) 235-0530. Check out The Southern Comfort Band's current activities on Facebook..

Steel Country. For bookings or schedule updates call Duane at (425) 870-7311 or Pat at (425) 745-3798.

The Barn Door Slammers. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: www.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. 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.
(see above). You can pay at the Showcases, online or by mail (see the link below)

We will also be taking nominations for the Showcase Band of the Year until February 29. $\$ 5$ buys you 5 votes! Vote as many times as you like for as many bands as you like. We will be announcing the winner at the March Showcase. The money from this fundraiser goes into the General Fund for festival expenses.

January is our Grand Jam . . . when our band leaders bring in folks they enjoy sharing the stage with. In February in addition to the Showcase, we will be hosting our first Winter White Dance and Fundraiser. We've included an event flyer on Page 5 of this newsletter. Lots of F-U-N ahead! See you on the dance floor! JY

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.

# Cherishing the Memories 



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December 27, 2019


Shorty Joe
Quartuccio

Joseph (Giuseppi) Quartuccio Jr. also known as "Shorty Joe," passed away peacefully on December 22, 2019, at the age of 95 with his daughter, son-inlaw and family by his side.

Married for 73 years, Shorty Joe and his wife, Jennie, were "prune picker" sweethearts and inseparable since the ages of 11 and 12. During their long, happy lives, they traveled the world and owned a ranch in east San Jose. They were an excellent example of true, unconditional love.

At the age of 17, Shorty Joe joined the Navy and worked as an aircraft mechanic during World War II. Upon his discharge, he worked at NASA for 30 years where he developed new aircraft and trained future astronauts.

Shorty Joe always had a passion for country music. He formed his first band in in 1941, but World War II interrupted his plan. After the war, Shorty Joe became the first disc jockey for Radio KEEN. The revived "Shorty Joe and the Red Rock Canyon Cowboys" could be found all over Santa Clara Valley from recording for Bella and Golden West record labels to hosting dances at Tracy Gardens.

Some years later, Shorty Joe and others were recognized for their contributions to America's folk legacy. The crowning moment came when the Franklin Mint Society of New York honored Shorty Joe by including his 1950 Golden West release of Saturday Night Stomp on its album collection, The Greatest Country Music of All Times. Other highlights include: a guest appearance in 1944 on his idol, Dude Martin's, radio show on KYA in San Francisco; the sellout crowd of 850 people at his first reunion of the "Red Rock Canyon Cowboys," and simultaneously being honored by his band with the recording of an LP album, "A Tribute to Shorty Joe," in 1985.

Shorty Joe was inducted into the Western Swing Society of Sacramento's Hall of Fame in 1992. He was inducted into the NWWSMS Hall of Fame in 2004.

## Nominations

# FOR INDUCTEES INTO THE 2020 NWWSMS Hall of Fame <br> Now Being Accepted! 

Reminder: if you are either a former inductee or a member in good standing (dues paid to date), you can submit one candidate per year
for consideration by the Nominations Committee.

## Hall of Fame Inductee Designations:

Pioneers of Western Swing: Those musicians who have played and/or promoted western swing music for at least 20 years of their performance careers prior to the death of Bob Wills in 1975.
Honorees of Western Swing: This category includes musicians and promoters.

Musicians: Those who have played western swing music for at least 20 years of their performance careers.
Promoters: Those who have helped preserve western swing music for extended periods of time by promoting events through volunteer activities, organizing events, publishing, broadcasting or developing social media.
the Category of Special Recognition: This designation, established in 2014, recognizes those who, through their actions, although not meeting "Inductee" requirements, greatly encouraged and continue to inspire those preserving, performing and promoting Western Swing music. Nominees in this category are submitted by current Hall of Fame Inductees.
E-mail (preferred) or mail your cover letter and nominee's musical biography to:

## NWWSMS, Nominations Chairman c/o Jeanne Yearian 21221-174th Ave. SE Renton, WA 98058-9740

## E-mail: jeanneyearian@yahoo.com

The cut-off date is MARCH 15th. We are limiting the number of inductees to a maximum of 14 per year. If your candidate does qualify but we receive your cover letter and bio after the first 14 have been received, you will be asked to resubmit your candidate the following year.
Those selected will be notified by early May. A picture suitable for publication will be requested at that time.

The NorthWest Western Swing Music Society presents

## A Winter White Dance

 and Fundraiserbenefiting the
2020 Summer Music Workshops
Saturday February 22, 2020
3 -7pm
Dinner will be served at 4:30pm
Lynnwood Eagles
19223 Htwy 99 Lynnwood WA
Tickets: $\$ 25$ per person or $\$ 40$ per couple Music, Dancing, Games, Bake Sale, Raffle and Silent Auction

Music provided by the Western Swing Society Dress code: Winter Festive Fun Tickets/Reservations

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425-750-3263
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Sparky1670@gmail.com
\$15 tickets will be sold at the door, but do not include dinner


The NWWSMS Announces

## The Fifth Annual People's Choice Award

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

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

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

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

## 2019 Peoples Choice Awards

Western Swing Showcase Band of the Year
(The bands are listed in order of their first 2019 appearance)

Number of Votes
(\$1.00/vote)

## Band

Butch Gibson \& Pardners



The price of a ballot ( $\$ 5.00$ ) allows you to vote 5 times. You can vote for one band five times or five different bands! Fill out your ballot(s) and deposit them into the ballot box at the January and February showcases. Or, send your ballots in, along with your check, to the Society's PO Box no later than February 29, 2020. The People's Choice for 2019 will be announced at the March 2020 Showcase!

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


## Photo Highlights

 from the 2019 December ShowcaseCome by and let us overwhelm you with hospitality and the sounds of Western Swing music . . . made in America!


## Happy New Year! Hope to see everyone in January! Save a smile for the camera!



## 2 Separate EPs:

Go West! ( 5 cuts) and No Buttons! ( 7 cuts) Artist: Terry King \& The Snap Shirt Cowboys
Terry King has released 2 separate CDs of wonderful Western Swing and Western Music that he wrote on which he is heard on vocal and guitar on all the songs. Scott Neubert plays steel guitar, dobro and electric mandolin on both CDs. On No Buttons! Billy Contreras plays fiddle and Andy Reiss plays acoustic, electric and baritone guitars. On Go West Nathan Stoops plays fiddle and Brook Sutton is on bass.

In Go West! the cuts are Lone Cowboy Night, Heather, Nobody Knows But Me, Bad Day for the Blues and The Trail.

Albums:
Go West!
No Buttons!
Artist:
Terry King
\& the Snap Shirt Cowboys
On the No Buttons! EP the cuts are Rocky Mountain Western Swing, Snap Shirt Cowboys Theme, Fiddle Friday, Wind River Cabin, Heather, Beneath Buttermilk Skies and Snap

Mike Gross Shirt Cowboys Theme (Reprise). These albums are available to order from Terry King, 104 Yorkshire Ct, Nashville, TN 37211. He can be contacted at terryking49@yahoo.com. Prices: GO WEST! \$5 (5 song EP) NO BUTTONS! \$7 (7 song EP) Shipping: $\$ 3$ for one or two CDs He will accept a check or money order.

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

## Mike's Top 10 for January 2020

## Songs:

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

## Albums:

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


## Hella,

from deek in the Heart of 7exas! by Paula Dunamann

This is a brand new festival taking place in one of Texas' grand Historic Dance Halls, Anhalt Germania Farmers Verein. I wrote about this great hall sometime back as a part of a series of halls that are near San Antonio, Texas.

This hall sits on 18 acres of land and contains a wonderful 5,000 square foot hardwood dance floor. The floor has been completely refurbished for this festival, didn't think that it could be improved upon but, it has been.....this is DANCERS HEAVEN!


Many of our Western Swing and Traditional Texas music performers will be on hand and we'll guarantee they'll keep you on the dance door...There will be plenty of food plus a true Texas Chuckwagon meal will be available. Goat roping and vendors tents will be on premises. Please checkout the .com and Facebook pages for updates and schedules for who, when, where and price.
Come join us - we like to meet new folks!
Anhalt is a 501 organization supporting Agriculture Scholarships.


INVITES YOU TO COME CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF BEING IN THE PROFESSIONAL MUSIC BUSINESS WITH JODY NIX
on the JODY NIX CRUISE

## July 18-25, 2020

Enjoy 3 private dances with Jody \& The Texas Cowboys $\$ 100$ On Board Credit per cabin (dbl occ).
Belize-Roatan-Cozumel

7 days on the Carnival VISTA

Book your cabin before prices increase on February 5, 2020! Call Terri at 325-763-9923

# Highlights from the 2019 December SHOWCASE 

Our December Showcase featured Butch Gibson \& Pardners with guest musician Pat Rowe. In addition to their varied selection of Western Swing tunes, Pardners is one of my favorite holiday dance bands.

Sure enough, the floor was full of happy dancers. And several told me how much they were enjoying the music. We have a warm and inviting group of regulars who are more than happy to welcome inquisitive newcomers, dancers on all levels. To help newcomers ease into it, we offer free dance lessons from noon to 12:45, before the Showcase begins. And our own MaryLee Lykes helps even the most shy among us mix and mingle.

Pardners boasts a first-class rhythm section with Judy Hayes and Jim Hollinger-the dancers' delight. Added to that foundation is the rhythm and lead work of Larry Broad and Pat Rowe, finishing off with the swinging vocals crooned by Butch Gibson.

The beautiful, hand-made quilt by Sharon Capps, featuring our Showcase dancers, hung behind the stage for all to admire. We will be raffling the quilt at the Winter White Dance, being held here at the Lynnwood Eagles, on Saturday, February 22. There is still time to buy raffle tickets at $\$ 5.00 /$ chance! The money will be used to help with the music workshop expenses during the August 2020 Festival and Hall of Fame celebration. You can find more information on Page 5 of this newsletter. Many thanks to Board Member Lori Hanson for putting this event together.

Due to the number of contributions, we had to draw for door prizes twice during the afternoon. Door prizes are donated every month. We seldom know what will come in the door! And, we truly appreciate everyone who contributes. Special thanks to Kelly Gibson and Sharon Capps who both shared an abundance of holiday cheer! Cindy Peacemaker and Bill Metz generously donate every month. Remember, to be included in this drawing, be sure to print your name on the back of one of the door prize tickets and put it in the bucket . . . it's as simple as that.

Pardners cleared the stage as we began pulling names for door prizes. By the time we had finished, the jam band musicians were ready to warm up with a short set. Backing our jammers this month were Ramon Selby and Al Troupe, joined by Pat Rowe on steel, with Judy Hayes and Paul Cooper on bass. Along with Jim Hollinger, we had Randy Miskulin and Denny on drums. Soon the jammers were being called to the stage. Thank you to everyone who added to the music.

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

Remember everyone's membership renewals will be due again on January $1^{\text {st }}$. Let's try to get our membership numbers up this year and show our support of the society. All of us are volunteers and your membership lets us know that you value the Society, its goals and the effort we put into it.

I look forward to seeing you at the January Grand Jam!



## January 2020 Playlist for "Wyn on Tuesday"

1. Crafton Blues, Bob Wills \& His Texas Playboys
2. Old Fashioned Hoedown, Texas Jim Lewis \& His Lone Star Cowboys
3. Sweet Bunch of Daisies, Bob Dunn's Vagabonds
4. Echo Yodel, Darla Daret \& Bob Wills
5. Bye Bye Blackbird, Jason Roberts Band
6. Make Room for the Blues, Bobby Flores
7. Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes, Feral Swing Cats
8. Crazy Yodelin' Blues, The Swing Billies
9. One More Last Chance, Dawn Anita Plumlee
10. Turn Me Loose and Let Me Swing, Robin Deeter

Artists are welcome to send CDs to:<br>Wyn Machon<br>5 Lowther St. , Oamaru 9400.<br>New Zealand.<br>wynmachon39@gmail.com



## January Playlist for

 "Skeebo's Line Shack
## Review"

We here at Pickin' On The Oldies want to thank all of our very loyal and "new" listeners to our internet station. One thing we strive for is "Traditional Country and Western Swing," featuring the classic great artists and all of the upcoming new independent artists who are continuing to produce "Dance Music."....plus, we air old radio versions of Gunsmoke on Sundays at 6am and 6pm, along with Luke Clayton's Outdoors Show at 7am-8am on Sunday morn and archived editions of Glory Road, the old Quartet Gospel Music, with the late great Larry Scott as host at 9am10am also on Sundays ...We'd LOVE to have you join us.... If you like us, please share with your friends who enjoy this music as well at www.sansabaradio.com .....we are the Academy of Western Artists, STATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2018.....streaming 24/7.

Tommy Thomsen - I'm Leaving You Again Rocky King - South Garry Ash - Carol's Daughter Kristyn Harris - Wand'rin' Star
Bobby Boatright - One Less Rose in San Antone Jimmy Burson - If I Had You Kelly Spinks - Is This All There Is To A Honky Tonk Kristi Kalyn - My Heart Has Swingin' Doors Michael Dart - Slippin' Around Tommy Hooker - Faded Love

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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| Save the Date: April 8ta \& 9ta <br> Make reservations: Host Hotel Raddisson Fossil Creek Norta 2540 Meacham Bevd, Fort Worth, TX (817) 625-9911 Request AWA Discount <br> Pre Award Jams will Ge Weduesday night \& Thursday morning. After Awards Show Party!!@ The Raddisson Hotel. Make your reservations now!! |  |
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(Continued from page 1, Jam Etiquette . . . )

## Before You Go

- Learning a bit about Western Swing music with a few basic licks helps a great deal.
- Bring your own instrument, tuner, amp, cords, etc. You may be able to plug into someone's amp, but that might not be the case. Drums are usually provided.
- Leave the big amp home-Moderate stage volumes are expected. (More on stage volume to follow)
- Keep it simple-Don't bring a complex rig/pedal board that takes a long time to set up.


## At the Jam

- Sign the List - When you arrive, find the sign-up list and get your name on it. The Host will call players for each set. You will not be called up to play unless you sign up.
- Talk to the Host - It's a great idea to have a word with whoever is hosting the jam to let him/her know your level of experience and if you would like to play with anyone in particular.
- Tune up before you get on stage -Tuning on stage will only irritate the other players who are waiting their turn.


## On the Stage

- Be efficient - Set up time should be kept to a minimum. When your set is finished, get off stage as quickly as possible. Other jammers are waiting their turn.
- Never place your drink on top of an amp, especially if it's not yours.
- Watch the jam band leader as well as the singer for direction - Either the singer or the jam band leader makes sure that everyone on stage has a chance to solo. If you don't want to solo, let them know.
- If you are the Singer -Try to call out songs that fall into the core western swing repertoire - songs that your fellow jammers will be comfortable with and that don't require a lot of description. Beware the 'jam-busters' that no one has a clue how to play - unless the jam is being dedicated to obscure tunes.
- Listen - Fit your instrument into the song and listen to what other players are doing. Trade fills with others. Only solo when asked.
- Don't step on people - In other words, don't play over the vocals or over someone else's solo. If you are playing rhythm/comping, keep it tasteful. The time to solo is during your own solo break.
- Keep it tasteful - When soloing, show off your chops, but play within your means. If you are a novice/ intermediate player stay within your comfort zone. Look to the singer or jam band leader for cues to continue or pass the solo on.
- Don't Play Loudly - Most of us have some degree of hearing loss, so, for example, if the drummer/bass player sets the volume too high, everyone turns up their amps so they can hear themselves and the vicious cycle of rising stage volume begins. It doesn't take much to drown out the vocalist. Also, the lead players should turn down their instrument volume after their lead ride or solo.


## After Your Set

- Thank the Band - Remember to thank the musicians who just shared the stage with you.
- Thank the Venue - Remember to thank the venue for holding the jam and supporting live music (buying something to eat or drink is also much appreciated).
- Mutual Respect - Most of the etiquette at jam sessions comes down to having a certain amount of respect for the abilities, but more importantly, for the feelings of the other people involved in the session.
Ready to give it a try? After playing 10-20 jam sessions you will have learned more about music, about communication, stagecraft and about yourself than you could have learned by playing solo or practicing for a whole year at home! So come on out and let's kick off the New Year with music!

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## Directing Traffic

## Tips for Jammers

By Dave DuChane
It's easy to get lost on stage but, if you do, it's comforting to know that there's usually someone there directing traffic. This is especially helpful in situations where verbal instructions are not practical - for example, when stage volume may have crept above the level where you can hear unamplified voices.
Didn't catch the key of the next song? Someone could give you the information using their hands. Here is what they would be saying. They would be noting the number of sharps or
 flats in the song. (The position of the hand would be either straight up for sharps or the key of C- no sharps or flats - OR pointing down towards the ground to indicate the number of flats.) It's important that we listen closely and watch for anyone who can throw out directions using hand signs. We're hopefully not up there to show off our licks. We're there to play TOGETHER and HAVE FUN.
(Editor's note: The preceding article was reprinted in part from the March 2013 NWWSMS newsletter)


Gary Beaver \& Joyce Miller

January 15, 2020 deadline:
Nominations now being accepted for

## The Cowtown Society of

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

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

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

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


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## San Angelo Cowboy Ball \& Gathering 2020 by Terri Holland

We are just a few days into the new year, but we are off to the races in 2020. Let me share a little information about all the events coming to San Angelo, Texas this year. For more information you can check our website at www.sanangelocowboygathering.com

The 3 rd San Angelo Cowboy Ball will take place on April 17, 2020, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo, with doors opening for VIP's at 7:00pm, and for general admission ticket holders at 7:30pm. A portion of our proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas. Our featured entertainers will be Jake Hooker \& The Outsiders, and Jody Nix \& The Texas Cowboys. The bands will alternate sets each hour, and come back together at night's end. The dance will go from 8:00PM until midnight. VIP tables are $\$ 300$ each and seat 10 , General Admission is $\$ 30$ per person. This event has sold out in previous years, so be sure and get your tickets early. Call 325-763-9923 to purchase. (VIP Tables are almost sold out)

The $8^{\text {th }}$ San Angelo Cowboy Gathering will be on September 11-12, 2020, at the First Financial Pavilion in San Angelo, Texas. Our event beneficiary is once again the House of Faith. The festival will feature food, vendors, live \& silent auctions, raffles and a Cowboy Church at The Gathering. Get ready to dance your legs off to the music of Landon Dodd, Darrell McCall \& Tony Booth, Jake Hooker, Tommy Hooker, Jeff Woolsey, The Old Hat Band, Monte Good, Greg Gibbs, Billy Mata, Floyd Domino, Justin Trevino, Myra Rolen, Brady Honeycutt, Rocky King, Jason Roberts and Jody Nix!!! Cowboy Church will be held on Saturday morning by Ricky Boen and his father Darrell Boen. Sponsorships are on sale now by calling 325 -763-9923. General Admission will go on sale April 17, 2020. We do have RV space and discounted hotel rooms. Check out www.sanangelocowboygathering.com for forms and information.

I also want to give you a sneak peek at our newest musical event. "Waltz Across Texas" A Tribute to Ernest Tubb coming July 11, 2020, to be held at the San Angelo Veteran's of Foreign War Post, and a portion of the event proceeds will benefit their veterans. Ernest Tubb has a history with San Angelo, as he lived, worked and played here for several years with his wife. This tribute will feature an all day dance from Noon-Midnight, with Jeff Woolsey, Justin Trevino, Myra Rolen \& Jody Nix, along with food, silent auction, raffles and tshirt sales. More information will come soon I promise!!! So until next time, Keep dancing and keep the music going!


## Message From The President of the WSMSS (John Jones)

By all accounts, 2019 was another great year of music and dancing, and 2020 is shaping up to be even better! Once again, we have six showcases planned for the next year, including Wichita Falls, TX, Cape Girardeau, MO, Lawton, OK, Springfield, MO, Amarillo, TX and Hulbert, OK. I am also pleased to announce that unlike 2019, we have managed to schedule our Springfield showcase so that will not conflict with the NWWSMS Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Enumclaw, WA, and our Amarillo showcase will not conflict with The Cowboy Gathering in San Angelo, TX.

We have also decided to make a minor adjustment to our showcase entry fee for Thursdays only. In the past, Thursdays have been free of charge with the entry fee for Fridays and Saturdays costing just $\$ 5.00$ for members and $\$ 10.00$ for non members. The WSMSS board have decided that Thursdays will continue to be free for all members, but there will be a $\$ 5.00$ entry fee for non-members. Hopefully, this very small change will encourage people to join WSMSS and become a part of our great organization!


## Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest A Texas based 501(c)(3) nonprofit

WICHITA FALLS, TX - SPRING SHOWCASE DANCE AND JAM
Cake Walks; Door Prizes; 50/50 Drawings
MARCH 26-28, 2020
THU: MEMBERS FREE - $\$ 5.00$ NON-MEMBER
FRI \& SAT: $\$ 5.00$ MEMBER- $\$ 10.00$ NON-MEMBER
Elks Lodge
4205 Seymour Highway 277 Business
Wichita Falls, Texas
Limited RV Parking (dry) Available at Elks Lodge $\$ 10.00$ per night
${ }^{\sim 0}$ Mention Westem Music Swing Society for Special Rates ${ }^{* *}$
Early Reservations are Highly Recommended Especially for Ground Floor and Wheel Chair Accessible Rooms

1. Super 8 Hotel - 1307 Kenley Are. $-940-322-8880$
(King $\$ 50.00$, Double $\$ 55.00+$ tax - Continental Brealfast)
3.) Wichita Falls RV Park - 2944 Seymour Highway - 940-723-1532
(Back-in \$34.00/Pull Through \$45)

Wednesday, March 25th, 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm: Setup and Early Bird Dinner Thursday, March 26th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: All Day Jam Bands Friday, March 27th, 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions Saturday, March 28th 10:45 am to 11:00 pm: Scheduled Bands and Jam Sessions For Information Contact: Grady Smith (a) 940-631-4953

To start the year off in the right direction, Tracey and I are once again planning to attend the TSGA (Texas Steel Guitar Association) Jamboree in Irving, TX, March 12-15, 2020. Our dear friends, Albert and Debbie Talley, do a fantastic job of putting this wonderful event together each year. Here you will literally see onstage many of the finest steel guitar players and sidemen in the world!

For more information about the TSGA Jamboree as well as several of our upcoming WSMSS Wichita Falls showcase, please refer to the event flyers on this page. .

## WSMSS 2020 Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the 2020 WSMSS Hall of Fame (HOF) can be submitted to any WSMSS officer or director by March 1, 2020. The person making the nomination must ensure that a current bio and photo of the person being nominated are included in the package. We attempt to honor approximately 10 new HOF members each year, so please have the nominations in as early as possible. If the nominee is not selected the first year, nominations are automatically carried over for one additional year.
(Editor's Note: The excerpts above have been taken from the WSMSS December 2019 Newsletter.)

## HURRY and buy!

This is a BYOB event. Beer \& Set Ups are for purchase at the KC Hall.

NO COOLERS allowed.
Purchase now at 325-763-9923 or online at
www.sanangelocowboygathering.com

## San Angelo Cowboy Ball

 with JAKE HOOKER \& JODY NIXApril 17, 2020
Knights of Columbus Hall San Angelo, TX

VIP Tables are for 10 guests, \$300 (includes Meet \& Greet, Complimentary Wine/ Snacks)

General Admission \$30 each or $\$ 35$ at door (unless we sell out)

Call 325-763-9923 to purchase



We are so excited for Ameripolitan 2020! Here is some information that you may or may not know.

The Travelodge by Wyndham will be the hotel that the nominees will be staying and we have a room rate of \$69 when you call in tell them your with Ameripolitan to get the room rate.

Travelodge by Wyndham 1471 E. Brooks Road Memphis, TN 38116
(901) 522-5494

The Guesthouse at Graceland is where the awards ceremony will be held and will also offer a discounted room rate. Go to www.ameripolitan.com and the link is right there.

> The Guesthouse at Graceland
> 3600 Elvis Presley Blvd
> Memphis, TN 38116
> (800) $238-2000$

Also, when you buy your Awards show tickets, it will include a weekend wristband that will get you access to the showcases as well as discounted tickets to the two main headlining shows which

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: SATURDAY BRUNCH SHOWCASE: NOON-3PM (DOORS AT 11AM) THE SHOOTOUTS -NOON / ROSE SINCLAIR -1PM / BILL \& THE BELLES -2PM
HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: CHICKEN S\#!+ BINGO 2PM -4PM
FREE SHOW WITH DALE WATSON \& FRIENDS. FREE HOT DOGS!
SATURDAY NIGHT ON BEALE STREET: SHOWCASES AT BLUES CITY CAFE \& CLUB 152
CLUB 152: KATHRYN LEGENDRE - 8PM
BLUES CITY CAFE: DAVE STUCKEY \& KYLE ELDRIDGE - 9PM
CLUB 152: SHAUN YOUNG - 10PM
BLUES CITY CAFE: AMBER FOXX - 11PM
CLUB 152: JITTERY JACK \& AMY GRIFFIN - 11:45PM BLUES CITY CAFE: PAT REEDY - 12:30AM

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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23id

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: SUNDAY BRUNCH SHOWCASE: NOON-3PM (DOORS AT 11AM) SARAH VISTA -NOON / SEAN MENCHER -1PM / EDDIE CLENDENING \& THE BLUE RIBbon boys -2PM

CIRCUIT PLAYHOUSE: FASHION SHOW \& WESTERN SWING SHOWCASE 4PM - 8PM
WAYNE HANCOCK, RANGER DOUG W/ FARMER AND ADELE, JOHNNY FALSTAFF
HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: 8PM -2AM
REVEREND HORTON HEAT, BIG SANDY \& HIS FLY-RITE BOYS, WAYNE HANCOCK

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

ROCK 'N ROLL CAFE: AMERIPOLITAN ALL-STARS PRESENT
A TRIBUTE TO THE BAKERSFIELD SOUND: NOON-2PM
THE GUESTHOUSE: AMERIPOLITAN AWARDS CEREMONY 2020-8PM HERNANDOS HIDE-A-WAY: AWARDS AFTER-PARTY!
are Junior Brown \& Dale Watson on Friday February 21st and Wayne Hancock, Big Sandy and Reverend Horton Heat on Sunday February 23rd. Those shows will be $\$ 15$ with the Wristband instead of $\$ 30$.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to email us at admin@ameripolitan.com

We cannot wait to see our Ameripolitan Family. Voting ended December 31st , 2019!!

