



It's close now . . . only days away. Time to start double-checking the "to do" list of preparations for our annual Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame . . . just to make sure everything is ready for our Western Swing family and their guests! The other day, a friend asked me, "What makes Western Swing so special?" Luckily for my friend, I was prepared with an answer - not my words, but I couldn't have said it better!



By Butch Gibson, President

"Western Swing was the most eclectic form of country music and, in its free-wheeling diversity, it set the stage for rock & roll. Based in traditional string band music, Western Swing also incorporated traditional pop melodies, jazz improvisation, blues and folk—creating a wildly entertaining and eclectic form of American music. . .

Musically, Western Swing Revival differs little from Western Swing itself—it is still the same joyous, eclectic mix of big-band jazz, country songs, and pop melodies that made the genre one of the most popular music styles of the '40s."

Now, if words like "wildly entertaining," "free-wheeling" and "joyous" sound a bit exaggerated, just take a look at these faces from photos taken at the last Showcase! Come on down to Auburn for this year's festival and see for yourself what makes Western Swing so special. Inside you'll find the program, the hospitality being offered by the Auburn Eagles, and the list of this year's Inductees. See you in Auburn . . . and don't forget your dancin' shoes!

Until then, keep swingin' Butch



22nd Annual Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame **Thursday, August 9th, through Sunday, August 12** **at the Auburn Eagles, Auburn, Washington**

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WESTERN SWING BANDS AND MUSICIANS PERFORMING FROM AROUND THE US AND CANADA!

Four great days of Music and Dancing . . . See you there!



Northwest Western Swing Music Society

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

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to read the newsletter in full color!

Contact the editor to receive our
"early-bird edition" electronically.

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Minutes from the Board June 5 & July 3, 2012



June 5, 2012

President, Butch Gibson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He proposed appointing Lloyd Hooper as a permanent Board member; motion made and approved.

Present: Vi Anderson, Lou Bischoff, Butch Gibson, Lloyd Hooper, LeRoy King, Jerry Seitz, Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel.

Excused: Darrell Haddock, Darrell Anderson.

Guests: Ed Bischoff, Fred Yearian, Jeanne Yearian.

Treasurer: Ramon Selby provided the current bank statement, which was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Bills: Reviewed and accepted to pay.

Old Business: Member Marvin Little is still working on a revision of NWWSMS by-laws. The July picnic is cancelled.

New Business: None.

Scholarship Committee: Ramon Selby presented two applications for review. Further information on the applicants is needed.

Showcases: "LeRoy King and GTO" will be the host band for the June Showcase.

Hall of Fame: The contract between the NWWSMS and the Auburn Eagles was reviewed and approved as presented to the Board. The contract will go to the Auburn Eagles for their signature. The "Admittance" buttons being printed by LeRoy King are numbered. The purchaser's signature will be required on a log sheet in order that an accurate tally of attendance can be kept. Motion made and approved to accept this new procedure. Fred Yearian will be totally in charge of the sound system. Eleven bands have committed to attend. Dayna Wills will be the MC on Sunday for the induction ceremony. New red T shirts will sell for \$15 each, as will the new hats.

Newsletter: If you would please send Jeanne Yearian (Editor) your email address; she will then electronically send you our monthly Newsletter in a more timely manner as opposed to "snail mail". The issue of using our bulk mailing permit is still being investigated.

For The Good Of The Order: Jesse Morris sent copies of the Western Swing Journal for the Board members.

Motion passed to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

July 3, 2012

President Burch Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion made and approved to appoint Bill Gates as an alternate Board member.

Present: Lou Bischoff, Butch Gibson, LeRoy King, Jerry Seitz, Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel.

Excused: Darrell Anderson, Vi Anderson, Darrell Haddock, Lloyd Hooper.

Guests: Ed Bischoff, Jeanne Yearian, Fred Yearian

Treasurer: Ramon Selby provided a financial report, which was approved as presented.

Bills: Reviewed and motion made to approve for payment as submitted.

Old Business: Member Marvin Little has completed the restructuring of our Bylaws.

Showcases: Host band will continue to play the first two hours of the monthly Showcase. Kristi Nebel and The Cowgirls' Dream will host the September Showcase. Patty Healy will run the Showcase jams.

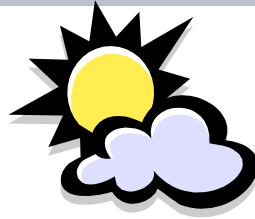
Hall of Fame: Jerry Seitz will take the trailer to Auburn. Fred and Jeanne Yearian will take the sound system to Auburn. There are 13 bands confirmed to appear. Butch Gibson will open the Friday session. LeRoy King will be the MC on Friday. Lloyd Hooper will be the MC on Saturday. Butch Gibson will be the MC on Sunday. Butch Gibson will present the "President's Award" on Sunday. Motion made and approved that Lou Bischoff will purchase the needed frames for the certificates to be presented. Motion made and approved that Jeanne Yearian will purchase pins that will be given to those attending who make a suggested donation of \$10 or more to NWWSMS.

For The Good Of The Order: Butch Gibson's daughter-in-law is coming home after a lengthy stay in Mexico. Danika Nolton, whom NWWSMS Scholarship Committee sent to a fiddle camp in 2005 when she was 5 years old, has become a "Star," performing on various stages professionally.

Motion passed to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

Sunshine



and Rain

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Bert Rivera
 July 2 Shirley Jensen
 July 3 Cee Johnson
 July 4 Bobby Burton
 July 4 Jim Grabowske
 July 7 Ella Johnson
 July 10 Mishell Cargile
 July 12 Shelley Elkan
 July 12 Maxine Hornfelt
 July 13 Barbara Martin
 July 13 Ray Shawley
 July 13 Virginia Engen
 July 15 Juanita Allbright
 July 16 Bob Cargile
 July 18 Sammy Sams
 July 18 Curtis Williams
 July 18 Wayne Glasson
 July 20 Gerry Adamus
 July 20 Nancy Peterson
 July 20 Dixie Nocochea
 July 20 Web Tipton
 July 22 Pat Jacobs
 July 23 John Hall
 July 24 Carole Hutchinson
 July 25 Lue Neel
 July 26 Jeannie Poe
 July 28 Judy LeBlanc
 July 28 Patrick Nelson
 July 29 Bob Stearns
 July 31 Shari Mitchell
 July 31 Geri Isaacs

BIRTHDAYS (cont.)

August 1 Lu Cooper
 August 2 Becky Calert
 August 3 Cindy DeLeon
 August 3 Joe Bruseth
 August 4 Cubby Slayton
 August 4 Walt Knutson
 August 5 Ronnie Elkan
 August 6 Sue Neher
 August 7 Harold Christensen
 August 8 Johnny CuvIELLO
 August 9 John York
 August 12 Louise Hamel
 August 14 Mary Knapp
 August 14 Harvey Miller
 August 15 Ann Morgan
 August 16 Fern Hooper
 August 16 Bill Dell
 August 18 Noreen King
 August 18 Bobby Koefer
 August 19 James Champion
 August 20 Carolyn Ivey
 August 22 Lynette Hood
 August 22 Joe Kissell
 August 23 Wayne Taylor
 August 24 Chuck Robbins
 August 28 Mike Diehl
 August 31 Ed Bischoff
 August 31 Bob Dolle
 August 31 Chuck Whitely

WITH BEST WISHES and PRAYERS

Rudy Alexander	Alton Simpson
Darrell Anderson	Ray and Beryl Shawley
Bob & Jean Sterns	Julie Martin (Mrs. Bob)
Darrell Haddock	Ethel Rankin
Billy Gilbert	Cathy Anson
Lenora McCormick	(Lou's daughter)
Bob Woeck	Bob Meeks
Chuck Robins	Carmen Champion
Audry Clayton	Truitt Cunningham

CONDOLENCES

To family and friends on the loss of Norma Lee.
 To Steve and Christina McDonald on the loss of their son, Bruce.
 To Lou and Ed Bischoff on the loss of their grandson, Bruce McDonald
 To Sharyn Lee and Lou Packwood and family on the loss of their son, Antone Sullivan.
 To Stella Clemons and family on the loss of her husband, John.
 To Bob Cobb and Val Stane on the loss of Bob's twin brother, Bill Cobb.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 2 Hubert A. 'Brownie' & Myrtle Brown
 July 4 Bobbie & Louise Burton
 July 13 Dusty & Kelly Carroll
 July 14 Earl & Lavena Hill
 July 14 Lance & Laurie Hasland
 July 16 John & Christine Hall
 July 24 JC & Lenora McCormick
 July 26 Darrell & Vi Anderson
 July 30 Mike & Connie Faast
 July 31 Lloyd & Fern Hooper

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 5 Rudy & Kay Alexander
 August 6 Buck & Jeanine Wacker
 August 14 Ray & Bonnie Drake
 August 17 Neal & Judy Beechinor
 August 18 Ronnie & Shelley Elkan
 August 25 Al & Cindy DeLeon
 August 30 Dave & Janice Wheeler

Cherishing The Memories



**Norma-Lee
1954-2012**

Norma-Lee, a western swing artist who twice served as honorary mayor of Rio Linda/Elverta, died June 29 of cancer, her family said. She was 58.

With a single name and a penchant for one-liners, Norma-Lee was a colorful Canadian who migrated to California in 1980 and settled among free-spirited residents of Rio Linda and Elverta.

Norma-Lee was a community fixture as a longtime volunteer for the Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber of Commerce. Elected honorary mayor of Rio Linda/Elverta in 2003 and 2010, she used her position to speak out against illegal dumping and other

neighborhood concerns.

She served on local improvement committees and was active in the Elkhorn Moose Lodge and the American Legion. She knitted and crocheted hoodies for toddlers as a member of Elder Craftsmen, a volunteer group that makes quilts and clothes for seniors, children and veterans.

Norma-Lee was also a talented songwriter and musician who had sung in public since childhood and played guitar and fiddle. Introduced to western swing in Sacramento, she joined the Western Swing Society in 1983 and served in many positions, including treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor.

"She loved to perform," said Bill Enyeart of the Western Swing Society. "She played a little bit of fiddle, but she really loved to sing. Everybody enjoyed listening to her."

Norma-Lee formed a band, the Maple Sugar Gang, and collaborated as a songwriter with Dayna Wills, a niece of western swing legend Bob Wills. One of their tunes, "Sing Faded Love, Dayna Gayle," won the 2000 Song of the Year Award from the Academy of Western Artists.

The former Norma Louise Weatherbee was born in 1954 in Brantford, Ontario. Her father, Derald "Boots" Weatherbee, was a champion fiddler who played on broadcaster Ted Mack's amateur show.

Norma-Lee, who stopped playing guitar after she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 10 years ago, wrote songs that have been recorded by other artists and belonged to the Nashville Songwriters Association. She also published a book of poetry and a musical mystery novel.

She was inducted into the Lincoln Country Music Roundup Hall of Honor and into Western Swing halls of fame in Sacramento, Seattle and the Southwest.

She rescued unwanted cats and dogs and was devoted to her three pet Chihuahuas. She loved all animals, even pests. "She wouldn't let you kill a fly," said her sister, Joyce Hutson. "You had to catch it and take it outside."



**Roy Ayres
1929-2012**

Roy J. Ayres, 82, of Riverview, FL went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 9, 2012. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Columbus, MS on December 10, 1929. He grew up loving music, and at the age of 8 years he taught himself how to play the Steel Guitar. Shortly after, at 16 years of age, he began his professional musical career joining Pee Wee King and the Golden West Cowboys where they played weekly on the Grand Ole Opry. He was best known as the lead steel guitarist on the original recording of the *Tennessee Waltz*, which was the most

successful record of its era. Over an eight-year period, Roy recorded with and played in all 48 states with Pee Wee King, including to a record crowd at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Roy left the Golden West Cowboys to care for his terminally ill father.

After his father's death, he joined Boyd Bennett and his Rockets. He played steel guitar, lead guitar and trombone. They recorded several songs that made it to the top of the Rock-n-Roll Charts.

He proudly and honorably served his county in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, where he received numerous campaign awards and personal recognition. Following his tour of duty in Korea, he obtained his Masters Degree in Physics from the University of Louisville in 1956; after which, he spent 8 years in the Aerospace Industry as a physicist.

Following his time in aerospace, he worked at Fender Music Corporation where he contributed to the design of many of their musical products and obtained several patents. Proceeding his time with Fender, Roy served in City Government in Garland, TX, and Clearwater, FL, as well as Florida County Government in Clay and Bradford county.

Upon his retirement in 2003 he rekindled his love for music and the steel guitar. In 2005, Roy was inducted into the Seattle, WA "Pioneer's of Western Swing" Hall of Fame. Later, in 2006 he was inducted into the Sacramento, CA "Western Swing Music" Hall of Fame; and, in 2007 he achieved the highest honor for Steel Guitar, when he was the 57th inductee into the "International Steel Guitar Hall of Fame" in St. Louis, MO.

He is survived by his loving wife Laurie; daughters: Sondra and her husband Tim; Tammy and her husband Tim; Sons: Dean and his wife Tammy; Ed and his wife Toni; Grandchildren: Jessie, Kenny, Tyler, Kyle, Chloe, Ryan, Ben, Katelyn, and Brian, along with his favorite "Granddog," Sophie.

Notes of condolences can be made at Roy's website by signing his guestbook at www.roysfootprints.com.



A personal note to all the Western Swing folks who so compassionately send notes, make calls, and pray for the welfare of my family who are in health distress at this time. Sometimes it becomes overwhelming when so much is on our plate at one time. With the love and understanding of all our friends, surviving is made easier. We gain strength from all of you who care.

In love and prayer, Lou & Ed Bischoff & family



Save the dates and plan to attend!

The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's
22nd Annual
Western Swing Music Festival &
“Hall of Fame”

August 9-12, 2012

Festival Schedule:

Thursday, August 9: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – Jam Session with Meet & Greet for our out-of-town guests!

Friday and Saturday, August 10 & 11: Scheduled music programs begin at Noon and close at 11:30 pm, after the jam session. Friday and Saturday jams on the main stage will take place from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and, again, after the last scheduled band of the day, from 10:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

Sunday, August 12: The Ballroom is closed until 11:00 am. Scheduled programs begin at 11:30 am and close at 10 pm. Our Hall of Fame awards ceremony will take place between 2:30 pm and 3:30 p.m.

Facility/Accommodations: Admission is \$5.00 per day for non-participating members. The club offers lots of free parking. Food is available at the club and there are several restaurants within one or two miles.

The Auburn Eagles Club
Welcomes the NW Western Swing Music Society
and their Guests

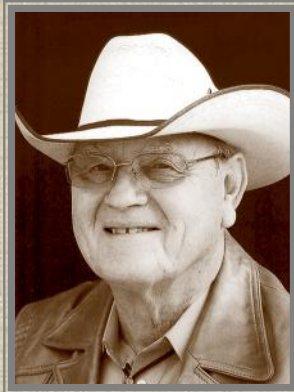
702 'M' Street SE Club Room Phone: 253-833-3298
A Warm, Friendly Venue with a Beautiful, Large Dance Floor

Thursday Evening	Dinner	5:30-7:30	Pot Roast	\$10.00
Friday	Lunch	12:00-2:00	Soup & Sandwich	6.00
	Dinner	5:00-8:00	Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu	13.00
Saturday	Lunch	12:00-2:00	Grilled Hamburgers	5.00
	Dinner	5:30-7:30	Baked Potato Bar	6.00
Sunday	Lunch	12:00-5:00	Tacos or Taco Salad	6.00

RVs: No Reservations – First Come, First Served Basis– Nominal Fees
Limited spaces have hook-ups – LOTS of additional spaces
Select your spot then pay at the bar or ask for help.
Dump Station available (donation) – Lots of grass, horseshoes

MINORS: Escorted children welcome – Please sit in seating area on the side of the dance floor closest to the front door . . . and be sure to **DANCE** or bring your instrument, visit the Jam Room and join in the fun!!

NWWSMS 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees



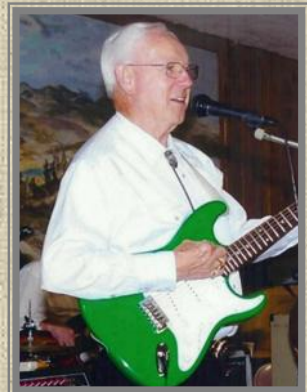
Charles 'Edd' Burnett



Chuck Cusimano



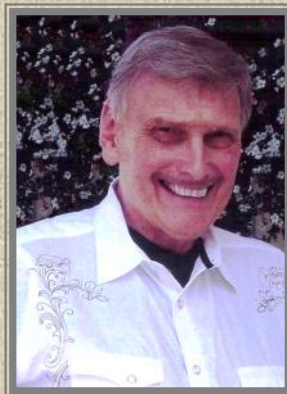
Virginia Dolle



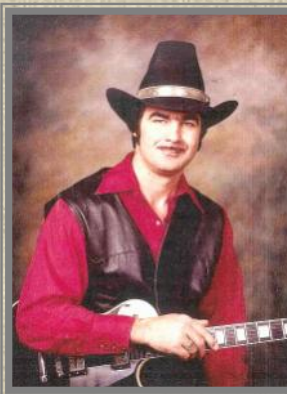
Dale Drayer



Dave DuChane



Eddie Mauck



'Marty' Martin



Jessie Austin Morris



Harvey Nelsen



Larry Nelson



Mavis & Harold Selby



Ramon Selby

22ND ANNUAL WESTERN SWING MUSIC FESTIVAL AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Main Ballroom Scheduled Events

Friday, August 10th

10:00 -11:00 AM	Ballroom Jam
12 Noon	Welcome, <i>LeRoy King, MC</i> Opening Song by <i>Dayna Wills & Gary Kelley</i> Flag Presentation by <i>Ed & Lou Bischoff</i>
12:30-1:30 PM	Butch Gibson & Pardners
1:45-2:45 PM	Bob Cobb & Friends
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Sharyn Lee & The Sundowners
4:15 - 5:15 PM	LeRoy King & GTO
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Kevin Healy & The Barn Door Slammers
6:45 - 7:45 PM	Bill Enyeart & Friends
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Patty & The Travelin' Four
9:15 - 10:15 PM	Chuck Hayes & Special Edition
10:30 - 11:30 PM	Ballroom Jam until closing



Saturday, August 11th

10:00 -11:00 AM	Ballroom Jam
11:30 AM	Welcome, <i>Lloyd Hooper, MC</i> Opening Song by <i>Cindy De Leon</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	Bob Cobb & Friends
1:15-2:15 PM	Bill Enyeart & Friends
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Ken Fullerton & Country Fever
3:45 - 4:45 PM	Eddie Fields' Cool River Band
5:00 - 6:00 PM	SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION
6:15 - 7:15 PM	Lloyd Hooper & The Cascade Ramblers
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Chuck Hayes with Longhorn
8:45 - 9:45 PM	Dave DuChane & The Western Wranglers
10:00 - 11:30 PM	Ballroom Jam until closing



Sunday, August 12th

11:00 AM	Ballroom Opens (<i>Ballroom closed until 11:00 AM</i>)
11:30 AM	Welcome, <i>Butch Gibson, MC</i> / Opening Song by <i>Shelly McNaughton, Jenno Burbank & Dave DuChane</i> Flag Presentation by <i>Ed & Lou Bischoff</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	The Selby Family Show
1:15-2:15 PM	Bob Cobb & Friends
2:30 - 3:45 PM	HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY <i>Presenter: Dayna Wills</i>
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Shorty Joe & Friends
5:15 - 6:15 PM	INDUCTEE BAND
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Bill Enyeart & Friends
7:45 - 8:45 PM	Chuck Hayes & Special Edition
9:00 - 10:30 PM	Ballroom Jam until closing



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE EAGLES CLUB, AUBURN, WA

NOTE: Due to the closure of the M Street/Hwy 18 underpass for road work, many of the GPS' (or other programs') directions given for the City of Auburn will be incorrect.

From EAST via I-90: Take I-90 WEST to Hwy 18 at Exit 25. Staying in the left lane of the exit, turn left, heading South. Continue on Hwy 18 for approximately 30 miles and exit at Auburn Way S. (The signs also show the exit is for the commuter train station.) Stay in the left lane and turn onto Auburn Way S., staying in the left through lane - not a turn lane. *Skip to ** in next column:*

From Hwy 167 NORTH or SOUTH: Follow the same instructions as if you were coming via I-5 below.

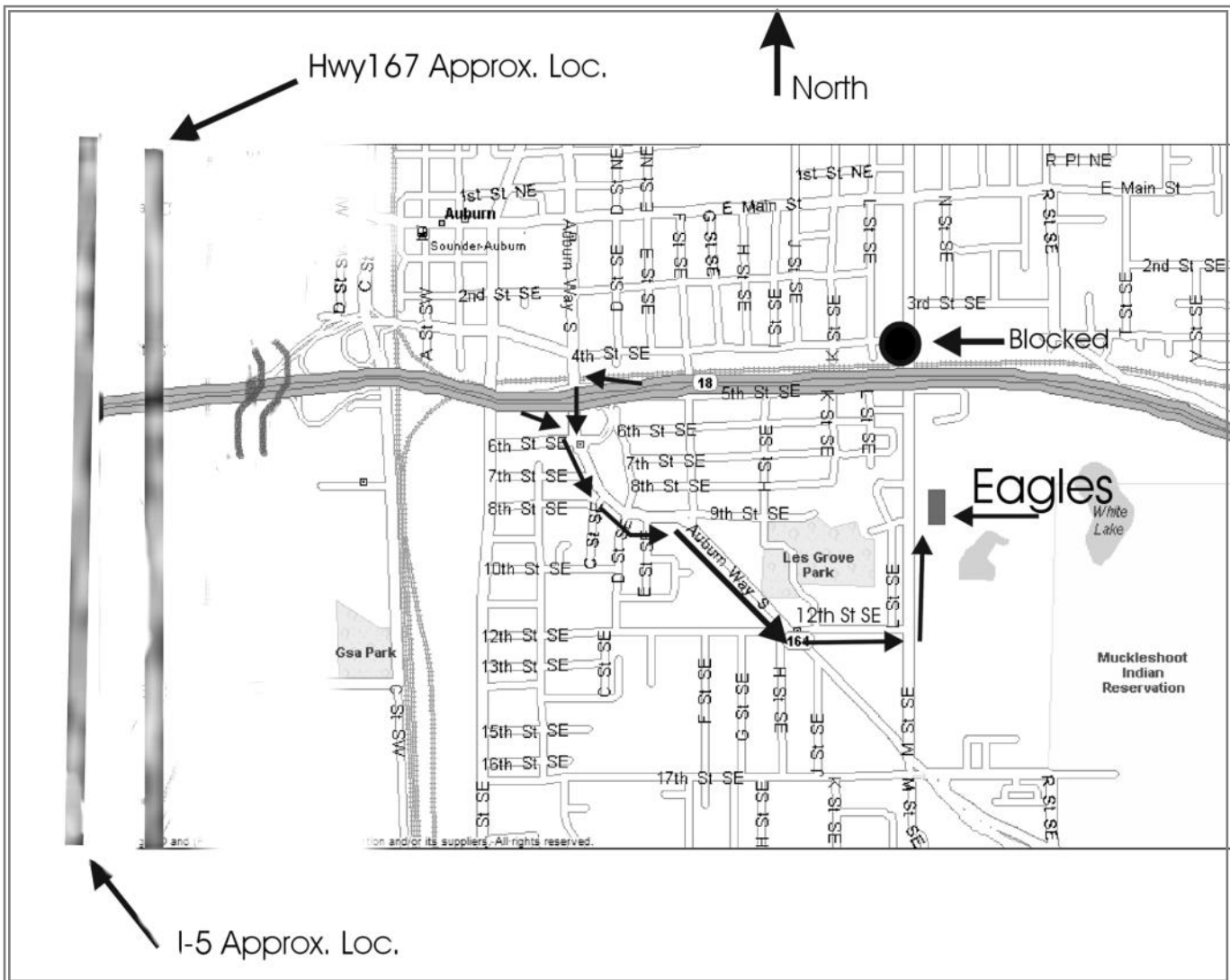
From Hwy 405: Take the Hwy 167 Exit SOUTH. Then follow the Hwy 167 instructions above.

From the NORTH or SOUTH via I-5: Take the Hwy 18 exit EAST. Continue eastward and exit to Auburn Way S. Be in the right turn lane onto Auburn Way S. Turn right, heading SOUTH. *Skip to ** below:*

**** 'M' Street DETOUR:** Continue SOUTH on Auburn Way in the left lane. When you see a Chevron gas station on your left, turn left at that intersection onto 12th Street SE. (Just before the Chevron Station is an Auburn landmark, "Big Daddy's" Drive-In . . . 4-star dining!)

Continue on 12th, about 2 blocks, to 'M' Street. Turn left, on 'M' Street SE, heading North, IGNORING the Road Closed sign. Go approximately 3 blocks and turn right into the Eagles parking lot, either just before or after the building.

If you miss the 12th Street SE turn, you can continue down to where 'M' Street intersects Auburn Way S. Make a sharp left onto 'M' Street SE (possibly not as easy for RVs to maneuver) and continue down to the Eagles, passed the Road Closed sign.





BARN DANCE & POT LUCK DINNER
 ED'S PLACE - BARN IN THE VALLEY
 3320 HALVERSTICK RD
 SUMAS, WA 98295
 360-988-0267

KID'S GAMES
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LIVE MUSIC
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Pot Luck Dinner - Host Provides:
 Hamburgers; Hot Dogs; condiments; Plates; Glasses; Utensils; Soda
 Pot Luck Dinner Items Needed:
 Salads; Deserts; Hors D'Oeuvres; Pasta; Rolls; and Chili)
 Sunday, August 5, 2012 - 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Who: Musicians, Friends and Their Friends - Children are Welcome.
 Why: To renew acquaintances and to meet and make new friends.

Al Misty and his Northwest Musician Friends will be hosting.
 Bring your instruments and voices. Jamming all day long.

Meet at McDonalds in Lynden, WA, between Noon and 12:45 to form a caravan.
 Info: Al Misty @ 360-224-6595. Lots of Parking - RV's welcome.

Here and There

For upcoming appearances to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. Play dates / times / locations must be received by the first of the month.

Check the Western Swing Festival Program to see when your favorite local band is scheduled to play! Be sure to come out and support them.

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners.

Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates:

www.thesundownersband.com

Patty and the Travelin' Four.
 Wednesdays in August from 6-9, Auburn, Eagles. Everyone welcome. Food available. Patty: 425-255-3178.

Ken Fullerton and Country Fever.
 Auburn Eagles, every Monday, 6-9 pm. Call 253-922-7888 or 253-380-2445 for information on upcoming play dates.

Wally Giffin, Black River Falls Band,
 Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates.

www.blackriverfallsband.com

Nick Dumas, Northern Departure,
 Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates and appearances:

www.northerndeparture.com

Rick Jorgensen, The Dakota Territory Show, live webcast playing 78s from 1925-1965, on the 3rd Saturday of the month, from noon to 6 pm at:

www.therightcountry.com

Dwight Adair, Listen every Monday for the newest Western Swing broadcast - or browse the archives of both current and past broadcasts at:

www.bobwills.com/BobWills/radio



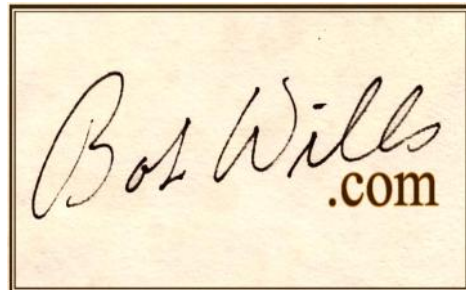
Make plans to visit our Friends at the original Western Swing Society—these guys are the ones who started it all way back when.

2012 Hall of Fame, October 4-7
www.westernswingsociety.org



Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium
 Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino ★ Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico

23rd Annual
Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium
 October 12, 13 and 14, 2012
<http://www.cowboysymposium.org>



Album Reviews:

By Mike Gross
www.swinginwest.com

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Album: Can't Get Enough of Texas
Artist: River Road Boys
Label: Buzzard Roost

The world famous River Road Boys lost band charter member Clyde Brewer last year. This CD, dedicated to Clyde, is their first without him. It seemed like an impossible task but even without Clyde, this looks like another number 1 CD.

This new CD, recorded at Houston's historic Sugar Hill Studios, features 16 cuts of

the most enjoyable music by one of Western Swing's all-time greatest bands.

The very talented musicians that make up this band include lead vocalist Jim Johnson, who, as always, is simply awesome. Also in the spotlight is the drummer, Tommy Howser, a charter member of the band. Former Hank Thompson Brazos Valley Boys member, Ralph "Dusty" Stewart, is heard playing Steel Guitar and Bill Dessens plays some wonderful fiddle and standard guitar.

Also playing standard guitar is Shelly Lee Alley, Jr. Shelly Lee is also the featured vocalist on *I Needed You*, the Bob Wills/Johnny Gimble composition that the late Tagg Lambert originally sang on a Wills Kapp session. Bass player, John Jones is the lead vocalist on the swinging *Mind Your Own Business* from country music's late Hank Williams, Sr. Wayne Glasson is the piano player and is featured in the spotlight on an instrumental that he wrote, *River Road Boogie*.

Jim is featured on vocal on all of the other tunes and he opens the album with Bob Wills' *Can't Get Enough of Texas*. Also from the Bob Wills library are *Corrine, Corrina*, Tommy

Duncan's *Goodbye Liza Jane*, Cindy Walker's *Miss Molly* and Ed Nelson, Steve Nelson and Fred Rose's *Hang Your Head in Shame*. Bob Wills' younger brother, Johnnie Lee Wills had a huge hit on Kokomo Arnold's *Milk Cow Blues*.

Cindy Walker also wrote *You Don't Know Me*, a title suggested by Eddy Arnold. It earned Eddy half writer's credit and a hit tune. It was also a hit for Jerry Vale and Ray Charles. Floyd Tillman wrote and originally scored with *I'll Keep on Loving You* and both Jimmie Davis and Gene Autry are remembered for *Nobody's Darlin' But Mine*. These two are now brought back in this album. *Walkin' My Baby Back Home*, Romberg and Hammerstein's *When I Grow Too Old to Dream* and Walter Donaldson and George Whiting's *My Blue Heaven* are borrowed from the world of popular music. The remaining album cut was originally a huge mid 1930s Stuart Hamblen hit, *My Mary*.

This album can be obtained from The River Road Boys, 22011 Rosewood Trail, Tomball, TX 77377-3505. The cost is \$15 plus \$2 for S and H in the USA. Outside the USA please pay in US currency and the postage is \$5.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— (Yearly Dues) —

Individual, \$15.00 Couple, \$20.00
 Newsletter Only, \$15.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State / Zip _____
 Phone _____

Performing Member Supporting Member

Instruments _____

Vocalist Band Leader

His Birthday _____ Her Birthday _____ Couple's Anniversary _____

JUNE 5 SHOWCASE

By Lou Bischoff

There we were, celebrating Father's Day with LeRoy King's GTO Band. LeRoy was on bass and vocals; Bobby Gilstrap played lead guitar and vocals; Larry Broad was on rhythm, lead and vocals; Eddie Fields played drums; Wayne Franco was on steel; and Ramon Selby filled in for Darrell Anderson on fiddle and vocals. What an incredible day to catch up with all those dancing dads, grandpas, and great-granddads who all share the joys of being among us at this special time. We do appreciate the moms who accompany those fine gents as well! We all too often neglect to mention the backbone of these fellas – ladies who offer such support to help their partners reach their musical goals – whether performing or being a valuable dance partner. Some of you are not biological fathers; however, you have fathered or fostered a child. We commend you for your kind heart to do so. Happy Father's Day to you all!

Our showcases are not entirely about music. The camaraderie and relationships that occur make them more enjoyable. Some friends we see only once a month, so we cherish this time together. Planning for another meeting or show is always fun, hoping

to see and meet new folks at our next gathering. Bring a new friend! We'd like to meet and greet them.

As we might expect, with GTO's all-star lineup, they performed some of the greatest Bob Wills music and it was played the Western Swing way. Ramon did a splendid job singing *Deep Water*. Bobby Gilstrap got the attention of everyone as he sang *Heart to Heart*, with LeRoy providing the harmony. Larry went South and sang *My Adobe Hacienda*. Bobby came back with *Corrine, Corrina* – that got the boots and heels on the floor. Bobby's *Room Full of Roses* set a loving pace for the



dancers again, followed by *Ace In The Hole*. My goodness, our dancers loved this band today! Larry sang *Bonaparte's Retreat*, again flooding the dance floor. *Rosetta*, sung by LeRoy, brought to mind the meeting Ed and I had in Tulsa with Rosetta Wills. Such a great lady.

Speaking of ladies, my hubby, Ed, had the pleasure of having a dance with Lady Lynne Woerne. They both seemed to enjoy that.

During the first break, Lloyd Hooper called our attention to the loss of three of our dearest musicians. Hats came off and silence followed for one minute in saluting Pat Goodbla, Dave Holter and Marty Dahlgren. Some tears followed



as he spoke so kindly of each of them. After that recognition, he gave mention of Mary Knapps' companion, Harley Cruzan, who also passed recently, leaving a big gap in Mary's life. Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of each one mentioned. We miss them so much. Peace be with those they left behind.

Visiting from Baker, OR, were long-time members Vic and Linda Tate with their guests. What a lovely surprise. Vic treated us with a couple Bob Wills' tunes. Thanks, Vic, and so very nice to see you!

Vi Anderson and Jeanne Yearian
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served us all a wonderful Father's Day cake. Fine job ladies. Jan King, LeRoy's daughter, was kind enough to take care of door prize tickets. What a great helper. She also helped with split-the-pot, as Sharon Smith and my hubby, Ed, took in the money. The donation jar was passed by Jeanne Yearian. The money collected helps our Society pay monthly bills. We appreciate all who dip into their pockets and help us out. You are all angels in disguise.

Jam time found Dave Enslow singing *Home in San Antone*, followed by Patty McConnell singing *Your Cheatin' Heart*. Dave Davies sang as he played lead with our Prez, Butch Gibson, singing *Oh, Lonesome Me*. What a voice!

Special lady, Shelly McNaughton, sang *Blue Kentucky Girl*. Then Shelly joined Dave DuChane (who picked up the bass) and sang *Jambalay, From a Jack to a King*, and *Take These Chains From My Heart*.

Taking a break (musical, that is) on steel, Wayne Franco shared the stage with Judy Collender on keyboard. Wayne travels across the water from Silverdale every month to "steel" for us. Bobby Gilstrap motors from East Wenatchee when invited to perform. We love to see him and his darling Kathryn each time. Such talent and grace come with those two. Can't beat Eddie Fields on those drums and long-time member, Gil Barbee, followed for the jam. Great job, guys!

Sitting silently was 'Grandpa Elliott' - his bride, Cee, working quietly on her hand work, as they listen intently to the music.



Ramon Selby showed us some expert fiddle technique today. Jeanne Yearian is an example of a very deliberate fiddler. We appreciate her fine style and also her dedication to our newsletter.

Back from Arizona are

LeRoy King and GTO

Showcase Band for June



Pictured above, beginning top, left to right: Eddie Fields, Ramon Selby and Bobby Gilstrap
Second row: Larry Broad, LeRoy King, and Wayne Franco,

recently passed away, but the show goes on, as he would want it.

LeRoy closed the show with *Among My Souvenirs* - a lovely song that he does so well. Thank you, LeRoy, for the special Father's Day show.

We hope all of you who attended the June Showcase had a Happy Father's Day. We had the show just for you. Hope to see many of you at the Auburn Eagles, August 9-12, for the Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame. We will be back at the Lynnwood Eagles with the September showcase!

Thank you to all the Lynnwood Eagles' Staff for making us feel so welcome and all the volunteer time the musicians give to our Western Swing Society.

Remember all those among us who are ill in your daily prayers. We thank you and love you,, too,

Lou

Tom Nelson and Pauline Springer. They enjoyed it all, from the first dance of the day to the last. They love Western Swing music. So good to have you two back with us! I'm sure the ladies are happy to see Bob Bruce back too! He keeps them dancing like no other. We love you, Bob. Margaret and Loren give us an eyeful with their dance antics. They have so much fun.

Did you notice our new drummer, Patty McConnell? She did a fine job closing the jam set with *Rock Around the Clock*. The crowd loved it as they had a chance to sneak in some rock & roll. Patty also announced the 4th of July jam she holds in Dryden, WA, at the home of Jesse and Lorene Jones. Jesse

