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

June 2016

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

2016 Bob Wills Day, Turkey, Texas

I arrived at the DFW airport about 2:30 pm on Sunday and met my friend, Paul Anastasio, who had driven up from Dick and Marilyn Gimble's place in Waco that afternoon to meet me. We proceeded to make the long drive to the North West Texas town of Turkey, home of Bob Wills and the annual "BOB WILLS DAYS FESTIVAL." We arrived at the famous "CHURCH of WESTERN SWING," aka. C.O.W.S., owned and run by Doris and Paul Henry Baker, about 9:30 that Sunday evening. The band was already in full rehearsal for the busy week to come so we waited until they finished, then Henry escorted us to the house we had rented for the week. What great "Digs." We were only a block from the high school, museum, and park where the free Saturday Concert is held.



Jerry Seitz



Jerry Seitz, & Paul Anastasio sporting their new duds for the festival.

The next morning we headed out to look around before the crowd arrived later in the week. I was anxious to check out "Lost Treasure" shops in town, hoping to get first crack at all the bargains. We hit the jack pot. Paul bought enough "gently used" western shirts to keep him stocked for several years. I found a great western cut suit and shirt for \$40.00. That afternoon Henry showed up at the house with Edd Burnett, our third roommate. This was Edd's first time to Turkey so we attempted to show him around a bit. That evening we wound up back at C.O.W.S. where Paul joined the band for a couple sets. The next morning found us back treasure hunting, and Paul found a suit for himself. That evening we were back at the C.O.W.S. for another couple of dance sets. Henry called me up to sing a couple tunes with the band. This was the high point of the whole trip

for me. Wednesday we attended a Gospel concert at the theater down town and guess who walked in? None other than Lucy Dean Record. She is doing great and getting on without cane or walker. Go Lucy!

Thursday, the Texas Playboys arrived and put on a concert for the school kids at the Bob Wills Museum. They played a *Tribute to Merle Haggard* at the High School Thursday evening. Paul managed to wangle a spot on stage with the "front four." What a great concert featuring Jason Roberts, Billy Matta, Bobby Koefer, Joe Settlemires, Leon Rausch, Billy Champion, Jimmy Burson. Greg Gibbs and Wayne Glasson. Dick Gimble got called up to play bass on the last two numbers.

Friday we were back at the museum to hear Jimmy Burson's group play followed by Mikkie Daniels. She had Paul Anastasio and Dick Gimble up there to help fill out the band. What a show she put on! I say this every time I see

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★ ***Let's Celebrate Our Flag & Honor our Fathers*** ★
at the last Showcase until September

Western Swing Showcase: Sunday, June 12th

Hosted at the Lynnwood Eagles, Lynnwood, Washington

19223 HWY 99 - THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF 196TH STREET ON HWY 99

WOOD DANCE FLOOR - NICE SEATING - FAMILIES WELCOME - FOOD AVAILABLE

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING: 1:00 - 5:00

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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

MAY 8, 2016



Alice Striegel
Secretary

Guests: Ed Bischoff, Fred Yearian

President's Report: The Rus Davis Estate has been settled. The NWWSMS Scholarship/Educational Fund has received the full bequest of \$20,000. It is in the US Bank account which is designated for donations to promote Western Swing music through scholarships/workshops.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sharon Capps presented the financial reports for March and April 2016.

Bills: Approved to pay.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Dave Wheeler reports that we have 209 members; thus far in 2016, we have acquired 3 new members. Dave Wheeler has sent a letter to members who are not current with their dues, as a reminder.

Workshop Committee: Jerry Seitz reports that the next Workshop will be Saturday, May 14, at the Lake City Eagles #1. There will be 5 Workshops led by Paul Anastasio and Jerry Seitz, held in June just before the National Fiddle Festival in Weiser, Idaho.

Sunshine: Lou Bischoff updated "Sharing The Journey." The entire board was grieved to hear of the passing of long-time friend and supporter, Dennis Ford.

Showcase: Lou Bischoff reports that the host band for June will be **Country Fever**.

Hall of Fame: Jeanne Yearian reports that the Hall of Fame Committee will be meeting at the Bischoffs after Memorial Day to begin working on the details of the 2016 Festival. Lou Bischoff has contacted all of the 2016 Inductees either by mail, phone, or both, to congratulate them on their selection and invited them to the August ceremony. Invitations to the bands will be sent out before the end of the

month. There is no word on the use of the jam room on Friday to date.

DVDs of the 2015 Induction Ceremony will be sent out to last year's inductees and Hall of Fame volunteers next week.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Smith has initiated the paperwork for the NWWSMS raffle permit. The application has been turned over to President Jeanne Yearian for her signature. She will send the completed forms on to the appropriate Washington State office, along with the necessary filing fee and required documentation.

The meeting's minutes were read and approved by the Board members present.

Motion passed to adjourn at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary



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

26th Annual Western Swing Festival & Hall of Fame August 12th - 14th

**3 Days of Dancing to the
live music of bands from
America's Southwest and
West Coast at the
Auburn Eagles**

**Look for more information on
page 5 of this newsletter. The
schedule of events will be
posted in the upcoming July/
August issue, on the web
at www.nwwsms.com and
FACEBOOK at Northwest
Western Swing Music Society**

Join us on July 10th for a Picnic!

The Annual NWSMS Potluck
& Summer Jam will be held
at the home of

Lou and Ed Bischoff

10930 38th Drive, SE
Everett, WA
Phone: 425-357-9210

**Come ready to make music,
dance and relax!**

Bring:

Family and guests
A favorite dish for the potluck
Comfy lawn chair
Your beverage of choice
Instruments

Provided:

Sound System
Cups, Plates & Eating Utensils
Soft Drinks and Main Dish

Driving Directions: On I-5, Northbound, take Exit 189. Stay in the right-hand lane. Exit freeway eastbound and IMMEDIATELY turn South on 19th Ave. SE. Travel southbound to 100th Street SE. Turn left and follow the road all the way to 35th Ave. SE. Turn right onto 35th Ave. SE and travel South to 109th St SE (a short block before the light).

Alternate Route: From I-5 go East on 128th/132nd St SE, then North on 35th to 109th St.

Reminder:

The event begins at NOON on July 10th.

Anyone arriving BEFORE 11:30 will be expected to help set up for the picnic.

**In case of rain,
the picnic will be rescheduled for
the following Sunday, July 17th.**

**If you have any doubts, please
call the Bischoff's to confirm.**

(Continued from page 1, Jerry Seitz reporting on Bob Wills Day, 2016)

her, "That little gal is really going somewhere."

Paul was asked to play with the "Friends of the Playboys" at the big dance at the High School. Saturday morning the big parade took place through town. Paul rode the float with the "Friends of the Playboys" alongside Leon Rausch and Louise Rowe. Pretty fast company, I'd say. We then all moved up to the "Grassy Knoll" where the free concert takes place every year. While Edd Burnett and I enjoyed comfortable seats in the audience, Paul played his heart out with the "Friends of the Playboys." He really showed his stuff this time. It was the best concert of the week. Bobby Koefer did his standard "Hawaiian War Chant" number. That guy is amazing. Jody Nix stepped up for a couple of numbers and then challenged the four-man fiddle section to an old time fiddle play off. If there would have been a house to bring down in the park, they would have done it.

Exhausted, we went back to our lodgings. Sunday morning Paul and I took off for Waco to spend the night at Marilyn and Dick Gimbal's before heading to Paul's near Lafayette, LA.

It was a wonderful trip. Meeting the musicians who are still making the music we all enjoy . . . I only wish more of you could indulge yourself and make this annual event at least once.

Texas is truly the home of Western/Texas Swing. For those of you who may not be able to attend Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Texas, any time soon, be sure to make some time to attend the NWSMS festival at the Auburn, WA, Eagles Club, August 12-14. We are very fortunate to have some of those same musicians, including Paul Anastasio, with us for the week-end.

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.

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.

The Oregon Valley Boys. For information on upcoming play dates, check their website at: www.oregonvalleyboys.com.

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

Sharyn Lee and the Sundowners. Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates: www.thesundownersband.com

Ken Fullerton and Country Fever. Auburn Eagles, every Monday, 6-9 pm. Food available. First Fridays dinner/dance at the Black Diamond Eagles from 5:30 to 9:00.

Call 253-922-7888 or 253-380-2445
for more information.



Click above to watch Paul Anastasio playing 'Fat Boy Rag' with the Friends of the Texas Playboys at the 2016 Bob Wills Day festival.

Cherishing the Memories



Dennis Ford

Dennis passed away May 11, 2016, after a brief illness. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota to William and Esther Ford on January 29, 1939, the youngest of three Children. After graduating from Mankato High in 1957, he joined the U. S. Navy from 1957 – 1961. In 1958 married his high school sweetheart Eleanor. In 1961 he moved to Merced, Ca. where he lived for several years, working for the State of CA. He then moved to Modesto and worked for Pepsi Cola for 15 years before opening Ford Signs in 1982. He had just recently retired. He was a member of Sacramento Western Swing Music Society since 2003 where many people enjoyed his love of photography. He also enjoyed woodworking.

He will be greatly missed by many. He will be most remembered for his warm smile, quick



wit and great sense of humor.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the Masonic Center, 800 Rose Avenue, of Modesto, CA.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions in memory of Dennis to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

(From the editor) With a deep sense of loss, I was saddened to report the call I received from Ken Stroud with news that Dennis Ford, our Society's festival photographer for over 10 years and close, personal friend of many members, passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Eleanor, his family and friends. Here is just one of the thousands of photo memories Dennis left us. When he needed a break, Dennis would prop his camera on top of his case, aim it at the dance floor and capture some fantastic candid photos of the unsuspecting dancers as they passed by.



*Above, Dennis and Eleanor at the NWWSMS festival, camera ready.
Below, Dennis aboard the aircraft carrier where he proudly served his country.*

Our thanks to Dennis' daughter, Gail, for sharing these memories of her father.

Sharing the Journey

With Well Wishes and Prayers

Jim Sanderson	Jim Wallace
Virginia Dolle	Pat Stroud
Gene Carter	Red Gillean
Betty Hasting	Cindy De Leon
Sandy Macham	Harold Selby
Jeannie Poe	Roy Lee Brown
Kris Burnett	Tony Graziano
Ken Jones	Web Tipton
Robert LaClaire	Jerry Dezotell
Harlan Kubos	Ron Hutchinson
Lavena Hill	Vi & Darrell Anderson
Lloyd Hooper	Betty Reeves
Carl Christofferson	Chuck Woods
Wanda Ramos Love	Pat Gore
Chuck Robbins	Jim Gough
Lane Johnson	Gail Gough
Jack Naughton	Dawn Hill
Keith Holter	
Howard Edwards	

Condolences

- To Eleanor Ford, family and friends on the loss of her husband, Dennis.
- To Web Tipton, family and friends on the loss of his wife, Dorothy.
- To Chuck and Ann Linscott and family on the loss of their grandson.
- To Louise Hamel, family and friends on the loss of her mother, Connie.

*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
or the editor of the newsletter
(see page 2).*



Judy Roundtree with
Bobby Flores

Serious about your music? Make Plans Now to Attend Bobby Flores' **5th Annual Summer Music Camp Retreat**

By Judy Roundtree

(Editor's note: Bobby Flores will be inducted into the NWWSMS 2016 Hall of Fame in August. Judy Roundtree and, with a little luck, Bobby will be present to accept his award. Be sure to check out the information on the 7-day western swing cruise Bobby is hosting in 2017 - Seattle to Alaska - on Page 12 of this newsletter!)

EASTLAND, Texas – This will be the location for the 5th Annual Bobby Flores' Summer Music Camp Retreat, set for July 17-21, 2016. The camp will be held at the Solid Rock Camp. The Camp will host a recital on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 2:30 pm which will be open to the public with limited seating.

This music camp is an extension of the Bulverde Academy of Music, also known as BAM! Bobby Flores is not only founder and CEO, but also active instructor,



along with his dedicated staff of teachers. BAM continues to educate the serious music student and has a proven track record of remarkable student achievement and success, from music college scholarships to Nashville recording artists.

Grammy award winner Bobby Flores is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, arranger, producer, composer, first call session musician, and band leader. It is the goal of this camp to educate and enrich the personal growth of the advanced music student from the novice to the performing band member, while preserving the Western Swing Music Style.

Instruction will include fiddle, guitar, steel (to include pedal, lap, & console), and voice. All instruction will be given by professional musicians, highly qualified and recognized in their field. This camp is designed for players who are looking to increase their instrument skills and the rare opportunity to study with these master musicians.

The camp is now accepting students from 10 years old to adult. Tuition includes housing, full meal plan, all instruction, camp notebook/lesson materials and recital fees.

This camp is designed to create a positive musical experience for all our campers through bonding and sharing a common interest. Whether it be in the classroom or gathered around our evening campfire, the ability to make music together will create memories that will last a lifetime, while bringing our students back together year after year!

For detail information and bio for instructors, camp flyer, and camp applications visit the BAM website at www.bam8.com or call Judy: (682) 429-8881



Our thanks to Judy Roundtree for sharing these photos taken at the 2015 Bobby Flores Summer Camp.

NWWSMS Hall of Fame 2016 Inductees

Larry Anderson - Texas

Paul Henry & Doris Ann Baker - Texas

Kim Beck - California

Doug & Betty Carter - New Mexico

John England - Tennessee

Robert Fjeldsted - Oklahoma

Bobby Flores - Texas

Butch Gibson - Washington

Paula Jungmann - Texas

Dave Rietz - California

Pat Rowe - Washington

Rob Shotwell - California

Gary Williams - Texas

Posthumous Inductee

Jack Loyd - California

Support the NWWSMS' Educational Programs AND have FUN doing it - Buy Raffle Tickets at the Merchandise Table during the August Festival for a chance to win! (More on prizes in the July/August issue.)

This year we are proud to offer a chance to win a Promenade View Cabin for two on Bobby Flores & the Yellow Rose Band's 2017 Western Swing Cruise, 7 days, from Seattle to Alaska. (Drawing on Sunday, August 14, after the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.)

www.bobbyflores.com

Bobby Flores & THE YELLOW ROSE BAND

1ST WESTERN SWING CRUISE TO ALASKA

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Special Note:
The band will play 3 private parties for our group with open bar. Booking through any other source than the agency listed will exclude you from these parties. Fees include band fee, security fees and taxes. Travel agency reserves the right to charge a cancellation fee of up to \$100 per cabin. Fuel surcharges of up to \$10 per day per person may be charged by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.



1983-2016 Celebrating 33 Years!
The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's

26th Annual Western Swing Music Festival & "Hall of Fame" August 12 -14, 2016

At the Auburn Eagles Club - 702 'M' Street SE, Auburn, WA
With Its Beautiful, Big Dance Floor - Three Days of Great Music
(We are pleased to announce: Minors under the age of 21 are allowed in one area, the Western Swing Party - aka Jam - Room)

MOTELS SPONSORING THE 2016 NWWSMS WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL/HALL OF FAME

To receive special prices listed below
Call the front desk and ask for the 'Western Swing Rates'

Comfort Inn Located at 1 - 16th St NE, Auburn, WA
Western Swing flat rate . . . \$ 105.00 for rooms
Phone: 253-333-8888

Amenities: Free wireless high-speed Internet access, Free local calls, Indoor pool, Indoor hot tub. Complimentary hot breakfast with eggs, meat, waffles, yogurt, fresh fruit, cereal and more, including your choice of hot waffle flavors.

Guest House Inn Located at 9 - 14th St NW, Auburn, WA
Western Swing flat rate . . . \$ 89.00 for rooms (if booked before 7/01/15)
Phone: 253-735-9600

Amenities: Free wireless high-speed Internet access, Complimentary breakfast with coffee, tea, muffins, juice, fresh fruit, cereal, sausages, biscuits with gravy. All rooms with cable TV, coffee maker, hair dryer, ironing board, microwave and refrigerator.

Travelodge Suites Located at 9 - 16th St NW, Auburn, WA
Western Swing flat rate . . . \$ 65.00 for rooms
Phone: 253-833-7171

Amenities: Complimentary breakfast with coffee, tea, danish, muffins, toast, juice, fresh fruit, Belgian waffles, oatmeal and cereal; coffeemakers; hair dryers, cable TV.

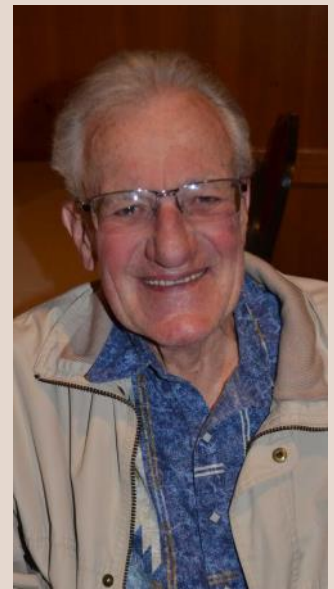
Special Note:

Make your motel reservations as soon as possible!
The motels listed are available but you must call them directly and ask for the WESTERN SWING RATES.

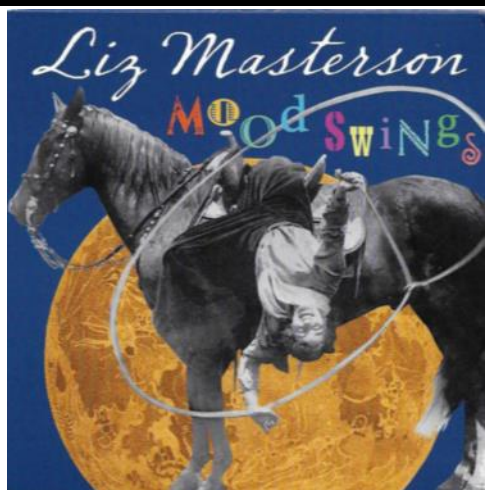
Photo Highlights

***May 8th Showcase
& May 14th Band Clinic***

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



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



Album:
Mood Swings

Album Reviews

Artist:
Liz Masterson

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



Mike Gross

Pioneers are remembered with a beautiful version of Tim Spencer's *By a Campfire on the Trail*. The songbook of the Western Swing legends is rejuvenated with *An Old Watermill by a Waterfall* from Milton Brown and *Brain Cloudy Blues* from Bob Wills and Tommy Duncan. There is also a remake of the Irish classic *Homes of Donegal* and a vocal version of Jay Ungar's *Ashokan Farewell*. The final two items are the yodel tune *When You're*

Blue Just Yodel and the south of the border classic from the Les Paul and Mary Ford songbook, *Vaya Con Dios*.

This CD can be obtained for \$18 from Liz Masterson, PO Box 12699, Denver, CO 80212. It can also be ordered with PayPal on www.lizmasterson.com

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

Liz Masterson has just recorded a very nice eclectic CD of 11 tunes with many very talented musicians backing her up. Behind Liz's vocals we can really enjoy the guitars of Mike Dowling or Ernie Martinez. Ernie is also heard playing mandolin, Dobro and snare drum. Duane Webster plays acoustic bass and either Julia Hays or Ron Jones play fiddle. Rob Lowe plays piano and Harry Grainger plays baritone saxophone. The background vocalists are Carla Sciaky, Tim Cook, Jean Prescott, Mollie O'Brien and Vicki Jones.

The album opens with Liz doing Bobby Troup's pop standard *Route 66*. Other pop standards that are also rejuvenated are Isham Jones and Gus Kahn's *It Had to Be You*, *I'm Confessin'* and *Spring Cleanin'*. The Sons of the

Mike's Top 10 for June 2016

Songs:

1. Love Is a Lingering Thing - Solitaire Miles
2. Everything's Gotta Swing in Texas - Cowboy Joe
3. Smoky Clubs and Dizzy People - Cowboy Joe (Chimney Rock)
4. Okie Dokie - Cherokee Maidens
5. This Song Is Just for You - Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing
6. Back In My Texas Home - Hot Texas Swing Band
7. Navajo Trail - AATW, Willie Nelson & the Quebe Sisters (Bismeaux)
8. Swingtime Lullabye - Western Swing Authority
9. All the Love in San Antone - Lisa Layne
10. It's a Sin to Tell a Lie - Mikki Daniel & Dave Alexander (Musikode)

Albums:

1. Susie Blue & the Lonesome Fellas - Solitaire Miles
2. Something to Bragg About - Leddy Bragg
3. I Ain't Dead Yet - Hot Texas Swing Band
4. Paul Schlesinger & His Knights of Western Swing - Paul Schlesinger
5. Still the King - Asleep At The Wheel (Bismeaux)
6. Now Playing - Western Swing Authority
7. Down the Trail - Kristyn Harris
8. Cowgirl Swing - Mikki Daniel (Musikode)
9. That's My Home - Jason Roberts
10. Mood Swings - Liz Masterson (Western Serenade Music)

NWWSMS Application for Membership

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Rec'd by: _____

NAME: _____

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INDIVIDUAL, \$20.00 COUPLE, \$25.00

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PERFORMER VOCALIST BAND LEADER

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BAND: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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I have enclosed an additional \$ _____ donation to the NWWSMS workshop/scholarship fund

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Please have someone send me a paper newsletter

(Note: the NWWSMS does not mail out paper newsletters)

I'd be happy to print and mail _____ extra newsletters to those without e-mail access

Please DO NOT include me in the Membership Roster.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Highlights from the May 8th Showcase

By Lou Bischoff



Mother's Day has come and gone but still lingering in my mind are the memories. What a special group of Moms and Grandmas joined us for the celebration. What more can we ask for - good health and good company. Along with the good company came guidance from those who had experiences to share and expressions of love from those who are included in our special family, the Western Swing Society of the Northwest. We sincerely thank all of you, Moms and Grandmas, who shared the day with us. And, now speaking as a Mom and Grandma, my thanks to the fellas who joined us and helped make our day so special.

Southern Comfort gave us a super day of western swing music with Shelley McNaughton on vocals. Dave DuChane was on bass/vocals. It's good to have him back after a long stay in Minnesota, where he helped care for his ailing father. What a guy! Geno Burbank took his place on lead guitar/vocals and Robert Van Den Akker (also known as 'Van') was on drums/vocals. After the first hour, Pat Rowe joined the group with his steel guitar. Pat will be inducted into the NWSMS Hall of Fame this August and we are so proud to include him.

The sound system was supplied by Dave DuChane today and it gave Fred Yearian a little break. Fred is diligent about taking care of that part of the show. With assistance from Steve Carter, Ed Bischoff and other who step up, all goes well. We thank them all. Alice Striegel, the Society's Secretary, handled the door prize tickets and President Jeanne Yearian helped with the photography. Lovely red roses were given to the ladies, compliments of the Neues. What a delightful, thoughtful act on their part.

Now, on with the show. Dave and Shelley sang *From a Jack to a King*. Geno added harmony on *Half as Much*. *Crazy Arms* was next on the trio's list. Shelley continued with *If You Have Leavin' On Your Mind*, followed by Dave singing *Take These Chains From My Heart*. It was waltz time now as Shelley sang *Old Flames* and *Last Cheaters Waltz*. The dancers love those special tunes. Van stirred the crowd next with *Just Call Me Lonesome*. His voice does carry and people love it. Shelley sang the western swing classic, *My Window Faces the South*. Wow! Then, slowing the pace a bit, Shelley was joined by Dave and Geno on a Patsy Cline classic, *I Fall to Pieces*.



Lou Bischoff and Alice Striegel prepare gifts for door prizes

Geno was next with *I Thought of You*. Ladies who might have been noticing could have glanced around to see Barb Riley smiling with delight. *Cherokee Maiden* is a western swing favorite and done so well by Shelley. Then Dave, Geno and Shelley harmonized on *Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain*. Beautiful job! The trio then sang *Remember Me*, an old favorite. *Charlies' Shoes* is a great dance tune and one of our favorites, especially when sung so well by Dave.

Up next, Shelley sang the song that made Bob Wills a household name, *The New San Antonio Rose*. Here's a bit of trivia for those of you who might not know. 'New' was added to the name of a song, formerly an instrumental, when words were added. The first version of the song did not have words - another example would be 'Panhandle Rag' which, when words were added, became 'The New Panhandle Rag.' Dave followed with *Devil Woman*. Shelley sang the swing favorite *Walkin' After Midnight*. The set was almost over when the band treated us to *Route 66*. Then, it was time to slow down. Shelley closed **Southern Comfort's** segment with another Patsy Cline classic, *Crazy*.



Vesta (singing along with the band) and Carl Neue, taking a turn around the dance floor.

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Jam time now. Geno Burbank and Pat Rowe remained on stage joined by Dave Wheeler on bass, Gil Barbee on drums, and Steve Carter on guitar. Joining Jeanne Yearian was a fine fiddler from the Dusty Strings workshop program who delighted us all - Ken Ritland is his name and we sure hope he can join us again . . . soon!



A job well done, we could sure tell he didn't start playing yesterday. We enjoyed his talent and the energy he added to the music. And such a nice man to boot!

Neal Jeans kicked off the jam with *Pass Me By*. Butch Gibson, another 2016 Inductee into the NWWSMS Hall of Fame, got up to sing *Have You Ever Been Lonely* and *Crazy Arms*. Paul Cooper took over on bass, singing *Let's Chase Each Other Round the Room Tonight* and *Today I Started Loving You Again*. Paul's lovely wife, Susan, smiled with admiration.



Neal Jeans

Van was back on drums. Many of the ladies nodded in agreement as Jeanne Yearian stepped up to sing *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*. By request, Steve Carter played *Wabash Blues*, then sang *Oh Lonesome Me*. Shelley and Dave sang *Help Me Make It Through the*

Night followed by Steve singing *Is This Really Where You Want to Be*. Neal Jeans ended the vocal portion of the jam with *Honky Tonk Blues* followed by a tender *Roomful of Roses*. Fine job, Neal. The band closed with *Redwing*, everyone joining in the fun.

Thank you to all who took part in the showcase today. I love and appreciate each one of you so very much. You all make life worth living. And, thanks to all the dancers who enjoy the talents of all our musicians. We hope your Mother's Day was the best ever.

Prayers to all our people with health issues and sympathy to those of us mourning the many we have lost in recent months.

Love you all,
Lou & Ed, too



Showcase Band for May: Southern Comfort



Pictured top to bottom, from left to right: Shelley McNaughton, Dave DuChane, Geno Burbank, Robert Van Den Akker and special guest, Pat Rowe



*Hello,
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by Paula Jungmann



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Editor's Note: From all of us in the Northwest, congratulations to Graham Lees, Cowtown Society of Western Music's DJ of the Year!

Top 10 Western Swing & Traditional Country for June 2016

Top Ten Albums

1. *Summertime: Willie Nelson Sings Gershwin*, Willie Nelson
2. *Old Pictures in a New Frame*, Brady Bowen
3. *Cowgirl Swing*, Mikki Daniel
4. *A Salute to the Heroes of Texas Swing*, Various Artists
5. *Thursday Night Live*, Tony Harrison
6. *Trail Jazz*, Cowboy Joe Babcock
7. *Depend on Me*, Susan Riley
8. *Something to Bragg About*, Leddy Bragg
9. *Cold in Colorado*, Chuck Cusimano
10. *Before It's Too Late*, Billy Puckett & Tommy Dodd

Top Ten Songs

1. *Another Bridge to Burn*, Brady Bowen & Swing Country/Gil Prather
2. *Polka Dots & Moonbeams*, Mikki Daniel
3. *Amarillo by Morning*, Leon Rausch
4. *Don't Be Ashamed of Your Age*, HF Ritchie & Gil Prather
5. *I Needed You*, Johnny Gimble
6. *I Didn't Realize*, Asleep at the Wheel and Leon Rausch
7. *Soon*, Stephanie Davis
8. *I Hear You Talkin'*, Leddy Bragg
9. *You Don't Know Me*, Texas Swing Band
10. *Riding On The Rio*, The Jangles

I don't know about you, folks, but here is something I've been pondering for some time through observing our social trends. I am concerned that in 5 to 10 years there is a great possibility that the dance music and dance culture we all love could be extinct! Being a dancer it's hard for me to understand since this music literally calls me to the dance floor. Without dancers there's not a whole lot of need for dance music being performed and learned. Right now we have at least a twenty year gap between our generation and the interested young dancers. Some would say those generations in between are doing hip hop and line dancing but that's not what our music is about. Our music is about couples dancing together to great western swing music.

We are doing a wonderful job honoring those pioneers who have kept this music going and deservedly so, mainly through festivals and societies. Without their efforts, western swing surely would have died. We have musicians who play for nothing - just for the joy of it. For some, it's their contribution to preserving it through performing those timeless tunes. That's how the Time Jumpers Band began. They started jamming in the back rooms of the Grand Ole Opry. These musicians weren't able to play the music they loved in Nashville so they created a means to do that. We teach our young musicians how to play western swing music as well as encourage them onto our stages and to attend festivals. It is our hope to instill in them the enjoyment we find in this great American musical genre, rich in tradition for dancers and musicians alike.

But, how can we bring the younger generations of dancers to this music? Possibly classes by experienced dancers or scholarships to dance studios where they could be encouraged to learn couple dancing might be an answer. Taking our children and grandchildren with us to dance events might help. Teaching both traditional swing and country steps and creating new swing moves to this music could open new interest. What about dance contests and awards programs for different age groups of our young dancers? Maybe.

We might start with changes in our behavior. For example, when at dances ask a parent if we can dance with their young ones. I actually saw some adults do this in April at Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Texas.

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June 2016 Playlist for "Wyn on Tuesday"

1. *Any Old Time* - Western Swing Authority
2. *Lonely Street*, Bobby Flores
3. *I Can't Stop Loving You*, Pap and the Sidemen
4. *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, Hot Texas Swing Band
5. *Cherokee Maiden*, Merle Haggard & the Strangers
6. *Please Sing Silver Wings Again*, Chuck Cusimano
7. *Faded Love*, Colleen Jarvis
8. *Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe*, Barbara Nelson
9. *Old Cow Puncher*, Texas Jim Lewis
10. *Take It Away*, Leon McAuliffe
11. *Leavin' Home*, The Swing Billies

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The kids were a little shy and awkward at first but really got into it - even dancing together before the dance had ended. A couple of these young dancers were attending with grandparents for the weekend and, with permission, looked up the two dancers who first took them onto the floor, wanting more.



At our local dances we see younger folks watching us on the dance floor, even staring at our feet and counting the steps, but not getting up and giving it a try. As dancers we don't care if you're just getting started or have never done it before, we just want you to give it a try. So what if you get a little chuckle as you dance by. Everyone wants you there and wants you to dance.

Through the generations young people like to put their own label on their music and dance. Heck, I did, doing the mashed potato, the twist and . . . well, you get the picture. Being from Texas we were taught country dancing by our parents and grandparents. It's a part of my generation's childhood. Today, children have so many activities and opportunities pulling them in different directions, it will be up to us to steer them toward this culture of dance and also, provide opportunities for them to give it a try.

We need to put our thinking cap on and find some new ways to get these young dancers interested in couple dancing or employ some of the above possibilities very soon. I can't imagine this music being only concert music where everyone just sits and listens. There's nothing wrong with having listeners but, after all, this is the music made for dancing!

'Till next time

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Our History

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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Joyce Miller

On May 6, 2016 some wonderful western swing musicians got together and played some fantastic music to kick off CSWM's Swing Fest. Charlie and Linda O'Bannon warmly welcomed all the musicians and the fans to their beautifully manicured yard and to their uniquely decorated music barn complete with bar and dance floor. Gary Beaver flipped some delicious burgers and hot dogs on the grill and others brought covered dishes, relish trays and an array of delectable desserts. We started a little earlier this year, about 4:00 PM, and the music continued until around 10:30 P.M. There were so many great musicians and singers, I know I can't remember them all. A few who entertained the crowd were Brady Bowen, Chuck Cusimano, Billy Keeble, Charlie O'Bannon on Keyboard and Linda O'Bannon on drums, plus Gil Prather and Leddy Bragg sang some good old tunes. Our friend Enocky from Japan also was amazing on guitar. Of course, the young-at-heart and "oh so talented", Miss Lucy Dean Record tickled the ivories like only she can. The evening was the perfect preview for Swing Fest the next day.

At noon on Saturday, "Shoot Low Sheriff," CSWM's Band of the Year for 2016, jazzed up the Holiday Hills Country Club and got the audience's attention with their rousing renditions of some classic western swing songs. They are absolutely an incomparable, uniquely Texas, "hot and jazzy," western swing group, playing the traditional old Bob Wills style tunes but with a refreshing zesty twist. Our first awards ceremony included four very special tributes to our 2016 "Living Legends": Buddy Ferguson, Wayne Gray, Billy McBay and Billy Briggs. All well over the age of 80 but still performing live music to the delight of their appreciative fans. These Living Legends were all touched by this honor,



Vonda and Leon Rausch

as they expressed in their acceptance speeches. Buddy Ferguson giving special thanks to his sweet wife, Dodie, "The Roadie", recognizing her for always being supportive of him and his music. Billy McBay's daughter beamed as her Dad was given his special

award for a lifetime of great fiddle music. Wayne Gray was praised by the likes of Brady Bowen and Leon Rausch for his amazing guitar playing and the unique sound of playing the guitar with a fiddle bow, which he calls his "Git Fiddle." And, of course, the incomparable saxophone player, Billy Briggs who is now 93, proclaimed his Martin horn was 78 years old, but still his sax of choice. We also honored two "Rising Stars," Leddy Bragg, only 12 years old but already a powerful performer and, in fact, the youngest "Hero" ever inducted by Cowtown Society of Western Music. Mikki Daniels, every cowboy's sweetheart, was also recognized as a "Rising Star." She's another young and amazingly talented young lady with a long list of accomplishments already under her western belt.

Louise Rowe and The Texan Playboys absolutely knocked a homerun with their set and had the dance floor overflowing. What a great band with a great lady as their leader. Louise doesn't miss a beat on her little red standup bass. She's just as sassy and as saucy as I bet she was in 1952 when she joined Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys on tour. She has a stellar group of renowned musicians in her hand-picked entourage. CSWM cannot thank them enough for taking time out of their busy schedules to donate their talents to the success of our 18th Annual Swing Fest presentation.

Following Louise Rowe and her band's performance, we presented more well-deserved awards to thirteen living heroes, all having distinguished themselves in the genre of western swing music. Terri Holland, Promoter, picked up the award for Venue of the Year for The San Angelo Cowboy Gathering. Her moving acceptance speech gave homage to her mentor, Red Steagall, for his help and support. Terri also accepted the award for the multi-talented, Jody Nix, another of her good friends and advisors. Carol Savage, wife of our Posthumous Hero, Jimmy Wayne Jones, or Jim as we all knew him, accepted his award with a heartfelt speech, voice quivering and tears streaming down her face as she recalled his many accomplishments and his love for western swing music and the musicians who perform it. She was joined at the podium by Jim's sister and several other family members. Two disc jockeys were also inducted into the Heroes of Western Swing, Randy "Tex" Hill of Oregon, musician and disc jockey, whose award was accepted by Joyce Miller as Randy was unable to attend due to his wife's health and Graham Lees from the UK. Graham was very appreciative and very surprised to receive along with his induction medal, a Certificate of Recognition from Greg Abbot, The Governor of the Great State of Texas, as

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SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2016
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COWBOY GATHERING
Terri Holland, Director SACG



The 4th annual San Angelo Cowboy Gathering will be happening on September 9-10, 2016, at the Wells Fargo Pavilion. I hope that you will mark your calendars and purchase a good pair of boots for one of the best western swing music festivals in the state. Yes, in case you haven't heard, the SACG was the Ameripolitan Music Awards "Festival of the Year" winner in February 2016. We were also honored by the Cowtown Society of Western Music as the 2016 "Venue of the Year" at their awards ceremony in May. We were very honored to receive both these awards at such a young age of our event. We thank each of you that nominated and voted for us!

The SACG is a 501c3 not for profit organization that promotes western swing music and the cowboy way of life, held the second weekend of September, and takes a portion of the proceeds of the event and gives back to another local not for profit organization. The 2016 event will benefit the local San Angelo Meals for the Elderly organization. As the Director of the SACG I am pleased to say we have had a tremendous response to this year's festival. Sponsorships have been coming in since the first week in January this year. To date our sponsors are individuals, businesses, and ranches that want to have reserved seating all weekend, as well as get a tax deduction! Now that's a win-win!



Kristyn Harris & Brook Wallace

this year and will be housing many of our attendees and our entertainers for the weekend. The Pearl on the Concho is offering \$79 rates, even lower than 2015, if you tell them when you reserve your rooms that you are coming in for the SACG. Candlewood Suites, another new hotel is offering the same low rate, if you tell them you are attending the SACG. All of this information on lodging and RV parks with phone

numbers is available on our website at:

www.sanangelocowboygathering.com.

The entertainment line-up is first rate, as we have the best in western swing musicians and bands coming to San Angelo in September. We have Jeff Woolsey & The DanceHall Kings, Bobby Flores & The Yellow Rose Band, and The Old Hat Band on Friday, September 9th. Then we start over on Saturday, September 10th with Clearwater, Case Hardin, Brady Honeycutt, The Rocky King Band, Coby Carter & 5 Miles West, Billy Mata & The Texas Tradition with special guest Floyd Domino, The Jason Roberts Band and Jody Nix & his Texas Cowboys. These guys and their bands will no doubt fill the dance floor all day and night. On the cowboy side of the event we have KR Woods, Clifton Fifer, Jr., Jean & Gary Prescott, Kristyn Harris & Brook Wallace. The Prescott's, Kristyn & Brook, will do a special performance together on Saturday afternoon.

We are thrilled that we have our 2 Emcees back again this year, Chuck Ramsey from Texas DanceHall Radio and Skeebo Norris from San Saba, TX. Both of these gentlemen were nominated for Western Swing DJ's of the Year in various Western Swing Music Associations. Skeebo is the Western Swing DJ of the Year for 2015 by the Cowtown Society of Western Swing Music & Chuck is your Academy of Western Artist- DJ of the Year for 2016. Chuck will be handling the stage on Friday, September 9th and Skeebo will take the microphone on Saturday, September 10th. Skeebo will also handle our Live Auction we have on Saturday, as we found out he is quite an Auctioneer.



Emcees Skeebo Norris & Chuck Ramsey

I hope you will consider being a part of the San Angelo Cowboy Gathering this year by being a sponsor or as an attendee. You can find out more information by visiting our website at www.sanangelocowboygathering.com and be sure and "like" us at www.facebook.com/SanAngeloCowboyGathering. General Admission wristbands are \$35 per day or \$50 for a 2 day wristband. Our doors will open at 4 PM on Friday the 9th, and at 11 AM on Saturday the 10th. Get them early though as we did sell out 3 weeks prior to the event in 2015, and we are on track to sell our even sooner this year! Don't Procrastinate if you think you want to attend, because I won't have wristbands much longer the way they are selling. However you choose to help us will be great, just make sure those soles on your boots are good and polish 'em up real shiny so you will be ready on September 9-10th to cut a rug and help Meals for the Elderly!

***Come see us in San Angelo and have a
boot scootin' good time!***

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did all 26 of the inductees. To paraphrase Graham, "this is the icing on the cake."

Pat Jacobs and The CSWM All Star Heroes Band performed following the second ceremony. He was joined by a wonderful group of past and present heroes, including Elmer Laurence on steel, Bill Mitchell on guitar, Wayne Glasson on keyboard, the dynamic husband and wife team, Hollie and Gary Williams and many more. Most, if not all, of the newly inducted heroes joined in with Louise Rowe, Pat Jacobs and Brady Bowen's bands during the course of the day and evening. Great performances by Lee Barlow, John Jones, Lee Smith, Jimmy Don Pack, Lonnie Spiker, and Alex Dormont were enjoyed by all. Their performances brought the house down. Pat and his band members always come through when CSWM calls and they always give noteworthy performances. Thanks to each and every one of the band members as well as Pat and his sweet wife, Nellie.

Last, but not least, the President's Choice award was presented to Valerie Ryals, renowned fiddle teacher, and accomplished musician. And, a very special award was presented to a very special man, Chuck Curtis, cowboy, athlete, business man, musician and bandleader and most of all a kind gentleman. Chuck helped CSWM from the society's inception with various fundraisers, securing grants, and as a member of our Advisory Council. Chuck had been in ill health for a few years and it progressively worsened this past year, so his wife, Carole, graciously accepted his "Lifetime Achievement Award." Unknowingly to any of us at the time, he passed away from his debilitating disease just days after its presentation. We at CSWM are glad to have known and worked with such an honorable man as Chuck and miss his smiling face, his support and his "can do" attitude. Rest in Peace, Chuck.

Brady Bowen and his band of special guests finished off the evening from 6:00 P.M. until about 10:00. Brady always knows how to draw the dancers to the dance floor. He and Gregg Gibbs on fiddles and Gregg's phenomenal voice were joined by the smooth and oh so familiar melodies from none other than, Leon Rausch. Leon pulled "double duty" at Swing Fest by hosting the event and



CSWM VP, Brady Bowen



Rising Stars Mikki Daniel and Leddy Bragg with DJ Billy Bowles

presenting many of the "Heroes" with their awards. Of course, Leon was undeniably the most photographed person at the event as everyone wanted their photo taken with him. Thanks to Leon for being a great emcee and for singing so many wonderful songs. He still has that "voice" and his witty personality. Speaking of photographs, our special "imported" photographer of all the heroes was Terry Elliott from London, England. He and his wife, Marian, always are a huge help at Swing Fest. They are always willing to pitch in and do whatever is asked of them. It just so happens, Terry is a wonderful photographer too...we're so lucky to have them. Marian sold tee shirts, programs, took tickets at the door, helped with the silent auction and sold raffle tickets for the two "hero signed" guitars. Jerry Tatum of Craig's Music and CSWM's Sgt. at Arms once again donated a brand new acoustic guitar that was signed by past and present heroes. Edward Paul Jones, longtime friend, supporter and past Fan of the Year, donated the signed guitar he won in 2009 and it was also raffled off.

As guests and musicians started to drift out at the close of the event and the last dance was danced and the last song was sung, I began to feel a little sad that it was ending. However, I'm so happy to be a part of Cowtown Society, an organization that can at least once a year, gather so many wonderful musicians, singers, promoters, supporters and fans of western music and western swing into one place for such a happy occasion. It's an opportunity for old friends and fellow musicians and fans to meet and visit. It's a time for them to share stories, life experiences, make new friends, hear some young talent, cry a little and laugh a lot. When I think of all these things, my heart lightens and I find myself already thinking about and talking about our next upcoming Swing Fest in 2017. Hopefully, we'll once again meet for fellowship with some wonderful old friends and continue to make many new friends as well. Come join us and always remember to support western swing music and go to as many events, festivals, and music venues as you can throughout the year.

By Joyce Miller
Cowtown Society of Western Music
Secretary/Treasurer/Director

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