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

July/August 2013



As always, we all need to tip our hats and offer a big **"Thank You"** to Lou and Ed Bischoff for hosting our annual NWWSS picnic. They always make each of us feel like they're hosting *just* for us. Their warmth was almost matched by the beautiful day!

And the **FOOD!** Where in the world did everyone come up with such tasty dishes? I could hear leather creak as everyone released their belts a notch!

And the **talent!** Everyone had a turn either at the microphone or doin' a little pickin' or both. Leroy King made sure of that. But, in my humble opinion, Willie Carter stole the show! What a joy . . . a real strong and true voice and he sure makes those swinging fiddle licks sing! *(In case you missed it, Willie is being inducted into the NWWSSMS Hall of Fame this August.)*



Lloyd Hooper
NWWSSMS President

A special thank you to Dennis Morgan for coming across the mountains to perform for us. The man can sing! I sure hope he can be here for our Festival and Hall of Fame in Auburn.

Speaking of our Hall of Fame, it won't be many days until it's HERE! It'll be great to see all our friends again. It has always puzzled me that the days, weeks and months of our lives can seem to pass by at breakneck speed; but, when we are waiting to see

good friends again a year between visits can seem like an eternity!

When you need something to ease the longing, it's time to get swingin'.

Lloyd



LeRoy King



Dave DuChane and Dennis Morgan



Willie Carter and son, Steve

(More photos from the annual picnic on pages 5 & 9)



23rd Annual Western Swing Music Festival and Hall of Fame



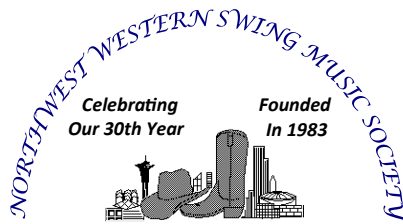
Thursday, August 8th through Sunday, August 11

at the Auburn Eagles, Auburn, Washington

BIG, BEAUTIFUL DANCE FLOOR

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

A Full Week-End of Western Swing Music and Dancing . . . Pull out schedule inside!



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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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

JUNE 4, 2013



President, Lloyd Hooper, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel, Lloyd Hooper, Jerry Seitz, Lou Bischoff, LeRoy King, Dave Duchane, Jeanne Yearian, Patty McConnell.

Excused: Bill Gates

Guests: Fred Yearian, Ed Bischoff, Fern Hooper.

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

Bills: Approved to pay as presented.

Showcases: There will be a cake provided for the June 9 Showcase in honor of Fathers' Day.

Scholarship: Matthew McCravey (*our current scholarship holder*) continues to improve healthwise and sincerely appreciates hearing from members.

Website: In June, the NWWSMS website will begin to be rebuilt. It is hoped that it will be finished before the August festival.

Hall of Fame: A two-sided flyer will be printed with one side having information relating to the Festival/Hall of Fame activities and the other side reflecting a schedule of upcoming Showcases along with a membership application. This flier will be distributed prior to the annual Festival/Hall of Fame.

The new admission wristbands have been received and are outstanding. LeRoy King currently has an adequate supply of buttons for name tags. LeRoy will be assembling a photo album of past Pioneers of Western Swing and Hall of Fame honorees.

The menus for Friday, Saturday and Sunday have been confirmed by the Auburn Eagles' Management.

The Jam Room will be available all day on Saturday; last year there was a conflict in scheduling on Saturday because of the regularly-scheduled bingo game. Bingo will be on Friday this year.

A list of all scheduled performers will be provided to the members of the Board. Jerry Seitz will transport the equipment trailer to Auburn.

For the Good of the Order: Vi Anderson's health is improving. Lloyd Hooper is on the way to recovery from a debilitating illness.

Lou Bischoff offered thanks to all those who participated in the June 1 benefit auction at the Lynnwood Eagles (*see further information regarding this activity in your June Newsletter and a Thank You from the Lyon family on page 3*).

Motion passed to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD

JULY 2, 2013

President, Lloyd Hooper, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel, Lloyd Hooper, Lou Bischoff, LeRoy King, Dave Duchane, Jeanne Yearian.

Excused: Bill Gates, Patty McConnell

Absent: Jerry Seitz

Guests: Fred Yearian, Ed Bischoff

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

Bills: Approved to pay as presented.

Scholarship: After discussion, the scholarship will be on hold until after the Hall of Fame. It will be discussed at the September Board meeting.

Website: Work on updating information on the website has begun.

New Business: A motion was made, voted on and approved that as soon as Treasurer Ramon Selby obtains the appropriate paperwork from our bank, there will be three signatories on our bank checks rather than the two currently doing so. The signatories will be Ramon Selby, Alice Striegel, and Lou Bischoff.

Hall of Fame: Volunteers to provide coverage for the front door at the Auburn Eagles have been identified. LeRoy King has completed the buttons. The booklet of the 2013 Inductees has been printed in draft form by Jeanne Yearian and Lou Bischoff will review for final printing.

This year's renewed emphasis on "No Slide or Line Dancing" was discussed. Lou Bischoff has verified the schedule of the bands. The new 30th Anniversary T shirts and hats will sell for \$15 each.

Per the Washington State Liquor Control Board, those under the age of 21 attending will need to be seated in a specific, designated area at the Auburn Eagles during the Hall of Fame event. Failure to maintain this distinction will result in problems for the Auburn Eagles' liquor license.

Motion made, voted on and approved to provide reimbursement in the amount of \$15 per round trip to those who furnish transportation to guests of NWWSMS from SeaTac Airport to the Auburn Eagles. There will be a "Split-The-Pot" each day of the festival. Our Society will provide the sound system for the jam room.

For the Good of the Order: Update on those on the "Sharing The Journey" list was provided by Lou Bischoff.

Motion passed to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

Thanks for the Memories, NWWSMS

Wishing You Another Swingin' 30 Years of Success!

Editor's Note: If you have some special moments, memories or stories you would like to share, please send it to the editor or give it to a member of the board. They will be published in the newsletter in the months to come. Our first journal entry comes from long-time NWWSMS supporter and former member of the Board, Arlene Stuth.

I became acquainted with a member of the Society back in 1998. I had never heard the term western swing music before. I was a total fan of country music. I started going to the showcases and the music just got to me. What pleased me the most during my time with the Society were the times I spent serving on the Board, both as Secretary and Treasurer. I met a lot of wonderful people and became friends with them. Among them were Ed and Lou Bischoff, Lloyd Hooper and his wife Fern, LeRoy King and his wife Noreen, and JC Smith and his wife Sharon. I can't forget Ray Shawley and his wife, Beryl, and Patty McConnell, too. So many others with names my old mind has forgotten.

I also became acquainted with several musicians from different parts of the country. There were people like Bob Cobb, Benny Cobb, Val Stane, Lynn Graham, Rod Rodriguez (and his saxophone), Tony Arana, Ray Poe and his wife, and so many others.

Some of my favorite memories were attending the Western Swing Festivals held in Sacramento and Oklahoma City (actually held in Yukon, OK, not far from Oklahoma City). I had never been there before. I went with a friend and it was quite a trip. I had some surgery on my foot. Unfortunately, my foot had to be wrapped in an elastic bandage which meant I wouldn't be able to dance. My feet sure didn't stay still though. The music played and my feet were tapping.

The WSMSS Hall of Fame was held in the biggest dance hall I had ever seen. And, they didn't have any trouble at all filling it. The weather was hot, which was a new experience for me. Being a Washingtonian we very seldom hit temperatures over 100.

Something unexpected, both funny and memorable, happened at the event on the last day. The A/C went out. Two very

large fans were set up. What was funny or memorable about that? Well, the temperature continued to rise but no one stopped dancing. Those Western Swing people didn't want to miss a dance with the great music that was playing. I spent 4 days there and enjoyed myself immensely. I met a lot of new people and made some good friends. I certainly will remember my trip to Oklahoma with great fondness.

Though many friends have passed on, the Society goes on promoting Western Swing Music for everyone to enjoy.

God Bless all the people no longer with us. We so appreciate their contributions. They are missed.

Arlene Stuth

To all of our western swing family and friends,

Ed and I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this year's annual NWWSMS picnic such a success! Even the weather cooperated in making this a fun event!

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and look forward to seeing you at the festival.

Lou and Ed Bischoff

Our many thanks to Lou and the Western Swing Society for the time and effort put into the benefit for me and my wife. We can't begin to explain how humbled we felt at the outpouring of generosity and friendship we felt from each of you. As I said, I have played many benefits, but have never had one put on for myself, personally. We were floored at the size of the crowd and genuine friendship demonstrated over and over during the day.

Musicians are a unique bunch. We are known for taking care of each other. We are certainly fortunate to know you and to have been on the receiving end of your kindness.

Thank you, thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. Your generous gift has helped so much!

Danny and Sheila Lyon

We thank you, Western Swing Society,

It's been a little over a year since Darrell had his accident resulting in an acute brain injury. His memory is sporadic but each second Sunday of the month he remembers the Western Swing Society and is always excited to attend. He so enjoys the camaraderie.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers as well as your continued support for Darrell, which helps us both deal with his injury.

Thank you,
Darrell and Lois Haddock

Around the Sound Support Live, Local Music

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.

Dan Leal and the Hometown Band, at the Historic Everett Theatre, 2911 Colby. Visit their website for information on upcoming play dates: www.hometownhootenanny.com

Lloyd Hooper and the Cascade Ramblers, at the Sedro-Woolley Legion. Check the Legion calendar for dates or call Lloyd Hooper at:

(Home) 360-757-0486; (Cell) 360-202-6930

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

Patty and the Travelin' Four. Dance to their music on Wednesdays, from 6-9 pm, Auburn, Eagles. Everyone welcome. Food available.

For additional information, call Patty: 425-255-3178 or Leroy at 253-845-8359.

Ken Fullerton and Country Fever. Auburn Eagles, every Monday, 6-9 pm. Dinner is available! First Fridays dinner/dance at the Black Diamond Eagles from 5:30 to 9:30. Call 253-922-7888 or 253-380-2445 for more information.

JOIN US FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST 2:00 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013

The Neues are at it again!

The island fun starts Friday evening. The P.A. will be set up. There is power for RVs. You can show up on Friday to relax or jam! Hot dogs and marshmallows will help fuel the merriment!

The pig will be here, and we'll start cooking it on Saturday evening. Bring an appetite and your favorite side dish! We try to eat at 2 pm on Sunday.

**Questions? Please call: 360-387-2691
352 Ridge Lawn Pl., Camano Island, WA**

**If you have an instrument,
bring it along and join the jams!**



Cherishing The Memories



Rudy Alexander

Rudy Alexander died at his home with his family by his side on Saturday, July 13, 2013. He was 73.

Rudolph Lynn Alexander was born, May 21, 1940, in Portland, Oregon, to Barney and

Norma Alexander. He was raised in Gresham. He entered into the US Army in 1958 and was honorably discharged in 1960. On August 5, 1961, Rudy married Kay Sweeney. They made their home in Gresham until 1976 when they moved to Estacada

He had various jobs before becoming a truck driver. Later, he owned and operated his own log truck. He retired from Estacada Rock/Concrete Services in 2003.

Rudy was a respected bass player in one of the foremost western swing bands of the Northwest, Keith Holter's **Longhorn**. He belonged to the Western Swing Societies in Washington, Oklahoma and Sacramento, California. He was able to attend last year's NWWSMS festival thanks to the help of many friends and family members. *(A video clip with Rudy playing bass along with Chuck Hayes and friends is posted on the NWWSMS website at: www.nwwsms.com, as well as on YouTube.)*

The family held their annual "Alexander Picnic and Country Jam" for over 30 years. Rudy enjoyed fishing, 4 wheeling and being a mechanic.

Our Society's deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Kay Alexander of Estacada; daughters; brother, Max Alexander of LaPine, Oregon; and Rudy's seven grandchildren

The family has asked that remembrances be made to the western swing societies.

It's Your Newsletter

Contributions of your news items, letters, pictures and advertisements to the **Western Swing Music Society News** are needed and encouraged. *(Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of materials.)*

Deadline for consideration is the 15th of the month, but sooner is better. Send to or e-mail:

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Curly Lewis

Julian Franklin 'Curly' Lewis of Tulsa, a legendary Western-swing fiddler who played with some of the genre's greats, among them Bob and Johnnie Lee Wills, died Sunday, July . He was 88.

Only 11 when he won a fiddling contest sponsored by the legendary Bob Wills, the young Tulsan found his future in music effectively set, just like that. He was too young to join the band, but the contest did land him guest appearances on Wills' radio broadcasts on Tulsa's KVOO.

From there, a few years later, he latched on with Bob's brother Johnnie Lee Wills. As a member of his band, Lewis soon was making Western-swing history.

A celebrated fiddler and vocalist who played with some of the greats of Western swing, lending a hand and his bow in helping to popularize the music. A public memorial service is planned for noon Aug. 3 at Cain's Ballroom. Lewis is one of only three sidemen to be honored with a star on the Cain's Walk of Fame.

Capping off a nearly 80-year career, he last played publicly in February at his induction into the National Fiddlers Hall of Fame at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa.

Lewis also played and sang - he boasted a pleasant baritone - with Western-swing icons Hank Thompson and Leon McAuliffe. But his longest musical association was with Johnnie Lee Wills.

After joining Wills' Tulsa-based band in 1945, Lewis played many dates with him at the Cain's Ballroom through the mid-1950s.

After the band's dissolution, Lewis continued to play regularly with Wills. After Wills' death in 1984, Lewis worked for many years with Wills brothers-affiliated groups around the country and appeared at many reunion and tribute shows.

Curly Lewis received many honors over the years. Among them were his induction into the Hall of Fame for the Western Swing Society of Sacramento in 1990 and for the NWWSMS in 1997.

(Our thanks to Curly's son, Steve, for sharing this photo of his father outside Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, Oklahoma.)

Sharing the Journey

WITH BEST WISHES and PRAYERS

Gary Hood
Vicki Campbell
Rick Dunn
Matthew McCravey
Vi & Darrell Anderson
Keith Holter
Bob Cobb
Dick Sanderson
Betty Reeves
Harry Coffman
Bob Woeck
Audry Clayton
Julie Martin (Mrs. Bob)
Carmen Champion

CONDOLENCES

To Kay Alexander, family and friends on the loss of her husband, Rudy.

To family and friends of Curly Lewis on the loss of their dear friend.

*A friend
is someone who knows the
song in your heart
And can sing it back to you
When you have forgotten the
words.*

-Unknown-

*Did we miss someone or
do you know of someone
who should be included in the next
Sharing the Journey report?
Please let us know.*

*Contact a member of the Board
(see page 2) or
the editor of the newsletter
(see page 2).*



Save the dates and plan to attend!

*The Northwest Western Swing Music Society's
22nd Annual*

**Western Swing Music Festival &
"Hall of Fame"**

August 8-11, 2013

Festival Schedule:

Thursday, August 8: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – Jam Session with Meet & Greet for our out-of-town guests!

Friday and Saturday, August 9 & 10: 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 10:00 am to 11:00 am and, again, after the last scheduled band of the day until the stage closes.

Sunday, August 11: The Ballroom is closed until 11:00 am. Scheduled programs begin at 11:00 am and close at 9 pm. Our Hall of Fame awards ceremony will take place between 2:30 pm and 4:00 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

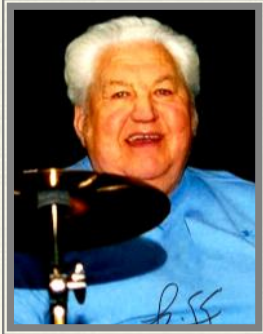
A Warm, Friendly Venue with a Beautiful, Large Dance Floor

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| Thursday Evening | Dinner | 5:30 - 7:30 | Chef's Choice | \$10.00 |
| Friday | Lunch | 1:00 - 3:00 | Burger Bar | 6.00 |
| | Dinner | 5:30 - 7:30 | Baked Potato Bar | 7.00 |
| Saturday/Sunday | Breakfast | 7:00-10:00 | Hot Scramble! | 6.00 |
| Saturday | Lunch | 1:00 - 3:00 | Burger Bar | 6.00 |
| | Dinner | 5:30 - 7:30 | Chinese Stir Fry | 10.00 |
| Sunday | Lunch | 2:00 - 6:00 | 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 under the age of 21 welcome – Please sit in designated seating area in the ballroom . . . or bring your instrument and dancing shoes, visit the Jam Room and join in the fun!! (See program for Jam Room times - it will be closed for Bingo on Friday afternoon/evening.)

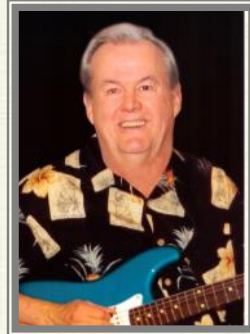
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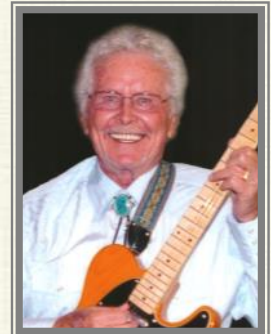
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Sean Allen



Jim Baughman



Cliff Brizendine



Willie Carter



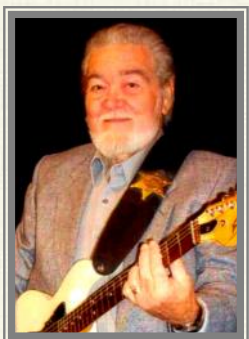
Glenn "Buddy" Collins



Rus Davis



Bonnie Guitar



Darrell Haddock



Chet Hasting



Gary Hood



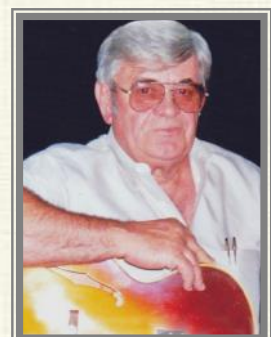
John Jones



The Nix Family, Hoyle, Ben, Larry and Jody



Ted Preston (Bensmiller)



Bill F. "Froggy" Worden

23RD ANNUAL WESTERN SWING MUSIC FESTIVAL AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Main Ballroom Scheduled Events

Friday, August 9th

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| 10:00 -11:00 AM | Ballroom Jam |
| 12 Noon | Welcome, <i>LeRoy King, MC</i> Opening Song by <i>Steven McDonald</i> Flag Presentation by <i>Ed & Lou Bischoff</i> |
| 12:30-1:30 PM | Tommy Thomsen & Friends |
| 1:45-2:45 PM | Chuck Hayes & Special Edition |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Butch Gibson & Pardners |
| 4:15 - 5:15 PM | LeRoy King & GTO |
| 5:30 - 6:30 PM | Patty & The Travelin' Four |
| 6:45 - 7:45 PM | Jangles with Mike Faast |
| 8:00 - 9:00 PM | Chet Hasting & Country Fever |
| 9:15 - 10:15 PM | Bill Enyeart & Friends |
| 10:30 - 11:30 PM | Ballroom Jam |



Saturday, August 10th

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| 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 | Keith Holter & Friends |
| 1:15-2:15 PM | Sharyn Lee & The Sundowners |
| 2:30 - 3:30 PM | Bill Enyeart & Friends |
| 3:45 - 4:45 PM | Kristi Nebel & Cowgirl's Dream |
| 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Jim Sanderson with Jack Daniel's Band |
| 6:15 - 7:15 PM | Lloyd Hooper & The Cascade Ramblers |
| 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Dave DuChane & The Western Wranglers |
| 8:45 - 9:45 PM | Chuck Hayes & Special Edition |
| 10:00 - 11:30 PM | Ballroom Jam |



Sunday, August 11th

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| 11:00 AM | Ballroom Opens: Welcome, <i>Joe Baker, MC</i> / Opening Song by <i>Shelley McNaughton, Geno Burbank & Dave DuChane</i> Flag Presentation by <i>Ed & Lou Bischoff</i> |
| 11:15-11:45 AM | SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION |
| 12:00-1:00 PM | The Northwest All Stars |
| 1:15-2:15 PM | Tommy Thomsen & Friends |
| 2:30 - 4:00 PM | HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY Presenter: <i>Lloyd Hooper</i> Keyboard: <i>Tommy Thomsen</i> |
| 4:15 - 5:15 PM | Big Ed & Steel Country |
| 5:30 - 6:30 PM | INDUCTEE BAND |
| 6:45 - 7:45 PM | JC's Cherokee Band |
| 8:00 - 9:00 PM | Ballroom Jam and Festival Closing |



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE EAGLES CLUB, AUBURN, WA 702 'M' Street, SE

The GOOD NEWS: The 'M' Street Underpass has reopened!

From NORTH or SOUTH via I-5 or Hwy 167:

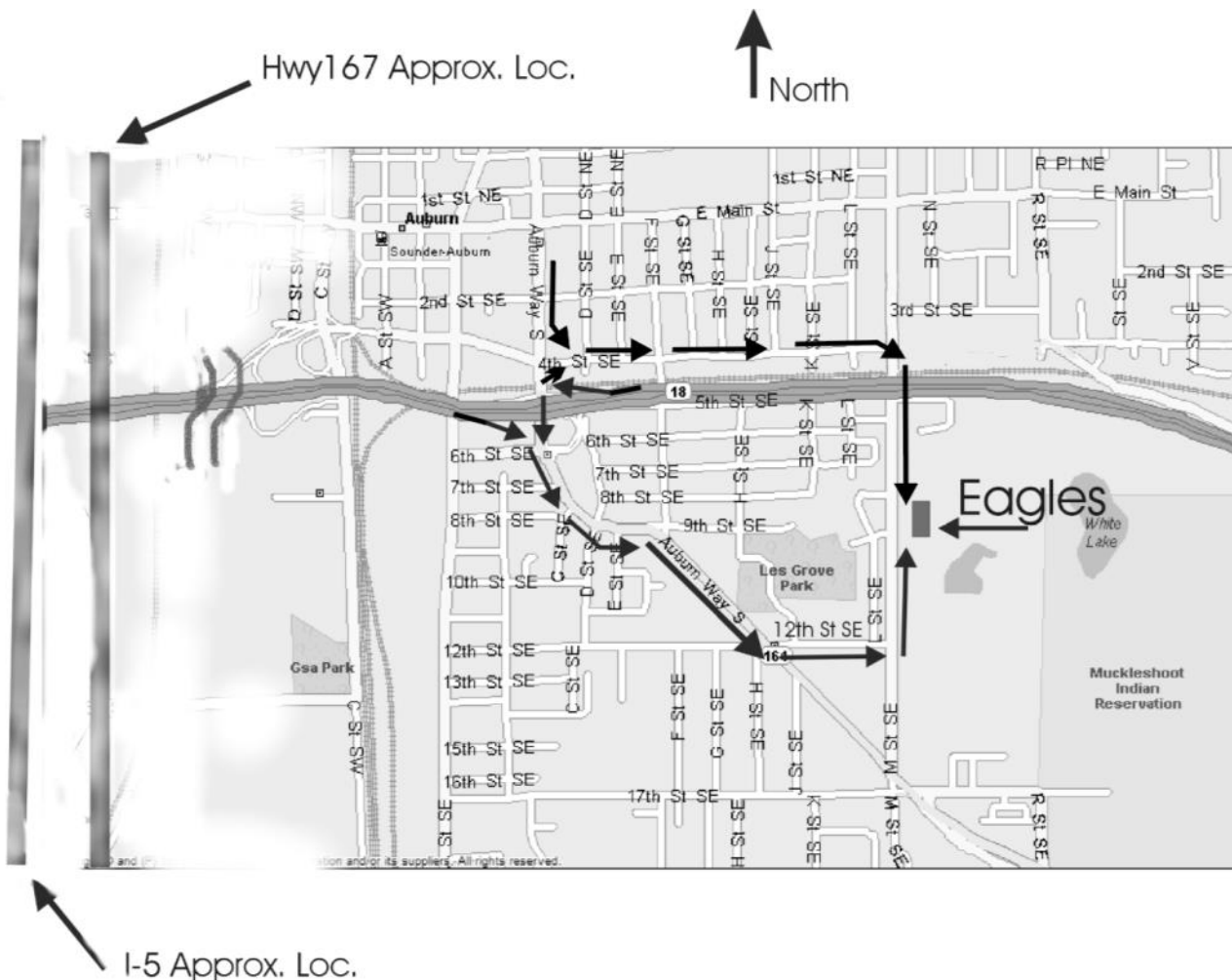
Take a Hwy 18 exit EAST. Continue EAST and exit to Auburn Way S. Be in the right turn lane onto Auburn Way South. Follow Auburn Way S. (*stay in left lane*) to 12th St. SE (*landmark: Chevron Station at the intersection.*) Turn left on to 12th St SE. Continue EAST to 'M' Street. Turn left on 'M' Street, heading NORTH. Travel approximately 4 blocks to either of the Eagles' two entrances on the right.

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

From EAST via I-90 and Hwy 18: Take I-90 WEST to Hwy 18 at Exit 25. Staying in the left lane of the exit, turn left, heading SOUTH on Hwy 18. 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 right lane and turn right onto Auburn Way S. Immediately (*at the first light*) turn right on 4th St. SE. Proceed EAST to 'M' Street. Turn right, going under the railroad and I-18 overpass. Proceed three blocks. The Eagles entrances are on the left.

For Those Coming from Kent or North Auburn:

Follow Auburn Way traveling SOUTH to 4th Street SE. Turn left and proceed EAST to 'M' Street. Turn right, going under the railroad and I-18 overpass. Proceed three blocks. The Eagles entrances are on the left.

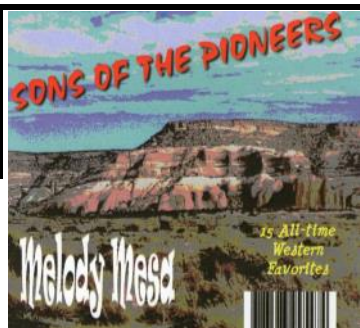


Highlights from the June Showcase and July Picnic

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 Festival, August 8th-11th!
Save a smile for the camera!*



Album: Melody Mesa
Artist: Sons of the Pioneers
Label: Pioneer

Album Reviews

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



Mike Gross

The legendary Sons of the Pioneers recorded

Valley. Also included are the title song of two of the many movies that the Sons of the Pioneers did with Roy Rogers, *Along the Navajo Trail* and *Ridin' Down the Canyon*. Also reworked are two of Billy Hill's great compositions, *Wagon Wheels* and *Empty Saddles*.

Springtime in the Rockies.

This CD can be ordered for \$19.95 plus \$4.99 shipping and handling from www.sonsofthepioneers.org

this new 15 tune CD in 2012, the 78th year of their historic existence. The members on this recording are Luther Nallie (baritone vocal and clarinet), Randy Rudd (lead vocal and rhythm guitar), Ken Lattimore (tenor vocal and violin), Gary LeMaster (Vocal and lead guitar), Ricky Boen (vocal and violin) and Mark Abbott (vocals and upright bass.) Unfortunately, Gary passed away in September 2012 and Luther's brother Tommy replaced Gary as the lead guitarist for this group.

The album of western classics opens with the Western Swing sound of *Cowboy Jubilee* and then follows with the classic ballad, *Silver on the Sage*. Another sound in swing styling is former member, the late Deuce Spriggens' *Trail to San Antone*. Included also are Stan Jones' *The Lillies Grow High* and the Happy Chappies *When the Bloom is on the Sage*. Brought back from the Sons of the Pioneers library is Bob Nolan's *Song of the Bandit* and *When Payday Rolls Around* and Glenn Spencer's *So Long to the Red River*

The three remaining gems are Kennedy and Carr's *South of the Border* from Gene Autry, Stuart Hamblen's *Texas Plains* and the beautiful

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

Mike's Top 10 for July 2013

Songs:

1. Swing On - Carolyn Martin (*Java Jive*)
2. Can't Get Enough of Texas - River Road Boys (Buzzard Roost)
3. New Star Over Texas - The Time Jumpers (Rounder)
4. All Dolled Up - Western Swing Authority
5. Yodel Western Swing - Kristyn Harris
6. Time Changes Everything - Christina Mae
7. Prairie Skies - Eli Barsi (Red Truck) Canada
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Lou Bischoff

JUNE 9 SHOWCASE

By Lou Bischoff

First and foremost, congratulations are still in order for those Western Swing legends selected as the 2013 Hall of Fame inductees. We are deeply proud of all of them for their dedication to our kind of music, Western Swing. Remember to join us at the Auburn Eagles in Auburn, Washington, on Sunday, August 11, at 2:00 p.m., to witness their special moment.

June 9th at the Lynnwood Eagles was a celebration of Fathers' Day, including those who support all their fathers.

LeRoy King and his GTO Band gave us a perfect example of Western Swing music, which is what we're all about. GTO had LeRoy on bass and vocals, Larry Broad on lead guitar and vocals, Jim Neel on lead and rhythm guitar, and Wayne Franco on steel. (*So good to see you again, Wayne! Wayne has been very busy performing at venues in Seattle as well as on the Bremerton side of the water. We're proud to say he is a favorite everywhere he goes.*) Our sharply dressed fiddlers, Jeanne Yearian and Jerry Seitz, performed well, adding to the success of the band. Eddie Mauck (*Fields*), 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee of the NWWSMS, performed on drums and, as always, we enjoyed his smooth beat. Just a perfect example of perfection. LeRoy opened with *San Antonio Rose*, followed by *Rosetta*. Then, came *Always* and *Deep Water*.



We were so happy to see Tom and Pauline Nelson back from Arizona. They were right where we expect them to be - first couple on the dance floor and the last to leave at the end of the day. Is that dedication or what?

LeRoy continued with *Room Full of Roses*. With the floor crowded and Jeanne and Jerry on twin fiddles, LeRoy sang *Faded Love*. How beautiful it was. Larry Broad belted out *Elmer's Tune*, a favorite without a doubt, followed by *Route 66*. Wow!! People really scrambled to their feet once again. We loved it.

To the great pleasure of the dancers, LeRoy sang *Four in the Morning* and *You Don't Know Me*. Then, to the obvious enjoyment of the crowd, LeRoy sang Tommy Camfield's *Miles and Miles of Texas*. As LeRoy sang *I Overlooked an Orchid*, many on the dance floor gave a cherished look to their dance partners, as did Jim Meeker and his lady, Donna.

Larry sang an old favorite, *Mexicali Rose*. I remember so vividly when Gene Autry gave that song special meaning in the 1939 movie by the same name. Guess I'm dating myself – would anyone believe I saw it first as a rerun? Oh well, that's life . . . it does go on.

When LeRoy sang *You're Something Special to Me*, I couldn't help but send a glancing eye to my hubby across the room. Larry and Jim Neel played a rousing version of *My Window Faces the South*. Now it was time for Wayne to do his stuff on *Panhandle Rag* with vocal by Jerry Seitz. There was no time for the dancers to rest as Larry kicked off *Lonestar Beer* and *Near You*.

We sure missed the Society's faithful supporters, the Hoopers and the Neues. But we are resting easy as we know they will be back soon. Time now to express my deepest thanks to those members who stepped up to help in their absence. Sharon Smith and Sharon Bissonette handled Split-the-Pot. Jan King handled the door prize tickets. Jeanne Yearian made some announcements, inviting all to the Festival and Hall of Fame in August as well as to the Neue's pig roast on August 25th (*for more information, see page 8 of the June newsletter or page 3 of this issue*).

Flyers were available for both. Volunteers from the Lynnwood Eagles included Darrell, Nancy, Joanne, Holly, Karen, Elizabeth and Mae. We so appreciate and respect each one of you.



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The jam began with Judy Collender on keyboard, singing *Tennessee Waltz*. The first jam band also included Gil Barbee on drums, Dave DuChane on bass and vocals, Steve Carter on lead guitar, and Ramon Selby on fiddle. Darrell Haddock sang *The Other Woman* and *Muddy Water*, by request. So good to see him not only looking much better but singing

with that strong, steady voice we all remember!

Dave DuChane sang *Heartaches by the Number*, always a favorite with the dancers, followed by *Jambalaya*. I am sure I'm not alone when I express how much I appreciate his willingness to share his talent with us!

Missy Guthrie sang *Paper Roses* before she and her man danced so lovingly to *Amarillo by Morning*, sung by our talented new member Mitch Mitchell. By now, Larry Broad was on lead guitar, LeRoy King was back on bass and Jerry Seitz joined Ramon Selby on fiddles. Steve Carter rounded out the group on lead and rhythm guitar. Judy Collender assisted on keyboard. Aably assisted, Mitch began singing *Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain* while his friend looked on.

It was good to see Linda Kirgen, a long-time friend of the Seitz family, back with us. As Jerry backed her up on fiddle, she sang a Patsy Cline favorite, *Walkin' After Midnight*. Jerry's wife and two grandsons (*visiting from Alaska*) smiled as they looked on. Linda continued, singing *Today, I Started Loving You Again* . . . beautifully done. Margie Shatzke sang a song again for me! Her rendition of *Singin' the Blues* was as beautiful as she is. Parents and friends looked on with such pride. Our dear Shelley McNaughton was late in checking in, but not too late to do her energetic, guaranteed-to-get your-toes-tappin' version of *Jambalaya*. What a gal . . . what a voice!

Fathers' Day cake was enjoyed by many. Cutting and serving were loyal supporters Sharon Smith, Shelley McNaughton, Jeanne Yearian and Lynette Woerne. Thanks ladies!



LeRoy King and GTO Showcase Band for June



Pictured (left to right):

Top row: LeRoy King, Larry Broad, Jim Neel

Center Row: Jeanne Yearian, Jerry Seitz

Bottom row: Wayne Franco, Eddie Mauck

I appreciate you all: volunteers – musicians (*and all of those patient, significant others behind them*) - and each and every one of our western swing society supporters! Thanks a million to Aloha for the lovely lily plant that looks so beautiful on my dining room table.

Again, thanks to all of the fathers who made our day so memorable . . . especially my Ed, who always stands by to support me.

Love you all . . . and I am looking forward to celebrating the 30th anniversary of the NWWSSMS with many of you at the festival in August! Let's share some memories while we enjoy the music!

God bless,
Lou