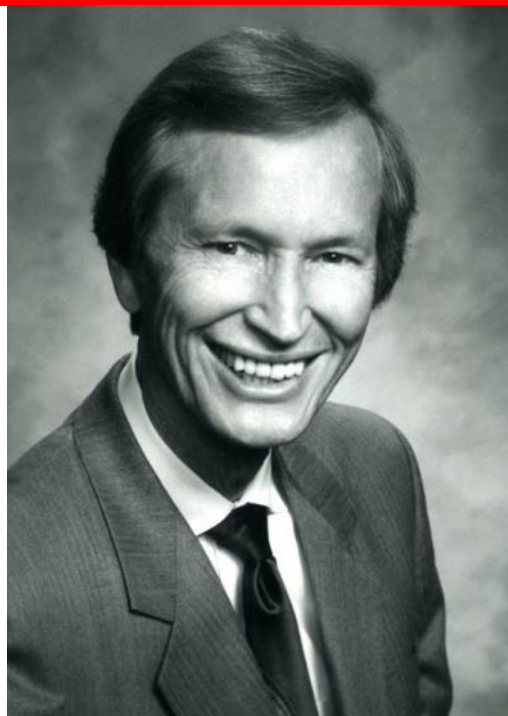




**President, Treasurer & Board Member to retire. NEED BOARD MEMBERS
PLEASE Volunteer if you can!
Great Dance planned for Sunday December 4th 2022!**



CHESTER SMITH

Inducted Oct. 5, 1988



DON DEMARS

Inducted Oct. 3, 2021

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Christmas Toy Drive

Guess What!
We get another opportunity to host the toy drive community drop off location for Christmas .
Please bring your unopened gifts for our community kids in need.
Jimmy Boenke will supply the barrels and take them to the Police Department for distribution after our dance.
Thank You!



GUEST BAND
Sunday, December 4, 2022

Linda & Jimmy Baughman
1:00 to 3:00pm



Followed by
The "House Band"
3:00 to 5:00pm

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Letter from The Editor



tunes.

Hey Everyone, we're ready to come home. I'm hoping to be at the December dance to hear the Baughmans play all those great dance

We will have a toy drive once again. Jimmy Boenke has volunteered to pick up the barrels at the Police Station and take them back to the station after we have filled them up. Thank You ALL. The flyer is in this edition.

You probably have heard the news that Rex Barnes, our president, is retiring at the end of December. Also retiring is Doug Weiss, treasurer, and Mary Harris, photographer. Mary will continue taking pictures but will not attend meetings. All of them have been an asset and a blessing to the Western Swing Society and will be missed in the board room. We are looking for folks that would like to help and serve the Society so please contact any of the board members.



Rex Barnes

Rex Barnes, as president, has done an amazing job keeping this thing alive and well through the pandemic and just about everything that can be thrown at a sitting president. I for one will surely miss him and all he does for WSS.

Last dance was a special one. Lincoln Highway performed and officially retired at that dance. There is the bad news. The good news is that Doug Weiss has told me that they will continue on as the Lin

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JAM ROOM JAMMERS



We'd like to have you write to us about your experience if you play in the jam room or go in to listen. We'll share your comments here in this

column. Just send your thoughts to this email:

ronnie.elkan@gmail.com or send us a letter via snail mail. In the meantime we'll list the players who joined us last month.

Come in and join in, you can listen or sign up to play and/or sing.

Tony Arana, Jam room Host



CHESTER SMITH

Inducted October 4, 1988
Born March 29, 1930– Died August 8, 2008



A veteran Country Western Performer, Chester Smith's career began at KTRB on January 2, 1947, as a steel guitarist and singer on a daily live show. Shortly after, he began doing a country western disc jockey program which was almost unheard of in those days in Northern California.

Moving from live performances to playing records was quite different since the other performers on the station were live, such as the Maddox Brothers and Rose Maddox, Al Brown, the Alabamans, and numerous other bands.

In 1953, he was signed to a recording contract with Capital Records. He recorded "Wait A Little Longer, Please Jesus", which became a national hit in 1955 and is now in the Country Music Hall of Fame along with some other recordings on Capital and Decca. Also, in 1955 he was voted the most promising Country Western Gospel Singer of the year by the nation's disc jockeys and was listed along with Elvis Presley and Porter Waggoner as the most promising new artists of the year.

After some 15 years of continuous road work, playing in theaters, dance halls, and fairs primarily in Northern California, he and his wife Naomi, with a partner, opened Modesto's first country music radio station, in October 1963, which ended his professional career as a performer.

In 1966, the Smiths started the first commercial UHF television station to continue operation in Northern California. KCSO-TV, Channel 19, Modesto, is still owned and operated by Chester and Naomi Smith and their partners as well as television stations in Santa Maria, Morro Bay/San Luis Obispo, Reno and, more recently a new television station has been authorized for the Redding/Chico area. Chester has been listed in the Oho's Who of



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DON DEMARS

Inducted October 3, 2021
Born April 15, 1939



Don was born in Los Angeles on April 15, 1939. He has a very inquisitive mind. He is always asking for more information on a topic until he finally thinks he has all he can find out and then he leaves it for a new subject. It's his nature to find a job that needs to be done and do it. He had some training in art, and architecture in his youth. He designed and built a whole house from the piece of paper on the kitchen table to full plans. He also was out there pounding nails to make it a reality. Don is a true renaissance man, able to take a project from concept through to completion.

Don also enjoys being a "gentleman" farmer, raising wonderful vegetables and is generous in sharing them and the organic fresh eggs laid by his chickens. He is the type of humble guy who is always looking to make someone else's day better with his gifts or by lending a helping hand.

Don worked almost 30 years as a school custodian. He was NOT the normal custodian, but one that picked up on things that needed to be done, even if it wasn't in the job description. He could fix the sound system and set up lights in the auditorium for the play that the kids were doing for a holiday, or fix the teacher's in-room system that somehow would not play that disc or movie she wanted to show for the lesson. All this while still getting those trash cans emptied, the floors vacuumed and the sinks and bathrooms cleaned.

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Early on Don worked at a photography lab where he learned what made pictures better, and what detracted from them based on the pictures that people sent in to be developed. This is how he learned how to take pictures at the dances. People without heads just are not very interesting, but a birthday party always makes a good shot. Go over to the windows with your back to the light and you get much better pictures, without the glare. He would think that somehow he could make that camera work for him and the dance participants. Don's dedication as photographer for the Western Swing Society is very much appreciated. He was in attendance at every monthly dance from opening to close, as well as

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the West every year since 1984.

As a result of a Christian conversion, he now frequently appears throughout the west and often performs country western songs as a solo performer at these appearances.

Chester has been married to Naomi L. Smith since July 1959. They have three daughters: Laurie Renee Schafer, Lorna Leigh Smith, and Roxanne Robyn Smith, and three grandchildren. They make their home on a riverbank setting on acreage outside of Modesto.

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covering the three-day Hall of Fame festival, snapping pictures so we could all enjoy the memories of our times together.

Volunteering for Don didn't stop at photography. Don, and many times his lovely wife, Susan (Susie), would be there at the opening of our monthly dances to help set up and at the end to clean up and put the hall back in order. His tireless efforts were always offered quietly and without the need for acclaim. Don has retired as our official Western Swing Society photographer, but you will still see him around at our dances. Don is the type of volunteer who ALWAYS goes above and beyond and it is with great pleasure that the Western Swing Society honors him with our Special Appreciation Award.



MUSIC ALERT:

You can see our soundman perform every Wednesday Night at the Valencia Club on the indoor stage from 7:30-10:30. You just never know who he'll have with him on stage.



PICTURES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT

Pictures are now available on our website:

<http://westernswingsociety.net/>. OR on Google Photos

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PHOTO LINKS

Monthly Dance Photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Qc38AAi5UvxYEXNe7>

FOOD AVAILABLE

American Legion Post #709 , Mather and Rancho Cordova, are all volunteer veterans that prepare meals and cook for us at all our Sunday dances. Next Sunday's Dance we will have an expanded menu with some new items on the menu. Come early for lunch to support these volunteers and stay to dance.

A hot meal, reasonably priced, provided by our American Legion Post #9! Thank you for your service!



All credit card transactions will have a \$.50 surcharge added.



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coln Highway Trio. They will still play at Mission Oaks and will do an occasional spot for us on our dance Sunday.

The Lincoln Highway Band was Doug Weiss on bass and vocals; Brian McCommas on lead guitar and vocals; Terry Crouson on lead guitar and vocals and Mike Cox on drums. Joining them on stage to sing was Rex Barnes and Peggy Van den Broeck. They sure packed the house and I hope they come back soon.

Up next was our incredible "House Band" run by Jimmy Baughman. Jimmy leads the group and plays lead guitar and sings; Ralph Chase on

Keyboard and vocals; Gary Blodgett on guitar and vocals; Steve Clark on bass and vocals; Jesse Perso-neni on pedal steel; Arron Smith on drums. Singing with the band was Janice Allen, Janice Cole, Cliff Huey, Rhonda Rogers and Mae McCoy.

Good Bye From Houston TX. And see you soon.,
Ronnie (Editor)



Some Of Our Volunteers In Action THANK YOU!



Photos By Mary Harris "SWING OF THE WEEK"



**PLEASE
SUPPORT**
Our food people
from the Ameri-
can Legion, we
appreciate them
coming out to
do all that cook-
ing.



2022 UPCOMING BANDS

December 4	Linda Baughman and Friends
January 1	TBD
February 5	Mae McCoy & The Neon Stars

TIME TO SWING



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LET'S VISIT AT WESTERN SWING

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WESTERN SWING SOCIETY BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2022

November 13, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Barnes at 10:30am.

Members present: Barnes, Boehnke, McCarly, McCoy, Swanson, Weiss

Guest: Chuck Webb

Approval of Minutes: No meeting held in October.

Minutes of November 13, 2022 meeting were Approved with correction via email vote. 5 Approved; 0 Not Approved; 3 No response.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Union Hall Representative has yet to give the Society a definitive answer in regard to a rent increase or other matters relating to our use of the Hall. Evidently, their Board of Directors have yet to meet. President Barnes has invited the Representative to our dances as well as communicating that the Society is interested in: 1. A contract; 2. The Hall being cleaned; 3. Repair or replacement of the heater and air conditioner.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The October Income/Expense Report was distributed. A separate Hall of Fame Income/Expense report will be mailed to the Directors. Moved Weiss, Second McCarly, To accept the October Income/Expense report. Approved 5-0.

WEBMASTER REPORT.

None.

NEWSLETTER REPORT.

None.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR AND GRANT MANAGER REPORT.

McCoy reported on the Society's successful Grant received from the City of Rancho Cordova. The monies will be spent on equipment to video and broadcast WSS dances. She will use the Society's debit card for the purchases. Gary Blodgett will assist securing the required items.

McCoy indicated that she is donating a PA system to be used in the Jam Room.

The Hall again will be a drop-off location for the Toys for Tots Christmas donations. Volunteers are needed to pickup and return the donation boxes.

OLD BUSINESS.

Weiss distributed hard copies of the new By-Laws approved by email vote 7 Approved, 0 Not Approved, 1 No Response.

The Hall of Fame was discussed. While attendance for Sunday was good, the Friday night dance and Saturday numbers were disappointing. There are a couple expense items that were over budget. Next year every effort should be made to advertise the Hall of Fame early and regularly up to the date it will be held.

Guest Chuck Webb informed the Directors that the NWWSS will be closing its doors at the end of 2023.

NEW BUSINESS.

Since Barnes and Weiss will leave the Board at the end of 2022, it is imperative that individuals be identified that wish to volunteer to replace them. A few people were identified and plans made to contact them to ascertain their interest.

Note: After the meeting was completed I learned that Mary Harris will be leaving the Board at year's end.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved Weiss, Second McCarly, To adjourn. Approved 5-0.

Doug Weiss, Secretary



JUST A GREAT TIME TO DO SOME VISITING



Raffle Winners



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OTHER WESTERN SWING MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS/MUSIC HAPPENINGS

Buck Ford & Pure Country Band: Check Website for schedule, <https://buckford.com/events/>

Carolyn Sills Combo: <https://www.carolynsills.com/>

Cowtown Society of Western Music, Contact: Joe Baker, Membership Director, 940-452-6300, 4361 F.M. 1195, Mineral Springs, TX 76067

Gary Blodgett, Every Wednesday night at the Valencia Club on the indoor stage from 7:30-10:30. <https://www.facebook.com/gary.blodgett.142>

Grace Clark and Swingitude: www.graceAclarkmusic.com. 925-443-5217

Greater Arizona Country/Western Swing Association and Hall of Fame, Inc. PO Box 953, Dewey, AZ 86326. Contact Jim Gamble at 928-458-0714.

Hot Club of Cowtown: <https://hotclubofcowtown.com/>

Lincoln Highway Trio: Every Tuesday, 1:15-3:45pm. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr, Carmichael. \$6 cover at the door. <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnhighwaybandca/>

Northwest Western Swing Music Society, Contact: Jeannie Yearian, President, 425-432-7888, or cell 206-271-2295, Lynnwood Eagles, 19223 Hwy. 99, Lynnwood, WA. **Meets 2nd Sunday** www.nwwsms.com

Sactown Playboys @ <https://www.facebook.com/sactownpbs/>

Slade Rivers Band: <https://sladeriversband.com/events/>

Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest, PO Box 644, Shattuck, OK 73858. **Meets quarterly.** Go to website at: www.wsmss.com.

Cliff Huey 27 Outlaws Band @ <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cliff%20huey%2027%20outlaws>



Board Meeting Invitation

You can attend the Society's monthly Board meetings; first Sunday of each month starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Machinist Hall in Rancho Cordova.



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MEMBERSHIP

Any Changes? Keep us up to date on any changes in your membership information, especially email addresses. We can't get your newsletter to you unless we have your current information.

You can mail changes in your information to the Society at P.O. Box 2474, Carmichael, CA 95609; or email it to

membership@westernswingsociety.net
 Thanks! Keep on Western Swingin'!

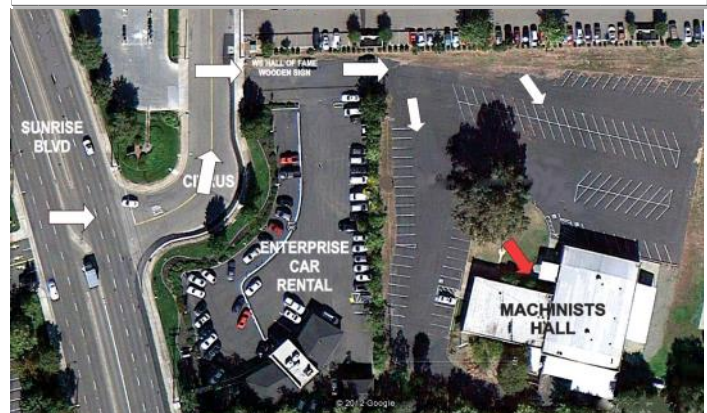
MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

The Western Swing Society holds a music and dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands and artists and jam sets.

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at The Machinists Hall
 2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA*

Donation: \$7 for Members; \$10 for Non-Members
 For information, browse to www.westernswingsociety.net

*The address is Sunrise, but the driveway is on Citrus.



Driving Instructions to MACHINISTS HALL: From Hwy 50, take the Sunrise Blvd. South exit and cross two lights (Folsom Blvd. and Trade Center Drive). After crossing Trade Center, be in the left lane and take the next left turn which is Citrus Road. You will see an Enterprise Car Rental lot in front of you. Turn right into the driveway just past Enterprise. You'll see our sign, and you are there. Park, come in and join the fun.