

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



TONY MARCUS



HOWARD EDWARDS

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Letter from The Editor



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The dance lessons are a huge success and it is a joy watching everybody taking part in them. There will be a new lesson coming up for July so don't miss it. What a great dance June brought us. It just keeps getting better. I will have to say that even though the

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SUNDAY, July 7th, 2024



**Rhonda Lynn & Edgewood Station
 1:00pm-3:00pm
 Followed by the House band**

**"The Hall of Famers"
 3:00pm-5:00pm**

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July ★★

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I'm happy to announce that our American Legion will be back with their usual menu. I for one am looking forward to a burger.

Bite the Bullet kept the dance floor full. Rob Shotwell is a founding member and the front man for this group. Olen Dillingham plays fiddle and 5-string mando.; Ronnie Elkan plays fiddle; Rob Shotwell plays guitar and sings; Arron Smith plays drums and sings; Joe Ybarra plays pedal steel guitar; and Greg Brooding plays bass guitar. Thanks Bite the Bullet for your talent and donating your time to WSS.

Jim and Linda Baughman took some time off to take a nice cruise. So the house band, The Hall of Famers, had Steve French on lead guitar and vocals. Ralph Chase played keyboard and vocals; Steve Clark played bass guitar and vocals; Olen Dillingham played fiddle and 5-string mando.; Ronnie Elkan played fiddle; and Bill Cornett played drums and vocals. Rhonda Rogers, Charlie Nickrenz, Janice Allen and Nancy Long came up to sing. Great show everybody.

We are just forming plans for our Hall of Fame this year on the first weekend of October. We will fill the weekend with music and dancing on Sunday and the awards ceremony will move to Saturday. We will still have plenty of music and guest musicians from all over including Texas. Please read the flyer when we put it out.

I can't wait to see everyone at our July 7 dance. Ronnie Elkan *(President and Editor*

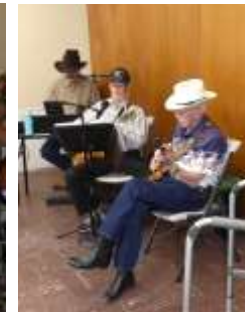
JAM ROOM JAMMERS



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 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. Are "Hall of Fame" hosts, Brad Barnett and Dave Rietz will be there to welcome you!



Free Dance Lessons with admission on Sunday June 2, 2024!

TONY MARCUS

Born 1951
Inducted October 1, 2023



Tony Marcus was born in San Francisco, CA in 1951. He began playing music at age 16. Tony soon found himself in a string band called the Arkansas Sheiks (none of whose members had ever been to Arkansas). Influenced by many fine

California musicians, Tony kept delving deeper into improving his playing. For 40 years he was part of underground cartoonist R Crumb's band the Cheap Suit Serenaders. He did European tours with that group, and also played in Japan in a trio with Geoff Muldaur and Fritz Richmond, both of whom had been part of the Jim Kweskin Jug Band back in the '60s.

Tony has been playing music professionally on various stringed instruments for over fifty years. This has included backing such notables as Patsy Montana and Rose Maddox, being Johnny Gimble's guitarist for a week (including a performance that also featured Jethro Burns), and recording three albums with Paul Anastasio, one of which featured steel guitar legend Bobby Black and another, Paul Shelasky. His song *Lone Star* has been featured in a very popular video game and has millions of views on YouTube. A founding member of Lost Weekend Western Swing Band, he also performed for 16 years with the swing trio Cats & Jammers. Tony currently plays fiddle with the band Crying Time

HOWARD CARLES EDWARDS

Born September 22, 1933 Died October 6, 2016
Inducted October 6, 2002



Howard was born September 22, 1933 in Virginia City, Nevada, where his father worked in the silver mines. He was first introduced to music by his mother who played honky-tonk piano while he accompanied her on the guitar and mandolin. They spent many hours together.

His first music jobs were playing guitar in the 16 piece swing bands of Jim Ingram and Russ Holiday in the bay area. In 1957 he started playing western swing and country in a club in Alameda, CA with Vern Baughman, a member of the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame. He then joined Bobby Thompson's trio playing bass at the Garden Inn in Hayward, CA. He played the Garden Inn nightclub for 23 years.

In 1958 Howard was hired by Red Murell to play at Forester Hall in Redwood City, CA on Saturday nights. When Forester Hall closed, he was hired by Cottonseed Clark to play in his band for two TV shows every Saturday on KTVU Channel 2 in Oakland, CA and Saturday nights at Naperdack Hall in San Jose, CA. During the time he played with Red Murell and Cottonseed Clark he had the privilege of playing with many stars including; Ernest Tubb, Jimmy Dickens, George Jones, Tex Ritter Eddie Dean, Freddie Hary, Lefty Frizzell, Jimmy Wakely, Buck Owens, George Morgan, Merle Travis, Cal Smith, Carl Smith, Rose Maddox, Hank Snow, Joe Mafis, Webb Pierce, Merle Haggard, Wynn Stewart, Johnny Bond, Carl & Pearl Butler, Porter Wagonner, George Hamilton IV, and many others.

In 1960 he opened Guitar Village music store in Fremont, CA, teaching guitar and making and selling guitars. During this time he provided "Free Booking Service" to help provide the clubs in the area with country and western swing musicians. He also played bass and rhythm guitar on several recordings in the 1960's. He worked with many Bay Area musicians such as Bobby and Larry Black, Vern Baughman, Bobby Thompson, Gene Savage, Jim Luttrell, Chuck Wayne, Vance Terry, Big Jim Danoon, Marty James, Bill Starr, Cal Smith, Max Wilson, Huck Fields, Leon Richardson, Red Hayes, Gene Duncan, Jimmy Rivers, Scotty Bray, Arveda Miller, Al Barle, Johnny Fain and many others.

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In 1963 his band opened for the Grand Ole Opry at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Howard played many of the popular clubs in the Bay Area including the Garden Inn, 1902 Club, Hitching Post, Top Hat, Cameo Club, Coral Club, Mustang Club, Stanford University along with several San Francisco hotels and halls.

In 1970 Howard bought the Garden Inn. During the 10 years he owned and operated the club he employed many country and western swing musicians. Howard produced and played for over 400 swing dance contests at the club, promoting western swing music. Howard has been an ardent supporter of western swing music for over 45 years.

Howard and his wife Fran joined the Western Swing Society in 1992. They moved to Meadow Vista in 1995. Howard has many hobbies along with his music, he enjoys the outdoors and restoring vintage cars and musical instruments. He is also a private pilot and a member of the Civil Air Patrol and California Sheriffs Association and a licensed California Realtor.



GILL PHILLIPS
by Mae McCoy

Gil Phillips, a cherished member of the Western Swing Society, has been a passionate dancer for decades. Growing up in the Bay Area as one of four children, Gil's love for Western swing blossomed early on. Honky tonks were king, and he bartended at many Bay Area hotspots, where he both worked and honed his dance

skills. His dedication to the community is evident every time he steps onto the dance floor, sharing his joy and expertise with fellow enthusiasts.

Gil's admiration for Hank Thompson knows no bounds. As his favorite singer, Hank Thompson's music holds a special place in Gil's heart, evidenced by his extensive collection of Thompson's albums. Known for his sharp sense of style, Gil takes pride in dressing well, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of every event. The Western Swing Society is proud to have such a devoted and vibrant member like Gil, whose love for dancing and music continues to inspire others. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a newcomer, Gil's enthusiasm is sure to make you feel welcome.

Make sure to say hi to Gil when you see him on the dance floor during our monthly dances.



Western Swing Society Café Menu

Serving 12-3:15

Hamburger with chips or potato salad \$8.00

Cheeseburger with chips or potato salad \$8.50

Pulled Pork with coleslaw \$9.00

Cobb Salad \$10.00

Hot Dog with chips or potato salad \$4.00

Beyond Burger \$10.00

Chips \$.50

Thank you for supporting



FOOD AVAILABLE

American Legion, Mather and Rancho Cordova, are all volunteer veterans that prepare meals and cook for us at all our Sunday dances. Come early for lunch to support these volunteers and stay to dance.

A hot meal, reasonably priced, provided by our American Legion

Thank you for your service!

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



FACEBOOK POST FROM OLEN



It was a blast to see Bill Kirchen with all the available Lost Planet Airmen tonight. Anytime I get to hear Bobby Black play it's a good day, but it was a special event for me to get to see Andy Stein, one of

my favorite fiddle players too. The whole band really sounded great and what a treat to see them at a house concert.



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Pictures are now available on our website:

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

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2024 UPCOMING BANDS

July 7	Rhonda Lynn & Edgewood Station
August 4	Janice Allen & All The Queen Men
September 1	Natural Country
October 4, 5, 6	Hall of Fame
November 3	Bob Woods Swing
December 1	Mae McCoy & her Neon Stars

PHOTO LINKS

Monthly Dance Photos March Dance

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/guJgCuFdiNwLTTU86>

NO FOOD SERVICE AT THE JUNE 2nd DANCE!

RAFFLE WINNERS (Photo's By Don deMars)



DANCING AND VISITING AT WSS (Photos By Don deMars & Fox West Photos)



LET'S VISIT!!! (Photo's By Don deMars) See all The Photos Page 6



THANKS FOR THE MUSIC (Photo's By Don deMars & Fox West Photos)



TIME TO SWING (Photo's Don deMars & Fox West Photos)



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

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/>

The Lincoln Highway Trio: Every Tuesday, 1:15-3:45pm. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr, Carmichael. \$8 cover at the door. <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnhighwaybandca/>

Mae McCoy and Her Neon Stars
Contact: www.maemccoymusic.com
<https://youtube.com/@maemccoyandherneonstars>

Micheal Ray Strauch & The Fortunate Few
Contact Facebook for dates and places
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%202027%20outlaws>

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF WESTERN SWING MUSIC, HERE IS WHERE TO GO!

<https://www.westernswing.com/Events.html>

Board Meeting Invitation

You can attend the Society's monthly Board meetings; Please contact any board member if you would like to attend on Google Meet or if you have a suggestion.

NEW!!! FREE DANCE LESSONS

With Admission @ 12:00 pm



Swingers of the Month!

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.