

WESTERN SWING SOCIETY PRESENTS
45TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 4TH&5TH 2025 🎵

INCREDIBLE MUSIC
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
DANCE LESSONS

**JAM ROOM
50/50 RAFFLE
FOOD & DRINK
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

MACHINIST HALL
2749 SUNRISE BLVD
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95742

**\$10 ADMISSION
\$7 FOR MEMBERS**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCT. 4 & 5, 2025

HALL of FAME THIS WEEKEEND.
Dancing on Saturday and Sunday.
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**FREE DANCE
LESSONS
With Admission @
11:30 am**

Thank You Volunteers ❤️

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 HALL OF FAME NOMINEES



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PAUL KRAUSHAAR



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Founded in 1981 by Loyd and Perry Jones to enable performance, preservation and perpetuation of the unique American art form known as Western Swing Music.

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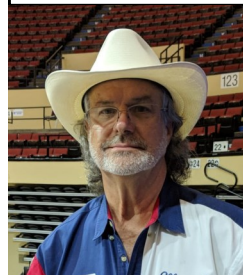
Website Manager, Dave Rietz

Hall of Fame ; Carol Spiker

50-50 WINNERS



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!

COME IN AND JAM



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Deadline for Submittals:

All items, photographs, articles, and ad's are due to the Editor no later than the 10th of the month.

UPCOMING BANDS at HALL of FAME

Saturday October 4

11:30-12:00 Dance Lessons

12:00-12:50 Jamroom Band

1:00-1:50 Lincoln Highway

2:00-2:50 Janice Allen & All The Queens Men

3:00-3:50 Hall of Famers (House Band)

4:00-4:50 Kenny & The Crickets

5:00-6:30 Set-up & HOF Awards

6:45-7:45- HOF Inductee Band

8:00-9:00 Geoff Miller Band

Sunday October 5

11:30-12:00 Dance Lessons

12:00-12:50 Rhonda Rogers and Edgwood Station

1:00-1:50 Lincoln Highway

2:00-2:50 Bob Woods Swing

3:00-3:50 Let The Horses Run

WINNERS of SILENT AUCTION

4:00--5:00 Hall of Famers (House Band)

COMING THIS DECEMBER 7

BUCK FORD and PURE COUNTRY

2025 UPCOMING BANDS

October 3,4 & 5	Hall of Fame
November 2	Rob Shotwell & Let the Horses Run
December 7	Buck Ford and Pure Country
January 4	The Baughmans

CHANGE IN FOOD PROVIDERS GOING FORWARD

Food will be provided by The Auxiliary (ALA Unit 233 Elk Grove). The American Legion Post 709 leaves some big shows to fill. We really enjoyed having them with us.

UPCOMING BANDS at HALL of FAME

**45th Annual
Western Swing Society
Hall of Fame**

Saturday October 4th Schedule

11:30-12pm Dance Lessons
12-12:50pm Jam Room Band
1-1:50pm Lincoln Highway
2-2:50pm Janice Allen & All the Queen's Men
3-3:50pm Hall of Famers (House Band)
4-4:50pm Kenny and the Crickets
5-6:30pm Set Up and Hall of Fame Awards
6:45-7:45pm Hall of Fame Inductees Band
8-9pm Geoff Miller Band

 \$10 Admission at the Door
\$7 Member Admission

2749 Sunrise Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA

HALL OF FAME

Photos

OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

OPEN FOR MUSICIANS AND ATTENDEES AS TIME PERMITS

The HISTORY of Western Swing Music and Western Swing Society has a piece of my heart. My passion is capturing the memories and the history that makes each and every gathering so special. Please come by, bring your instrument, bring a friend, or come on your own and...

Let's Capture Memories!

Alicia

**45th Annual
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Sunday October 5th Schedule

11:30-12pm Dance Lessons
12-12:50pm Rhonda Lynn and Edgewood Station
1-1:50pm Lincoln Highway
2-2:50pm Bob Woods Swing
3-3:50pm Let the Horses Run
4-5pm Hall of Famers (House Band)

 \$10 Admission
\$7 for members

2749 Sunrise Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA

Let's Eat!

PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE BACK COUNTER

**Western Swing Society
Café Menu**
Serving time: 12pm - 3:15pm

Hamburger with chips or potato salad	\$9.00
Double Burger—add \$2.00	
Cheeseburger with chips or potato salad	\$9.50
Double Burger—add \$2.00	
Beyond Burger (Plant based)	\$11.00
Pulled Pork with coleslaw	\$13.00
Cobb Salad	\$5.00
Hot Dog with chips or potato salad	\$5.00
Chips	\$0.50



Food provided by The Auxiliary
ALA Unit 233 Elk Grove

WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

MISSION OAKS***THERE'S A COUNTRY DANCE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS***

If you enjoy dancing and have Tuesday afternoons free, then you have the opportunity to enjoy a great country dance. It's sponsored by The Mission Oaks Senior Center – 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael and held every Tuesday of the month from 1:15 to 3:45pm and features the live music of The LINCOLN HIGHWAY Trio. There's ample, close-by parking; large, clean dance floor; free snacks at break - \$8 cover at the door. Come on by and check us out.



LET THE HORSES RUN
Thursday October 23rd 2025
At the ROADS TRIP BAR
and GRILL 24989 State
Highway 16 Capay, CA.
5:00 to 8:00

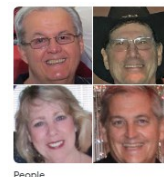
PICTURES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT

Pictures are now available on our website:

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

Tips:

- From PDF newsletter, click on link below these instructions to enter that photo album.
- Use the three dots at top right to download entire album or a selected photo
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People

PHOTO LINKS

Monthly Dance Photos April Dance

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/hEvDesiirDVbXDQb8>

WSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Meeting called to Order by President Ronnie Elkan at 6pm via Zoom

Members Present: President Ronnie Elkan, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Ralph Chase, Arron Smith and Chuck Webb

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The overall participation and enthusiasm for Nominees to the Hall of Fame this year was down from last year – however Quality continues to outweigh Quantity. Terry Crouson will be the Emcee again this year. Ronnie Elkan has secured a very impressive list of dynamite bands for the 2-day event. Our monthly dance attendance continues to grow – along with growing participation in our dance lessons. The Jam Room continues to be full of exceptional talent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our Treasurer, Linda Bentley, was out-of-town, but she forwarded an explanation of our considerably higher expenses for August. They included \$3,450 for our annual liability insurance and \$811 for a microphone for the main stage. Also our storage space rental will increase to \$101 monthly effective October 1st from our present charge of \$90 per month.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT: Our Popcorn Machine is back! Our Volunteer, Caroline Kennedy, is doing a great job! A Reminder To Our Guests: Right now we are able to offer the popcorn – asking for only a “Donation”. Most Guests happily give a Donation of \$1 per serving. Thank you for your continued donations and support!!

ADJOURNMENT: Ronnie Elkan moved to adjourn, Ralph Chase seconded, Approved 5-0.

Sandy Robinson Secretary



Exciting things are just around the corner for Western Swing Society!

We are now just days away from our Hall of Fame Festival coming up on October 4th and 5th! Admission is \$7 for members and \$10 for general admission. We have dance lessons both days starting at 11:30am and music rounding out our evenings, Saturday until 9pm and Sunday until 5pm.

The Jam Room will be open both days of Hall of Fame. The Jam Room is a great place to try out a song you've been practicing or hone your skills joining in with other musicians to play and build community. For those that are spectators, it doesn't take long to see the massive amount of talent and passion that lives in the space and pours out of the doors on a monthly basis. Come on in, everyone is welcome!

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be Saturday from 5-6:30pm. This year's Inductees are:



Brian Cogburn
Paul Kraushaar
John Girton
Charlie Nickrenz
Ken Jacobs
Dale Watson

Congratulations to all of the 2025 Western Swing Society Hall of Fame Inductees!

Our Hall of Fame Photo Studio will once again be available to musicians and attendees (as time permits) bring an instrument, bring a friend or come on your own and let's capture some memories!

Our American Legion Auxiliary will be providing food for sale from 11:30am-4:00pm both days of the event. Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Cobb Salads are available to keep our bellies full as we enjoy all of the fantastic music and dancing.

In the bar, Chuck and Scrappy will keep us hydrated and happy with water, sodas, beer, and mixed drinks available for purchase throughout the event.

We will have our 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction. If you have items to donate for the silent auction, please call Carol Spiker at [\(916\) 723-2314](tel:9167232314) and let her know what you'll be bringing, if possible. Can't wait to see what goodies will be available for auction this year!

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make our gatherings possible! Month after month we come together and create the most wonderful time celebrating a rich history of western swing music, musical talent, a love of dance, and the friendships and community that we've created as a whole. Looking forward to ALL this year's Hall of Fame Festival has in store!

Also, if you aren't already a member of Western Swing Society, now is a great time to join! Share our little gem with your musician friends, your dance community, and your music loving friends! We love to welcome new people!

Coming up November 2nd is Let the Horses Run with some of our favorite musicians!

We will also kick off of our season of giving a little early this year. We are pairing with our American Legion Auxiliary food partners to participate in their canned food drive in November and December that stocks the food pantry at our local Mather VA for veterans in need. And, of course our Holiday Toy Drive in December. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit children in our local area.

Looking forward to rounding out the fantastic year we've had here at Western Swing Society! Thank you to everyone that participates and makes it so special!

SEE ALL THE WONDERFUL DANCE PHOTOS ONLINE by CLICKING THE LINK ON PAGE 5

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>
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>

Rhonda Lynn & Edgewood Station **Contact: Rhonda Rogers** 916-240-8736 email: info@rhondalynn.com website: www.rhondalynn.com facebook.com/rhondalynn66

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.

FREE DANCE LESSONS

With Admission @ 12:00 pm



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

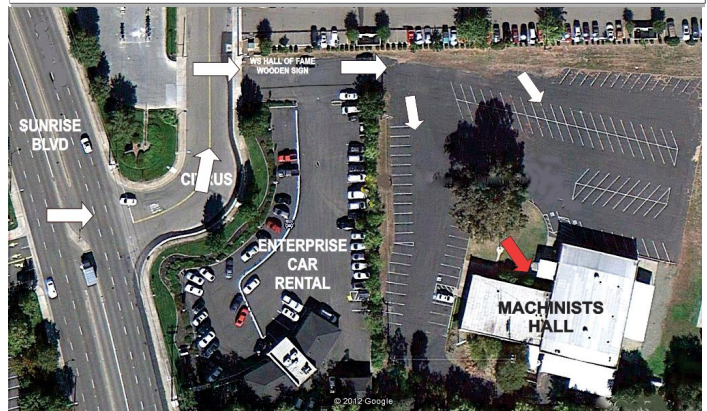
The Western Swing Society holds a music and dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands and artists and jam sets.

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.