

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



JESSE AUSTIN MORRIS

PAUL KRAUSHAAR

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SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

Letter from The Editor



Hey Gang, here I am, always a little late and on the run. I'm just happy and amazed every month with the participation and all the joy our folks bring to the dance. We had another great turnout and the number of folks that come to the dance just keeps growing. Big thanks goes out to everyone.

The band came out of the back room this month to show themselves on the main stage. This group can be seen on a monthly basis in the jamroom. They volunteer their time and talent and also supply and set up sound in the backroom for all who would like to just sit and listen and also sing and play. Brad Barnett, Dave Rietz and Chuck Webb run the show for us.

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THE BAUGHMAN'S & FRIENDS

1:00pm-3:00pm

Followed by the House band "The Hall of Famers"

3:00pm-5:00pm

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WESTERN SWING SOCIETY PRESENTS



SUNDAY MARCH 1ST 2026

12 PM DANCE LESSON
1 PM THE BAUGHMANS & FRIENDS
3PM HALL OF FAMERS BAND

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

WELCOMING JAM ROOM OPEN ALL AFTERNOON

FREE DANCE LESSONS 50/50 RAFFLE

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Hall of Fame ; Carol Spiker

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The Jamroom Band is Brad Barnett on keys and vocals; Dave Rietz on fiddle and vocals; Chuck Webb on bass and sound engineer; Charlie Nickrenz on drums and vocals; Terry Crouson on lead guitar; Roger Wrestler on pedal steel guitar; Nancy Long on vocals and Joe Champin on guitar and vocals.

We held down the jamroom for this great group and had a blast doing it. A lot of great talent came back there to help out.

The Hall of Fame Band came up next and were really happy that the dancers hung out to the end to listen and dance. The band was Jimmy Baughman on guitar and vocals; Ralph Chase on keys and vocals; Steve Clark on bass and vocals; Brian McCommas on guitar and vocals; Bill Cornett and Arron Smith on drums and vocals; Olen Dillingham

on Mando and fiddle; and Ronnie Elkan on fiddle. We had a special guest come up to play. Bud



Duncan hit the stage with us and really did a great job on fiddle and singing. Also coming up as guests were John Bush on harmonica, Janice Allen on vocals, Linda Baughman on vocals, Nancy Long on vocals and Rhonda Lynn on vocals.

Ronnie Elkan (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!

COME IN AND JAM



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

JESSE AUSTIN MORRIS

BORN 1932 DIED 2014
 Inducted October 6, 2013



Morris' first musical inspiration was his mother, who played her guitar and sang the songs of the day in the late 1930s and early 1940s. She was giving guitar lessons to help make ends meet, and started giving him lessons. He soon outgrew what she was able to teach.

While in the Marine Corps, Morris started putting together small bands, and when out of the Marines and working at the Boeing Aircraft factory, he started trying to make a living playing music. That's when he found out why they used to call the guitar "The Starvation Box."

He played the honkytonks around Wichita and had a radio program on KBTO in El Dorado, Kansas. Next was a radio program in Newton, Mississippi. Then back to Wichita. Morris played a few Grand Ole Opry package shows as they came thru town, and made a trip to Nashville to sing on Ernest Tubbs' Midnight Jamboree.

The next stop was Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jerry Homer got them a job at Bob Holiday's Red Barn. Later Jerry and his bride returned to Oklahoma, and Morris took over the band. Later he formed The Western Ramblers, had a radio program on KPIK, played clubs the area, and performed with the Grand Ole Opry package shows that came through town

Morris started working in the advertising department at the old Colorado Springs Free Press newspaper, later moving to the Star-News newspaper in Pasadena, California. He then became a National Advertising Manager at the Las Vegas Review-Journal, later becoming business manager and playing very little music during the newspaper days.

In the late 1970s he met George Clayburn in Las Vegas. His renewed interest in music leaned heavy towards Western Swing. George had been with the Bob Wills Texas Playboys for a few years. They started to put together a group, with Luke Wills singing. Morris named the group The Texas Swing Connection.

About this time Morris started a newsletter called The Western Swing Journal. He was making yearly trips to Texas and Oklahoma to take pictures, do interviews and attend Western Swing events. The newsletter grew from four pages to forty-four and lasted about twenty years. The economy and his health both started to decline at the same time, so he discontinued the newslet

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PAUL KRAUSHAAR

Inducted October 5, 2025



Paul Kraushaar started his musical journey early in life and has never stopped pursuing his craft. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area in the midst of the music boom of the late sixties,

Paul was inspired by the sounds of the day and had to join in.

At the age of nine Paul began with drum lessons, followed by guitar and piano. He later became a music major throughout his academic years, studying music theory, harmony and composition. Eventually receiving an honorary masters degree in the recording arts.

While in high school he went pro by performing locally with numerous groups in bars, clubs and social functions. Years before being of legal age.

One of Paul's teachers in high school just happened to be the piano player in the band Cousin Cricket.

(Western Swing Hall of Fame) Paul's teacher got him an audition with the band who needed a drummer. Passing the audition, Paul (the kid) hit the road and fifty years later he's still in the band and going strong.



Along with performing with Cousin Cricket, Paul also toured with multiple major label acts including the hit groups The Association, Steel Breeze and Maya.

In-between live performances Paul built his reputation in the recording studio first as a session player and later as an engineer and producer. He started his own record label (Para-Sight Records) in the late 80's with the release of grammy nominated LP "Cry Thunder" by Steel Breeze and he is still releasing records to this day.

Currently Paul operates his recording studio (PSR Recording) in Grass Valley, CA . As a songwriter , composer, arranger, multi-instrumentalist ,engineer and producer his days are filled honing his skills by working with artists from around the world

Jesse Austin Morris continued

ter in hopes of bringing it back to life later. So far that has not happened. The past issues of his Journal are a treasure trove of western swing history and lore.

All skill levels welcome!

Western Swing Society Jam Room

Want to try out singing a song or two or playing an instrument with a group?
Join us in a comfortable environment!

1st Sunday Of The Month beginning at 12pm

2749 Sunrise Blvd Rancho Cordova, CA

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 April Dance
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/uRFRCsuL6NN7YXMx6>

WESTERN SWING SOCIETY

Join Us For Our Country Dance Lesson At Noon

\$10 Admission Includes Dance Lessons and Live Music

☆ 2 Step

☆ Country Waltz

☆ East Coast Swing

☆ West Coast Swing

☆ Partner Dances

☆ Line Dances

Common Partner and Line Dances at our events

Partner Dances

Cowboy Cha Cha
Horseshoe Special
Drifter

10 Step

Cotton Eyed Joe

Line Dances

Alley Cat
Waltz Across Texas
Power Jam
Electric Slide
Tush Push

12pm-5pm 1st Sunday Of Every Month
2749 Sunrise Blvd Rancho Cordova, CA

Let's Eat!

PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE BACK COUNTER

Cobb Salad

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	\$10.00
Cobb Salad	\$11.00
Hot Dog with chips or potato salad	\$5.00
Chips	\$0.50

Pulled Pork

Cheeseburger

Hot Dog

Chili served seasonally
Food provided by The Auxiliary
ALA Unit 233 Elk Grove

COMING UP IN APRIL @ WESTERN SWING SOCIETY (All Bands on Page 9)

Western Swing Society Presents

**RHONDA LYNN
& EDGEWOOD STATION**



Sunday April 5, 2026

12pm Horseshoe
Free Dance Lesson
1pm Rhonda Lynn and Edgewood Station
3pm Hall of Famers
House Band

Jam Room open all afternoon
Food and Drink available for purchase
50/50 Raffle

Admission
\$10
at the Door

MACHINIST HALL
2749 SUNRISE BLVD
RANCHO CORDOVA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 10 ,2026

Meeting called to Order by President Ronnie Elkan at 6pm via Zoom
Members Present: President Ronnie Elkan, Treasurer Linda Bentley, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Linda McCarley, Ralph Chase, Chuck Webb, Alicia Fox-West, Arron Smith Guest: Nick Dennis

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Ronnie Elkan expressed his gratitude and continued amazement at how well our Dances are being attended. Our Jam Room Band performed at our February Dance and was very well-received by the crowd. Our Jam Room continued to run, as usual, and was packed with performers and new talent. President Ronnie Elkan thanked Alicia Fox-West for her continued on-line promotions. He stated that he believes our continued increase in attendance is a result of her great efforts. Ronnie Elkan also said the Dance Lessons during our break between bands adds to everyone’s enjoyment and fills a much-needed gap, as the bands are breaking down and setting up. The Western Swing was so honored to have Bud Duncan (nearing 98 years old) attend our dance and play his fiddle with our house band.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Linda Bentley reported that we “set a record” for attendance at our February Dance-- 192 in attendance!!! Linda Bentley reported our 2025 Tax Returns are being prepared.

OLD BUSINESS: Ralph Chase said he would be setting a date to clean out our off-site rental storage – possibly on a Saturday before a monthly dance. We can use volunteer help and need to borrow a pick-up truck.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck Webb said our 2 nd Quarter Liquor License is at the Sheriff’s Office for approval.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: Alicia Fox-West is in the process of editing our February Dance Photos and making the flier for our on-line March Dance promotion. Alicia is also working on on-line promotions for our Hall of Fame 2-day event in October.

ADJOURNMENT Approved 8-0.
Sandy Robinson, Secretary

RAFFLE WINNERS (Photo’s By Alicia Fox)



GOTTA PLAY TO WIN!!!



AT THE DANCE!!! (Photo's By Alicia Fox) See all The Photos Page 4



AT THE DANCE!!! (Photo's By Alicia Fox) See all The Photos Page 4



VISITING AT THE DANCE!!! (Photo's By Alicia Fox) See all The Photos Page 4



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/>

Cowtown Birthplace of Western Swing <https://www.birthplaceofwesternswing.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>

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

2026 UPCOMING BANDS

March 1	The Baughmans
April 5	Rhonda Lynn & Edgewood Station
May 3	Don Burnham & The Bolos
June 7	Let The Horses Run
July 5	TBA
August 2	Bob Woods & Friends

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'

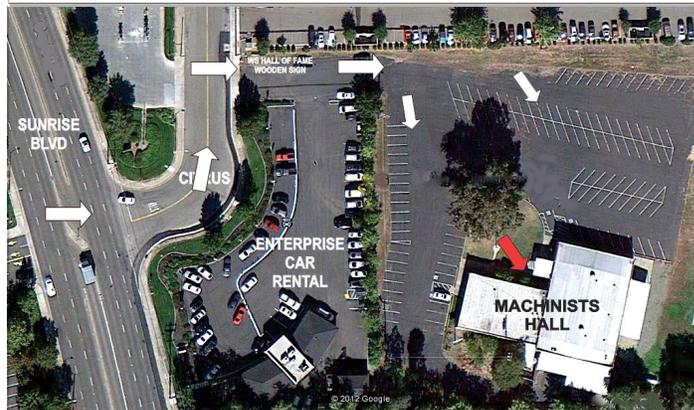
MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

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.