



Music News

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Coming Up

October 3&4

Hall of Fame Weekend

Saturday October 3rd

12pm Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

1:45-8pm Bands

Sunday October 4th

12pm Free Dance Lesson

1pm-6pm Bands

November 1st

Rhonda Lynn and Edgewood Station



**Ronnie
Elkan**

Letter From The President



It's that time of year again, October Dance. That's Hall of Fame time and we'll have our dance on October 3rd and 4th. We'll honor this years inductees with the HOF presentation at 12:00 pm on Saturday. Please take a look at the band line-up in this issue.

There will be a "silent auction" hosted by Carol Spiker. This is always a big hit so you don't want to miss it.

Another great dance. I had to leave early but I got a chance to hear a lot of Janice Allen and All the Queens Men. What a great band and Janice sure was great. I heard from a lot of our folks that the music was fantastic. We are so lucky that great musicians come in to entertain us. Janice took the time to bring Bobby Black in to the dance. That was such a great bonus for a great day.

Janice Allen and All the Queens Men have Janice singing and running the band. Jimmy Baughman on guitar and vocals; Ralph Chase on keyboard and vocals; Steve Clark on bass and vocals; Bill Cornett on drums and vocals and Dave Wren on pedal steel.

The Jam Room was back in business again for our September dance. I always knew how important that jam session was to a lot of players and folks that just want to listen to great music. I heard that Bobby Black was back there also.

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**46th Annual
Western Swing Society
Hall of Fame
Saturday October 3rd**

12:00-1:45 Hall Of Fame Presentation
2:00-3:00 Bob Woods Swing
3:15-4:15 Hall Of Fame Inductee Band
4:30-5:30 Geoffrey Miller
5:45-6:45 John Jones Texas Swing
w/Tommy Thomsen & Cornell Hurd
7:00-8:00 Wendy Dewitt & Kirk Harwood

Sunday October 4th

12:00-1:00 Dance Lessons
1:15-2:15 Janice Allen & All The Queens Men
2:30-3:30 Wendy Dewitt & Kirk Harwood
50-50 Raffle
3:45-4:45 Let the Horses Run
5-6 John Jones Texas Swing
w/Tommy Thomsen & Cornell Hurd

**Pizza Party
Saturday
at 5:30pm!**

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

2749 Sunrise Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA

HALL OF FAMERS



CONRAD NELSON

Inducted October 6, 2013
#0643

Conrad Nelson started his musical career in the Midwest. His dad played harmonica, and one of Conrad's favorite memories is that his dad sang all the time and was a huge fan of western swing music." His father was stationed in Lubbock, Texas during WWII, where he fell in love with country & western, blues, hillbilly and western swing music. Through the 50's and 60's, Conrad was blessed with all the 78 recordings his father brought home from the war. As Conrad grew, he was influenced by many people, in particular, Vernon Dalhart, Jimmie Rodgers, Robert Johnson, Floyd Tillman, Johnny Bond, Joe Turner, Spade Cooley, Milton Brown and of course, Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys. Conrad's first instrument was a Montgomery Ward bass made by National. It wasn't long before he was hooked and had progressed on to his next purchases, a Fender Jazz bass and then a Danelectro DC 2. By 1966, Conrad was in his first band, The Great Escape, with whom he played until 1970.

As Conrad matured, so did his musical interests and talents as a multi-instrumentalist. He is accomplished on many instruments; acoustic and electric guitar, upright bass, electric bass, mandolin, violin, 5-string and tenor banjo, and like his dad, is a mean harmonica player.

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JESSE AUSTIN MORRIS

1932-2014
Inducted October 6, 2013
#0641

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.

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Free Dance Lesson 1st Sunday of the Month 12pm-1pm

JAM ROOM

MEET YOUR HOSTS



**CHUCK
WEBB**



**DAVE
RIETZ**

COME ON IN, SING A SONG, PLAY
AND INSTRUMENT AND MAKE
NEW FRIENDS! LOOK FOR THE
SIGN UP SHEET IF YOU'D LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE OR SEE ONE OF OUR
HOSTS!

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



Letter from the President
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After the raffle our "Hall of Famers" took the stage. As usual they kept the dance floor busy. The band was Jimmy Baughman on guitar and vocals; Ralph Chase on keyboard and vocals; Steve Clark on bass and vocals; Bill Cornett on drums and vocals and Charlie Wallace on pedal steel. Thank you Charlie Wallace for coming in and adding so much to the music. Gueat singers were Linda Baughman and Nancy Long.

Looking for Volunteers!

Looking for help tending bar November 1st!
Please see Ronnie, Ralph or Alicia
if you are able to help.

Jesse Austin Morris
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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 newsletter 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.

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In 1974 Conrad co-founded the western swing band The Dusty Rustlers along with his good friend, Don Dahl. The Rustlers soon became one of Northern California's most popular bands. The band played a lot of Bob Wills tunes and related swing material. Don and the guitar player, Bob Woods, were taking lessons from Tiny Moore to work out songs The Rustlers wanted to play, like "Twin Guitar Special" and "Roly Poly". Tiny was very gracious and encouraging. He came to see the band perform at Dingus McGee's in Colfax and accepted an offer to sit in. It was magic. There were many occasions Tiny would show up to watch The Rustlers, then sit in and play. He joined them several times in their TV spots on "Easy Living Country." Conrad feels honored to also have had the opportunity to play music with Billy Joe Shaver, Albert Lee, New Riders of the Purple Sage, Asleep at the Wheel, Vernie and Joe Wren, Vern Baughman, Okie Paul, Vance Terry, Bob Woods Band, Bite the Bullet, Stardust Cowboys, and more recently the Hickory Wind Band.

WESTERN SWING SOCIETY
Presents
RHONDA LYNN
&
EDGEWOOD STATION



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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

Jam Room
Food and Drink Available for Purchase
50/50 Raffle

2749 SUNRISE BLVD. RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95742

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2026

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ronnie Elkan, Treasurer Linda Bentley, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Alicia Fox-West, Dave Rietz, Ralph Chase, Aaron Smith Guest: Nick Dennis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thanked everyone for all their attention to our upcoming Hall of Fame October 3 and 4. Special thanks to Carol Spiker for all her hard work on the Silent Auction. Linda McCarley, our Board of Directors Member and Volunteer at the Cash Register and Registration Desk, will be given the Distinguished Service Award at the Hall of Fame -- acknowledging her years of dedication to the Western Swing Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT: August Financial Report unanimously approved. 148 guests attending August Dance. Linda Bentley acknowledged all the excellent work Linda McCarley does at the front door with the cash register, attendance and registrations.

NEWSLETTER: Ronnie Elkan continues to welcome news articles. Alicia Fox West has been contributing so much and doing a great job.

JAM ROOM: Jam Room was in full Swing once again. We were honored to have our famous Steel Player, Bobby Black, in attendance.

WEBSITE MANAGER: Dave Rietz has Website up-to-date.

HALL OF FAME: Schedule and table set-up for Nominees discussed. Sandy Robinson and Lucy Gutierrez will be Escorts. The American Legion will serve food until 3pm. Free Pizza, ice cream and possibly salad, will be offered around 5:30pm. Our clean-up crew will not be available Saturday night after the dance and Ralph Chase is looking for Volunteers to stay to the end of the night to help clean-up, garbage cans, etc., for Sunday Dance.

NEW BUSINESS: Ralph Chase announced that Chuck, our Bartender, will be unable to attend our November Dance. We are looking for one or two Volunteers to be our bartender for that day.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still looking for a Vendor who will do Jacket, T-shirt, and caps on a per-order basis. We do not want to handle a large inventory.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Robinson, Secretary

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.

50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS



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50/50 Raffle: Bob and Virginia Kuykendall

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Hall of Fame Silent Auction: Carol Spiker

Popcorn: Caroline and Rose

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OR EMAIL IT TO

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Membership

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ME!**



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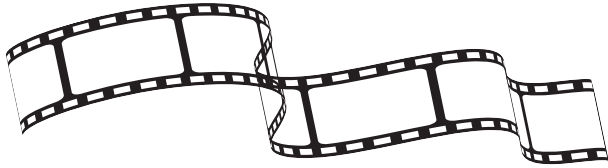
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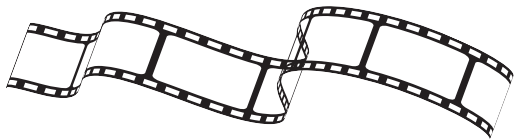
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Let's Eat!

PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE BACK COUNTER

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

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

Chili served seasonally

Food provided by The Auxiliary
 ALA Unit 233 Elk Grove

Cobb Salad

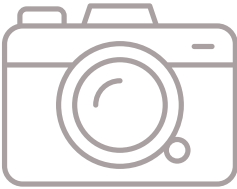
Pulled Pork

Cheeseburger

Hot Dog

B A N D S





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by
Alicia Fox West





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Buck Ford & Pure Country:
<https://buckford.com/events/>

Geoffrey Miller Music:
<https://www.facebook.com/geoffreymillermusic?mibextid=ZbWKwL>
<https://www.facebook.com/cadillac.rodeo.90sCountry?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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

Cowtown Society of Western Music
 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.

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

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

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

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

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MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

The Western Swing Society holds a music/dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands, artists, a jam room and free dance lessons

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

at The Machinists Hall

2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA

Donation: \$7 for Members; \$10 for Non-Members

Food and Drink Available for Purchase

For information, browse to www.westernswingsociety.net

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



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