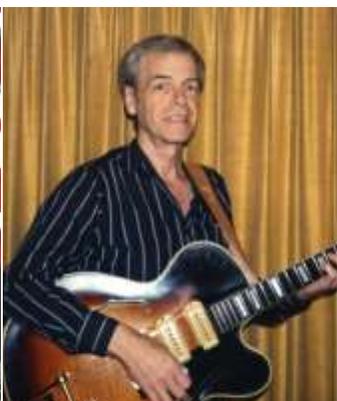


## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



DAVE JEFFREY

BOBBY GIASSON

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## 2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Brad Barnett



Nancy Long



Meghan McCoy



Carl Bower



Slade Rivers



Daron Brown



Kevin Russell



Michael Gregory



Paul Shelasky



Bill Griffin



Tony Marcus



Kevin Wimmer

CONGRATULATIONS

## ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

Check out the info on page 3 & 8

Band Line Up is on page 5

Sunday will be jam packed with great music to dance to and the award ceremony

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**The Western Swing Society**

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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.

**Officers:**

President, Ronnie Elkan (916) 765-4345

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**Letter from The Editor**



It's all about the Hall of Fame. Here is the info and we want to see you all there. We have a great line-up for dancing

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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 [ronnie.elkan@gmail.com](mailto: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*



*Western Swing Society's 42nd...*  
**Hall of Fame Festival**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE**  
**SEPT. 29TH 5PM-9PM**  
Jam Room Band  
Hosted by **Ronnie Elkan**  
Drinks for Purchase  
Large Donation  
Free Admission Members  
2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA

*Western Swing Society's 42nd...*  
**Hall of Fame Festival**  
**SATURDAY SHOWCASE**  
**SEPT. 30TH 11AM-9PM**

<b>DAY #2</b>	11-11:50 RHONDA ROGERS & EDGEWOOD STATION
	12-12:50 SHELLY ELKAN & BITE THE BULLET
	1-1:50 MAE MCCOY AND HER NEON STARS
	2-2:50 GEOFF MILLER
	3-3:30 DARON BROWN
	4-4:50 TOMMY THOMPSEN
	5-5:50 JANICE ALLEN
	6-6:50 BOB WOODS
	7-7:50 GRACE CLARK
	8PM JAM SESSION

2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA

*Western Swing Society's 42nd...*  
**Hall of Fame Festival**  
**SUNDAY CEREMONY**  
**OCT 1ST 10AM-630PM**

<b>DAY #3</b>	10-11:00 CANDY GIRARD
	11:15-12:15 DON BURNHAM & THE BOLOS
	12:15-12:45 INTERMISSION
	12:45-2:15 AWARD CEREMONY
	2:30-3:30 MAE MCCOY AND HER NEON STARS
	3:45-5:00 HALL OF FAME BAND
	5:15-6:15 WINDBURN BROTHERS

2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA

Friday, September 29, 2023 Hall of Fame

Hey Dancers, I've got some great news. The board wants to do something for our members, have some fun and increase our attendance on Friday night September 29 of Hall of Fame. This year Hall of Fame falls on September 29-30 and Sunday October 1. So we asked the "Jamroom Band" to play on Friday September 29 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and have guests up to do a couple of dance songs.

Members will be FREE, so bring your membership cards please. We will have our regular \$10 charge for non-members. Hopefully that will cover the cost of renting the hall. We will see how this works out and try to do something that will keep our tradition of having a western swing dance on Friday at hall of Fame.

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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.



**DAVE JEFFREY**

Born September 7, 1958  
Inducted October 2, 2022\



Born in London Ontario Canada in 1958.

At a young age my dad, who was a professional touring musician, taught me how to play the bass guitar. In 1984 I moved to the United States. I now live in Los Banos, California.

In 1977 I worked with a couple bands and was fortunate to tour and open for Marty Robbins. Then in 1978-79 I toured and opened for The Oak Ridge Boys. In 1980 I played multiple United States tours with Joey Ross.

Then in 1981 I played many shows with the great George Jones. In 1982-83 I worked with Johnny Paycheck. In the late 1983 I met Tigar Bell, who in his youth was playing fiddle for Merle Haggard. Later, that same year, I met and became good close friends with Merle Haggard. During that time I played many jam sessions and did demo recording sessions with Merle. Also, during that time I met and became good friends with Biff Adam.

During 1984 I began working with John Cody Carter and we recorded an album with Willie Nelson in Texas.

In 1988 I moved to the Bay Area where in 1989 I was the House Band at the West 40 Club in Hayward, California. Then in 1990 I started working again with Johnny Paycheck. During 1995-96, while playing at the West 40 Club, Johnny frequently came and joined in with my House Band.



In 1998 I toured with Steven Craig Hardy, opening for several country singers, such as Travis Tritt, John Michael Montgomery, LeAnn Rimes and Brian White.

During my musical career I was honored to receive many awards.

In 2000 I left the music business and started playing in my local area while focusing on inventing the TURBO TUNE STRING WINDER. a tool that is

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**BOBBY GIASSON**

Born July 17, 1935 Died January 27, 2022  
Inducted October 6, 1991



Born 1935, youngest of nine was introduced to music at an early age. Father played piano and fiddle, brothers and sisters sang and accompanied themselves by strumming chords on the guitar.

“The first time I picked the guitar up I knew this is something I wanted to pursue. I remember my sister pointing out to me, as we were listening to Merle Travis, that he's doing that alone. At first I didn't realize what she was trying to tell me. Then it hit me, he was playing chords and melody together on one guitar and this is when I knew I wanted to play like that. I did a lot of listening and many hours of practicing after that”.

First Professional Gig: At the ripe old age of fourteen I played my first Grange Hall with the group “Rocky Mountain Ramblers” for \$5.00. We traveled to the gigs in a 32 Chevy that only had rear brakes and these brakes only worked when someone would yank hard on the emergency brake.

A couple of years later I joined a new group “Guitar Trio”. Hawkshaw Hawkins came to our town and my brother couldn't attend the show because of an accident that had left him paralyzed. So we asked Hawkshaw if he would come to the house to see my brother and he graciously accepted our invitation. Eddie Miller, who was Hawkshaws fiddle player, came over too and we jammed a little. This happened on a school day so I skipped that day. The Vice Principal didn't believe me when I told him my reason for skipping and gave me 2 hours detention. The next day there was a big article in the local paper on Hawkshaw's visit to my house. I got an apology fro the Vice Principal but it was too late to take back the detetion.



1953 and 1954 I was playing with “Riders in the Sky” and I first met my wife to be, Jeanette Fortin. She entered a talent contest we held at one of our gigs and won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, being a guest on our weekly radio show and then became our female vocalist for the group.

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**Come Join The Fun At  
The Western Swing Society's  
42nd Annual  
WESTERN SWING  
HALL of FAME  
MUSIC FESTIVAL  
Sept. 29-30, Oct., 1, 2023**



**Machinists' Hall, Rancho Cordova, California**

**FREE TO MEMBERS ON FRIDAY (5:00-9:00pm)**

*\$10 Saturday & Sunday*

**THREE DAYS OF DANCING**

**AND LISTENING FUN**

*A Dozen Great Western Swing Bands*

*Daily Jam Sessions*

*For Listening and Dancing*

**On-Site Beverages and Food Available**

**Special Western Swing Room Rates at  
Nearby Holiday Inn Rancho Cordova**

**11269 Point East Dr. Rancho Cordova,  
CA 95742**

**Phone: 916-635-4040 (Ext 411)**

**\$129+tax Without Breakfast**

**\$139+tax With Breakfast**

**OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA**

**La Quinta:** 11131 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, (916) 638-1111

**Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotels:** 11260 Point E. Drive, Rancho Cordova, (916) 638-4141

**Marriott:** 11211 Point E. Drive, Rancho Cordova, (916) 638-1100

**2023 UPCOMING BANDS**

Sept 29,30 Oct. 1	Hall Of Fame (Bands Page 5)
November 5	Janice Allen & All the QueensMen
December 3	Mae McCoy & her Neon Stars



This "Friend of WSS" has donated his time to decorate the hall for our Hall of Fame. He is not only a talented decorator but he is a great dancer and friend. We are so lucky to have Rex Barnes in our society. There is a lot that goes in to making a dance a success and the list of volunteers is long. It just could not happen if we didn't have folks step up on all our Sunday dances.

Thank You To Everyone, Ronnie Elkan

**Western Swing Society  
Café Menu**

**Serving All 3 Days of HOF**

**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**

**Chili Dog with chips or potato salad \$5.00**

**BLT on Sourdough with chips or potato salad \$7.00**

**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**



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I heard from quite a few folks that last months dance was a great success. We had a few things to overcome but the volunteers and the Board Members stepped up to the task. Our bartender, Cyndi, was sick and she tried everything to be there. Since she just couldn't our very own Arron "Scrappy" Smith stepped up and held down the bar duties. Scrappy is Arron Smith's (our drummer and sound man) dad. Scrappy, we all thank you for taking care of things.



The DeLeons took the stage for the first time. We are so lucky that musicians share their talent with us and we get live music to dance to. Larry DeLeon lead the band and sang from behind his drum set. His wife Ellen sang.



Next up was are incredible "House Band" consisting of Jimmy Baughman on guitar and vocals; Ralph Chase on piano and vocals; Bill Cornett on drums and vocals; Arron Smith on drums and running sound.

Jamroom Band was cooking in the back room. Hey, if you want to sing or play let Dave Rietz or Brad Barnett know your there. They will be hosting the band on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00-9:00 pm at the Hall for swinging and dancing. Come on in and sing a couple, It's FREE for members and \$10 for non-members.

Shelley and I are still in Houston, TX seeing doctors here. It hasn't stopped us from getting out though. We took in the 3-day dance in Amarillo, TX put on by the WSMSS (Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest). Sure makes us feel good to be around folks like "Our Folks at WSS". 3 days of music and dancing and it was well attended. It was good to see young folks participating and keeping our kind of music alive and well.

It's that time of year already for our big Bash. Yep, Hall of Fame is on us Friday the September 29th, Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> and Hall of Fame presentation on October 1<sup>st</sup>. I can't wait to hand out the awards with the great Jimmy Baughman by my side. There will be 3 days of music and dancing so make plans to be there.

## Band Lineup 2023

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

5:00-9:00 pm Jamroom Band Dance Music & Hosting Sit-ins

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

11:00-11:50 pm Rhonda Rogers & Edgewood Station

12:00-12:50 pm Shelley Elkan and Bite the Bullet

1:00-1:50 pm Mae McCoy and Her Neon Stars

2:00-2:50 pm Geoff Miller

3:00-3:50 pm Daron Brown & Band

4:00-4:50 pm Tommy Thomsen and Friends

5:00-5:50 pm Janice Allen and All The

Queen's Men

6:00-6:50 pm Bob Woods Swing

7:00-7:50 pm Grace Clark

8:00- On Jam Session

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st

10:00-11:00 am Candy Girard

11:15-12:15 am Don Burnham and The Bolos

12:15-12:45 pm Set Up For HOF

12:45-2:15 pm Award Ceremony

2:30-3:30 pm Mae McCoy and her Neon Stars

3:45-5:00 pm Hall Of Fame Band

5:15-6:15 pm Windburn Brothers

### MAE MCCOY HAS A NEW SINGLE WITH AN ALBUM COMING SOON!



If you'd like a digital copy of the song I did with [Justin Trevino - Official Elizabeth-Justin Trevino](#), [Jim Loessberg](#), Emily Gimble, Jess Meador, Lisa Layne Stewart, and Charlie Walton visit my website.

[Maemccoymusic.com](http://Maemccoymusic.com)

I appreciate your support

[Mae McCoy and Her Neon Stars](#)

Visit her website or her Facebook page for updates on her releases, live music and singles

*Bobby Giasson continued from page 3*

At the age of 19 I enlisted in the Navy and served 4 years. I was married in 1957 and discharged from the Navy in 1958.

1958 I played lead guitar for Skeeter Bonan RCA Wheeling Jamboree Road Show. We began daily 1 hour TV Channel 8 shows in Maine with Skeeter. Some of our bookings took us to Canada, many to New England, Connecticut, New Hampshire, etc.

I did personal appearances with Wilma Lee, Stony Cooper and Don Gibson.

Early 1961 I played lead for a rock-a-billy band, Curtis Johnson (Event Records).

In 1965 I joined up with Dick Curless, who had won the Arthur Godfrey Talent Contest. We eventually cut "Tombstone Every Mile" which was picked up by Capitol Records. Dick went on to the Buck Owens Show. The band stayed on the east coast.

I got back to the great Elton Britt and in 1970 went on to record some albums with a great guitarist Sonny Cardilli and bassist Dick Cash. Name of the albums were "16 Strings" and "Try It You'll Like It" (1972).

1973 we moved to the west coast and settled in Sacramento. Guess maybe I picked with everyone, just about. Later I had the good fortune to meet Jay Riley and play in a group called "The



Golden West Cowboys" which was mostly Western Swing people. Wes Allen and Sonny Leonard were also in this group. Currently I'm playing lead for "Lone Star" country band.



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still made today by Fender Musical Instruments.

I also redesigned and patented a mascara bottle for Mac Cosmetics.

Currently, I'm playing with multiple Bay Area Bands and owner-operator of my own company, "VERY IMPORTANT COURIER"

**WESTERN SWING BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Meeting called to order by President Elkan at 6pm via Zoom

Members Present: President Elkan, V.P. Mae McCoy, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Aaron Smith and Ralph Chase

Approval of August 15, 2023, Minutes via previous email

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Elkan thanked the Board for all the hard work preparing for the upcoming Hall of Fame 3-day event – September 29, 30 and October 1, 2023 . Hall of Fame was the primary focus of discussion.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:**

Elkan preparing Newsletter as soon as possible due to the upcoming Hall of Fame 3-day Event. Elkan will copy social media picture of Aaron Smith, Sr. (Scrappy) to acknowledge the generous contribution of his volunteer time as Bartender at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly dance in the absence of our regular Bartender Cyndi, as she was not feeling well that day. Also acknowledged and thanked American Legion, Jim, who also stepped up in our time of need. Email is forthcoming to the members covering Rancho Cordova participating hotels with group rates for the Hall of Fame, as well as participating bands and times they will be playing – Also will cover the times for each day's event.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Mae McCoy acknowledged for her outstanding work on social media posts and fliers for the Western Swing Society and the upcoming Hall of Fame. Plaques have been finalized, ordered, and will be ready the week before the Hall of Fame.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion of Band equipment upgrades. Board thanked Ralph Chase for his great working relationship with the Machinist's Hall and American Legion volunteers. The Board also acknowledged that Linda Bauchman continues to contribute so much to the Western Swing Society.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved Ralph Chase, Second Aaron Smith Approved 5-0

Next meeting via Zoom – Tuesday, October 10, 2023, via Zoom

Sandy Robinson, Secretary

### 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](http://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/>

**Mae McCoy and Her Neon Stars**  
Contact: maemccoy@gmail.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](http://www.wsmss.com).

**Cliff Huey 27 Outlaws Band @**  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cliff%20huey%202027%20outlaws>



### 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](mailto: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](http://www.westernswingsociety.net)

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

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### 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.



**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.