

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



DAVE STUCKEY



ROCKY RAUSCH

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Letter from The Editor



Hi Folks. Well anyone that was at the the dance probably walked away thinking “What a great dance” it was. Yes it was thanks to all the hard work our volunteers, American Legion and our musicians put in.

The morning started with Ralph (Board member and piano player) getting a call from a very sick Janice Allen saying she couldn't make it. We are praying for you Janice. Usually this would be a show stopper but these professionals just put on a great show.

Ralph, Arron Smith and Mae McCoy then decided to meet at Brookfields to talk it over when they were notified that Cindi the bartender was hurting and couldn't make it. Our normal reserve bartenders were unavailable

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**Christmas Dance & 3rd Annual Toy Drive
 Dance Lessons**

SUNDAY, December 3rd 2023



**MAE McCOY
 & Her Neon Stars**

1:00pm-3:00pm

**Followed by the
 House band**

“The Hall of Famers”

3:00pm-5:00pm

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**With Admission
 @ 12:00 pm**

Western Swing Society Presents
**SUNDAY DANCE
 AND TOY DRIVE**

Entry:
 \$7
 Members

TWO
 STEP
 LESSONS

Schedule
 12pm- Dance Lesson
 1-3pm- Mae McCoy and her Neon Stars
 3-5pm Hall of Famers

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**Mae McCoy
 and her Neon Stars**

Dec 3rd, 2023
 12pm-5pm

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so Mae set the bar up and did all the cleaning. Then Scrappy (Arron Smith Sr) and our in-



credible American Legion came to the rescue to bartend for us.

Next step was taking care of a homeless lady that was becoming a problem before the dance. Thanks to Ralph she left without calling the police. She left quite a mess at the front door and poor Ralph had to deal with that. What else could go wrong?

The crew got the place set up and ready when they got the call that the new dance instructors had tested positive for Covid and that was an easy call to tell them not to come in. It did leave us with "egg on our face" since we had advertised dance lessons. We had a lot of new folks come in for the dance lesson and we sure hope they come back.

Sound was covered by Beau Jeffers (Chad) so Arron Smith would be free to play drums. Thanks Chad.

The Hall of Fame Band carried the whole day on stage. They don't usually get a chance to do as much singing as they did but it was sure great.



The band was sure happy to have Steve French show up to play pedal steel guitar and sing. Jimmy Baughman played lead guitar and sang; Ralph Chase played piano and sang; Bill Cornett played drums and sang; Arron Smith played drums and sang; Steve Clark played bass and sang. Brad wanted to sing some

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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 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!

Editor's Letter

harmonies with Steve French so Ralph made him play piano too. Guest singers helped out also.

They were Peggy Van den Boeck, Mae McCoy, Rex Barnes and Nancy Long.



Thanks to everyone that kept the Jam Room going. We are in the midst of getting some new equipment to make it easier for the Jammers and more pleasant for the folks that want to just listen.



Free Dance Lessons with admission on Sunday December 3rd 2023!



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

DAVE STUCKEY

Inducted October 2, 2022\

Dave Stuckey has been in love with the music since he bought his first Bob Wills 78 in college (Twin Guitar Special / Lyla Lou) but didn't get to live that dream until 1997, when he met Whit Smith & Elana James in a transitional band following Stuckey's run in The Dave & Deke Combo.

That led to his 2000 record "Get A Load of This", recorded in Austin with the cream of the crop (Whit, Elana, Jeremy Wakefield, Lisa Pankratz, Dave Biller, Jake Erwin, etc) flowed by touring the States with the band and a trip to Japan, backed by crack Japanese WS band The Rollin' Rocks.

Other highlights along the way include producing the 2nd Hot Club of Cowtown release Tall Tales in 1999 and, since 2003, drumming in the long running LA-based Western Swing band The Lucky Stars.

He continues to this day with his band Dave Stuckey & The Hoot Owls, who perform regularly in and around Los Angeles (including The Western Swingout festival) and, along with drummer Hal Smith, fronting the 10 piece Pappy & Junior's Western All-Stars, as a special feature of the yearly Redwood Coast Music Festival in Eureka, Ca

In Memphis, 2020 Stuckey took home the Ameripolitan Award in the Male Western Swing category.

ROCKY RAUSCH

Born September 22, 1947 Died April 8, 1992

Inducted October 6, 1991

Place of birth-Flint Hills Kansas. Early music influences were Bob Wills & Johnny Lee. Age of first performance-15 , in "Kansas Musical Trail". Left Kansas for Idaho at the age of 17 and has been making his living playing music ever since, almost exclusively as leader of his own group.

He has been involved in radio and TV in addition to his music shows. He had a four hour (6am-10am) disc Jockey show on KRLC in Lewiston Idaho for a number of years where he promoted western swing all the time. He has played all over the Northwest (lodges, fairs, clubs, rodeos, etc.)

He uses the "South Shore Landing" at the Quality Inn in Lewiston as his home base. Side men were Digger Howell, drums and Jimmy Williams, lead guitar.

He was a long time friend and associate of Wade Ray. He worked for Bob Wills in Amarillo in 1953 as leader of the house band at a club Bob owned there.

He used many musicians from the Washington/ Idaho area that are in the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame: Cotton Roberts, Ron Hutchinson, Don Berkshire, Ray Robinson, Ivan Wood and others.

Rocky has been Western Swing's most loyal promoter for years.

At the time of this bio (1991) Rocky was scheduled to appear on "Nashville Now" and the "Grand Ole Opry".

Back in the Saddle Again!

From: Rex Barnes rbigred300@ymail.com



Whoever thought this would happen? I go to Oklahoma for a family reunion and come home with a long-lost family heirloom: my father's saddle!

My family moved from Oklahoma to California in the summer of 1957. My father never really stopped being a cowboy and in the late '60's he joined the Orange County Sheriff's Posse. At that time, he bought a beautiful palomino and outfitted it with a show-worthy saddle and bridle. With all this western finery, he rode as flag bearer in parades and other events.



As the years passed, my family gradually moved back to our stompin' grounds in Oklahoma. Dad passed away in 1990.

In casual conversation at the recent family reunion, my nephew commented that a guy called saying he had a saddle with a plaque on it, engraved with the name *Shannon Barnes, 1970*. That was my dad! My nephew bought the saddle and had it stored in his garage. I had to have it!

Shipping that saddle from Oklahoma to California was so complicated, I think it would have been easier to

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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



2023 UPCOMING BANDS

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| December 3 2023 | Mae McCoy & Her Neon Stars |
| January 7 2024 | Bite the Bullet |
| February 4 | Classic Country Boys |
| March 3 | The Lincoln Highway (With Guest, Larry DeLeon) |
| April 7 | The Familiar Strangers |

WSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Members Present: President Ronnie Elkan, Vice President Mae McCoy, Treasurer Linda Swanson, Jimmy Boehnke, Ralph Chase, Aaron Smith, Chuck Webb. Guest: Nick Dennis from Oregon

Approval of Minutes: Approved by e-mail

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: November dance attendance was low. There were several people who called in sick, one of whom was Janice Allen. Ronnie thanked those who stepped in and kept the program moving. Ronnie will also contact Rex Barnes about the last supplier/printer of t-shirts, jackets, et al. We may be able to have interested folks contact the printer directly for items they wish to purchase. Ronnie also thanked Chuck Webb for always acquiring our liquor license for each dance.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mae stated that the planned dance instruction was cancelled because the two instructors were among those who called in sick. However, they plan to be there for the December dance on December 3rd.

She also confirmed that the annual toy drive will be held on December 3rd. The newsletter will contain information that toys for minor children are encouraged. However, those who donate to the drive will be charged regular admission. Last year those folks were admitted free.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Income and expense statements were emailed to Board members for both September and October, as well as the final financial report for the Hall of Fame held in September and October. She suggested that everyone pay normal admission prices on Friday to help offset the loss we sustained. Also discussed dropping the printing of the HOF booklets and including a link in the newsletter and on our website for those who wish to print them. Everyone was in favor of doing it this way.

Discussion followed about the needs in the Jam Room. Since some of the equipment is heavy and difficult to move, there may be small monitors. Ronnie/Chuck will contact Dave Reitz about getting a power monitoring system to try at the December dance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Recorded by: Linda Swanson filling in for Sandy Robinson



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just buy a horse and ride it here; but we succeeded. I oiled the leather and shined the silver and now it sits proudly in the middle of my living room. I’m sure it feels at home, since my whole house is decorated straight out of “Yellowstone!”

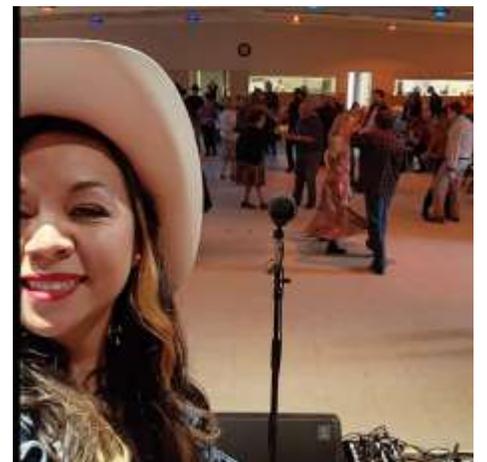


I guess you could say Dad is back in the saddle again, since a picture of him, sitting tall on his palomino, is hanging right over our family heirloom!

GREAT BANDS COMING UP

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FROM THE STAGE 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: 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.

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



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.