

# Western Swing

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## WESTERN SWING RECORD HOP

Mike Gross, KSEY-FM, Seymour, TX & KTNK-AM, Lompoc, CA

**Album: Paul Schlesinger & his Knights of Texas Swing**

**Artist: Self Titled**



This wonderful new CD, ten years in the making, includes 15 cuts by Paul Schlesinger and his Knights of Texas Swing, many of Western Swings brightest stars. They include Paul doing all vocals as well as playing a top class fiddle and rhythm guitar. Ray Tesmer plays lead guitar and fiddle and Bill Dowdy does rhythm guitar, bass and lead guitar. The steel guitarists are Bud Harger and Hall of Famers Jimmy Grabowske and the late Bill

Dessens. The drummers are George Harrison and Jimmy Heap, Jr. Kim Cochran, Jr. plays bass and Greg Rikard plays piano and keyboard. Also on keyboard is Western Swing deceased Hall of Fame legend Clyde Brewer. Guest musicians are Scott Fischer-bass, Justin Dubec- drums and clarinetist Jonathan Doyle.

The album opens from the library of Jimmy Heap and the Melody Masters with *You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams*. Others from the Heap band are *This Song is Just for You*, later becoming a Hank Locklin country memory, *Haunted Hungry Heart*, covered in the country world by Slim Whitman, *Cat'n Around* and *Ethyl in My Gas Tank*. The cajun sound is present on Paul's composition, *Say Y Me Ti* and pop music on *A Little Bit of Heaven*, from Wayne Newton. Other cuts include *I Guess I'll Just Say I Don't Know*, two from Bob Wills, Fred Rose's *Hang Your Head in Shame* and Dick Reinhardt's *A Broken Heart for a Souvenir* and the instrumental, *Golden Slippers*. Paul and the band also borrow from Country music Marty Robbins' *Pretty Words*, *Conscience I'm Guilty* from the Hank Snow hit parade, *Are You Trying to Tell Me Goodye* from Perk Williams and Conway Twitty's *Walk Me to the Door*.

You can send Paul a check for \$17 (includes postage costs) to: **Paul Schlesinger, 2500 Meadow Lane, Taylor, TX 76574**. Or order it online from [www.paulschlesinger.com](http://www.paulschlesinger.com)

**Western Swing Monthly**

## MILESTONES

**John Morthland** died on March 8 at his home in Austin, age 68. He was in San Berdoo in high school writing for his school paper in 1964. When The Rolling Stones came out that year to perform at the infamous Altamont concerts, John landed an interview! Quite a coup for a kid in high school! He attended Cal Berkeley in the mid-60's, as did Cornell Hurd, many of my high school alum pals, and myself. John rubbed elbows with the heady, upper elite in-crowd circles that the rest of us could only watch pass by! John was exceedingly smart and understood how life works, especially in an ethereal arena as The Arts. When I landed in Austin in 1997, he was writing for *Texas Monthly*, ran with folks like Joe Nick Patoski and Ray Benson as I recall and other Austin movers and shakers. He was involved in early days of SXSU. He was a music journalist, and when I grew up I wanted to be just like him. John was in high demand to write liner notes for many different music styles and bands, because he had an understanding of the many varied styles of music that make up Texas music. John was a philosopher, an analyst of unlimited bounds, a strategist. And he really did understand people. We corresponded by world wide web for a few years. He loved baseball. I didn't realize we had so much in common. If I had it to do over again, I'd call him and try to hang out some. I could have learned so much more. Rest our friend.

**Gayle Leonard's** long time companion Barbara York called me that Gayle passed away on January 30 at age 94 of heart problems. He was from Sipe Springs, and a long time Milton Brown and Bob Wills fan. Gayle used to attend Wayne Glasson's daddy's dances. Gayle attended Bob Wills Days in Turkey from its inception! I saw Barb and Gayle at all the good dances, they were so graceful. Just last year they were at Mineral Wells for CSWM Hall of Fame. They met a lot of friends, many of you knew Gayle, one of which was Joe Frank Ferguson. Joe Frank and Gayle made the annual trek together up to Turkey. Two old boys paying respects to Wills and his music, year after year. God Bless them. Joe Frank and I went to the Pocket Theater many years ago to see the LCDB with Smoky Montgomery. Gayle became close friends with Roy Lee Brown. As a young boy, Gayle had a window on Western Swing music in the Fort Worth area, pretty much from its inception, and under the influence of Milton Brown. Now, how many folks do you know with that distinction, and as recently as 2 months ago? Gayle was a long time subscriber To Western Swing Monthly. He was one of the first calls to Pam Townley to lend support to Tommy Duncan Days in Whitney. Rest in peace my friend. We ALL appreciate you.

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"Your CD sure sounds good! Got some of my heroes on it, too."  
- Leon Rausch, Texas Playboys

4/22 - 24 **DON BURNHAM AND THE BOLOS** at Lake Del Valle Rec Area Music Festival in Livermore, CA.

4/22 - 24 **Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival**, CA. Many artists including Mikki Daniel, Hot Club of Cowtown.

4/23 **Al Dressen's Super Swing Revue** - Lea Lou's Co-Op, Mason, Tx On the Square. 8pm

4/23 **ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** at Earth Day Festival in Austin

4/23 **BILLY MATA AND TEXAS TRADITION** at Quihi Dancehall TX

4/23 **BOBBY FLORES AND YELLOW ROSE BAND** at Spring Swing Street Dance, Downtown Hico, TX. PM. [www.facebook.com/SpringSwingStreetDance](http://www.facebook.com/SpringSwingStreetDance)

4/23 **JODY NIX AND THE TEXAS COWBOYS** at The City Auditorium With The Big Spring Symphony in Big Spring, TX. 7:30PM

4/23 **HOT TEXAS SWING BAND** at Wimberley TX. Arts Festival, 11:00AM-12:00PM. (Evening dance at Leon Springs postponed due to private party booked.)

4/23 **Spring Shindig 2016: An LBJ Party** at the "Texas White House" the LBJ Historic Park in Stonewall, TX. Benefit for the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum. (Adv purchase only) \$90 includes parking, seating, entertainment by Michael Martin Murphey, Jan Seides and Ryan Scott, BBQ dinner by Kent Black, wine and beer tasting. 830-385-1645

4/23 **COBY CARTER AND 3 MILES WEST** at the 16th Annual Chuck wagon Cookoff in Logan, NM

4/24 **Hot Texas Swing Band** at The Domain II, Austin, TX 2:00-5:00PM

4/25 **Thorndale Country & Gospel Jamboree** VFW hall, N. FM 486, Thorndale, TX, with Paul Schlesinger, Roy Carroll, Bill Dowdy, Derial Lutz, Chip Dunsmoor, and Johnny Youngblood. 7-9:30 PM.

4/28 **ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** at the City Winery, Chicago.

4/28 - 30 **Bob Wills Days** in Turkey TX.

4/29 **Glen Collins and the Alibis** Taylor SPJST, 5025 FM 619, Taylor, TX (512) 352-9139. 7:30PM.

4/29 **JODY NIX AND THE TEXAS COWBOYS** at The VFW in San Angelo, TX. 8PM

4/29 & 30 **ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** at the Stoughton Opera House in Stoughton, WI.

4/30 **BOBBY FLORES AND YELLOW ROSE BAND** at BullNanza, 201 S. 4th St., Carrizo Springs, TX. 9PM. 830-876-5205

4/30 **HOWARD KALISH and Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces** Little Woodrows on Parmer Ln 2-4pm. They're having a crawfish boil and we'll provide the appropriate music. 6301 Parmer Ln, Austin

4/30 **Knights of Texas Swing** at Patsy's Cafe, 5001 E. Ben White Austin, 512-444-2020 with Paul Schlesinger, "Skinny" Don Keeling! 7 PM.

4/30 **GUNSMOKE** at the Longridge Tavern in Stamford, CT. 8PM. 2635 Long Ridge Road

4/30 **RYAN KIRKLAND BAND** at Silver Strings Ballroom in Bowie, TX. 7PM. 940-872-0077

### SONS OF THE PIONEERS TOUR SCHEDULE

3/31 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan at the Zion United Church. 800-838-3006

4/1 Medicine Hat, Alberta at the Cultural Centre at medicine Hat College. 800-838-3006

4/2 Calgary, Alberta at the Knox United Church. 800-838-3006

4/3 High River, Alberta at the Highwood Memorial Centre. 800-838-3006

4/4 & 5 Sherwood Park, Alberta at the Festival Place

4/6 Lloydminster, Saskatchewan at the Vic Juba Theater

4/7 Yorkton, Saskatchewan at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. 800-838-3006

4/9 Brandon, Manitoba at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

4/10 Swan River, Saskatchewan at the Veteran's Cultural Center. 800-838-3006

4/11 Prince Albert, Saskatchewan at the Rawlinson Centre for the Arts

4/12 Humboldt, Saskatchewan at St. Augustine Church 800-838-3006

4/14 Winnipeg, Manitoba at the Centennial Concert Hall

4/23 Benton, KS at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon