



April 2006 E-News

Welcome and Western Greetings

Welcome to **R.W. Hampton's** April News Update. We hope as fans of **Western and Christian Music** that you will find this informative and easy to read. If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, we hope you like the format and we look forward to hearing from you. If you know others who enjoy **R.W. Hampton's** music or might want to attend a local concert please forward this on to them. We invite you to join us soon for a *live performance* when R.W. is in your area.

Here in Northern New Mexico, as with the rest of the Southwest, we are as dry as can be. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers for moisture and safety from fires – we'll take anything, rain or snow at this point. And if you personally have been affected by the fires our hearts go out to you and your neighbors.

Upcoming Events

April 27 - San Diego, CA

Appearing for his first concert in the San Diego area, we are pleased to announce that R.W. will be at **Acoustic Music San Diego** this **Thursday evening at 7:30 PM**. Largely becoming known as one of the best acoustic music locals on the West coast, **Acoustic Music San Diego** is an intimate venue with premier sound, where an eclectic assortment of World Class players and singers are showing up on a regular basis. If you live in Southern California as of this morning there were still tickets available and this will be a performance you won't want to miss! **Tickets are \$15.00 or \$20.00 at the door and are available by calling 619-303-8176 or visit them at www.acousticmusicsandiego.com.**

April 28 - Santa Clarita, CA

One of our favorite events to attend, this year R.W. will be the Master of Ceremonies at the **Annual Walk of Western Stars Gala Dinner & Award Ceremony**. 2006's inductees include James Arness, Rhonda Flemming, Robert Horton and Andrew Prine. The ceremonies kick off with a sidewalk dedication at 3:00 p.m. on San Fernando Road, in Old Town Newhall (no charge); the inductees will then be honored later in the evening at the gala dinner event that pays tribute to heroes of the Silver Screen, past and present. **Sorry, Sold Out. For information call 661-286-4021.**

April 29 & 30 - Santa Clarita, CA

Thirteen years ago R.W. attended his first **Santa Clarita Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival** held at Gene Autry's legendary ranch and movie set, Melody Ranch. Always a crowd favorite, this year will mark R.W.'s 11th appearance at the Festival. The Festival has shortened their name to the **Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival** but their line up of top quality entertainment is as big as ever! With activities from April 26 – 30 both at Melody Ranch and other area locations, 2006's entertainment features not only R.W. but also Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell, The Sons of the San Joaquin, Brenn Hill and no less

than ten (10) other nationally known acts.

For tickets and information check out their website at www.cowboymusicfestival.org or call them at 661-286-4021.

May 5 – Egan, TX

If you want to hold a gospel concert, you do it in a church, and if you're having a western music concert, it's at a cowboy music/poetry gathering or on an outdoor stage. Right? NOT if you are the folks down at **Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church**, in **Egan, Texas**, (*just a little south of Fort Worth*). They said, 'let's have BOTH, and we'll wrap it up in one glorious night of cowboy AND inspirational music. But, to do it RIGHT, we MUST bring in the best talent possible!"

That's the background, and we are pleased to say that not only will you hear **R.W. Hampton** as their headliner, but also the popular western singer/song writer and AWA award winner, **Dan Roberts**, and a local performer whose fabulous talent is only exceeded by his strong faith, **Bunk Skelton**. Each of these performers is a REAL "cowboy" as is evident in their music, and each is a Christian, which will also be clear as you listen to the songs that come straight from their hearts. This "first of its kind" concert brings it all together with healthy doses of both types of music. You DON'T want to miss it. **For tickets, information or directions contact Shawna at Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church (days) at 817-790-8898 for tickets, or Larry at 817-781-6772 (eves). www.shepherdsvalley.com**

May 12 & 13 – Abilene, TX

The "World's Largest" Bit and Spur Show is held from Friday through Sunday and this annual event features not only collectible and antique items but also contemporary items for today's cowboy and western enthusiast.

The Bit and Spur attracts working cowboys as well as collectors from all over and the weekend's activities include everything from cowboy poetry and music, a nightly Ranch Rodeo followed by dances, a gala dinner on Friday night, ranch horse competitions and invitational sale, matched horse races and children's events, a huge trade show, horse training clinics, a Western art show and sale, a chuck wagon cook-off and much more. The event kicks off with a parade and street dance, and has everything you can imagine for the whole family. **All of this happens at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, TX and tickets and information are available by calling 325-677-4376.**

Event Re-Cap for March & Early April

R.W. returned home last week from a quick run through Oklahoma and Missouri. We want to thank everyone who showed up in **Enid, OK at the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Church** on a Thursday night for the concert/service. As usual they had an enthusiastic audience, but this time instead of a full house at 300 plus, they counted almost double that! I warned you it would be standing room only, but I didn't know it would be that tight! We look forward to R.W. returning there again in 2007

From Enid R.W. went up to **Savannah, MO for Andrew County Museum's** annual fundraiser. R.W. has been there several times and once again had a great time and it was a successful event all around. We want to thank the organizers there who have become family over the years. We wish them tremendous success as they continue to operate a wonderful regional museum that serves not only their community but the entire region.

Unionville, MO and the **Chariton Hills Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Cowboys** welcomed R.W. to their town for his first appearance there. The concert was an outreach to the community and R.W. played both his cowboy and Christian songs. It was a great concert and well attended, and we thank the Chariton Chapter for letting us be a part of their ministry.

Office News

If you have visited the website www.rwhampton.com lately you will notice that we've made some changes. The site is easier to navigate and has more information on each album including graphics, a song list, and an order sheet. I hope to add more content including personal and event photos, and messages from R.W. on the road in the near future.

If ordering by phone is easier, we are open from **Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

(MST), and occasionally on Mondays and over the weekends when we aren't on the road to a show. Please remember we are a small office and there may be times when you call and reach the voice mail because we are on the other line with another customer or out in the shipping room. **You can reach us at 1-800-392-0822 or cshll@zianet.com with any questions, merchandise orders, or requests.** My personal e-mail address is cboy@zianet.com if you want to reach me directly.

That about wraps it up for April's News! **As always our CDs are \$15.00 each and tapes are on sale for \$5.00 each. Our shipping within the USA is \$5.00 for 1-4 items and \$1.00 for each item after that. And of course we only charge sales tax to our friends and neighbors here in New Mexico.**

Until next time, Lisa Hampton & the crew here in New Mexico at Cimarron Sounds-Hampton Land & Lyric

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