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March 2006 E-News

Welcome and Spring Greetings

Spring in New Mexico is on its way. I can tell by the way the wind blows – from every direction all at once. I wrote in February about driving through several fire scorched cities on our way home from New Year's Eve, but little did I know how bad the next few months were going to be for all of us here in the Southwest. Like us, many of you in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Southern Colorado and Southern Kansas have either been evacuated from the grass fires or worse have lost homes, barns, hay, grass pastures and agricultural fields, woodlands, cattle, horses, and untold miles of fence. We consider ourselves very blessed to have had two close calls but so far nothing has burned on our place, and although our little community had a 26,500-acre fire on Ash Wednesday, it now seems small in comparison to what others are experiencing. Please continue to pray for moisture – we'll take snow or rain at this point!

Many Thanks to the Folks in Ellensburg, WA

R.W. attended the Second Annual Spirit of the West Gathering February 24-26 up in Ellensburg, WA and found it to be a tremendous new event. He commented: "I had forgotten how enthusiastic those Northwesterners are! What a great bunch of folks from the audience to the people who made it all happen as volunteers and organizers." For those of you not familiar with the event, check it out at www.acowboygathering.org and get your tickets early for next year!

Another Tip of the Hat to Cedar City, UT

Our friends there in Cedar City, Utah put on another great festival there this past weekend. R.W. returned as their Saturday night headliner this time and he said it was an honor to perform for such a great crowd. The attendance was as good as ever, even with the snow they had. We want to thank everyone there in Utah for continuing to put on some of the best Western Events in the country. To check out the festival next year, be sure to bookmark: www.westernfestival.org

R.W. Heads Back to Enid, OK

As always there are more great events than there is room to write about, but R.W. is headed back to **Enid, OK** and the Thursday night Chisholm Trail Cowboy Church at the Winter Livestock Auction Barn. **March 30** at 7:00 PM will be R.W.'s third appearance at the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Church and we are looking forward to a great evening of song and worship again this year. In past years some of you have driven several hours to be a part of this and although it has plenty of seats it is always standing room only. For information and directions, (this is not a ticketed event, they just pass the hat) call **Dan O'Daniels at 580-541-7815** or check out their great website at: www.chisholmtrailcowboychurch.com

Cancelled – As a side note, R.W. had two other appearances in **Enid, OK** later in April for the

Chisholm Trail Ranch Rodeo & Cowboy Rendezvous as well as a Sunday night concert at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Both events have been cancelled for the time being and they are attempting to re-schedule later in the year. If you were planning on seeing R.W. at either of these events, I hope we will see you at the March 30 event instead. Please check R.W.'s website for schedule changes and updates at <http://www.rwhampton.com/index.html> and click on the schedule button.

Andrew County Museum is bringing R.W. back to Missouri

Yes, R.W. will be in **Savannah, MO for Andrew County Museum's** annual fundraiser on Saturday night **April 1**. We have begun to feel like the folks there in Savannah are family, so this is a favorite event and we are looking forward to a great concert and a full house again this year. If you don't have your tickets yet call the museum at **816-324-4720**.

April 2 will find R.W. over in **Unionville, MO** for the **Chariton Hills Cowboy Church's** Community Concert. The concert is an outreach for the local Cowboy Church Chapter. R.W. will be playing both his cowboy and Christian songs, so we encourage everyone in that part of the country to help spread the word and bring a friend who might be touched by the music. For more information and directions you can call Kevin Collins at **660-793-2217**.

The Only Texas Panhandle Appearance on the Calendar This Year

Texline, TX will find R.W. returning there on **April 10** for the Texline High School Class of 2006's Fundraiser Concert. Yes, R.W.'s second oldest son, Colter, graduates this year and like last year we are helping the senior class raise money for their class trip to the East Coast. For any of you in Eastern NM and the Texas Panhandle, make sure you get to this one! Right now this is the only concert on R.W.'s schedule for this part of the country so you want to be sure you don't miss it. Find a Texline HS Senior (there aren't many) or call the Texline School at **806-362-4284** to get your advance tickets.

R.W. Heads to California in April and the Rest of the Schedule

I hate long newsletters myself, so in an effort to keep this short, please check out R.W.'s schedule on his website at www.rwhampton.com for the remainder of April's schedule, including his upcoming appearances in **San Diego** and **Santa Clarita, California** and the other tour dates confirmed for 2006 so far. This page is always changing, so I encourage you to check it frequently if you want to find R.W. in your area.

Savannah Music and Brian Ferriman Join the Team

We are pleased to announce that with the start of the year Brian Ferriman, owner of Savannah Music (USA), Inc., has joined our team as R.W.'s personal manager. R.W. is very pleased with this change as it will allow his wife, Lisa (me), to be at home with the kids, kitchen and himself more! Brian has more than 25 years of experience in music management and has been very involved with Western Music for many years now. We are excited to have him as a part of our team, and in addition to his management skills, Brian will also handle R.W.'s bookings and promotion. You can reach Brian at his Brentwood, TN office by calling **615-369-0810** or e-mail him at savannahmusic@att.net.

Here in New Mexico at Cimarron Sounds-Hampton Land & Lyrics

With the help of Brian and Savannah Music, Inc., our office here in New Mexico will be able to focus more on special projects, R.W.'s fan club, the website, and of course merchandise sales. Corky, our Office Manager for the past five years has taken a seasonal job this spring in Montana where she can be nearer to her children and grandchildren. She is excited to be working for a wonderful new guest ranch that features mountain trail rides and overnight trips for women. I will post more on Corky's new adventure and a web address for the ranch in our next e-mail update.

The rest of us will continue to keep our regular office hours, **Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.**

to 5 p.m. (MST), although 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 still 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.

One That I Never Could Ride – CD Promotion

Many of you already know that we discontinued R.W.'s three oldest albums last year. We immediately sold out the ***Born To Be A Cowboy*** album in CD format and we are nearing the end of our inventory of ***One That I Never Could Ride*** CDs as well. With only a very limited quantity of CDs left, I thought I would offer these remaining CDs to our E-news group. This is a classic R.W. Hampton album – all 14 songs are R.W. originals, including the classics R.W. is known for such as "Donnie Catch a Horse," "My Maria," "Sancho," "Cimarron," and "Lonesome New Mexico Wind." Originally released by Adobe Records in 1994, it is the only independently released album to make the list of *Top 25 Western Albums of All Time*. **Retail orders ONLY until April 10, then any remaining inventory will be sold to our wholesale accounts.**

All sales are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Although we will soon be out of CDs on these albums, we still have a few cassettes left of all three and our entire inventory of ***cassettes are on special for \$5.00 each – while supplies last.*** Be sure to get your copies of these original albums to complete your R.W. Hampton collection. We will not re-issue these three albums in their current format ever again, and these are the ones that really feature the cowboy "classics"!

Travelin' Light (1984)

The One That I Never Could Ride (1994)
Cowboy (1996)

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That about wraps it up for March 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.** Normally I would say keep out of the wire, but I think this time I will sign off with "Pray for snow and rain and keep out of the fire!"

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

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