

Fourth Annual Morrison Cowboy Celebration, 1999



Left to right: Raul Reynoso, Paul Davidson, Buckshot Dot, Maggie Mae Sharp, John Nelson, Bill Barwick, Mike Fleming, Liz Masterson (just dropping in).

1999 Performances

Songs by **New West**, Santa Clarita, California
Songs and poems by **Buckshot Dot**, Phoenix, Arizona
Songs by **Paul Davidson**, Levelland, Texas
Poetry by **John Nelson**, Gunnison, Colorado
Songs by **Bill Barwick**, Denver
Poetry by **Maggie Mae Sharp**, Black Forest, Colorado
Hosted and with poetry by **Bob Dougherty**, Evergreen, Colorado

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What a night -- or two! We heard many say it was the best Morrison Cowboy Celebration yet! If you've been there, you know -- wonderful music, poetry that moves and amuses, great feelings of warmth and fun... If you haven't been there, it's tough to explain what it's like. Probably **New West** says it best on their *Texas Blues* album; I doubt we could put it any better:

Cowboy Blessing

May God give you gentle horses, and an even trail to ride.
Pure water, greener pastures, and a good friend by your side.
May you always have protection from the northern winds that blow
And may you find good fortune wherever you may go.

Now we're just musicians and singers, doin' what we do best
And that is, entertaining folks like you throughout the West
We sing about old cowboys, and horses we have known
Places we have been and things that we've been shown.

Well, we hope to make you laugh, or bring a thoughtful look into your eye,
And maybe if the song is sad, we might make you want to cry.
We thank you for your kind applause, and you know we won't refuse it
But the most important thing to us is, friends... you got to hear the music.

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Also check out happenings at our new Saturday afternoon event, the first ever Morrison Cowboy Celebration Open Stage. (Coming soon.)

Aussie Bob's Babblings!

G'day! 'Ow are ya goin', mates?

Well, in the words of Willie Nelson, it's time to "turn out the lights," 'cause this year's party is over, and it's time to start planning the Morrison Cowboy Celebration for the year 2000. It'll be our 5th, and if I have anything to do with it, it'll be our biggest and best yet.

This year's event was lots of fun, and according to the feedback we received, was enjoyed by performers and audience members alike. Although we faced stiff competition, from Bonnie Raitt at Red Rocks to Jackson Brown and the Beach Boys elsewhere in town, many of you made "the right choice," and filled our hall once again with good times and great entertainment. Although many of you are becoming regulars, each year more join your ranks as folks who make it a point not to miss this wonderful Celebration of cowboy and western culture. Sponsors **CAMAS Colorado**, **Denver Rocky Mountain News**, and **Peak National Bank** helped make this year's excellent event possible. We also appreciated the support of many local businesses, especially **Tony Rigatoni's** and the **Holiday Bar** who arranged special dinners for performers and attendees. Thanks, all!

As host, it was great for me to renew old friendships with Raul, Mike, and Dave from New West, Paul Davidson and his lovely wife Becky, Maggie Mae Sharp, and "our rock" Bill Barwick. It was also a pleasure to meet for the first time, and enjoy the talents of, "Buckshot Dot" and John Nelson, both of whom more than lived up to their advance publicity. To Becky Davidson, who pitched in to help us out in an emergency, doing the sound both nights, we add a special, and hearty, "thanks"!

Each year, as I put together the list of suggested performers, I wonder if I have done as good a job as the previous year. Each year, I am pleasantly surprised, and amazed that there are so many high quality performers out there! All that I can say is that they ALL deserve your support in their endeavors, both in live performances and in purchasing the varied merchandise that their creativity has produced.

Until next year, when we will continue to produce "the best show yet!," from me to you, it's "Happy Trails." In the art form called "Aussie slang," you can rest assured that I'll be "flat out like a lizard drinking" to make sure it happens.



And so, another Celebration fades into history. It seems no one captured that memorable grand finale, arranged by Maggie Mae, the "ends" to end all... Well, we'll try harder next year! Join us, won't you, for the **Fifth Annual Morrison Cowboy Celebration**, September 8 & 9, 2000. Details coming soon.