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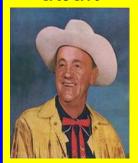
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# NOVA SCOTIA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

# **Wilf Carter** 1908-1996



Inducted 1997

# **Don Messer**



Inducted 1998

Wilf Carter was widely known as the father of Canadian country music. He was born December 18, 1904 in Port Hilford, Nova Scotia, where he spent his early childhood. Later, the Carters moved to Canning in the Annapolis Valley where Wilf spent his adolescent years. He headed west in the 1920s. Throughout his career, Wilf Carter was also known as Montana Slim and The Yodeling Cowboy.

Born in Tweedside, New Brunswick, **Don Messer** began playing fiddle at the age of 5, later receiving formal music training in Boston. Upon arriving back in the Maritimes, he had a successful career in radio. His popular bands included The New Brunswick Lumberjacks, Backwoods Breakdown and most notably Don Messer and His Islanders. How many of us have fond memories of The Don Messer Show! He is an honorary member of the NSCMHF.

Hank Snow was born in Brooklyn, Queens County, Nova Scotia. World famous, with The Rainbow Ranch Boys, he had a long and successful career in Nashville. The Hank Snow Home Town Museum and the NSCMHF are located in the town of Liverpool. Both Wilf Carter and Hank Snow were the inaugural inductees in the NSCMHF in 1997.

Did you know that Hank Snow and Don Messer share the same birth date? Although Don Messer was five years older, both were born on May 9 th.



# **Hank Snow** 1914-1999



**Inducted 1997** 

Below is the house (pictures circa 2000) in Port Hilford, Guysborough County, where Wilf Carter was born in 1904. The house was the Baptist parsonage and is just a stone's throw away from the church (below) where Wilf's father was minister.





#### **NSCMHF Meetings**

The Board of Directors meet every month. All NSCMHF members are welcomed and encouraged to attend our meetings. Please contact any of the Directors to find out when and where our next meeting will take place.





#### **Notice to all members of the NSCMHF**

The NSCMHF wishes to thank the membership for your support so that we may continue to maintain, promote, and preserve classic country, bluegrass, and old time fiddle music. We will continue to document the history of these genres of music in Nova Scotia for the enjoyment of all and future country music fans.

In order to help maintain our commitment, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee for membership in the NSCMHF will increase to \$10.00 per person for one year, or \$25.00 for a three year membership.

This is the first increase in the membership fee since the NSCMHF was founded 20 years ago in 1997.

#### The benefits of membership include:

- 1) a quarterly NSCMHF newsletter
- 2) FREE admission to the Hank Snow Hometown museum in Liverpool
- 3) \$1.00 off admission to any NSCMHF event, with the exception of the annual (September) Induction Ceremony and dinner

Please Note: <u>Membership cards must be shown to receive the admission discount.</u>
We look forward to your continued support at our fundraiser shows.

To become a member or to renew a membership, please contact Membership Chair, Carol Penney. Phone: 902-644-3135 Email: <a href="mailto:rodger.penney@ns.sympatico.ca">rodger.penney@ns.sympatico.ca</a> Mail to: Carol Penney, 750 Barss Corner Rd., RR# 1, New Germany, N.S. B0R 1E0

#### **Our Mission Statement**

- 1. To establish and maintain a permanent Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.
- 2. To develop and promote public interest in old time fiddling, country and bluegrass music in Nova Scotia.
- 3. The preservation and public display of artifacts and memorabilia of those inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.
- 4. To encourage nominations for induction into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

#### 2018 NSCMHF INDUCTION CEREMONY

Tickets for the NSCMHF Induction Ceremony, September 15, 2018, will be \$42.00 per person and will be available in early April, 2018. Please contact Floyd Spicer at 902-462-0694 or any of the Board of Directors for ticket availability.

Thank you for all nominations for induction to the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame 2018.

Announcement of 2018 Inductees will be posted in our April newsletter.







#### Inductees' News ...



## Member of the Order of Canada



2014 NSCMHF Inductee Gordon Stobbe was named a Member of the Order of Canada on Dec 29, 2017 by Governor General Julie Payette for his commitment to the preservation of fiddle music as a performer, composer, and teacher.



Chet Brown still recording at 82!





George Longard (Inducted 2015) keeps

busy in his studio in Oxford. George rec-

This recording is a selection of songs that I've enjoyed performing for many years. The Good Lord continues to give me the ability to do what I love. On this musical journey since age 11, I have cherished so many fellow musicians and friends over the years. I want to say thanks to each and everyone of you for your support. God bless you all, Chet Brown (Inducted 2006)

and are played all over the world. You can contact George

Longard Productions at georgelongard@ns.aliantzinc.ca



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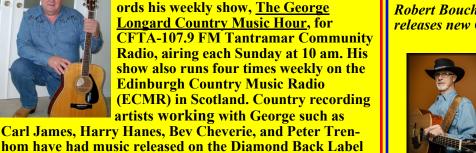
more time in recent years in the Canadian North, mentoring First Nations and Inuit students from the Yukon to Nunavut, and in northern Manitoba. (Source: The Chronicle Herald)

releases new CD



2014 NSCMHF Inductee Robert Bouchard was recently back in the studio to record his new CD entitled 'That's What I Live For'. The project was completed in August 2017 at Lakewind Studios in Point Aconi, Cape Breton. All but one of the musicians on the recording are Cape Breton talents. Nashville musician Mike Johnson completes the sound throughout the CD with his great steel guitar work. Robert has penned most of the songs on this CD - to rave reviews. Robert, who has been compared to the great Merle Haggard, also included three of his most requested Haggard tunes. **Check out Robert's website** www.robertbouchard.net













## **Editor's Note**

I hope you enjoy the first edition of the **NSCMHF** newsletter for 2018. As a recent retiree, my time is now filled with all things music! The **NSCMHF** Board of Directors, newsletter editor, organizing / hosting St. Anthony's Classic Country Show, and increased involvement with the Maritime Fiddle Festival all help to keep me busy... who has time for work? I encourage inductees and members to send along articles for possible publication in future newsletters. I would love to hear your suggestions.

As always, it is my pleasure to provide you with the news from the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

Yours in Music, Bev Cheveríe

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# MUSIC HALL OF FAME

- To recognize the contributions of Nova Scotians in the development of country music.
- To honor Nova Scotians and others who have make a positive contribution to country music through the development and the construction of a museum/archive facility for the storage and display of memorabilia, documentation of achievements and recognition of accomplish-

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