

Why C.O.W. BOYS?

Cowboys have long been heroes to me and many others. Regardless of the sensationalism the movies cast upon the gunslingers (both hero & villain) and the like, the vast multitude of the cowboys made up the working class. These were the folks (male and female) that toiled day-in and day-out to carve their place in the world by the sweat of their brows, the love in their hearts and the dreams in their souls. Cowboys were land-owners (farmers), pioneers and explorers (settlers), ranch-hands (laborers), cattle-drivers (migrant workers), mailmen (pony express), soldiers (cavalry), truckers (stagecoach), etc... mostly the same as the working class of today! Actually, the few sightings most of us get at what many call real cowboys these days are at rodeos, which are the same as football and NASCAR – specialized athletes competing in a modern day sport. Of course there are still cattlemen and ranch-hands that actually perform many of these jobs on a daily basis. Not all cowboys work with cows, but they do all belong to the C.O.W. (Common Ol' Working-class)!

I thought about the guys I'm working with now, and how hard we all struggle (just like the rest of ya!) with our day jobs (wall-covering installer, construction, chefs, mechanic, secretary and farmer), most of us married, some raising kids (and we all love them!), paying mortgages, bills and fighting to just survive in this crazy old world...again, just like the rest of you. Playing music is our passion in life, and most of the time we're like 99% of the musicians in the world – it's a good thing we love it, 'cause the songs feed our ears and hearts, but the families still have to eat! When I'm singing and look around at these guys, the sounds and love I hear and see and feel fill me with a joy there aren't words for...but there's also a lot of pride...not just 'cause I think the guys are great players, but because they're good people that I love...truly Common Ol' Workin' class people...my kinda folks...making good music (heck, even some of it that ain't so good! Ha!) is hard work, and these guys work hard because they love it, and we hope you love it, too!

After all that pondering, I realize that most of you who listen to our music and support us are C.O.W. BOYS, too! And folks, you are the backbone of this country, and most of what's good in this world...we love and appreciate you all...all you C.O.W. boys & girls...welcome to the club!...and God Bless You.

Peace!

David