

The Drugstore Cowboys 40+ Years and Still Counting

by Greg Forest



Around 1987 I walked into the pub at the Inn of the Hills and discovered a great “new” band, The Drugstore Cowboys. The band was brimming with talent and I became an immediate fan. Dub Robinson, the band leader, has years of performance and production experience and each member of the band can front a band in their own right.

Dub started out with KBUC radio, a legendary Texas country station and was part of Mann’s Hoedown when he hooked up with Paine Tommy McKay. That was the core of the new group who hit the road as Gary Stewart’s band. In Ft. Meyers Florida, opening for Hank II, the band was joined for the better part of a set by Greg Allman and burned down the house receiving 5 encores. Bosphus was not happy.

The band has 40+ years under their belt and a huge repertoire culled from each members time as band leaders. There is 160 years of combined musical experience on display each time they take the stage - which is about 150-200 nights a year.

When I asked Dub what advice he had for upcoming musicians, he had some very pragmatic advice, “Have a Plan B.” Judging by their success, Plan A has served the band well.

The Cowboys are playing a special show with John Arthur Martinez September 13th celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Hondo’s on Main in Fredericksburg. It is sure to be quite a gala so mark it on your calendar.

Also on November 16th you can be a part of the Drugstore Cowboys new CD and DVD. They will be taping at another legendary Texas Music venue - John T. Flores Country Store. Wear your best boots!

