



THE NEWBEATS

In 1964 Larry Henley joined brothers Mark & Dean at Ben Hall Recording Studio in Big Spring making a demo of a song entitled "Bread & Butter" written by Larry Parks & Jay Turnbow. After sending the demo to Hickory Records in Nashville the group was then asked to re-record it in their studio. Larry first met Dean and Marc when he stepped from the audience in Shreveport, LA to sing a number with them during a concert. The crowd response was so good, he was invited to join them and they became The Newbeats. Back in 1959, Dean and Marc had recorded "Tell Her No" that reached #42 on the pop charts. "Bread and Butter" went all the way to #2 in August of 1964. The Newbeats followed their initial success with three more top 40 hits. Larry would later write a beautiful romantic song for his wife that was recorded in 1983 by Gary Morris reaching #4 on the country charts. Then in 1988 this same song was featured on the original soundtrack of the movie "Beaches", recorded by Bette Midler. Her recording would reach #1 in the pop field with the album selling 3 million copies. And the song title "Wind Beneath my Wings" received a BMI 6 million airplay award. Larry was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall Of Fame. Larry attended high school and junior college in Odessa, Texas.

[Larry Henley's website](#)



"The Ace Of Clubs" An Unofficial Texas Music Historical Landmark Abandoned & Forgotten On Highway 80 West Of Big Spring, Texas, The Club Was Featured In The Movie "Hangar 18" This Photo Was Taken in 1999

Bill Madre, lead guitar, was raised in Big Spring and became a part of country music history by being one of Lefty Frizzell's first important band members at the ace of clubs. Bill was also part of the group traveling from Big Spring, in 1950, for Lefty's very first history-making audition at Jim Beck's studio in Dallas. (Bill even helped with the \$100 fee) in the 50's & 60's, besides having bands of his own, Bill also backed area country singers: Jimmie Fletcher, Curtis Potter, Hoyle Nix, Jerry Naylor, and Blackie Crawford. Career-wise he has backed the following country stars: Hank Thompson, George Jones, Charlie Pride, Wynne Stewart, Bob Wills, Joe Stampley, Grandpa Jones, Cal Smith, Roy Clark & others. Today Bill resides in Midland, Texas.



Photo taken at "The Ace Of Clubs" Big Spring, Texas (1949)