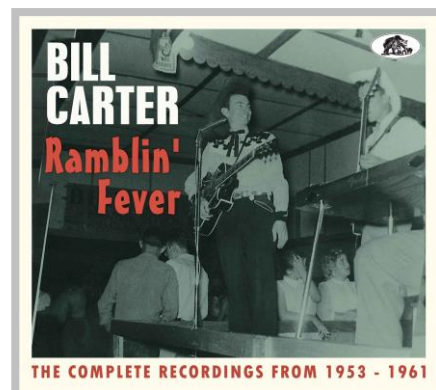


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (CD) April 8, 2022

Artist **Bill Carter**  
Title **Ramblin' Fever – The Complete Recordings From 1953 - 1961**  
Label Bear Family Productions  
Catalog no. BCD17650 Price code: AR  
EAN-Code 5397102176500  
Format 2-CD (Digisleeve) with 36-page booklet  
Genre Country, Rock 'n' Roll, Rockabilly  
No. of tracks 68 approx. 157:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- **With this double CD, Bear Family Records® is the first label to present all the commercial recordings of the great Bill Carter, originally released between 1953 - 1961!**
- **The Arkansas musician started with country music and hillbilly and jumped on the rockabilly bandwagon towards the end of the 1950s.**
- **This compilation also includes his outstanding gospel recordings for the Rural Rhythm label and recordings with western swing bandleader Big Jim DeNoone for 4-Star.**
- **We have found an additional 14(!) previously unknown and unreleased recordings in excellent quality from that era!**
- **A total of 68 recordings for 4-Star, Republic, Tally, Ozark, Rural Rhythm, Honey B and 'D' among others.**
- **41 songs on CD for the first time, 14 tracks released the first time.**
- **In 1950s California, he and his band accompanied numerous big names in country music on tour on the West Coast.**
- **Shortly after signing a promising contract with M-G-M and before his final breakthrough, Carter retired from the music business in 1961 and devoted himself exclusively to Christian country music.**
- **Extensive liner notes by Michael Hurtt in the comprehensive illustrated booklet.**
- **Carefully restored and remastered recordings.**

Bill Carter was born in 1929 in Eagleton, Arkansas, moved with his family to Oklahoma in 1937 and six years later to Indio, California. His family encouraged the teenager's interest in music and paid for his singing lessons. Before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1949, he had already performed on several local radio stations. During his military service in California, he formed his first C&W bands and performed in the San Francisco area and at a radio station in San Antonio, Texas.

After completing his military service in 1953, Carter joined Jim DeNoone's country band as a vocalist and performed at the 'California Hayride' in San Francisco and elsewhere. The band's recordings for Gilt-Edge Records, produced that same year, feature Bill Carter as a singer for the first time. He eventually formed his own trio, with whom he worked regularly over the next five years, aiming to become known beyond the local area. During the 1950s in California, he and his band accompanied numerous big names in country music such as Marvin Rainwater, Lefty Frizzell, Freddie Hart, T-Texas Tyler and Buck Owens on tour on the West Coast.

Between 1956 and 1961, Carter recorded under his own name for small and mid-sized labels such as 4-Star, Republic, Tally, Black Jack, Honey B, 'D', Rural Rhythm and Ozark. The 1957 up-tempo number *I Wanna Feel Good*, produced in Bakersfield, California for Tally, became his biggest hit and opened the doors to the 'Louisiana Hayride' and the 'Grand Ole Opry'. Finally, in 1959, he ventured into rockabilly and recorded *Cool Tom Cat*.

In the years after 1961 Carter followed a new personal orientation and produced Christian Country Music from then on.

With this double CD Bear Family Records® delivers the comprehensive work show on the career of the versatile Bill Carter. Of the total of 68 tunes, only the twelve best rockers were previously released on Bear Family's 10"LP 'Cool Tom Cat' (BAF14010). So, Carter's complete commercial recordings from the years 1953-61 are united on this double album

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- including fourteen previously unknown and unreleased masters! In addition to the recordings under his own name, this edition includes sessions with the Carolina Drifters and western swing bandleader Big Jim DeNoone! The detailed liner notes are written by Michael Hurtt, who together with Billy Miller, deceased five years ago, wrote the great book 'Mind Over Matter' about the history of Detroit's Fortune label!

## TRACKLISTING:

### CD 1:

A Woman's Way    A Story Book Affair    I Couldn't Keep From Crying    That's Me Without You    Mexican Joe    Honeymoon On A  
Rocket Ship    Big Jim Boogie    Honeycut Stomp    Wednesday Night Swing    Wild Strings    Long Lost Girl    Making Believe  
More Than A Man Can Stand    **The Carolina Drifters:** Don't Monkey With My Widder    You Ain't Got My Address    By The Sweat Of My  
Brow    Mama Loves Papa (And Papa Loves The Women)    I Wanna Feel Good    I Knew Her When    I Used To Love You    Too Used  
To Being With You    Baby Brother    **Black Jack Wayne & The Rovin' Gamblers-Secret:** Ride Gunman, Ride    Ramblin' Fever  
Half Hour Til Sundown    Stowaway    Seven Years    When God Dips His Love In My Heart    Amazing Grace    This World Is Not  
My Home    Where We Never Grow Old    The 12th Man    Cool Tom Cat (tape fragment)

### CD 2:

Cool Tom Cat    Secret Date (unedited version)    Secret Date    Jailer Man (unedited version)    Jailer Man    Jailer Man (alt. take)  
I'll Still Be Loving You    Legend Of Billy The Kid (unedited version)    The Legend Of Billy The Kid    Cross Road    Good Lord To Keep Me  
Happy    Won't You Go There With Me    Full Time Religion    Thank You Dear Lord    Only A Tramp On The Street    Your Last Day On  
Earth    God's Mansion In The Sky    Ain't You Gonna Change    The Gates Of Glory    Where You Gonna Hide    Glory In Your Soul  
Dreambowl Commercial    Colt 45 -part I    Colt 45 -part II    Pony Express    You'll Never Know    Shot Four Times And Dyin'  
Stranger Shake Hands With A Fool    Stranger Shake Hands With A Fool (uptempo version)    Steamboat's A-Comin'    Climb That Scaffold,  
Jimmy    Lookin' Through The Bars    From Time To Time    I've Missed You    Better Times Are Coming

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Various Artists:

**The Other Side Of Bakersfield, Vol.1  
1950's & 60's Boppers and Rockers  
from 'Nashville West'**



BCD16946 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 52-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102169465

### Various Artists:

**The Other Side Of Bakersfield, Vol.2  
1950's & 60's Boppers and Rockers  
from 'Nashville West'**



BCD17353 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 52-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102173530

### Wynn Stewart:

**Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight  
Come On**



BCD17252 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 44-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127172525

### Ed Bruce:

**See The Big Man Cry  
The complete SUN and Wand recordings  
1957 - 65, plus...**



BCD17616 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 32-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176166

### Bill Carter:

**Cool Tom Cat**



BAF14010 BAFX  
1-LP (10"/25cm) with 12-page booklet, bonus CD  
EAN: 5397102140105