

Outlaws Timeline

1967-1972

The Outlaws build an extremely loyal following playing bars in and around Tampa, Florida

1973

Charlie Brusco (Manager) discovers the band playing on hillside for 2000 college kids

Band Members in the years just prior to the Arista Record signing:

1972-1973

Hughie Thomasson – guitar, vocals

Frank O'Keefe - bass

Monte Yoho - drums

Henry Paul – guitar, vocals

1973

Hughie Thomasson

Frank O'Keefe

Monte Yoho

Henry Paul

Billy Jones – guitar, vocals

1973-1974

Hughie Thomasson

Monte Yoho

Henry Paul

Billy Jones

Buzzy Meekins - bass

1975

The legendary Clive Davis hears the band play in a small club in Georgia.

The Outlaws become the first rock and roll band signed to Arista Records.

Charlie Brusco recalls Ronnie Van Zant telling Clive Davis, “If you don’t sign this band you are out of your f*#cking mind.”

Band Members:

Hughie Thomasson

Frank O'Keefe

Monte Yoho

Henry Paul

Billy Jones

Self Titled Debut Album Released:

The Outlaws (Arista) 1975 - Peaked at 13 on Billboard Album Chart

Produced by Paul Rothchild
The Outlaws (Arista) Certified Gold on 9/20/77

Charting Single:
There Goes Another Love Song (Pop) Peaked at 34

1976

Album Released
Lady In Waiting (Arista) 1976 – Peaked at 36
Produced by Paul Rothchild

Charting Single
Breaker – Breaker (Pop) Peaked at 94

Band Members:
Hughie Thomasson
Frank O'Keefe
Monte Yoho
Henry Paul
Billy Jones

July 1976 - New bass player, Harvey Dalton Arnold, makes his debut appearance in Birmingham, AL replacing Frank O'Keefe who has left the band.

1977

Album released
Hurry Sundown (Arista) 1977 – Peaked at 51
Produced by Bill Szymczyk

Charting Singles
Hurry Sundown (Pop) Peaked at 60

Band Members:
Hughie Thomasson
Monte Yoho
Henry Paul
Billy Jones
Harvey Dalton Arnold

Summer of 1977 - Henry Paul leaves to pursue a solo career. Freddie Salem, who has been touring with the Chambers Brothers, replaces him. In addition, David Dix is added as the second drummer. David's involvement with The Outlaws goes all the way back to the Tampa bar band days of the late 60's.

1978

Live Album Released

Bring It Back Alive (Arista) 1978 – Peaked at 29

Bring It Back Alive (Arista) Certified Gold on 9/14/79

Produced by Allan Blazak

Band Members:

Hughie Thomasson

David Dix

Monte Yoho

Billy Jones

Harvey Dalton Arnold

Freddie Salem

1978

Album Released

Playin' To Win (Arista) 1978 – Peaked at 60

Produced by John (Mutt) Lange

Band Members:

Hughie Thomasson

David Dix

Monte Yoho

Billy Jones

Harvey Dalton Arnold

Freddie Salem

1979

Album released

In The Eye of the Storm (Arista) 1979 – Peaked at 55

Produced by Johnny Sandlin

Band Members:

Hughie Thomasson

David Dix

Monte Yoho

Billy Jones

Harvey Dalton Arnold

Freddie Salem

1979 - Monte Yoho leaves to join the Henry Paul Band. He is not replaced.

1980 - Harvey Dalton Arnold leaves and is replaced by bass player and singer, Rick Cua.

1980

Album released

Ghost Riders (Arista) 1980 – Peaked at 25

The Outlaws – *Ghost Riders* (Arista) Certified Gold on 7/20/81

Produced by Gary Lyons

Charting singles

Ghost Riders in the Sky (Mainstream Rock) Peaked at 15

Ghost Riders in the Sky (Pop) Peaked at 31

Band members:

Hughie Thomasson

David Dix

Billy Jones

Freddie Salem

Rick Cua

Spring 1982 - Billy Jones leaves. He is not replaced.

1982

Album released

Los Hombres Malo (Arista) 1982 – Peaked at 77

Produced by Gary Lyons

Band members:

Hughie Thomasson

David Dix

Freddie Salem

Rick Cua

1982 - 1985 the band continues to tour.

1986 - Henry Paul rejoins the band.

1986

Album released

Soldiers of Fortune (Pasha) 1986 – Peaked at 172

Produced by Randy Bishop and Spencer Proffer

Band members:

Hughie Thomasson

Henry Paul
Steve Grisham – guitar, vocals
Chuck Glass - bass, keyboards, vocals
David Dix

1986 - Steve Grisham leaves and is replaced by guitar player and singer, Chris Anderson.
Band tours from 1986 through 1989.
Henry Paul leaves in 1989.

In 1990 Chris Anderson leaves and is replaced by guitarist and singer, Chris Hicks. BB Borden is added on drums. A number of bass players tour with the band, with Jeff Howell staying the longest.

1993

Live Album released
Hittin' the Road Live (Blues Bureau International) 1993
Produced by Hughie Thomasson and Mickey Mulcahy

Band members:
Hughie Thomasson
Chris Hicks
Jeff Howell
BB Borden
Timothy Cabe

1994

Album released
Diablo Canyon (Blues Bureau International) 1994
Produced by Hughie Thomasson and Mickey Mulcahy

Band members:
Hughie Thomasson
Chris Hicks
Jeff Howell
BB Borden

Tragically, Billy Jones dies on February 7, 1995. He is just 45 years old.
Just 19 days later, Frank O'Keefe dies on February 26, 1995. He is only 44 years old.

In 1996, Hughie Thomasson, the only member of the band to have never departed, leaves to join Lynyrd Skynyrd. The Outlaws are disbanded.

2005

In January 2005, a meeting between Charlie Brusco, Hughie Thomasson, Henry Paul, Monte Yoho and David Dix results in the agreement to reform the band and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of the first Outlaws album. The band tours across the country from May 2005 through December 2005.

Band members for the 30th Anniversary Reunion tour:

Hughie Thomasson
Henry Paul
David Dix
Monte Yoho
Chris Anderson
Randy Threet
Dave Robbins

Recording begins on a new studio release titled *Full Circle*. It is due to be released in 2006.

2006

In January 2006, Henry Paul and Dave Robbins (who have been touring simultaneously with platinum selling country band, BlackHawk) leave The Outlaws to turn their attention full time to BlackHawk.

The 2006 tour begins in March.

Band members:

Hughie Thomasson
David Dix
Monte Yoho
Chris Anderson
Randy Threet

Album Awards (Certified by the RIAA)

The Outlaws (Arista) Certified Gold on 9/20/77
Bring It Back Alive (Arista) Certified Gold on 9/14/79
Ghost Riders (Arista) Certified Gold on 7/20/81

Album Discography

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Playin' To Win (Arista) 1978 – Peaked at 60
In The Eye of the Storm (Arista) 1979 – Peaked at 55
Ghost Riders (Arista) 1980 – Peaked at 25
Los Hombres Malo (Arista) 1982 – Peaked at 77
Greatest Hits of the Outlaws (Arista) 1982
Soldiers of Fortune (Pasha) 1986 – Peaked at 172
Hittin' the Road Live (Blues Bureau International) 1993
Diablo Canyon (Blues Bureau International) 1994
The Best of the Outlaws (Arista) 1996
The Outlaws – The Heritage Collection (Arista) 2000
The Outlaws – Gold and Platinum Collection (Arista) 2003

Charting Singles

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