

## Neil Carswell

Neil Carswell was born and raised in Lake James, North Carolina, a mountain lake nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He was blessed to love music, singing and writing songs, since he was a child. He was strongly influenced by the music of The Beatles, Jim Croce, Bob Segar, Eric Clapton, Ronnie Van Zant, Merle Haggard and Don Williams and loved the Memphis sound from Elvis to Al Green.

Neil became a founding member of the band "Copperhead" while he was still attending high school, and toured with them, and their manager Dirk Peterson, for eight years. They performed with such great bands as The Kentucky Headhunters, 38 Special, Molly Hatchet and Brother Cane.

While Copperhead was cutting demos in Memphis, they captured the attention of Fred Davis, Clive Davis' son, who arranged for the band to do showcases for over fifteen different major record labels in New York. As a result of these showcases, Copperhead was signed to PolyGram Records.

Their next step was to find a producer and Copperhead's manager, on a whim, decided to call the legendary Tom Dowd. Mr. Dowd listened to the demo and accepted the project. Copperhead's first single, "Long Way From Home", was an epic Copperhead song that became the title song for the movie "Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man."

Copperhead's CD "Live and Lost" packs the energy and passion of Neil Carswell as both a performer and songwriter. The CD features four live tracks and eight studio tracks engineered and produced by Rodney Mills and Tom Dowd (the two hadn't worked together since Skynyrd's "Street Survivors" LP). Donnie Van Zant even showed up to witness the reunion of Dowd and Mills with his own two eyes. This classic Southern Rock CD can be found at [www.neilcarswell.com](http://www.neilcarswell.com).

Now in 2005, Neil Carswell calls Nashville his home and has moved into the new millennium with a new sound and an upcoming solo release produced by Neil Carswell, Stu Kimball and Phil Green, and mixed by Ben Fowler. The solo release features Neil with a host of great musicians like, Johnny Neel (Allman Brothers), Chris Anderson (Outlaws), Barry Goudreau (Boston), along with members of J. Giles Band, Charlie Daniel's Band and Larry Campbell (Bob Dylan's backing band). The CD will be released in 2006 on Eastwinds Records and can be previewed on his website, [www.neilcarswell.com](http://www.neilcarswell.com).

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