



Andrew Cormier

Andrew Cormier was born on July 13, 1936, in Church Point, Louisiana. He is a descendant of a musical family and has always had an interest in music. In 1954 he left Louisiana and moved to Texas. At age 21 he received his commercial license and joined the Teamsters. Although he was a full time trucker, he spent his weekends performing with his band, "Andrew Cormier and the Rambling Aces." They performed at a number of locations, including the Blue Jean Club in Nederland, Texas, the Old B.O. Sparkle in Bridge City, Texas, Club 73 in Winnie, Texas and the Rodair Club in Port Arthur, Texas. The band released twelve records including "The Musician's Waltz," "Club 73 Special," "Wedding March," and "Chataignier Waltz." The band recorded their records at Sugar Hill Studio in Houston, Texas. Andrew and his band have been invited to a large number of festivals through the years. In 1968, they played at the American Folklife Festival at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C., this time at the Kennedy Center. In 1971, he played at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio, Texas. Other festivals included the Border Fest in El Paso, Del Rio and Eagle Pass, Texas.

Andrew has received many awards over the years including the Entertainer of the Year Award in 1987 at the Texas Longhorn Club in Orange, Texas and the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 1986 Rice Festival in Winnie, Texas. Andrew retired from truck driving in 1993, after 36 years as a Teamster, moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where he performed with Alan Fontenot and the Country Cajuns Band. He retired from music in May 1999 and

moved to his hometown of Church Point, Louisiana.