

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

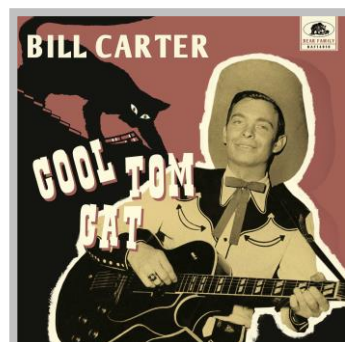


**PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) January 8, 2021**

Artist **Bill Carter**  
Title **Cool Tom Cat**  
Label **Bear Family Productions**  
Catalog no. **BAF14010** Price code: **BAFX**  
EAN-Code **5397102140105**  
Format **10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, with 12-page booklet and bonus CD**  
Genre **Rock 'n' Roll**  
No. of tracks **12 (LP) / 24 (CD)** approx. 28:00 min. (LP) / 53:00 min. (CD)  
Release date **January 8, 2021**



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## INFO:

- **Bill Carter: fantastic rocker from Arkansas!**
- **Luxury edition consisting of a 10" vinyl LP plus CD with large-format booklet - containing all his rockers from 1954 to 1961!**
- **For example: recordings for 4-Star Records with the Carolina Drifters.**
- **The CD contains bonus tracks by Bill Carter and the Carolina Drifters as well as all the rockers released on the Indio label by Clyde Arnold and Ray Smith, among others.**
- **Carter was rediscovered by Mark Lee Allen, who interviewed him several times and wrote the booklet introduction.**
- **Bill Carter has personally supported our project!**
- **Roland Heinrich wrote the detailed liner notes.**

Bill Carter was born in 1929 in Eagleton, Arkansas, moved with his family to Oklahoma in 1937 and six years later to Indio in California. His family encouraged his interest in music at an early age and provided funding for singing lessons when Bill was in his teens. Local radio stations presented him before he joined the US Air Force in 1949. During his military service in California he formed his first C&W bands and performed in the San Francisco area and even at a radio station in San Antonio, Texas.

After completing his military service in 1953 Carter joined Jim DeNoone's country band as a singer and performed at the 'California Hayride' in San Francisco. In the same year, Bill Carter was the vocalist on the band's recording sessions for Gilt-Edge Records. Finally, he formed his own trio, with whom he worked regularly over the next five years, pursuing the goal of becoming known beyond the local area. Between 1956 and 1961, Carter recorded under his own name for small and medium-sized labels such as 4-Star, Republic, Tally, Black Jack, Honey B, 'D', Rural Rhythm and Ozark. The up-tempo number 'I Wanna Feel Good', produced for Tally in Bakersfield, California in 1957, 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 following years Carter followed a new musical orientation and also produced gospel oriented material, not only under his own name. He took part in other recording sessions as a singer and worked as a producer. In the first half of the 1960s he participated in recordings for no less than thirteen different record companies. It was during this period that Bill Carter became a convinced Christian and met a brother in spirit in the Baptist preacher Leonard Sipes, who formerly called himself Tommy Collins. From then on, Carter's main focus was on Christian music, which he also brought to the stage with his own formation, the Bill Carter Singers, founded in 1969.

## TRACKLISTING:

### LP: Side A

Cool Tom Cat | I Wanna Feel Good | You Ain't Got My Address | Jailer Man | Shot Four Times And Dy'in | A Woman's Way

### LP: Side B

Baby Brother | I Used to Love You | Ramblin' Fever | **The Carolina Drifters:** Don't Monkey Round My Widder | Seven Years | Secret Date

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## CD:

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Baby Brother I Used to Love You Ramblin' Fever **The Carolina Drifters:** Don't Monkey Round My Widder Seven Years Secret Date  
**The Carolina Drifters:** Part Of My Heart Is Missing I Knew Her When **Jimmy North:** Leavin' Town **Ray Smith & His Oklahoma Outlaws:**  
You've Heard About Texas **Dave Miller with Joe Richie & The Impossibles:** Froggy Went A -Rockin' **Dave Miller with Joe Richie & The**  
**Impossibles:** With You **Clyde Arnold:** Livin' For Your Lovin' **Clyde Arnold:** Black Smoke & Blue Tears **Larry McGill with The Echo-Tones:**  
I Want A True Love **Larry McGill with The Echo-Tones:** I Only Wish **Clint Marris & The Saddle-ites:** Love And Money  
**Stage Hands:** Camille

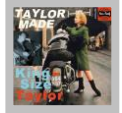
## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Curtis Gordon: Draggin' With Curtis Gordon



BAF14012 BAF  
1-LP (10inch, 25cm) with 8-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102140129

### King Size Taylor: Taylor Made



BAF14011 BAFX  
1-LP (10 inch, 25cm) with 12-page booklet und bonus CD  
EAN: 5397102140112

### Dennis Herrold: The Mystery Of Dennis Herrold



BAF14008 BAFX  
1-LP (10inch, 25cm) with 4-page booklet und bonus CD  
EAN: 5397102140082

### Tex Harper: Dig Me Little Mama



BAF14006 BAF  
1-LP (10inch, 25cm)  
EAN: 5397102140068