

Blue Moon Big Band's Swing Terms:

Are you a *red-hot tomato* or *righteous hepcat* who *togs the bricks* when *cutting a rug*? If so, then you might already know these hip 1940s swing terms...

- *Jitterbug* is used to describe both a style of dance and a person who likes to swing.
- Musicians in swing bands are usually called *cats*, but that word can be used to address any fellow who is cool and knows the score.
- A *chick* is just as cool as a cat, only in the female persuasion.
- You can address your male friends as *Jack*, *Gate* or *Pops*.
- Forget the name of the cat you just met; call him *Charley*.
- Forget the name of the chick you just met; call her *Sam*.
- A beautiful girl can be described as a *barbecue*.
- A very stylish or classy girl is a *barn burner*, but her ugly girlfriend is a *battle*.
- The male equivalent of a battle is a *Jeff*.
- Every cat wants to date a ripe *tomato*, a ring-ding woman who's got it going on.
- When you are looking good and solid in your threads, you are *togged to the bricks*.
- A smooth character who comes on to you is said to *creep out like the shadow*.
- Someone who is copacetic, cool or all right is *righteous*.
- A *rug cutter* is a twist or a very good, active dancer.
- A man or woman that you highly admire is a *gasser*.
- An unattractive battle or Jeff who is uncouth and square is a *yard dog*.
- A shifty character who is unreliable or impossible to respect is a *crumb* or a *fink*.
- The opposite of a hip cat or a chick is someone who is *icky*.
- A person without talent is the *original loser*.
- A yokel who is out of date or square is *off the cob*.
- Any kind of failure in life is *Bombville*, baby.
- *Killer diller* is a great thrill.
- Once you learn how to swing, people will be calling you chicks a *twirl* or a *twist*.
- And, if you're a guy who understands this jive, then you are a *hepcat*.

"The entertainment should be a reflection of your good taste... why not shoot for the moon?"



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