

Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Dear Friends-

This is probably my favorite time of the year. Springtime weather makes it easier on our travel plans and of course it's always a beautiful sight to see all the trees and flowers blooming as we travel along the roads to your town. I can't say that I like the pollen trying to wreak havoc on my voice but we have to put up with such things in one form or another in this business.

I certainly appreciate all of you that have been able to get a copy of the new CD and it's your feedback that I enjoy most of all. It seems you like the new songs and that's all I can ask for. When I re-record an older song it's always because you have told me you can't find it anymore. Please keep letting me know and you can always reach me at this email :

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In late May, I'll be taping two shows for the Country's Family Reunion series. The first is a Tribute to Merle Haggard. Just like you, I was heartbroken over the passing of one of our greatest music heroes. I used to sing almost all of his songs when I sang in the clubs in Houston. What an amazing singer, songwriter and stylist he was. Sadly, he had planned to be there for this tribute but I hear his son will be there to hear the many stories and songs that will be recorded. The other show is a Gospel special where we will sing songs we sang growing up in church and I know this one will be very special too. We'll keep you posted when we know air dates for these two shows.

We continue to add shows to the schedule so keep an eye out for when we come close to your area and please come see us on the road. Til then, take care,





While promoting his new CD, *Real. Country. Music.*, Gene enjoyed a visit with WSM-AM Radio morning host, Bill Cody. Bill has been on the air waves for 45 years and is in the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall Of Fame. Now in his 22nd year as morning show host of WSM's "Coffee, Country, & Cody", Bill is also a Grand Ole Opry announcer/host.



Gene gets serious at his SiriusXM radio interview with the "Mayor Of Music Row", Charlie Monk. Charlie started in radio in Alabama in 1956, then moved to Nashville where he transitioned to the music publishing world while keeping his ties to radio as well. Currently Charlie hosts the morning show at SiriusXM's "Willie's Roadhouse" as well as a show for "Prime Country".



Gene and Moe will soon be taping more episodes for the "Gene and Moe Show" which will air on RFD-TV. Gene and Moe are totally unaware that the bull is giving them an eye-roll as they discuss their knowledge of bulls and cows.



During an event for Country Radio Seminar, Gene and Moe enjoyed a visit with country star, Sylvia. Sylvia's biggest hit, "Nobody" reached #1 Country (and #15 on the Pop charts) in 1982. Other hits include "Drifter" (#1 Country, 1981), "Fallin' In Love", "Tumbleweed" and "Snapshot". In 1982, she was named Female Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Country Music.

Show Shots and Fan Fotos



Gene Watson on stage at the Mill Town Music Hall in Bremen, Georgia, March 2016.



Farewell Party Band drummer, Todd Hines, in Celina, OH.



Gene Watson and fan Van Hess at Arlington Music Hall on March 26, 2016.



Gene Watson at Stampede Houston in April, 2016 in a co-appearance with Tanya Tucker.



"The Bus" at Arlington Music Hall.

Fan Spotlight on **Tammy Courville!**

Where do you live? Nederland, TX. Born and raised in Port Arthur, but traveled a bit. Many years ago lived in Galveston then moved to Navasota. Moved back home after being gone a few years as my parent's health was declining.

What type of work do you do? I am a bookkeeper in a Skilled Nursing Facility – have worked in healthcare over 30 years.

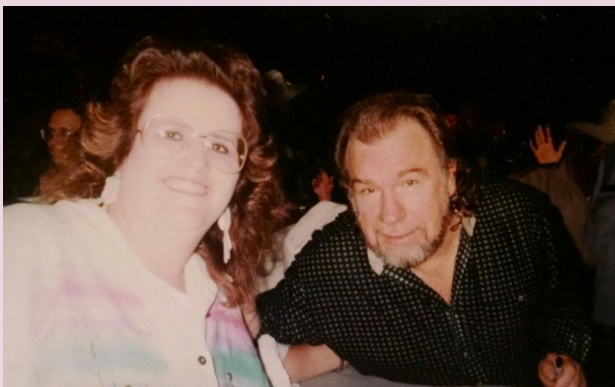
Tell us about your family - I have one daughter who is a senior in high school this year. We have 2 dogs that are absolutely spoiled. I have a small Pomeranian weighing in at a whole 3 pounds then I have a Pomeranian weighing in at about 10 pounds.

Which are your favorite Gene Watson songs? - Too hard to choose the top 5 songs. But, if I have to list them they would be: Farewell Party, Before the Hammers Could Ring, Love in the Hot Afternoon, Fourteen Carat Mind, and Paper Rosie. No way to choose a favorite album because they're all good. Haven't run across a bad one yet. His kind of music endures the test of time.

Do you have hobbies? My hobbies include fishing (#1 absolutely), camping, sewing, concerts, and bowling.

When did you first hear Gene Watson's music? It's pretty safe to say I became a fan in high school. (1980's). It was a time of great music in several genres.

How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended? I've lost count as to how many concerts I've been to. I've seen him in Galveston, Winnie, Houston, Beaumont. The list goes on....The crowd at **Stampede Houston** was evidence of that. He's had huge crowds in a small town like Winnie, TX at their annual Rice Festival.



**Gene Watson & Tammy Courville
in the 1980's.**



**Gene Watson & Tammy Courville at
Stampede Houston in 2016.**

Tour Schedule

May 4	Starlite Theatre WITH Larry's Country Diner	Branson, Mo
May 6	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino	Sioux City, IA
May 13	American Music Theater	Lancaster, PA
May 14 & 15	Old Dominion Barn Dance	Henrico, VA
June 3	Cherokee Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, NC
June 4	Don Gibson Theater	Shelby, NC
June 16	Cailloux Theater	Kerrville, TX
June 17	Freiheit Country Store	New Braunfels, TX
June 18	Southern Junction	Rockwall, TX
June 24	Panhandle Watermelon Festival	Chipley, FL
June 25	Dublin Theater	Dublin, GA
July 1	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
July 2	Gilley's Choctaw Casino	Durant, OK
July 4	McFerrin Park Civic Center	Hoopston, IL
August 6	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, TX
Aug. 21 (Sunday)	Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino (with Bellamy Bros.)	Mescalero, NM
Sept. 2 & 3	Bluegate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
Sept. 10	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept. 17 & 18	Truman Lake Opry	Tightwad/Clinton MO
Sept. 20	Starlite Theatre WITH Larry's Country Diner	Branson, MO
Sept. 23	Bluegrass Festival	Outer Banks, NC
Sept. 24	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Sept. 27	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, TX
Oct. 1	Prairie Nights Casino	Fort Yates, ND
Oct. 2	Midwest Country Theatre	Sandstone, MN
Oct. 7 & 8	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Oct. 15	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
Oct. 22	The Palace Theater	Corsicana, TX
Oct. 26,27,28	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Nov. 5	Meramec Music Theatre	Steelville, MO
Nov. 12	Music City Texas Theatre	Linden, TX
Dec. 1,2,3	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO

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Congratulations to Cindy Stephens of Alto, Georgia, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: Name one of two songs on the “Real.Country.Music.” CD penned by the great Larry Gatlin. The answer is either “Help Me” or “Bitter They Are, Harder They Fall”. The next trivia question: For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to: GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of Gene Watson’s Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!



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