

# Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

Hi Friends -

Merry Christmas! This year has flown by and I'm glad we spent a good deal of it on the road visiting with all of you. This year started out with a bang as we released the CD "Real.Country.Music." in February and I'm proud that it was so well received by you. I can't say it often enough - it's good people like you that keep our kind of country alive and well.

I've got a little bit of my new Gospel CD recorded but it's a priority this coming year to find the time to get back in the studio and finish that. If you listen to the Gospel stations in your area, you'll be hearing my song "Help Me" as it's climbing the Country Gospel charts right now. Did any of you get to see Larry Black's "Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting" series? It was an honor to get to sing "Help Me" with Larry Gatlin and his brothers on that show. Of course Larry wrote the song so it had a lot of special meaning for him as well.

On The Gene & Moe Show, I don't have an air date yet. We shot about half of what we need to begin airing so hopefully Moe and I can get our schedules worked out to shoot more episodes. I will certainly keep you posted!

I know I'll see some of you on the CFR Cruise January 29th and for the rest, I'll see you on the road! Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year,



Merry Christmas from the Farewell Party Band!





If you're in Nashville on a Wednesday night, don't miss this!

Gene heard a rumor that local musicians playing at the Music City Bar & Grill ([www.MusicCityBar.com](http://www.MusicCityBar.com)) performed his music every Wednesday night, calling it "Watson Wednesday"! Gene shocked the band and all the patrons of the venue when he casually strolled in on a Wednesday night in October. The band, delighted of course, put on a stellar performance of his greatest hits and Gene promised to return and join them on a few songs one day soon. Gene noted, "This is a terrific band and I'm flattered beyond words that they'd dedicate a night each week to my music. If you're coming to Nashville, be sure to check them out for some real country music."



Gene can't recall the exact year this photo was taken for Capitol Records but believes it was around 1978. Back in those days, the label often used a Hollywood photographer. According to Gene, sideburns are making a comeback.



Gene meets Jody Miller backstage at the Riverwind Casino in Norman, OK

Jody Miller was discovered by actor, Dale Robertson, and released her first album on Capitol Records in 1964. Her signature hit, "Queen of the House" won her a Grammy. She was later signed by producer, Billy Sherrill, to Epic Records in 1970 and charted two immediate hits, "Look At Mine" and "If You Think I Love You Now."



In 1984, Gene recorded the great Johnny Russell's song "Got No Reason Now For Go-in' Home" for his album "Heartaches, Love and Stuff" and the song hit #7 on the Billboard chart. According to Gene, Johnny was not at the recording session for this song but they probably met up at a later session just to visit.



## 2017 Tour Schedule

Jan. 6	Tomball, TX	Mainstreet Crossing
Jan. 20	Marion, VA	Lincoln Theater
Jan. 21	Huntingdon, TN	Dixie Carter PAC
Jan. 27	Kansas City, MO	Ameristar Casino
Jan. 29 - Feb. 4	CFR Cruise	Western Caribbean
Feb. 10	Nashville, TN	Nashville Palace
Feb. 11	Hiawassee, GA	Anderson Music Hall
Feb. 18	Mission, TX	Riverside Club
March 10	Port Charlotte, FL	PAC
March 11-12	Weirsdale, FL	Orange Blossom Opry
March 17 & 18	Scottsburg, IN	Ross Country Jamboree
March 25	Arlington, TX	Arlington Music Hall
April 1	Tyler Texas	Oil Palace
May 3	Branson, MO	Starlite Theater
May 6	Truth Or Consequences, NM	Civic Center
May 27	Pigeon Forge, TN	Country Tonite Theater
June 3	Georgiana, AL	Hank Williams Sr Festival
June 9	Cherokee, NC	Bluegrass Festival
July 15	Bremen, GA	Milltown Music Hall
Aug. 17	Marion, NC	Bluegrass Festival
Aug. 19	Winchester, OH	Red Barn
Sept. 1 – 2	Shipshewana, IN	Bluegate Theater
Sept. 20	Branson MO	Starlite Theatre w/LCD
Oct. 6 & 7	Benton, KY	KY Opry
Oct. 14	Corsicana, TX	Palace Theater
Oct. 27	Anderson, SC	Anderson Civic Center

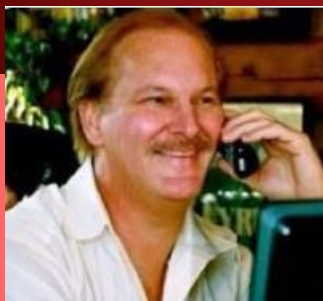
**Congratulations to Kay Woodie, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: Is Gene Watson's birthday October 9th, 10th, or 11th?**

**The answer is October 11th. 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](mailto: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](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com).**

**Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!**



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