

GENE WATSON FAN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends - What an exciting time it is! My new CD Real.Country.Music. has just released and I appreciate that many of you pre-ordered so hopefully you have received your copy already. I sure hope you like what you're hearing. Going into the studio with a collection of songs that I've loved for many years and finally get to record is one of my all-time favorite things to do. Each song is special to me and I'm always glad to hear your comments. On this CD, I added back some songs that you let me know are no longer available for purchase such as "Bitter They Are" and "When A Man Can't Get A Woman Off His Mind". So I was happy to get those on this release as well as many I've just always wanted to sing. One of those is "Enough For You". That's a song I first heard by Billie Jo Spears around 1980. What a great singer she was. I had it on an 8 track tape and the tape would change sides RIGHT in the middle of the crucial part --so it took me a long time to track down the lyrics. Even Billie Jo couldn't remember them when I asked her! But I finally got them and it was worth the wait to record it.

The Gene And Moe Show is going into production soon! We are finalizing details and then we'll be rolling tape very soon. I can't wait for that to start airing and of course I'll let you know when and where to view the show when it's ready to debut.

Thank you all for continuing to listen to classic country and keeping it alive and well. I look forward to seeing you out on the road soon,



Ft. Smith, Arkansas

February 12th



Grand Ole Opry

February 16th

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Watson".

JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 7, 2016

COUNTRY'S FAMILY REUNION CRUISE



L – R: John Conlee, Les Taylor (Exile), Steve Goetzman (Exile), Moe Bandy, Johnny Lee, Kelly Lang, Rhonda Vincent, Marlon Hargis (Exile), Sonny Lemaire (Exile), TG Sheppard, J.P. Pennington (Exile), Gene Watson, (barely seen is Jimmy Capps behind Gene), T. Graham Brown, Nadine, Renae The Waitress , Mark Wills and Seated: Larry Black.



Gene is all smiles as the fans come through the autograph line.



Good friends Gene and Moe are ready to greet the fans.



It's the Beauty & The Beasts. Just Kidding! It's the lovely Rhonda Vincent with equally handsome Gene and Moe!



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The first show on the cruise starts with the entire group singing "Family Tradition"!

L-R: Host, John Conlee, T.Graham Brown, Mark Wills, Kelly Lang & TG Sheppard, Gene, Moe Bandy, Rhonda Vincent, Johnny Lee and the members of Exile.



Left: Nadine was so inspired by Gene singing "A Girl I Used To Know", that she had to come onstage and dance with Gene - who showed off his own dancing skills while still singing. Now that takes some talent!



When it was TG Sheppard's turn to sing, Johnny Lee, Gene and Moe Bandy decided to lend their backup singing talents providing all the "oohs and ahhs". TG appropriately named them The Lennon Sisters.



Left: Gene, Rhonda Vincent, TG Sheppard and Kelly Lang share the stage for the Larry's Country Diner Show.



Gene At The Taping Of Larry's Country Diner Show!

Air Dates: RFD-TV March 10th at 7PM & March 12th at 10PM



"The Sheriff", Jimmy Capps accompanies Gene as he sings "Enough For You".



Jimmy Capps and Gene share a laugh at one of Nadine's jokes!



After the show, the Diner cast snapped this photo with Gene and Tennessee Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey. L-R: Renae, Michele Capps, Jimmy Capps, Gene, Nadine, Lt. Gov. Ramsey, Keith Bilbrey and Larry Black.



Lt. Governor Ramsey of Tennessee is a big fan of real country music and was delighted to meet Gene.



Gene hit all the rights notes for the the TV audience with "Fourteen Carat Mind".

Right: Nadine posed with one of her favorite singers, the one and only Gene Watson.



Grand Ole Opry night February 16th



Left: Larry Gatlin, Jimmy Wayne and Gene snapped this photo right after Gene appeared on Larry Gatlin's backstage radio show for WSM-AM.



The great singer/songwriter, Larry Gatlin, is thrilled that Gene has covered two of his songs on the new CD, "Help Me" and "Bitter They Are, Harder They Fall". He appears to be reading the credits to be sure his name is spelled right.



Gene and Phil Vassar enjoyed a quick visit just after Gene stepped offstage at the Grand Ole Opry. Phil has a string of hits he penned for other singers and he won ASCAP's Country Songwriter of the Year for Jo Dee Messina's hit "Bye Bye". Phil's own #1 hit is "Just Another Day in Paradise."



Gene enjoys meeting young artists who appreciate real country music. Michael Ray is one such artist. He stopped by Gene's dressing room to let him know Gene is one of his musical heroes. Michael has already had a # 1 single and we hope he'll have many more.



Right: Gene on the Opry stage. Gene has said many times that performing on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry is still an amazing moment as that is the Pinnacle for a country music artist.

Photos With The Stars!



Gene is a big fan of Ray Stevens and jumped at the chance to be on Ray's new TV show that airs Saturday nights on RFD-TV. You can watch Gene's episode on June 18th!



Gene and his cousin, Drop, are such fans of Ray Stevens that they can sing ALL the words to Ray's hits such as Along Came Jones, Gitarzan, Ahab, The Arab, Mississippi Squirrel Revival and of course The Streak. But don't forget Ray's beautiful ballads such as Everything Is Beautiful and his cover of Misty.



At the Legends Lunch hosted by the CMA and Webster PR, Gene enjoyed a visit with friends Howard and David Bellamy, known as The Bellamy Brothers!



The lovely Lorrie Morgan ran into Gene as they visited Duke-FM Radio during the Country Radio Seminar in Nashville.



The multi-talented Ronnie McDowell said hello to Moe Bandy and Gene during the Legends Lunch. Ronnie has just released his autobiography which you'll find at his website.



Gene and Moe paused to greet their dear friend, Roy Clark at The Palm restaurant in Nashville for the Legends Lunch.

Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	Location
March 4	Milltown Music Hall	Bremen, GA
March 5	Ittawamba Community College Festival	Fulton, MS
March 7	Strawberry Festival 3:30PM show	Plant City, FL
March 11	Bear Creek Memories Theatre	Celina, OH
March 12	Effingham Performance Center	Effingham, IL
March 18/19	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, IN
March 25	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, TX
March 26	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, TX
April 9	Old Coupland Dance Hall	Coupland, TX
April 15	Wild Rose Casino	Clinton, IA
April 16	Wild Rose Casino	Emmetsburg, IA
April 17	Sisseton PAC	Sisseton, SD
April 22 & 23	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
April 29	Little Roy & Lizzie Music Festival	Lincolnton, GA
April 30	Big Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
May 4	Starlite Theatre WITH Larry's Country Diner	Branson, MO
May 14 & 15	Old Dominion Barn Dance	Henrico, VA
June 3	Cherokee Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, NC
June 17	Freiheit Country Store	New Braunfels, TX
June 18	Southern Junction	Rockwall, TX
June 24	Panhandle Watermelon Festival	Chipley, FL

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Date	Venue	Location
July 2	Gilley's Choctaw Casino	Durant, OK
August 6	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, TX
Sept. 2 & 3	Bluegate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
Sept. 10	Renfro Valley	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept. 17& 18	Truman Lake Opry	Tightwad, MO
Sept. 20	Starlite Theatre WITH Larry's Country Diner	Branson, MO
Sept. 23	Outer Banks Bluegrass Island Festival	Manteo, NC
Sept. 24	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Sept. 27	Red River Valley Fair Association	Paris, TX
Oct. 1	Prairie Nights Casino	Ft. Yates, ND
Oct. 2	Midwest Country Theatre	Sandstone, MN
Oct. 7 & 8	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Oct. 15	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
Oct. 22	Palace Theatre	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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Jan. 29 - Feb. 4	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	Western Caribbean
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The Webster Public Relations team held a *Legendary Lunch* at The Palm restaurant in Nashville to kick-off Country Radio Seminar. The legends dined with radio program directors & other media. The Country Music Association sponsored the event.

Front (L-R): Sylvia, Lorrie Morgan, Dave & Sugar's Dave Rowland, Jennifer McCarter (McCarter Sisters), Jim Halsey (booking agent), Jan Howard, Jeannie Seely, Lulu Roman, T. Graham Brown.

Middle (L-R): Howard Bellamy, Bill Anderson, David Bellamy, Rex Allen, Jr., Gene Watson, Lee Greenwood, Moe Bandy, Sonny LeMaire (EXILE), T.G. Sheppard, Marlon Hargis (EXILE), Roy Clark, Steve Goetzman (EXILE), Deborah Allen, Ronnie McDowell, Jimmy Fortune, Leroy Van Dyke, John Conlee.

Back (L-R): CMA's Sarah Trahern, WPR's Kirk Webster, Mark Wills, Big Kenny, John Rich, John Anderson, Lorraine Jordan, Collin Raye.



Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Sue Lawhorn of Ridgeley, WV, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: **Name the country music legend who recorded "Silver Bells" with Gene Watson.** And the answer: **George Jones.** 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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To book Gene Watson for an event in your area contact:
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email at: RBattleArtistAgent@United.net.

Upcoming Gene Watson Interviews!

March 1st Listen to Gene LIVE on the Eddie Stubbs show WSM-AM 9:30PM Central and on March 2nd , Live with Bill Cody & Charlie WSM-AM 9:15AM CST

March 6th – hear Gene’s conversation with Charlie Monk on Sirius XM’s Prime Country Station on Channel 58.



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