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# Gene Watson

## Fan Club Newsletter

Dear Friends:

Happy Valentine's Day! Maybe you can find a few of my songs to fit your Valentine playlist. How about "Love in the Hot Afternoon", "Speak Softly, You're Talking To My Heart", "This Dream's On Me" or if your loved one has actually listened and understood the intent of these lyrics, try "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You"! If you're not sure, maybe hold off on that one or it could be your "Farewell Party".

So far our year is kicking off in fine form. I enjoyed the great fun and nice fans on the Country's Family Reunion cruise and already we've had a nice run of sold-out shows!

Speaking of shows, we're always happy to hear from you about new places to perform in your area. If you have suggestions, please email our booking agent, Rob Battle, at [RBattleArtistAgent@united.net](mailto:RBattleArtistAgent@united.net). We hope we can get to your city this year.

Take care and hope you have a very special Valentine's Day. Come see us our on the road,



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# Liberty of the Seas Cruise - Jan. 28 - Feb. 4, 2018



Artists gathered for some much needed caffeine before the early morning marathon autograph sessions begin. Shown Left to Right: Moe Bandy, Gene, Chris Malpass and Leona Williams.



Mark Wills shared a joke that Moe just didn't quite understand.



Whose idea was it to seat Gene next to Moe for more than 20 minutes?



Despite Moe's close proximity, Gene enjoyed visiting with all the great fans on the cruise.



Moe seems to be unhappy that Gene has just told him Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny are not real.



L-R: Bill Anderson, Teea Goins, Wendy Corr (Cowboy Music Revue, Mo Pitney, Mark Wills, Chris Malpass, Rhonda Vincent, Taylor Malpass, Moe Bandy, Gene, Renae The Waitress, Gus Arrendale aka "The Chicken Man", Nadine, Randy Little aka "Boot Daddy",. Seated: Leona Williams, Larry Black, Jimmy Capps, & Keith Bilbrey

# More Cruise Photos.....



Moe and Gene tease each other without mercy but they are actually old friends.



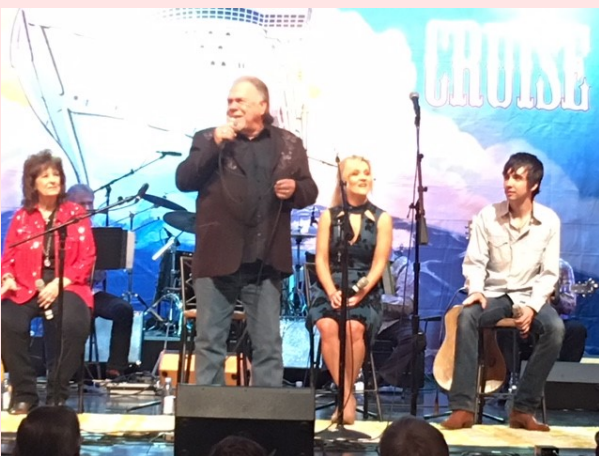
Moe always enjoys telling a good joke.



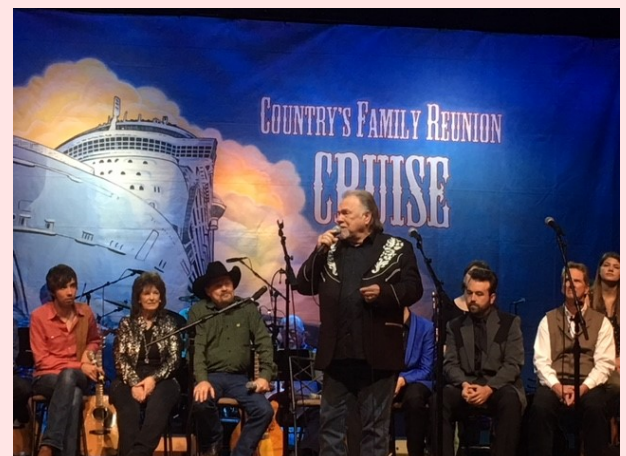
The Malpass Brothers are the real deal, singing the classic country music they love. Be sure to check them out at [www.TheMalpassBrothers.com](http://www.TheMalpassBrothers.com).



Gus Arrendale (The Chicken Man) of Springer Mountain Farms is a great friend to Country Music. On the cruise, he hosted a nice gathering for the artists, musicians & crew.



Gene performs "Fourteen Carat Mind" for the fans on the cruise.

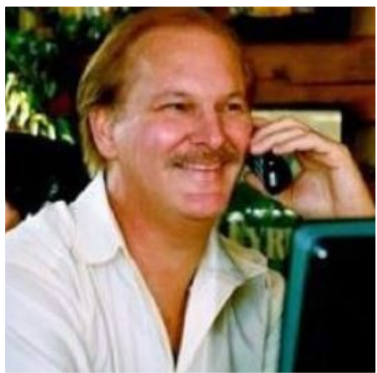


For the final show, it was only fitting that Gene should sing "Farewell Party" (and received a standing ovation!).

# TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Tom Merrill of North Carolina, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: "What 1980 Gene Watson song did Clint Eastwood request Gene sing and was included in the soundtrack for the movie "Any Which Way You Can? The correct answer: "Any Way You Want Me." For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the trivia 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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# FAN SPOTLIGHT ON GLENDA BALLARD!

Hooray for ME! I was thrilled to have won the Newsletter contest & my autographed tee shirt.

I am originally from Columbia, South Carolina and have lived here all my life - with the exception of two years when I lived in New Jersey and worked for AT&T. I retired as a Human Resources Manager from BellSouth after 33 years of service.

I have a daughter and awesome 5 year old grandson named Luke. My former husband is deceased.

I also have a 5 pound Chihuahua (Daisy) whom I call a “terrorist” because she terrorizes everyone - including me.

A good many years ago, I recall hearing Gene singing “14 Carat Mind” one morning on a local country station (WCOS-FM) on my way to work. I immediately became a fan and have followed him ever since! I said “If he ever comes close to SC, I’m going to be in the audience” and I went to Bremen, GA, to his concert there. After the concert as he was signing autographs, I said, “Please come to the Newberry Opera House in Newberry, SC (45 minutes from Columbia). Gene said, “I’d love to.. Get them to invite me”. When I returned to home, I called the NOH, they invited him & he came the next year. Needless to say, I was on the front row. He played to a sold-out house that year and the next year, too.

As far as I’m concerned, there is no comparable Love Song by ANYONE as Gene’s “I Don’t Need A Thing At All”. To me, that song says it all...

On his recent album – Real. Country. Music. - his songs “Enough For You” & “When A Man Can’t Get A Woman Off His Mind” are two of my favorites. I know that I’m not alone when I have trouble choosing my favorite Gene Watson songs.

I am truly thankful Gene Watson chose to share his outstanding talent with us. I am also grateful Gene has stayed true to his country roots - signs autographs & takes pictures with his fans - during his phenomenal career.

Many thanks, Gene Watson! I am looking forward to being in your audience again - SOON!

Glenda Ballard

Columbia, SC



# 2018 Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	Location
February 17 & 18	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
February 19	Palladium Theater at St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg, Florida
February 23	Wild Rose Casino	Clinton, Iowa
February 24	Ameristar Casino	Kansas City, Missouri
March 2	Albany Municipal Auditorium	Albany, Georgia
March 3	Anderson Music Hall (w/J. Lee & R. McDowell)	Hiawassee, Georgia
March 8	Opry Country Classics (at Ryman)	Nashville, Tennessee
March 9	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, Tennessee
March 10	Sky Performance Arts Center	Bowling Green, KY
March 13	Waco Hippodrome	Waco, Texas
March 16 & 17	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, Indiana
March 23	Granbury Live Theater	Granbury, Texas
March 24	Freeland Performing Arts Center	Bristow, Oklahoma
April 14	Dothan Civic Center (w/M. Bandy & R. McDowell)	Dothan, Alabama
April 21	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
April 28	Dublin Theater	Dublin, Georgia
May 4	Little Roy & Lizzie Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
May 5	Red Barn Theater	Winchester, Ohio
May 11	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
May 12	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
May 19	Cactus Theater	Lubbock, Texas
May 26	The Historic King Opera House	Van Buren, Arkansas
June 15 & 16	Cactus Pete's Horseshoe Casino	Jackpot, Nevada
July 14	First Council Casino (w/M. Gilley & J. Lee)	Newkirk, Oklahoma
August 25	Stagecoach Ballroom	Fort Worth, Texas
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Blue Gate Theater	Shipshewana, Indiana

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September 20	Starlite Theater (w/Larry's Country Diner)	Branson, Missouri
September 21 & 22	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
October 4	Starlite Theater (2 pm show)	Branson, Missouri
October 5	Starlite Theater (7:30pm show)	Branson, Missouri
October 6	Downtown "Come And Take It" Celebration (w/Eddy Raven) (FREE SHOW)	Gonzales, Texas
October 11	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, Georgia
October 12	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, SC
October 13	Ponte Vedra Concert Hall	Ponte Vedra, Florida
October 25	Anderson Civic Center	Anderson, SC
October 27	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, North Carolina
November 8	Starlite Theater (2 pm show)	Branson, Missouri
November 9	Starlite Theater (7:30pm show)	Branson, Missouri
November 10	Irving Arts Center	Irving, Texas
November 16	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, TN



Ace drummer, Todd Hines is looking good as he keeps the beat for the Farewell Party Band at the Bosque Civic Center in Clifton, Texas.

