



# Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Hi Friends - It's hard to believe we're talking about the end of summer and the kids are already back in school. The days just seem to fly by. We certainly have put a few miles on the bus this summer and have enjoyed seeing as many of you as we can.

We get a lot of calls and emails asking us to come to various cities and trust me, we want to get there. If you want to request your local places to book us, just give them the name of our agent, Rob Battle. Rob's phone number is 615-368-7433 and his email is [RBattleArtistAgent@united.net](mailto:RBattleArtistAgent@united.net). Rob does a great job getting us around the country but he'll be glad to hear from anyone interested.

In this newsletter you'll see we packed as many exciting shows in as we could from performing at Willie's Picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup> to the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, TX. I've done my best to keep Moe Bandy at arm's length but it looks like Moe's going to join me and Ms. Jeannie Seely September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center in Midland, TX. I appreciate your understanding if you read there was a bull in the parking lot or any such thing. Between him and Rhonda, you just never know what's going to happen onstage.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and I look forward to seeing you out on the road. All the best,

On Stage at the Great Texas Balloon Race!

Taping at Larry's Country Diner!

On Stage at Willie's 4th of July Picnic!





Gene enjoys catching up with David Allan Coe at Willie's Picnic. A great singer/songwriter, Coe is best known for these songs "Mona Lisa Lost Her Smile", "The Ride", "You Never Even Called Me by My Name" and for writing #1 hits "Would You Lay With Me" by Tanya Tucker and "Take This Job and Shove It" by Johnny Paycheck.



If you listen to Willie's Roadhouse on Sirius XM in the afternoons, you know this is DJ Dallas Wayne. Dallas is extremely knowledgeable about country music as he's a singer and musician himself with a great new album out titled *Songs The Jukebox Taught Me*.

## Willie Nelson's



## Picnic!



It was hotter than a Firecracker on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July - kind of appropriate - so Gene is shown here taking a quick water break before his show starts.



Old friend and fellow Texan, Johnny Bush, met up with Gene before the show. Johnny is best known for his distinctive voice and as the writer of "Whiskey River," a top-ten hit for himself and Willie Nelson's signature song. In 1963, Bush joined Ray Price's band, the Cherokee Cowboys along with bandmates, Willie Nelson and Darrell McCall.



Willie's Roadhouse on Sirius Radio is set up onstage during Willie's Picnic. Gene enjoyed talking to Dallas Wayne and Jeremy Tepper.

## Taping of a Larry's Country Diner Show on July 10th



Gene and Crystal Gayle are longtime friends as Gene toured in his early days with Crystal's sister, Loretta Lynn and Crystal sang backup for Loretta before becoming a solo star with 18 #1 hits of her own. Crystal has just released her first album in 16 years titled *You Don't Know Me*, a collection of country standards.



Dirk (piano) & Gail Johnson (fiddle) performed with Gene on the Larry's Country Diner taping in July. Dirk is Gene's producer and you will also see him playing piano on the Country's Family Reunion shows on RFD-TV.



Singer/Songwriter, Melba Montgomery, surprised Gene with a backstage visit. Melba had success as a solo artist with her #1 song "No Charge" and as a songwriter but she's possibly best known for her duet work with George Jones and the song she wrote, "We Must Have Been Out of Our Minds," which spent over thirty weeks on the Billboard Country chart, and peaked at No. 3 in 1963.



Gene was flattered by a visit backstage from two of Nashville's greatest songwriters, Bobby Tomerlin and Erin Enderlin. Bobby started his career in the music business as a DJ at the age of 11 and remembers his interview with Gene Watson. As a distinguished songwriter, Bobby wrote the #1 hit for Diamond Rio "One More Day" and his songs have been recorded by Barbara Streisand, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys and many more. Bobby has a new CD out titled "Out of Road." Erin Enderlin's songs have been recorded by Luke Bryan, Alan Jackson, Lee Ann Womack, Randy Travis, and Terri Clark. Her latest album "Whiskeytown Crier" releases September 1st. Check out Erin's shout out to Gene on this YouTube video [https://youtu.be/ZgLn\\_aw5a9c](https://youtu.be/ZgLn_aw5a9c)



**Backstage at the Grand Ole Opry: Whisperin' Bill Anderson and Gene are longtime friends. Bill has been a member of the Opry since 1961. He has released more than 40 studio albums and has reached # 1 on the country charts seven times. He's also considered the most prolific songwriter in Country Music history. No doubt Gene was whispering to Bill to get him some new songs to record.**



**Beauty and The Beasts: Lovely Linda Davis was on the show July 21<sup>st</sup> in Lancaster, PA so the band and Gene snapped this photo. Linda and her husband, Lang Scott, with Bill Whyte opened the show to a delighted packed house.**



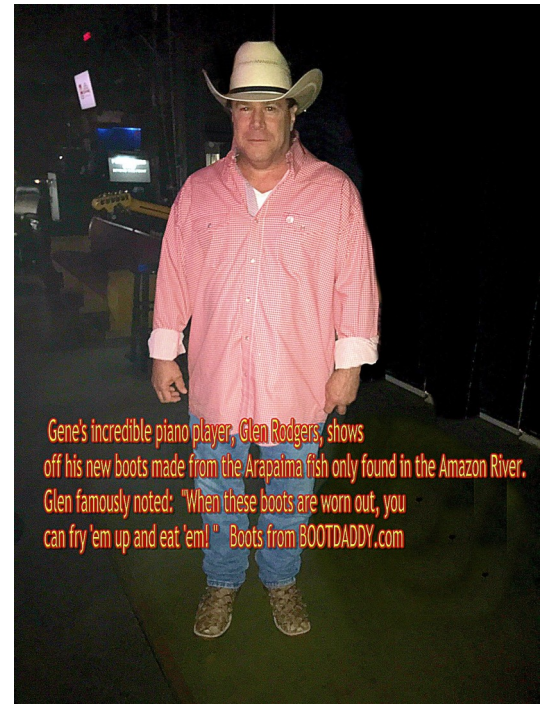
**Linda Davis and Gene show the photographer how to take a celebrity photo.**



**In Longview, TX , July 26<sup>th</sup>, Gene and the Farewell Party Band enjoyed the amazing Balloon Race before playing for an audience of over 16,000 fans!**



Gene and the band are showing off their new boots from Boot Daddy/ PFI Western Wear. These special boots are made from the hide of a fish! The monster Arapaima fish is only found in the Amazon River. This fish breathes air and will grow up to 9 feet long. The leather makes a soft but rugged leather, ideal for cowboy boots.



Gene's incredible piano player, Glen Rodgers, shows off his new boots made from the Arapaima fish only found in the Amazon River. Glen famously noted: "When these boots are worn out, you can fry 'em up and eat 'em!" Boots from [BOOTDADDY.com](http://BOOTDADDY.com)

Farewell Party Band piano man, Glen Rodgers is especially fond of his boots. He famously noted, "When these boots are worn out, you can fry 'em up and eat 'em!"



Gene appreciates his longtime fans and these two ladies can prove they've enjoyed Gene's music for many years. Diane Paul (right) and Lynda Stinebring (left) took the first image at Doc Severinson's Club back in 1984 and this year visited with Gene at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles, LA on June 21, 2019.



# 2019 Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	Location
August 15th	Tom Johnson Campgrounds	Marion, North Carolina
August 17th	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, North Carolina
August 24th	Redneck Country Club	Stafford, Texas
August 31st	Don Gay Bull Ride at The Stables	Freedom, Oklahoma
September 7th	Russell County Fair & Horse Show	Castlewood, Virginia
September 11th	West Texas Fair & Rodeo	Abilene, Texas
September 14th	Pope County Fairgrounds	Russellville, Arkansas
September 20th	Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center	Midland, Texas
September 21st	Cactus Theatre	Lubbock, Texas
September 23rd	Clay Cooper Theatre	Branson, Missouri
September 26th	Red River Valley Fair—Main Stage	Paris, Texas
September 27th	Titus County Fair	Mt. Pleasant, Texas
September 28th	Waller County Fair	Hempstead, Texas
October 5th	Effingham Performance Center	Effingham, Illinois
October 12th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
October 18th	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
October 20th	Yorktown Western Days	Yorktown, Texas
October 25th & 26th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
November 2nd	Lebanon High School Gym	Lebanon, Virginia
November 8th	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
November 15th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
November 23rd	New Granbury Theatre Live	Granbury, Texas
December 6th	Kansas City Crossing Casino	Pittsburg, Kansas

# 2020 Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	Location
January 11th & 12th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
January 18th	Belterra Casino	Florence, Indiana
January 26th	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	The Caribbean
February 9th	Mississippi Coliseum-Dixie National Livestock & Rodeo	Jackson, Mississippi
February 22nd	Riverside Club	Mission, Texas
February 27th	Rodgers Theatre	Poplar Bluff, Missouri
February 29th	Ameristar Casino-Star Pavilion	Kansas City, Missouri
March 27th	Brady Civic Center—Heart Of Texas Music Festival	Brady, Texas
April 4th	Windstone Entertainment Center	Jefferson City, Missouri
April 17th	Edna Boykin Cultural Center	Wilson, North Carolina
April 19th	Walhalla Civic Auditorium	Walhalla, South Carolina
May 1st	Little Roy & Lizzie Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
May 2nd	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, North Carolina
May 8th	Blue Gate Performing Arts Center	Shipshewana, Indiana
May 16th & 17th	Old Dominion Barn Dance At Beacon Theatre	Hopewell, Virginia
May 21st	Arena Theatre	Houston, Texas
May 22nd	Winstar Casino	Thackerville, Oklahoma
May 23rd	Riverwind Casino	Norman, Oklahoma
May 31st	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, South Carolina
August 7th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
August 8th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
October 17th	IP Casino & Resort—Studio A	Biloxi, Mississippi
October 23rd	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
October 25th	54 Country	Fulton, Missouri
November 7th	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, Missouri
December 4th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas



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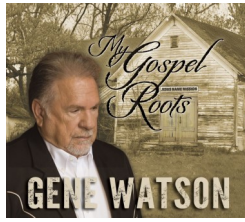


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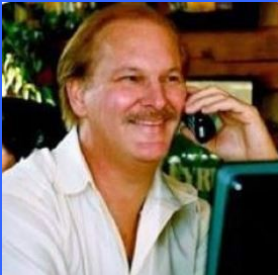


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## TRIVIA WINNER: LEA ANN OIE!

Congratulations to Lea Ann Oie, Wisconsin, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question : Who did Gene give a guitar to on a Country's Family Reunion show? The answer: Jimmy Capps. 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).

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