



GENE WATSON

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Hi Friends -

What a fun week we had during CMA Festival! Just wish it could have been a little hotter. (just kidding!) Rhonda and I were everywhere promoting the new duets CD, "Your Money and My Good Looks". We enjoyed seeing so many of you at all our events and for those that attended, we hope you liked the CD release party at the Ernest Tubb Troubadour Theater as much as we did. The record shop was certainly pleased - they were sold out of every CD and vinyl copy they had in stock. Our CD came out blazing on the sales chart and we sure appreciate you for that. Hope you enjoy the July Fourth holiday coming up!



Take care, Gene



SKILLET SKILLS (Wednesday, June 8th 2011)
Gene and Rhonda show off the Martha White commemorative skillets to WSM-AM morning host, Bill Cody. The skillets were a bonus given to fans that purchased the first CDs during Fan Fair events at Ernest Tubb Record Shops in Nashville.



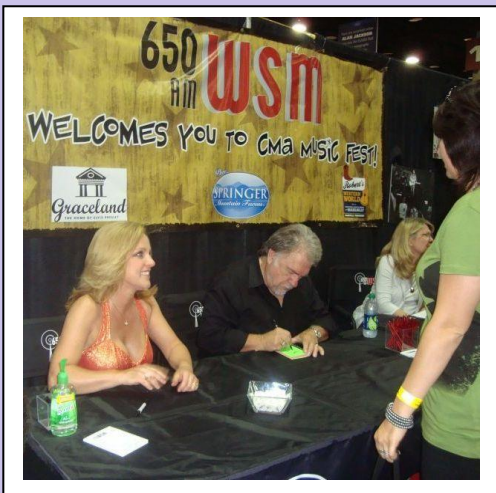
CMA FEST

Photo Left : Gene and Rhonda posed for this picture just before stepping out for their performance on the WSM-AM Acoustic Corner stage at the Nashville Convention Center.



CAR NUTS (June 8th, 2011 - Wednesday)

Gene and Rhonda were just finishing up an interview with Bill Cody at WSM-AM when NASCAR driver A.J. Allmendinger arrived. Naturally, Gene and A.J. had to discuss cars.



More CMA FEST

Gene and Rhonda are pictured signing for fans at the WSM-AM Booth at the Nashville Convention Center.



A Bevy of Beauties and Gene

Gene is all smiles as he's surrounded by some of Nashville's loveliest celebrities. This group posed while waiting for the start of the Classic Country show during CMA Music Fest.

From left to right are: Debbie Moore of Moore & Moore, Rhonda Vincent, Gene, Lynn Anderson, Carrie Moore of Moore & Moore and Jeannie Seely.



VIDEO for SINGLE "GONE FOR GOOD"

Rhonda and Gene shot a video for "Gone For Good" on Monday, May 23rd in downtown Nashville. You can watch the video in its entirety on YouTube here:

<http://youtu.be/OnCGdQuRA-U>



CD RELEASE PARTY IN NASHVILLE!

What a fun time it was at the Troubadour Theater in Nashville for the CD release party June 9th . Rhonda and Gene were having more fun than anyone as they performed the entire album for the very first time. Backed by Rhonda's fabulous musicians and a few country ringers, the music was amazing and of course Rhonda and Gene added their incredible harmonies on each song. Country icon, T. Graham Brown, dropped by to hear them sing the song he wrote on the album, "This Wanting You." After the show, Rhonda and Gene signed CDs (and skillet!) at the Ernest Tubb Store til the last fan left. It was by everyone's account, a wonderful night of REAL country music!

FAN SPOTLIGHT ON SALLY BEDOW

Where do you live? I was born in Texarkana, Texas, lived in Hooks, Texas, married in 1964 and moved to Owatonna, MN, (where I am absolutely certain I was the ONLY country music fan in the entire state at the time!) and lived there until 2001. In 2001 my retired husband and I moved to Port Lavaca, TX on the Texas Gulf Coast between Houston and Corpus Christi. We are in the design phase for our “last” home to be built in Hooks with the plan of moving “home” in 2012.

What type work do you do? I work fulltime as the Contract Officer/Bookkeeper for the Port of Victoria, Victoria County, Texas.

Tell us about your family: My husband, Charles, and I have been married 47 years. We have a daughter, Jill, a son, Jack, and one granddaughter, Amanda. Lucky for me, our children and our granddaughter are HUGE country music fans....Charles, not so much....But we out number him!

Favorite GW songs? People often ask me what I think is the best country song ever recorded and that’s easy: “Farewell Party” and certainly Gene’s recording is the one against which all others are measured and none have equaled. But it surprises them when they assume that’s my favorite Gene Watson song and I say “no”. I made a list of my favorites but it had 17 songs on it. I finally narrowed it to these: my current favorite: “I Know An Ending”, followed by: “Where Love Begins”, “No One Will Ever Know”, “Back In The Fire”, and “She Found The Key”.

Hobbies & Interests: It’s really more of a passion and second career than a hobby! We breed, train, and show American Eskimo dogs and have for over 25 years. We have bred and/or owned over 150 UKC/AKC titled American Eskimos. We maintain a Yahoo Group for our dog owners and have an average of 100 participants. The main purpose of the group is for our dog owners to have 24/7 access to help if they need it: support in difficult times, and shared laughter in the fun times. Our kennel prefix is BeSota and our website is: <http://besota.pssweb.net>. Thankfully my husband is a willing and helpful partner with the dogs. I couldn’t do all I do without him. Here’s a link to a video clip from a recent dog show: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toxE-ZYWJ-0>.

I actually have a second “passion”: NASCAR! Doesn’t matter to me if it’s the Camping World Truck Series, the Nationwide Series, or the Sprint Cup Series, I LOVE NASCAR! The iconic #43 is my favorite, driven by A. J. Allmendinger but I always cheer for fellow Texas natives Terry & Bobby Labonte, too. And I participate in 4 NASCAR Fantasy Leagues weekly plus a Petty Fans Chat site.

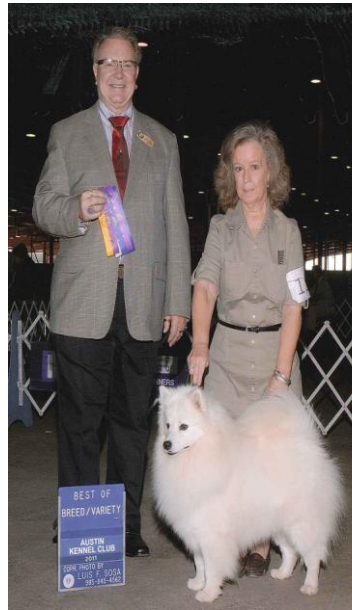
As a family our passion has been our work with Little People of America, Inc. We are often called upon to speak at schools, clubs, organizations, and conventions regarding acceptance of the handicapped in general and little people specifically and against prejudice and bullying. Some years we make more than 50 or 60 speeches all over the U.S.

When I have some “down” time, I’m an avid reader and my Kindle is always close at hand and loaded with oodles of yet to be read books. Right now I’m reading “In The Blink Of An Eye” by Michael Waltrip. My favorite author is Nora Roberts.

When did I first hear about GW? I really don’t remember. No doubt the fact that Gene is from the same part of Texas that I am and we are close in age probably made me feel more connected to him than perhaps other artists, but it does seem as if he’s always been a part of my love of country music as an adult. Our children used to fight over Gene’s cassettes back in the day. When we took our daughter to college in Duluth back in 1985 and started home I realized she had taken all of Gene’s cassettes with her so we turned around and went back and “repop’d” them which did not make for a very happy new co-ed at UM-D.

What concerts have I attended? The 60’s gig at a Houston dance spot might not necessarily be called a concert but that’s the first time I remember seeing Gene on a visit with some of my cousins who lived in North Houston. Gene was in Florida once in the 80’s when our family was there on vacation and we went to see him. I didn’t see him again until this past February at the Stagecoach Ballroom in Ft Worth. On October 14th I have tickets to the Lovelady, TX event and I am looking forward to that.

A big THANK YOU to Sally for being the Fan of the Month!



Sally Bedow (photo left above) is also one of the co-founders of the new Gene Watson Board where fans can go to chat about all things Gene Watson! You can check it out here: <http://genewatsonfans.proboards.com>

Sally named one of her champion bred pups (center photo) after one of Gene and Rhonda's new songs from *Your Money and My Good Looks*. This adorable 4 week old puppy is named : BeSota Your Money & My Good Looks. Call name "Sweet Thang"!!

Photo Right: Sally is showing her winning champion, "**Methos**" at the Austin, Texas show where he won Best of Breed! Sally also owns the current and all- time top producing American Eskimo male dog: **Kajin**. Sally's dog, **Trudy** (Photo far right) not only was a Best Of Breed winner at the nation's most prestigious dog show, the Westminster Kennel Club, she was the 2nd EVER and first female American Eskimo to win an **AKC All-Breed Best In Show**, a distinction she held for 11 years!



A Country Family Reunion

Photo Left: Gene, John Conlee and Moe Bandy paused long enough during a Country Family Reunion taping to have this picture taken.

The Country Family Reunion taping took place May 25th in Nashville, TN and should be seen on RFD-TV in the USA in the coming months.

Gene is also planning to take part in the first ever Country Family Reunion Cruise January 16-21, 2012! More information is available at www.CFRCruise.com or call **1-800-331-8351**.



GENE WATSON'S MEMORY QUILT

(Photo Left) : Gene Watson's fan, Yvonne Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio made this treasured Memory Quilt for Gene using nearly 100 photos, lyrics and song titles. The beautiful quilt took hundreds of stitches and countless hours. Many thanks to Yvonne for the unique and lovely gift!

CONGRATULATIONS TO... These lucky five Gene Watson fans who won the *Your Money and My Good Looks* CD contest ("competition" as they say in UK and Ireland!): **1. Colette Casement, Co. Down, Northern Ireland** **2. Dianne Grimsley, Trinity, TX USA** **3. Jude Perreira, Sydney, Australia** **4. Bill Grant, Kent England** **5. Carol Brown, Plainfield, Iowa USA**
http://www.genewatson.com/umm_cd_giveaway_2011.htm

And The Winner Is.....

Congratulations to Gene fan, **Norma Caviness**. Norma's name was randomly drawn from the entries to the last contest which asked the question: Name ANY Gene Watson song title containing a USA City or State. Some possible answers include: *I Wonder How It Is in Colorado*; *Texas Saturday Night* and *Raisin' Cane in Texas*.

For your chance to win an autographed Tee Shirt, be sure you are registered for the free fan club at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com and the special question will be emailed to you.

TOUR DATES

July 9	Ozark Mtn Hoedown	Eureka Springs, AR
July 15	Oscar Store	Temple, TX
July 23	Western Film Fair	Winston-Salem, NC (to receive Ernest Tubb Award - this is not a show date)
July 29	Choctaw Casino	Grant, OK
July 30	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, TX
August 5	Sparkman Civic Center	Hartselle, AL
August 6	Swan Bay Marina	Paris, TN
August 13	Black Gold Casino	Hobbs, NM
August 27	Renfro Valley Fair	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept. 3	Festival	Fredericksburg, VA w/R.Vincent

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