

Dear Friends,

It's finally Spring, just about my favorite time of the year. With the warmer weather, our tour calendar is filling up so check the tour schedule often as we add new dates frequently during this period.

You may have seen the news that my buddy, Moe Bandy, and I are shooting a TV Pilot on May 12th! We can't reveal too much just yet but it's just a Pilot for now so we'll see if it gets picked up for more episodes. Once we know, be assured you will be the first to know!

In other news, Rhonda Vincent and I are listening to songs for our next duet album. As soon as we get the songs we like, we'll be headed into the studio. Of course, at the same time, I'm always thinking about songs I might record for my own album. I don't have studio time booked but I'll keep you posted when I get started on that.

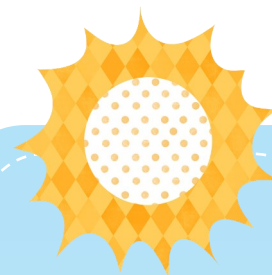
I don't have any real details but I can tell you that I agreed to join Larry Black and his crew for the next Country's Family Reunion Cruise. The dates for the Caribbean cruise are January 31 – February 7th. Honestly, that is all I know about it right now. Oh, they did say it would be with Royal Caribbean cruise lines but I don't know what ship yet. It would not surprise me in the least if you guys know way more than I do on it but normally all the details will be posted at www.CFRCRUISE.com so if it's not there now, it will be soon.

That's all the news at the moment. I do appreciate you staying in touch through Facebook and email (Artist@Lytlemgmt.com) and of course, for coming to our shows. We enjoy it so much when we get to see you there.

Take care,



Old School Bro-Country - It's Gene and Moe with Moe's son, Ronnie.

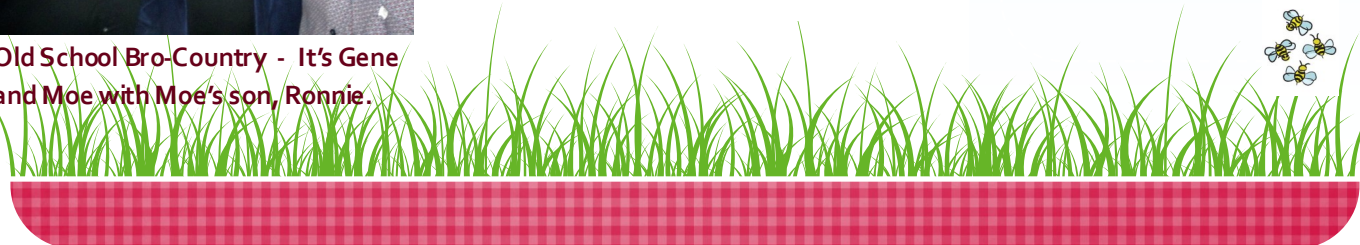


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Important Dates

- 05/01 Little Roy & Lizzy Music Festival, Lincoln ton, GA
- 05/02 Red Barn Convention Center, Winchester, OH
- 05/05 Starlite Theatre w/Larry's Country Diner Show
- 05/07 Welder Performing Arts Center, Victoria, TX
- 05/09 Osage Casino, Bartlesville, OK
- 05/12 TV Show Taping w/Moe Bandy, Columbia, TN
- 05/14 Opry Country Classics at the Ryman, Nashville, TN
- 05/29 Grand Ole Opry with the Farewell Party Band, Nashville, TN
- 05/30 Bluegrass Festival On The Plains, Auburn, AL



Benefit for Songwriter, Whitey Shafer - March 18, 2015 at The Nashville Palace



Sharing a laugh backstage are Left to Right: Becky Hobbs, Gene, & T. Graham Brown



Gene enjoyed visiting with singer-songwriter, Eddy Raven. Eddy wrote the Oak Ridge Boys classic "Thank God For Kids".



Rex Allen, Jr with Gene. Rex's Dad was Western Film star and singer, Rex Allen, who has a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame.



Gene and John Conlee pose for a photo. Where are those Rose Colored Glasses?



Moe Bandy hosted the benefit for Whitey Shafer as Whitey wrote many of Moe's hits including "Bandy The Rodeo Clown". It just "appears" Gene is reading the riot act to Moe. In reality they are best buds.



"Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places" - it's the great Johnny Lee with Gene here.





Congratulations to Lane Bricker, son of Farewell Party Band pianoman Chip Bricker, and the Hooks High School Hornets on winning the AAA Area Championship in basketball with a 30 - 2 record! Holding the trophy here is Jared Roberts (left) and Lane Bricker (right).



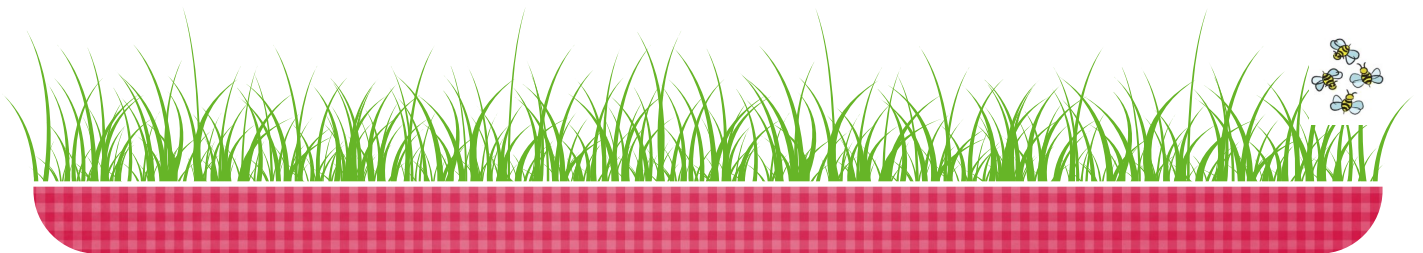
Gene and Johnny Lee enjoy a visit backstage at the Pharr Event Center, Pharr, Texas. After his massive #1 hit from the Urban Cowboy soundtrack, "Looking For Love", Johnny had a string of Top 10 hits and is currently working on a new album.



Recording artist, Jo-El Sonnier surprised Gene at his show in Youngsville, Louisiana. Jo-El is known as the "King Of Cajun" and recently won a Grammy for "Best Regional Roots Album".



Jo-El Sonnier and the world's best Bass playing bus driver, Donnie Watson (Gene's cousin).



Staley Rogers: Beekeeper!



Photo credit: Rachel Rogers

When and how did you get into beekeeping? I was looking for a side business and my cousin, Paul Spencer, suggested I go into beekeeping with him. So I applied for and got a Start Up Loan from the Texas Department of Agriculture to purchase the bees and the boxes with the frames. Of course, the boxes and the frames you have to assemble yourself, so I borrowed some space in my dad's shop and put all my equipment together there.

How often do you extract the honey from the boxes? About three times per year: Spring, Summer, and Fall. This Spring my cousin, Paul, and I have taken our bees down to South Texas (Mission) and our bees

are pollinating watermelons and other fruit and crops. Our 700 hives are rented out to beekeepers in that area. We just got back from taking them down.

So when do the bees get to come "home"? We'll go get the bees in June and then we are driving them up to some friends of ours up near Mankato, Minnesota, and the bees will be pollinating crops in Minnesota for the summer and hopefully escaping the terrible Texas summer heat. We'll share in the summer honey extraction half with the Minnesota people and half for us. Their bees will be coming to Texas to spend a milder winter with us than winter in Minnesota. In August we'll get our bees back to Texas. In December the bees get to travel to California to spend the winter pollinating the almond trees. They are well traveled bees for sure.

What sort of beekeeping apparel do you have? I have a veil of wire mesh and a bee suit and of course work boots. I wear regular clothes under the bee suit. The boots are mostly in case of snakes out where the bees are.

What are the biggest threats to bees? For sure it's pesticides. We monitor pesticide use in the areas where our bees will be living. A couple of times per year we have to treat bees against varoa mites. Also, weather is a big concern with bees: too cold or too hot, too much rain, high winds. Bees can't fly in rain and wind.

What are your goals with the bees? Right now I have 120 hives and my goal is to have 500.



Fan Spotlight on Shirley Chapel

Where do you live? I was born in Dallas, Texas and I currently live in Cedar Hill, Texas.

What type of work do you do? I've worked as a medical office manager for an OB-GYN office for 25 years. And I play Gene Watson music in my office.

Tell us about your family - I am married and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

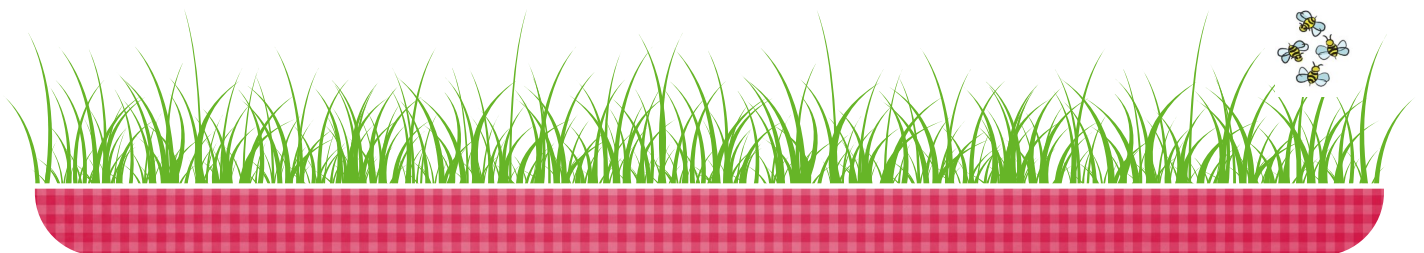
What are your Top Five Gene Watson songs? "Farewell Party", "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You", "Take Me As I Am", "I Never Go Around Mirrors", and "You Gave Me A Mountain".

What are your hobbies? Bowling, casino gambling, and Church.

Where did you first hear about Gene Watson? I have loved Gene Watson's music for 20 years. He was right beside Conway as my favorite artist.

How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended? A lot! I saw him last at the Choctaw Casino in Durant, OK. He was just so smooth singing.

Anything more you would like to mention? I have a Pandora channel named "Gene Watson". He's the Best!



TOUR SCHEDULE

Date	Venue	City/State
May 1	Little Roy & Lizzy Music Festival	Lincolnton, GA
May 2	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
May 5	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
May 7	Leo J. Welder Center For The Performing Arts	Victoria, TX
May 9	Osage Casino	Bartlesville, OK
May 12	TV Concert	Columbia, TN
May 14	Opry Country Classics at the Ryman	Nashville, TN
May 29	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, TN
May 30	Bluegrass On The Plains Festival	Auburn, AL
June 5	Cherokee Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, NC
June 13	San Saba Street Dance	San Saba, TX
June 19	Choctaw Casino	Grant, OK
June 20 & 21	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
June 26	Music In The Mountains Bluegrass Festival	Summersville, WV
July 3	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, TX
July 4	The Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
July 25	Rural Retreat Heritage Days	Rural Retreat, VA
Aug 1	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft Worth, TX
Aug 13	Mason County Fair	Point Pleasant, WV
Aug 14	41st Annual NC Bluegrass Festival	Marion, NC
Aug 15	Sagebrush Roundup At WV Country Music H.O.F.	Fairmont, WV
Aug 21	Riverwind Casino	Norman, OK
Aug 25	Kentucky State Fair	Louisville, KY
Aug 29 & 30	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, MN
Sept 11	Nelson's Music City	Knob Lick, MO
Sept 12	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center New Barn	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept 24 & 25	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Sept 26	Leon Co. Expo Center	Buffalo, TX



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Date	Venue	City/State
Oct 3	Penn's Peak	Jim Thorpe, PA
Oct 9 & 10	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Oct 20, 21, 22	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Oct 24	Anderson Music Hall	Hiawassee, GA
Nov 6	Country Tonite Theatre	Pigeon Forge, TN
Nov 7	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Nov 8	Augusta Expoland Benefit	Fishersville, VA
Nov 14	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, TX
Nov 21	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, SC
Dec 3, 4, 5, 6	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO

New Country Music Album by Anita Stapleton!

You can order the new Anita Stapleton CD/DVD set that features a duet with Gene Watson, both in audio and video formats. You'll enjoy not only listening to the 10 song CD, but you'll enjoy the DVD of "The Making Of.....", as well. Order at www.anitastapletonmusic.com/#



Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulation to Diny Flohr of Helmond, The Netherlands who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: Name one of two Ray Price songs recorded by Gene Watson on his new album "My Heroes Have Always Been Country".

And the answer: "Don't You Believe Her" and "Make The World Go Away".

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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