

Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

Hi Friends -

The band and I are back after a nice run to the Watermelon Festival in Chipley, FL June 24th and Dublin High School in Dublin, GA. Hope you were able to attend. It's a nice tribute to the humble watermelon in Chipley, FL. I thought I'd look up other festivals and folks, I'm not making this up - here are a few of the odder festivals around the world: In the UK, hundreds of contestants chase a wheel of cheese down a steep, muddy slope. In Finland, there is the Wife-Carrying World Championship Festival and in Mexico, there's a Festival of Radishes where contestants make sculptures from the radish vegetable.

One thing you can be sure of - no matter where we're playing- we're bringing you Real Country Music. That you can count on. Come out and visit with us this summer. We'd love to see you,





Longtime WSM-AM DJ and Opry host, Eddie Stubbs, shares a story with Gene just before Gene goes onstage.

May 19, 2016
OPRY Country CLASSICS
Ryman Auditorium



After his performance, Gene snapped this photo with Eddie Stubbs.



Longtime friends, TG Sheppard and Moe Bandy posed for this picture backstage at the Ryman.



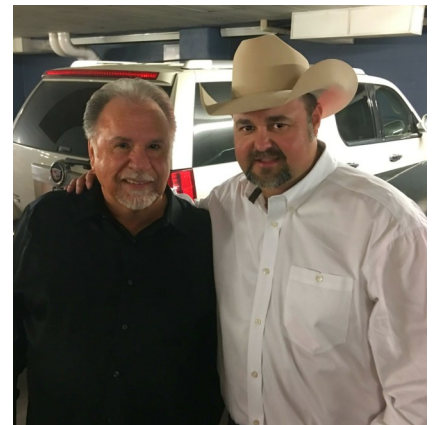
Poor Dallas Wayne of Willie's Roadhouse is caught in the middle between Gene and Moe Bandy.



Gene is delighted to see his long-time friend, Crystal Gayle, backstage. Crystal and her sister, Peggy Sue and Gene, all worked many fairs and festivals together in the old days.



Terrific singer and songwriter, Kelly Lang, was backstage with her husband, TG Sheppard.



Sometimes it's so busy, you have to catch up in the parking lot! Here's Gene with Daryle Singletary doing just that. Both Daryle and Gene recorded the great country song, "The Note."



In Lancaster, PA at the American Music Theatre, Gene enjoyed a chat with Lacy J. Dalton who opened the show that night. One of Lacy's big hits in 1982 was "16th Avenue".



Gene caught up with his booking agent, Rob Battle and Rob's wife, Julie, at the Cherokee, NC Bluegrass Festival. Thanks to Rob for keeping Gene and the band on the road!



Gene enjoyed taping the Ray Stevens' Nashville show which aired June 18th on RFD-TV. Gene is a huge fan of Ray's many talents and can quote most of the lyrics from Ray's comedy records.



It was a great surprise to Gene to see one of his all-time favorite songwriters as well as long-time personal friends, Joe Allen, at the Kerrville, TX show. Among the many Joe Allen songs Gene has recorded are: "I Don't Need A Thing At All" and "Pick The Wildwood Flower".



Jimmy Capps is a member of the Musicians Hall of Fame and it was an honor for Gene to have the great guitarist play Gene's custom designed guitar brand (GW by Summey) on the latest Country's Family Reunion taping. Gene had this guitar specifically customized for the guitar legend.



It was a full house at the Freiheit Country Store in New Braunfels, Texas!



Friend, fellow artist, and former Farewell Party Band member Tony Booth and Gene enjoy catching up with each other at the filming!



Gene was delighted to see Con Hunley on the Tribute To Merle Country's Family Reunion taping. Con and Gene were active on the music charts at the same time in the 70's and 80's.



What can you say about these two? Gene and Moe just have too much fun together. Here they're signing posters at the CFR TV taping for Merle Haggard.

**Tribute to
Merle Haggard
For Country's Family
Reunion**



T. Graham Brown, shown here with Gene, is not only an amazing singer but a gifted songwriter as well. T wrote "This Wanting You" which Gene recorded with Rhonda Vincent for their duet CD "Your Money and My Good Looks."



Left photo: The first time Gene heard Mark Wills (shown here) sing was at a Georgia nightclub where Mark was opening for Gene and Gene says he knew right then Mark was destined for a big career. The two snapped this photo during a break from the Merle Haggard Tribute.

Right photo: You'd be hard pressed to find anyone who doesn't love and admire the iconic Vince Gill, visiting here with Gene at the Merle Haggard Tribute taping. Vince has amassed 18 CMA Awards and 20 Grammy Awards (more than any other male country music artist) and in 2007 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame-- but more than all his awards, Vince is known to be the most charitable artist in Nashville.





**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting
For Country's Family
Reunion**



Crew and artists are milling about before the TV taping actually rolls tape.



Fellow Texan, Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys snapped this picture with Gene. Both were raised around the Paris, Texas area in Lamar County.



Gene, Con Hunley and Duane Allen enjoyed catching up during a quick break from the TV taping.



On the set for the Gospel taping, seated together are left to right: Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys, Gene, Becky Isaac of The Isaacs and behind them is T. Graham Brown.

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A Night Out for Classic Country Artists



Tanya Tucker was seated at dinner near Gene and they took a quick minute to visit and take this photo before the main course was served!



Kenny Rogers, a Warner Bros. label mate with Gene, enjoyed catching up at this fun event.

Webster PR hosted a gala dinner for their many Country artists in Nashville on May 18th 2016

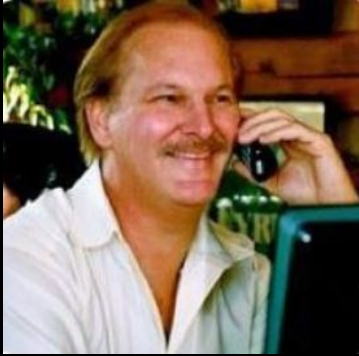


Now this is a legendary group! Left to right: Jimmy Fortune, Steve Goetzman (Exile), Howard Bellamy (Bellamy Bros.), Gene, Ronnie McDowell, John Conlee, David Bellamy (Bellamy Bros.) and Marlon Hargis (Exile).

2016 Tour Schedule

July 1	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
July 2	Gilley's Choctaw Casino	Durant, OK
July 4	McFerrin Park Civic Center	Hoopston, IL
July 16	Southwind Casino	Braman, OK
August 6	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, TX
August 20	Cactus Theater	Lubbock, NM
August 21 (Sunday)	Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino (with Bellamy Bros.)	Mescalero, NM
August 27	Gillespie County Fair	Fredericksburg, TX
Sept. 2 & 3	Bluegate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
Sept. 9	Performing Arts Center	Newberry, SC
Sept. 10	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, KY
Sept. 17 & 18	Truman Lake Opry	Tightwad/Clinton MO
Sept. 20	Starlite Theatre WITH Larry's Country Diner	Branson, MO
Sept. 23	Bluegrass Festival	Outer Banks, NC
Sept. 24	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
Sept. 27	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, TX
Sept. 28	The Kenney Store	Kenney, TX
Oct. 1	Prairie Nights Casino	Fort Yates, ND
Oct. 2	Midwest Country Theatre	Sandstone, MN
Oct. 7 & 8	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
Oct. 14	University of Arkansas-Texarkana Hempstead Hall	Hope, AR
Oct. 15	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
Oct. 22	The Palace Theater	Corsicana, TX
Oct. 26,27,28	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
Oct. 29	Music In The Barn	Dixon, MO
Nov. 5	Meramec Music Theatre	Steelville, MO
Nov. 12	Music City Texas Theatre	Linden, TX
Nov. 25	Riverwind Casino	Norman, OK
Dec. 1,2,3	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO

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Congratulations to Earlene Hayes of Vermont, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: Name one of two Towns mentioned in the song "Pick The Wildwood Flower," penned by the great Joe Allen. The answer is either Dallas or Houston. 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.

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