

Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Hi Friends -

I hope you're enjoying the heat wave like we are in Texas and in Nashville. It seems to follow us around so if we're coming to your town, get ready for it. We've got some fun shows coming up in July. 4th of July in Austin, TX at Willie's Picnic, July 7th in Shawnee, OK at the Grand Casino we're with Mickey Gilley and Jody Miller ("Queen of the House"), then July 14th in Newkirk, OK at the 7 Clans Casino we're working again with Mickey Gilley and adding in Johnny Lee. Then if you're looking for even more real country music, come see us July 26th in Midland, TX at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Check out this line up – Moe Bandy, Johnny Rodriguez, Jeannie Seely, and Dallas Wayne (and me and the band of course). All of these are guaranteed to be nothin' but REAL country.

I haven't had much time to work on cars but one thing I'm always keeping my eye open for is an old Ford Coupe. I love the body style from the era around 1934 to 1941. Now that was a pretty car!

In this issue, we thought we'd go back and revisit some fun older photos plus we have some new band members so we will start with re-introducing you to our pedal steel player, Robbie Primm. Robbie worked with us a while back but has rejoined the group and you'll enjoy learning more about him. Next time we'll introduce you to our new piano player, Glenn Rodgers.

We always hope to see you out on the road and until then, take care.



Oh, The Memories!



Fan Fair! Circa 1978

This was onstage at the Nashville Fairgrounds. Gene was probably singing "Love In The Hot Afternoon!"



Joe Nichols and Gene were featured in Maxim magazine in 2006 for a feature "Musical Heroes". Joe asked Gene to come as his personal music hero. This photo was taken July 20, 2006 at the Lawrence Music Shop in downtown Nashville, TN.



Brenda Lee and Gene hug backstage at a Country Music Hall of Fame induction event in 2012. Brenda is the top charting solo female vocalist of the 1960's. She is also the only female inducted into both the Rock n' Roll and Country Halls of Fame.



April 26, 1981 at the Ramp Festival in Crosby, TN (near Knoxville). Thanks to Frank Wilson for sending this one. For those wondering, a ramp is a vegetable like a leek. It's generally the first green vegetable coming out in the Spring in North America.



The very first meeting of Gene and Rhonda Vincent was LIVE onstage for a televised Grand Ole Opry show in 2007. Rhonda's plane was late and the Opry was preparing to have Gene go on solo when Rhonda appeared onstage, ready to go. The band launched into "Together Again" and with no rehearsal and never having met before, Gene and Rhonda sang a beautiful rendition of the song. Later, Rhonda said "I had to watch him breathe to know when I should come in for my part!" And that's why they are the pros!

Meet Robbie Primm

Where were you born and raised? Shreveport, LA

Where do you live now? Shreveport, LA

How and when did you first get started in the music business? I started singing and playing drums at age five. My mom bought me a Sho-Bud pedal steel for my 10th birthday in 1973 and I started working in my dad's band shortly after that and was with him for 29 years. Professionally I have worked with Jo-El Sonnier, Tony Booth, T. Graham Brown, Jody Nix, Kelly Spinks, Johnny Bush, and the list goes on. I'm celebrating my 45th year playing steel on June 12th this year.



When and how long have you been in Gene's band?

February, 2010 to December, 2010 and

December, 2017 to Present

What are your musical influences? Buddy Emmons, Jimmy Day (also from Shreveport), John Huey, Buddy Charleton, Gene Watson, Ray Price, Bob Wills....and of course Ernest Tubb!

What is your favorite hobby? I own a contract embroidery business of 22 years and I love it as well! Plus hunting and fishing.

Do you like sports? Any favorite team(s)? Baseball: Rangers/Astros; Football: Cowboys/Texans

Other than Gene's music, name a couple of songs you like to play:

"Face To The Wall"/Faron Young; "Take Back Your Old Love Letters" Ray Price; "Rainbows At Midnight"/Ernest Tubb; "Milk Cow Blues"/Bob Wills.

Do you have a favorite tune or two of Gene's you like to play?

"Fourteen Carat Mind", "Sometimes I Get Lucky And Forget", "Got No Reason Now For Going Home", and of course "Farewell Party"!

Do you play other instruments? Dobro and Bass Guitar

Anything we forgot to ask that you'd like to tell us? Yes! I've been happily married to my wonderful wife, Maureen, for 20 years!



2018 Gene Watson Tour Schedule



Date	Venue	City/State
July 4th	Willie's 4th Of July Picnic/Circuit Of The Americas	Austin, TX
July 7th	Grand Casino (with Mickey Gilley & Jody Miller)	Shawnee, OK
July 14th	7 Clans 1st Council Casino (with Mickey Gilley & Johnny Lee)	Newkirk, OK
July 26th	Wagner Noel PAC (with Moe Bandy, Johnny Rodriguez, Midland, TX Jeannie Seely, and Dallas Wayne)	
August 3rd	Bedell PAC at SE Missouri College	Cape Girardeau, MO
August 4th	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, TN
August 18th	New Boston Pioneer Days Festival	New Boston, TX
August 25th	Stagecoach Ballroom	Forth Worth, TX
August 31st/Sept. 1st	Blue Gate Theater	Shipshewana, IN
September 8th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
September 15th & 16th	Midwest Country Music Theater	Sandstone, MN
September 19th	Liberty Hall	Tyler, TX
September 20th	Starlite Theatre (w/Larry's Country Diner)	Branson, MO
September 21st & 22nd	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
October 4th & 5th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
October 6th	Come And Take It Festival (Downtown)	Gonzales, TX
October 11th	Milltown Music Hall	Bremen, GA
October 12th	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, SC
October 13th	Ponte Vedra Concert Hall	Ponte Vedra, FL

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October 20th	Coyote Store	Gail, TX
October 25th	Anderson Civic Center	Anderson, SC
October 26th	Palace Theater	Crossville, TN
October 27th	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
November 3rd	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
November 8th & 9th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, MO
November 10th	Irving Arts Center	Irving, TX
November 11th	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, TX
November 16th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, TN
December 8th	Coleman Theatre	Miami, OK
January 27th-February 2nd, 2019	CFR Cruise	The Caribbean
February 8th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
February 16th	New Granbury Live!	Granbury, TX
February 23rd	Star Pavillion at Ameristar Casino	Kansas City, MO
March 1st	Sumpter Opera House	Sumpter, SC
March 2nd & 3rd	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
March 6th	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 8th	Walhalla Civic Auditorium	Walhalla, SC



Note to self: Keep that CDL current! We're going to be putting a lot of miles on the bus! I may have to help drive a time or two.

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Betty Potter of Sunbury, NC, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: "Gene Watsons recorded a song with a one word title (a number) written by Tom T. Hall. What was the name of that song?" The answer: "Three". 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.

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