



# GENE WATSON



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Hi Friends –

It has been a very busy few months since our last newsletter. In that time, we finished the new album, *A Taste of the Truth*, and I hope you like it. I think it's really one of my favorites. It was such a tremendous honor to work with my good friend and super talent, Rhonda Vincent again, as well as the amazing Alison Krauss and of course my old friend with the unbelievable voice, Trace Adkins. I want to send a special note of thanks to my producer, Dirk Johnson, for all his long hours of work and for keeping the sound pure country.

We've enjoyed seeing so many of you out on the road including many new fans we met up in Canada recently. I hope you always know how much you mean to me and appreciate you taking the time to come out to see us in concert.

Take care,



First photo above: Gene and Rhonda Vincent are seen shooting their new video for the single “Staying Together”. The video director is Stephen Shepherd of VideoBoy Productions. Shepherd has shot numerous award nominated videos including many for Gary Allan, the recent Chris Young and the current video for Mallory Hope.

Second photo above: Prior to the video shoot, Gene and Rhonda posed for this picture at the Brentwood, TN home being used in the video. Rhonda's necklace is handmade by one of her fans who is also a big Gene Watson fan.

## WSM-AM SPECIAL BROADCAST

Photo Left: Gene debuted *A TASTE OF THE TRUTH* on the Eddie Stubbs show at the WSM-AM Radio studio on the CD release date, August 25, 2009.

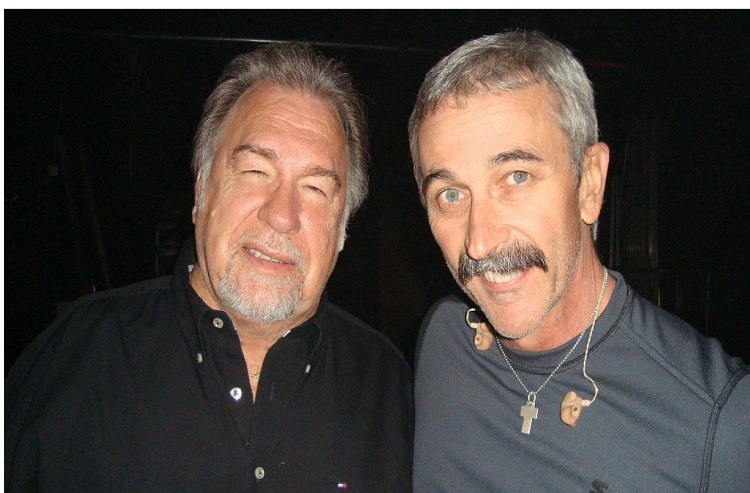
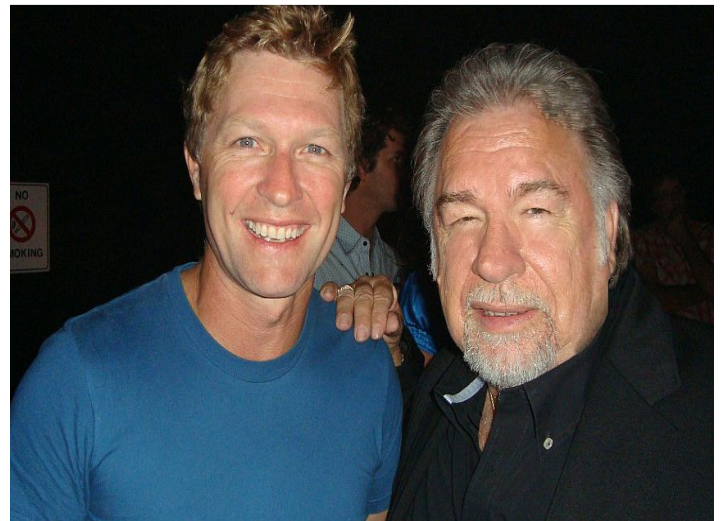
Gene and his producer, Dirk Johnson, spent more than two fun filled hours with Eddie as they chose songs from the album to discuss and premiere on the show. Eddie's vast knowledge and deep appreciation for traditional country music coupled with Gene and Dirk's insights into the making of the new album made for a very entertaining evening. Eddie enjoyed playing what he called "REAL country music!"



## A GRAND OLE OPRY BACKSTAGE VISIT

Photo Right: Craig Morgan and Gene are mutual fans of each other's music so it made for a fun visit backstage at the Opry when these two singers met there on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Craig is known for such hits as "Almost Home", "That's What I Love About Sunday", and "International Harvester". Craig is also one of the newest members of the Grand Ole Opry!



## KISS THIS!!

(8-25-09) Photo above: Aaron Tippin and Gene snapped this photo just as Aaron was going onstage at the Opry. Aaron first came to national attention in 1990 with his hit "You've Got To Stand For Something" and later, the humorous "Kiss This."



## M-M-MEL!

Gene and Mel Tillis go way back. They caught up with each other at the Opry on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Early in his career, Gene recorded "Burning Memories," penned by Mel.



### **GENE WATSON ON THE CROOK & CHASE SHOW**

Above photos: Gene taped the Crook & Chase show on August 25<sup>th</sup> performing “Til A Better Memory Comes Along” and “When We Were Down To Nothing”. Left: Gene waits for a signal from the show’s director. Shown here with guitar player, Joel Key . Right: Gene with two of his favorite people, Lorianne Crook & Charlie Chase .



### **OH,WHAT A NIGHT!**

August 26, 2009 (Nashville, TN) – It was standing room only at Douglas Corner when super songwriters/session players band, 45RPM, hosted guests Gene Watson, Rhonda Vincent and Billy Yates as they debuted songs from Gene’s just released album, *A Taste of the Truth*. Many of the 45RPM band were involved in the making of the album. Gene’s producer, Dirk Johnson, plays keyboard for the band. Lead singers, Jimmy Melton and Joanie Keller Johnson provided vocals as part of the Farewell Party Choir and steel player, Mike Johnson played on several tracks. 45 RPM band manager, Cyndi Forman was also in the Farewell Party Choir - which you can hear on the song “We’ve Got A Pulse.” The 45 RPM band performs the last Wednesday of the month at the Douglas Corner venue in Nashville and they play ONLY classic country songs. Be sure to add this show to your travel plans when coming to Nashville!

Naturally the crowd at Douglas Corner didn’t let Gene Watson offstage without performing a few of his classic hits. You can see a performance of Gene singing “Farewell Party” at Douglas Corner on Raymond Glenn’s Gene Watson YOUTUBE channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/GeneWatsonSongs>

Raymond lives in Ireland and says “I first saw Gene perform in Belfast, N. Ireland Tuesday, June 12, 1979 at The Wellington Hall. I've been listening to and collecting country music for over 40 years and have a wide range of artists but of course Gene Watson is the artist who still tops the list with his distinctive voice and quality. I would be certain that I have everything that Gene recorded in his long career and have gathered together approximately 70-100 video performances, many of these are going back a number of years and are very rare, even some that Gene himself may not recall.” Check out the great YouTube videos on [GeneWatsonSongs](http://www.youtube.com/user/GeneWatsonSongs) today!



**TAKE THIS GROUP ON THE ROAD!**

Left: It's just a fantasy but wouldn't this be a fun group to see at a concert ? Gene Watson, Jeannie Seely and Debbie and Carrie Moore of the duo, Moore & Moore.

Carrie Moore (far right) also works as Gene's and Jeannie's booking agent so there's a good possibility this "group" might be able to get a few tour dates!

This FUN group was backstage at the Country Classics Opry September 10<sup>th</sup> where Jeannie Seely was handling the hosting duties.

**No Payne, No Gain**

Right: Waylon Payne, son of country singer, Sammi Smith, met up with Gene backstage at the Opry on September 10, 2009. Waylon is not only a great singer and songwriter but a much in demand actor. He played Jerry Lee Lewis in *Walk The Line*, the Oscar winning movie about June Carter and Johnny Cash and has appeared in numerous television shows including CSI. Waylon is a huge Gene Watson fan!



**CD SIGNING AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY SHOP**

Below: Gene enjoyed meeting a long line of fans who came to meet him and purchase his latest release, *A Taste of the Truth*, at the Opry shop prior to Gene's performance on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

This unknown fan was the very first one in line and was pleased to visit with Gene and get the great man's autograph.

To join GENE WATSON, LARRY GATLIN, JIM ED BROWN, JEANNIE SEELY and CHUCK MEAD on a FUN, music filled cruise just click here for more information <http://www.oprycruise.net/>.

It will be a wonderful event full of opportunities to meet your favorite artists and hear very special performances!



# FAN SPOTLIGHT ON MARY-ANN M. (AKA MITZI!) FROM QUEBEC, CANADA



Mary-Ann brought 6 dozen roses to Gene both nights at his recent sold out shows in Canada!

Q: What is your hometown?

A: Bolton Centre, Quebec, Canada ( 20 minute drive to USA – Vermont border)

Q: When did you first hear Gene Watson

A: I only found out about Gene Watson approx 2 years ago. I would listen to Galaxy Classic Country music on TV & would hear this "VOICE" & get up from what I was doing & write down the singer of this wonderful "VOICE" - Gene Watson! I'd write the name of the song & which CD it was from. Well this went on for 4-5 months - I had pages & pages of his songs. Since my computer was not on internet I called Lance, my son in Western Canada at the time & asked him to go on his computer & please tell me who is Gene Watson- He did & told me that he was a country singer from Texas-So a month later it was my birthday- Lance sends me 3 Gene Watson CD's- Best birthday gift that I ever received !!!!!!! Current favorite album: *A Taste of the Truth!* Have played that over 100 times. I have collected 25 CDs, 1 DVD and still on the lookout for others I don't have. I'm very happy to have booked myself on the Opry Cruise coming up in January 2010!

Q: How many times have you seen Gene in concert?

A: I have seen 4 concerts in just over 1 year-

1st South Mountain, Ontario Aug. 2008 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloversville, New York Oct. 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> Colborne, Ontario Sept .1, 2009 ; 4<sup>th</sup> Colborne, Ontario Sept. 2, 2009

Q: What are your Top Five Gene Watson songs?

A: How can you ask this question? I love them all-

Now tell me- How many times did you purchase a CD from some other singer & only liked 1 or 2 songs on their CD- Well, pick up any Gene Watson CD- Every song on every CD is GREAT !!!!!!!

But if I must- #1 The Truth is I Lied ; #2 The Circus That You Call a Rodeo; #3 I Never Go Around Mirrors; #4 I Wonder How It Is In Colorado; #5 Taste of the Truth

Q: Tell us about your work and family.

A: Retired bank manager; widowed for 3 years (married same man 3 times in 47 years); 2 wonderful sons:

Terry is 50 (on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Staley Rogers birthday also! ). Lives next to me in the country and helps out on the farmette.

Lance is 48 – A Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer, just retired and now working in Yeravan, Armenia with the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe).

**Personal Note From Mary-Ann:** Thank you Gene for entertaining us with your "Voice" ! Thanks to the Farewell Party Band for always being so kind and friendly!



Photo Above: Gene is a huge fan of Little Jimmy Dickens and you can tell by the grin on Gene's face that "Tater" has just told Gene a good joke backstage at the Opry!

## AND THE WINNER IS ...

Our last contest question was:  
What Gene song title begins with "Come In Pretty Lady..."

The answer is "Where Love Begins"

The winner (name drawn at random) is...  
Eileen C. from Arizona

Congrats to Eileen who will receive a Gene Watson Tee Shirt.

NEW contest question: What is # 11 song title on the new Gene album, *A TASTE OF THE TRUTH?*

Send your answer to:  
[ARTIST@LytleMgMt.com](mailto:ARTIST@LytleMgMt.com)

Winner drawn at random from all correct entries - Deadline to enter: Oct. 30, 2009

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## ISN'T HE ADORABLE? Yes, both of 'em!

Jim Black (aka Paw Paw these days) and also Gene's ace piano man, is the proud grandfather here holding his very first grandchild, Jack Thomas Blackstock, born September 2, 2009. Jack is named for Jim's father who died in WWII when Jim was just 9 months old.

## TOUR DATES

### SEPTEMBER

26 Chickasha, OK

### OCTOBER

1 Paris, TX

3 OPRY – Nashville, TN

4 Pigeon Forge, TN

16 Lovelady, TX

17 Coupland, TX

24 Ada, OK

25 Branson, MO

26 Graham, TX

### November

20 Beaumont, TX

21 Ft. Worth, TX

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