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# GENE WATSON NEWS



Dear Friends,

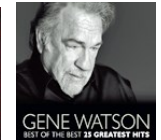
As the leaves begin to turn and we head into fall, I'm just reflecting on what a great summer we had. We went from Norway to Montana and to Colorado and Nevada and miles and miles in between. We really enjoyed each stop and if you also join us on Facebook, you probably saw us being tourists as we couldn't help but gawk at the beautiful scenery out West. The Snake River and the canyons were just amazing.



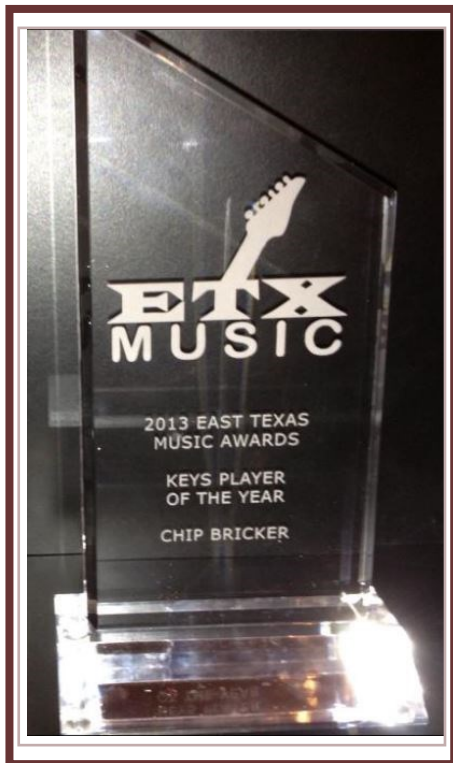
So what's up next you ask? Well I'm headed over to England and Ireland in October. Love the good people there and how much our UK and Irish fans love real country music. Might have to indulge in some fish & chips. But don't think I'll have any of that Black Pudding. If you don't know about Black Pudding, just look it up on the internet. Better you should do that than have me explain it here. Never know if children are reading this. 😊

I'm going to tape a new Country Family Reunion show in November. I'm told the theme for that will be God & Country so not sure yet what song I'll sing but I'm sure it will be a good show. I always enjoy the TV tapings and seeing so many old friends there.

Guess that's about all the news I can think of for now. Appreciate you staying in touch and coming to the shows. Sure enjoy seeing all of you there. Take care,



## Saluting.....



**Congratulations to Chip Bricker on being voted “Keys Player Of The Year”, receiving the honor and trophy at the 2013 East Texas Music Awards!**

**Gene Watson & Pete Sheesley at Boulder Station, Las Vegas. Pete is a 100% disabled combat veteran of the Iraqi wars. His message: “I have loved your music forever. When I was deployed to Iraq, I would listen to you after battle to calm & relax me. I can say that listening to you helped me to make it. I can't explain how much you mean to me. I am truly honored to be in the front row with my service dog.” Gene Watson and Mr. Sheesley met in the lobby before the show and after hearing Pete’s story Gene was humbled beyond mere words.**

**Thank you Pete Sheesley for your service!**



# Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band On Tour!



Marty Haggard, Moe Bandy and Gene Watson in McLeansboro, IL



Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band At Music Ranch Montana!



Gene Watson & the Farewell Party Band in Bedford, IN



Gene Watson & Johnny Lee at Washington Co. Fair



Jackpot, NV

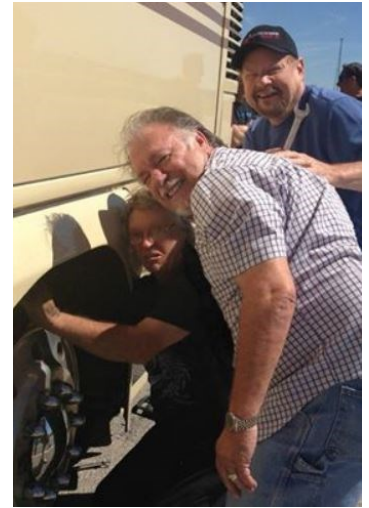


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## It Takes A Village To Change A Tire!



### September 14th – McLeansboro, IL Fall Festival

It took a village to get Gene Watson and the band TO and FROM the show but there were several heroes out that day when Gene's tour bus blew a tire just sixty miles from the venue. Many thanks to these Super Heroes: Donnie Watson, Moe Bandy, Larry Myers and Officer Steve. While Moe Bandy and his band stopped to assist, Donnie Watson (Gene's cousin and bus driver) changed the blown tire to the temporary tire. At the show, a fan, Larry Myers, offered up a new tire from his shop, then changed the tire himself and refused all payment. Officer Steve, of the McLeansboro police, escorted the ailing bus to Larry's personal shop and then led the tour bus to the proper exit. Here's a BIG thank you to them all!



## Fan Spotlight on **Debbie Bales Heath!**

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**Meet Debbie Bales Heath** who has the distinction of being the 25,000th person to “Like” the Gene Watson Music Facebook page and won a pink tee shirt and baseball cap!

**Where do you live?** Mansfield, Texas on six beautiful acres out in the country

**What is your occupation?** Contract administrator at the DFW Airport

**Tell us about your family:** Just my husband and I left at home. We play music together and we have three grown daughters between us, one in Dallas, Texas, one in Tokyo, Japan and one in Bedford, Texas

**Your hobbies?** Playing music in the Hill City Band and as a duo with my husband and drawing western artwork: [debbiebalesart.com](http://debbiebalesart.com)

**When did you first hear of Gene Watson?** When he came out with Love in the Hot Afternoon in 1975, right after I moved back to Texas. Always loved his voice and choice of songs since then.

**First Gene Watson concert?** Billy Bob’s Texas

**How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended?** Three

**Where is your favorite venue to see Gene Watson?** Stagecoach Ballroom in Ft. Worth

**How far have you traveled to a Gene Watson concert?** Well, being a Ft. Worth girl I never had to go too far

**Top 5 Gene Watson songs?** *“Nothing Sure Looked Good on You”, “Love in the Hot Afternoon”, “I Don’t Need a Thing at All”, “Farewell Party”, and “Should I Come Home”.*

**Anything else you’d like mention as a Gene Watson fan?** I just love how Gene Watson has stayed consistent after all these years. Still has a beautiful voice, calm demeanor and I love how he talks with the audience, how he dresses, and his steel guitar player.



# TOUR SCHEDULE

|               |                               |                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 4th   | Garner Performing Arts Center | Garner, NC                        |
| October 5th   | Tarheel Variety Theater       | Chocowinity, NC                   |
| October 6th   | Liberty Showcase Theater      | Liberty, NC                       |
| October 10th  | Butlins Resort                | Skegness, England                 |
| October 11th  | HAPPY BIRTHDAY GENE WATSON!   |                                   |
| October 11th  | The Circus Tavern             | Essex, England                    |
| October 12th  | Leeds Irish Center            | Leeds, England                    |
| October 14th  | Allingham Arms Hotel          | Bundoran,<br>Co. Donegal, Ireland |
| October 15th  | Armagh City Hotel             | Armagh, No. Ireland               |
| October 18th  | Lovelady Old Gym              | Lovelady, TX                      |
| October 26th  | Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall    | San Antonio, TX                   |
| November 1st  | Dosey Doe                     | The Woodlands, TX                 |
| November 2nd  | Reynolds Community Center     | Poteau, OK                        |
| November 7th  | Nelson's Music City           | Knob Lick, MO                     |
| November 8th  | Country Tonite Theater        | Pigeon Forge, TN                  |
| November 16th | Paragon Casino                | Marksville, LA                    |
| November 23rd | Auction Barn                  | Federalsburg, MD                  |
| December 6th  | High School Auditorium        | Bowling Green, MO                 |
| December 8th  | High School Theater           | Chillicothe, MO                   |



For specific information on a particular event please visit  
the Tour section of the official Gene Watson website

[www.GeneWatsonMusic.com](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com)

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 4th         | Jekyll Island Convention Center | Jekyll Island, GA  |
| February 14th       | Don Gibson Theater              | Shelby, NC         |
| February 15th       | Lenoir Community College        | Kinston, NC        |
| February 16th       | Cultural Center                 | Holly Springs, NC  |
| February 21st       | Milltown Music Hall             | Bremen, GA         |
| February 22nd       | Rodeheaver Boys Ranch           | Palatka, FL        |
| February 23-March 2 | CFR/LCD Cruise!                 | Cape Canaveral, FL |
| March 14th          | Hartselle High School Theater   | Hartselle, AL      |

## The Starlite Theatre—Branson, Mo. Sept 24-26



Gene with guitar great  
Jimmy Capps



Gene and good friend Larry Black



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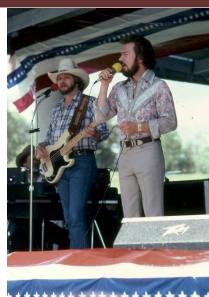
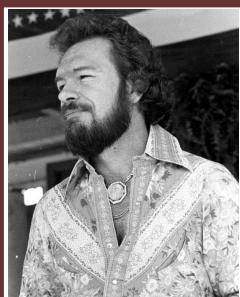


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## Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to **Judy Green** of **North Carolina** who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question:

**FILL in the blank line in this Gene Watson hit :**

“Don't be mad at me, for wanting to keep you  
Till my life on this old world is through  
You'll be free at the end of my farewell party

“

The answer: **“But I'll go away loving you.”**

The next Trivia Contest 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](mailto:GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com).

If you are reading this and not a registered member of the Gene Watson Fan Club, just sign up at [www.GeneWatsonMusic.com](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com). Only Fan Club Members get the Trivia Contest Question!