

Gene Watson Newsletter

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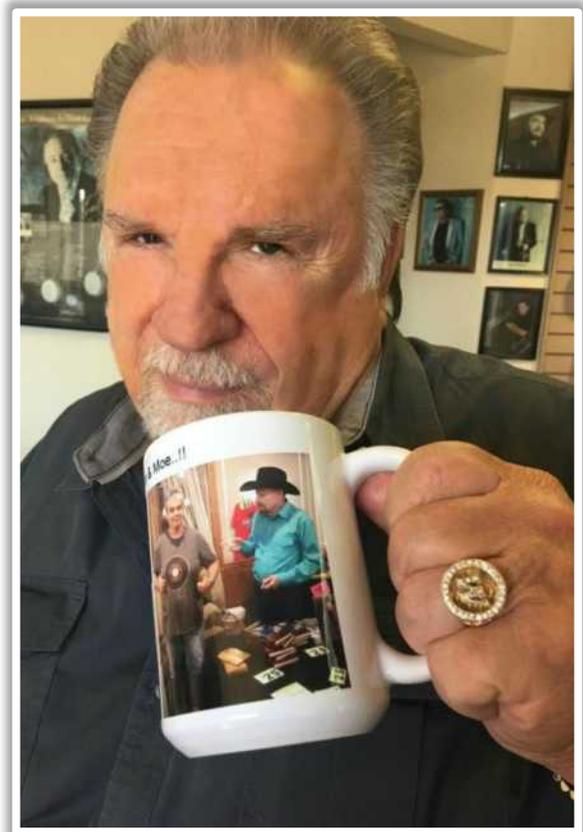
We have certainly enjoyed a wonderful year of touring and meeting our fans but as December winds down, we'll take a few weeks off to rest and re-energize. But hold on to your hats because come January, we start off with a bang on January 9th in Punta Gorda, FL and January 10th in Lake Placid, FL, then two days, January 11th and 12th in Weirsdale, FL. You can check more of our tour dates anytime on the website at

www.GeneWatsonMusic.com or on our Facebook page at

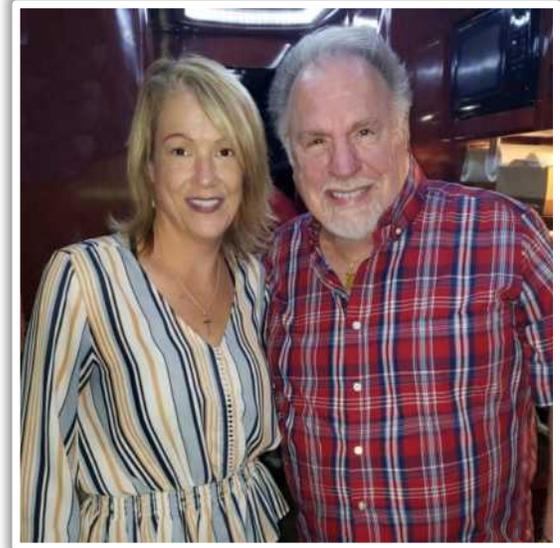
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Thank you for continuing to come to our shows and I look forward to seeing you in 2020. The band and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature of Gene Watson in black ink.



One of our longtime fans thought she'd be funny and give me this mug for my birthday. Don't know if you can see the image but the MUG SHOT is none other than my "friend", MOE BANDY. Hope I don't choke on my coffee !



Photos LEFT: On October 25th in Benton, KY at the Kentucky Opry, Gene was delighted and surprised to be honored as a KENTUCKY COLONEL, an award signed by the Kentucky Governor, Matthew G. Bevin. A long-time fan, Bill Cates, arranged for the award to be made and presented the plaque. The commission of Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky. It is recognition of an individual's noteworthy accomplishments.



Top Photo: The show in Newnan, GA on Oct. 11th was sponsored by real Country Music's supporter, Springer Mountain Farms Chicken. Representing the company here is the lovely SUSAN WADE who works with "The Chicken Man", Gus Arrendale. Do your mouth a favor and get you some Springer Mountain Chicken. It's good!



Grand Ole Opry!

It's always a special night when the show is at the Opry but there's something a bit magical about performing on the stage of the Ryman Auditorium. Gene's very first Opry performance at the age of 21 was on that stage. He was a guest of the Wilburn Brothers and after singing the Hank Williams song, "I Can't Help It If I'm Still In Love With You," he received a standing ovation! Gene says he was shaking and could barely think what to sing next so chose a Gospel standard which he believes was "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

Top Photo:

On November 1st, Gene and the band enjoyed a great night at the Ryman once again. Backstage they were able to visit with **John Schneider** who you all know well as "Bo Duke" from the very popular "Dukes of Hazzard" show. John had some great country hits including "I've Been Around Enough To Know."

Bottom Photo:

Gene always enjoys visiting with singer-songwriter, **Erin Enderlin**, and lead singer for Shenandoah, **Marty Raybon**. Erin was celebrating the release of her brand new album, *Faulkner County* and Marty announced that he and Shenandoah have signed with a new record label so they will be working on new music soon.





LEGENDS!

Did you know that **Dusty Hill** of the legendary band, **ZZ TOP**, is a Gene Watson fan? Dusty invited Gene and his band to a ZZ Top show and while visiting on Dusty's tour bus, Dusty pulled out his cell phone to show Gene that he warmed up each night before going onstage to Gene's "Farewell Party" song! Dusty is a Houston, Texas native so these two icons have much in common.



Gene and his Farewell Party Band members are shown here visiting with **Dusty Hill** on his bus – this is not a police line-up as it may first appear!

Left to right: Todd Hines (drums), Gene, Dusty Hill, Staley Rodgers (bass), Glen Rogers (piano) and Chad Phillips (guitar).

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER:

Congratulations to Wayne Bolon of San Luis Obispo, CA who correctly answered the question:

Name Gene Watson's favorite football team. Answer: Dallas Cowboys

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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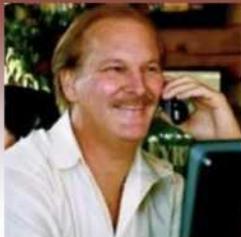
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