



Midnight Country

with Woody Adkins



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Woody's Weekly Wonderings

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After a show like this week's I typically spend most of WWWs pointing out all the obvious errors that were made. This week I will be lucky if I am even able to type. Why you ask? Well let's just say my arm is sore from beating the hel... I mean heaven out of myself. If you missed the show this week all I can say is thank God. ☺ Needless to say I was extremely embarrassed that I was not able to pull off the show that I had worked so hard on. Now I think I understand the saying you are only as strong as your weakest link and I'll be doggoned if this week my weakest link wasn't my external hard drive that holds all my music. Once I realized and accepted I was not going to be able to quickly remedy the situation and I went with plan B the show seemed to go okay. Of course my inner critic is still yelling and screaming in my ear "Boy did you screw up this week?" Well what my inner critic would find out if he would shut up long enough to listen is that in spite of it all you the Midnight Country Family still believed in what I try to do every week in spite of my imperfections and once again helped us reach our Midnight Country Membership Drive goal. After the show the Merle Haggard song came to mind "Someday We'll Look Back and Say It Was Fun." A couple of things happened Monday night that helped me cut myself some slack (don't tell my inner critic this). I ran into a friend of mine who works at a commercial radio station and he was telling about working recently and having the computer that two different stations played music from shutting down for a period of time. It even happens to the pros. ☺ Second I watched part of the show "The Most Outrageous Live TV Moments." I caught myself laughing my head off at the people making major blunders and having technical difficulties. I thought "Ya know Wood, it's not very nice to be laughing at these people, you were in the same boat earlier today." Of course my inner critic chimed in with a big "Amen." Well I guess if radio is all about keeping people on the edge of their seats then I bet this week's show was a big hit. At least it wasn't on TV and only Kelly, Gabriel and Jules actually saw me starting to melt down. One last thing and then I'm going to move on before I DO spend most of WWWs beating myself up. I did have a good laugh at one point during all of this Monday morning when my mentor called and told Kelly that in all his 42+ years of doing radio he never once had any problems with a computer. Yeah I know Ron. ☺ It looks like I need to start lugging all my CD's to the truck again...just in case.

I am still blown away by the faithful support of you the Midnight Country Family each Membership Drive. We once again reached our goal the first week and were just shy of our second week's goal. If my math is correct our grand total is \$417.50. Pretty dang good I would say considering it was not that long ago that I was lucky to get \$40-80 in pledges. I want to say a great big thank you to Marv & Royanne, Chris & Teri, Harold, Nicky and Nick for all coming through for the show this week in spite of my less than stellar performance. It makes the many hours I spend each week on the show worth it. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

As frustrated as I was Monday morning a phone call from a faithful listener put everything back in perspective and helped me realize how there are a lot more important things in life than what I was stressed about. Nicky called and told me the tragic news about another faithful listener Grant's great loss. Grant, Nicky said had lost his dog Dottie Dixie unexpectedly earlier in the weekend. Man oh man, it brought tears to my eyes as I talked with Nicky. I know how hard this must be for Grant. Nicky said "I knew you would understand having lost Bronco yourself." Though I've never met Grant I know

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Enjoy listening to **Midnight Country**? Tell a friend or two about the show. Enjoy reading **Woody's Weekly Wonderings** and want to share a copy with a friend? Let me know and I will include additional copies when mailing your copy.

Don't Miss the 5th Annual
Waylon Jennings Tribute Feb. 13th!



Prayer Requests Corner

(Never hesitate to send in your prayer requests)

Things to Pray About
Grant as he mourns the loss of **Dottie Dixie**.
June who has not been feeling well.
 The **Families** of the miners who lost their lives in the two recent tragedies.
Safety and health of all the **MC Family**.
Things to be Thankful For
 Anna Rose's new girl **Blossom**.
 A very successful **Membership Drive**

Spotlight Artist on the Feb. 6th Edition of MC



Gene Watson

Somethin' ta Think About
 A dog always offers unconditional love. Cats have to think about it!!!



Goldie says "Mear I'm waitin' to see if he feeds us!"

he is a great guy, with a big heart and a deep love for *real* Country Music. One of Grant's favorite artists is George Jones and though I was not play most requests this week I was glad I was able to find "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and send it out to Grant from Nicky. I am sooo sorry for your loss Grant. It hurts like hell, I know. Rest in peace Dottie Dixie. Ask St. Peter to point out Bronco and the Ol' Clark Outlaw, they'll be happy to show you around your new home there in Heaven.

We've got a lot to be thankful for here in the good Ol' USA. I was reminded of this as I listened to Kelly and Gabriel describe the horrible situation Gabriel left in southern Sudan. I would say without a doubt Gabriel came the farthest of anyone who has been a guest on the show. If you missed Kelly and my surprise, let me tell you about it. Of course my girlfriend Kelly was once again burning the midnight oil answering phones for me during the Membership Drive, but this week she has had a friend Gabriel from Tucson visiting and so he came up with Kelly to see how to do a radio show. Yeah I hear ya inner critic, I know instead he got to see how NOT to do a radio show. Now inner critic would you be quiet while I finish my story! Anyway after things settled down a bit on the show Kelly and I visited with Gabriel. Kelly told how Gabriel as just a child fled his war torn home in Southern Sudan with other young boys who came to be known as the "Lost Boys." Kelly then met Gabriel about five years ago when she still lived in Tucson. She helped Gabriel and many other refugees get adjusted to life in the US. I look forward to listening to the recording of the show, well at least that part. ☺

Kelly had told Gabriel about the Amish communities here in America and how they still use horses and buggies. So Tuesday Kelly and her parents took Gabriel up around Clark so he could see first this first hand. He was blown away seeing people use the kind of transportation he was used to back home. In Sudan they had no choice, but here the Amish choose that way of life. After this week's show I am seriously considering selling the truck and 'puters, moving to the top of a mountain and singing down into the hollers for all the bear's and deer's entertainment. It was great to have you on the show Gabriel, come back again and maybe next time I will be able to show you how TO do a radio show. I couldn't let Gabriel leave the station though without talking to Anna Rose. So when she called I had them visit a while. ☺ It is probably good he didn't have time to meet Anna Rose this trip since she probably would have served him some candy apples and he would have become hooked on them. I'm not sure Anna Rose is set up to ship out of state yet. I should point out that these here candy apples are technically cinnamon apples; ya know the red-hots kind. They taste like candy to me though.

Due to Monday morning's meltdown we will be spotlighting Gene Watson on the show this week. I'm going to have so many backup plans it may take a semi to haul everything. I'm even thinking of having diesel-powered generators standing by in case the lights go out. I may even have to borrow Ron's coal oil operated telephone. ☺

I really can't say Thank You enough to everyone who supports the show, both with your financial support and your moral support; it means the world to me. Thanks for bearing with your imperfect host. I guess if life were perfect there would be little for Country artists to sing about, huh? Nonetheless we really do try to pull the show off the best we can.

Have a great week & tune in Monday morning as we give Gene another try, Woody

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 (Now get back on track Woody!)



Gabriel & Kelly



Gabriel visiting Amish Country

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Little Known Facts About Your Host

Woody's real name is Woodrow Diehl Adkins. His Mom Betty Ann Diehl Adkins almost died giving birth to Woody. She had wanted Woody's everyday name to be Diehl, her maiden name, not Woodrow or Woody, but by the time she got home "Woody" had already stuck Now ya know. ☺



Woody's Mom in Sept. 1968