



Midnight Country

with Woody Adkins



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Hank Williams III



Woody's Weekly Wonderings

June 14, 2006

Well I was pleased with the feedback regarding this week's spotlight artist. Though I never get a ton of feedback, what I did get was positive. I had a few requests for Hank III and some people said they were glad we had him in the spotlight. I was not too nervous about playing outside the box so to speak because I knew his Country stuff is real Country. As for what he does in concert I have tried to let people know what to expect as well. I still believe his Country set is well worth the price of the ticket. I hope there is a good turnout and the Blue Note realizes it is partly due to Midnight Country. We had no paid underwriting and no tickets to give away to the show. Our only incentive was to spotlight a real Country artist as we try to do every week on MC. I still dream of the day when Midnight Country can be the primary sponsor for a Classic or Traditional Country artist who then sells out whatever venue they are playing. I believe it can happen if we keep plugging away doing what we're doing every week.

Some weeks as I go in to do the show I am rather discouraged. I try to mask that as best I can when on the air, but I often share how I am feeling here in WWWs. This past week was one of those weeks for some reason, though I'm not totally sure why. I tell ya what though by about 1:30 I was flying high. I had at least one first time caller and calls from some of the regulars who I had not heard from in a while. To say I don't eat up hearing from everyone would be like saying whales don't enjoy being in the ocean. I've told ya before I am addicted to hearing from you all. Thankfully there are some who call every week; otherwise I might go into withdrawals right on the air. I might even have to start calling the show myself. I don't think you want me to lose my grip on reality and slip into a world of fantasy. It is hard telling what might come out over the air. If my fantasy world started mixing with the show I might start visiting on the air with Hank Sr., Patsy Cline or Jimmie Rodgers. I might start having a co-host named Ron and change the name of the show to Ron & Woody's Ranch. I might get the big head and start to think thousands of people are listening and totally miss the phone when it did ring. ☺ Boy as great as it would be to visit with those Country legends and to co-host the show with the legendary Ron Lutz, I don't think you would really want me to lose touch with reality. Why? Well there are some things in my fantasy world that could get me in trouble, like having a dog and two cats in the studio with me, not that Ron would mind. No fantasy world would be complete without Bronco, Mear and Goldie there with me and don't forget Kelly's crew too. Fantasy or not I'd bet there would be some dog and cat hair left behind as evidence to be held against me. ☺ I don't think I have to worry too much about losing touch with the real world as long as you all keep calling me every week as so many of you did this week. Thank ya, thank ya very much.

This week the spotlight will be on a theme instead of an artist, the theme, of course, Father's Day. One other thing that would take place in my fantasy world would be this. As I did the Father's Day show KOPN would reach all the way to Rural Route 1, Brashear, Missouri. A rugged, tough, hardworking farmer would be sitting in his lazy boy chair next to the east window. He would reach over on turn on the radio at Midnight to hear his boy on the radio. Tears would come to his eyes as he heard "Here's a song that always reminds me of my Dad Harold Adkins who is listening tonight on the farm east of Kirksville." He would holler to Mom back in the bedroom "Betty, Woody's playing that "Where Corn Don't Grow" song for me on the radio. Mom would come in and listen with Dad. She'd say something like "Remember when he used to set up all his stuff and play radio here in the



The Spotlight Theme on the June 19th Edition of MC Father's Day

(Note: Songs will not be limited to this theme, but most of what is played in the first three hours will be songs about Dads.)



Dad & I in the early 90's



Prayer Requests Corner

Things to Pray About

MC Family member Kevin Burns' brother **Kent**.
MC Family member **Cindy** who lost her mom in April.
June's brother-in-law **Daniel** has been dealing with severe nosebleeds.
June's daughter Theresa's boyfriend, **Joe** had surgery for a hemorrhage close the brain and has

been dealing other health concerns.
Safety and health of all the MC Family.

Things to be Thankful For

June's new **great-granddaughter**.
(Never hesitate to send in your prayer requests)
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middle of the floor?" Dad would then say "Yeah I remember, Betty call Woody up and tell him 'Thanks for the song' and that we're proud of him." Of course in reality and in this life this can never be more than a fantasy. Mom died sixteen years and Dad three years before I ever made that call to KOPN and started turning the radio dream into reality. Some days I think perhaps they know I finally made my dream come true, other days I feel that awful panic I remember as a boy when I would think about the prospect of life without Mom and Dad. I remember thinking if something happened to one of them I would run screaming into the field and lose my mind. To reword a favorite song title of mine, *if it weren't for Country Music I would have gone crazy. I do try to keep in mind when doing both the Mother's Day and Father's Day shows that not all who listen have lost their parents, though I am sure it is not hard to figure out from listening that I have lost mine. Lately I have been thinking as much as I wish my folks were still living, there are orphans all around the world who have never know the love of a parent due to a variety of reasons such as war, famine, disease, etc. I am thankful for the time I did have with my folks and wonder if there are ways I should be reaching out to those who have never known a father's love.

Now that I have half of you bawling and the other half rolling your eyes thinking "Boy he really is nuts", we'll move on. Don't forget Sunday Noon to 3:00 PM as we cover once again Root'n Toot'n Radio for the Radio Ranger. I am thinking it could be a pretty busy show. I have asked my friend Gina to come in and help answer the phones. Kelly may be up at some point too, but I don't want to take her from spending time with her dad Marvin. I will probably plan to play a few Father's Day songs, but will save the bulk of them for Midnight Country. Of course you will be able to call and request anything you'd like, including a song for your dad if you like. Just make sure Pops gets a nap in at 3:00 so he will be able to stay up all night for MC. ☺

This week's WWWs seems to have been a breeze to write. I wonder if Dad and my boy Bronco are up above pulling strings to make my fingers fly over the keyboard. Not having any 'human' children and with my Golden Retriever Bronco dying this past year, I have been keenly aware of how much Bronco and my two cats Mear and Goldie mean to me. I am on an e-mail list for the Denver Broncos merchandise store. A few days ago I got an e-mail with items on sale for Father's Day. One of the items was a t-shirt with the Bronco head and then underneath the words "Broncos Dad". Needless to say I could not hold the tears back. Sure there was no ' between o and s, but that didn't make any difference to me. In fact I am going to order one and it will make no difference what people think when I wear it, after all I AM Bronco's Dad and I miss him as much today as I did on November 19th of last year.

Though my folks are gone, the Good Lord has seen fit to put some special Father and Mother figures in my life. I want to say a BIG Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day to one such person Mr. Ron Lutz who is 39 and holding as of today June 14th. I also want to say Happy Father's Day to Kelly's dad Marvin, thanks for sharing your sweet daughter with me. ☺ Of course I send all my love and a REALLY BIG Happy Father's Day out to Dad (Harold) who is keeping watch over his grandson Bronco as he is still chasing the Easter Bunny over the hills of Glory. ☺ Thanks for the e-mail with the shirt I'm gonna order Bronco!

Have a good weekend and tune in Monday AND Sunday for some real Country, Woody
*(If It Weren't For Country Music) I'd Go Crazy by Duane Michaels on his CD "Ladies Choice"

The Ol' Midnight Country Depot



(Information provided by MC Family member Conductor Chip)

Arrivals

June 8, 1940: **Nancy Sandra Sinatra** in Jersey City, NJ
June 9, 1915: **Les Paul** in Waukesha, WI
June 12, 1932: **Charlie Feathers** (rockabilly pioneer) in Slayden, MS [Departure: Aug. 29, 1998 in Memphis, TN]
June 14, 1909: **Burl Ives** Huntington Township, Jasper County, IL [Departure: Apr. 14, 1995 in Anacortes, WA]

Departures

June 10, 1998: **Steve Sanders** (Oak Ridge Boys) [Arrival: Sept. 17, 1952 in Richland, GA]
June 10, 2004: **Ray Charles** in Beverly Hills, CA [Arrival: Sept. 23, 1930 in Albany, GA]
June 10, 1979: **John Wayne** (born Marion Michael Morrison) [Arrival: May 26, 1907 in Winterset, IA]

Last Week's Spotlight Artist A & D:

Arrival: Dec 12, 1972: **Hank Williams III** in Nashville, TN

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Tune in

Father's Day

Sunday June 18th
Noon to 3:00 PM

As Woody
Guest Hosts
Root'n Toot'n
Radio!



FYI: Four out of five redneck dentists who chew gum enjoy listening to Midnight Country while chewing their gum. This according to the RNDAA (The Redneck Dental Association of America) ☺

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