



Midnight Country

with *Woody Adkins*



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Woody's Weekly Wonderings

August 9, 2006

Is it just me or does it seem rather strange that I was playing a request for "Crazy" by Patsy Cline as we went off the air at about 2:53 AM this week? If you were still listening at that time you no doubt wondered what the heck happened. No it wasn't the computer this time. ☺ The transmitter kicked off and we were no longer sending out a signal. I wasn't able to get it turned back on so I called the General Manager David Owens and woke him up ☹. David went to the transmitter and discovered we had lost power there. David called and waited for Boone Electric to come out. Two hours later we were back on the air just before 5:00. Apparently a coon had shorted us out, poor guy. I was talking to Ron on Monday afternoon explaining what had happened; of course he knew from experience what had most likely happened. He made the comment "Why do these things keep happening during the best show on KOPN? Why doesn't it happen during one of those shows that play all that racket?" ☺ I had told David about the computer acting up again earlier in the show this week, he said "You seem to be a magnet lately for technical things to go wrong; it must be because you're able to deal with it." It gets frustrating to say the least. This week the phones were busy right up until we went off the air. In fact I was talking to a caller who I'd not heard from in a while when I said "Man, I've got to go, the transmitter just kicked off!" Please know I had no way of knowing this was about to happen or I would certainly have let you know before hand.

This reminds me of something that happened a few years back when I was running the air board during NPR's Diane Rehm Show. Anyway this particular day the transmitter kicked off and I immediately called the transmitter to try and turn it back on. As I was doing this though another line was ringing so I hung up and answered the call. The listener said "I sure wish you would have given us some warning before you cut into a very interesting interview and started playing music." Depending on where you live you may have heard other stations bleeding through when we went off the air Monday. So what the guy most likely heard was the Stephens College station bleeding into our signal path. I politely, but perhaps sounding a little irritated told the gentleman "I am not playing music, the station is off the air and I can't get it turned back on while I am on the phone with you." So if between Midnight and 5:30 AM you ever start to hear something besides real Country you can bet one of three things have happened. First, someone has broken into and taken over the station, second, the transmitter has gone down and you're hearing another station bleeding through or third I have lost my mind and started playing Pop Country. They say just because you are paranoid doesn't mean someone isn't really out to get you. I'm starting to wonder. Perhaps there is a Pop Country Mafia who has infiltrated the KOPN computer and is trying to wear me down until I give up and start playing Big and Rich. Ron has another theory; he said the computer seems to always act up during his favorite songs. He thinks perhaps the computer is paying him back for all the times he has said bad things about computers. ☺ There must be some kind of conspiracy going on, I'm just not sure why or who is behind it.

Boy it is staying hot ain't it? Goodness! I think my electric bill is trying to compete with my gas bills during the winter. I hope it cools off for Friday and next Tuesday. Friday evening I am planning to run up to Mexico and attend the Little Dixie Shrine Club's 2nd Annual Bluegrass and Country Festival. I was hoping to announce it a few more times on the show this week, but I'm glad I did the two times I was able to. It really was unusual how I ran across the ad. I was eating lunch at my local

September 11, 2006

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The Spotlight
Artist
on the
August 14th
Edition of MC

**Ricky
Skaggs**



MC Prayer Corner



Things to Pray About

Woody's good friend **George's mom** is dealing with very serious health issues. Please keep George, his mom, dad and his siblings in your prayers. MC Family member Kevin Burns' brother **Kent** though improved continues to need our prayers. **Safety and health of all the MC Family.**

Hang in there my friends.

Things to be Thankful For

June's daughter **Susan's** health has improved!
Life in a free Country.
 Such a great **MC Family.**
 (Never hesitate to send in your prayer requests and things you are thankful for)
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grocery store's deli and on the table was a copy of the Twin Rivers Trading Post paper. To be honest with you I had never heard of it before. Now my brother Dean knows all those papers since he is always keeping his eye open for farm machinery, but I rarely pick them up. I tend to like to keep busy and so with no TV to watch like when I eat at home I thought I'd flip through this paper. Of course the word "Country" catch my eye. ☺ As for next Tuesday if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise, Kelly and I are planning to go to the Missouri State Fair. I actually think we could still make it even if the creek does rise. It would take a heck of a rain to flood the Missouri over I-70. George Jones and Pam Tillis will be playing that night. I saw George at the Montgomery County Fair a few years ago. It will be nice to see him again.

As you know Tuesday was Election Day here in Missouri. My brother Dean was running in the Primary for Adair County Clerk on the Republican ticket. Adair County includes Kirksville, Novinger and my official hometown of Brashear. Growing up it was strange we had a Kirksville phone and a Brashear address. We were about an equal distance from the two. Though Dean didn't win I know he gave his opponent a run for their money. Way to go Dean! Now that the election is over I have a little story to tell. Back around the 4th of July I was talking to my niece DeeAnna, Dean's daughter. They were making preparation for a couple of parades Dean was going to be in. I said I wasn't sure I should come up and be in the parades. I said I didn't want to hurt Dean's campaign since people might judge him by his redneck, hillbilly, hippie of a brother. I could just see me being the next Billy Carter or Roger Clinton. ☺ I was just kidding around with her, but ya never know. I guess it would be cool to have a beer named after me like Billy Carter did. I can just see it though, people would get pulled over and say "It is all Woody's fault" or come home drunk and said "Woody got me drunk." My goodness, on second thought I'm not sure it would be so "cool", I already feel responsible for things I had nothing to do with. ☺

I hope the computer issues may have been resolved. I talk to David and we decided to try using a computer I had here at home in addition to the one I normally use. Hopefully this second computer can handle some of the tasks and not overwhelm the original computer. We'll see, keep your fingers crossed. This isn't a long-term solution, but will hopefully buy us some time until the station gets a new computer for the air room. Something had to be tried since the computer has been acting up on several people this week.

This week I will be spotlighting Ricky Skaggs. I will be focusing primarily on his Country material, but no doubt some of what Ron selects and what I play with be pretty Bluegrass. Most weeks we play a few songs that are more Bluegrass than Country, but this week it may be a few more than normal. I crack up when I hear BG Brown on the High Lonesome Sound playing Bluegrass versions of songs I have always thought of as Country.

Thanks for sticking with me through thick and thin. One of these days my hair will turn completely gray from all the worrying I do trying to pull off a decent Country show. I hope some weeks you feel like we have succeeded in our mission.

Have a good weekend, maybe this week I'll scrap the computer and use my uncle's pen ☺, Woody

Arrivals

- Aug. 5, 1943: **Sammi Smith** (Jewel Fay Smith) in Orange, CA [Departure: Feb. 12, 2005 in Oklahoma City, OK]
- Aug. 8, 1932: **Mel Tillis** (Lonnie Melvin Tillis) in Tampa, FL
- Aug. 8, 1939: **Philip E. Balsley** (Statler Brothers baritone) in Augusta County, Virginia

Departures

- Aug. 5, 1968: Luther Perkins (Johnny Cash guitarist) in Nashville, TN [Arrival: Jan. 8, 1928 in Tennessee]
- Aug. 7, 1971: Henry Haynes (aka Homer of Homer & Jethro) in Chicago, IL [Arrival: July 27, 1920 in Knoxville, TN]

Last Week's Spotlight Artist A & D:

- Aug. 5, 1934: **Vern Gosdin** in Woodland, AL

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(Information provided by MC Family member Conductor Chip)

The ***Real** Country Concert Calendar

August 15th
George Jones, Pam Tillis
 Missouri State Fair
 Sedalia, MO
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