



# Midnight Country

with *Woody Adkins*



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## Woody's Weekly Wonderings

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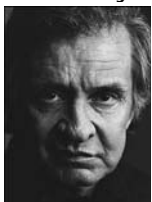
It felt weird not writing a WWWs last week. I've had busier, more stressful weeks, but for some reason last week just got away from me. I usually get it started on WWWs early in the week even if I don't finish it until later in the week. Last week neither happened. I sometimes wonder how important WWWs are to you all. I know one reader has kept all the WWWs she has received in a notebook. Another reader suggested I stop writing them altogether or at least cut back. I suppose writing them benefits me as much and more than it benefits anyone else. I guess I'll keep on keeping on.

As I mentioned on the show Kelly and I went to the Missouri State Fair last week. The weather was just right, not too hot or too cool. Kelly enjoyed the exotic animal petting zoo. I saw a shaggy sheep and felt at home. ☺ We saw the Budweiser Clydesdales as they got ready and then took off throughout the fair grounds. It was so funny; after they lifted the Dalmatian up onto the wagon he went to the back and lay down. I got a good picture of him. Once they started moving he stood up. Kelly enjoyed the crafts building, I enjoyed the opportunity to get off my feet while she looked around. I bought a Broncos' ring in the commercial building. A couple years ago I had bought a Broncos' license plate for my truck window. We ate supper before going into the concert. I thought the food was rather pricey. I had a \$6 tenderloin I could have had at Lucy's for \$4 and Lucy's would have been bigger. Kelly said "They have a captive audience in here, you don't have much choice, pay it or go without." I'm just glad I don't drink anymore. I think I saw beer in the concert was over \$4 and the size it was would have taken me all of 30 seconds to drink. ☺

I tell you what, we lucked out with our tickets. I had not bought them ahead of time because I wasn't sure it was going to work out to go. When we got to the fair grounds we stopped at the ticket booth. I expected our only choice would be in the grandstands. The woman said they had just had some 5<sup>th</sup> row, center section, track seats released. I figure some hotshot pop Country station had some left over or something. ☺ Anyway I was pleasantly surprised. It would have been hard to even get seats that good the day the tickets went on sale. I gladly paid the extra \$8 to have such good seats. Let me tell ya I do have my priorities right, I might complain about a \$6 tenderloin, but when it comes to seeing a real Country artist well \$25 is pretty darn cheap. Now I'm sure if George had known we were there he would have had us sitting on the stage. I hear ya, "Yeah right Woody, what fantasy world do you live in?" ☺ It doesn't hurt to dream I guess. The reality of being on the 5<sup>th</sup> row was good enough for this redneck. It was funny, after we sat down a young couple came by our row looking for their seats, they kept looking and double-checking their tickets. Like us they had just bought their tickets earlier that day and could not believe their seats were that good. Pam Tillis put on a good show. Kelly really enjoyed her. Kelly was impressed that two of her musicians were females. I got some decent pictures of Pam, but for some reason most of my pictures of George were pretty dark. There has to be some setting on my digital camera that would have taken better pictures. I tried not to stress out about it, but to just chill out and enjoy George. He put on a great show. The couple behind us who had obviously had a few of the \$4+ beers kept yelling "Sing He Stopped Loving Here Today." It was getting rather annoying and so I was glad when he finally sang it. ☺ I'm not sure what they thought the odds were that he wouldn't sing it. Perhaps they just wanted him to hurry before they passed out. Of course if I still drank I would have made them look like they

September 11, 2006

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Man In Black  
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The Spotlight Artists  
on the  
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Freddy Fender



Freddie Hart

MC Prayer Corner



Things to Pray About

Woody's good friend George's mom **Esther Edwards** passed away. Please keep George, his dad Frank and George's 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.

Things to be Thankful For

**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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were whispering. After all "He Stopped Loving Here Today" is my all time favorite song. For years I wanted it played at my funeral. I just hope Kelly doesn't break my heart or I might have to put it back on my list. ☹ The song is, I must admit, rather depressing, but in the past I've spent more than one night on Depression Avenue.

I think the thing that impressed me most was how many young people were at the concert. Why Nashville thinks teenagers only want to hear that pop Country I do not know. As we were leaving I told a kid who was probably about 13 or 14, "When you are my age you will be able to say you saw George Jones." I continued and said "Now that was real Country, Big and Rich ain't Country." I'm sure he thought I'd had one too many of those \$4+ beers. ☺

Well the James Hand concert here in Columbia didn't materialize. It means another trip to Kansas City to get my real Country fix. Hopefully one of these days we'll start getting more of the artists I play on the show here in Columbia. Kelly and I were talking about how cool it would be to get George Jones here to play at Jesse Auditorium. I think I will need a little more pull and a few more connections than I currently have to see that happen.

This week I want to spotlight two Freddie's, I mean Freddy's, wait that ain't right, well never mind, one is spelled "ie" and the other "y". I think it has been years since anyone had spelled my name Woodie, I just wish people would spell Adkins without a "t". Anyhow I want to spotlight Freddie Hart and Freddy Fender. I really don't have enough Freddie Hart to spotlight him by his self, so I figure what the heck, let's spotlight two Fredd...ie...y's. ☺ Remember you may have to waste your days listening to pop Country, but you sure don't have to waste your nights listening to it, at least not Sunday night, Monday mornings. ☺

Have a good weekend, remember I love to hear from you all, it makes my night ☺, Woody



*The Ol' Midnight Country Depot*

Arrivals

- Aug. 19, 1966: **Lee Ann Womack** in Jacksonville, Texas
- Aug. 20, 1924: **Jim Reeves** in Galloway, TX [Departure: July 31, 1964 in Nashville, TN]
- Aug. 20, 1935: **Justin Tubb** (Ernest Tubb's oldest son) in San Antonio, TX
- Aug. 20, 1952: **Rudy Gatlin** (of The Gatlin Brothers) in Olney, TX
- Aug. 21, 1938: **Kenny Rogers** in Houston, TX
- Aug. 21, 1939: **James Burton** (Country picker ) in Shreveport, LA
- Aug. 21, 1939: **Harold W. Reid** (of The Statler Brothers) in Augusta County, VA
- Aug. 22, 1957: **Holly Dunn** in San Antonio, TX
- Aug. 23, 1917: **Tex Williams** Ramsey, IL [Departure: Oct. 11, 1985]

Departures

- Aug. 18, 2004: **Charlie Waller** (founder of the Country Gentlemen bluegrass picker) in Gordonsville, VA [Arrival: Jan 19, 1935 in Jointerville, TX]
- Aug. 19, 1979: **Dorsey Burnette** (rockabilly star) in Canoga Park, CA [Arrival: Dec 28, 1932 in Memphis, TN]
- Aug. 21, 1975: **Sam McGee** (Country guitarist) in Franklin, TN [Arrival: May 1, 1894 in Franklin, TN]
- Aug. 22, 2003: **Floyd Tilman** in Bacliff, TX [Arrival: Dec. 8, 1914 in Ryan, OK] **Last Week's Spotlight Artist A & D:**  
Arrival: Oct. 5, 1938: **Johnny Duncan** in Dublin, TX [Departure: Aug. 14, 2006 in Fort Worth, TX]

(Information provided by MC Family member Conductor Chip)

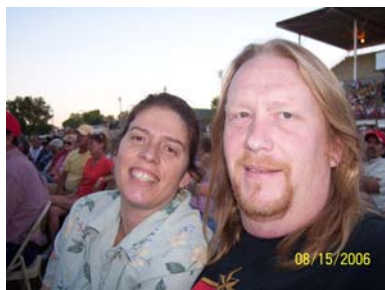
**The \*Real Country Concert Calendar**

September 9<sup>th</sup>  
**James Hand**  
Knuckleheads  
Kansas City, MO  
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\*If it ain't Country, I ain't listin' it! ☺



Getting Ready for George



My kind of sheep

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