



# Midnight Country

with Woody Adkins



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### Woody's Weekly Wonderings

August 30, 2006

I enjoyed both Freddie Hart and Freddy Fender as the Spotlight Artists this week. I think it works out okay to spotlight two artists. We have done this a few times now. I think it is better to do that than to not ever spotlight someone because I don't have enough of their music to spotlight just them. At the other extreme are artists like Johnny and Waylon who I have an abundance of and whose music we barely even get started playing when we do an entire 5 1/2 hour show! I think we do a pretty decent job all things considered. If KOPN were a fulltime Country station you would expect us to have more to choose from. Even with all the Country KOPN does have I think it is still safe to say the majority of what I play is from my own collection.

You probably get tired of hearing me talk about KOPN Membership Drives and supporting Midnight Country. Yet did you know there is a way you can support the show that won't cost you a dime, only a little time? As you know on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny Cash Tribute. These types of special shows are the perfect opportunity to tell people about Midnight Country. How is this supporting the show you ask? Well the more people who are listening the more people there are who I can ask to consider supporting the show during Membership Drives. Then if everyone does their part the burden will not be too great on any one person or persons.

I know as you tell people about the Special and the show in general some will react with a look that says "Are you nuts? I'm never up that late!" Yet there may be someone out there who would love to have a show like MC to listen to. I know Midnight Country has meant a lot more to people than I may ever know. Eleanor and the Ol' Clark Outlaw both come to mind. Eleanor died of cancer on Thanksgiving night 2003. I like to think MC brought her some peace during her final days. The Ol' Clark Outlaw loved listening to the show. He might have appeared to have a tough exterior, but nothing made his night more than sending an Ol' Gospel song out to his mom. I know of one current listener whose sister is dying of cancer. She has told me how much the show means to her as she deals with the pain of watching her sister die. She mentioned the songs about Jesus have been particularly comforting to her. The show really isn't about money to me, though, of course, it takes money to keep the station on the air. The show is about touching people's lives with a style of music so many people, myself included, can relate to. So yeah maybe more people listening would mean more potential supporters of the show, but it would also mean more hurting, lonely people would have an opportunity to find some comfort in an old Country song. If I were wealthy I would make a deal with KOPN. I would say "What is your goal for my show? Whatever it is I will donate double that amount, then with your permission I won't even mention the Membership Drive on my show." Of course that is just a fantasy, I'm not wealthy. On the other hand perhaps it is better to ask you to support the show. I know from experience when I have had to work hard to get something I have placed more value and pride in whatever it was than when something was just given to me. This is no doubt true of Midnight Country for me. If I ever do get a day or evening time slot I will value it much more than had I walked in and started out during the day or evening. Of course I think there is a place for both a day/evening show and the existing show. ☺ The night time show fills a place in people's lives a day/evening show wouldn't. I hope when it is all said and done, when Midnight Country is no more, that people will have fond memories of the show. I hope people will look back and say "That show really meant something special to me, it filled an

September 11, 2006  
"The 4th Annual  
Johnny Cash Tribute"



Gone, but not forgotten.



The Spotlight Artist on the September 4th Edition of MC



Reba McEntire



Some of this new Country makes Woody sick!

**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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important place in my life, it made the nights a little shorter and a little less lonely." So think about it, even though financial support is vital to the show, perhaps your telling someone about the show will meet a vital need in their life. All I ask is that you support the show anyway you can, you'll be proud of the results and feel good about what you have accomplished.

Speaking of someone who discovered the show at night. It was great visiting with Ron on the show this week. Someday down the line you may tune into KOPN and some amateur wannabe DJ will be visiting with a guy named Woody Adkins who did a show on KOPN for twenty years. You will then recall years before that night when the tables were turned and Woody was the amateur wannabe DJ stumbling around talking to the Legendary Ron Lutz. Of course this unnamed amateur DJ won't be as lucky visiting with me, since I won't ever be considered a legend, but hopefully by then I will at least be a little less tongue tied than I sometimes get when talking to Ron. I greatly value, more than Ron will ever know, the conversations he and I have on the show. So when we do visit I always try to keep him on the phone as long as I can. ☺ Thank you Ron, thank you so much.

My friend George and I were at Country Kitchen Tuesday evening shooting the bull and feeding our faces. As we were paying and getting ready to leave a lady commented on the new George Jones t-shirt I was wearing. I asked her if she is ever up late and when she said she is, well of course you know the rest of the story. I didn't have any cards on me so I wrote the web site address and KOPN 89.5 FM on a matchbook. I hope she checks out the web site and then the show.

I have no idea where the summer has gone, in fact I have no idea where the last 43 years have gone. I used to get annoyed when I would hear the saying "Time sure flies the older you get", but the older I get, the more it makes sense. As you know I am a Denver Broncos fan, in fact I have been since 1978. Boy that sounds like a lifetime ago. Anyway how I ended up a Broncos' fan is discussed in earlier WWWs so I won't repeat it here. Awhile back I mentioned to you I would be going to Colorado sometime this summer with my sister to help her with the driving on her trip. She had asked me knowing I might like to see Denver, home of the Broncos. I only recall seeing from a distance one time the old Mile High Stadium and I have never seen the Broncos play in person. We have been planning to make the trip during the week so I wouldn't miss a show. We finally narrowed it down to leaving on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, after the Johnny Cash Tribute. I made the mistake of looking at the Broncos' schedule and then I made a second mistake of telling Kelly the Broncos would be hosting the Chiefs the Sunday after I was there. Since then Kelly has been urging me to take advantage of being in Colorado and to go to the game. She knows how big of a Broncos fan I am, she even said "Bronco would want you to go." So I'm seriously thinking about trying to pull it off. It means I will need to prerecord a show and find someone willingly to hang out at the station all night to play it. It also means I won't be there to play your requests that night. As best I can recall I have never planned ahead of time and then taken a week off from doing the show. The times I have missed have always been last minute decisions, once due to a minor car wreck on the way in to do the show. I took another week off following the death of my step mom Virginia and again when the Ol' Clark Outlaw died. When Bronco died I took two weeks off. Life is flying by, I think I should probably take the time to stop on smell the Rocky Mountain air and see the team I named my boy after. When you divide the cost of the ticket by 28 years it really won't be that much. ☺ I'll keep you posted on what I decide to do.

This week I will be spotlighting Reba, focusing primarily on her early material. Should be another great show. Don't forget to tell everyone you know about the Johnny Cash Special!

Have a good weekend and tune in to hear Anna Rose's current favorite "Little Rock" ☺, Woody

<p><b>The Ol' Midnight Country Depot</b></p>	<p><b>Arrivals</b></p> <p>Aug. 24, 1897: <b>Fred Rose</b> (Country songwriter) in Evansville, IN [Departure: Dec. 1, 1954 in Nashville, TN]                  Aug. 25, 1961: <b>Billy Ray Cyrus</b> in Flatwoods, KY                  Aug. 25, 1970: <b>Jo Dee Messina</b> in Framingham, MA                  Aug. 27, 1925: <b>Carter Stanley</b> (Bluegrass guitarist) in McClure, VA [Departure: Dec. 1, 1966 in Bristol, VA]                  Aug. 27, 1949: <b>Jeff Cook</b> (of Alabama) in Fort Payne, AL                  Aug. 28, 1965: <b>Shania Twain</b> (Eileen Regina Edwards) in Windsor, Ontario, Canada                  Aug. 28, 1982: <b>LeAnn Rimes</b> in Jackson, MS</p>
	<p><b>Departures</b></p> <p>Aug. 29, 1987: <b>Archie Campbell</b> (Hee Haw star) in Knoxville, TN [Arrival: Nov. 7, 1914 in Bulls Gap, Greene County, TN]</p>
	<p><b>Last Week's Spotlight Artist A &amp; D:</b>                  Arrival: Dec. 21, 1933: <b>Freddie Hart</b> in Lochapoka, AL                  Arrival: Jun 4, 1937: <b>Freddy Fender</b> in San Benito, TX                  (Information provided by MC Family member Conductor Chip)</p>

**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! ☺



Can you put a price on the things in life you really love?  
 If you love *real* Country Music and love Midnight Country, what is it worth to you?  
 If you've never supported Midnight Country or it has been awhile please consider what you can do to support the show during the next Membership Drive



**Oct. 10-20, 2006!**