



Country Music Newsletter

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Welcome new subscribers to Take Country Back's weekly newsletter!

Happy New Year!

We sincerely hope that all of you had a peaceful, enjoyable holiday with loved ones and that you're refreshed and ready to help us kick country music up a few notches in 2006! We're glad you're hanging around with us for another year!!

TCB extends a warm welcome to TwangCast and RW Shamy, Jr.

If you haven't heard by now you need to turn up your radar signal....**TCB** and **TwangCast** have merged!

2006 has started off on the right foot! We're pleased to have RW join us and we'll be sharing more of what we've got planned with you real soon! Stay tuned! It'll make your year!

And the Twang Shall Meet! - TwangCast-Take Country Back Join Forces, Create Online Destination For Real Country Music <http://www.takecountryback.com/mergepressrelease.htm>

Recent TwangCast Radio adds:

Rick Stancil, Rick Sousley, Jon Randall, G Geno Bush, Clint Black, Bobby Earl Smith, Bob Wooten and the Tennessee Three, Abi Tapia, Jessi Colter, WC Edgar, Kris Kristofferson, Liz Talley, The Traveling Cowboy, The Possum Trot Orchestra, The Gibson Brothers, The Duhks, Ronnie Bowman, Nancy Apple/ Rob McNurlin, Joy Lynn White, Jackson Taylor Band, Bonnie Bishop, Andrew T Hunt and more!

Next Print Issue:

Plans for the next issue of TCB in Print well underway! We've got a lot of great features for you as usual along with interviews with **Wayne "The Train" Hancock, Hank III, Billy Dee, Daylle Schwartz** (author of Indie Revolution - I Don't Need A Record Deal) as well as an extended feature on the Life and Music of **Blaze Foley** and much more! To subscribe: <http://www.takecountryback.com/subscribe2.htm>

A reminder that those of you who subscribed with us beginning with our very first issue with Dale Watson on the cover will have to make sure they've renewed.

More great news from TCB!

We're proud to announce it will be sponsoring the **First Annual Classic Country Music Broadcaster's Convention** and the **11th Annual Academy of Western Artists Awards!** We are in the coordinating stage at the moment but can tell you that the convention will consist two days of panels, seminars, trade show, showcase and the award show.

The 11th Annual Academy of Western Artists Awards will be held Sept 26, 2006 at the Eisemann Center. The AWA Awards will be expanded this year to include categories for classic country artists. The dates to mark off in your calander: September 26 and 27 2006. The location? Eisemann Center in Dallas Texas. <http://www.eisemanncenter.com/>

Obviously there are many many more details and information to share as it becomes available. If you'd like to be added to a specific list for the convention updates and notices please email me (laurie@takecountryback.com) and simply ask to be on it.

**You've got to know your limitations. I don't know what your limitations are.
I found out what mine were when I was twelve.
I found out that there weren't too many limitations, if I did it my way.
Johnny Cash**

What's New!

There are less than 20 copies of our winter issue left!
<http://www.takecountryback.com/subscribe2.htm>

Current issue and sampler: <http://www.takecountryback.com/sampler2-lp.htm>
Here's the pdf of our index page for this issue: <http://takecountryback.com/contentsdec.pdf>

Dale Watson - Don't Be A Stranger! -- I'm not sure if Heaven is really in Baltimore but **Dale Watson's** headed there and that makes Baltimore a very lucky place in my books. www.petitiononline.com/2498dw

Don't forget to check out **TCB's MySpace** page:
<http://www.myspace.com/takecountryback> We've met some of the nicest folks there -- every single one of them passionate about music. It's a great place.

**Some people walk in the rain, others just get wet.
Roger Miller**

NEW ISSUE COMING SOON!!

Important note to advertisers, those interested in being on the sampler and those wanting to make submissions: DEADLINE: FEB 7th 2006!

Just as a head's up the September issue/sampler will be going to AMA conference attendees as well as registrants at an upcoming classic country broadcasters convention.

This Week at TCB -- Check out on This Week page every Tuesday morning for updated features www.takecountryback.com/thisweek.htm

Contests

Winners of our **Terri Clark** prize package contest have been notified and prize packages have been sent! Enjoy! And special thanks to Echo Music for helping to make it happen.

We've got a new contest coming up for you next week!!

New Features:

Dale Watson - Caught Live!! <http://www.takecountryback.com/dalewi2005.htm>
The Hoyle Brothers Make Chicago Our Kind of Town
<http://www.takecountryback.com/features/hoylebrothers.htm>
Ian Tyson - Canadian Cowboy <http://www.takecountryback.com/features/iantyson.htm>
Georgette Jones - Being Herself
<http://www.takecountryback.com/features/georgettejones.htm>
The Music, Voice and Words of Larry Cordle -
<http://www.takecountryback.com/features/larrycordle.htm>
Review: Joe Nichols - III <http://takecountryback.com/reviews/jnrev1105chh.htm>

New Listening Rooms:

Billy Dee - When The Vow Breaks <http://www.takecountryback.com/bdee-lp.htm>
Rosanne Cash - Black Cadillac <http://www.takecountryback.com/rcash-lp.htm>

New Editorials

The Great Pretenders <http://www.takecountryback.com/greatpretenders.htm>
Diamonds and Glass <http://www.takecountryback.com/editorialnov2005.htm>
Something's New, Nothing's Changed <http://www.takecountryback.com/editorial23.htm>

Country Music News

Free tickets are available for the COLGATE COUNTRY SHOWDOWN! The long standing award show will be hosted Kassie DePavia and will star Montgomery Gentry.

Before Nashville Star and American Idol were even an idea on paper, The **Country Showdown** was well under way and embraced by country fans across the nation. Celebrating its 24th year, the **Colgate Country Showdown** is *America's largest country music talent search and competition*--a grass roots music competition designed to seek out and showcase the most promising country music talent in the U.S. *The show is free but you must reserve your seats in advance, for more ticket information call Erin at 615.321.5130 or email at erin@countryshowdown.com*

For more information on the Colgate Country Showdown visit www.colgatecountryshowdown.com or www.takecountryback.com/ccs.htm Requests for media credentials can be made to David Forman via e-mail at colgatecountry@aol.com or by phone 212-736-0564

* **Billy Joe Shaver** is recording a gospel record with producer **John Carter Cash** and guest musicians including **Kris Kristoferson**. The album is as-yet untitled, but recording should wrap in late April, and Shaver is hoping for an October release.

* From Marty Martel: *One of Nashville's premier musicians needs our help, so if you are in shouting distance of where the benefit will be held, please go and help out. Thank you. Cliff has been a great part of the country music industry for many years and still is.*

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2006 7:59 AM
Subject: **Cliff Parker**

There will be a benefit for **Cliff Parker** on Jan. 15 at the Phantom 309 truckstop in Dickson on Hwy 96. Barbeque starts at noon and music starts at 2. Cliff hasn't been able to afford his medicines, so we need to help this guitar player

* Please continue to send your well wishes to **Steve Kellough** of **Wild Horses**. Steve is now home recuperating but could use plenty of moral support and encouragement.
<http://countrystarsonline.com/StevenKellough.htm>

* **Don Helms** has a new book out chronicling his years with Hank Williams Sr. titled "Settin' The Woods on Fire" http://www.hanksfanclub.com/info/don_helms_book.aspx

* **Dave Jorgenson** fans will be thrilled to know that Dave dropped us a note to let us know his new album is ready to go! You know we'll be spinning the heck out of it! The new album is aptly titled "We Have A Winner" If you're sitting there thinking 'Dave who?' Shame on you! ;) (or at least welcome to TCB you must be a newcomer :)) Here's a little sample of why Dave's debut was a favorite on TCB charts for a long time after its release:
<http://davejorgenson.com/Whisky.mp3> Need a little more convincing??
http://davejorgenson.com/Misty_cutH.wma Enjoy!!

* The walls of the 120-year-old Luckenbach Dance Hall will tremble again in January with the music that 33 years ago put the tiny hamlet west of Austin on the map when a roster of new Texas singer-songwriters and musicians plays during a two-night session to record the songs for a Palo Duro Records Luckenbach Texas Music Series release called ¡VIVA! ¡TERLINGUA! ¡NUEVO! — SONGS FROM LUCKENBACH.

Scheduled to perform January 19 and 20 the songs "Up Against the Wall (Redneck Mother)," "London Homesick Blues," "Sangria Wine," "Getting' By," "What I Like About Texas" and more are Jimmy LaFave, Cory Morrow, Two Tons of Steel, Ed Burleson, Brian Burns, The McKay Brothers, Morrison-Williams, Walt Wilkins, Tommy and Justin Alverson, The Derailers, and, as usual at Luckenbach, a few "Special Surprised Guests." A house band of past and present members of The Lost Gonzo Band, Gonzo Bandito Band and Gonzo Compadres will join in.

* Thanks for the Good Times! Happy 80th Birthday to **Ray Price**. What a legacy he's given us and we're wishing him many more wonderful years to come. A while back I got to spend an afternoon with him. I'm not one to get starstruck but I had to pinch myself afterwards to see if I was dreamin' -- here's the piece that evolved out of our conversation. Enjoy --
<http://www.takecountryback.com/reviews/rprice0802.htm>

* Coming up Sunday, January 29 is the annual Gruene with Envy Music Awards show! Join **Roger Creager, Jason Boland & the Stragglers, Wade Bowen, Stoney LaRue, Micky & the Motorcars, Eli Young Band, Mike Mancy** and many more at Midnight Rodeo in Austin. For more info, check out their web site at www.gruenewithenvy.com

Changes happening with **Cooder Graw**:

Fellow Cooder "Buffalo" Nick Worley is leaving the band to continue his education and pursue other opportunities, effective at the end of January. Nick has been with us for over four years, through thick and thin, and has contributed greatly to the success we have enjoyed since his inclusion. We are sad to see him go, but are happy for him and wish him only the best in his future endeavors. It has been a pleasure to work with Nick (well, *most* of the time!) and a great honor to call him our friend, and to get to know his wonderful parents, Dave and Lynn Worley.

So Nick, thanks for four incredible years. You may be leaving the band, but you're our brother, and always will be. We fully expect to see you down the road.

Although there is never a good time for something like this to happen, the remaining members of Cooder Graw look at this as an opportunity for change and new commitment. We look forward to 2006, and all the exciting goals we have set for this new year, including creating new music,

working on a new album and a live DVD, making our live show better every night, and now, bringing in a new (as yet unnamed) member to the band.

A message from Nick Worley to the Cooder Nation:

For the last four years I have immensely enjoyed being a part of Cooder Graw. They have helped me to grow not only in my ability to make music, but have also enriched my personal life, and are like a family to me.

However, I feel that the time is right for me to leave the band to pursue other musical as well as academic endeavors. Before rumors and speculation begin, I would like to clarify that. Although I am not sure what the future holds, as of recently I have re-enrolled in college to further my study of music and have not yet committed to any other full time touring obligations. There is no ill will or hard feelings between the band and myself, and we will continue to support each other in the future.

I will miss the friends and fans I have made during my time with the Cooder Graw family. I have been blessed to work with such a great group of guys, and I would not trade the experience for anything. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Thanks Again,

"Buffalo" Nick Worley

Saturday, January 7, 2006 - 5:15 p.m.

Cooder Graw looking for new band member

The band currently has an opening for a full-time professional musician with his/her own equipment and is able to travel approximately 5 days a week. We are planning to audition fiddle players, steel guitar players, and keyboard/organ players (if you can do all three, you gotta job!). Should be prepared to "go to work" by February 2006. If interested, let us know as soon as possible by emailing the band... [CLICK HERE](#).

[This Week's Chart News](#)

TwangCast/TCB Top 10

- 1. Tommy Alverson - Anytime, Anywhere (w/Johnny Bush)**
2. Amber Digby - Back Into My Arms Again
3. Willie Nelson - I Didn't Come Here (And I Ain't Leavin')
4. Rick Stancil - You're in Love With the Wrong Man
5. Rex Hobart and The Misery Boys - Don't Make Me Break Your Heart
6. Moot Davis - Thanks For Breakin My Heart
7. Kevin Fowler - Loose Loud And Crazy
8. Kevin Banford - Out There on the Dance Floor
- 9 Dale Watson And His Lone Stars - I Don't Feel Too Lucky Today
10. Cheatin' Hearts - Above And Beyond

Make your voice heard and vote for your favorite tunes while listening to TCB Radio - <http://www.live365.com/stations/tcbback>

Roots Music Report Top 5 (last chart of 2005)

1. Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash - Mile Markers

2. Joe West - The Human Cannonball
3. Stoney LaRue - The Red Dirt Album
4. Joy Lynn White - One More Time
5. The Knitters - The Modern Sounds of the Knitters

<http://www.rootsmusicreport.com/2.0/charts.php?name=tradcountry>

Americana Music Chart (last week of 2005)

1. Merle Haggard - Chicago Wind

2. James McMurtry - Childish Things
3. Delbert McClinton - High Cost of Living
4. Rodney Crowell - The Outsider
5. Joy Lynn White - One More Time

The rest of the chart: <http://americanaradio.org/ama/displaychart.asp?mode=lw>

The chart will resume for 200 shortly.

This Year's Texas Chart Top 50

1. Shooter Jennings - 4th of July

2. Pat Green - Baby Doll
3. Kevin Fowler - Hard Man to Love
4. Deryl Dodd - Love or Something Like It
5. Cory Morrow - Beat of Your Heart
6. Bobby Pinson - Don't Ask Me How I Know
7. Robert Earl Keen - What I Really Mean
8. Miranda Lambert - Bring Me Down
9. Jamie Richards - Last Call
10. Randy Rogers Band - Tonight's Not the Night

You can check out the rest of the chart at: www.texasmusicchart.com *updated Mondays

The Take Country Back Team

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