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Sun, Suds &

*Written by Shane Harrison, Atlanta, GA
Submitted by Linda Allen and Betty Nunamaker, North Augusta, SC*

About 40,000 folks spent Sunday in the country, despite being right in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

The George Strait Country Music Festival rolled into Turner Field for the first time since it inaugurated the Braves' home stadium as a concert venue in 1998. The nine-hour, down-home marathon had the feel of an overgrown country fair, despite the \$6-\$7 beers and the heavy advertising presence of Chevy trucks (the tour's unavoidable sponsor). The focus, though, was always on the music.

The festival's music may thump to a country beat, but the presentation was organized and high-tech, with three screens attached to the stage in addition to

the field's own jumbo monitor. This roadshow is noted for its promptness and organization, and Sunday confirmed that reputation. The sound was as clear as the perfect sky.

The weather, in fact, was made in order. The heat never reached the usual Atlanta swelter, or, to borrow a phrase from Alan Jackson's hometown-fave hit "Chattahoochie," it never got "hotter than a hoochie-coochie." Much of the stadium area was nicely shaded by late afternoon, though a few fans looked a little overcooked. "It was real nice," said Lisa Whitaker, 31, of Americus, before adding something you rarely hear at an outdoor event in Atlanta: "We moved to sit in the sun."

The crowd was a mix of old and young,

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No Glitz, Just Great

Written by Christina Lee Knauss, *The State newspaper, Columbia, S.C.*

Submitted by Allison Renee Burden, *Anderson, S.C.*

If anybody at Williams-Brice Stadium Saturday night was afraid pure country music was dead, Alan Jackson and George Strait laid their fears to rest.

These two ambassadors of unadulterated country music mesmerized the crowd at the George Strait Country Music Festival.

After a day's worth of music and good-time atmosphere, Jackson and Strait provided what were by far the two strongest sets of the festival's Columbia stop.

They were definitely what the crowd had been waiting for after more than six hours of music that took place under clear blue skies and warm spring temperatures.

Jackson and Strait are two of modern country music's few traditional singers, forgoing glitz, sequins and pop influences. Instead, they both rely on rich vocals, strong guitar work and a true knack for finding memorable lyrics that speak directly to the heart.

Jackson's penchant for substance over glitz was evident from the moment he took the stage, dressed in plaid shirt, jeans and brown cowboy boots. He opened up with a rousing version of his hit "Gone Country," and from there on the hits just kept coming.

He gave the crowd whimsical love songs like "Tall, Tall Trees" and "It Must Be Love," tongue-in-cheek tales of heartbreak like "She's Got the Rhythm (And I Got the Blues)" and pure country rave-ups like "Chattahoochee" and "Little Bitty." And they loved them all.

Jackson also paid homage to country's roots with strong versions of "Pop A Top" by Jim Ed Brown and Hank Williams Jr.'s "The Blues Man." He and his talented band even offered up a bluegrass version of the song "Seven Bridges Road."

The return to country's roots just got better when Strait hit the stage.

Strait, like Jackson, was dressed in plaid shirt, cowboy hat, and jeans. And, like Jackson, he offered up love songs, ballads and heart-rending tunes like "I Can Still Make Cheyenne" and "Amarillo By Morning."

While Jackson offers up a playful persona even during sad songs, Strait is one of the

last true masters of honky-tonk heartbreak. His onstage manner was sometimes a little more subdued than Jackson's, but no less powerful.

The crowd roared when Jackson returned to the stage halfway through Strait's set to join him in a sizzling version of the song "Murder on Music Row," a devastating indictment of commercialized country music. Their voices blended in a sweet yet rugged harmony.

While many people sang along with the tune, some women in the crowd took the time to whoop over the fact that Jackson had returned to the stage wearing shorts.

Later on in Strait's set, many couples danced in the aisles to love songs like "I Get Carried Away" and "I Just Wanna Dance With You."

Strait and his band also offered up fun ver-

sions of hits like "Write This Down" and "Check Yes or No," and even threw in some smoking Texas swing that had many in the crowd two-stepping and clogging in the aisles.

Strait and Jackson topped a full day of crowd-pleasers from start to finish.

Singers Sara Evans treated the early arrivals to tune such as "No Place That Far," "Saints and Angels" and her latest No. 1, "Born to Fly."

Brad Paisley played a red-hot set that included "We Danced," "Me Neither" and a solo acoustic version of the classic, "Are the Good Times Over for Good?"

Lee Ann Womack and her band powered through a strong set topped by her hit "I Hope You Dance," and good-time country band Lonestar had the crowd swaying in unison to their mega-hit "Amazed." [n](#)

Sun, Suds & Strait

some garbed in stylish dresses and others in shorts and tank tops. Quite a few fans sported cowboy hats, but plenty donned baseball caps for the occasion. They all got a dose of what George Strait called, in the show's final hours, "pure country music."

In these days of pop-toned country, Strait's touring festival is an antidote to the slick, homogenized fare coming from many of today's biggest country stars. Bemoaning the loss of country music's soul might seem like tilting at windmills, but Strait is determined to keep the flame alive — and he's managed to gather some great talents for this tour. On the mainstage were Grammy nominees Brad Paisley and Lee Ann Womack, venerable Texas western swingers Asleep at the Wheel and Newnan native Jackson.

Sara Evans, a star on the rise, caught the attention of Sherri Booker, 31, one of Whitaker's traveling companions from Americus. "She was so good, and I didn't know of her until today," Booker said.

By the time Jackson hit the stage about 6:20 p.m., Booker, Whitaker and their friends were in the shade. Jackson's set brimmed with crowd favorites such as "Pop a Top," "Don't Rock the Jukebox" and the rousing "Chattahoochee," as the women from

Americus looked on with their binoculars.

The stage wasn't the only place they were aiming their lenses. "It's just been lots of fun watching everybody," Booker said.

After Jackson's set, the crowd on and near the field seemed to swell in anticipation of the man of the day and night. Strait's brand of all-American country inspires intense devotion.

Cumming resident Monica Chase, 23, was back for a second time. She attended the 1998 show and was there again Sunday despite a draining 10K walk the day before. "I am a little worn out today," she said. But her devotion was apparent in her attire. "I've got the official George Strait hat. See?" she said, pulling it off and pointing out the small signature plate on the band.

The stalwart Strait is the star of the show in more than name, with cowboy hats waving and deafening roar rising as he arrived to the strains of "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Early in the set, the ballad "When Did You Stop Loving Me?" inspired the romantics in the crowd to slow-dance near the left field foul line, but the line-dancing and two-stepping started as the pace picked up with "Heartland," and the party was in full swing. [n](#)

There's Nothing Dire About This Country's

Written by Jennifer Barrs, *The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, FL*

Submitted by *Elsie Wren*

Call it clockwork country.

Yes, the jukebox binge known as the George Strait Country Music Festival went off without an apparent hitch in its giddyap — that is, unless you count the number of concertgoers who should have reconsidered their wardrobe. Or lack thereof.

That's because Saturday's show at Tampa's Raymond James Stadium came on a day when the weather was clearly ordered by the chamber of commerce. Barechested men and tummy-baring women — some who should have known better — strolled the sunlit grounds with beer in their hands and Nashville boogie in their souls.

And both, it appeared, seemed satisfied.

Indeed, by the time the headliner took the stage, the crowd of about 45,000 was chanting his name. "George, George, George" went on precisely at 8:45 p.m., opening with the silly ditty "Fireman" and closing with the laughable "Love Bug," while cramming dozens of tunes in between.

The gentleman crooner's set reflected the elegant ease that's his stage trademark. Though he repeatedly told the crowd this was his first show in nine months, Strait didn't particularly need the caveat. But then, what entertainer does when he can play a 90-minute set and still have about, oh, a gazillion hits left in his repertoire?

And what did he play? Among others: "Amarillo By Morning," "Check Yes or No," "My Life's Been Grand" and "Does Fort Worth Cross Your Mind." He also crooned "Write This Down," which Bay area audiences seemed to remember well — Strait filmed the song's video at Ray Jay during his 1999 gig here.

But clearly the biggest crowd pleaser was the inevitable duet with Alan Jackson, who wandered on stage in shorts and tennis shoes to sing the Grammy-nominated "Murder on Music Row." The singer had performed only moments before Strait, completing a set that was right in keeping with his characterization as Nashville's most nonchalant cowboy.

On Saturday, Jackson sang as he always does — as if he were sitting on somebody's porch where someone left an old guitar and a dog-eared songbook. This time, however, the affable Jackson sang more than merely "Don't Rock the Jukebox" and "Gone Country." He dipped into some fine reruns, performing a bouncy, bluegrass version of the harmonious standard "Seven Bridges Road" as well as a kinder, gentler rendition of Charlie Daniels' "The South's Gonna Do It Again."

Some of the funnier moments came when the stagehands added video backdrops to Jackson's show — for instance, beer bubbles danced on the screens behind his head as he sang "Pop A Top."

And while these Music City icons entertained as expected, it was Lonestar and Brad Paisley who nearly stole Saturday's show.

Lonestar, playing far more than just their huge hit "Amazed," roared through a performance that showcased the group's lusty vocals and country rock sensibilities — without sacrificing a single sentimental moment. Indeed, lead vocalist Richie McDonald seemed remarkably focused on his emotions during tunes such as the melancholy "Lonely Grill" and the tender "I'm Already There," the group's next single. The wistful "Tell Her" was absolutely lovely; meanwhile, "No News" was a raucous, sexy stampede that opened with a hilarious disco riff from "Play That Funky Music White Boy."

Though Lonestar turned slightly away from tradition, Brad Paisley looked it square in the face with a set heavy on storytelling, and we don't mean merely his song selections. The West Virginian furthered his reputation for articulate candor, remarking to the audience, "I'm not listening to Nashville anymore, I'm listening to you."

That meant a performance crammed with hilarious songs full of intelligent lyrics such as "Long Sermon" and "Me Neither," as well as the beautiful "We Danced" and "Who Needs Pictures." Paisley's performance also demonstrated that he is, perhaps, a picker first, fingers flying over his painted electric guitar.

The hottest hit maker on Saturday's bill, Lee Ann Womack, turned in an interesting performance that often was more soulful than her stage mates'. Oh, sure, there was womanly finger-wagging in selections such as "You've Got To Talk To Me," "I'll Think Of A Reason Later" and her current single "Ashes By Now."

But Womack won the audience more with a swampy, sexy version of "Does My Ring Burn Your Finger" and the groovy naughtiness of the Muddy Waters' cover, "I Just Want to Make Love to You."

Womack's gargantuan "I Hope You Dance" also got the audience to its feet, and they happily complied with the title.

Early in the day, Sara Evans showcased her crisp, feminine warble while strolling the stage in a pair of skintight pants. From the deliberately happy "Let's Dance" to her next sassy single, "Saints and Angels," she seemed perfectly at ease. The title track of her current album, "Born To Fly," was downright inspirational, including the lush and lovely instrumentals. [n](#)



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By Jeanie Spears, Blue Springs, MO

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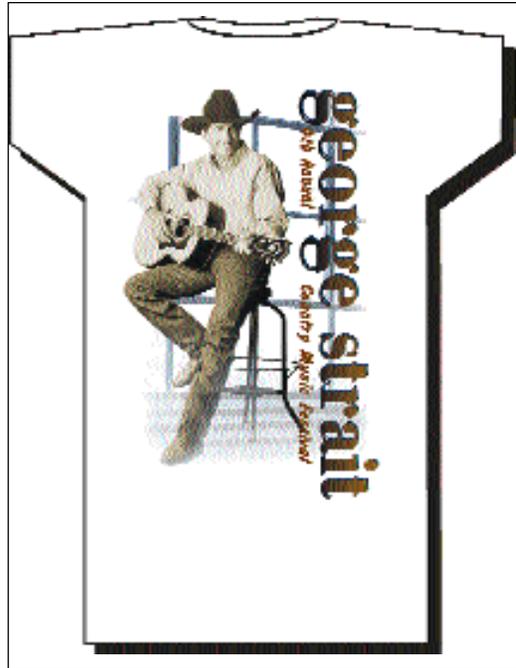
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	703	STRAITCOW STUFFED ANIMAL(wt-shirt & slogan)		\$14.95	
	750	STRAITHORSE STUFFED ANIMAL(w/navy shirt & logo)		\$11.95	
	810	GEORGE STRAITBEANIE PONY(8" laying Bean Bag Beanie Pony - Brown pony with detachable GEORGE STRAITSaddle - A MUST for every BEANIE collector)	NEW	\$34.95	
III	810	WALLCLOCK (Round Clock with great looking photo of G.S.)	NEW	\$19.95	
	990	CONCERT VIDEO (George Strait "Live" concert performance recorded New Year's Eve 1986-1987 - also includes the music video "Check Yes or No" - VHS only)		\$29.95	
	993	1992 GEORGE STRAITTEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO		\$29.95	
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	999	2000 GEORGE STRAITTEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO		\$19.95	
9999DVD	9999	"PURE COUNTRY" VHS (Original motion picture) RATED PG		\$24.95	
	1003	"PURE COUNTRY" DVD (Digital Video Disc, Original Motion Picture, Rated PG)		\$6.95	
	1012	COFFEE MUG (Hunter Green ceramic mug with "Check Yes or No" design and G.S. logo)		\$8.95	
	1015	WEBSITE COFFEE MUG (13 oz. white website pot belly style ceramic mug with molded spider web design and colorful Official George Strait Fan Club Website Seal and address - www.georgestraitfans.com)		\$7.95	
	1025	PHOTO COFFEE MUG (White mug w/NEW 4 color photo process w/George in black hat with background rodeo scene)		\$19.95	
	1026	COASTERSTONE TRIVET(Wonderful color photo of George and his horse with signature on 7" CoasterStone brand trivet made of the same porous sandstone material that made our coasters famous by absorbing moisture like nothing else! CoasterStone Trivets are thicker and larger than original CoasterStones. so they hold up to bigger tasks. Use them under: plants, pitchers, hot pots and pans, wine bottles, and many other moisture-laden, very hot or very cold containers. Individually boxed)		\$17.95	
	1032	COASTER SET(Four different coasters with wonderful photos of G.S. - 3-5/8" square coasters made of super absorbent porous sandstone - cork backed to protect your furniture - boxed for your gift giving convenience)		\$4.95	
III	1055	COASTER (Cover photo from NEW LP"George Strait" - 3-5/8" square coaster made of super absorbent porous sandstone which will soak up any moisture from your glass - cork backed to protect your furniture - EXCELLENTGIFT!)	NEW	\$6.95	
	1061	THERMALMUG (32 oz. Pearl White Sports Mug with Blue Handle and Swivel Lid - Oval 2001 George Strait Country Music Festival Design)		\$3.95	
	1067	SHOTGLASS (GS design in hunter green)		\$4.95	
	1102	OLD FASHIONED GLASS (8 oz. glass with sharp G.S. design in hunter green - specially designed to match the shotglass)		\$14.95	
	1105	CANVAS TOTE BAG (10-1/2x14x5 Natural Cotton Canvas Tote with hand/shoulder straps. Perfect for Travel, Shopping, Beach, School or Knitting. EMBROIDERED with round G.S. Daisy design)		\$29.95	
	1110	ATHLETIC TOTE BAG (Black Cotton Canvas bag trimmed in red with black webbed handles and adjustable shoulder strap, front zippered pocket, two end pockets, and a double zippered top opening. Bold NEW G.S. Strait Out of the Box design in red and white on three sides.)		\$17.95	
III	1120	STRAITUMBRELLA(42" Arc, 36" Spread; 16-1/2" length when closed) Navy Blue and White with "If It's Gonna Rain" cloud design from NEW LP"George Strait")	NEW	\$29.95	
	1125	BEACH TOWEL(100% White Cotton, Sheared Woven Terry with Large Photo of George and G.S. logo, 30"x60")		\$12.95	
III	1130	CD CASE (Black insulated case with White G.S. Logo, holds 12 CD's)	NEW	\$14.95	
	1150	CASETTE CASE (insulated case for 12 tapes)		\$19.95	
	4055	CHECKBOOK WALLETORGANIZER (Ahandy all-in-one checkbook wallet for women. Compartments for everything! Cards, photos, cash, change, checkbook & pen. Nine double stitched pockets. (plus 24 card plastic carrier. Burgundy with tan GS logo)		\$6.50	
III	4065	RED BANDANA(Red Bandana with G.S. Horse design specially designed for the 2001 George Strait Country Music Festival)	NEW	\$6.50	
III	3400	BURGUNDYBANDANA(Burgundy Bandana w/G.S. Brand specially designed for 2001 George Strait Country Music Festival)	NEW	\$16.95	
	3500	EMBROIDERED CAP(Black Ladies Cap embroidered with G.S. dandelion design)		\$16.95	
	4200	EMBROIDERED CAP(Khaki Ladies Cap embroidered with G.S. dandelion design)		\$16.95	
	4300	EMBROIDERED CAP(Solid Red Cap featuring Colorful Bold All Over Embroidery Stretching from edge of bill to back of cap - Country Music Festival Logo)		\$17.95	
III	4400	ORANGE CAP(Orange distressed stone-washed 100% cotton twill cap embroidered with GS-01 Country Music Festival Design in White and Navy)	NEW	\$16.95	
III	4500	KHAKI CAP(Khaki Cap Embroidered with GS-01 Country Music Festival Design in White and Navy)	NEW	\$17.95	
4045	4500	KHAKI CAP(Khaki distressed stone-washed 100% cotton twill cap with George Strait embroidered in sport style lettering)	NEW	\$9.95	
	4045	SPORTS TOWEL(11"x18", 100% Cotton Velour Fringed Towel, Vanilla Color with G.S. EMBROIDERED in Script in Tan, Burgundy and Navy)			

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III	4505	BOXER PAJAMASET(Ladies, Bubble Gum Pink Fine Rib Cotton, scoop neck top and boxer short with elastic waist. Purple G.S. heart design on top and bottoms) Check size: S M L XL NEW	\$39.95	
III	4510	LADIES WHITE CAPSLEEVE T-SHIRT (White ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton, cap sleeve t-shirt, w/G.S. ladies boots and hat design across chest)Available in one size only MEDIUM NEW	\$17.95	
III	4515	RED HALTER TOP(Red Ring Spun, 100% superfine combed cotton, halter top with G.S. heart design)Available in one size only - MEDIUM NEW	\$17.95	
III	4520	LADIES HEATHER TANK TOP(Heather Gray ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton tank top with purple G.S. heart design)Available in one size only - MEDIUM NEW	\$17.95	
III	4525	LADIES LONG SLEEVE BABYDOLL(Red long sleeve 100% cotton Baby Doll shirt, side seamed to fit the body, G.S. ladies boots and hat design) Check size: S M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	4530	HEATHER LADIES V-NECK T-SHIRT (Heather Gray Ladies V-neck T-shirt with bound trim on neck and sleeves - fitted silhouette - G.S. Silver Glitter Heart design) Check size: S M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5002	ORANGE T-SHIRT (Pigment-dyed 100% Cotton T-shirt, distressed GS-01 Country Music) Check size: S M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
III	5004	Festival design on front and small oval G.S. Tag design on back) Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5004	PINE GREEN T-SHIRT (Pine Green 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with a 3..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
III	5005	picture photo strip of George imprinted across the chest and back) Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5005	KHAKI T-SHIRT (Khaki color 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt - American Flag Check size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
III	5006	design with photo of G.S. on front)..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5006	SPORTS GRAY T-SHIRT (Sports Gray 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt - American Flag design with photo of G.S. on Front)..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
III	5009	BLACK T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with Flaming G.S..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5010	Brand Country Music Festival design on left front chest and full back) Check size: M L XL NEW	\$17.95	
III	5010	JUST A T-SHIRT (Pigment-dyed, 100% Cotton short sleeve t-shirt w/4th..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5015	Annual Country Music Festival design w/photo) Check size: M L XL NEW	\$19.95	
III	5015	BLACK LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton long sleeve shirt w/Flaming G.S. Brand Country Music Festival design on left front chest, full back, and down left arm) Check size: M L XL NEW	\$18.95	
III	5020	BASEBALLSHIRT (Heavyweight 100% preshrunk cotton color-block baseball jersey, Red body with black sleeves, 6 button placket w/George Strait in Black and White on left front Chest - Huge "STRAIT" across the back with, of course, the number "1" underneath. Oversized) Check size: L XL XXL	\$39.95	
III	5150	FAN CLUB T-SHIRT (100% Cotton, White shirt with two great photos of George Check size: M L XL	\$17.95	
III	5205	and his horse, Huge Fan Club design on Back)..... Check size: M L XL	\$18.95	
III	5300	BABYBIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!)..... Check size: M L XL	\$4.95	
III	5300	BABYSHIRT (100% cotton white shirt with little singing cowboy and his dog - "I'm a little George Strait Fan") Check Size: 12 month 24 month	\$8.95	
III	5330	ASH/BLACK YOUTH BASEBALLSHIRT (Ash body with black 3/4 length sleeves, 100% combed cotton, small mid chest oval 2001 G.S. Country Music Festival design) Check Toddler size: 2T 4T 6T NEW	\$17.95	
III	5340	YOUTH WHITE T-SHIRT (100% Cotton White Children's T-shirt w/G.S. Armadillo design) Check Youth size: 2/4 6/8 10/12 14/16 NEW	\$12.95	
III	6520	NIGHTSHIRT (White, 100% Cotton, one size fits all, huge photo of George w/Country Music Festival Logo)..... NEW	\$21.95	
III	7035	TAPESTRY AFGHAN (3 ply, 54" x 70" 100% cotton custom tapestry weave afghan - 40 colors are woven into lifelike photo of G.S. standing against a picket fence with colorful G.S. logo - BEAUTIFUL! USAMade).....	\$49.95	
III	8040	SWEATSHIRT (Heavyweight 50/50 full cut crewneck sweatshirt Natural color with Navy and Khaki trim on collar and cuffs, pill resistant fleece, full chest EMBROIDERED G.S. design) Check size: M L XL XXL	\$49.95	
III	9003	SWEAT PANTS (Royal Blue 50/50 sweat pants with covered elastic waist with draw cord and elastic cuff at ankle, pill resistant fleece, G.S. logo embroidered on left leg - specially designed to be worn with #9005 SWEATSHIRT) Check size: M L XL	\$34.95	
III	9005	SWEATSHIRT (Royal Blue 50/50 Sweatshirt with pill resistant fleece, G.S. logo EMBROIDERED full chest, specially designed to be worn with item #9003 SWEATPANTS) Check size: M L XL XXL	\$49.95	
III	9700	FLEECE JACKET(Yellow gold yukon fleece full zip jacket, 100% polyester anti-pill fleece, elastic cuffs and waist, slash zipper pockets, double needle stitching, embossed rubber zipper pull, black nylon binding on placket and pockets, GS-01 Country Music Festival Design Embroidered on left front chest) Check size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$85.00	
III	9730	TOUR JACKET(Canvas jacket w/black bodiceand british tan brushed twill sleeves, nylon lining, antique brass zipper front closure, heavy rib knit cuffs, collar and waistband, with reinforced slash pockets, Huge embroidered square G.S. logo on back) Check size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$95.00	
III	9760	TOUR JACKET(100% cotton, garment washed jacket with denim color bodice and hunter green twill sleeves, 100% cotton sheeting lining with an inside chest pocket, heavy rib knit cuffs, collar and waistband - great looking G.S. Country Music Festival logo embroidered across back) Check size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$95.00	
III	9800	EMBOSSED SUEDE BASEBALLJACKET(Hunter Green lined pig suede baseball styled jacket, metal zipper and Hunter Green trim, G.S. embossed on back with detailed team roping scene - the left front chest is embossed with G.S. cattle brand) Check size: M L XL XXL	\$169.95	
III	9950	TOUR JACKET(Athletic Team Style Jacket, Black Wool Bodice, Red Suede sleeves, deep front pockets trimmed in Red Suede, Snap front with Black collar and cuffs. Colorful chenille G.S. on front left chest and large colorful chenille G.S. "On Tour" logo on back, quilted satin lining, SHARP!) Check size: S M L XL XXL	\$175.00	
III	9995	LEATHER JACKET(Athletic Team Style Jacket with Black and Red wool body, Black Italian leather sleeves with a wide Red Leather stripe across the Sleeve. Deep front pockets, Black leather underneath Red wool collar. EMBROIDERED Royal Blue star with a large G.S. overlay on front chest. Quilted satin lining inside. BEAUTIFUL!! This item has an additional shipping & handling charge of \$11.75 per jacket)..... Check size: M L XL XXL	\$350.00	
III	901	GEORGE STRAIT CD's & CASSETTES		
III	902	STRAITCOUNTRY	CD's \$14	CASSETTES \$9
III	903	STRAITFROM THE HEART	\$14	\$9
III	904	RIGHTOR WRONG	\$14	\$9
III	905	DOES IT WORTH EVER CROSS YOUR MIND	\$14	\$9
III	906	GREATESTHITS	\$14	\$9
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III	914	LIVIN' ITUP	\$15	\$10
III	915	CHILLOF AN EARLY FALL	\$15	\$10
III	916	TEN STRAITHITS	\$16	\$11
III	917	HOLDING MYOWN	\$16	\$11
III	918	PURE COUNTRY (Original motion picture soundtrack)	\$16	\$11
III	919	EASYCOME, EASYGO	\$16	\$11
III	920	LEAD ON	\$16	\$11
III	921	STRAITOUTOF THE BOX (Boxed set comprised of 72 tracks and accompanying booklet featuring Strait's comments on each record, plus dozens of photographs, a biographical essay, and complete recording session information.)	\$49.95	\$39.95
III	922	BLUE CLEAR SKY	\$16	\$11
III	923	CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME	\$16	\$11
III	924	ONE STEP AT A TIME	\$16	\$11
III	925	ALWAYS NEVER THE SAME	\$16	\$11
III	926	MERRY CHRISTMAS WHEREVER YOU ARE	\$16	\$11
III	927	LATESTGREATESTSTRAITESTHITS	\$16	\$11
III	927	GEORGE STRAIT	\$16	\$11

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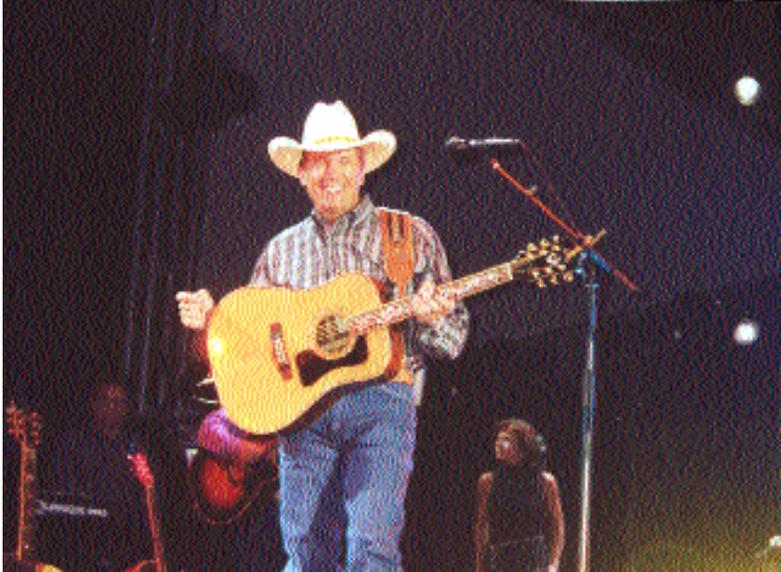
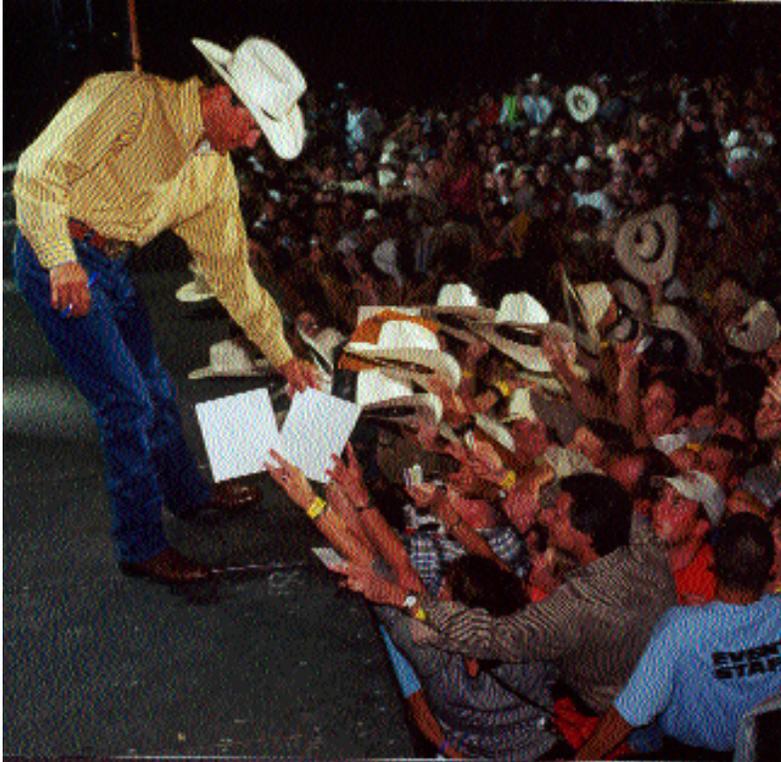
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From The

Dear Anita,

George Strait weekend on CMT was great. An Evening with George Strait" 2 hour concert was wonderful. I also enjoyed "Hit Trip" and the George Strait interview.

Sincerely,
Beverly Enlow
Louisville, KY

George Strait Fan Club,

I just returned from the George Strait concert in Phoenix, AZ. My son and I flew down just for the thrill of seeing my favorite singer. It was wonderful. I have all of his cds. Like to know when a new one is coming out. My trip to Phoenix was for my 83rd birthday. Hope I will be able to go for my 84th.

Thank you,
Dorothy King
Wenatchee, WA

Dear Anita,

After reading our most recent issue of Strait Talk, I felt compelled to write in to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to you and all the staff that continue to work so diligently to make George's fans happy. It can't be easy. Never did I think I could possibly be one of the lucky few who would get to attend one of his concerts and sit close enough to see his nose hairs - but I did, thanks to your new on-line fan club seating and by following the news from the fan club on a daily basis. I was fortunate enough to obtain seats in the second row, center section for the Las Vegas venue. What an absolutely terrific show they put on. My husband, who is a die-hard rock music fan came along to graciously volunteer as my personal photographer and took pictures for me while I watched one of the BEST concerts ever. After the show, my husband wholeheartedly agreed that George put together a great ensemble of all day entertainment. The food was great and the arcade area was loaded with goodies. All the ingredients for a fun, fun day!

Thank you again Anita and to all your staff and George for providing us with one of our Best Days ever!

Sincerely,
Fran and Ray Loiselle
Shadow Hills, CA

Dear Anita,

Just a note to say thank you, thank you, thank you! The new Internet Fan Club ticket purchasing system worked great for me! Thanks to the new system, I was able to obtain second row center seats to the GSCMF Little Rock concert. It was absolutely INCREDIBLE! Being a loyal George fan since he first began his career finally paid off! As always, George did a wonderful show! He looked and sounded amazing! He is truly a living legend. He is definitely the definition of true country music.

Thanks again - hope to see George back in Little Rock in 2002!

Lori Hartwick
Mabelvale, AR

Dear Anita,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to "walk me through" the Internet ticket order process on the 18th. Although I recognized later that the instructions were printed on the Internet, you were most kind to spend the time on the telephone to offer me encouragement and additional concert/city information.

Anita, I received 20th row center tickets for the San Antonio concert which were very good seats indeed. The only glitch, if you can call it that, is that TicketMaster was "busy" on-line for the better part of ten minutes before giving me the seat location. As you probably know, in such cases you have to keep entering in the "seek ticket location" page many times.

You may recall that I have been an open critic in the past of the difficulties in obtaining good fan club seating. All is now forgiven with the Internet process which makes it easier and fairer to obtain tickets and especially in other parts of the country. Obviously, there are many Southern California fan club members who are disappointed that George has not had a concert venue in the area for some time. However, given the new ticket ordering process, we are blessed with the opportunity of seeing our hero elsewhere.

Sincerely,
Walter C. Warner
Westlake Village, CA

Dear Fan Club,

Have just watched George's two hour concert on CMT. It was really great. Was nice to sit and watch and actually get to hear him sing without someone singing and screaming louder than George, as the fans do at his concerts while he is singing.

A Huge Fan,
Frances Wolle
New Braunfels, TX

GSFC,

Just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate being able to purchase tickets on line and even earlier for fan club members. I only have one complaint, I was not notified ahead that fan club members would be able to purchase tickets 48 hours before anyone else, but it all worked out great anyway.

Thanks again,
Barbara A. Crosby
Florida

Dear Anita,

Just wanted to let you know that I wait impatiently for my newsletters and read every word! I was appalled that people would be rude enough to say that they just look at the pictures and throw it away. I have every single one carefully saved!

I also wanted to thank you for the fan club seating. I know that the fan club has gotten a lot of flack over the problems, but I wanted you to know that not everyone complains! It's a shame that people don't realize that any new system has a few glitches at first, and I find it interesting that people don't seem to understand what a privilege the fan club seating is. So few artists even offer it!

I was extremely fortunate to get 2nd row center seats for the Little Rock show thanks to the new internet sales system. I think this is a great way to do it because it gives us more flexibility - even though Las Vegas would have been the closest venue for me. I was unable to attend that weekend. Little Rock worked perfectly - I cashed in my United miles for the airfare and had an absolutely wonderful time there. The show was outstanding and seeing George from such great seats was an amazing experience!

Thanks again for all your efforts.

Sincerely,
Kathi Thompson
Arkansas

Anita's

The first half of the year is almost gone and the George Strait Country Music Festival Tour for 2001 will soon be over. By the time you receive this newsletter in the mail, the tour will be on the final weekend and thoughts of 2002 are already beginning to develop in the minds of management. What those thoughts are, we will not know for some time. We sincerely hope that many of you had the opportunity to take in one of the shows and that you enjoyed it. A lot of fans have proclaimed by phone and letter, that they had a blast and can't wait for next year's tour. It's always great to hear and read the fun things that happened before, during and after the shows. The fans always have the best stories. While our change in fan club seating was not enthusiastically received by 100% of you at the beginning, it has been huge success and achieved the goal we had of offering it to a larger base of members. In fact, fan club seating increased by between 400-500% over previous years.

The 19th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic in San Antonio, Texas on July 13th & 14th is rapidly approaching. All of the details are available on the front page of the newsletter. The information was a little late in getting to us this year but we were able to send out special announcements to all members who gave us their e-mail addresses. If you didn't get the announcement please send us your e-mail address or check with us to make sure that we have the current e-mail address. Please remember that if you change e-mail addresses let us know as soon as possible. More and more of our communications

with fan club members are being done by e-mail. In fact, we are now starting to send renewal notices by e-mail to members. We hope that those of you planning on attending the George Strait Team Roping Classic at the San Antonio Rose Palace have great fun, take lots of pictures and share your experiences with us in the next issue of Strait Talk.

As we mentioned in the April-May issue of Strait Talk, George has been nominated in several categories for the TNN/Country Weekly Music Awards on June 13th. Fans can call the 900 numbers that they see on CMT to vote or cast their votes in the latest issue of Country Weekly magazine. George is nominated for seven awards including "Entertainer of the Year," "Male Artist of the Year," "Collaborative Event of the Year," "Song of the Year," "Single of the Year" and "The Impact Award." Don't forget to cast your vote and let's all wish George "Good Luck." Voters may call the 900 numbers listed below to vote in each category. Please remember that voting carried a charge of 99 (ninety-nine) cents for each call and fans must be 18 years of age or older to vote.

Entertainer of the Year.....	900-737-1002
Song of the Year.....	900-737-1006
Single of the Year.....	900-737-1009
Collaborative Event of the Year	900-737-1013
The Impact Award	900-737-1015
Male Artist of the Year.....	900-737-1003
Album of the Year	900-737-1012

Let's jump back a little and thank you for the cards, good wishes and packages that

were forwarded to George and Bubba for their May birthdays. It is always nice to be remembered. Thank you.

The User Name and Password to get in the fan club only section of the website for this issue is as follows:

User Name: cactus

Password: awards

Please remember to let us know if you are moving or have moved as your newsletter is shipped by bulk mail and will not be forwarded to you or resent. So, please let us know your new address. Also, don't forget to let us know if you change e-mail addresses and that is becoming more and more important to us.

That's it for now. Have a great summer and we will be back with you in August.

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Pen Pal

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(Fans that exchange letter through mail)

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