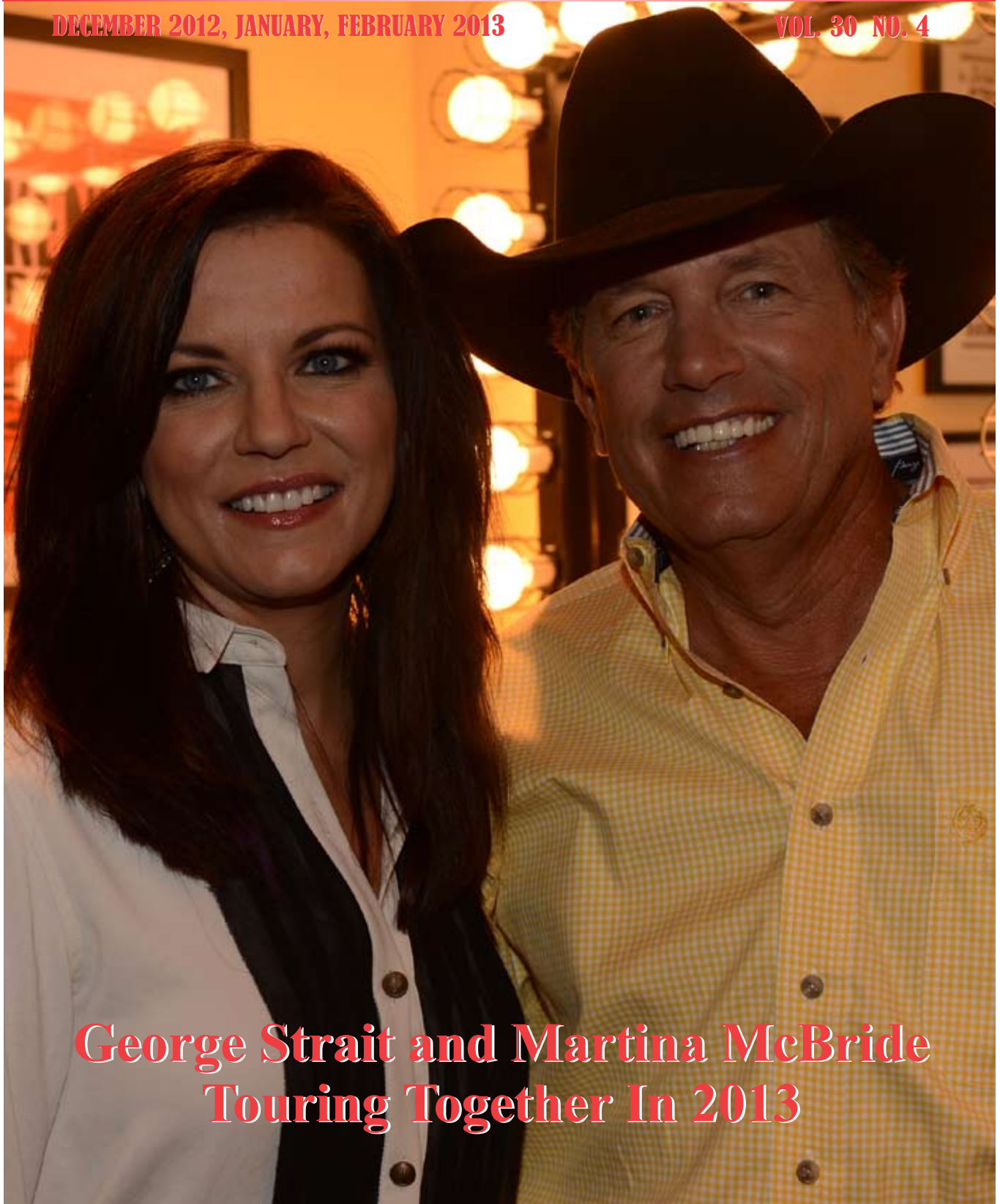


# STRAIT TALK

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**George Strait and Martina McBride  
Touring Together In 2013**

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## George Strait Announces The Cowboy Rides Away Tour

*21 Dates Announced For 2013; Tickets On Sale*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Musical icon George Strait announced his plans for his final two-year tour – The Cowboy Rides Away Tour. In a press conference live from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Strait revealed the first 20 markets he will visit during the winter and spring legs of his 2013 tour. Special guest Martina McBride is set to join Strait for the 2013 dates, which begin on January 18 in Lubbock, Texas.

Strait, who celebrated his 60th birthday earlier this year, shared, “This is going to be a very special, emotional tour for me. Everywhere we’re going holds fond memories and I’m looking forward to paying my respects.” Strait plans to continue recording

new music and play select dates around the country following the completion of the tour.

The Cowboy Rides Away Tour will offer fans a final opportunity to take in Strait’s live show filled with hits from throughout his remarkable career.

Strait has thus far yielded 59 No. 1 songs, has earned more than 60 major industry awards, and has sold over 65 million albums. He is the only artist in music history to achieve at least one Top Ten hit each year during his 30-year career and was only the second artist at the time (after Eddy Arnold in 1966) to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame (2006) while still actively recording and producing chart topping hits and albums.



## King George Graces December Cover Of “People Country”

*In First Interview In Over Five Years, Strait Counts His Blessings  
And Reveals Plans After “The Cowboy Rides Away” Tour*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – It’s been five years since country music fans have heard from King George Strait in an exclusive interview, but as he announced his final trek on The Cowboy Rides Away Tour, he sat down with People Country to reveal plans for another album after his touring ends, and those things in his life he’s most thankful for. “I’ve got great fans,” he says. “Some of

them have been coming out since the 80s, and that means so much to me. They have been so loyal.”

Strait describes the sleepless nights that led up to his final decision to make this his final tour, “I had second thoughts about it, and third thoughts. Walking up on stage is still so much fun for me. Such a thrill... there’s nothing like it. I’ll miss that.” He

also talks about the journey to selling over 65 million albums and experiencing 59 No. 1 hits. “I’ve been blessed with the ability to sing, and that has taken me so many places I never would have gone otherwise. I’ve had great people around me from the beginning ... and they never tried to make me someone I wasn’t.”

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# George Strait Releases New Single, “Give It All We Got Tonight”

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – MCA Nashville has released a brand new single, “Give It All We Got Tonight,” from George Strait. The single was shipped to country radio on at the end of October and is receiving a lot of airplay. The single was recorded in Nashville and penned by Tim James, Phil O’Donnell and Mark Bright and is the first from Strait’s forthcoming album that is expected to be released next year. Strait once again collaborated with longtime producer, Tony Brown, on the music.

“The song has a very unusual melody and very cool phrasing, which I’ve always been drawn to,” shared Strait.

Strait recently announced the two-year The Cowboy Rides Away Tour which commences on Jan. 18, 2013 in Lubbock, Texas with special guest Martina McBride. For a full list of all the tour stops, visit [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com).

## “Give It All We Got Tonight” lyrics:

July moonlight shines  
Your pretty little head on my shoulder  
Pull over on the side of the road  
Oh my God, you’re something  
Like nothing I’ve ever seen  
If I’m asleep girl, let me dream

Baby fall into my kiss  
It should just happen like this  
Trust it so much that there’s no one else but  
us and

This moment that says it’s so right  
‘Cause that’s all we have in this life  
Drink up this love, baby, give it all we got  
tonight

Summer honeysuckle  
Leaking through a rolled down window  
We both know when that seat lays back  
Anything can happen  
So imagine it’ll never end

Just close your eyes and you can see that we  
are where we’re meant to be

Baby fall into my kiss  
It should just happen like this  
Trust it so much that there’s no one else but  
us and  
This moment that says it’s so right  
‘Cause that’s all we have in this life  
Baby, drink up this love, give it all we got  
tonight  
Give it all we got tonight

Baby fall into my kiss  
It should just happen like this  
Trust it so much that there’s no one else but  
us and  
This moment that says it’s so right  
That’s all we have in this life  
Drink up this love, c’mon, give it all we got  
tonight  
Give it all we got tonight

## GSFC Announces Membership Changes And Holiday Shipping Schedule

The George Strait Fan Club has decided to make changes to our membership structure. Effective, Nov. 30, 2012, the fan club will no longer offer memberships by mail. Our membership base has become increasingly an on line membership and we will continue to work in that manner. Beginning on Dec. 1st, we will no longer offer new \$25 mail memberships or renewals. The last printed newsletter will be the Sept./Oct/Nov. 2013 issue. After that date, all newsletters will be issued only to members by on-line memberships. The percentage of mail memberships has become smaller each month, while our

email memberships continue to grow. This includes all foreign memberships as well.

In addition, beginning on Dec. 1st of 2012, we will no longer fill merchandise orders for foreign customers with the exception of Canada. The paperwork and shipping costs have become so outrageous and time consuming that it is no longer feasible. For our Canadian friends, we would like to let you know that we must have a physical address in order to ship your packages. We only ship by UPS and they cannot deliver to P.O. Boxes.

We have also decided on our Christmas

Holiday schedule. The Fan club will close for its regular Christmas and New Years break on Dec. 21st and will reopen on January 3rd of 2013. All orders placed before Dec. 20th will be shipped before we close. Any overnight orders placed on Dec. 20th will be shipped on the 21st. All other orders placed after Dec. 19th will not be shipped until we return from the Christmas Break.

We sincerely hope that you and your family have a wonderful and Merry Christmas season and we look forward to serving you in 2013.



# Fan Collectable Column

- Country Special People Magazine. December, 2012. Front cover full page. "Exclusive!" George Strait ~ His First Interview in 5 Years." Contents pages, full photo; On the Scene page, Two for the Road: George and Martina McBride photo; pp. 38-44 "Blessings 2012-George Strait" - story and full of great photos. Back page, Boot Barr ad for the George Strait Cowboy Cut Collection. Nashville, TN.
- Country Weekly. "Country's Greatest Entertainers" Magazine. December 17, 2012. George Strait photo on front page, p. 2 contents, p. 3 ad, p. 24 George Strait mentioned, p. 28 mentioned, pp. 32-34 George photos & mentioned, p. 41 mentioned, p. 45 mentioned, p. 49 mentioned, p. 75 photo. Last page cover photo ad. Nashville, TN.
- Fort Western Store and Holiday Catalogue, p. 34 George Strait kids shirts and jeans, p. 92 George Strait hats, shirts, jeans. p. 93 George Strait hats and Wrangler collection shirts, also a free George Strait CD with purchase of Wrangler apparel.

*The following George Strait Fan Club Members submitted to the Collectable Column...*

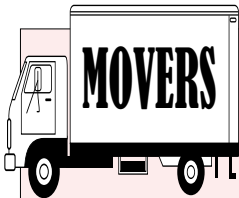
## *And We Thank You!*

*As a GSFC member, you can join in and earn Strait Cash, receive your Strait Talk 1st Class and 2 Collector's Cards. We are also selecting one name from the list and sending them a George Strait Goodie Box. This is all you need to do - collect magazine or newspaper articles, photos or reviews - send them in and if we use them, your name is added to the list. It's easy. Remember to enclose the article, where it came from, date, page #, issue and your name and address. Thank You!!!*

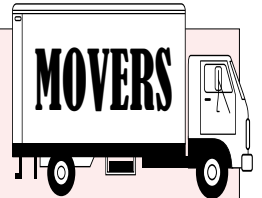
**Judy Wilson - Brownsville, TX**

**Alexis Gaffney - Hillsboro, OR**

**Mary Lou Burkett - Corpus Christi, TX**



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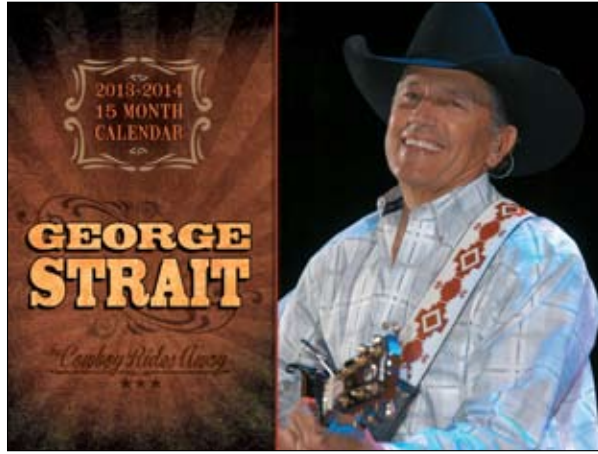




# ~NEW MERCHANDISE~



544 Photo Keychain



563 Calendar



1142 White Latte Mug



1012 Shot Glass



1014 Wine Glass



1013 Old Fashioned Glass



3990 Black "The Cowboy Rides Away" T-Shirt



563 License Tag



1085 Tote Bag



8935 Heather Navy Zip-Up Hooded Sweatshirt

QTY.	MODEL	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	AMOUNT
	120	<b>FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP</b> (Newsletter Sent Via E-Mail) - 1 YEAR (Memberships via EMAIL include Fan Club Membership Card, 5x7 Photo of George, Discography of George's..... U.S. Incredible Career, Behind the Scenes Fact Sheet & Biography. All Fan Club Documents are emailed immediately ..... CANADA following payment authorization)..... FOREIGN	\$15 \$15 \$20	
	160	<b>FAN CLUB RENEWAL</b> (Newsletter Sent Via E-Mail) - 1 YEAR ..... U.S. (Same as 1 year membership - ..... CANADA Newsletter sent via e-mail)..... FOREIGN	\$15 \$15 \$20	
	210	<b>"HRE 4 A GD TME" BUMPER STICKER</b> (Black, Red and White 8.75" x 4" Bumper Sticker featuring a license plate graphic design with large "HRE 4 A GD TME" lettering).....	\$1.95	
	257	<b>PHOTO MAGNET</b> (2"x2" Square Photo Magnet Featuring Cover Photo from George Strait's Album, "Here For A Good Time").....	\$2.95	
	313	<b>BALLPOINT PEN</b> (Fashionable Blue Color Black Ink Medium Point Ball Point Pen With A Fashion Clip and a Web Design Comfort Soft Gripper, an Elegant Pen for Everyday Use. "GEORGE STRAIT Printed on side on Black.) .....	\$3.95	
	☆☆☆ 314	<b>DESK CADDY JAR</b> (You can begin and end your workday with George Strait and a clear desk when you have our Desk Caddy Jar! It is 3.5" wide x 4.5" high and has divided sections to keep your supplies organized and within easy reach. It features a custom full color G.S. concert photo and signature logo)..... <b>NEW</b>	\$12.95	
	340	<b>BELT BUCKLE</b> (Solid bronze buckle w/sterling silver and gold electroplated classic western design w/G.S. highlighted over a team roping scene. Each buckle will be NUMBERED and gift boxed. Size 4" x 3-1/2".).....	\$119.95	
	☆☆☆ 544	<b>PHOTO KEYCHAIN</b> (Double Sided Photo Keychain Features George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" Tour Logo on one side with an Amazing G.S. Photo on the other side)..... <b>NEW</b>	\$4.95	
	☆☆☆ 563	<b>LICENSE TAG</b> (Manufactured With A Process That Allows Photorealistic Detail, Our Custom License Plate Features A SHARP G.S. Signature Logo In Black and Gold. This Plate Is Made From Aluminum Which Makes It Lightweight, Durable, And Completely Weatherproof. With Pre-drilled Holes For Easy Mounting, This Plate Measures Approximately 6 Inches By 12 Inches And Fits Most Standard License Plate Frames And Holders. .... <b>NEW</b>	\$19.95	
	☆☆☆ 639	<b>CALENDAR</b> (5 Page, 15 Month Calendar (January 2013 - March 2014) with Great Looking full-color photos of George Strait. It opens to an amazing 14" Wide x 21" High - Wonderful gift idea for every George Strait Fan!) .....	\$12.95	
	650	<b>SONGBOOK</b> (The Best of George Strait 2nd Edition, includes 34 of George's Greatest Hits for Piano, Vocal and Guitar) .....	\$17.95	
	663	<b>THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT</b> (Songbook).....	\$14.95	
	☆☆☆ 970DVD	<b>30TH ANNUAL GEORGE STRAIT TEAM ROPING DVD</b> (2012)..... <b>NEW</b>	\$29.95	
	8888DVD	<b>'FOR THE LAST TIME' - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME DVD</b> (Recorded at the closing night of the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo on March 3, 2002 - Available in DVD only).....	\$29.95	
	☆☆☆ 1012	<b>SHOT GLASS</b> (1.75 oz. Tapered Shot Glass, Features a SHARP Black Logo Celebrating George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" Tour, part of our GS Barware Collection, specially designed to complement our Wine Glass (1014) and Old Fashioned Glass (1013))..... <b>NEW</b>	\$8.95	
	☆☆☆ 1013	<b>OLD FASHIONED GLASS</b> (11 oz. Glass, Features a SHARP Black Logo Celebrating George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" Tour, part of our GS Barware Collection, specially designed to complement our Wine Glass (1014) and Shot Glass (1012))..... <b>NEW</b>	\$9.95	
	☆☆☆ 1014	<b>WINE GLASS</b> (10 oz. Goblet, Classic Wine Shape Crafted with Pulled Stem and Fire-polished Rim, Features a SHARP Black Logo Celebrating George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" Tour, part of our GS Barware Collection, specially designed to complement our Shot Glass (1012) and Old Fashioned Glass (1013))..... <b>NEW</b>	\$9.95	
	1035	<b>"HERE FOR A GOOD TIME" BLACK PHOTO COFFEE MUG</b> (This Gorgeous 11 oz. BLACK Ceramic Coffee Mug features two different outstanding concert photos of George Strait with a "Here For A Good Time" logo celebrating George Strait's newest hit single. A dye sublimation manufacturing process ensures that the double-sided image stays brilliant and colorful for the life of the mug. Perfect for Gift Giving!) .....	\$12.95	
	☆☆☆ 1037	<b>STAINLESS STEEL TRAVEL MUG</b> (Our thermal 16 oz. Silver Stainless Steel Travel Mug with a comfort handle offers a secure cap and an easy-slide drink top closure to keep beverages from spilling during commutes. It is tapered at the base and is designed to fit securely in most vehicles' holders and consoles. It features a bold G.S. "HERE FOR A GOOD TIME" logo in black)..... <b>NEW</b>	\$12.95	
	☆☆☆ 1052	<b>TUMBLER (DOUBLE WALL ACRYLIC)</b> (Our Blue, 16 oz. Acrylic Tumbler with "George Strait King Of Country" logo is perfect for your favorite hot or cold drinks. It has insulated double wall construction which helps prevent sweating and is made with durable BPA-Free plastic material. It has a screw-on cap which prevents unnecessary spills and a reusable matching straw is included. Top rack dishwasher safe)..... <b>NEW</b>	\$13.95	



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	1080	<b>PHOTO PURSE "HERE FOR A GOOD TIME"</b> (Our large photo purse features the Cover Photo from George Strait's latest album "Here For A Good Time". It is made from an elegant and durable black micro fiber material and has a zippered main pouch with an interior pocket. It measures 12.25"L x 7.5"H x 2.5"W with an adjustable strap. This classy purse is perfect for carrying all of your essentials.).....	\$49.95	
	☆☆☆ 1085	<b>TOTE BAG</b> (Our 10 oz. 100% Cotton Canvas Tote Bag With 22" Red Webbing Handles Features A Large Tone-On-Tone G.S. Signature Logo In Red And White. Perfect For Travel, Shopping, Beach, School Or Knitting! Dimensions: 15" x 14.5" x 3" Gusset Bottom).....	<b>NEW</b> \$10.95	
	☆☆☆ 1142	<b>LATTE MUG</b> (Simple, Oversized Styling For Those Luscious Lattes, Comfortable To Hold With A 16 oz. Capacity, Features A SHARP Black Logo Celebrating George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" Tour On Both Sides Of The Mug. A Dye Sublimation Manufacturing Process Ensures That The Double-sided Image Stays Brilliant For The Life Of The Mug. Perfect For Gift Giving!).....	<b>NEW</b> \$11.95	
	☆☆☆ 3820	<b>LADIES PLUM SHORT SLEEVE TEE</b> (Ladies Plum Color Crewneck Tee, feels silky soft.....Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$18.95	
		great layering piece, decorated with an attractive tone-on-tone G.S. logo with a shimmer signature) ..... Check Size: XXL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$19.95	
	3965	<b>"HERE FOR A GOOD TIME" BLACK T-SHIRT</b> (Black Adult UNISEX 100% Preshrunk Cotton Short Sleeve T-Shirt features a Large "GEORGE STRAIT" Live in Concert photo on Full Front Chest, back of shirt celebrates George Strait's newest hit single "Here For A Good Time" with ..... Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$18.95	
		another amazing live concert photo and logo)..... Check Size: XXL ___	\$19.95	
	3980	<b>HEATHER INDIGO "HERE FOR A GOOD TIME" T-SHIRT</b> (Heather Indigo color adult UNISEX 100% preshrunk cotton Short Sleeve T-Shirt, features a large "Here For A Good Time" graphic signature logo and George Strait concert photo on full front chest, back of shirt celebrates George Strait's 2012 Tour with a listing of his..... Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$18.95	
		tour cities and another Amazing live concert photo with a "Here For A Good Time" signature logo)..... Check Size: XXL ___	\$19.95	
	☆☆☆ 3990	<b>BLACK "THE COWBOY RIDES AWAY" T-SHIRT</b> (Our Black adult UNISEX 100% Preshrunk Cotton Short Sleeve T-Shirt features a small GEORGE STRAIT "The Cowboy Rides Away" 2013-2014 Tour Logo on the left front chest. Back of shirt Celebrates George Strait's 2013-2014 "The Cowboy Rides Away" ..... Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$18.95	
		Tour with an Amazing Live Concert Photo and Tour Cities Logo)..... Check Size: XXL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$19.95	
	5255	<b>YOUTH COWBOY TEE</b> (Our super comfy preshrunk cotton heather grey color YOUTH Tee features a fun and colorful "George Strait" cowboy design.)..... Check size: M (10-12) ___ L (14-16) ___	\$12.95	
	☆☆☆ 8935	<b>HEATHER NAVY ZIP-UP HOODED SWEATSHIRT</b> (Heather Navy UNISEX Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt, Cozy Heavy Blend Fabric That's As Soft And Comfy As It Is Durable And Good-Looking, Cut To Fit Both Men And Women, Jersey Lined Hood With Matching Drawstring, Zip Front With Split Muff Pocket, Ribbed Cuffs And Waistband, GEORGE STRAIT" 2013-2014 Tour Logo And Concert Photo Imprint On Right Front Chest And ..... Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$59.95	
		"The Cowboy Rides Away" Imprint Down Left Sleeve) ..... Check Size: XXL ___	<b>NEW</b> \$60.95	
		<b>GEORGE STRAIT CDs</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	
	937	TROUBADOUR .....	\$16	
	940	HERE FOR A GOOD TIME .....	\$16	

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9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt



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Ornament

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9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt (White)	XXL_____	\$42.95	
1054 - Christmas Photo Coffee Mug		\$11.95	
346 - Christmas Ornament		\$9.95	

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# Anita's Notes

Welcome to the winter issue of Strait Talk! This is your end of the year and beginning of a New Strait year.

How do you start writing Strait Talk after 30 years of doing it? For the next few years, each issue will be Special, not saying the past issues were not. When George made his plans known on Sept. 26th that 2013 and 2014 would be his last organized tours, it seemed like the world had stopped spinning for a lot of folks. Many fans were in shock even though they knew that there would be a day that it could happen. It's not something we really wanted to face. So, here we go again. Let's pull ourselves up and enjoy the next couple of years of touring with George and his Ace In The Hole Band as they take to the road again in January of 2013. For those of you, who have already taken the time to purchase tickets, enjoy every moment. Remember, after the organized touring ends, there will still be great new music from George to enjoy. In addition, you will still see George performing at selected venues around the country.

We have the 2013 tour starting in Lubbock, TX and that show and many others are already sold out. The 2013 tour wraps up in San Antonio, TX on June 1st. Tickets for that show are expected to go on sale in early March.

On March 8th and 9th, the greatest team ropers in the world will gather together at the Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas to compete in the 31st annual George Strait Team Roping Classic. Once again, the roping is sold out. Ropers come from all over the country to vie for the coveted title. Fans begin lining up early on Friday morning loaded down with their stadium cushions, blankets and cameras ready for the action. They also enjoy visiting with all the vendors that are set up selling their

Western wear, furniture, candles, jewelry, toys, leather goods, handbags and much more. A lot of the items offered by the vendors are hand made items that can't be found anywhere else. If you are coming for the first time, be sure and check it out. A reminder for all you who purchased tickets, they will be mailed out in February of 2013. If you are coming, we will see you there.

George has released his latest single on MCA Records. The single is called "Give It All We Got Tonight". The single was recorded in Nashville and penned by Tim James, Phil O'Donnell and Mark Bright and is the first from Strait's forthcoming album. Strait once again collaborated with longtime producer, Tony Brown, on the music. It is rapidly climbing the national charts. George's new CD will not be here until 2013.

Have you seen the Dec. 12th issue of PEOPLE Magazine? It features George on the front cover and has an Exclusive interview with him. It is the first interview with him for the magazine in 5 years and has some great photos. Pick up your copy today if you don't already have one.

As you may have read elsewhere in Strait Talk, we have a few changes as of November 30th of 2012. Please read it carefully. We will no longer have mail memberships but will fulfill our commitment to the members we already have for the term of their membership. We will be going totally—Email. Beginning on Dec. 1st of 2013, Strait Talk will only be sent by Email. So, if you do not have an Email address, please get one. Even if you don't have one yourselves, please get someone else's email address that we can send it to, so they can print it out for you. Times have changed and the cost of printing and shipping is rising and the amount we print

is less. We have also noticed that our GSFC email memberships have increased because people want their information quicker and we can understand that. We understand want to hold your copy of Strait Talk in your hands but you will be able to print it out at your home in color. If you do send in you mail memberships or renewals after Dec. 1st of 2012, they will be returned to you.

To our foreign members, as of Dec. 1st, 2012, we will no longer ship merchandise outside of the United States with the exception of Canada. But, Canadian fans must have a physical address for shipping. P.O. Boxes will no longer work as we only ship by UPS. We realize that these are huge changes but please accept the fact that we have thought this over long and hard before making the decision. We appreciate your understanding.

We have posted the Holiday shipping schedule story elsewhere in the newsletter. Please read it carefully. We hope we can help you with some of your Holiday needs.

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**Holiday Schedule:  
Closed  
December 21, 2012  
through  
January 3, 2013**

# 🎵 Anita's Notes 🎵

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see we have many new Holiday items and new tour items. If you see something that you like, please order it. Many times the items are limited and discontinued when sold out. Also, sometimes there is a need to backorder items so we appreciate your patience when that occurs. We are using UPS for all of our shipping, so please have a **Physical Address** when you place your order. A tracking number will be emailed to you from the GSFC when the item is shipped.

Our phone hours are from 11am to 1pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you need to talk to a real person, please call during that time. All other inquiries should be directed to: [customerservice@geogestraitfans.com](mailto:customerservice@geogestraitfans.com).

We have a few winners this issue. Please see our winners listed in the high-

lighted box. Congrats to all of you ladies. Your package is on the way.

As we conclude this issue of Strait Talk, we would like to wish George and Norma Strait a Very Happy 41st Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations to you both.

Well, this is a wrap! Enjoy the Holiday Season with a little Strait Music. Take time to enjoy our family and friends with happiness and joy. As we travel to see George and his band over the next few years, we hope the memories you make will be great ones. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a wonderful Holiday Season from the GSFC staff and all the Members of the George Strait organization.

Please pray for our servicemen and women around the world who are doing their very best to keep us all safe. We pray for their safe return home.

*Happy  
41st  
Anniversary  
George  
& Norma  
Strait  
December 4th*

## **New Merchandise Items for the George Strait Fan Club Puzzle Winner is:**

**Sara Widsom - Marshall, TX**

## **Fan Collectable Column Winners are:**

**Judy Wilson - Brownsville, TX**

**Alexis Gaffney - Hillsboro, OR**

**Mary Lou Burkett - Corpus Christi, TX**



# GEORGE STRAIT ITINERARY

DATE	CITY & STATE	VENUE	PUBLIC ON SALE
1/18	Lubbock TX	United Spirit Arena	On Sale
1/19	Oklahoma City, OK	Chesapeake Energy Arena	On Sale
1/25	Salt Lake City, UT	Energy Solutions Arena	On Sale
1/26	Nampa, ID	Idaho Center	On Sale
1/31	Sacramento, CA	Sleep Train Arena	On Sale
2/1	Fresno, CA	Savemart Center	On Sale
2/2	Las Vegas, NV	MGM Grand Garden Arena	On Sale
2/15	St. Paul, MN	Xcel Energy Center	On Sale
2/16	Grand Forks, ND	Ralph Engelstad Arena	On Sale
2/22	Buffalo, NY	HSBC Arena	On Sale
2/23	Hartford, CT	XL Center	On Sale
3/1	Knoxville, TN	Thompson Boling Arena	On Sale
3/2	Lexington, KY	Rupp	On Sale
3/17	Houston, TX	Reliant Stadium/HLS&R	1/12
3/22	Greenville, SC	Bi-Lo Center	On Sale
3/23	Greensboro, NC	Greensboro Coliseum	On Sale
4/5	Albuquerque, NM	The Pit	On Sale
4/6	Las Cruces, NM	Pan American Center	On Sale
4/12	Little Rock, AR	Verizon Arena	12/11
4/13	New Orleans, LA	New Orleans Arena	On Sale
6/1	San Antonio, TX	Alamodome	3/7