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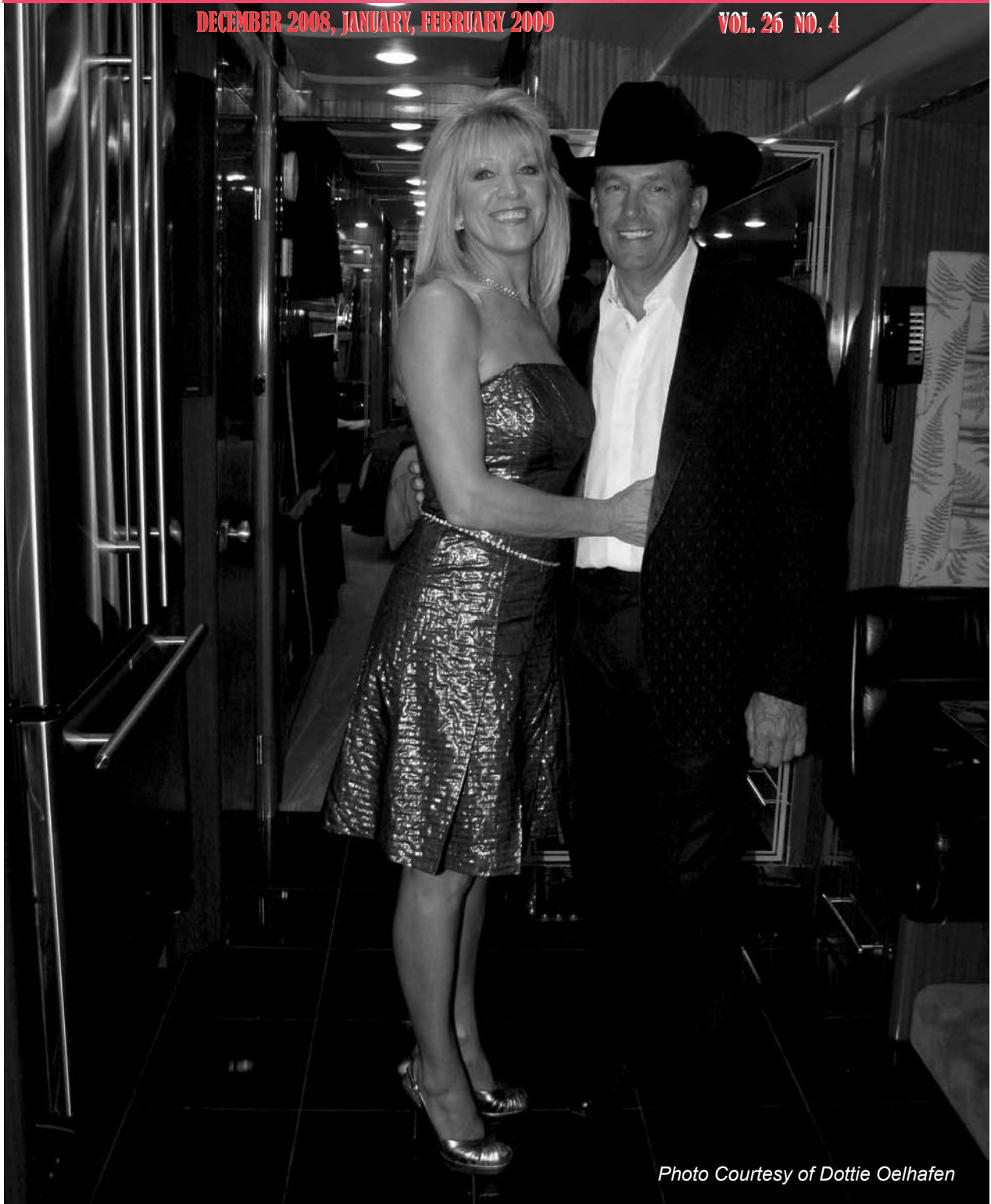


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George Strait Surpasses Record For Most Trophies In CMA Awards History With 22 At "The 42nd Annual CMA Awards"

NASHVILLE, TN - "The 42nd Annual CMA Awards" spread the love around as Country Music's consistent hitmakers racked up Awards along with first-time winners.

George Strait's mantle got a little more crowded as he became the artist with the most CMA Awards in history, adding Single of the Year for "I Saw God Today" and Album of the Year for "Troubadour," both co-produced by Strait and Tony Brown, to his tally. With these two trophies and two additional for producing, Strait's CMA Awards trophies eclipse Brooks & Dunn's previous record of 19 Awards.

"I love this album and I really appreciate everyone who bought it," the humble Strait



said after accepting his second Award of the night. "Everyone says they've got the greatest fans. Well, I really got the greatest fans."

George Strait is one of the most successful and prolific country music artists of all time. With a career that spans more than 25 years, Strait has 56 number one songs to his name, more than any other artist including all genres of music. He has sold more than 67 million records, garnering him 32 different platinum or multi-platinum albums. The only recording artists with more RIAA certified platinum albums are The Beatles with 39 and Elvis Presley with 45.

Photo Courtesy of CMA

Strait Shooters: Country Music Association, Jonathon Frazier & Dottie Oelhafen

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

George Strait General Store Loaded With Great Christmas Ideas

The Christmas shopping season is in full bloom right now and the George Strait Fan Club has a store full of great Christmas gifts. We have many new items that would look great under the tree or in a Christmas stocking. Go to the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com and click on the General Store and check out some of these following items. There is a new Troubadour Photo Magnet, a new Troubadour Photo Mouse Pad, a Troubadour Photo Coffee Mug, and a new Troubadour Old Fashioned

Glasses and Shot Glass.

We also have some great wearables like the new light blue Troubadour Jersey Knit Tee and the beautiful Chestnut brown short sleeve Troubadour Photo T-Shirt. There is also the new and really cute Baby Bib and a Baby Shirt. We have a new Half Zip Polar Fleece Jacket that would be a super Christmas Gift for someone you love.

If you are looking for music or video, we have George Strait's two latest CD's, Troubadour and Classic Christmas. In ad-

dition the 2008 Team Roping Video is also available.

If you are looking for something with a Christmas theme, please check out our Christmas Coffee Mug, shatterproof ball Christmas Ornament or our Ceramic Christmas Ornament or Christmas Sweatshirt.

There are many other great gift ideas in the George Strait General Store so please stop by and include us in your shopping plans.

George Strait Fan Club Sets Christmas Schedule

Fan Club Office Closed For The Holidays on Dec. 21st

The George Strait Fan Club has announced it's Christmas office and shipping schedule. The fan club office will formerly close at the end of the day on Dec. 21st. All orders received by noon on that day will be shipped out on the 21st. The only exception to this

will be orders received before 9am on Dec. 22nd that require overnight shipping. Those orders will be shipped out on the morning of the 23rd. We cannot guarantee any arrival dates as once our shipments are collected by UPS or USPS they are at the mercy of the

carriers.

We would suggest that anyone needing gifts for Christmas should make sure that their orders are into us by Dec. 15th to have a reasonable chance of delivery in time.

*Happy 37th Anniversary
George and Norma Strait
December 4, 2008*

George Strait Team Roping Classic Sold Out!

The George Strait Team Roping Classic to be held at the San Antonio Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas on March 13th & 14th of 2009 has been sold out in record time. The event went on sale November 3rd and was the quickest sell-out ever for the GSTRC.

The 27th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic, sponsored by Cavender Chevrolet of Boerne, TX and Bruton Trailers of San Angelo, TX will get underway on the morning of the 13th as hundreds of teams compete for Cavender Chevrolet trucks, Bruton Trailers and plenty of cash. Last years winners, Travis Tryan and Michael Jones carried away more than \$88,000 dollars in cash in their new Cavender Chevrolet Silverado Dually diesel pickups and pulling their new Bruton Strait Xtreme 3-horse slant trailers. The GSTRC is the most exciting

and richest open roping in the sport. In addition to the purses, the ropers in

Lawyers. If a team wins the round on a Red Wrapped Steer, they get an added bonus.

In addition to the world class roping, fans can venture though the shopping area looking at all the many colorful booths set up by sponsors and other vendors.

The Friday sponsor of the first two go-rounds is sponsored by Hill Country and Kioti Tractors, while Saturday is sponsored by Bill Millers BBQ. Major sponsors of the event are Brake Check and H.E.B. food stores, Tractor Supply Co., Wrangler, Justin Boots, Cactus Ropes, Resistol, Gist Buckles, Capitol Farm Credit, Frost Bank and Classic Ropes.

US Smokeless Tobacco will once again bring their beautiful video scoreboard for the benefit of all the fans.



Saturday's final will have an opportunity to earn more money with the Red Wrapped Steer Challenge, sponsored by Wayne Wright

George Strait To Tour In Summer of 2009

George Strait's 2009 Tour Schedule will take him during a different time of the year to many new places, as well as many places he hasn't visited in a while. George Strait fans across the country should be excited about the King of Country Music's 2009 touring plans.

Strait will begin the year in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas as he helps the citizens of Hidalgo, TX celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Dodge Arena. It will be Straits first visit to Hidalgo and his first foray in many years to the beautiful South Texas Valley.

George Strait will also play a number of outdoor amphitheatres in 2009 including performances at the Verizon Wireless Am-

phitheatre in Charlotte, NC, Walnut Creek Amphitheatre in Raleigh, NC, Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati, OH, Post-Gazette Pavilion in Pittsburgh, PA, P.N.C. Bank Center in Holmdel, NJ, Tweeter Center in Boston, MA, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Virginia Beach, VA, Nissan Pavilion in Washington, DC, USANA Amphitheatre in Salt Lake City, UT, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Indianapolis, IN and the First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre in Tinley Park, IL right outside of Chicago.

In addition to the previously mentioned dates, Strait will also cross the border to Canada to perform at the Calgary Stampede in Calgary, AB and the Craven Country

Jamboree in Craven, SK. Strait will also perform at Country Fest 2009 in Cadott, WI and at the Marcus Amphitheatre in Milwaukee during Music Fest 2009.

In July Strait will return to the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Cheyenne, WY for a special one night performance. There are also two other major dates that will not be announced until sometime after the first of the year. The announcements on the dates will be made on the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com as soon as they are available. Check the itinerary on the back page of the newsletter for specific dates.

Fan Collectable Column

- People Magazine - 10-27-08. Music Section, page 44 George Strait mentioned. New York, NY.
- American Profile - Nov. 2-8, 2008. Page 2 George Strait mentioned in story. Gary, IN.
- Miami Herald - Oct. 31, 2008. Back page, People in the News section. George Strait will receive the ACM Artist of the Decade Award. Story with photo. Miami, FL.
- Country Weekly Magazine - 11-3-08. George Strait photo on Front Cover. "The People I Love" pp. 36-40, p 24 "Who Will Win" 42nd Annual CMA Awards, p. 68 Charts - Singles, Albums, Videos and CMT Title/Artist. Nashville, TN.
- Bona Fide Country - Oct. 2008. Page 5 "42nd Annual CMA Awards," p. 10 List of "Top CMA Award Winners" from the past with photos. Front cover photo. Gales Creek, OR.
- ALLYOU.com - Oct. 24, 2008. Page 22 George Strait mentioned in "Turn on the Music" section. Taylor, MI.
- National Dragster Magazine - 10-24-08 Issue 41, page 130. George Strait mentioned in story. Glendora, CA.
- Star Tribune - 10-27-08. Main section page A2. George Strait mentioned in story "Country Fest 2009 in Cadet." Minneapolis, MN.
- San Antonio Express News - 10-05-08. Page 1H photo with mention about George Strait's New Christmas album. San Antonio, TX.
- Texas Monthly Magazine - 11-08. Holiday Gift Guide page 253 "George Strait "Classic Christmas" CD featuring 10 of George's Holiday favorites. Dallas, TX.
- Omaha World Herald 11-2-08. Page 2E ETA Entertainment, Travel, Arts section. Photo with story. Omaha, NE.
- Lexington News - 10-31-08. Page A2. Story on "ACM - Artist of the Decade." Lexington, KY.
- Star Tribune - 10-31-08. Page A2 main section under Faces Section. Mentioned with photo. Minneapolis, MN.
- San Antonio Express News Newspaper - 10-31-08. Page 2A and 8D photo with story. Question/Answer section. San Antonio, TX.
- Country Weekly - 9-8-08. Front cover insert "George Strait and George Strait Jr." Star Kids Then and Now," page 48 full page photo and short story. Nashville, TN.
- Victoria Advocate Newspaper - 10-31-08. Page A2 Celebrities in the News. Victoria, TX.
- San Antonio Express News Newspaper - 11-5-08. Page 1H "Classic Christmas" LP with photo. San Antonio, TX.
- TV Guide 11/10-16/2008. Page 30 CMA Roundup, mentioned several times. New York, NY.
- Austin American-Statesman - 10-31-08. Page A2 story with photo "Strait Up: George No. 1." Austin, TX.
- Star Tribune - 10-31-08. Page 2 Faces section, photo with article "ACM Artist of the Decade." Minneapolis, MN.
- San Antonio Express News Newspaper - 11-2-08. Page 1H "George for President" mentioned with photo. San Antonio, TX.

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 a Collector's Card. 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!!!

Elaine Young - Conyers, GA
Margaret Eckers - St. Louis Park, MN
Debbie Erickson - Taylor, MN
Alexis Gaffney - Gales Creek, OR
Judy Shisk - San Antonio, TX

Judy Knous - Petersburg, IL
Ruth E. Atcheson - Burleson, TX
Cecelia Miller - Andover, MN
Maria Rodriguez - Miami, FL
Shirley Van Velzer - Deming, NM

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- NEW MERCHANDISE -

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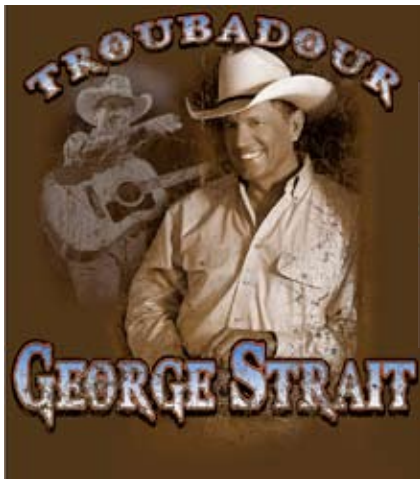
9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt



1043 - Christmas Coffee Mug



349 - Christmas Ornament



3705 - Adult Chestnut Brown "Troubadour" Photo T-Shirt
Left: Back view; Above: front chest



3605 - Ladies Light Blue Troubadour T-Shirt



307 - Photo mousepad



1063 - Old Fashioned Glass Tumbler



1047 - Troubadour Coffee Mug

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	100	FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Newsletter Sent By Mail) - 1 YEAR U.S.	\$25	
		(Includes photo magnet, sticker, fact sheet, discography, bio, 5 x 7 CANADA	\$25	
		photo & 4 quarterly issues of STRAIT TALK sent through the mail with periodic email updates).....FOREIGN	\$30	
	120	FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP (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.	\$15	
		Incredible Career, Behind the Scenes Fact Sheet & Biography. All Fan Club Documents are emailed immediately CANADA	\$15	
		following payment authorization).....FOREIGN	\$20	
	140	FAN CLUB RENEWAL (Newsletter Sent By Mail) - 1 YEAR U.S.	\$25	
		(Same as 1 year membership - CANADA	\$25	
		Newsletter sent through the mail)FOREIGN	\$30	
	160	FAN CLUB RENEWAL (Newsletter Sent Via E-Mail) - 1 YEAR U.S.	\$15	
		(Same as 1 year membership - CANADA	\$15	
		Newsletter sent via e-mail).....FOREIGN	\$20	
	203	BUMPER STICKER (4"x3-1/2" Sticker Featuring Vintage Lettering In Red, White and Blue accented with Western U.S.	\$1.95	
		Style Filigree).....	\$2.95	
	☆☆☆ 252	PHOTO MAGNET (2" x 2" Square Photo Magnet with Photo from LP "Troubadour")NEW	\$2.95	
	☆☆☆ 307	PHOTO MOUSE PAD "TROUBADOUR" (Fabric Mouse Pad with photo of G.S. from LP "Troubadour," Compatible with U.S.	\$9.95	
		ball type or optical mouse, 1/4" thick non-slip material keeps mouse pad firmly in place. Dimensions: 7.5" x 8").....NEW	\$9.95	
	312	BALL POINT PEN (Fashionable chrome colored ballpoint pen with metal body and a soft grip section, an elegant U.S.	\$3.95	
		pen for everyday use, "GEORGE STRAIT" imprinted on side in black).....	\$3.95	
	340	BELT BUCKLE (Solid bronze buckle w/sterling silver and gold electroplated classic western design w/G.S. highlighted U.S.	\$119.95	
		over a team roping scene. Each buckle will be NUMBERED and gift boxed. Size 4" x 3-1/2".).....	\$119.95	
	348	CERAMIC CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (Classic 3" Round Ceramic Ornament with a Handsome G.S. Merry U.S.	\$12.95	
		Christmas Photo, complimented by an elegant gold ribbon. This double-sided ornament is the ultimate stocking U.S.	\$12.95	
		stuffer or holiday party gift for every George Strait fan, This Item Is Not Available For Foreign Delivery).....	\$12.95	
	☆☆☆ 349	SHATTERPROOF BALL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (A White 3-1/4" Shatterproof Ball Ornament with a handsome G.S. U.S.	\$12.95	
		Merry Christmas photo, this individually gift boxed ornament is the ultimate decoration, stocking stuffer or U.S.	\$12.95	
		holiday party gift for every George Strait Fan!).....NEW	\$12.95	
	425	PLUSH BUDDIE BANDANA DOG (Adorable 7" Plush Buddie Black and White Bandana Dog, "I Love George U.S.	\$19.95	
		Strait" logo on bandana. Huggable and loveable. Specially designed for The 2008 George Strait Tour).....	\$19.95	
	546	PHOTO KEYCHAIN (Double sided photo keychain containing photo from CD "It Just Comes Natural")..... U.S.	\$3.95	
	558	LICENSE TAG (Red, White and Blue Texas plate with silhouette "STRAIT" design and "It Just Comes Natural" U.S.	\$6.95	
		across bottom).....	\$6.95	
	566	LICENSE TAG HOLDER (Black frame with classic "George Strait" on top and www.georgestrait.com on the bottom)..... U.S.	\$7.00	
	580	HAT PIN (Sterling silver w/G.S. signature in blue) SUPER! U.S.	\$9.95	
	585	EARRINGS (Sterling Silver w/G.S. signature. For pierced ears only!)..... U.S.	\$14.95	
	☆☆☆ 633	CALENDAR (5 Page, 15 Month Calendar (January 2009 - March 2010), Closed Calendar Dimensions are U.S.	\$15.00	
		14" x 10-1/2", Excellent Full Color Photos. Wonderful Gift Idea for Any George Strait Fan!).....NEW	\$15.00	
	650	SONGBOOK (The Best of George Strait 2nd Edition, includes 34 of George's Greatest Hits for Piano, Vocal and Guitar)..... U.S.	\$17.95	
	662	LATEST GREATEST STRAITEST HITS (Songbook) U.S.	\$14.95	
	663	THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT (Songbook) U.S.	\$10.95	
	☆☆☆ 981DVD	2008 GEORGE STRAIT TEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO (DVD).....NEW	\$29.95	
	982DVD	2007 GEORGE STRAIT TEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO (DVD).....	\$29.95	
	8888DVD	"FOR THE LAST TIME" - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME DVD (Recorded at the closing night of the Houston Livestock U.S.	\$29.95	
		show and Rodeo on March 3, 2002 - Available in DVD only).....	\$29.95	
	1022	DENIM APRON (Embossed Denim Apron is 28" Long with 3 roomy pockets, extra-long ties and adjustable neck strap. U.S.	\$29.95	
		GREAT for Chores and Indoor or Outdoor Cooking. Washable and Durable, Brand NEW G.S. Rodeo Design using U.S.	\$29.95	
		a permanent 3 dimensional embossing process, Made in U.S.A.).....	\$29.95	
	1038	RED TRAVEL MUG (Red Thermal 16 oz. Stainless Steel Travel Mug, offers a secure cap and an easy-slide drink U.S.	\$16.95	
		top closure to keep beverages from spilling during commutes. Designed to fit securely in most vehicles' holders and U.S.	\$16.95	
		consoles. Great looking vintage G.S. filigree logo in white).....	\$16.95	
	☆☆☆ 1043	CHRISTMAS PHOTO COFFEE MUG (This beautiful 11 oz. White Ceramic Coffee Mug features an original Christmas design U.S.	\$14.95	
		and photo of G.S. in Full Living Color. A dye sublimation manufacturing process ensures that the double-sided image U.S.	\$14.95	
		stays Brilliant and Colorful for the life of the mug. Perfect for gift giving!).....NEW	\$14.95	
	☆☆☆ 1047	"TROUBADOUR" PHOTO COFFEE MUG (This Handsome 11 oz. White Ceramic Coffee Mug Features an Original Christmas U.S.	\$13.95	
		Design and Photo of G.S. in Full Living Color, a Dye sublimation manufacturing process ensures that the double-sided U.S.	\$13.95	
		image stays Brilliant and Colorful for the life of the mug. Perfect for gift giving!).....NEW	\$13.95	
	☆☆☆ 1063	OLD FASHIONED GLASS "TROUBADOUR" (11 oz. Clear Glass Tumbler with sharp black "Troubadour" classic logo).....NEW	\$6.95	
	☆☆☆ 1067	SHOT GLASS (2 oz. Clear Shot Glass, Sharp Black "Troubadour" Classic Design, Specially Designed to match U.S.	\$6.95	
		the Old Fashioned Glass #1063).....NEW	\$6.95	
	1070	CHOCOLATE MESSENGER BAG ("George Strait" Embossed Messenger Bag, 12 oz. Canvas Fusion Dyed in Chocolate U.S.	\$39.95	
		Brown Denim, Washable, Sturdy Construction, 16-1/2" Wide and 14" Long, 2 Extra Pockets with Snaps for Extra U.S.	\$39.95	
		Security, Adjustable Strap, G.S. Rodeo Design using a permanent 3 dimensional embossing process. EXCELLENT U.S.	\$39.95	
		Book Bag, Diaper Bag, Purse or Briefcase! Roomy enough for a laptop! Made in USA).....	\$39.95	
	1071	BLUE DENIM MESSENGER BAG ("George Strait" Embossed Messenger Bag, 12 oz. Canvas Fusion Dyed in Blue Denim, U.S.	\$39.95	
		Washable, Sturdy Construction, 16-1/2" Wide and 14" Long, 2 Extra Pockets With Snaps For Extra Security, Adjustable Strap, U.S.	\$39.95	
		G.S. Rodeo Design using a permanent 3 dimensional embossing process. EXCELLENT Book Bag, Diaper Bag, Purse or U.S.	\$39.95	
		Briefcase! Roomy enough for a laptop! Made in USA).....	\$39.95	
	1075	TOTE BAG (LARGE size Embossed Denim Tote Bag, 22-1/2" Long and 20" Wide. You can carry Everything in this one - GREAT U.S.	\$29.95	
		for shopping! Washable and Durable, Brand NEW G.S. Rodeo Design using a permanent 3 dimensional embossing U.S.	\$29.95	
		process, Made in USA).....	\$29.95	
	3220	KHAKI/NAVY BANDANA (Khaki color Bandana with "George Strait" Western Style logo in Navy Blue)..... U.S.	\$5.95	
	3240	KHAKI/BLACK BANDANA (Khaki color Bandana with G.S. "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls" West Style log in Black)..... U.S.	\$5.95	
	3405	OLIVE WASH FRAYED PATCH CAP (Rugged Olive Green Garment Washed Twill Cap with G.S. logo on Frayed Oval U.S.	\$17.95	
		Patch, G.S. signature on back, velcro back strap, ONE SIZE FITS MOST).....	\$17.95	
	3410	BROWN CAMOUFLAGE SIGNATURE CAP (Brown Rip Stop and Realtree Max-1 HD Camouflage Cap Custom Embroidered U.S.	\$17.95	
		with G.S. Signature on Front, Self Fabric Back Strap with Slide Buckle, ONE SIZE FITS MOST).....	\$17.95	
	3415	GREEN CAMOUFLAGE PATCH CAP (Green Realtree AP Camouflage ap with G.S. Woven Label on Front, Self Fabric U.S.	\$17.95	
		back strap with Slide Buckle, ONE SIZE FITS MOST).....	\$17.95	
	3420	LADIES PINK CAMOUFLAGE "STRAIT GIRL" CAP (Ladies "Go Camo" In Our Pink And Camouflage Cap Custom Embroidered U.S.	\$17.95	
		with "Strait Girl" logo on Front with a worn look bill and G.S. signature on back. Velcro back strap, ONE SIZE FITS MOST).....	\$17.95	
	3425	LADIES BLACK RHINESTONE CAP (Ladies Fit Black Cap Embellished With Plenty Of Rhinestone BLING, Beautifully U.S.	\$17.95	
		Feminine Custom "George Strait" Embroidery On Front, Self Fabric Back Strap With Slide Buckle, ONE SIZE FITS MOST).....	\$17.95	
	☆☆☆ 3605	LADIES LIGHT BLUE "TROUBADOUR" JERSEY KNIT TEE (Ladies Light Blue "Troubadour" Short Sleeve 100% Cotton U.S.	\$19.95	
		Super Soft Ring Spun Jersey Knit Tee, Junior Fit, Comfortably Conforms To Your Body, A Subtle and Attractive U.S.	\$19.95	
		G.S. "Troubadour" Screen Print Design Adorns The Front of this Lovely Casual-Wear Tee)..... Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___ NEW	\$19.95	

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	☆☆☆ 3705	ADULT CHESTNUT BROWN SHORT SLEEVE "TROUBADOUR" PHOTO T-SHIRT (Chestnut Brown Unisex 100% Preshrunk Cotton Short Sleeve T-shirt with Vintage "Troubadour" Screen Print Design On Left Front Chest, Great Looking Vintage Full Size G.S. "Troubadour" Photo Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___ NEW Design on Back of Shirt)..... Check Size: XXL ___ NEW	\$17.95 \$19.95	
	4275	LADIES TWO-FER LAYERED LONG SLEEVE TEE (Ladies Two-Fer Heather Army Green Layered Long Sleeve Tee With Contrasting Tan Inner Sleeves And Collar, Sensually Soft Brushed-Cotton Knit, Vintage "G.S. Guitar With Wings" Logo On Chest)..... Check Size: M ___ L ___	\$25.95	
	4285	LADIES BLACK BOAT-NECK LONG SLEEVE TEE (Ladies Black Boat Neck Long Sleeve Tee With The Silky Smoothness Of Premium Pima Cotton That Won't Wash Out, Generous Long Sleeve Length, A Subtle And Attractive G.S. 2008 Country Music Tour vintage Medallion Screen Print Design Adorns The Front Of This Lovely Casual-Wear Tee)..... Check Size: M ___ L ___	\$25.95	
	4315	LADIES FROST PINK NIGHTSHIRT (Ladies Frost Pink Short Sleeve Scoop Neck Nightshirt, Great As A Beach Cover-Up, Cozy 100% Ring Spun Cotton Jersey, Two Patch Pockets At Sides, Handsome Photos Of George And A "Strait To My Heart" Logo On Center Front, ONE SIZE FITS MOST)	\$24.95	
	☆☆☆ 5205	BABY BIB (White Bib with "George Strait Rocks" in baby pastels of Yellow and Green. The design features a Rocking Horse and Teddy Bear - CUTE!)	NEW \$10.95	
	☆☆☆ 5225	BABY SHIRT (100% Cotton, White Shirt with "George Strait Rocks" in baby pastels of Yellow and Green. The design features a Rocking Horse and Teddy Bear. Matches Baby Bib 5205)..... Check Size: 12 mo ___ 24 mo ___ NEW	\$12.95	
	☆☆☆ 9720	HALF ZIP POLAR FLEECE JACKET (Chocolate Brown Super Soft Anti-Pill 100% Polyester Polar Fleece Wraps Your Body in Warmth, Sturdy Half Zipper, Convertible Collar, Nylon Reinforced Full Size Hand Warmer Pockets and Elasticized Cuffs, Sharp George Strait Star Logo	Check Size: M ___ L ___ XL ___ NEW \$59.95	
		Embroidered on Left Front Chest..... Check Size: XXL ___ NEW	\$64.95	
		GEORGE STRAIT CDs CDs		
	901	STRAIT COUNTRY	\$14	
	902	STRAIT FROM THE HEART	\$14	
	903	RIGHT OR WRONG.....	\$14	
	905	GREATEST HITS	\$14	
	906	SOMETHING SPECIAL.....	\$14	
	907	#7.....	\$14	
	909	OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY.....	\$14	
	910	GREATEST HITS #2	\$14	
	911	IF YOU AIN'T LOVIN' YOU AIN'T LIVIN.....	\$14	
	912	BEYOND THE BLUE NEON	\$15	
	913	LIVIN' IT UP.....	\$15	
	914	CHILL OF AN EARLY FALL.....	\$15	
	916	HOLDING MY OWN.....	\$16	
	917	PURE COUNTRY (Original motion picture soundtrack).....	\$16	
	919	LEAD ON.....	\$16	
	920	STRAIT OUT OF 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	
	921	BLUE CLEAR SKY	\$16	
	922	CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME.....	\$16	
	923	ONE STEP AT A TIME.....	\$16	
	924	ALWAYS NEVER THE SAME	\$16	
	925	MERRY CHRISTMAS WHEREVER YOU ARE.....	\$16	
	926	LATEST GREATEST STRAITEST HITS	\$16	
	928	THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED	\$16	
	929	THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT (20th Century Masters, The Millenium Collection).....	\$16	
	930	FOR THE LAST TIME - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME	\$19	
	931	HONKYTONKVILLE	\$19	
	932	50 NUMBER ONES (Double CD Set).....	\$25	
	933	SOMEWHERE DOWN IN TEXAS.....	\$19	
	934	IT JUST COMES NATURAL.....	\$19	
	935	LIVE AT TEXAS STADIUM.....	\$19	
	936	GEORGE STRAIT 22 MORE HITS.....	\$17	
	☆☆☆ 937	TROUBADOUR - NEW CD	\$18	
	☆☆☆ 938	CLASSIC CHRISTMAS - NEW CD	\$14	

☆☆☆ NEW ITEMS ☆☆ PLEASE MARK SIZES WHERE APPROPRIATE

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SHIPPING CHARGES DO NOT APPLY TO MEMBERSHIPS!

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30.01 - 40.00 = \$9.25	80.01 - 100.00 = \$13.75
40.01 - 50.00 = \$10.25	101.00 & Up = \$14.75

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EXCHANGES AND REFUNDS: All returns must be accompanied by our packing slip with all necessary information pertaining to your return.
We will credit your original payment method less shipping and handling charges. There is a 30 day return policy on all merchandise.



42nd Annual CMA Awards

Photos Courtesy of CMA





George Strait with Julian Hough
Photo by Jonathon Frazier



George Strait with Shania Twain
Photo by Jonathon Frazier



Lee Ann Womack, Kristian Bush, Luke Lewis, Shania Twain, George and Norma Strait
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Christmas Sweatshirt



*It's Time To Place
Your Holiday
Orders!*

9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt (Navy Blue)

- Heavyweight (90% Cotton - 10% Polyester)
- Beautiful Christmas Scene with Photo of G.S.
- Excellent Christmas Gift
- Full Cut for a Casual, Comfortable Fit

CHRISTMAS SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Description	Sizes (Put Qty. # next to each size)	Price Each	Amount
9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt (Navy)	M_____ L_____ XL_____	\$42.95	
9100 - Christmas Sweatshirt	XXL_____	\$44.95	

Shipping and Handling:
\$8.50 per Sweatshirt

Shipping Charge: \$8.50 per Sweatshirt \$ _____

Tennessee Sales Tax (9.25%) \$ _____
(All Tennessee Customers must add 9.25%)

Deduct Strait Cash Here \$ _____

Total \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____ CUSTOMER#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

Method of Payment: Check _____ Money Order _____ Cashier's Check _____ Credit Card _____

(If paying with Credit Card, please fill out below:

MASTERCARD/VISA NO.: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NAME ON CARD: _____

SIGNATURE ON CARD: _____



Anita's Notes



Welcome to the winter issue of Strait Talk. 2008 was like a whirlwind. It came in fast and is moving out quickly. With George's tour starting out early in January of 2008 and crossing the country till mid-March, fans couldn't get enough. After the tour was over it was time for the 26th annual George Strait Team Roping Classic which, once again, proved to be a huge success. Fans that were able to get tickets had a great time. It's wonderful to see George Strait fans travel to see the concerts, but to see them witness all the world class ropers at the Rose Palace Arena in San Antonio, TX is the cherry on top.

After the tour and roping event, George and his family traveled a little, worked at the ranch a little, roped a little and spent some time on some special projects. The "Troubadour" and "Classic Christmas" have done very well this year and "Troubadour" was good enough to get nominated as one of the finalists in the CMA "Album of the Year" category.

George recently completed some new television commercials for Cavender Chevrolet in Boerne, TX, the title sponsor for the George Strait Team Roping Classic. We hope those of you in the San Antonio area are enjoying them.

George was also in Nashville early in November to film the CMT Giants Special that honored his friend Alan Jackson. He sang "Where Were You When The World Stopped Turning" and also sang with Alan, Brad Paisley and Dierks Bentley on "Country Boy". The show is scheduled to be shown on CMT in December. Check the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com for details on the exact airtime. We will place it there as soon as we get the information.

Many of you who have been anxiously waiting for George's 2009 tour to kick off

in January as usual will have to wait a little longer. George has changed everything up for 2009 and will not go on the road until May. He will work through early August. Check the itinerary on the back of the newsletter for most of the dates.

George will be playing all outside dates in 2009, with the exception of Hidalgo, TX where he will be helping the city celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Dodge Arena. It's going to be a great year and many of you who have not seen George in your area for some time, will finally get the chance to do so. Let us know your thoughts when you see the schedule.

There are still a couple of special dates that will not be announced until next year.

The 27th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic has already sold out. It was the fastest sellout in the history of the event. We are sorry that so many of you were unable to get tickets, but there are just a limited number of seats available. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Many of you are aware the Academy of Country Music Awards Show is scheduled for April 5th in Las Vegas, NV at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino. We also want to let you know that on April 6th, the ACM will tape a TV special honoring George Strait as the "Artist of the Decade". If you are planning to be in Las Vegas and would like information on ticket purchases, please go the ACM website at www.acm-country.com. We suggest you get your tickets and hotel reservations early.

If you are still looking for just the right Christmas gifts for that George Strait Fan, please check out the many great new items we have in the George Strait General Store. Make sure you get all of your orders placed by mid-December if you hope to get them in time for Christmas.

Check out our Christmas shopping story for a list of all the great new items available.

Have you submitted a piece for the Fan Collectable column? Well, Pat Skoruppa from Victoria, TX is our big winner for the Dec-Jan-Feb Issue of Strait Talk. Pat submitted an article from her local newspaper to the fan club and her name was drawn. It was that easy. You can be the next winner by submitting reviews, photos, or newspaper and magazine articles. Please read the full details on the Fan collectable Column Page for submitting. Congratulations Pat, your prize is in the mail.

Are you moving? Do you have a new email address? Please call or write us and let us know. You can call us at 615-824-7176 between 8:30am and 3pm Monday-Friday Central Time. We need to make sure that we have your correct email address or you will not receive the important on-sale information for George's tour and may lose out on your opportunity to purchase fan club seating. Thanks for your help. If you are a new member, watch for announcements about the tour, merchandise specials and general information from the George Strait Fan Club.

We are asking that you submit a physical address when ordering merchandise from the General Store. The reason is that we ship by UPS and they will not deliver to PO Boxes.

Thanks for a great year and we hope and pray that this Holiday Season brings you peace, joy and good health. During your holiday, please take a moment to pray for our servicemen and women and their families, God speed and a safe return to them all.

From all of us to all of you,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Or Go Online To: www.georgestrait.com

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Date	City	Venue	On-Sale	Ticket Info
5/9	Hidalgo, TX	Dodge Arena	TBA	TBA
5/15	Charlotte, NC	Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
5/16	Raleigh, NC	Walnut Creek Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
5/22	Cincinnati, OH	Riverbend Music Center	TBA	TBA
5/23	Pittsburgh, PA	Post-Gazette Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
5/29	Holmdel, NJ	P.N.C. Bank Center	TBA	TBA
5/30	Boston, MA	Tweeter Center	TBA	TBA
6/12	Virginia Beach, VA	Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
6/13	Washington, DC	Nissan Pavillion	TBA	TBA
6/28	Cadott, WI	Country Fest	12/6	800-326-3378
6/29	Milwaukee, WI	Summer Fest	TBA	414-273-2680
7/11	Calgary, AB	Calgary Stampede	10/6	800-661-1767
7/12	Craven, Sask	Craven Country Jamboree	On-Sale	866-388-0007
7/17	Salt Lake City, UT	USANA Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
7/18	Cheyenne, WY	Cheyenne Frontier Days	12/6	800-227-6336
7/24	Indianapolis, IN	Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA
7/25	Tinley Park, IL	First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre	TBA	TBA

Please check the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com for additional information and on-sale dates. On-sale dates are generally announced 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the actual on-sale date. Fan club pre-sales are one day prior to the listed on-sale date.