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George Strait Inducted into Cowboy Hall

(L to R): Former Rodeo Champion Phil Lyne (who nominated George for induction), Strait and former Rodeo Champion Roy Cooper.

Lyne and Cooper introduced Strait at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony on January 10 - Photo by Brenda Allen

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Singer George Strait Inducted Into Cowboy Hall of Fame

By John Goodspeed
San Antonio Express-News

FORT WORTH - George Strait won fame singing about cowboys.

Now he's in the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame for being one.

Strait, who reached a record 50 No. 1 singles last month, was one of six inductees honored Friday evening before about 500 guests at the cavernous brick and concrete museum, at one time a horse barn, in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historical District.

"Being successful in the country music business has given me the opportunity to do a lot of things I always wanted to do - have a place of my own and live a life I always wanted to live," said Strait, who grew up in Pearsall and learned to love horses and cattle at the family ranch in Big Wells.

Saying he feels fortunate to be able to do the things he

loves, Strait added, "Someone thought enough of that to say, 'Hey, let's nominate him for the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.' That means a heck of a lot to me.... I'm real proud to be included here."

The country music superstar was recognized for the George Strait Team Roping Classic, one of the biggest in the nation, and elevating the image of the cowboy around the world through his music.

The honor puts Strait alongside such Hall of

Fame members as Ty Murray, world champion all-around cowboy seven times; six-time all-around cowboy Larry Mahon; eight-time world bull riding champ Don Gray; and four-time world bull riding champion Tuff Hedeman.

The other 2003 inductees are Fred Whitfield of Hodkley, who won his seventh world championship in calf-roping last fall; Guy

place was his father, James Allen of Santa Anna.

Also honored was one of the longest-running bands in the nation, the Light Crust Doughboys, founded in 1931 by Bob Wills and Milton Brown. The band was given the first Spirit of Texas Award, which celebrates the uniqueness of Texas and Texans.

The Doughboys are nominated for their fifth Grammy, for best gospel album, "We Called Him Mr. Gospel Music: The James Blackwood Tribute Album."

Hall of Fame member Phil Lyne of Cotulla, two-time world champion all-around cowboy, nominated Strait for the honor. Strait was introduced by Lyne and fellow Hall of Famer Roy Cooper of Childress, eight-time world calf roping champion.

Like the others, Strait will select personal mementos to donate to the museum's collection.

Strait began his team roping event 20 years ago in Kingsville.

It grew to one of the nation's largest and moved to the San Antonio Rose Palace several years ago. Almost \$300,000 in cash and prizes was awarded last year.

This year, the competition is scheduled for March 14 and 15.

The Hall of Fame, which moved to Fort Worth in 2001 after opening in Hico in 1999, honors people who excel in supporting the Western lifestyle as well as the rodeo industry and competitors in Texas. 🤠



Allen of Santa Anna, a 16-time world champion steer roper; Neal and Kay Guy of Mesquite, co-founders of the Mesquite Championship Rodeo and producers of the Fort Worth Stock Show, which opens today; and legendary cutter

Helen K. Groves, who grew up on the King Ranch and spent three decades breeding and riding cutting horses.

Allen could not attend because he was competing in Odessa. Accepting the honor in his

George Strait Releases His First Live Record on February 11th

Live DVD to Follow on February 25th

FOR THE LAST TIME - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME

Recorded at the closing night of the "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo" on March 3, 2002

Every time George Strait releases a new record, it becomes an event. Likewise, his concerts have taken on near legendary proportions. Now, for the first time in an audio recording, Strait's two worlds collide.

On February 11th George Strait will release *For the Last Time - Live From the Astrodome* (MCA Nashville), his first live disc ever. The 16-song collection, recorded on the closing night of the "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo" on March 3rd, contains some of George's biggest hits like "Amarillo By Morning" and his latest #1 single, "She'll Leave You With A Smile."

A live performance DVD of the same name with three additional songs will be released on February 25th. It is Strait's



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first "Live" video recording for sale in over a decade.

The Houston Astrodome was home to the "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo" for the last 37 years. On its final night, Strait played to a record-breaking crowd of 68,266 people, marking the largest ticketed audience for any event held at the dome. Among those in the audience were President and Mrs. George Bush. The former President took the stage to present

Strait with an award saying, "It is an honor to give this final award to the guy that deserves it the most. Everybody at the rodeo loves him, everyone in Texas loves him and everyone across this country loves his music. And I can tell you, he's just as great a guy in person as he is up here on this stage. George, well done sir."

Co-produced by Strait and long time collaborator Tony Brown, *For the Last Time* will mark Strait's 30th album release. Said Brown, "I have worked with George on 12 albums and the man never fails to amaze me. He has integrity and a very keen sense of who he is musically. Working with him on his first live recording is certainly one of the milestones of my career."

From the stage that evening and caught on tape for the disc and the DVD, Strait



reminisced about the first time he played the Rodeo. "It really does seem like only yesterday when the late great Eddie Rabbitt got sick that night," said Strait. "They called me and I'd just got in from a tour. They said, 'Can you be at the Houston Astrodome to play at the rodeo in about two hours?' and I said, 'Hmm... This has got to be a joke.' I managed to get a hold of everybody and they put us on an airplane and flew us up here. What a night that was and it's been great ever since."

Strait will return to Houston on February 25, 2003 for the opening ceremonies of the "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo" in its brand new home, the newly built Reliant Stadium. 🤠

George Strait Team Roping Classic Invites Renowned Roping Entertainer To Perform During Finals

The 21st Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic announces a special performer to the already impressive event happening March 14th and 15th at the Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas. George Strait has invited renowned Mexican charro Jerry Diaz to perform during the roping finals on the 15th. Diaz, known for his spectacular trick roping and horsemanship will perform between each one of the go-rounds.

Diaz is a charro in the tradition of the Mexican charro whose origins date back to the 17th century. The charro, who developed the customs, dress, music and equestrian skills later borrowed by the American cowboy, dresses in traditional costume and is skilled in horsemanship, steer roping and trick roping. Known for his expertise with the maguery rope while on foot, riding or standing atop his horse, Diaz has been a crowd pleaser since 1985. He is also an accomplished singer and recording artist. He has performed on television shows and in movies and has appeared at many of the country's top rodeo including the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, the American Royal Stock Show and Rodeo in Kansas City and The Houston Livestock Show. Diaz appeared at the 1996 Summer Olympics, was featured on ABC's Good Morning America and has been profiled in many publications including the American Quarter Horse Journal, Time Magazine and Newsweek Magazine.

Jerry Diaz's performances will be sponsored by a new GSTRC sponsor, Brake Check. Brake Check is a San Antonio based company that has been furnishing quality brake work for satisfied customers since 1968. They have over 40 locations

in the South Texas area.

The 21st Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic takes place on March 14th and 15th at the Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas. Tickets are only \$16 per day including shipping and handling, and go on sale December 1st. Children 6 and

under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.gstrc.com, by phone at 210-698-0791 or by mailing checks or money orders to: George Strait Team Roping Classic - PMB #452, 24165 IH-10 West, Suite 217, San Antonio, TX 78257-1159. 🌟

George Strait Team Roping Classic Announces Registration Days

Registration for teams wishing to compete in the 2003 George Strait Team Roping Classic is on Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th. Contestants may register on these days by phone by calling 210-698-9251 between the hours of 5PM - 10 PM CST. Cost is \$400 per team and payable on March 14th before 9:45AM. Each roper may enter three times.

The 2003 George Strait Team Roping Classic takes place on March 14th and 15th at the Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas. The first day is a 2-Header. The top 50 ranking teams from the first day will return for the finals the next morning. Finals are a 3-Header non-progressive. Winners will earn cash and prizes including trailers, saddles, buckles and other merchandise.

2003's GSTRC also welcomes the return of the H.E.B. Challenge. Introduced last year, the H.E.B. Challenge offers contestants the opportunity to earn \$5,000 from H.E.B. Food Stores during each of the short-go rounds. A number of steers with

red-wrapped horns are released in each of the three short-go rounds. If a contestant wins the round on one of the red-wrapped steers, they pick up the prize money. If the money is not won during the round it doubles for the next round.

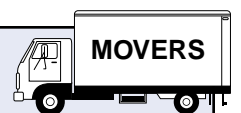
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The George Strait Team Roping Classic has become on the top team roping competitions in the sport. Each year the event grows in popularity and number of teams involved. The 2002 GSTRC awarded nearly \$300,000 in cash and prizes with 562 team competing. The 2002 Champions, Speed Williams and Tyler Magnus, each shared more than \$46,000 in cash in addition to their prizes. 🌟



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George Strait Scores His 50th Hit Single!

Strait Breaks Conway Twitty's Record For #1s By a Single Artist in Any Genre

George Strait has achieved another career milestone by scoring his 50th #1 single. "She'll Leave You With A Smile" from his Road Less Traveled CD, hit the #1 spot just before Christmas setting a new record for #1 songs by a single artist in any genre. He breaks Conway Twitty's long-standing record of 49*.

Upon hearing the news Strait said, "While I am extremely pleased and excited about reaching this new milestone in

my career, I realize that it would not have been possible without an enormous amount of support from the fans and from country radio as well as the unending effort of dozens, maybe even hundreds of great people who have worked at MCA Records over the course of my career. There is no way that I can find the words to properly express my gratitude to everyone for their help. I am very humbled by it all."

George Strait first hit the charts when "Unwound" took the #6 position in 1981. His first #1 was "Fool Hearted Memory" in 1982 and between 1986 and 1989 each of the 11 singles he released hit the #1 spot. Strait has sold over 57 million records and is the most certified country artist of all time with 25 platinum albums.

*Conway achieved an additional six #1s as duets with Loretta Lynn. 🎵

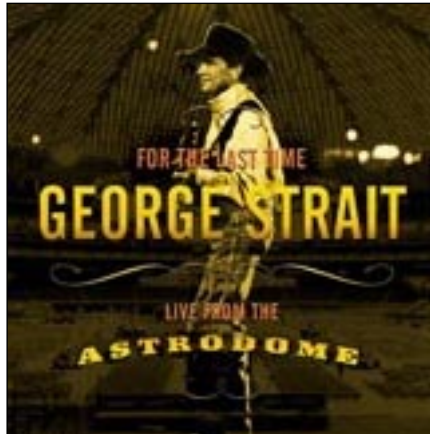
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☆☆☆	663	THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT (Songbook) NEW \$10.95		
☆☆☆	701	STRAIT BEAR (Super soft and very squeezable 12" Honey Color Bear wearing a "George Strait Across America" Flag Shirt - Matches Youth Shirt #5320) NEW \$19.95		
	750	GEORGE STRAIT BEANIE PONY (8" laying Bean Bag Beanie Pony - Brown pony with detachable GEORGE STRAIT saddle - A MUST for every BEANIE collector) \$11.95		
	810	WALL CLOCK (Round Clock with great looking photo of G.S.) \$39.95		
	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) \$19.95		
	993	1992 GEORGE STRAIT TEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO \$29.95		
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☆☆☆	987	2002 GEORGE STRAIT TEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO NEW \$29.95		
☆☆☆	8888DVD	"FOR THE LAST TIME" - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME DVD (Recorded at the closing night of the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo on March 3, 2002 - Available in DVD only - Available for shipment: February 25, 2003) NEW \$20.00		
	9999	"PURE COUNTRY" VHS (Original motion picture) RATED PG \$19.95		
	9999DVD	"PURE COUNTRY" DVD (Digital Video Disc, Original Motion Picture, Rated PG) \$24.95		
	1015	PHOTO COFFEE MUG (White mug with 4 color photo process w/George in black hat with background rodeo scene) \$7.95		
	1026	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) \$17.95		
	1061	SHOT GLASS (GS design in hunter green) \$3.95		
	1067	OLD FASHIONED GLASS (8 oz. glass with sharp G.S. design in hunter green - specially designed to match the shotglass) \$4.95		
	1105	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 G.S. Strait Out of the Box design in red and white on three sides.) \$29.95		
	1110	STRAIT UMBRELLA (42" Arc, 36" Spread; 16-1/2" (length when closed) Navy Blue and White with "If It's Gonna Rain" cloud design from LP "George Strait") \$17.95		
	1130	CD CASE (Black insulated case with White G.S. Logo, holds 12 CD's) \$14.95		
	4050	CAMOUFLAGE BANDANA (Camouflage bandana with G.S. star design specially designed for 2002 tour) \$7.50		
	4055	RED BANDANA (Red Bandana with G.S. Horse design) \$6.50		
	4065	BURGUNDY BANDANA (Burgundy Bandana w/G.S. Brand) \$6.50		
	4070	NAVY BANDANA (Navy bandana specially designed for 2002 tour) \$7.50		
	4003	EMBROIDERED CAP (Mustard color cap with Navy trim, double stitched, embroidered G.S. logo) \$18.95		
	4005	EMBROIDERED CAP (100% cotton, 6 panel, low profile khaki color cap with embroidered G.S. tour logo in red and navy) \$18.95		
	4605	LADIES LONG SLEEVE BABY DOLL (Lemon yellow 100% cotton baby doll long sleeve shirt, side seamed to fit the body, glitter G.S. star logo across front) Check size: M L XL \$19.95		
	4610	LADIES BASEBALL JERSEY (00% ring spun cotton, white body with pink 3/4 length sleeves. CUTE "George Strait Girl" logo in pink and periwinkle glitter) Check size: S M L \$21.95		
	4615	ONE SHOULDER TOP (100% cotton girls top - available in one size only - City lights "George Strait" foil stamping on full chest) Black or Red Medium only \$19.95		
	4630	LADIES KIWI CAP SLEEVE T-SHIRT (Kiwi color 100% cotton cap sleeve t-shirt, w/"g" block design shimmering in glitter on front, G.S. patch design on left sleeve in white) Check size: S M L XL \$19.95		
	4635	LADIES BLACK SPAGHETTI TANK (100% cotton black spaghetti tank with rhinestone-like glitter design across front) Check size: S M L XL \$18.95		
	4640	LADIES WHITE CAP SLEEVE T-SHIRT (White ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton, scoop neck, cap sleeve t-shirt w/"George Strait Girl" logo in pink and periwinkle glitter) Medium only \$19.95		

QTY.	MODEL	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST	AMOUNT
	4645	LADIES RINGER TEE (100% cotton sports gray baby doll tee with black trim rib neck and sleeves - G.S. glitter design across front)..... Check size: M L XL	\$18.95	
	4650	LADIES GREEN/BLUE CAP RAGLAN SLEEVE T-SHIRT (Green/Blue ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton cap sleeve t-shirt w/g" G.S. glitter logo on front)..... Medium only	\$21.95	
	4655	RED/ORANGE LADIES BASEBALL SHIRT (Red body with orange 3/4 length sleeves, 100% superfine combed cotton, "George Strait Cowgirl" roper design shimmering in orange glitter - CUTE!)..... Medium only	\$19.95	
☆☆☆	5006	BURGUNDY T-SHIRT (Heavyweight, 100% cotton Burgundy shirt with NEW High Density Ink Process created to emulate an appliqued..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$19.95	
		patch - BOLD G.S. Logo in Blues and White)..... XXL NEW	\$20.95	
	5008	ROAD CREW T-SHIRT (Charcoal/Heather Gray 100% cotton t-shirt with G.S. Road Crew logo..... Check size: M L XL	\$18.95	
		on the front and small G.S. tag logo on the back)..... XXL	\$19.95	
	5009	BLACK T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with large photo of George..... Check size: M L XL	\$18.95	
		on front and G.S. American Original emblem on back - Also available in matching youth size LG, Item #5310)..... XXL	\$19.95	
	5012	PRAIRIE DUST T-SHIRT (Prairie Dust color 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with 5 photos of G.S. imprinted across front with an American Original flag logo on front and a small..... Check size: M L XL	\$18.95	
		Flag tag logo on back)..... XXL	\$19.95	
	5015	WHITE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (White 100% cotton long sleeve shirt with "Strait Across America" Eagle design on front and down left arm)..... Check size: M L XL XXL	\$21.95	
	5023	SPORTS GRAY BASEBALL SHIRT (Heavyweight 100% preshrunk cotton sports gray baseball shirt, 6 button placket w/sporty "George Strait - 02" logo on left front chest, Huge "STRAIT" across back with "02" underneath)..... Check size: L XL XXL	\$29.95	
	5205	BABY BIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!).....	\$6.95	
	5300	BABY SHIRT (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	
	5310	YOUTH TOUR T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with large photo of George on front and G.S. American Original emblem on back - Matches adult shirt #5009)..... Available in Youth Large (14-16) only	\$14.95	
	5320	YOUTH FLAG T-SHIRT (White 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with "George Strait Across America - 2002" logo and SHARP photo of G.S. and American Flag)..... Check size: XS (2-4) S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)	\$14.95	
	6515	NIGHTSHIRT (Lavendar, 100% heavyweight cotton, 37" long, one size fits all, sparkling glitter lime, white and lemon G.S. logo).....	\$24.95	
	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! USA Made).....	\$49.95	
☆☆☆	9003	SWEAT PANTS (Navy 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 XXL NEW	\$34.95	
☆☆☆	9005	SWEATSHIRT (Navy Blue 50/50 Sweatshirt with pill resistant fleece. Red, White, and Blue G.S. Stars and Stripes logo EMBROIDERED full chest - special designed to be worn with item #9003 SWEAT PANTS)..... Check size: M L XL XXL NEW	\$34.95	
☆☆☆	9006	NAVY SWEATSHIRT (Heavyweight Navy Sweatshirt with NEW High Density Ink Process created to emulate an appliqued..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$29.95	
		patch - BOLD G.S. Logo in Blues and White)..... XXL NEW	\$30.95	
☆☆☆	9008	BLACK SWEATSHIRT (Long Sleeve Black Sweatshirt with a G.S. Oval Graphic Design featuring a NEW Dimensional Ink..... Check size: M L XL NEW	\$29.95	
		Outline Printed on the Front Full Chest)..... XXL NEW	\$30.95	
	9600	NATURAL CANVAS URBAN COAT (10 oz., 100% cotton, natural color canvas coat, chest patch pockets accented w/rivets, two welt pockets and inside pockets, adjustable cuff, 31" in length with detailed back yolk, G.S. tour logo embroidered on left front chest)..... Check size: M L XL XXL	\$95.00	
	9660	NAVY HALF ZIP POLAR FLEECE PULL-OVER (Navy Blue 100% polyester anti-pill polar fleece half zip pull-over, side seam pockets with G.S. star design embroidered on left front chest)..... Check size: M L XL XXL	\$75.00	
	9800	EMBOSSED SUEDE BASEBALL JACKET (Navy Blue lined pig suede baseball styled jacket, metal zipper and Navy Blue 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	
	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: M L XXL	\$175.00	
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		CD's		
		CASSETTES		
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	902	STRAIT FROM THE HEART.....\$14.....\$9		
	903	RIGHT OR WRONG.....\$14.....\$9		
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	905	GREATEST HITS.....\$14.....\$9		
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	907	#7.....\$14.....\$9		
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	909	OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY.....\$14.....\$9		
	910	GREATEST HITS #2.....\$14.....\$9		
	911	IF YOU AIN'T LOVIN' YOU AINT LIVIN.....\$14.....\$9		
	913	LIVIN' IT UP.....\$15.....\$10		
	914	CHILL OF AN EARLY FALL.....\$15.....\$10		
	916	HOLDING MY OWN.....\$16.....\$11		
	917	PURE COUNTRY (Original motion picture soundtrack).....\$16.....\$11		
	918	EASY COME, EASY GO.....\$16.....\$11		
	919	LEAD ON.....\$16.....\$11		
	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.....\$39.95		
	921	BLUE CLEAR SKY.....\$16.....\$11		
	922	CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME.....\$16.....\$11		
	923	ONE STEP AT A TIME.....\$16.....\$11		
	924	ALWAYS NEVER THE SAME.....\$16.....\$11		
	925	MERRY CHRISTMAS WHEREVER YOU ARE.....\$16.....\$11		
	926	LATEST GREATEST STRAITTEST HITS.....\$16.....\$11		
	927	GEORGE STRAIT.....\$16.....\$11		
	928	THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED.....\$16.....\$11		
	929	THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT (20th Century Masters, The Millennium Collection).....\$16.....Available in CD Only		
☆☆☆	930	FOR THE LAST TIME - LIVE FROM THE ASTRODOME.....\$19.....(Available for Shipment: Feb. 11, 2003) Available in CD Only		

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Anita's Notes:

Welcome to 2003. We are starting our 21st year of writing this publication and continue to enjoy sharing photos and stories with you.

We will continue to use photos from the past and, with the tour starting up again, we look forward to sharing many new photos as well.

George started 2003 with a bang. He chalked up his 50th Number one single with "She'll Leave You With A Smile" the most for any solo artist in any musical genre in history. Conway Twitty, who George passed, did score six additional #1's with duet partner Loretta Lynn.

On Jan. 10th in Fort Worth, Texas, George was also inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. You can see a related story elsewhere in the newsletter.

The 2003 leg of the George Strait "Road Less Traveled" Tour began in Greenville, SC on Jan. 16th and concludes in Louisville, KY on Feb. 28th. Hopefully, we can have some of the reviews in the next newsletter.

The George Strait Team Roping Classic takes place this year on March 14th and 15th at the San Antonio Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas. Roping begins at 10am on both days. Tickets are still available on line at GSTRC.com. Don't wait too long to get yours. We will have a full story and some great photos in the next issue of the newsletter.

We know that many of you enjoyed George's final performance in the Astrodome last year during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The event moves to the new Reliant Stadium this winter. Those of you who weren't there, and those who were and want to relive it, can experience it with George's new "Live" from the Astrodome CD and his new

"Live" from the Astrodome DVD. The DVD will include two or three additional songs that are not on the CD. The CD will be released on Feb. 11th and the DVD on Feb. 25th. A special order form for both items can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. In addition to the CD & DVD, there is a

new Houston Rodeo T-Shirt and Commemorative Poster available as well. Remember that you can you your Strait Cash bonus bucks to purchase any item in the Fan Club catalog. For new members, Strait Cash bonus bucks are earned when you send in reviews, photos, Fan

Collectable column items and games that we use in the newsletter. We send you \$5.00 in Strait Cash bonus bucks and a collectable card if we use the item you submitted.

We would also like to ask all present and new members to notify us immediately if there is any change in your mailing address or email addresses. If the address is wrong, you will not receive your newsletter as they are not forwarded.

If you would like to be a Pen Pal and exchange letters between yourself and other members, please submit your name and address to us and we will be more than happy to publish it.

The New User Name and Password for this issue of Strait Talk is:

User Name: cold

Password: weather

The User name and password allow you to get into the Fan Club section of the website which is password protected. Remember that the User Name and Password are both case sensitive so please use lower case lettering.

Remember, when you renew your fan club memberships that you do have a choice. If you would like to continue receiving your newsletter by regular mail, the renewal fee is \$20. If you would like your newsletters received by email they are \$15. I would point out that the email newsletters are all in four colors and can be printed out in color if you have an inkjet printer. We do send out renewal notices by mail to all regular mail subscribers and also notify all members who have given us their email address when their memberships are near expiration. If you have a question about your expiration date, please feel free to call the office at 615-824-7176 between 8:30am and 4:30pm CST Monday thru Friday.

We will begin to close this issue by wishing Norma Strait a very Happy

Birthday (2-22-03). In the last issue we also congratulated Dottie Oelhafen, from George's Nashville office, and her husband Sven on the birth of their son. Sven, Jr. visited with George and Norma at the recording studio recently while George was in town working on his next studio album.



George, Norma and Sven, Jr.

Thanks for all the comments and cards during the holiday season. Best to you all and please remember to keep our servicemen and women around the world in your thoughts and prayers.

NEW MERCHANDISE



#9008 New Black Sweatshirt



Artwork featured on:
#9006 New Burgundy T-Shirt (shown)
and #9006 New Navy Sweatshirt

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2/6	Washington, DC	MCI Center	On Sale	On Sale
2/7	Philadelphia, PA	First Union Ctr.	On Sale	On Sale
2/8	Pittsburgh, PA	Mellon Arena	On Sale	On Sale
2/12	Moline, IL	Mark of the Quad	On Sale	On Sale
2/13	Kansas City, MO	Kemper Arena	On Sale	On Sale
2/14	Evansville, IN	Roberts Stadium	On Sale	On Sale
2/20	N. Charleston, SC	N. Charleston Coliseum	On Sale	On Sale
2/21	Atlanta, GA	Gwinnet Ctr. Arena	On Sale	On Sale
2/22	Raleigh, NC	RBC Center	On Sale	On Sale
2/25	Houston, TX	HLS&R	On Sale	On Sale
2/27	Ft. Wayne, IN	Allen Cty. Mem. Col.	On Sale	On Sale
2/28	Louisville, KY	Freedom Hall	On Sale	On Sale
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