

News & Views From Our Committee and Club Members

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Jimmie Rodgers

Jimmie Rodgers opened the door for many modern day Country Music artists.



Known as the **Singing Brakeman** and **America's Blue Yodeller**, Jimmie Rodgers was nicknamed the **Singing Brakeman** from the time he worked on the Railway.

The **Brakeman** was the person who would walk the length of a train on top the cars while the train was in motion and turn the

brake-wheel of each car to apply the train's brakes.

Jimmie began learning blues and railroad songs from the age of 14 when as a **Water Carrier** he supplied water to the black rail workers.

He worked on the railroad as a **Brakeman** for about 14 years but as a result of ill health he left the railroad to earn a living playing the guitar and singing.

Jimmie experienced many setbacks in developing his new career as an entertainer, but in **1927**, he recorded for **Victor Records** to become an overnight star. His hit songs **Dewberry's Final Run; Train Whistle Blues; Brakeman Blues** and **Hobo Bill's Last Ride** were reflections on his former occupation on the railways.

His life as a top entertainer, however, was short... At the age of 35 tuberculosis took his life.

Jimmie was one of the first to be elected into **Nashville's County Music Hall Of Fame** and the plaque reads **Jimmie Rodgers (September 8, 1897-May26 1933) The singing Brakeman.**

Jimmie opened the door for railroad and train songs with the likes of **Roy Acuff's** big hit **The Wabash Cannon Ball.**

Johnny Cash and **Merle Haggard** have had big hits with railroad songs and songs about trains and many **Australian** artists are putting out songs with a similar theme.

Information Supplied by Fred Payne

Carlene & Kevin Sizzle

Hi Folks

Our **Gawler Country Music Club Inc. Sausage Sizzle** held on the 29th of March at **Bunning's Hardware Store, Munno Para** was a rewarding day for our Club.

We started off slowly with not many sizzles sold in the first hour or so. We then became very active and it stayed busy for quite some time.

In the afternoon just before the **A.F.L** game between **Port Power** and the **Bombers** was due to go on air... business became quiet... but as the game became convincingly one sided... business picked up again and we sold another 10 or so kilos of sausages in the last hour. This took our total sales to about thirty kilos of sausages for the day.

We had lots of laughs and the committee would like to thank **Carlene** for her assistance on the day.

Carlene has also been a big help on our club days helping with setting up the hall and cleaning up at the end of the day... So thank you very much **Carlene.**

We had a couple of members come over to say hello and to buy a sausage sizzle. It would be nice to see more of our members come along to support our club.

See **You** next time folks....

Fred Payne



Sizzler Kevin doing what he does **besssszzzsssss!**

Barossa Area Fundraiser for Cancer Inc
Laura Downing
Sat 30th May See Gig Guide Opposite

May 2009 Gigs Acknowledgement to Ian Fisk & www.saccm.com/gigguide.htm

Fri 1 to Sun 3	Graeme Hugo	Mullwulla Country Music Festival
Fri 1 9pm	Cowtippers	The Governor Hindmarsh, 59 Port Road, Hindmarsh
Sat 2nd 12 noon -5pm Gawler Country Music Workshop Play, Sing, Learn, Jam, Have Fun! The First Saturday of each month Anglican Parish Hall 26 Cowan Street, Gawler		
Sat 2 8.30 to Midnight	Rustlers	BRECKNOCK HOTEL 401 King William St Adelaide
Sat 2 7pm to 9	Country Gospel Evening - Fundraiser for Overseas Missionary The Sherrahs , Chris Sherrah and Ian Sander and friends Salisbury Church of Christ Smith Road, cnr Yale Street Salisbury East	
Sun 3 12.30 to 4.30pm	Heartland plus guest Georgette Berry	Adelaide C.M. Club Inc. , 11 LaSalle St, Slovenian Club Dudley Park
Sun 3 2pm to 6	walkups welcome	S.E.C.M.A. Club Day , N Gambier Football Club, Mt Gambier
Sun 3 12 to 5 p.m.	Tiffany Stroh featuring 'AcousticRush'	Willaston Country Music Club Willaston Football Clubrooms
Sun 3 12pm	Dave Prior with John O'Dea	Food & Wine Festival Reilly's Winery, Mintaro map
Mon 4 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot Ali & the Hoot Live from the stables	Three D Radio 48 Nelson Street, Stepney live on air 93.7FM
Wed 6 6.30pm - 9	Jay J Shannon Duo	Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Pde, Blackwood open at 6pm for dinner
Thur 7 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Thur 7 9pm to 1am	Kicking Country with DJ Mike Parkes	Woolshed on Hindley Upstairs at 94 Hindley Street Adelaide
Sat 9 8pm	LBS including Shaza Leigh Lindsay Butler, Ashley Cook and Greg Williams	Hindmarsh Valley Memorial Hall Hindmarsh Valley Rd,
Sat 9 12.30 to 4.30	Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome Free Entry	Gawler RSL Hall on the corner of Gosford and Overway Bridge Rds
Sat 9 11am to late	Country Music for Cancer Winchester with Jay J Shannon, Limestone Balladeers, Compact Country, Chooka Williams, Eliza Parker, Michael Craig plus More TBA Kapunda Trotting Course Kapunda Fundraiser for Cancer	
Sun 10 1.0 to 5.0 pm	Murray Mac & True Grit special guest Cactus Martens	Southern CM Club Holdfast Bay Bowling Club, 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg Nth
Sun 10 11 to 4.0pm	Wheel Drive	Barossa C.M. Club Nuriootpa Bowling Club, Buna Terrace, Nuriootpa
Mon 11 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot Ali & the Hoot Live from the stables	Three D Radio 48 Nelson Street, Stepney live on air 93.7FM
Thur 14 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Thur 14 9pm to 1am	Kicking Country DJ Mike Parkes	Woolshed on Hindley Upstairs at 94 Hindley Street Adelaide
Sat 16 6.30pm	Compact Country Duo	Don Arturo's Restaurant, 589 Brighton Rd, Brighton
Sat 16 7-11pm	Winchester featuring Jay J Shannon Country Cabaret	Blackwood RSL, 1 Brighton Pde, Blackwood \$5 entry Meals start 6pm
Sat 16 8pm	Rodney Vincent	Robertstown Town Hall
Sun 17 2.0 to 6.0 pm	DV8's Railroad Country Music Club (Morphett Vale Function Centre) Southern Dis. Workingmans Club, Epstein Drive, Morphett Vale	
Sun 17 12 noon to 4.0pm Top Dead Centre + Guests David Pearce + Freddy Bowen Gawler Country Music Club Munno Para Bowling Club Cnr Main North & Curtis Rds		
Mon 18 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot Ali & the Hoot Live from the stables	Three D Radio 48 Nelson Street, Stepney live on air 93.7FM
Thur 21 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Thur 21 9pm to 1am	Kicking Country DJ Mike Parkes	Woolshed on Hindley Upstairs at 94 Hindley Street Adelaide
Fri 22 9pm	Neil Murray Solo acoustic concert performance.	The Wheatseaf Hotel 39 George St, Thebarton Cost: \$
Fri 22	Freddy Bowen plus + Artists from 70's & 80's in " Touch of Tamworth Show" Vogue Theatre - Sydney	
Sat 23 12.30 to 4.30	Open Mike Country Music Event all welcome Free Entry	Gawler RSL Hall on the corner of Gosford and Overway Bridge Rds
Sat 23 7pm -11	Graeme Hugo Barndance Charity fundraiser for The Cancer Council. - Gawler Community Recreation Centre	
Sat 23 9pm	Neil Murray Solo acoustic concert performance.	The Singing Gallery Main Road, McLaren Vale Cost: \$20
Sat 23 8pm to 12	Twyce Daily	Prince Albert Hotel, 109 Murray Street Gawler
Sun 24 11.0 to 4.0pm	Sandra Humphries and Crosswind	Murray Bridge C.M. Club Imperial Football Club Johnstone Pk Murray Bridge
Sun 24 10.30 to 4pm	Key Country	Birdwood Primary school Farm day, Mount Crawford Forrest, Birdwood
Mon 25 8-9pm	Hillbilly Hoot Ali & the Hoot Live from the stables	Three D Radio 48 Nelson Street, Stepney live on air 93.7FM
Wed 27 7.30pm	Peter Horan	Hindmarsh Valley Memorial Hall Hindmarsh Valley Rd, Hindmarsh Valley map
Thur 28 from 7pm	Billy Dee and The Rare Old Times	Brecknock Hotel, King William St
Thur 28 9pm to 1am	Kicking Country DJ Mike Parkes	Woolshed on Hindley Upstairs at 94 Hindley Street Adelaide
Fri 29 8pm show	Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters Concert, plus Margaret Coad & Jim Hermel . Note Jim Hermel and Hot Chix will be having a 1950's Rock n Roll Dance Party on Sat evening Berri Club, Berri	
May 30 June 8	Sunny Cow Girls, Feral Swing Katz, Fisk & Christian, Wayne Law & Band, Talia Wittmann, Eddie Lowe, Bryen Willems, Royden Donahue plus the best of SA Talent plus more! Country Music Festival and Awards Riverland note Program now on website	
Sat 30	Honky Tonk Angels - Loretta Lynn Tribute Show with Amber Poulton Cobdogla District Club	
Sat 30 8pm - 12	Laura Downing and Bidge meals available from 5.30pm Vine Inn Hotel/Motel, Nuriootpa fundraiser to raise money for people who have cancer Barossa Area Fundraisers for Cancer Inc.	
Sat 30 1.30pm	Peter Horan Meal: Orders available from 11.30am unto 1.30pm - Pensioner Menu available.	Windsor Hotel 410 North East Road, Windsor Gardens Ticket Cost: \$15.00 Pensioners: \$12.00 Proceeds to help Support Cancer Patients
Sun 31 1.00 to 5.00	Bernie & the Bandits TBC light snacks available	Kilburn R.S.L. Country Music Functions , Way Street(off Churchill Rd, Kilburn
Sun 31 2pm -4	Peter Horan	NCMA Afford Rd, Port Pirie
Sun 31st May 1pm - 5pm ... Don't Miss Out! See you there! Best wishes from Raelz Steve George Martin & Les 'Kindred Spirit' at Adelaide Airport Sports & Social Club Adelaide Airport Bowling Clubrooms 6 James Schofield Dr.		
Sun 31 1.30pm	Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters Concert & Jim Hermel . Berri Club, Berri	