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Membership Application Form**

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Name: (Please Print) _____ DOB (Optional... Day and month only): _____

Address: _____ Suburb/Town: _____ Post Code: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00 Memb. No. (For Office Use):.....

My Favourite Country Music Artists are:.....

Do you sing or play a musical instrument?.....

I agree to abide by the constitution and rules of the club: Signature.....Date.....

Please send this form with your cheque or P.O. (Not Cash) to The Secretary at the above address

Dance Sit Listen Chat Play Eat 'n' Sip



Come along and Enjoy

**Gawler
Country
Music Club Inc
Newsletter**

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Gawler Country Music Club Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all styles of Country Music. The activities of the club include regular monthly meetings and shows; providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists; producing this newsletter and showing support for all other South Australian Country Music Clubs.

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Skid Row Joe

Porter Wagoner (Aug 1927 – Oct 2007)

Porter Wagoner's broad smile, flashy costumes and memorable songs are the very image of an American Country Music star.

The "Thin Man From West Plains" (Missouri), is among the most recognized names and images in all of American Country Music. His grand showmanship, his rhinestone suits, his loyalty to the Grand Ole Opry, his TV leadership, his introduction of Dolly Parton, his unique singing voice, his songwriting, and especially his record productions, have all culminated in the legacy that is Porter Wagoner.

Porter Wayne Wagoner was born August 12, 1927 of Irish-German heritage in Missouri. In 1949, he visited Nashville and witnessed Hank Williams singing "Lovesick Blues" at the Grand Ole Opry.

Wagoner's big break came in 1951, when he was hired as a performer by radio station KWTO, and this led to a contract with RCA Records.

In 1953 following a few hits of his own on RCA, he became a featured performer on ABC-TV's Ozark Jubilee and moved to Nashville, joining the Grand Ole Opry in 1957.

His 81 charted records include "Satisfied Mind" (#1, 1955), "Misery Loves Company" (#1, 1962), and "Green Green Grass of Home" (#4, 1965).

Wagoner introduced a young Dolly Parton to his long-running television show. Together, they became a well-known duet team in the late 1960s and '70s.

Among his hit duets with Dolly Parton was a cover of Tom Paxton's "The Last Thing on My Mind" (1967). He also won three Grammy Awards for gospel recordings.

The Porter Wagoner Show ran on television from 1960 to 1981. There were 686 thirty-minute episodes filmed; the first 104 being shot in black and white, the remainder in color, with an average viewership of over three million.

Porter Wagoner's stage alter ego was Skid Row Joe.

'Skid Row Joe last night that's who I found in the dirty part of town
Lost forgotten with no place to go
Tormented with a bitter taste outcast by the human race
A mask of torture was the face of Skid Row Joe'



Porter Wagoner

The regular cast on his show included:

- Singer Norma Jean (Beasler) 1960-1967
- Singer Dolly Parton 1967-1974
- Singer Mel Tillis

Porter Wagoner was honored on May 19, 2007 at the Grand Ole Opry for both his fifty years of membership and his 80th birthday. On June 5, 2007, Wagoner released his final album called 'Wagonmaster'. The album received the best reviews ever in Porter's career and briefly charted on the Country Charts.

On October 2007 it was confirmed that Porter Wagoner had been diagnosed with lung cancer. He died later that month.

Have a look and listen to his singing on this website.
www.porterwagoner.com/index.html



Recent CD release **Big Rock Candy Mountain** includes many of Porter Wagoner's well known and previously unrecorded Country Songs.