



**Continued from last month:
Johnny Mac –
Still Singing up a Storm at 81
years of age!!!**

Besides his own top hits, Johnny sang Jambalaya, Ring of Fire, Country Roads, Walk Right Back, Battle Of New Orleans, White

Sports Coat, Pub With No Beer, Me and Bobby Magee, Devil Woman, El Paso, She'll have to go, That'll Be The Day, and **Jim Reeves oldie "Bimbo"** - how many of you remember this one? I do - I was a very young girl when it came out!!!

Johnny has been the opening act for Marty Robbins, Johnny Horton, Jerry Lee Lewis, and I think he said Johnny Cash as well.

Computer persons might like to go into "Youtube" and listen to Johnny's own song "**Mr Sticker Licker**" - and you no doubt would have guessed, it is a funny song!!

Johnny ran over time, but there certainly were no complaints!!!

50 years this year:

Johnny's smash hit "**Pink Champagne**", was not only a **number 1 hit in Australia**, but went on to top the charts in England and America. It is my understanding Johnny was the first Aussie to top the charts in America!! He won the **American "Bullet Award"** and "**Cash Box Variety**". **In London it topped "Pick Of The Pops"**

I bought this one as a 45rpm and got Johnny to autograph it at the Royal Adelaide Show. Johnny said, "**This is the song that changed my life**". 4 LP's and Singles followed this hit for him.

"**Dale Cleves and the Starliners**" from Mt Gambier, backed **Johnny**. Dale owned "**The Barn**" which was a converted farm bam, into a very successful dance venue, of which Johnny performed there as well.

"**The Seekers**" before they hit fame, backed Johnny with "**So Sorry**". Another successful one was "**Big Sombrero**".

1969 and 1971 Johnny went to **Vietnam**, doing 3 shows a day for the troops, and Johnny spoke of these as being, "**The best times of my life!**" His first tour was with **Anne Wills** and her sister Susan.

1978 Johnny was inducted into the Tamworth "**Australian Hands Of Fame**".

He had a contract with WNG, Chanel 7 TV show for kids "**Wonderland**" which ran for 5 years.

He also had another Chanel 7 TV show "**Johnny Mac Country Style**", with **Carol Sturtzel** as his regular guest, and this ran for 3 years.

Johnny met his wife of 57 years in Canada. 6 children - He had 3 daughters in Canada, then 3 sons in Australia.

Johnny celebrated his **81st Birthday** and still loves playing social tennis!!!

Leoni Boyanton



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Roy Continued from Front Page:

One set of boot spurs sold for \$10,625. (He never used a spurs on Trigger).

Two fabulous limited edition BB guns in their original boxes with numerous photos of Roy, Dale, Gabby, and Pat sold for \$3,750.

One of several of his guitars sold for \$27,500. One of many pairs of Roy's boots sold for \$21,250.

Roy and Trigger made 188 movies together. (Gees! I must have missed one!)

Trigger even out-did **Bob Hope** by winning an Oscar in the movie **Son of Paleface** in 1953.

It is sad to see this era disappear. They were great times, and there were real heroes who taught us right from wrong; and how to have and show respect for each other including the animals that share the earth.

It was truly a great ride through childhood. Happy Trails, My Friends!

Here's a list of Roy's popular songs.

- Don't Fence Me In
- Walkin' Blues
- A Four Legged Friend
- Home on the Range
- The Yellow Rose of Texas
- Happy Anniversary
- Hold That Critter Down
- Little White Cross On The Hill
- One More Ride
- Ride Ranger Ride
- That Pioneer Mother Of Mine
- Tumbling Tumbleweeds
- Way Out There (singing and yodeling)
- Hold On Partner (duet with Clint Black)

Country or Country and Western!
Who wants to argue? All Good!



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Two Blondes With Hammers

Gawler Country Music Club members **Lynn and Judy** were doing some volunteer carpenter work at Sandy Creek Conservation Park.

Lynn from Adelaide was nailing down the side walls, and would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Judy from Gawler, figuring this was worth looking into, asked,

'Why are you throwing those nails away?'

Lynn explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end and I throw them away.'

Smart Judy got completely upset & yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

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