

Fun Facts and Trivia

Oklahoma is home to some of the great country music icons of our day: Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, and Joe Diffie to name just a few. Vince Gill is originally from Norman, Oklahoma, the new location of the home office, and one of the ladies who works down the hall from me drives by Toby Keith's house every day on her way to work.

But Oklahoma can't hold a candle to Nashville when it comes to country music icons, and this great city is to country music what Hollywood is to the movie industry. Simply put, Nashville is the heart and soul of country music.

So just in case you don't know all there is to know about Music City, USA, here are some fun facts and trivia about the location of the 2008 ACHE Annual Conference and Meeting:

Q. On what Eve was Nashville founded?

A. Nashville was founded on Christmas Eve 1779.

Q. What is the shape of the driveway at President Andrew Jackson's home [Hermitage](#)?

A. The drive is in the shape of a guitar.

Q. Which Nashville captain gave the American flag its most famous nickname?

A. Retired Captain William Driver brought his trusty flag "Old Glory" home to Nashville in 1837.

Q. What was the original name of the [Grand Ole Opry](#)?

A. The WSM Barn Dance.

Q. What was the longest home of the Grand Ole Opry?

A. [The Ryman Auditorium](#).

Q. Who was the King of Country?

A. Roy Acuff.

Q. Who is Mr. Guitar?

A. Chet Atkins.

Q. What Nashville musician had a guitar-shaped swimming pool?

A. Webb Pierce.

Q. Who became famous as the featured female singer on Porter Wagoner's Show and now has her own theme park in the Smokey Mountains?

A. Dolly Parton.

Q. What popular female singer started out as a tour guide at the [Country Music Hall of Fame](#)?

A. Kathy Mattea.

Q. What singer used to wash dishes at the Nashville Palace and is now credited as beginning the movement of New Traditionalists?

A. Randy Travis.

Q. What country music star was known as the Father of Bluegrass Music?

A. Bill Monroe.

Q. What country music entertainers went into the sausage business?

A. Jimmy Dean and George Jones.

Q. Name the Nashville museum that houses Elvis' gold Cadillac and piano.

A. [Country Music Hall of Fame](#).

Q. Who is the only country recording artist to be elected twice to the Country Music Hall of Fame?

A. Roy Rogers.

Q. After drinking a cup of locally produced coffee in Nashville, which U.S. president coined the phrase "good to the last drop!"?

A. Theodore Roosevelt.

Q. Although this now famous coffee is still enjoyed everywhere, it was served for the last time at the hotel where it got its start on December 25, 1961. What was the name of the Nashville hotel?

A. The Maxwell House Hotel.