

ACM WEEK IN PICTURES

# WHAT HAPPENED IN VEGAS...



TOP HAT: ACM Entertainer of the Year Kenny Chesney.

**L**ike nothing else on the planet, Las Vegas is an assault on the senses, as these two pages can attest. The Country Aircheck crew didn't cover every ACM-related event of the week, but we came dangerously close. Here are some pictures to prove it. Well, the ones we can show you anyway.



CAUSE WE CAN: Eventual New Artist winners **Miranda Lambert** and **Rodney Atkins** performed at the New Artist Party For A Cause Monday night in Las Vegas.

## Quote Book

Some of the more memorable statements, on stage and off, at the 2007 ACM Awards.

"You gotta love a man who looks good in chaps and can last a full eight seconds."  
—**REBA MCENTIRE** introducing champion bull rider Justin McBride

"It really says a lot for artist development. It's big for them to support me like that."  
—**RODNEY ATKINS** on Curb Records' long commitment to his career

"Hi, I'm Taylor. So nice to meet you."  
—**TAYLOR SWIFT** introducing herself to Tim McGraw after performing "Tim McGraw"

"If there are any teenage boys out there who want to write a song called Reba McEntire... I'm just sayin'"  
—**REBA**, following Swift's performance

"We're the only ones who have a 10:30 curfew."  
—Teen actress **EMMA ROBERTS** professing kinship with Swift

"A lot of women don't sing about drinking and cheating, but we all do it so we might as well sing about it."  
—**MIRANDA LAMBERT** in the backstage press-room earning an amused reaction from boyfriend Blake Shelton who was waiting in the wings

"I do this because of you."  
—**BRAD PAISLEY** to George Strait before taking the stage to accept the Male Vocalist award.

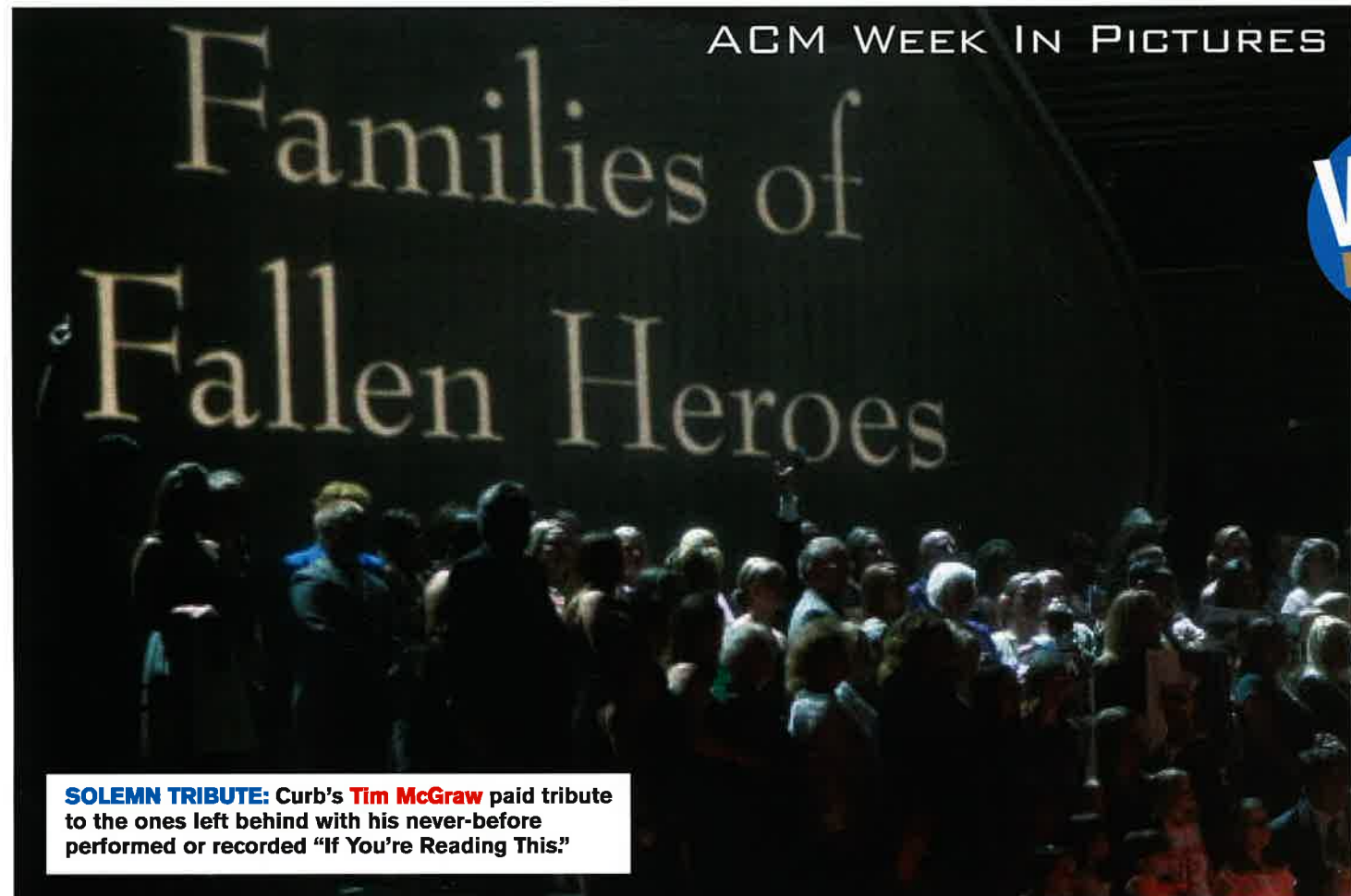
"Someday maybe, but I don't want to mess with chemistry too much. I have one of the best record guys in the world, Joe Galante."  
—**KENNY CHESNEY** when asked backstage about starting his own record label

PUTT SHOT: Rascal Flatts' **Joe Don Rooney** (l) and MCA's **Vince Gill** played in the ACM Charity Golf Tournament in Boulder City on Monday.



PEDAL FASTER: Montgomery Gentry's **Eddie Montgomery** (l) and **Troy Gentry** again led the pack of riders at the ACM's 4th Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride on ACM Sunday.

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**SOLEMN TRIBUTE:** Curb's **Tim McGraw** paid tribute to the ones left behind with his never-before performed or recorded "If You're Reading This."

**WIN IS IN**

CBS won't show you the ACM radio winners on camera, but we will. And we'll give them full props on the next three pages. Pictured below accepting their trophies from BNA's Terri Clark are (from top) Bob Kingsley, Jim Denny, Deborah Honeycutt, Kevin Freeman and producer Roland Norio, Pete Norden, Dr. Shane Collins, Ben Bennett and Tom Lewis, Charlie James, Mike Lawrence and Dana Carole, Mike Hammond and Keith Kaufman.



**REMOTE ACCESS:** A steady stream of artists flowed through the Westwood One Radio Remotes at the MGM Grand. Here, WXTU/Philadelphia's **Andie Summers** (l) and **Kris Stevens** (c) visit with Columbia's **Gretchen Wilson**.



**BAR FOR THE COURSE:** Show Dog hosted a party at **Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill** in Harrah's Hotel & Casino. Flynnville Train performed and radio programmers rocked. Pictured (l-r) are WAMZ/Louisville PD **Coyote Calhoun**, Keith, and WMIL/Milwaukee PD **Kerry Wolfe**.



**SHORT STACK:** Warner Bros' **Big & Rich** and **Two Foot Fred** (right) hosted the ACM's charity poker tourney. Sony BMG's **Debbie Linn** (far right) shared the winner's circle with EMI's **Ben Vaughan** (not pictured). Country Thunder's **Jamie Lee Thurston** (left) won a music biz tourney Sunday night.



**ELVIS PRESLEY & "JOHNNY CASH":** BBR's **Jason Aldean** interviewed with CNN at the Graceland Wedding Chapel. Aldean's new single "Johnny Cash" references a Vegas wedding "by a preacher man who looks like Elvis."

**MIDNIGHT WRITERS:** The ACM Songwriter Jam featured performances by (pictured l-r) **Tony Mullins**, **Craig Wiseman**, **Bob DiPiero** and **Jeffrey Steele**.

