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How much centralized control over music is there at Country radio today? Have, as some suggest, playlist crackdowns resulted in identical playlists across a company's stations? A recent discussion with CBS Radio VP/Country and KILT/Houston PD **Jeff Garrison** centered on just that subject. He used Mediabase to compile an overview of the CBS Country outlets and was surprised at the diversity among the stations. That led us to this week's musical comparison of some of our format's top owners.

Current Comparison: Leading with Garrison's **CBS Radio**, only 13 current titles received at least 10 plays per week (light rotation) on all 13 of its **Country Aircheck** reporting stations during our Oct. 1-7 time frame. In an attempt to mitigate regional considerations or programmer prejudices that might prevent across the board unanimity, we also looked at how many songs got at least 10 spins a week on at least 10 of the 13 stations. At CBS Radio, 21 different titles fit that description.

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Borders' Country Sales Up

The story on falling CD sales in **Country Aircheck's** Fall print publication offered some good news regarding Borders' growing success with country music. The company's country buyer **C.J. Snow**, who was interviewed for that piece,

FORWARDS THINKING

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checked back in with us last week with an update.

"Since we spoke, September sales finally closed and in country Borders not only beat plan by double digits for the second month in a row, we also beat last year's sales," Snow says. "In an industry that by all reports is down-trending, [that] is a pretty big deal."

Additionally, Snow points out that Borders was the only

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national account where debut week sales from **Rascal Flatts' *Still Feels Good*** outper-

formed their last album *Me And My Gang*. Sales were up 13% at Borders, album to album.

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JOSH GRACIN

"WE WEREN'T CRAZY"

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"I wrote 'We Weren't Crazy' with Bobby Pinson and my band leader Tony Lopacinski in Tony's studio basement. The song was written about my personal journey from the Marine Corps till now! The great thing about this song is it's not about me ending up living my dream as a country singer. It's about my journey from childhood to raising children and having a family of my own! My parents may have thought my wife Ann Marie and I were alot of things growing up but 'We Weren't Crazy.'"

Thanks Country Radio, **Josh**

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LORIC STREET

Faith Restored For XM's Abrams



Faith Hill

XM Chief Creative Officer **Lee Abrams** effusively praises **Faith Hill** in an entry to his blog posted this morning (10/8). Hill recently taped an appearance for the satcaster's *Artist Confidential*, an experience Abrams found restorative. "The country world and those who love music are lucky to have Faith," he writes. "She was extraordinary, both

as a person and as a performer. Her voice rattled the very windows that stood 50 feet high behind her."

Calling her a "joy," Abrams adds, "What a nice person... and pro. No posse...no star bulls---. She answered every question put to her...with insight, honesty, integrity and a sense of humor." Read the entire posting at leeabrams.blogspot.com.

Industry News

CRB is seeking auction items to raise funds to support its trusteeship of the **Country DJ and Radio Hall of Fame**. Previous auction items have included artist meet & greets, album plaques, autographed memorabilia and signed instruments. Items can be delivered or mailed to CRB offices at 819 18th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37203.

The **Grand Ole Opry**, U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Department of Defense's "America Supports You" program have teamed up to send American troops overseas "The World's Largest Care Package." One thousand Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes will be sent to U.S. military bases filled with letters from Opry fans, gifts from artists, greeting cards, and CDs from Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. Packages will be shipped by Veteran's Day in order to arrive at their destinations in time for Thanksgiving.

Bluewater Music VP/Operations **Dan Ekback** has

DATE CHECK

- October 9–** **Patrick Bourque Memorial**
Belmont Church, Nashville
- October 14 –** **iebaLIVE! Conference**
Hilton Suites Downtown Nashville
- Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame Induction Dinner**
Renaissance Hotel
- October 15 –** **ASCAP Country Music Awards**
Ryman Auditorium
- October 16 –** **iebaLIVE! Awards Banquet**
- October 23 –** **Voting on final CMA Ballot Ends**
- October 24 –** **SOLID Panel "Moving On Up: How To Get In, Fit and Take It To The Top"**
Belmont University's Massey Performing Arts Center
- November 5 –** **SESAC's 2007 Nashville Music Awards**
SESAC Headquarters
- November 6 –** **BMI Country Awards**
BMI Music Row Offices
- November 7 –** **41st Annual CMA Awards**
- November 10 –** **SOLID Turkey Bowl**
West Park, Nashville
- November 30 –** **Last Day for CRS-39 Earlybird Registration**
- January 23-27 –** **Country In The Rockies**

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been tapped by **Murrah Music** as Sr. Dir./Admin and International Affairs. Ekback first day with Murrah was 10/8 and he can be reached at 615-329-4236 or dan.ekback@murrahmusic.com.

Premier Micronutrient Corporation (PMC) in conjunction with the **EAR Foundation** has announced the development of a hearing health micronutrient supplement designed to reduce Tinnitus (ringing in the ear). To find out more and purchase the product visit www.mypmcinside.com.

The **Country Music Association** won two Awards of Excellence from the Printing Industry Association of the South for production of *The 40th Annual CMA Awards* and the 2006 CMA Music Festival program books.

Chart Chat

Hearty congrats to **Toby Keith**, **Tom Moran**, the entire **Show Dog/Nashville** promotion team and everyone in the Toby camp on this week's chart-topper "Love Me If You Can." Keith's last No. 1 came July 31, 2006 with "A Little Too Late."



Toby Keith

Gig Alerts:

- There is an immediate opening for a **Promotions Director** at **Clear Channel/Chattanooga**. Rush resumes and a short narrative describing your best and worst promotions to krisvandyke@clearchannel.com by Oct. 15.
- **Martz Communications'** GM **John Winter** is on the prowl for a PD of **WNCQ/Ogdensburg, NY**. Airchecks and resumes to john@q1029.com.

Benefit News

Five time Grammy winner **Brent Maher** and songwriters **Billy Montana**, **Mark Selby**, **Jenai**, and **Johnny Reid** will perform at Nashville's Bluebird Café Oct. 11 with all proceeds going to music therapy at Vanderbilt Children's

BIRTHDAYS

Tuesday (10/9) - Tom Archibald, Ray Randall

Wednesdays (10/10) - John Prine, Tanya Tucker, Austin Clark, Tom Baldrice (tom.baldrice@sonybm.com), Don Browning, Patrick Clark, Denise Roberts, Sheree Latham (sheree@crb.org)

Thurs day (10/11) - Paulette Carlson, Gene Watson, the late Dottie West

Friday (10/12) - Martie Maguire, Lisa Andrick, Mark Evans, Eddie Long, Justin Niebank, Erin Beller

Saturday (10/13) - Rhett Atkins, Lacy J. Dalton, Marie Osmond, Julie Piat, Wayland Stubblefield, Jennifer Switzer (jswitzer@intraglobal.net), Joe Zanger

Sunday (10/14) - Natalie Maines, Melba Montgomery, Kenny Rogers, Renee Behrman, Melissa Miggo (melissa@frontpagepublicity.com), Kerri Pauley, Danny Petraitis, Evelyn Shriver, Robert Daniel

Monday (10/15) - Dean Miller, Karyn Bishop Macky

Hospital. Tickets are \$15 and reservations can be made online at www.bluebirdcafe.com.

A benefit concert for Nashville musician, producer and Vanderbilt professor of mandolin **Butch Baldassari**, who is battling cancer, will be held Oct. 22 at 7pm at the Martha Rivers Ingram Performing Arts Center. Performers include; **Dierks Bentley**, **Shawn Camp**, **Bela Fleck**, **The Grascals**, **Mark O'Conner** and **Ricky Skaggs**. All proceeds go to Baldassari and his family.

SOLID will present the "Women Rock For The Cure" benefit concert Oct. 25 at 3rd & Lindsley in Nashville. The show benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation and will feature **Jennifer Hanson**, **Joanna Cotten**, **Matraca**

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Artist News

Shout! Factory is set to release two DVDs of **Johnny Cash** taken from television specials archived in the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The *Johnny Cash Christmas Specials* of 1976 and 1977 will be in stores November 13.

Taylor Swift's myspace page (www.myspace.com/taylorswift) has surpassed 26 million streams only two weeks after hitting 25 million.

Rodney Atkins performed "If You're Going Through Hell" acoustically during sound check at his show in Virginia Saturday, and the performance was sent via satellite to the Freedom Calls Foundation's "Appreciation for the Troops Rally" in Cincinnati. It was also sent with a personal message to troops in Iraq.

Messina Braves Chi-town Heat

Jo Dee Messina finished the 30th Annual Chicago Marathon Sunday despite record high temperatures and a water shortage that prompted organizers to close the course



JO DEE MESSINA

to some runners. Messina finished in 5 hours, 45 minutes, but slower runners who had not reached the midpoint almost four hours into the race were forced to stop. Police and organizers urged others to stop and walk.

"It was definitely one of my harder runs," Messina says. "The heat was intense in some parts of the race. I kept telling myself 'this is no harder than my training runs' over the summer. Thanks to a spectator with water, I was able to stay hydrated, rationing a bottle of water for the last eight miles of the run. Not my goal finishing time, but, I'm still very proud of myself for finishing."

CHECK OUT: IN STORES 10/9



Deana Carter *The Chain* (Vanguard)

Fred Carter, Jr., Deana's father, played on iconic music including Roy Orbison's "Crying," Willie Nelson's "On The Road Again" and Neil Young's "Old Man." Daughter pays tribute to dad in this 12-song collection that revisits those songs, complete with the elder Carter's guitar work and, on many tracks, duet performances by the original artists – Dolly Parton, Kris Kristofferson, Nelson, and even Paul Simon's son Harper among them.



Charlie Daniels Band *Deuces* (Blue Hat)

Brad Paisley, Brenda Lee, Brooks & Dunn, Darius Rucker, Dolly Parton, Gretchen Wilson, Montgomery Gentry, Travis Tritt and Vince Gill are some of the artists joining CDB on this duets projects. Songs range from popular standards ("Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Your") to CDB staples ("Long Haired Country Boy").



Sara Evans *Greatest Hits* (RCA)

Appropriately, Evans' hit collection runs from "Born To Fly" to "A Real Fine Place To Start" with plenty of familiar music in between. Four of the 14 tracks are new: "As If," "Love You With All My Heart," "Pray For You" and "Some Things Never Change." Look for her on GMA (10/10), as well as The View and Hannity & Colmes.

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Corporate Playlists (continued from page 1)

A selection of 13 **Clear Channel** reporters in top-ranked markets shows only eight titles had at least 10 spins per week on all 13 stations. There were 17 different titles that got 10 plays on 10 stations last week. That doesn't seem to be a lot of conformity among stations at a company many believe has its current music dictated by regional programming VPs. In fact, the eight common current titles among the studied group is the fewest consensus currents among all the companies.

A field of 13 **Citadel** stations selected from its largest markets showed 11 songs were on all 13 stations at least 10

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TUBE CHECK

Tuesday (10/9) – Billy Ray Cyrus, *Dancing With The Stars* (ABC).

Wednesday (10/10) – Taylor Swift, *Live with Regis & Kelly* (syndicated); LeAnn Rimes, *Today Show* (NBC); Sara Evans, *Good Morning America* (ABC), *Hannity & Colmes* (Fox News).

Thursday (10/11) – Sara Evans, *Big Break* (CMT)

Friday (10/12) – Sara Evans, *The View* (ABC); Lonestar, *Emeril Live!* (Food)

Saturday (10/13) – Patty Loveless, Darryl Worley, Steve Holy, Andy Griggs, *Opry Live* (GAC), Jon Bon Jovi, *Saturday Night Live* (NBC)

Sunday (10/14) – Craig Morgan, Rascal Flatts, *Frosted Pink* (ABC)

times. A total of 21 songs were on at least 10 stations for 10 spins.

At **Entercom**, which has seven **Country Aircheck** reporters, 11 songs were on all seven of its stations at least 10 times last week while 19 songs got 10 or more plays on at least five of its stations.

At **Cumulus**, which has 11 reporters between our Country Aircheck/Mediabase and Activator panels, 14 songs got at least 10 plays from all 11 of its stations. There were 21 tunes that got at least 10 spins at least eight of its stations.

We also wondered how many different currents were actually airing on these group's stations. Using a threshold of 10 plays per week per station as an average, 23 songs got at least 130 spins last week at CBS Radio stations. At Clear Channel, it was 21 tunes getting a minimum of 130 plays while Citadel played 28 currents over 130 times. Entercom aired 24 songs over 70 times at its seven stations while Cumulus played 22 songs more than 110 plays at its 11 stations.

Dropping the screener to just one play a week for each company's entire group of stations in this study, CBS's 13 Country outlets aired a total of 150 different currents; CC's 13 aired 149 different titles; and, Citadel's baker's dozen had 142 tunes. Entercom played 87 different cuts on its seven stations and Cumulus offered up a total of only 81 different songs last week across its 12-station platform.

It's interesting to note that the fewest number of different current titles belongs to Cumulus, which has its stations located in the smallest markets from this select group of owners. That certainly implies more control from its programming hierarchy.

Recurrents & Gold: CBS Radio played 178 different recurrent titles and 881 unique gold cuts at least once last week. Thirty-five recurrents got five or more plays while

CHECK OUT: IN STORES 10/9*(continued from page 5)***LeAnn Rimes** *Family* (Curb)

Rimes co-wrote 12 of 14 songs, going for outside material for duets with Reba McEntire and Bon Jovi. Marc Broussard also joins her on a cut they co-wrote. Dan Huff produced. Upcoming appearances include NBC's Today (10/10), Letterman (10/17), Regis & Kelly (10/18) and Dancing With The Stars (11/6).

**Van Zant** *My Kind Of Country* (Columbia)

Johnny and Donnie have writing credits on six of 11, with name writers like Tony Mullins, Craig Wiseman, Gary Nicholson, David Lee Murphy, Brett James, Bob DiPiero and Jeffrey Steele contributing as well. Tracks include "Train," "These Colors Don't Run" and "Headed South." Mark Wright and Justin Niebank produced.

Upcoming releases:

- Oct. 16 **Stephen Cochran** *Stephen Cochran* (Aria/Quarterback)
Toby Keith *A Classic Christmas* (Show Dog)
- Oct. 23 **Gary Allan** TBD (MCA)
Shooter Jennings *The Wolf* (Universal South)
Tracy Lawrence *All Wrapped Up In Christmas* (RCR)
Rissi Palmer *Rissi Palmer* (1720 Entertainment)
Carrie Underwood *Carnival Ride* (Arista)
- Oct. 30 **Josh Turner** *Low Country* (MCA)
- Nov. 6 **Garth Brooks** *Ultimate Hits* (Pearl/Big Machine)
- Nov. 13 **Trisha Yearwood** TBD (Big Machine)
- Nov. 20 **Keith Urban** TBD (Capitol)
- Dec. 4 **Trace Adkins** TBD (Capitol)
- Jan. 15 **Danielle Peck** TBD (Big Machine)

nine songs received 10 or more plays last week at each station. Of the 881 gold titles, 68 aired more than 39 times (an average of three times per week per station.)

Clear Channel's 13 selected stations aired 169 different recurrences and 1112 gold titles. Thirty-six recurrences got five or more plays while 16 tunes got 10 or more plays last week at each station. The gold breakdown shows 83 cuts got 39 or more plays.

Citadel aired 206 different recurrences last week while its gold category contained 1151 different titles. Thirty-seven songs received five or more plays while eight songs got more than 10 plays per station last week. Of its gold titles, 61 aired more than 39 times last week.

Entercom's library included 151 recurrences and 564 gold songs at its seven stations. Fifty recurrences aired five or more times last week while 22 tunes played more than 10 times. The gold rotation included 65 songs that aired three or more times last week.

Cumulus aired 170 different recurrences on its 11 stations last week. Twenty-five songs got an average of five or more plays per station for the week. Eight recurrences got more than an average of 10 plays per station last week. In the gold category, a total of 1352 different songs were played. Of that group, 73 songs got more than three plays at each station last week.

Overall, it's pretty amazing to see a relatively small sample of a company's Country stations combine for over 1100 combined gold titles, as is the case for both Clear Channel and Citadel – not to mention the over 1300 titles accounted for across Cumulus' 11 stations surveyed here. It really implies that stations are building their gold and recurrence libraries from local auditorium test results rather than delivering homogenous programming derived from national testing compilations.

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3	1	 TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog)	13746	637	4727	220	35.201	1.421	121	0
2	2	BRAD PAISLEY /Online (Arista)	13505	-287	4520	-107	34.924	-0.743	121	0
4	3	 KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA) ✓	13378	1246	4508	411	34.424	3.379	121	0
1	4	RASCAL FLATTS /Take Me There (Lyric Street)	12473	-1532	4292	-427	32.369	-3.745	121	0
5	5	 BROOKS & DUNN /Proud Of The House We Built (Arista)	12329	313	4257	135	30.839	0.388	121	0
6	6	 TIM MCGRAW /If You're Reading This (Curb)	12034	227	4079	94	30.858	0.748	120	0
8	7	 DIERKS BENTLEY /Free And Easy (Down The Road...) (Capitol)	11026	547	3764	217	28.734	1.38	121	0
9	8	 CARRIE UNDERWOOD /So Small (19/Arista)	10175	196	3437	37	25.921	0.131	121	0
10	9	 GARTH BROOKS /More Than A Memory (Pearl/Big Machine)	10053	133	3423	34	25.774	0.669	121	1
7	10	LUKE BRYAN /All My Friends Say (Capitol)	9363	-1515	3156	-615	23.233	-3.923	121	0
12	11	 GEORGE STRAIT /How 'Bout Them Cowgirls (MCA) ✓	8879	1145	3037	300	22.282	2.985	120	0
11	12	 JASON MICHAEL CARROLL /Livin' Our Love Song (Arista)	8425	286	2937	134	20.919	0.645	119	0
13	13	 CLAY WALKER /Fall (Curb/Asylum)	8153	642	2867	231	20.11	1.621	120	1
14	14	 JOSH TURNER /Firecracker (MCA)	7706	353	2636	137	19.133	1.22	121	1
15	15	 MIRANDA LAMBERT /Famous In A Small Town (Columbia)	7011	286	2427	126	16.776	0.837	119	0
16	16	 KEITH URBAN /Everybody (Capitol) ✓	7000	781	2385	285	17.117	2.217	117	2
17	17	 SARA EVANS /As If (RCA)	6351	360	2186	155	15.055	1.156	119	3
23	18	 TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine) ✓	5886	1414	1936	459	14.531	3.704	116	9
19	19	 MONTGOMERY GENTRY /What Do Ya Think About That (Columbia)	5848	698	2054	213	14.399	2.201	115	4
20	20	 JOE NICHOLS /Another Side Of You (Universal South)	5206	223	1834	109	12.218	0.741	110	2
21	21	 LEANN RIMES /Nothin' Better To Do (Curb/Asylum)	5173	352	1759	141	12.093	1.031	109	4
24	22	 TRISHA YEARWOOD /Heaven, Heartache And The... (Big Machine)	4174	121	1413	38	8.957	0.244	106	2
25	23	 GARY ALLAN /Watching Airplanes (MCA)	3661	448	1217	160	8.857	1.332	93	10
27	24	 BLAKE SHELTON /The More I Drink (Warner Bros.)	3144	238	1079	87	7.358	0.494	81	3
31	25	 SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury) ✓	3139	795	1085	269	7.352	2.171	94	20

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26	26	📶 EAGLES /How Long (ERC/Mercury/Lost Highway)	3072	40	1005	-6	7.678	-0.05	69	4
30	27	📶 CHUCK WICKS /Stealing Cinderella (RCA)	2899	537	920	185	6.903	1.847	83	8
28	28	📶 PAT GREEN /Way Back Texas (BNA)	2826	153	865	21	6.308	0.51	84	0
35	29	📶 CHRIS CAGLE /What Kinda Gone (Capitol)	2213	239	775	59	4.984	1.046	68	3
34	30	📶 JASON ALDEAN /Laughed Until We Cried (BBR)	2213	222	801	76	5.22	0.58	71	5
33	31	📶 BILLY CURRINGTON /Tangled Up (Mercury)	2186	107	790	47	5.391	0.249	67	2
32	32	WHISKEY FALLS /Last Train Running (Midas)	2158	-108	807	-32	4.758	-0.574	73	1
36	33	📶 TRACE ADKINS /I Got My Game On (Capitol)	1910	63	657	29	4.23	0.299	59	2
37	34	📶 EMERSON DRIVE /You Still Own Me (Midas)	1873	80	672	31	4.123	0.196	58	3
29	35	TRAVIS TRITT /You Never Take Me Dancing (Category 5)	1661	-759	574	-268	4.055	-1.881	65	0
38	36	📶 BIG & RICH /Between Raising Hell And... (Warner Bros.)	1582	297	465	92	3.694	0.934	39	0
39	37	📶 BUCKY COVINGTON /It's Good To Be Us (Lyric Street)	1464	370	550	147	2.646	0.71	62	11
45	38	📶 FAITH HILL /Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.)	1458	709	453	223	3.047	1.25	46	18
40	39	📶 CRAIG MORGAN /International Harvester (BBR)	1382	377	504	128	3.007	0.753	37	7
48	40	📶 RODNEY ATKINS /Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)	1107	573	400	196	2.274	1.104	53	21
42	41	📶 JENNIFER HANSON /Joyride (Universal South)	931	33	309	6	1.594	-0.077	37	4
41	42	📶 LITTLE BIG TOWN /I'm With The Band (Equity)	918	-6	326	6	1.754	0.26	44	5
43	43	📶 CLINT BLACK /The Strong One (Equity)	897	16	285	13	1.782	0.127	38	2
44	44	📶 JAKE OWEN /Something About A Woman (RCA)	864	110	312	30	1.299	0.066	40	5
46	45	📶 KELLIE PICKLER /Things That Never Cross A... (19/BNA)	853	140	291	56	1.394	0.162	43	9
47	46	📶 MARK CHESNUTT /Rollin' With The Flow (Lofton Creek)	749	63	197	16	1.717	0.249	17	4
50	47	📶 BILLY RAY CYRUS /Ready, Set, Don't Go (Disney/CO5 Music)	615	90	219	31	1.183	0.273	21	3
--	48	📶 ERIC CHURCH /Sinners Like Me (Capitol)	578	134	197	36	0.906	0.217	20	1
Debut 49	📶	ASHTON SHEPHERD /Takin' Off This Pain (MCA)	560	163	227	56	0.92	0.348	34	6
Debut 50	📶	JAMES OTTO /Just Got Started Lovin' You (Warner Bros.)	532	148	209	53	0.796	0.241	18	2

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BUCKY COVINGTON /It's Good To Be Us (Lyric Street)	11
LEE BRICE /Happy Endings (Curb/Asylum)	11
GARY ALLAN /Watching Airplanes (MCA)	10
KELLIE PICKLER /Things That Never Cross A... (19/BNA)	9
TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine)	9
CHUCK WICKS /Stealing Cinderella (RCA)	8
LADY ANTEBELLUM /Love Don't Live Here (Capitol)	8

Aircheck Top Point Gainers

TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine)	1414 ✓
KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA)	1246 ✓
GEORGE STRAIT /How 'Bout Them Cowgirls (MCA)	1145 ✓
SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury)	795 ✓
KEITH URBAN /Everybody (Capitol)	781 ✓
FAITH HILL /Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.)	709
MONTGOMERY GENTRY /What Do Ya Think... (Columbia)	698
CLAY WALKER /Fall (Curb/Asylum)	642
TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog)	637
RODNEY ATKINS /Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)	573

Aircheck Top Spin Gainers

TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine)	459
KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA)	411
GEORGE STRAIT /How 'Bout Them Cowgirls (MCA)	300
KEITH URBAN /Everybody (Capitol)	285
SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury)	269
CLAY WALKER /Fall (Curb/Asylum)	231
FAITH HILL /Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.)	223
TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog)	220
DIERKS BENTLEY /Free And Easy (Down The Road...) (Capitol)	217
MONTGOMERY GENTRY /What Do Ya Think... (Columbia)	213

Activator Top Point Gainers

SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury)	1047 ✓
FAITH HILL /Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.)	992 ✓
KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA)	982 ✓
TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine)	904 ✓
CHUCK WICKS /Stealing Cinderella (RCA)	790 ✓
GARY ALLAN /Watching Airplanes (MCA)	764
DIERKS BENTLEY /Free And Easy (Down The Road...) (Capitol)	678
RODNEY ATKINS /Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)	645
GEORGE STRAIT /How 'Bout Them Cowgirls (MCA)	594
TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog)	591

Activator Top Spin Gainers

SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury)	243
KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA)	214
FAITH HILL /Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.)	201
TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine)	189
CHUCK WICKS /Stealing Cinderella (RCA)	188
GARY ALLAN /Watching Airplanes (MCA)	170
DIERKS BENTLEY /Free And Easy (Down The Road...) (Capitol)	150
RODNEY ATKINS /Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)	147
SARA EVANS /As If (RCA)	128
TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog)	121

VIDEO ADDS

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GARY ALLAN/Watching Airplanes (MCA)
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GARY ALLAN/Watching Airplanes (MCA)
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KELLIE PICKLER/Things That Never Cross A... (19/BNA)

Moves 46*-45*; 853 points, 291 spins
9 ADDS: **KKGO, KUBL*, WDSY*, WEZL, WGNE, WGTY, WMIL, WPCV, WWQM**

MARK CHESNUTT/Rollin' With The Flow (Lofton Creek)

Moves 47*-46*; 749 points, 191 spins
4 ADDS: **KMDL, KMLE*, WGNA, WYRK**

BILLY RAY CYRUS/Ready, Set, Don't Go (Disney/CO5)

Moves 50*-47*; 615 points, 219 spins
3 ADDS: **KPLX, KUBL*, WSM**

ERIC CHURCH/Sinners Like Me (Capitol)

Re-enters at 48*; 578 points, 197 spins; 1 ADD: **WKHX**

ASHTON SHEPHERD/Takin' Off This Pain (MCA)

Debuts at 49*; 560 points, 227 spins
6 ADDS: **KJUG, KMPS*, KSD, WBEE, WKKT, WTQR**

JAMES OTTO/Just Got Started Lovin' You (Warner Bros.)

Debuts at 50*; 532 points, 209 spins; 2 ADDS: **KSON, WUBE**

VAN ZANT/Goes Down Easy (Columbia)

524 points, 184 spins; 2 ADDS: **KILT, WQYK**

ANDY GRIGGS/What If It's Me (Montage Music Group)

487 points, 182 spins; 3 ADDS: **KFRG*, KSON, WCTK**

ELI YOUNG BAND/When It Rains (Carnival)

449 points, 67 spins; 0 ADDS

DOLLY PARTON/Better Get To Livin' (Dolly)

442 points, 118 spins; 1 ADD: **KIIM***

BOMSHEL/Power Of One (Curb)

420 points, 178 spins
4 ADDS: **KATC*, KHEY, KJUG, WMIL**

RISSI PALMER/Country Girl (1720 Entertainment)

355 points, 142 spins; 0 ADDS

LEE BRICE/Happy Endings (Curb/Asylum)

353 points, 130 spins
11 ADDS: **KBEQ, KFRG*, KIZN*, KJUG, WCTQ, WGNE, WMAD, WTQR, WNU, WWQM, WYPY**

AIRCHECK ADD DATES

OCTOBER 15

DREW DAVIS BAND/Back There All The Time (Lofton Creek)
STEPHEN COCHRAN/Everything We Knew (Aria/Quarterback)
FLYNNVILLE TRAIN/Tequila Sheila (Show Dog)
KELLY WILLIS/The More That I'm Around You (Ryko)

OCTOBER 22

BON JOVI w/LEANN RIMES/Till We Ain't Strangers... (Mercury)
LUKE BRYAN/We Rode In Trucks (Capitol)
CROSSIN DIXON/Make You Mine (BBR)
ELI YOUNG BAND/When It Rains (Carnival)
HAL KETCHUM/One More Midnight (Curb)
MARTINA MCBRIDE/For These Times (RCA)
BRAD PAISLEY/Letter To Me (Arista)
RASCAL FLATTS/Winner At A Losing Game (Lyric Street)
TRAVIS TRITT/Something Stronger Than Me (Category 5)

OCTOBER 29

COLE DEGGS & THE LONESOME/Girl Next Door (Columbia)
JOSH GRACIN/We Weren't Crazy (Lyric Street)
PHIL VASSAR/Love Is A Beautiful Thing (Universal South)

Aircheck Top Recurrents

KENNY CHESNEY /Never Wanted Nothing More (BNA)	6395
RODNEY ATKINS /These Are My People (Curb)	6288
TRACY LAWRENCE /Find Out Who... (Rocky Comfort/CO5)	5677
BILLY CURRINGTON /Good Directions (Mercury)	5376
REBA MCENTIRE w/K.CLARKSON /Because Of You (MCA)	5157
MONTGOMERY GENTRY /Lucky Man (Columbia)	4505
BIG & RICH /Lost In This Moment (Warner Bros.)	4167
JACK INGRAM /Measure Of A Man (Big Machine)	4046
EMERSON DRIVE /Moments (Midas)	3987
RODNEY ATKINS /Watching You (Curb)	3789

LADY ANTEBELLUM/Love Don't Live Here (Capitol)

334 points, 102 spins
8 ADDS: **KBEQ, KHKI*, WCTK, WCTQ, WGNA, WXBQ, WYPY, WYRK**

HEARTLAND/Once A Woman (Country Thunder)

314 points, 103 spins; 1 ADD: **KKGO**

Aircheck Activity includes the top 15 songs that rank 45-50 on this week's chart or are those that are not charted and have a minimum of 300 airplay points and have shown growth in two of the past three weeks. (indicates auto adds)*

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LW	TW	Artist/Title (Label)	TW Points	+/- Points	TW Plays	+/- Plays
1	1	 TOBY KEITH /Love Me If You Can (Show Dog) 4 th Week at No. 1	14398	591	3206	121
5	2	 KENNY CHESNEY /Don't Blink (BNA) ✓	13607	982	2988	214
2	3	BRAD PAISLEY /Online (Arista)	13415	-53	2989	-33
4	4	BROOKS & DUNN /Proud Of The House We Built (Arista)	12352	-718	2797	-155
6	5	TIM MCGRAW /If You're Reading This (Curb)	11886	-304	2620	-58
9	6	 DIERKS BENTLEY /Free And Easy (Down The Road...) (Capitol)	11739	678	2655	150
8	7	 CARRIE UNDERWOOD /So Small (19/Arista)	11409	307	2520	52
10	8	GARTH BROOKS /More Than A Memory (Pearl/Big Machine)	10463	-323	2305	-60
11	9	 JASON MICHAEL CARROLL /Livin' Our Love Song (Arista)	10219	353	2312	76
12	10	 GEORGE STRAIT /How 'Bout Them Cowgirls (MCA)	10050	594	2240	118
7	11	LUKE BRYAN /All My Friends Say (Capitol)	9742	-1454	2160	-344
13	12	 JOSH TURNER /Firecracker (MCA)	8578	210	1903	28
14	13	 CLAY WALKER /Fall (Curb/Asylum)	8092	404	1867	88
15	14	 KEITH URBAN /Everybody (Capitol)	8042	517	1797	108
18	15	 MONTGOMERY GENTRY /What Do Ya Think About That (Columbia)	7681	511	1681	119
19	16	 JOE NICHOLS /Another Side Of You (Universal South)	7538	388	1686	67
17	17	 MIRANDA LAMBERT /Famous In A Small Town (Columbia)	7471	242	1646	58
20	18	 SARA EVANS /As If (RCA)	7143	540	1627	128
22	19	 TAYLOR SWIFT /Our Song (Big Machine) ✓	6090	904	1361	189
23	20	 TRISHA YEARWOOD /Heaven, Heartache And The... (Big Machine)	5628	466	1246	94
24	21	 LEANN RIMES /Nothin' Better To Do (Curb/Asylum)	5398	427	1198	101
25	22	 GARY ALLAN /Watching Airplanes (MCA)	4570	764	1019	170
26	23	 EAGLES /How Long (ERC/Mercury/Lost Highway)	3926	157	889	33
32	24	 SUGARLAND /Stay (Mercury) ✓	3610	1047	837	243
28	25	 BLAKE SHELTON /The More I Drink (Warner Bros.)	3425	317	755	68
27	26	 BILLY CURRINGTON /Tangled Up (Mercury)	3302	111	755	30
31	27	 JASON ALDEAN /Laughed Until We Cried (BBR)	2943	313	649	62
30	28	 PAT GREEN /Way Back Texas (BNA)	2910	102	651	27
39	29	 CHUCK WICKS /Stealing Cinderella (RCA) ✓	2622	790	587	188
29	30	TRAVIS TRITT /You Never Take Me Dancing (Category 5)	2550	-495	624	-112

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LW	TW	Artist/Title (Label)	TW Points	+/- Points	TW Plays	+/- Plays
34	31	 CHRIS CAGLE/What Kinda Gone (Capitol)	2350	227	554	52
38	32	 CRAIG MORGAN/International Harvester (BBR)	2312	466	494	114
37	33	 BUCKY COVINGTON/It's Good To Be Us (Lyric Street)	2312	406	494	85
33	34	 WHISKEY FALLS/Last Train Running (Midas)	2243	106	526	26
35	35	 TRACE ADKINS/I Got My Game On (Capitol)	2182	183	495	43
36	36	 EMERSON DRIVE/You Still Own Me (Midas)	2106	165	460	42
44	37	 FAITH HILL/Red Umbrella (Warner Bros.) ✓	1839	992	407	201
42	38	 RODNEY ATKINS/Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)	1586	645	359	147
40	39	 BIG & RICH/Between Raising Hell And... (Warner Bros.)	1459	264	319	58
43	40	 KELLIE PICKLER/Things That Never Cross A ... (19/BNA)	1072	167	223	27
41	41	 LITTLE BIG TOWN/I'm With The Band (Equity)	1064	79	240	21
46	42	 MARK CHESNUTT/Rollin' With The Flow (Lofton Creek)	848	73	212	13
45	43	 ERIC CHURCH/Sinners Like Me (Capitol)	835	50	185	17
48	44	 JENNIFER HANSON/Joyride (Universal South)	746	91	147	12
50	45	 JAKE OWEN/Something About A Woman (RCA)	691	83	130	10
53	46	 LADY ANTEBELLUM/Love Don't Live Here (Capitol)	682	255	133	45
49	47	 BILLY RAY CYRUS/Ready, Set, Don't Go (Disney/C05)	630	8	127	2
47	48	VAN ZANT/Goes Down Easy (Columbia)	619	-86	129	-12
51	49	 CLINT BLACK/The Strong One (Equity)	576	24	115	8
54	50	 GRETCHEN WILSON/You Don't Have To Go Home (Columbia)	482	76	99	15
52	51	 ASHTON SHEPHERD/Takin' Off This Pain (MCA)	475	19	112	13
57	52	 RISSI PALMER/Country Girl (1720 Entertainment)	381	28	83	5
55	53	DOLLY PARTON/Better Get To Livin' (Dolly)	349	-45	62	-5
56	54	TRACY LAWRENCE/Til I Was A Daddy Too (Rocky Comfort/C05)	328	-42	71	-8
Debut	55	 HALFWAY TO HAZARD/Devil And The Cross (Stylesonic/Mercury)	304	110	74	27
60	56	 DOUG STONE/Nice Problem (TNT/Spinville)	303	8	76	2
--	57	 JOHN BERRY/A Woman Like You (Clear Sky/Nine North)	275	9	42	-1
Debut	58	 BOMSHEL/Power Of One (Curb)	236	78	44	13
Debut	59	 JYPSI/Love Is A Drug (Arista)	229	146	45	29
--	60	 KATIE ARMIGER/17 In Abilene (Quarterback)	218	16	56	5

"Dear God"