

# Jens Pinkernell

## An Interview

1. What is your birthday?  
**5/24**
2. What's your favorite color?  
**Black**
3. Where did you grow up?  
**Siegen, West Germany**
4. Where do you call home now?  
**Dallas, Texas**
5. What are your hobbies?  
**Anything car related.**
6. What do you do to pass time on the road?  
**Talk with bandmates, read and sip on my Starbucks.**
7. Who normally drives?  
**It seems like it is always Mike or James.**
8. Who do you NOT ALLOW to drive and why?  
**Max, he gets really distracted!**

9. What music CD do you have in your stereo/computer right now?
- Car: Jesse Dayton, Motorhead, Ry Cooder, Jimi Hendrix, Isaac Hayes, Aretha Franklin, ZZ Top, The Paladins.
  - Home for working purpose: Drew Womack, Stoney La Rue, Miranda Lambert, Jack Ingram/Live at Gruene, Jack Ingram/Live at Billy Bobs, Warren Zevon/The Wind, Bastard sons of Johnny Cash.
10. What got you into music as a career (play any instruments/sing growing up?)
- My uncle taught me three chords on the guitar at the age of 10. As a teenager, I opened up a show for "The Stray Cats" in 1986. From then on, there was no turning back.
11. Who are your influences?
- As a teenager, I joined a local Rockabilly trio. My initial reason for joining was the weekly engagements. At that time, my heart was into old blues and artists like J.J. Cale, Ry Cooder and so on. While playing in the Rockabilly trio, I began to listen to Gene Vincent, Johnny Burnet, Elvis and the old blues stuff. As a result, I received a unique spectrum of roots music. This led me to the old country records of Haggard, Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Jones.

12. Where is your favorite place in the world to be?  
Seefeld, Austria (especially in the winter) with a half-liter glass of "Weizwenbier" in front of you! Kids, Colorado doesn't even come close.
13. Where is your favorite place to perform?  
"Ginny's Little Longhorn Saloon" in Austin, Texas.
14. Who are some of your current favorite artists?  
Listen to Sirius radio "Outlaw Country", there all playing right there.
15. Family - Married? Kids??  
No to all.
16. How hard is life on the road for you/your family??  
It's not hard at all. Every now and then downtime gets a bit boring.
17. Who else have you performed with?  
I have played with a lot of great people over the years. My fulltime engagements in the States however, have been Cory Morrow and Jack Ingram.  
When I first moved to Austin in late 1993, I had a band called "Texas Radio". One night, while playing a gig with "Texas Radio" at Bates Motel, Tom Jones sent his manager to ask me if Tom could sit in with us. (He had played a show earlier that night in Austin). I invited him up on stage and we did Rockabilly and Rock n' Roll standards all night. The other memorable moments were the gigs I did with Walter Higgs and the late great Bassist Keith Ferguson.

18. What instruments do/can you play?  
The Guitar is my main instrument but I can play basic stuff on the Bass and Drums.
  
19. What's your favorite song to perform?  
I'm in the mood to tear it up, by the Fabulous Thunderbirds!
  
20. What's your favorite Drew Womack song to play?  
They're all great songs and I haven't picked my favorite yet.
  
21. What's your favorite song to play WITH the Drew Womack Band (can be a Drew song or a cover song)?  
Mr. Mackies Christmas song, Drew does the "ding-dong" part so well.