

Magnificent

Repeating as the top chart-share imprint, the Capitol crew has been feted seven straight times in this space. As such, there's almost literally nothing left to say. Seven years, you know. So we asked the extended team random travel questions just for kicks.

SHANE ALLEN
VP/PROMOTION

Favorite Airport: San Diego. You immediately know you're in America's Finest City. And Houghton County (Michigan) Memorial. A 20-minute drive north and Verizon can't keep up with me.



Road Eats: Original Joe's, San Jose. Great food and great memories with great friends. Stefano's Grill, Orlando. Chef Stef puts on a spread like no other.

Travel Secret: Denver airport, C terminal, Timberline restaurant. Get the breakfast burrito and add the green chilies.

Media Munchies: *Glen Campbell: I'll*

Be Me. Probably the most authentically personal view of an icon's life that I've ever seen.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Southwest Airlines. No other airline comes close to their customer service.

Team Memory '15: Hearing Jeremy Guenther say he didn't need to have another brain surgery is hard to top.

Utterly Forgettable: On a flight home from L.A., the very "organic" guy in the middle seat was constantly shoving his hands into his armpits and smelling his very natural odor. Longest flight of the year by far.

PAIGE ELLIOTT
WEST COAST

Favorite Airport: Denver, because I'm home.

Road Eats: Mikuni in Sacramento.

Travel Secret: Mini-vans may not be glamorous, but they have a ton of cargo space. Also, cannot recommend the FitStar workout app enough for travelers.

Media Munchies: Serial and RadioLab podcasts, Spotify playlists. I read a lot, too. Most recently *The Martian*.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Kayak app for organizing trips and searching for travel on the fly. Least favorite is Hertz. I always get junky cars with dried soda in the cup holders. National all the way!

Utterly Forgettable: Getting stuck in the Sacramento airport with Jon Pardi and his guys on a five-hour delay. We made the best of it.



DAVID FRIEDMAN
UMGN VP/PROMOTION

Favorite Airport: Chicago Midway. Manny's Deli.

Road Eats: A bag of almonds or trail mix keeps me away from ice cream and chocolate chip cookies. Campisi's Egyptian Room in Dallas.

Travel Secret: Not taking the first flight out on a weekend. Coming home to your family like a wet rag doesn't help anybody.

Media Munchies: Howard Stern on Sirius XM. Hands down the best interviews you will ever hear.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Sheraton/Starwood - Starbucks in the room! I hate Microtels. Jimmy Rector and I once saw a line of people 10 deep waiting to complain to a hotel manager who had just given up.

Team Memory '15: Attending a tour planning meet-

ing as a member of UMG with the promo team from my previous gig at Columbia/Sony. Being able to call everyone in the room a friend was a great feeling.

Utterly Forgettable: My first day at UMG, everyone in promotion dressed up ... but *me!* Katie Dean wore a pants suit and called me "Casual Friday." After three hours of ice, I'm in Royce's office when he calls Mike Krinik in and starts berating him for not returning a text at 5am. I buried my face in my cell phone and when I looked up, the entire promo team was staring at me through the window and started to laugh.

JEREMY GUENTHER
SOUTHWEST

Favorite Airport: Little Rock. Because it's home.

Road Eats: Street tacos food trucks in Austin. Ribs from Joe's in Kansas City. Fat Daddy's barbecue in Arkansas.

Travel Secret: Hair of the dog. Bloody Marys by 10am.

Media Munchies: Waylon, Hank, Don Williams.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Uber saves my ass when there is no cash! I hate being commanded by TSA-wannabe airline attendants.

Team Memory '15: Finding out that Shane Allen would be the next man at the helm of promotion.

Utterly Forgettable: Being stuck on American Eagle from Dallas to Vegas between a man that should have been a Sumo wrestler and a narcoleptic man who slobbered like he had St. Bernard in his blood.



DONNA HUGHES
UMGN DIR./RADIO MARKETING

Road Eats: A good medium rare steak and room service breakfast since I don't have to get out of my jammy pants.

Travel Secret: A great carry-on to hold everything. I used to carry one just for all of my hair products and appliances. Screw it - that's what a hair tie and ballcaps are for.

Media Munchies: I binge-watched five seasons of *The Walking Dead*. I've become a Dead Head and feel I could now survive a zombie apocalypse.

Team Memory '15: Hanging out with fellow team members at O'Donoghues (my bar) near Times Square or the recent hang/showcase for Scotty McCreery and Charles Kelley at Pinehurst.

BRENT JONES
MIDWEST

Favorite Airport: Midway because of the Irish pub.

Road Eats: Mountain Dew in a glass bottle with real sugar.

Travel Secret: A decent pair of headphones. Trash the white Apple ear buds immediately.

Utterly Forgettable: In Green Bay with Jon Pardi, he dared me to drive our Suburban into a snow bank in the hotel parking lot. We got stuck and about five cop cars showed up. The bar we came from was in the alley by the hotel, so I was lucky I didn't get arrested.



ASHLEY LAWS
COORDINATOR

Favorite Airport: The renovated Dallas Love has several nice restaurants and shops so I can shop after I eat my weight in queso. Atlanta can be a nightmare if you're in a hurry, but I can overlook it because Chick-fil-A.

Media Munchies: 1989- both Taylor's and Ryan Adams' versions. And then one of Mindy Kaling's books. She is everything.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Hertz really does hurt. National is a treat - you can choose your own ride.

Team Memory '15: *CMA Awards* night.

Utterly Forgettable: I got a speeding ticket on my way to Indy. Who actually drives 55mph on the interstate?



2015 Top 10 Labels

1. Capitol	14.4%
2. WMN	8.9%
3. Arista	6.4%
4. Columbia	6.2%
5. Mercury	5.7%
5. Republic Nashville	5.7%
5. WAR	5.7%
8. RCA	5.3%
8. Valory	5.3%
10. MCA	4.9%

DIANE LOCKNER

NORTHEAST

Favorite Airport: Philly because it's *home* and there are lots of food places to choose from.

Road Eats: Chipotle because it's healthy, non-GMO and I can eat vegan on the road. Pure in New York - raw vegan and so good.

Travel Secret: Dega tour catering always has vegan entrée and dessert options.



Media Munchies: Howard Stern and E-Street Radio on XM. I watch a ton of documentaries about GMO and food. And don't judge, but I loved the John Taylor and Rick Springfield autobiographies.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: I hate Southwest hubs in the summer. Always delayed. Obsessed with Hotel

On Rivington in New York.

Utterly Forgettable: Driving from Virginia Beach to Bristow, VA for a Dierks show during a storm that turned four hours on the road into eight.

ROYCE RISSER

UMGN SVP/PROMOTION

Favorite Airport: Catalina Island. My dad used to land on the tiny table-top airstrip there in his little Cessna. Kind of scary. Believe it or not, there are a ton of buffalo there. We'd eat buffalo burgers.

Road Eats: In-N-Out Burger or Chicago Cut.

Travel Secret: Shane Allen gave me the best airport restroom in America. But it's a secret.

Team Memory '15: David Friedman's first day on the job. The grand finale was epic and terribly awkward, but everyone piled in my office right after to let him off the hook. So fun.



CHRIS SCHULER

UMGN MGR./RADIO MARKETING

Favorite Airport: BWI. Who doesn't love a good crab cake?

Road Eats: Gatorade, because there's never a moment traveling in this business where you don't feel dehydrated from the night prior.

Travel Secret: BWI security checkpoint no one seems to know about.

Media Munchies: *How I Met Your Mother* reruns.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: Any airline that has zones where people plow over each other just to throw their bag into an overhead bin.

Team Memory '15: Three nights of O'Donoghue's in NYC in early August. My liver still hasn't forgiven me.

Utterly Forgettable: Hertz. Especially when you expect an SUV and get a Fiat.

BOBBY YOUNG

SOUTHEAST

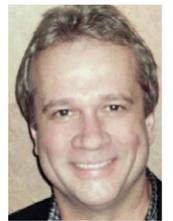
Favorite Airport: Tampa, Raleigh, maybe Fort Lauderdale.

Road Eats: Atlanta's The Varsity, the world's oldest fast food restaurant and the best. Café Cibo in St. Petersburg is a favorite lunch place. My favorite all-time restaurant is Rosebuds in Chicago. It used to be a popular stop for Sinatra.

Travel Secret: A lot of hotels have dust mites and bad pillows leaving you with neck pain and a headache much like a hangover. A couple of Sudafed, two Tylenol and a hot shower will get you back in the game.

Best (or not) Travel Companies: American (US Air) and Delta are always canceling flights, rarely on time and charge a fortune for baggage.

Team Memory '15: Every No. 1 single, sold-out show and song that gets its unequal fair share of airplay (and sells) is another win not just for this amazing team, but also for the greatest roster in the world!



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