

Trader John's Journal

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A Letter From Our President



Well PHlock,
 I just can't quite express how proud I am of this club and you wonderful members. We really follow the parrothead creed "Party with a Purpose". The amount of good we constantly do towards charitable causes is truly awesome, but we don't lose sight of the "having phun" aspect of the party. STARS is a great example. Those of you that took part had a great time. The upcoming "Pascagoula Poker Run & Club B'day Party" will undoubtedly be another example.

Special appreciation is due all of you that show that spirit and jump in and expend some effort to make these things work. Without the people pulling the jobs, large or small, these events would never be so successful. Besides our scheduled events, we are always making a difference in other ways. The club has made donations toward helping the Bond family through Christmas, aiding Carol with tackling medical bills, sending a police officer to D.C. for the ceremony at the fallen officer memorial, aiding a family that fell victim to a house fire, and making a donation to the Dream Program tournament to help the special children. These are just the things we've helped with in the last few months.

As I said before, however, this is a social club first. We need to always have a good time in our endeavors or things will not stay together. Everything we do doesn't have to be toward charity. Sometimes we just need to focus on the phun. Somehow, though, we end up finding a way to do good even when we just gather for the good times. I can't help but be proud, and you all should be proud too.

David

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- President: David Barnes*
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- Treasurer: Mike Ducote*
- Secretary: Eva Roehm*
- Parrothead at Large: Tequila Sheila Peterson*



Club members Lynn Hunt and Kevin Eshelman help with the Limbo Contest on Saturday afternoon at Lulu's Homeport & Marina during "Stars Fell On Alabama".

Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

Name the JB song that includes this line:

"Seen the false horizon fade away like bison"

SFOA Happenings

No, not a misspelling of "sofa" - we're talking about "Stars Fell On Alabama", one of our club's major annual phun and fund raising events. This year's SFOA featured a great slate of musicians, non-stop poolside entertainment at The Island House during the days, two nights of parties in a tent on the beach, a night at the Flora-Bama, and an afternoon at Lulu's Homeport & Marina -with some of the best trop rock out there. All of the numbers aren't in yet, but it looks like we'll at least match last year's fund raising efforts through the Stars silent auction and raffle (and Jell-o shots!).



What Time Is It?

A big "Team Drink" goes out to the following club members who have helped with fund raising events since our last newsletter:

Mary Brown
Ron DeBell
Darolynn Hunt
Amanda Waltman

And another round to each one of you who helped out with the many tasks associated with "SFOA":

Tina Audia
David Barnes
Kimberly Barnes
Dave Bingham
Jan Bixler
Frances Dauster
Kevin Eshelman
Anita Flaherty
Dwayne Flaherty
Debra Gaberty
Doug Gaberty
Darrell Herron
Lynn Hunt
Elizabeth Kommersmith
Mike Kommersmith
Deb Longhouser
Shelia Peterson
Eva Roehm
Frank Roehm
Amanda Waltman

*"Got a lot to drink,
a lot to think,
a lot to drink about"*

Jimmy Buffett,
Mac McAnally,
& Will Kimbrough
(c) 2009 (Buffet Hotel)



Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

*"Seen the false horizon
fade away like bison"*

is from the song "Take Another Road" (Albums: "Off To See The Lizard", and a 2-disc anthology, "Meet Me in Margaritaville")



Places We're Going!

A big thanks to High Cotton Grill in d'Iberville for hosting our club meetings so far this year. In addition to some fine food, there are "happy hour" drink prices there throughout the day and evening, which includes our meetings every other Thursday.

We've also got a slate of locations that we'll be visiting during our "Pascagoula Run" (poker run for charity and phun) and club birthday party. We would like to thank the following venues for use of space, and especially for bringing in trop rock music when and where possible:

High Cotton Grill
3516 Sangani Blvd
Diberville, MS 39540

T.P. Crockmeier's
170 S. Florida Street, Mobile, AL

The Mill
6391 Highway 90, Theodore, AL

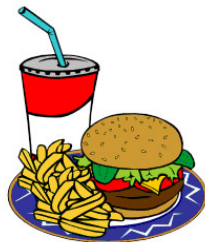
Miss-A-Bama Country Party Palace
6801 Highway 90, Moss Point, MS

The Celtic Pub
4901 Chicot Street
Pascagoula, MS

The Original Shed BBQ & Blues Joint
7501 Highway 57
Ocean Springs, MS

We hope that you'll continue to patronize these fine establishments. All have great food and a fun atmosphere, and some are just like those places that Jimmy wrote about.

We appreciate the places we're going to in 2010!



Boat Drinks

This year's ice breaker at "Stars Fell On Alabama" was a game we called "Boat Drinks", featuring a number of tasty cocktails that gave you a really good excuse to introduce yourself and make more than a few new friends.

The event tag also featured one of the drinks in the game. It's most famous for turning your tongue blue if you have one too many of them (just ask Mother Hen!). Here's the recipe for the semi-famous "Jet Ski Killer", which can be purchased at Lulu's Homeport in Gulf Shores, AL:

Jet Ski Killer

- 1/2 ounce spiced rum
- 1/2 ounce coconut rum
- 1/2 ounce blue curacao orange liqueur
- 1/2 ounce creme de banana liqueur
- 4 ounces pineapple juice
- 1 maraschino cherry
- 1 lemon slice

Fill a shaker with ice cubes. Pour spiced rum, coconut rum, orange liqueur, creme de banana liqueur and pineapple juice into shaker. Shake vigorously. Pour into a tall glass with ice. Add a straw. Garnish with a cherry and lemon slice. Enjoy responsibly, and look out for that blue tongue!



We're still looking for a new "roost" for the club, so please remember to check your e-mail or visit the club web site at <http://www.tabphc.com/events.html> for the next meeting location!

All We Need is Music ...



Our Gulf Coast musicians have been busy, and at least a few of them have recently released CD's or music that's just about due to hit the airwaves. Check these out when you need some beach music:

Brent Burns - "I've Got A BEACH In My Backyard"

Songs include the title track, "I've Got A BEACH In My Backyard", "Big Boat, Little Johnson", "Retired" (A Duet With Ray Stevens), "Hot Beer, Cold Women", "Kenny Rogers' Face", "Vacation Probation", and other tracks. You can listen through CD links at CD Baby, and also purchase Brent's music at <http://www.brentburns.com/cd.htm>

James "Sunny Jim" White - "Tropicool"

This is the latest of the eight CD's of original tropical rock music from "Sunny Jim" (and yes, his dad really is called "Shady"). In addition to the title track, you'll enjoy some original songs, covers, and collaborations. "Shady Lives in Sunny Places" and "Research" were both nominated as Trop Rock songs of the year. You can listen and purchase at <http://www.sunnyjim.com/Music.php>

Howard Livingston & MM24 - "Tunes In A Tropical Key"

Howard and the band were the closing act at "Stars Fell On Alabama" this year, and rocked the tent! This fifth CD of all original trop-rock music will be released on March 27, 2010 at a CD Release Party at Boondocks on Ramrod Key, FL. The CD is available now for pre-release sale, and you can get your copy at <http://www.milemarker24.com/>.

Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band

Okay, okay ... we all know he's still working on a new CD. Some of his band members have their own music, too. This group was a big hit at the Flora-Bama at SFOA.

Their steel drum player, John Patti (<http://www.johnpatti.com/>), has "Above the Fold", a full CD of steel pan.

Jimi Pappas, the band's drummer, (<http://www.myspace.com/jimipappas>) has his own "Tropical Salvage" CD.

You can even find a copy of "Gulf Coast Highway Tour", a musical trek Jim took with James "Sunny Jim" White that included a stop here On the Mississippi Gulf Coast at <http://www.jim-morris.com/music.htm>.



Bond Family Christmas

Last fall, we voted to adopt the family of Ocean Springs police officer Stephen "Bubba" Bond, who was lost at sea in a boating accident. Many of you pitched in, and TABPHC's elves shopped with the funds that were donated to find all of the gifts wished for on the family's Christmas list.

Our club treasurer and fellow police officer, Mike "Santa" Ducote, picked up the gifts a few days before Christmas, and made the arrangements for getting all of the wrapped and bagged gifts to Angie Bond and her children. Take note of the photograph below; it's not often that you'll see Mike in a genuine Santa hat!



Do you need a club T-shirt? A beerskin? Or are you interested in having a shirt or hat embroidered with the TABPHC logo?

Get in touch with David at tabphc@yahoo.com, and he'll give you the details and prices for whatever club clothing and goodies you need!



PHundraising

We're off to a great start with our fund raising efforts in 2010. The year began with a continuation of a gift card raffle, and we've just finished "Stars" with its silent auction and raffles, too.



While the numbers are not yet final, we did raise a total of \$8,050 at "Stars Fell On Alabama" through the silent auction. Each dollar is a direct result of the items that you donated personally, collected from area businesses, or bid on as a part of our event. With a little luck, the club should be able to present a check to the Alzheimer's Association for about \$2,500.00. We'll add that to the funds we'll be raising through Team PHins PHorward for the Gulf Coast Memory Walk.



Club Anniversaries

If you're listed below, then a big congratulations on another year with the club is due to you ... and your dues are due to the club! If you've made a meeting or two lately, then you know your club anniversary date will stay the same, but now your dues will be due on our club birthday, which is celebrated on April 1 each year (island time). If you've already paid dues this year, then you're good until April 2011.

January - April Club Anniversaries:

Casey & Dennis Arnold
 David Barnes
 Janet Bixler
 Lucy Bleichner
 Mary Brown
 Barry Casey
 Steven Cates
 Frances Dauster
 David & Ramona Davidson
 Ron DeBell
 Kevin Eshelman
 Deborah Gebhart
 Joe Hashagen
 Randy Hines
 Joe Jackson
 Grace & Oscar Johansen
 Ruth Johnston
 Randy Kirkpatrick
 Bobby & Rhonda Knesal
 Elizabeth & Mike Kommersmith
 Bill & Carol Kuhn
 Rachel & Scott Leggitt
 David LeMasters
 Cyndi Moncreiff
 Donnie Newman
 Cindy Palmere
 Billy Payne
 Chuck Power
 Alison Sharpe
 Lea & Steve Shaw
 Shannon Smith
 Jewel Stewart
 Garry & Leslie Vedros
 Amanda Waltman
 Andrea & Ralph Zuleeg

To pay your dues (\$20.00/Parrot Head; \$35.00/Parrot Head Couple), please send your check made payable to TABPHC to:

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 Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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and stories from Parrot Head
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Upcoming Events

"11th Annual Towns Around Biloxi PHC Pascagoula Poker Run & Club Birthday Party"

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Break out your flip flops and take that rag top out for a spin! It's time for our annual visits to a few colorful coastal Alabama and Mississippi Gulf Coast watering holes, with a hand of poker and PHund raising mixed in to benefit the American Cancer Society through our PHins PHorward Relay for Life team. Come on out and join in! We'll start at Crockmeier's in Mobile, AL, and end at The Shed BBQ and Blues Joint in Ocean Springs, MS.

Fund Raisers to Benefit Carol Kuhn

Saturday, March 27, 2010 & April 17, 2010

One of our club members is facing steep medical bills after three rounds of fighting cancer and continuing to win. There's a BBQ on March 27 at the VFW Post in Biloxi, and a spaghetti dinner at the Elks Lodge in Ocean Springs on April 17. Please check the web site and your future club e-mail for details.

"Six String Music"

August 12 - 15, 2010

This is our next "big" event that's not to be missed! If you don't have fun between the music at Margaritaville and at the Tropical Isle and late night poolside, it's your own fault (or at least we think that's what Jimmy would say). Money raised goes to the New Orleans Musicians Clinic, which provides free medical care to many of the local musicians who give so much to us through their music. Margaritaville, Tropical Isle, and the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Parrot Head Clubs all pitch in to put on this August hot event. James "Sunny Jim" White acts as the musical host for the weekend, which begins with songwriter interviews on Radio Margaritaville, and ends with brunch at Margaritaville NOLA and lagniappe music shows at the host venues if you need to hear a little bit more. Volunteers will be needed to help with the hosting of the event that's growing in popularity.

"Meeting of the Minds" - Gypsies in the Palace

November 4 - 7, 2010

The 19th annual MOTM promises to be an amazing weekend of music and "partying with a purpose" in Key West. "The Order of the Sleepless Knights will now assume the throne", which means that we'll be in for another musical treat and party at the end of the road. Registration is open at the PHiP web site (http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Reg.asp). Stay tuned for more information!

Check out other events at <http://www.phip.com/RegCal.asp>