

Trader John's Journal

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A Letter From Our President



Well PHlock,

We've just put another great event astern as we sail through our parrothead lives. Our 7th Six String Music Fest was a glorious success, raising \$9,000 for the New Orleans Musician's Clinic. Our club has been a co-host from the beginning and is proud to be a part of this fine event. We have a number of members still recovering, and some of them, especially Cyndi Moncreiff, put tremendous effort into its success. I know I had a marvelous time. But who wouldn't with the list of talent we had to entertain and interact with us. We had Joe Bennett, Mike Broward, John Friday, Scott Kirby with Dave Edmisten, Jim Morris, Jimmy Parrish, John Reno, Thom Shepherd, Danny Wells, Will Rambeaux, and James "Sunny Jim" White at venues including Margaritaville, Tropical Isle (two locations), Turtle Bay, and the Funky Pirate. It was great! Thom even put together and posted a short video on YouTube that yours truly has a spot on at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq_1MtdQw60. Check it out. And those of you that missed it or have never been should really consider a way to make it in the future.

We'll have our regular events coming this fall like the beach clean-up in October and the Alzheimer's Memory Walk in November after Meeting of the Minds. We hope to bring back some of our fall get-togethers like our famous bonfire and a cheeseburger social. There is even some hope of bringing back our volleyball tournament. That won't happen this year, but hopefully we can pull it together next year. So y'all keep up with the goings on so that you don't miss out on some great PHun.

David



Club members Hugh Boddan, Mike Ducote, Randy Hines, and Frances Dauster relax at The Shed after the club's Poker Run.

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Amanda Waltman*

Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

Name the JB album that includes these songs:

"Stars Fell on Alabama",
"It's My Job", and
"Growing Older But Not Up"

Club Happenings

Black Creek Canoe Trip, July 10, 2010

If you missed out on this cool dip, you missed a chance to relax and enjoy one of the finest stretches of lazy canoeing along our part of the coast. There's just enough in the way of fast water and obstacles to tip you over if you're not paying attention, and a great clay slide for excitement and a slick way to get in to the water in big fast hurry. We also clean up a bit of trash along the way, in addition to taking out any we generate. Seventeen pholks participated in this break from the heat, including 6 'Keets - and all helped to collect 8 bags of trash from the banks of Black Creek.

Jimmy Buffett and Friends, July 11, 2010

The Gulf Coast region had a "rare and sensuous treat" (after a delay caused by a tropical storm, of course). A Sunday afternoon on the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama, found more than a few Parrot Heads and fellow club members enjoying a visit from the Coral Reefers and a few other special guests who were there to promote the Coast after the BP disaster. This free concert was aired live on Country Music Television and on Radio Margaritaville, and has been re-played a few times since then. One of the more popular songs was a re-write of "When the Coast Is Clear" ... and there's a link to the song later on in this newsletter!

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Cheeseburger Social and Bonfire

If you're up for this in the near future, we're in the process of getting a bonfire and cheeseburger social back on the club's calendar in the second half of the year. We've got a few open dates and options, so come on out to the next meeting and lend your suggestions to what has been a fun event in past years. The beaches are ready for us, and all we'll need to add is a bit of food and music to create a relaxing afternoon or evening here in our part of paradise.

What Time Is It?

A big "Team Drink" goes out to the following club members who have gone far above and beyond to pull together fund raising events since our last newsletter:

Jan Bixler
Lucy Bleichner
Mary Brown
Ron DeBell
Kevin Eshelman (pour him a double!)
Corri Gulino
Mike Gulino
Darrell Herron
Tiffany Herron
Darolynn Hunt (pour her a double!)
J.P. McGuire
Eva Roehm
Amanda Waltman

... and an amazing group of 'Keets!

If you were a big part of these, and you're not on the list, our apologies.

What time is it? It's time for you to raise that glass to our members!

*"Pour me something tall and strong,
Make it a "Hurricane" before I go insane.
It's only half-past twelve but I don't care.
It's five o'clock somewhere."*

Performed by Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett, and written by Jim "Moose" Brown and Don Rollins, 2003



Those Songs That You Know By Heart ...

"Stars Fell on Alabama",
"It's My Job", and
"Growing Older But Not Up"

are all from the album
"Coconut Telegraph"



Places We're Going!

Another big thanks goes out to High Cotton Grill in d'Iberville for hosting our club meetings during the first half of this year.

We're still welcome there, and they are continuing to have their "happy hour" drink prices there throughout the day and evening. So if you're in the area, stop in for a snack, a meal, or a drink. Maybe even all of those!



We've had a few meetings, good food, and some fine libations at a new location beginning on July 1st:

Red Eye Grill
921 Cedar Lake Road
Biloxi, MS 39532
(228) 392-3833
<http://www.redeyegrillonline.com/>

The folks at Red Eye Grill are happy to have us there. They were prepared to air the "Jimmy Buffett and Friends" concert event for us on July 1 ... and took excellent care of us when it was postponed.

Speaking of former meeting locations, don't forget about some of the other local spots where we've met in the past - I'm sure they'll be happy to see you, and they may even have a few Parrot Head stories to tell.

Strami's Italian Café
3586 Sangani Blvd., Suite E
d'Iberville, MS 39540
228-354-0999

Mikey's on the Bayou
5600 Washington Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-818-9194

With your help to scout out "phun" Meeting places, we know that there will be at least a few more locations that we're going to in 2010!



Boat Drinks

Seems that "Jell-O Shots" are not the only thing you can get and give away in those little plastic condiment cups. The latest in the realm of having some adult fun with your food is called a "pudding shot":

Key Lime Pudding Shots

- 1 pkg lemon pudding mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup lime flavored Vodka
- 1/16 cup Frangelico
- dash of lime juice
- 8 oz pkg whipped topping or whipped cream
- dash of green food color

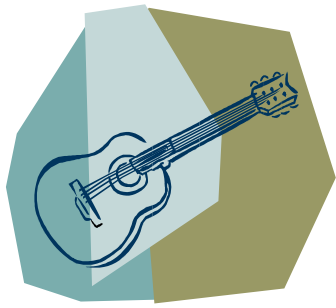
Add pudding to milk, stir. Add booze, stir. Last, whip in the whipping cream or substitute.

Once you are done, scoop into a large plastic bag, clip off corner, and squeeze into containers. Keep refrigerated or store in a cold ice chest until served.



Please remember to check your e-mail or to visit the club web site to check at <http://www.tabphc.com/events.html> for the next meeting location - just in case we're flocking at a new place!

All We Need is Music ...



If you're looking for a link to that new version of "When the Coast is Clear" to be able to give it another listen, you can find it at:

<http://blog.cmt.com/tag/when-the-coast-is-clear/>

19th Annual Meeting of the Minds, Key West, FL "Gypsies in the Palace" – November 4 – 7, 2010

Many of our favorite trop rock artists are working on their next CD for release this coming November. Seems they're all wanting to bring new music to share with them to "Meeting of the Minds", November 4 - 7, 2010. If you want to hear it first hand, the last day to sign up by mail is approaching soon. Registrations must be postmarked by September 15, 2010. If you're on "island time", you have until September 30, 2010 if you're willing and able to register on line through the PHiP web site: http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Reg.asp.

Those "Gypsies In The Palace" with their toes in the sand of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and on the official music schedule for MOTM 2010 include:

Kelly McGuire
Jim Morris & the Big Bamboo Band
Brent Burns
Jim Lanier
Jerry Diaz
Jimmi Pappas & John Patti
James "Sunny Jim" White
John Frinzi



Other musicians you know from area events and places beyond the Coast include Tall Paul with his new band "Ramajay Intercoastal", the Boat Drunks, Jimmy and the Parrots, Paul Roush and the 12 Volt Band, Howard Livingston & the MM24 Band, Mac McAnally, and Club Trini. Please consider taking a "virtual trip" to the Keys if you can't make the drive. Visit their web sites to listen to some great music samples, and buy a CD or two to help support our Coastal trop rock musicians. A page of links on the PHiP web site that will take you directly to the home pages of all of these musicians and more: http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Bands.asp

Our New Parrot Head-at-Large

We've got a new club officer who has stepped up to fill a recently vacated position. So, please welcome Amanda Waltman to the slate of officers who try to keep the club together and "serving the Northern Caribbean".

In case you're wondering what the PH-at-Large does for the club, think everything from the "voice of reason" at meetings to the go-to person for club-related concerns if you feel the need.

Our most recent Parrot Head-at-Large, "Tequila Sheila" Peterson, will remain an active member of the club, but wants to slow down a bit and relax a little more. So we'll still see her, but Amanda will be leading us in those "team drinks" at the end of our club meetings - and she'll be your voice at board meetings, too.



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

Wow ... talk about proud to be a part of the amazing fund raising efforts so far in 2010. The year began with a raffle, and then "Stars Fell On Alabama", followed by our club's Poker Run ... and then you all really got started with putting the PHUN in fund raising!

Final number for "Stars Fell On Alabama": \$10,000.00. We've presented our portion of that as a check to the Alzheimer's Association for \$2,500.00. Team PHins PHorward will get credit for that through this coming November's Gulf Coast Memory Walk.

Then there was 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, both to benefit Carol Kuhn, our club member who is facing steep medical bills after three rounds of fighting cancer and continuing to win. Thanks to all of you, she now has \$8,356.00 to help defray those expenses.

In between those events, we had our club birthday party and poker run. Thanks to the generosity of the winners who donated back their prizes, we were able to donate \$1,053.00 to the American Cancer Society, and combine that with our "Relay for Life" team's efforts in Ocean Springs for a total of \$1,238.00.

When we totaled up all of the dollars that resulted from items that you donated personally, collected from area businesses, or contributed as a part of one or more of our events, the club was able to donate \$13,200.93 towards our charities during the first half of 2010. That's a wonderful thing to be able to submit as part of our club's interim report to PHiP!



And then there's the PHeeding PHrenzy, our ongoing collection of funds and food to benefit The Lord is My Help soup kitchen and food pantry in Ocean Springs. As of the end of June, we've managed to collect canned goods and funds that have allowed us to donate 140 pounds of food to help feed the hungry.

Let's keep up the fantastic work!

Club Anniversaries

If you're listed here, then a big "conga"-ratulations on another year with the club is due to you. Thanks for continuing to be a loyal TABPHC member! Your dues help us to do some of the things that we do to help out in the community, and to keep the club afloat and able to write those checks to the charities we help in times of need.

One big change to note: your club anniversary date will stay the same, but your dues are 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. New members are pro-rated.

May - October Club Anniversaries:

Jon Bickel
 Jacque Jackson
 Hugh Bodden
 Kim Mize
 Beth King
 Darin King
 Fred Thoede
 Karen Thoede
 Kimberly Barnes
 Deb Longhouser
 Nancy Rehan
 Keith Robertson
 Keith Parks
 Leigh Parks
 Rich Moss
 Suzy Moss
 Mike Ducote
 Sonja Ducote
 Jay Segarra
 Lisa Segarra
 George Perina
 Darrell Herron
 Dwain Herron
 Tiffany Herron
 Dianne Hunt
 Shane Yarbrough
 Lena Robertson
 Reps Robertson

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

Mike Ducote, TABPHC Treasurer
 3622 Reeves Lane
 Ocean Springs, MS 39564



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and stories from Parrot Head
wanderings and events -
So please send them in!**

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Upcoming (& Recent) Events

"Six String Music"

August 12 - 15, 2010

This was one of our two "big" events that are not to be missed! If you didn't have phun 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, Turtle Bay, 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 definitely be needed for next year to help with the hosting of the event that's growing in popularity.

"10th Annual Isle O'Bama Luau"

August 28, 2010

One of our phellow "Stars Fell On Alabama" host clubs is celebrating it's 10th birthday in style, and supporting a great cause while doing so. This Saturday afternoon and evening event, which will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, should be fun for all in Montgomery. It features three bands: The Bama Breeze Band, Parrot Tales, and The Jimmy Parrish Trio. Tickets are \$10.00, and they promise to provide games, raffles, and more Phun than you can have with a lei on! Cheeseburgers and more will also available from the grill at the Montgomery Marina for a nominal fee. The club's event motto: "Because parties don't throw themselves!"

For more information, or to purchase tickets on line, please visit <http://www.montgomeryluau.com/>.

"Meeting of the Minds" - Gypsies in the Palace

November 4 - 7, 2010

The 19th annual MOTM is shaping up to be major "party with a purpose" in Key West. We're definitely in for some serious musical treats and a heck of party at the end of the road. In addition to the Coral Reefer Band, many other performers will be in town. Registration is still open at the PHiP web site (http://www.phip.com/MOTM_Reg.asp). This year's contest is to submit a video with that "Gypsies in the Palace" theme, though they're respectfully asking for no naked conga lines.

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