

Trader John's Journal



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Pascagoula Poker Run / 1st Birthday

We celebrated our first birthday as a reorganized club on April 1st with a party that was the culmination of an outstanding event that was dubbed the 1st annual Pascagoula Poker Run. The gang gathered at the Dew Drop Inn in Mobile for one of Jimmy's top ten cheeseburgers, registration, and first card. For \$10 each registered entrant had a chance at 40% of the pot for the best hand, or 10% for the worst. With 48 registrants, Marie Klosowski won \$192 for the best hand, and Doug Gaberty won \$48 for the worst. The other 50% (\$240) went to the Alzheimers Foundation. Cards and great times

were obtained at each stop: The Mill, State Line Bar, Kahunas, and Huck's Cove. The owners of the State Line Bar (actually The Black Water Saloon) not only provided us with a gratis table of snacks and water, but they generously donated \$10 to the charity. The conga line at Kahunas was incredible. And after the winnings were distributed, the memorable birthday party commenced at Huck's with our favorite band starting to play at 7:00 pm. A cake with our club logo was devoured, and several partiers remained to shut the place down.

Continuing the drive for charitable contribu-

tions, temporary tattoos were sold for \$1 each. The fun reached epic proportion at this point since these were lick-on, blow-dry, and applied on a location specified by the purchaser. A total of \$42 collected by this event went to Alzheimers.

Presentations were made during the celebration. President John Thornton was presented a framed printing of the club logo along with a bag of gifts thanking him for a wonderful first year. The other "founding father", Sean Eifert, Dave Luley, and Larry McNeese each received a printing of the club logo on fabric.

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- President: John Thornton*
- Vice President: David Barnes*
- Treasurer: Capt. Jon Bickel*
- Secretary: Debra Gaberty*
- Parrothead at Large: Elizabeth Kommersmith*

Letter From Our President

I know most of you have heard the story by now, but David twisted my arm and made me promise to write about the New Orleans Buffett weekend. I'll try to give you the Readers Digest version.

Lynne and I arrived in New Orleans on Thursday night to catch Greg "Fingers" Taylor and Jumping Johnny Sansone at Margaritaville. We were lucky enough to have front row seats with our PHriends from New

Orleans for a fantastic show. I'll I can say is don't miss a chance to see these guys, either separately or together. We finished the night with a great little blues bar on Bourbon Street. A little sightseeing Friday then back to Margaritaville for the Margaritaville Tequila release party. The musical line for the evening consisted of Club Trini for the warm-up and none other than Jimmy himself for the main course. Again we had horrible seats



right at the stage and right next to the Corona girl. Didn't even have to move to grab a beer. Life is good sometimes! We ended the evening with a little Zydicco.

Saturday started with coffee and beignes at the Café Du Monde then a quick run out to the airport to try to grab a glimpse of the Hemisphere Dancer. As luck would have it one of



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Trivia

What JB song mentions hanging on every line sung by Patsy Cline?

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Letter From Our President (Continued)

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Jimmy's pilots was there and extremely friendly. And yes Jimmy does fly himself, but since he had all three of his planes there he needed help getting his toys home. Well, anyhow, the pilot treated us to a private tour of the Hemisphere Dancer. Then off we went to catch a little bit of Linnie Cravitz at the Jazz Fest before heading back to Margaritaville for the Club Trini CD release party. And yes, you guessed it, Jimmy was there again. Club Trini played 6 or 7 songs then Jimmy came on stage and played

about 5 or 6 songs by himself. Club Trini joined Jimmy on stage and they probably played another 6 or 7 songs together. We had really bad seats Saturday night, probably about three rows back.

What a weekend! - John



Jimmy's Grumman "Hemisphere Dancer"



Jimmy playing solo on Margaritaville's stage during Club Trini's break..

Sauce Boss By LICIA BEVERIDGE

One of the hottest musical acts around these days is Bill Wharton. The man, also known as the Sauce Boss, delivers not only his brand of blues music, but also a steaming hot pot of gumbo. "I invented a hot sauce called, 'Liquid Summer Hot Sauce,'" Wharton said. "It opened doors and turned me on to so many culinary things." Wharton, who "always has played music," began doing a snake-oil routine with his hot sauce during his performances. He began cooking gumbo to complement the sauce when he realized "the sauce is really incredible when you cook with it."

The Sauce Boss has been feeding gumbo to his fans for 10 years now.

"I've fed over 70,000 people - a few at a time," Wharton said. Wharton, who lives in Monticello, Fla., performs a lot in Gulf Shores and Mobile, and caters to Parrot Heads who gather at his concerts since the release of Jimmy Buffett's latest album, "Beach House on the Moon" immortalized him in the song, "I Will Play for Gumbo." In the song, Buffett sings, "The Sauce Boss does his cookin' on the stage..." "Jimmy Buffett has kinda been a fan of mine a long time," Wharton said. "Since the song came out, there's been guys in loud shirts showing up at gigs. It's way cool," he said of the Parrot Heads.

The Sauce Boss' performance at the Cajun Country Crawfish Festi-

val held in April at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi was no exception. Parrot Heads phlocked to the concert to give the Sauce Boss their support and get a little gumbo in the mix. "(The Parrot Heads) really have been a great thing for us," Wharton said. "They're incredible people. They give energy back to the community. They're very much into what they do. They party for a good cause."



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We have new club T-shirts available for \$10 each. Also beer skins with our club logo are only \$6.50.

You might already know this, but our prez (John) intends to get married this Nov. at MOTM to Hillbilly Club member Lynne Bartley.

Upcoming Birthdays

In July:

Susan Barnes
Doug Gaberty
Jeff Lillycrop

In Aug.:

Chip Lawson
Larry McNeese
Sheila Peterson



Regatta

Coastal Alabama Parrot Head Club held the 1st "CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE REGATTA" May 13th at the Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile. This function was held to raise money for The Mobile Bay Watch.

We had 11 boats and 30 crewmates sign up. The weather was perfect. All the skippers and crewmates had a great time on the water. When we got back, the party started. Music was provided by Tropical Steal Band, and everyone had a great

time. Proceeds were split, with \$500 going to The Mobile Bay Watch, and \$140 going to The Junior sailing Team at the Buccaneer Yacht Club. Participation by members of our club was greatly appreciated.

Shepard State Park Clean-up

Thanks to the dozen Parrotheads that came out on June 3rd for the Shepard State Park cleanup. It was a great day with some manual labor, lots of bug spray, sunscreen, beers (after the work was done), and of course...cheeseburgers. We cleaned up some of the trails, cut down lots of tree branches and put up a few signs in return for a free campsite and some satisfaction for doing good

old community service work. Several showed up for the cheeseburger social phase being unable to make it for the clean-up effort. And about seven of us stayed and camped out.

Special thanks goes out to Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Winn Dixie, and Sav-a-Center for the donation of supplies and food. Hope to see some more Parrotheads out at the next outing.

This was an official club function, and as such, participation counts towards our point system that is used in our decision process for club concert ticket availability/distribution. All charity/community service events (including meetings since we take food donations) count for the point system.

John's Birthday Party (pictures speak volumes)



**PHun,
PHun,
PHun!**



The "Conga King" leads the conga line, opens presents, models, dances the "Biloxi Bobsled", and gets mobbed by the women. What a time.

Elections/PHarewell also from Prez Thornton

We've elected two new officers to our board since the last newsletter. I'd like to start by thanking Leslie Barbor, Capt. Jon Bickel, Jackie Jakubik, Elizabeth Kommersmith, and Greg Sargent for getting involved and throwing their names in the ring. Congratulations to Capt. Jon Bickel, your new Treasurer and Elizabeth Kommersmith, your new Parrot head-At-Large.

I'd like to say good-bye to Dave Luley who transferred to Hawaii, Dara Turner who moved to Los Vegas to get married, and to Larry McNeese who is transferring to Norfolk. It's been great getting to know all of you.

There are 3 more people that I'd like to mention then I'll quit rambling on. Thanks to Larry McNeese

for planning the Pascagoula Poker Run, Alison Sharpe for planning the Shepard Sate Park Clean-Up/Campout and for playing Election Officer for the Treasurer election, and Cyndi Moncreiff for playing Election Officer for the Parrot Head-At-Large election.

Finz to all and THANK YOU for a great birthday party!

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Upcoming Events

The closest occurrence of the summer tour is Atlanta where the concert takes place on July 13, and 15. At least ten of our club members are planning to make the July 15 concert with all the associated parties (including the wild time in the parking lot).

Coastal Alabama Parrot Head Club is planning a "Rag Top Run" and 2nd birthday party Aug 5 starting noonish at the Flora-Bama and ending at Trader's in Mobile with the party. This event will benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The Isle O' Bama Parrot Head Club is planning a River Boat Cruise and 1st

birthday party Aug 12 in Montgomery.

We will be attempting our 2nd Volleyball Tournament in mid-September. This is our major fund-raising event for WRANPS (Wildlife Rehabilitation And Nature Preservation Society). We'll need lots of volunteers for this worthwhile effort. Last year we raised \$1200 for them.

Don't forget the upcoming Meeting of the Minds 2000. It will take place in Key West on November 2-5. The theme this year is "Pacing the Keys". Get your accommodations and registration settled soon if you haven't already. And let

us not forget the impending nuptials of our dear president at this event.

Keep in mind that we meet every other Wednesday and gather every Wednesday at The SandBar for Parrot Head Night. We have a great band in Rhythm & Rain and have a lot of PHun supporting them. Our food donations alternate between people food twice to animal food once. A glance at our website will let you know where and when the next meeting is, which food is called for, and much more.

Visit Rhythm & Rain's website to keep up with their schedule. It's linked.

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