

Trader John's Journal



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MOTM 2000 - Pacing the Keys

"Party with a Purpose"

And we surely did. The highlight of the parrothead year has once again come and gone. Running from Nov. 2nd to the 5th MOTM 2K raised about \$41,000 for charity, and collected two rooms of Toys for Tots, as well as over 70 pints of blood (high-test I presume). Amazing what can be done when parrotheads gather. Alex Leist did a marvelous job in putting the whole thing together and making it work. And Casa Marina did well to ensure our return next year.

Our club was represented by at least a dozen members. All of which had a truly memorable time. For several it was their first, and I believe all have vowed to go again.

The Biloxi club made their presence known right from the start. At the Wednesday night

"pre-party" at Oak Manor Inn the crowd was introduced to the "Biloxi Bobsled". We had as many Montgomery members in that bobsled as we did Biloxi people.



We also had Biloxi and Montgomery people sharing a house there in Key West to which the group was generously invited for food, drinks, swim, dance, and overall great time. That's where the famous group shots were taken that went out on email.

Overall the trip was phantastic, from the pre-party, the all-day beach party, the street fest, the



afternoon at Blue Heaven, to the Sun. night wrap-up, and all the events in between. The opportunity to meet and party with all those parrotheads from across the country was a major experience. The renewal of friendships as well as the formation of new friendships is in my opinion about the best thing about MOTM since the parrothead movement seems to bring the best people together.

Letter From Our President

Hello Parrot Heads!

Well here it is my last letter from the Prez. When I look back on the last couple of years, I can't believe everything we've done, everywhere we've been and all the wonderful Parrot Heads

we've met. I wouldn't trade the last two years for anything. Even though we don't know who our new Prez will be, I know you will all give him or her the same great support that I've enjoyed.



I've been asked several times why I'm not running in the upcoming

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Remember our website contains: regularly updated pictures, upcoming events, a way to join, information on our officers, our adopted manatee, our adopted band, lots of links, and access to the Hunger Site.

Trivia

In which song is Jimmy "back to Pascagoula in a few more days" if she doesn't change her ways

Letter From Our President (Continued)

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election, so let me explain my reasons. First and foremost I don't think it's healthy for an organization such ours to have the same person running the show for too long. New blood, new ideas, new energy! Second, as most of you know I am retiring from the Navy in a few months. This major change in my life is going to take up a lot of my time, time that I won't be able to dedicate to club business and that's not fair to all of you. I am NOT quitting the club!

I just want to say Thanks to all of you!! I've really enjoyed being your Prez and as I said early I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. FINZ TO ALL!!! -John



Rag Top Run

There were 56 registered participants in the Rag Top Run organized by the Coastal Alabama Parrot Head Club (Mobile) of which about 20 or so were from the Biloxi club. The Dragon Wagon lead the run and the Mysticks Hockey Team Limo brought up the rear. There were a total of 7 rag tops in the line. The run started at FloraBama at the Florida line then proceeded to Bahama Bob's of Gulf Shores. We then went over to LuLu's Sunset Grill in Point Clear and Fly Creek Marina of Fairhope. We ended up at Trader's for a birthday party for the Mobile club.

Proceeds from this charity event (\$703) were donated to Ronald McDonald House. The best and worst poker hands won prizes that

were both claimed by Biloxi club members. The best hand was held by Elizabeth Kommersmith who donated over \$100 of her winnings back to the charity. The prize for the worst hand was claimed by Doug Gaberty.

Tropical Steal provided the entertainment at the birthday party, and a great time was had by all. Temporary tattoos were provided by the Biloxi club for further entertainment, thorough enjoyment, and the additional donations they brought to the charity effort.

Trivia answer

"Lip Service"



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

Several club members made it to the book-signing party with Jackson Quigley author of Jimmy Dot Com held in Mobile.

Upcoming Birthdays

In : Nov.

Ken Barbour
Randy Hines
Kenny Kenner
Dave Luley
Sherry Robertson
Greg Sargent

In : Dec.

David Barnes
Jon Bickel
Cyndi Moncreiff

River Boat Cruise

The IsleO'Bama Parrothead Club hosted a Parrothead Cruise on the Betsy Ann river boat on August 12th. The cruise was followed by a club birthday party at the Montgomery Marina. Donations went to the Montgomery area Animal Shelter.

Several members of the Biloxi club took part in these festivities. In fact, the IsleO'Bama members that had not partied with us before got their first exposure to the "Biloxi Bobsled" and the applica-

tion of temporary tattoos.



2nd Annual Charity Volleyball Tournament

We held our 2nd Annual WRANPS Charity Beach Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Wet-N-Wild Beach Club in Biloxi, and proceeds went to WRANPS (Wildlife Rehabilitation And Nature Preservation Society). The Biloxi club would like to express their sincere gratitude to the many sponsors for this event. The list includes: Beau Rivage, Abita Springs, Dole, Seagrams, Mississippi National, St. Andrews Golf Club, Edgewater Bay Golf Club, Play It Again Sports, Funtime USA, Petit Bois Grill, Mastergrill, Corner Café, Bayview Gourmet, CPR (Yukis), CPR(New York Burrito), Brass Monkey, Huck's Cove, Boom-

town, Sicily's, O'Charley's, Haagen Dazs, Roxy's Diner(Grand Casino), The Creamery(Grand Casino), Long Bar(Grand Casino), Market Place Buffett, Cable One, Coast 102, 92.4FM, Fast Eddie's, Crown Leisure, Grand Casino, Pro Fitness, SunKissed Tanning, Beau Belle Salon, Father Ryan House, Rhythm & Rain, A1A, Libby Rae & the Liberators, Gene Mitchell, Deborah McColl, TJ Walsh, Sauce Boss, Sonny Russell & the Tropics, Pearl Divers, Tropical Steal, Hell's Kitchen, Joe Bennett, Gypsies in the Palace, Key West Express, Rex Distributing.

There was great participation, lots of prizes for the players as well as

for the raffle winners, and wonderful entertainment provided by Rhythm & Rain joined by Scott Nickerson (PHounding PHather of Parrotheads) on Saturday and Tropical Steal on Sunday.

This was a great two-day party, and money was raised for charity in the process.

Rhythm & Rain now have live CDs recorded at the Wet-N-Wild v'ball party (including Scott Nickerson) for only \$15. These are the "Official Bootleg" copies, hand-numbered, and only 50 will be made.

Atlanta Concert - July 15, 2000

The Biloxi club made their presence known at the Atlanta concert of Jimmy's summer tour. There were 12 of us participating in the day-long parking lot party that precluded the concert. We were parked right at the area claimed by the Atlanta club mixed as always with the Montgomery and Mobile club members. What a great time that was.

Beach Clean-up

We participated in the Coast-wide beach clean-up on Sept. 16. Our area (as before) was the Ft. Bayou Boat Launch. Several hundreds of pounds of trash picked up by about a dozen club members. This com-

munity betterment effort was followed by a "Cheeseburger Social" at Jackie Jakubik's house.



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Upcoming Events

A "DO NOT MISS" event is scheduled at the end of the year. Our club is once again having a big party New Year's Eve. That's Dec. 31, 2000 at the Wet-N-Wild Beach Club. We will start the party at 8pm, but who knows when it might end. Entertainment will be provided by Tropical Steal, Joe Bennett, and Don Hupp. This will be a major party, but the \$20 a person registration closes Dec. 15. So get with it and register.

The next big event on our calendar is a road trip to remember. Biloxi club members will be catching the specially chartered bus at 11:30am on Jan. 20 and joining the Mobile

club members for a party trip over to New Orleans for a day trip to the Blonde Stranger on Bourbon Street Phlocking sponsored by the Galveston club. After a phull day of phestivities including a bar crawl, our people will be returned by bus ~2am the next morning.

Everyone should mark their calendars for the 2nd Annual Stars Fell on Alabama weekend. This is a collaborative effort of the Mobile, Biloxi, and Montgomery clubs, and will take place Mar. 9-10, 2001 in Mobile. This weekend includes two hockey games and 4 parties for \$40 per parrothead. Registration closes Feb. 9, 2001 or

when 300 parrotheads have paid.

Don't forget to make plans for MOTM 2001, Nov.1-4, 2001, Key West, Fla.

Kee 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. A look at our website will let you know where and when the next meeting is and much more.

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

www.datasync.com/~rainj/rnr.html