

Trader John's Journal



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Stars Fell on Alabama

Our 2nd Annual "Stars fell on Alabama" was a wonderful success. The Isle O'Bama, Coastal Alabama and the Towns Around Biloxi Parrot Head Clubs joined up once again to raise phunds for the local Alzheimer's Foundation on the March 9-10 weekend.

The weekend was kicked off on Thursday night with a goodie bag stuffing party. Teamwork abounded and the task was done in record time. After a pre-stars party which lasted into the wee hours of Friday morning, it was time for Lights, Camera, Action as Channel 5 in Mobile showed up at the Holiday Inn express at 5:30 am to do live interviews during the morning show.

Registration began at 1pm and Mini-mart opened for business. About 150 registered parrot heads and guests from over 6 different states flocked in to kick off the

festivities with the official conga line to the Margaritaville Mystics Hockey game. After the parrot head parade on ice, and the costume contest yet another conga line was formed leading the phlock to Grand Central where Tropic Steal performed for a standing room only crowd. A great time was had by all! The fun however was just beginning. The following morning 3 buses were waiting to take the phlock to Lulu's sunset grill for a party featuring the music of Rhythm & Rain with guest appearances by David Waugh of Tropical Steal, and Scott Nickerson from A1A. Even Jimmy's mother was found in the crowd wearing parrot beads. She said she would never miss this event. Then a conga line was formed leading everyone back to the busses. Upon arrival at the Holiday Inn, Joe Bennett was there to perform poolside while all the parrot head clubs decorated their club

balconies. Congratulations to the Montgomery club who won first place while our club won second place. The party then moved down to the pool to enjoy the wonderful performance from Joe Bennett. Yet another conga line was organized to lead us to the next Margaritaville Mystics game. After the game, the conga line lead us to Grand Central for the final party of the weekend. A1A performed a very energizing show. Sunday morning check out came way too early and everyone said their goodbyes, and we all headed home knowing that we partied for a purpose.

During the course of the weekend efforts made to raise money for charity included a raffle, silent auction, and two live auctions. After all the hard work and the fun, our clubs presented a check for \$5000 to the Alzheimer's Association.



Letter From Our President

Well Parrot Heads, this is my first letter from the Prez. Believe me, it's not an easy one either. John was not an easy act to follow, and I can only do what I can do.

Since taking office I have tried to lead the club through perilous party endeavors such as Blonde Stranger on Bourbon Street and Stars Fell on Alabama. Luckily the

casualties have been relatively phew. The benefits and tremendous good times have been plentiful.

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OFFICERS

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Vice President: Elizabeth Kommersmith

Treasurer: Capt. Jon Bickel

Secretary: Debra Gaberty

Parrothead at Large: Jackie Jakubik

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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 "Cheeseburger..." Jimmy sings: "medium rare with _____d be nice" What fills the blank?

Letter From Our President (Continued)

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Seriously, I am proud and honored to be the new prez of such a phine club, and I am extremely fortunate to have the outstanding executive board that I do. While I have retained the editorship of the newsletter, Elizabeth, my Vice President deserves a great deal of the credit for this issue. My exec.s have not hesitated to jump in and attack the duties I have offered. For that I am extremely grateful. I hope to get

more of the membership involved in our activities on a regular basis.

I have been working toward bringing more and better parrothead entertainment to the area. We are becoming known for bringing a crowd to a show if we like the entertainment. By using that clout, we can have some input about the entertainment provided.

Our image as a charitably and environmentally active group needs to be more commonly

known, and I intend to work towards that end. We're well known as partiers (and rightfully so), but we're much more. Our reputation should reflect the good we do.

Enough from me. Read about some of the things we've been up to and plan to do.

Phinz y'all,
David

New Year's Eve

Captains log 2000 and something.....

After all the Y2k hype, the year of 2000 came and went without a big bang. That was of course until the night of New Year's Eve 2001 when the Towns Around Biloxi Parrot Head Club held its 2nd Annual New Years Eve party at the Wet N Wild beach club.

Approximately 50 members and friends of parrothead clubs from Biloxi, Mobile, Montgomery, Tampa, Birmingham, Springfield IL, and other parts of this great land flocked to the Gulf Coast to celebrate the coming of the real millennium.

Live entertainment included local

musicians Tropical Steal, and Don Hupp, and Joe Bennett from New Orleans. There was even a special appearance by our very own Mad Max.

Door prizes were numerous and temporary tattoos were applied with gusto. Everyone enjoyed themselves and toasted the coming new year with champagne and margaritas at the stroke of midnight.



Trivia answer

Nope, it's not mustard.

An excerpt from an article in the Houston Chronicle by Brad Martin explains:

A few years ago, I interviewed Buffett and asked him, "Do you really put mustard on your cheeseburger?" (I'm a ketchup guy myself.) Buffett said, "No, why would you think that?" I told him, look at the back of your album. See? It says mustard. "That's not right. I'm saying 'medium rare with Muenster'd be nice. Muenster, the cheese.' They got it wrong on the album."

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

Upcoming Birthdays

- In Apr.:
- Vince Allison
 - Max Gianelloni
 - Nick Richards
 - Marta Sargent
 - Glenn Zapfe
- In May:
- Jackie Jakubik
 - John Thornton
- In July:
- Susan Barnes
 - Doug Gaberty
 - Jeff Lillycrop



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Elections

We held an election of officers in January. Most offices were unopposed, but the vice presidency had a

real race. Alison Sharpe and Elizabeth Kommersmith both tried for the position in true parrothead fashion. A list of current officers can be found on page 1.

Rhythm & Rain have live CDs recorded at the Wet-N-Wild v'ball party (including Scott Nickerson) for only \$15.

Retirement Party

A celebration of John Thornton's retirement from the Navy was held on Jan. 5th. There was a great showing of club support, and a great time was had by all. Most of the festivities took place at Castaway's in Ocean Springs with entertainment by Rhythm & Rain. Before it was over, John required a little assistance to stay on his feet. What a party.



Sauce Boss at the Palace

The Sauce Boss returned to the coast in January. This time he played at the Palace Casino. Parrotheads were given front row cen-

ter reserved seating, and we were an integral part of the show. We were about 100 in number, and our presence could not be ignored. What a time that was.



Blonde Stranger on Bourbon Street

How much can determined parrot heads really fit into one day? Well, it all started with a meeting time of 9:00am in the Denny's parking lot in Ocean Springs. After tequila shots and a taste of the margarita mixture that Cyndi made for us, we boarded the bus that was already full of excited Mobile parrot heads. We all headed towards the back of the bus and proceeded to have one heck of a time!! After the hour and a half bus ride to New Orleans we all wondered if the actual party would be as much fun as the bus ride.

Our first stop was the famous Margaritaville Café to meet our Galveston Bay phriends who graciously organized this phlocking. We congregated in the parrot's perch atop Margaritaville to check in for the day's events. We were greeted by hundreds of parrot heads

from all over the country.

Next, we were off to the big Tropical Isle where we participated in the famous Biloxi Bobsled, and had another starter party of our own.

Then- "The Cats Meow". After our arrival, the Karaoke stage became the "place to be". There were many parrot head performances including a very exciting performance from our very own Greg Sargent and Mike Kommersmith. It is amazing how many people we can fit on one stage!! Next, we all headed for Margartivaville Café once again for free Key Lime shooters.

Next stop, the little "Tropical Isle" on Toulouse St. to hear Joe Bennett with special guest Rain Joudan of Rhythm & Rain. Between the wonderful music and the gathering of great phriends, I think we can all



agree that this was the highlight of the day.

We were then off to the big Tropical Isle to reminisce about the day's events, participate in yet another Biloxi Bobsled, and say our goodbyes to our phriends before the bus showed up to take us home. The fun continued on the bus all the way home. I remember faintly hearing a voice say "Boy that Biloxi club never slows down!"

Needless to say, we sure can fit a lot into one day. We arrived back in Ocean Springs somewhere around 2:00am! (I think)

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Cheeseburger Social

The club had a Cheeseburger Social on March 23rd, graciously hosted by Mike and Elizabeth Kommersmith. It was a roaring success with large quantities of food

and beverage enjoyed by all. Their hospitality was further displayed by the number of partiers that slept-over. A large thanks goes to the wonderful couple.



Our host and hostess



Spirited sing-alongs



The phinz-up gang



The bottle was passed... Oops, where's the worm?

Upcoming Events

Our clubs birthday is upon us, and once again we are celebrating it in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Pascagoula Poker Run. On March 31st, the run starts in Mobile and ends at Huck's where the birthday party begins. The poker run raises money for charity while affording a great time and a chance for participants to win cash.

The Sauce Boss is coming back to the coast to play at the Crawfish Festival at the Coliseum on April 21 & 22. He always puts on a great show, and there's free gumbo.

Mac MacAnally will be playing at Margaritaville-New Orleans during the second weekend of Jazz Fest - May 4th and 5th (Friday and Saturday). This will be a great show, and you never know who else might show up.

Also on May 4th and 5th Tropical Steal will be playing at Hemmingway's Tropical Bar & Grill in Atlanta.

May 12 is set as the day the Mobile club will have their Regatta. Those who made this event last year know what a fun event it can be.

We have been invited to "Memphis in May". Held May 17-19, this event hosts the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest. It promises to be a great time for those that can make the trip.

Huck's Cove will have Sunny Jim White and Jim Morris on June 2nd. This will be a major "don't miss" happening.

On Aug. 4th the Mobile club is having their Rag-top Run and birthday party like last year.

The Montgomery club is having their Riverboat Cruise and birthday party again on Aug. 11 this year.

Don't forget to make plans for MOTM 2001, Nov.1-4, 2001, Key West, Fla. Most places are filling up fast.

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. 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