

Trader John's Journal



JULY, 2002

Stars Fell on Alabama again in 2002

This year's "Stars" weekend began with the traditional goodie bag stuffing pre-party. This pre-party (also known as "bond with the hotel security guard" night) set the stage for one heck of a weekend. Friday during the day was registration and also the time for everyone to reacquaint themselves with old friends. Despite the numerous individual room parties many still found time to get dressed up for the "Parrot Heads On Ice" parade and contest at the Mobile Mysticks' hockey game. After the game we formed the traditional conga line and partied our way to Grand Central to hear Jim Morris and the Big Bamboo Band. The party lasted well into the morning as we all enjoyed those familiar songs from Jim Morris.

Saturday morning we were greeted by 4 char-

tered busses for the ceremonial trip to LuLu's Sunset Grill. We gathered up our coolers, and our phriends (those who needed a little assistance to the busses) and we headed off to start another fun-filled day. Sunny Jim put on an awesome show on the deck at LuLu's. It is always a treat to relax next to the water. Sunny Jim drummed up the biggest Biloxi Bobsled yet. Cameras were flashing everywhere, and the bobsled wrapped around the dock. As always, the rolling party continued as the busses took us back to the hotel.

After we got back, Island Time Bob kicked off the Karaoke Contest in the parking lot while the clubs decorated their balconies. The winners of the balcony decorating contest this year was the Coastal Alabama in first place while the Mont-

gomery club placed in second. Our very own Mike Kommersmith and Ross Maxwell won second place in the Karaoke contest.

We headed off to the last party of the weekend Sat. night at Grand Central. "Phinz", the band from St. Louis, put on a great show. This was the first time that "Phinz" had been down in our area to play, but they sure made up for lost time. Everyone was up and dancing and having a great time. They played a couple original songs that were very catchy. I know there are a few members already discussing a road to trip to St. Louis in the near future!

Although every year we say it gets better, but it does! More and more memories are made during the "Stars" weekend every year. (see pictures on page 3)

Letter From Our President

Well Phellow Parrot Heads, We continue to carry on in phine phasion. Since the last newsletter, we have continued in our goal of "doing good, and having a great time doing it". The club has continued our manatee adop-

tion, helped raise a total of \$5,300 for Alzheimer research through our co-hosting of "Stars", participated in community service through the Nation Parks America Volunteer Day with some back bending and elbow grease, raised another \$571 for Alzheimer re-



search through our Poker Run/Birthday Party, indirectly contributed another \$500 to W.R.A.N.P.S. through our participation at MOTM, and helped with the Atlanta club's

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www.tabphc.com

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

What is Jimmy's mom's favorite song of his according to his performance last October at LuLu's for her birthday?

Letter From Our President (Continued)

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charity efforts during the parking lot party before the Buffett concert this summer.

I'd say we managed to do a lot of good, and I defy anyone to say we

didn't have an absolutely great time doing it. All I can say is I'm very proud to be associated with this club. Keep up the good work Pholks.

Phinz y'all,
David

Pascagoula Poker Run & B'day Party

Registration for the poker run opened at T.P. Crockmeir's in Mobile, AL. The registration fee was \$10 with 50% of the pot going to Alzheimer's Foundation, 40% to the best poker hand and 10% going to the worst poker hand. With registration each person collected their first card. After sufficient visiting, everyone lined up in a caravan and set off for the subsequent stops of the 3rd annual Pascagoula Poker Run.

The first stop along the way was The Mill in Theodore, AL. The Mill is now considered a regular on our poker run route, and they continue to be gracious hosts. We enjoyed the atmosphere, conversations, beverages, pool, and table shuffleboard as well as collected another card. Next stop for our caravan was Cathy's Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar just a few miles inside the Mississippi line. Cathy's had great food, and a lot of pool tables. The owners formerly ran the stop we called the State Line Bar on previous runs. They're great people

that love to see us and make us very welcome. Hula's Lounge in Pascagoula was the next stop along the way. This was a new stop, but it worked out quite well. They greeted us with a great spread of food, and we even squeezed the Biloxi Bobsled in before taking off for our final destination of the day, Huck's Cove in Gautier.

Carol Hamm was awarded \$213 for accumulating the best poker hand. Don Lindsay managed to receive the worst poker hand and was awarded \$24. The fundraising continued and included Biloxi's famous lick-on-blow-dry temporary tattoo applications and a very successful raffle. When all of the fundraising efforts were over the Alzheimer's Foundation of the South received a \$571 donation.

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Trivia answer "Tin Cup Chalice"

We have new club T-shirts available for \$10 each. Also beer skins with our club logo are only \$6.50. Now we also have can coozies with our club logo for \$4.

After the winners were announced it was time to wheel out the parrot themed sheet cake and celebrate our clubs 3rd birthday. Rhythm and Rain played during the night, and everyone was up dancing and having a great time. The club officers unveiled the new Biloxi Bobsled Team t-shirt which displays the original artwork from our club president, David Barnes. The new shirt is available to those that have participated in a bobsled, and profits go to a new charity, local domestic violence shelters.

Once again, we "partied with a purpose" and succeeded beautifully in both aspects. We "did good" and had a great time doing it.
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Parrot Heads on Ice



Jim Morris and Band



Phinz out of St. Louis



Another Bobsled

“Poker Run” pictures (article page 2)



Bobsled at Hula's gets low branch



Welcome at Huck's



Club's Birthday cake



New Bobsled t-shirt for new charity

Cheeseburger Social and Bonfire

“I like mine with lettuce and tomato, Heinz 57 and French fried potatoes!”

This year's Annual Cheeseburger Social was held on May 15th at Mike and Elizabeth Kommersmith's house. We started the day with the typical back yard barbecue, with good conversation, cold drinks and of course a ton of cheeseburgers. We had some new members come out, and really we had a good showing.

We even got lucky enough to have Don Hupp pull out his guitar and play some of his original music for us, which is always a treat. Later in the day we all ventured down the street for a bonfire on the beach.

Over 65 parrotheads came down to enjoy the fire next to the water. The conga line around the fire seemed to stretch on forever, and the breeze off the water was sensational. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day, or better company.



Atlanta Parking Lot Party & Concert 2002

The Biloxi club was well represented at this year's Jimmy Buffett concert in Atlanta, Georgia on June 29th. The famous parking lot party began around 8:30 am. The familiar sounds of hammering and (what we thought were) chainsaws rang throughout the parking lot as a large variety of homemade tiki bars, sailboats, and volcanoes were erected for the day-long party event of the year. The chainsaw sounds turned out to be gas-powered blenders.

The Atlanta club brought Sunny Jim in to play around 11:00. It was great to look around at his show and see that the front of the crowd was mostly made up of the Montgomery, Mobile and Biloxi club members. Sunny Jim was very happy to see our club and he wasted no time starting up the Biloxi Bobsled.

After a wonderful day of seeing friends from all over the country, we

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Towns Around Biloxi Parrot Head Club

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still had Jimmy's show around 8:00 pm that night! The show was great, and I think it is safe to say that we all had another awesome time together.



Chillin' with Billy Peoples



Bobsleds everywhere

Parrothead Canoe Trip

As if our Parrothead schedule was not busy enough, it appears that we have discovered yet another annual activity! A group of us ventured to the woods around Wiggins, MS to conquer

Black Creek by canoe, and that we did! On July 20th about 19 of us rented canoes for the day and had a grand time! We did a lot of swimming, and hanging out on the sandbars along the way. We had a few canoes tip over but it was ok,

because we had the important things bungee-corded down (the coolers). We had such a good time on this trip that we are going to try and organize another trip while the weather allows.



Getting started



Movin' down da creek



We even bobsled in the water

Upcoming Events

August 3rd is the date of Mobile's "Rag Top Run" and Birthday Party. Several members usually participate, and they always have a great time. This is also the time of Galveston's "Riddles in the Sand". We've discussed making that trip several times.

IsleO'Bama PHC of Montgomery is having a "Mullet Toss" and Birthday Party Aug. 24th. It sounds like a great event.

Sept. 15th Sauce Boss will be at the Seafood Festival.

Sept. 24th is the date of the Coastal Clean-up that

we always participate in. There's a slight change of area, but it still promises to be a phun day of doing good.

Our big solo fundraiser of the year is coming on Sept. 28th. The 4th Annual W.R.A.N.P.S. Charity Beach Volleyball Tournament will hopefully surpass record of past events. But it will take a lot of hard work and great donations. A flyer for this event is linked to our Events page.

Oct. 19th is the target date for what has become a really phun event. The "Down Around Biloxi Beach Bonfire" will

warm us all once again.

Don't forget to make plans for "Far Side of the Keys", MOTM 2002, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002, Key West, Fla.

Keep in mind that we meet every other Wednesday and gather every Wednesday 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 more.

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

www.rainontheinternet.com/rnr/index.html