

The Off-Beaten Path

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From the Captain's Chair

They say no good deed goes unpunished. And some days, boy, it's the truth! As you know we started a new environmental project, clearing buckthorn for various nature institutions like the Morton Arboretum and the Brookfield Zoo. Now after both of these outings, everyone involved had worked incredibly hard and quite a bit of sweat was spilled. There was a little bit of blood too. They don't call it buckthorn for nothing. So after our most recent journey into the woods to clear this pesky weed, I called my mom. Yes, I am making a more concerted effort to make sure she knows I'm alive and all that stuff that keeps me in the will. Anyway, she asks me what I've been doing and I tell her that we were out clearing buckthorn at the arboretum. As you can imagine, she asks, "what's buckthorn?" "Well mom," I replied, "buckthorn is

basically a really big and nasty weed that grows rampant in wooded areas and chokes out all the vegetation around it, thus harming the local ecosystem." It sounded really good as I was telling her this. But then, there was a pause on her end of the phone call and then a sigh. "You mean to tell me that when you were growing up I couldn't get you to go into the back yard and pull weeds? But now you will get up early on a Saturday morning and drive half an hour to do it for someone else for free?" I think there was also something about, "Where did I go wrong?" or something like that. Some day's you just can't win. Oh well. Mom's good for a laugh in that way. I think it's safe to say, that's where I got my warped sense of humor. Nothing like family :-). And speaking of family, in case you didn't notice, it's concert time!! It's time to hang out

with some of your craziest family of all. Your parrothead family. So pack the coolers, break out the lei's and let's find out just how thin of a line it is between Saturday night and Sunday morning. And don't worry, you'll have two chances in two weekends in a row to figure it out. As I've said before, let's be safe out there. Make sure you have designated drivers and/or a place to stay the night. There's a lot of partying with a purpose coming up, even after tailgating is done and the busses roll out of Alpine Valley. Just want to make sure you are there to enjoy it. Oh year, wear sunscreen!

Finz,
Mike





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CHARITY PAGE: Party with a Purpose

(AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY)

Charity Chair: Kurt Rubin

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS:

Well, it's been a busy summer for helping Mother Earth. Two outings of clearing buckthorn and a highway cleanup. Ok, it was only half a highway cleanup. We didn't get around to the west half of the route. Not to fear, we'll get out there shortly after the concert season. So you will have a chance to get in your environmental project right away instead of scrambling to get it in next year. Anyway, thanks again to Mike "Rafone" Erickson for taking charge to keep the Adopt-a-Highway project going and rolling up his sleeves and picking up garbage with the rest of us. And a huge FINS UP to two of our new members, Sharon Dyrcaz and Bret Mitchell who came out and helped pull Buckthorn at both Brookfield Zoo and the Morton Arboretum. Now, if you have any suggestions for environmental projects, as always, feel free to contact me at Kurt@chicagoparrotheads.com

Memory Walk

After the concerts are done and the tailgating finally winds down, it's time for Memory Walk. On Sunday, September 15th, we will once again converge on Montrose Harbor to walk along the shores of Lake Michigan for one of our favorite charities, the Alzheimer's Association. Last year we raised well over \$17,000 and this year we're going to raise even more. So get registered online and start soliciting everyone you know. Which leads us to...

Windy City Sol

Now for those of you who like a little party with your purpose, it's time to invite your family and your friends to join us for an afternoon of fun and fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association. Windy City Sol will be held at 115 Bourbon Street which is located at 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park from 2-6 PM. Presale tickets are available now by contacting the crew. They will be available at all events prior to WCS. The

cost will be \$30 and will cover all of your food, beer, wine, pop and water. Performing will be a couple of very entertaining groups. First, Jim and Justin will perform from 2-4 followed by the Spazmatics from 4-6. Now for those of you wondering "who the heck are these bands?", wonder no more. You can find out about Jim and Justin by going to jimandjustin.com or checking out one of their two performances before WCS. The Spazmatics play every Wednesday night at Duffy's Tavern located at 422 1/2 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago 773-549-9090. For those of you who would like tickets to help pre-sell to family and friends, please feel free to take as many as you think you will sell. You will be responsible for either the money for the tickets you claim or for the return of the tickets. All money raised through this event will be presented to the Alzheimer's Association the morning of Memory Walk.



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SOCIAL DISTURBANCES: By Bloody Bill (ex charity captain, now in charge of "what should we do now?" Stuff)

Well now, hoist the Jolly Roger and let's show our colors! We be entering the familiar waters of the sunny ports around Chicago that we wait all year for! We've danced across the dark side of the equator past the cold, and now into the hemisphere where the big Captain himself resides! Enjoy the next couple weeks Me hearties, after the fun, thar be some work to be done! **Kick Off the Month Happy Hour!** Where has it been? Well, the beginning of July had the 4th holiday, and the White Sox game...sometimes we just have too much stuff! And for August...look on down the page for the Conch Train Crawl! Don't forget our **One Particular Tuesdays**, start time is at 6:30 PM. Every second Tuesday of every month, we have an open invite to our members to have a nice Happy Hour at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downer's Grove to see Frank Whiting perform our favorite Buffett tunes! On **July 7th**, we hosted our **White Sox game outing!** The Sox beat the Twins 3-1, and our members enjoyed the music of Mr. Myers among others, and had a fun day at the ballpark! Special thanks to Karen Boylan for organizing this event for us!!! The **Bama Breeze Tour** will be coming to Chicago on July 21st at Tinley Park, and the 28th at Alpine Valley. Anyone who has extra tickets, you

must sell them for face value! No scalping in the club! For information about the Tailgreat Party for Tinley, contact Mike@chicagoparrotheads.com. And we still have bus space available for Alpine Valley with newer convenient stops in Elmhurst, near O'Hare, Palatine, Algonquin, and Fox Lake!!! Check the website for sign up info! You must be a member, and are allowed one guest!!!

On August 4th. **KOTM- Conch Train Crawl!** yes, you have read that right! We will be boarding the METRA with all day passes and do a pub crawl by Train!!! The train will leave from Brookfield and head west and back again! As to where and when? We will have the itinerary ready to go, and stop times limited and planned! Sign up now for a fun day out. Please contact me at billy@chicagoparrotheads.com.

August 12th! **Kane County Cougars Game!** Start time: 2:00 PM. Jimmy Buffett Day at the game with a tribute band afterwards, Cocoloco! Please sign up NOW if you plan to attend! We have reserved 50 seats at a cost of just \$10 per ticket! Keets are welcome to come enjoy the fun!!! Contact Mike or Billy if you plan to attend! **Blarney Island Parrothead weekend** is on August 18 and 19! Check the official Blarney Island website at www.blarneyisland.com for details,

but enjoy the music and atmosphere of Howard Livingston and Mr. Myers in the fun and sun at the Key West of the Midwest!

August 25th, be ready for our MAJOR Alzheimer's fundraiser being held at **115 Bourbon Street** on the south side! We are calling this event **"Windy City Sol"** and have booked the **Spazmatics** as our headlining band! We will start at 2:00pm and run til 6:00pm, cost per ticket is \$30, which will include all food, beer, pop, and wine. \$10 from each ticket goes directly to our Alzheimer's charity. Get your tickets now or contact the Crew for more details!!!

Wait? Did I say work to be done? (Take this moment to go back to the beginning and check, I'll wait.....) OK! By work, I meant we need to look at our next fundraising event, the Memory Walk, starring Kurt the Terrible, as small animals and children know him. (Sorry Kurt, it just cracked me up, and you were never actual convicted anyway, good pirating!) But we need to have all that fun along the way! Look at our flag, not the Skull and Crossbones, the other one, and never forget our motto...Danger, Choking Hazard? MIKE, get your Boxers down off there and be serious! The other one...**Party with a Purpose!**



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Attention Parrotheads We Have Announcements!!

Misericordia's Family Fest

Misericordia's Family Fest is quickly approaching on Sunday, September 9th, and we need your help! It is time to *PARTY WITH A PURPOSE*!

We have once again been asked to help out at the Fest by POURING BEER! We need volunteers, aged 21 and over, to help serve up ice-cold Budweiser beer. Our club will be working from noon - 6 pm.

And we need lots of help- especially earlier in the day. Shift times are noon - 2 pm, 2 pm - 4 pm, and 4 pm - 6 pm. Volunteer parrotheads are asked to dress in parrothead attire. There will be Jimmy Buffett music playing in the background, as we bring a bit of Margaritaville to this very special day. The Festival is held on the grounds of the north campus at 6300 N. Ridge in Chicago. Please remember that you don't need

to be a volunteer to participate at the fest. Misericordia's Family Fest is for all ages. Nearly 13,000 people from all around Chicago and the suburbs flock to the campus for a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, drinks, live entertainment, kids games and rides, bingo, raffles, shopping and a huge flea market. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see the beautiful grounds at Misericordia, and to witness firsthand the incredible spirit of the residents and staff.

Our club has supported Misericordia for many years. Family Fest is a great way for us to celebrate the relationship we have built with this fabulous local organization. Come out and spend the day! Family Fest is a keet friendly event, but the beer pour is only for those over 21 years of age. Sign up at tonight's club meeting. Or you can contact Barb directly at

barb@chicagoparrotheads.com Remember, space is limited. Happy Hour to follow. Thanks!

MOTM

Still a few months away, but here's the perfect treat to help tide you over! Take an escape and "Live Your Life Like a Beer Commercial". Matt Wahl's playing at the South of Disorder Bar in Lake Geneva on Tuesday, August 7th! Start time is 7PM. Many of you remember Matt from his awesome performance on last year's sunset sail at MOTM. Yes, he will be entertaining us on the sail again this year! So come on out and join your parrothead friends! Rumor has it that the Milwaukee area parrotheads will also be coming out to play! The South of Disorder Bar/Hemingway's Port of Call is located at N3270 County Highway H. For more information on Matt, please visit www.mattwahl.com. Hope to see you there!

Barb



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Announcements continued...

MOTM

Register ASAP. Once registration is full, that is it! So hurry up and go to PHIP.com and get yourself signed up. This cost is only \$75 and that gets you in to some of the best parties in Key West. And speaking of some of the best parties, don't forget to sign up for the Great Lakes Sunset Cruise on Thursday November 1st. The cost for this is \$33 per person. This price is the same as it was last year. This includes all of your beer and wine for the two hour cruise. The boat leaves at 4:30 from the Conch Republic.

For those of you that are heading down to Key West for MOTM, could you please email Mike with the following information:

Name

Dates you'll be in Key West

Hotel name

Your cell phone number

We will have all of this information printed on a name tag so everyone can keep in touch with each other. In the past, we have found this to be helpful. Besides, this is Key West, some nights you need to be reminded yourself.



LET'S GIVE A HUGE WARM
PARROTHEAD WELCOME TO
THIS NEW MEMBER

Ron & Sharon Danko

Leo Judge

Jennifer & Paul Perkins

Kelly & Candy Smothers

Owen & Jenni Winder

They're Growing Older But Not UP!

07/25 Julie Serocki
07/25 Sharon Melcher
07/27 Janet McTighe,
Molly Middel
07/30 Kelly Smothers
07/31 Tom Bottomlee
Peggy Farrell
08/02 Dan Boylan
08/05 Jim McTighe
Jamey Rowlette
08/08 Jennifer Gernenz
08/09 Cindi Lucinda
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Brammer, Sue Karns
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Heard it on the Coconut Telegraph

DONATIONS FOR WINDY CITY

SOL

We still need your donations for auction and raffle prizes for this event. Two things we are looking for the most are gift certificates to various restaurants, bottles of booze and coolers. I think you can figure out what we're doing with them from there. But as always, any donation is greatly appreciated and will always be used for charity.



There are still spots left on the Alpine Valley Busses. So if you have not signed up or you have additional guests you would like to bring with, now is the time to get on board! Just go to www.chicagoparrotheads.com and download the registration form and mail it to the club at P.O. Box 6313 Villa Park, IL 60181 In a nutshell, \$60 covers all of your tailgating food and drinks for the entire day. If you have never been to Alpine, let me just say, you are in for a ride you will not soon forget. Ok, sure, there are cases of people having no memory at all of the entire day but that's another story. Say, I should probably mention the date. It's Saturday, July 28th, just one week after the Tinley concert and TailGreat. So get ready kiddies for one wild trip!

This Saturday, July 21st from 12-4, we're heading back to the forest preserve for TailGreat 2007. We will be out at Burr Oaks picnic grove located at 136th and Harlem Ave. (Just 5 miles north of the concert venue) It's on the east side of Harlem and we'll be at the first picnic pavilion. Not like we're hard to spot. \$10 will cover all of your food and non-alcoholic drinks as well as entertainment provided by Frank Whiting. Many of you remember Frank for the tremendous show he put on at the Cocobowl Pool Party. Tailgreat is **BYOB** so bring your coolers and your favorite boat drinks. For those of you not heading to the concert, the party will keep going until dusk. That's when the cops will ask up to leave. But in the meantime, we'll have Radio Margaritaville playing on the Sirius radio so you can at least catch the start of the show. Remember, all are welcome to attend but we need a head count.

Prepayment would be nice too as there's a lot of food to buy. As always, we could use some help with setup, cleanup and grilling. Kurt needs the occasional break from the grill. So let's start praying to the Tiki Gods now for good weather, because we already know it will be a day filled with good drinks and even better friends. See you there!





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UP COMING EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| | | July | Club Meeting at McNally's 18 | 19 | 20 | Buffett-Tinley Park 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Buffett-Alpine Valley 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | August 1 | 2 | 3 | Kotm -Conch Train Crawl 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Kane County Cougars Game 12 | 13 | One Particular Tuesday at CIP 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 18 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | CPH 1st Annual Windy City Sol 25 |

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SAVE THESE DATES!!!!

July 20

Mac MacAnally show at the Coliseum

August 7

Matt Wahl at South of Disorder/Hemingway's

August 18

Blarney Island Parrot Head Weekend

August 19

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September 9

Misericordia's Family Fest

September 16

Memory Walk

Check out our MySpace at myspace.com/chiphc

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Notice: *If there is a date next to your name, and it matches the date of this newsletter, it's a sign! It's a sign that your membership is due for renewal. Please submit your dues within the next 30 days to keep your membership in good standing. The other number on your label indicates the number of points you have accumulated for the current year. If you need more information or have a question about points, please see Micky O'Connor.*

The Midwest Caribbean Association/Chicago Parrot Head Club is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs and to provide for its members a means of social interaction for people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. Annual dues are \$25 for a single member, or \$35 for a couple or household. For more details, call the Club Hotline at 630-729-3156 or write to MCA/CPHC, P.O. Box 6313, Villa Park, IL 60181. You can also email us at club@chicagoparrotheads.com, or visit our website at www.chicagoparrotheads.com. WELCOME!