



The Off-Beaten Path

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From the Captain's Chair

Ok, if Jimmy does Tinley Park and Alpine Valley on back to back weekends again, I QUIT! Just kidding. Well, maybe I'll sleep on it a while. (In a bad Homer Simpson voice)
MMMMM!!!! Sleeeeeeeeeeep!!
Wait, where was I? Oh yeah, tailgating and grilling and Jell-O shots, OH MY! Can you tell it was a long month?

They say that most people have two families. There is the one they were born into and the one they chose to be a part of. The latter tends to be the more fun of the two. When I saw the back to back concerts on the schedule back in February, I knew we were going to need a lot of help to pull this off. And let me say that the Parrothead family responded quite well. I even got some help from my actual family as well. Thanks for the garage space Mom, I'm sure it will be notated in her will somewhere. I thought about just naming everyone who helped with TailGreat and the

Alpine Valley bus trip. It easily would have taken up the entire page and is certainly easier than coming up with something to talk about for the Captain's Chair every month. But I do want to thank everyone who played a part in making these two events a great success once again. I was very grateful to have so many people ask to help out that I actually had to turn some away. And nobody required bail money, at least nobody called me anyway.

Now that we've covered the party, I would like to talk a little about purpose and that second family. Normally, our purpose involves raising money for this charity or volunteering time for that one, but some days, our purpose is about being there for each other. Tonight, we are presenting a check to the Janet Comings Scholarship Fund, named for a woman who was a key member of this club and it's board from day one. She is also responsible for

where our club is today. Needless to say, there was a strong showing amongst the Parrothead family at her wake. And of course, giving to her scholarship fund was just a given in anyone's book. As many of you know, tragedy has struck again with the loss of Justine Stevens, daughter of Debbie and Kevin Andrews. While there are really no words to truly comfort the loss of a child, we can only offer our deepest sympathy and the knowledge that we will be there when they need us. As I pulled away from the funeral home, I started to think about how this club really is a family in so many ways. We've laughed together, drank together and occasionally cried together. But when it's really mattered, we've come together.

Thank you to everyone for allowing me to be a small part of this family.

Mike



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CHARITY PAGE: Party with a Purpose

(AKA GOOD DEEDS FOR THE DAY)

Charity Chair: Kurt Rubin

CONCERT TIME

The haze of two concerts is still lingering, but the coolers are now empty and I think all of our tailgating supplies are safely back in their place until next year. Well, there are a few chairs that seem to have lost their home, but that happens. I suppose I will mention the charity portion of TailGreat and the Alpine Valley bus trip. I assume since I am charity director, I need to do that. The people from Special Olympics stopped by TailGreat once again, selling rubber duckies for their annual Duckie Derby in September. With help from dozens of club members, their guests and a busload of Parheads who drove in from Omaha (as in Omaha, Nebraska) that morning, we raised several hundreds of dollars for Special Olympics. As of right now, we do not have an actual total. I think we fed them a few too many Jell-O shots so they do not really want to be counting

money at that moment. Thank you to everyone who bought a duckie. We will keep you posted on when they will hit the Chicago River. If you get the opportunity to see the ducks get poured into the river, I would suggest that you take it. It is a for a great cause and quite a sight to see in downtown Chicago. In addition to Special Olympics, we also had our one man party with a purpose entertainer Frank Whiting on hand, for both concerts. As always, Frank rocked the great outdoors two weekends in a row. As I mentioned, Frank truly does party with a purpose. Unlike many musicians, Frank is not the starving artist. His entire tip jar always gets donated to his favorite cause, which is Juna Amagara. This is a home for AIDS orphans in Uganda. If you would like to find out more information on this cause, please visit amagara.org. Just remember, Frank plays the second Tuesday of the month at Cheeseburger in Paradise in

Downers Grove. He also donates the tip jar from this gig as well. So come on out, enjoy Frank's show, and throw a few bucks in the good 'ole tip jar.

KEETS HELPING KIDS

Be on the lookout for our next movie night fundraiser some time in November. This time we will be raising money for St. Jude's that will be presented at the U.S. 99 radio-thon. No dates for either of these events is set as of yet, but they will be announced soon.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Keep bringing in those pop-tops and toiletries. We will be doing more drives for various in need products very soon. Once the Elmhurst summer car parades are over, it will be easier to get donation trucks in front of McNally's. So please stay tuned. And as always, if you know of a charity that could use our help or a shelter that is in need of toiletries, we do like to spread the wealth a bit.



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SOCIAL DISTURBANCES: By Bloody Bill

(ex charity captain, now in charge of "what should we do now?" Stuff)

Arrrgghhh.....me head be spin-nin'! Someone should hide the rum! We left the Port of Alpine in one piece again, happy and satisfied and suffering from a little DJF (Dreaded Jimmy Fever: the uncontrolled excitement of waiting for the next concert, and the satisfaction but sadness when it is over for the year). Squeeze those limes, hair of the dog, and get back up in the rigging, we have fun and exciting voyages on the horizon! Head up into the wind, trim the mainsheet, set course for anywhere fun, let's get started again!

Kick Off the Month Happy Hour! At **Arlington Park Race-track!** Traditionally, we start at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00, but first race is at 3:00 with 40 minutes between races, so feel free to arrive early, maybe we can grab a picnic table! Groove to great Chicago-style blues by Cadillac Dave & Chicago Red-hot's at the Miller Lite Party in the Park on **Friday, August 31st** as we kick off Labor Day weekend in style! And next will be a new place in Hanover Park called the **Flip Flop Tiki Bar** on **September 5th**! More to come!

One Particular Tuesdays, Start Time: 6:30 p.m. 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!

The **Bama Breeze Tour** has come and gone with the usual madness! Lots of good times, some not so good. Food was great! Drinks were great! Sun and fun and music was great! Just always keep in mind, we are the People our Parents Warned us About, but we are still adults. Help out, clean up, be a part of everything....not just the fun....And that is part of the Caribbean Soul that is the CPHC!

Conch Train Crawl! What a fun time! We had a max number of 22 members, friends, and family on the METRA and had a blast. Some pubs creepy, some pubs snazzy, but we had a good time all the way!

Kane County Cougars Game! Ok wow, 90 degrees and the Cougars are playing, and although they lost, it was still a great day of baseball! Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the day!

Blarney Island Parrothead Weekend is on **August 18th and 19th!** Check the official Blarney Island website at www.blarneyisland.com for details. 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 with Jim and Justin

(from the band Modern Day Romeos) opening! We will start at 2:00 p.m. and run til 6:00 p.m., cost per ticket is \$30, which will include all food, beer, pop, and wine, \$10 goes directly to our Alzheimer's charity from each ticket. Get your tickets now or contact the Crew for more details!!!

September 8th is Beer in Hand Volleyball! We will be venturing South to Oak Forest Bowling alley for a little afternoon volleyball, but played while.....yes, holding your drink! Located at 15240 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest, IL, It is easy to find and a fun day of hanging out and playing with friends from Noon until about 6:00!!! Stay as long as you would like!

Don't forget.....although Kurt has the first part of **Memory Walk** for charity, the social part afterwards is mine! We will be going to **Trader Todd's** via the Tiki Transit (fun tiki blue bus with no windows!); Watch the Cubs play in St. Louis, Sox at home vs. L.A., and let's not forget, THE BEARS play the Chiefs here at home! What better place to catch our home teams play while eating giant \$2 burgers and \$4 endless baskets of buffalo wings?

Do we have enough? Seems like the party never ends, just the way we like it as we round the corner to MOTM! Will we see you there for some social time?



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Attention Parrotheads We Have Announcements!!

ELECTION TIME IS- NEAR

It's that time of year again. Club elections will be held in two months at the October meeting. But for now, it is time to ask you to step forward to help out your club. The crew positions are as follows:

President

Treasurer

Social Director

Charity Director

Membership Director

Communications Director
(newsletter editor)

Member-at-Large

You are free to run for any position listed above provided you are a member in good standing. Please submit a letter to crew@chicagoparrotheads.com by Sept. 1st stating what position you wish to run for. At the present time, the current crew members have submitted their intent to stay on for another term.

President Mike Bresnahan

Social Director Bill Brehm

Charity Director Kurt Rubin

Member at Large: Travis

Noparstak

If you are interested in joining the crew and don't know what position you would like to fill or you just want to become more involved in the everyday workings of the club, feel free to contact us at the same email address. In my two years as a member of this crew, the past year as treasurer and current year as president, I can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I will always cherish my time on crew, but that's just me.

Mike

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



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Announcements continued...

We're less than two weeks away from our 1st annual Windy City Sol. Here's the rundown. On Saturday, August 25th, we will be hosting our first annual (well, hopefully annual) Windy City Sol at 115 Bourbon Street located at 3359 W. 115th St. in Merriotte Park, IL. The festivities kick off at 2 until 6. Of course all proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.. If you've never been to 115 Bourbon Street, you are in for a treat. Not only is it one of the coolest places on the South Side of the city, but it is THE place for fundraisers and benefits, period. In it's 5 years of business, it's raised more than 6 million dollars for causes like Bucks-For-Burn Camp, Cystic Fibrosis and numerous benefits for fallen police and firemen. So now it's our turn to try and turn some of their fundraising magic into a nice check to present to the Alzheimer's Association on the morning of September 16th at their annual Memory Walk at Montrose Harbor. The price is \$30 and includes all of your tap beer, wine, pop, water and food. KIDS 5 & UNDER ARE FREE!!!! There will be cash raffles and great prizes to win. Among them is a 7 day trip to Florida that includes a 3 day Caribbean cruise with numerous weekend getaways, a custom painted bean bag game, Cubs and Sox prizes and who knows what other surprises. Jim & Justin from Modern Day Romeos play from 2-4 and the Spazmatics from 4-6. If you're wondering about the Spazmatics, here's the scoop. Picture the cast of Revenge of the Nerds performing rock & roll songs. And for those of you who want to continue the party, Infinity will be playing shortly after the fundraiser. So bring your family, friends and your friend's families. We are throwing an ambitious party with a purpose. Please help us in kicking off the next chapter in our club's history of helping others. Alzheimer's is not just a disease that affects the mind, it also affects the loved ones around them. Please, please, please come out to help us help them!

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

Jeremy & Tiffany Biros
Bill & Marla Hurwitz

They're Growing Older But Not UP!

8/18 Pat Eberhardt, Mary Kay Rich
8/20 Donna Mikolajczak
8/21 Carrier Park
8/23 Bob Gard
8/26 Jamie Wall
8/29 Mary Joe Compton
8/30 Kathy Jarems
9/5 Jim Farrell, Donna
Pacione
9/7 Julie Hardesty
9/8 Jimbo Hedman
9/11 Greg Bukowski
9/12 Tim Crowley
9/13 Craig Woodworth
9/15 Paul Perkins
9/19 Scott Larkins, Michael Roby



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115 Bourbon Street

Please come to 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, IL. on Saturday, August, 25th from 2pm-6pm. Special musical guest, Jim & Justin and The Spazmatics. The cost is \$30 per person and includes food and drinks. Proceeds benefit The Alzheimers Association.

Jim & Justin



alzheimer's  association

the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer





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UP COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		August	15	16	17	PH Weekend Blarney Island 18
PH Weekend Blarney Island 19	20	21	22	23	24	WCS 25
26	27	28	29	30	KOTM Arling- ton Park 31	Sept. 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	Beer in Hand Volleyball 8
Misericordia Beer Pour 9	10	One Particular Tuesday CIP 11	12	13	14	15
Alzheimer's Memory Walk 16	17	18	19	20	21	22

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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!