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keeping the grills blazing.

helping make Alpine a The Crew has been work- huge success. We have ing on more than their two busses again this year, tans the last several good job guys! Make new

has come and gone - can In Chicago, at the new the Jimmy Buffett con- venue, Toyota Park in Illinois, Bridgeview Jimmy Buffett will make Alpine Valley concert is two appearances-Thursday July 19, 2008 and Donna July 24th and Saturday July The Mayor of han have been working Bridgeview, Police Chief, very hard on the bus trip management and staff at to Wisconsin. Remember Toyota Park have been it is "our club" so any very welcoming to Parrot help you can provide Heads in general and in them would be appreci- particular to the Chicago ated. I unfortunately will Parrot Head Club. We as a not be there because Crew have met with the Jimmy never asked me Toyota Park team several about the date. As most times and have come up of you know, Vicki and I with a plan to make everyhave a second home in one happy from Parrot I am also Heads to management at

ways the third Saturday A.M. giving our club and of July, which of course visiting clubs one place to conflicts with Alpine. I meet versus splitting time hope Jimmy will call me between the forest persevere and Tinley tailgating.

next year. Our own Grill The location of the Chimaster, Kurt Rubin will be cago Parrott Head Club working hard at Alpine tailgate party will be across from Gate 'C': My thanks to all that are can't miss us with our banner raised high. Full details are elsewhere in this newsletter but know that you can either purchase food/drink or bring your own. What could be simpler? As for seating, bring folding chairs as no seating will be provided. Membership forms will also be available at the tailgate for anyone who takes an interest in our club. This is a great time to sell our club and recruit more members. Let the word spread thru the "coconut telegraph" about our plans at Toyota I personally feel Jimmy will love playing Toyota Park and the Toyota team could not be more accommodating.

Don't forget to sign up or pledge a walker for Memory Walk 2008 set for September 14, 2008. Only 10 weeks to MOTM in Key West, October 30th thru November 2nd.

Fins Up! Bob Noonan – The Prez

MOTM REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 31ST

3 Days to Alpine Valley – July 19, 2008 8 Days to Toyota Park - July 24, 2008 10 Days to Toyota Park - July 26, 2008

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR



Bob Noonan President

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weeks. We have a lot go-friends and get a few new ing on as a club and it's people to join our club. hard to believe July 4th certs be far behind?

Perry and Mike Bresna- 26th. Michigan. President of our Lake As- Toyota Park. sociation, and our Lake Association picnic is al- The gates will open at 9:00

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WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR JIMMY BUFFETT CONCERT IS FINALLY HERE

WE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT RIGHT ACROSS FROM GATE C

The parking lot opens at 9:00 am. The parking is first come first serve. So if you are there early, you can park close to where the crew will be set up. In the north lot right across from gate C.

Our hosts want this to be a fun event! We have been given an awesome area where we will be setting up a shade tent, a couple of tables, and our club banner so you can find your way to us.

They have 280 Port a Pots thru out the parking area, and even gave us our own Parrot Head-Head! There will be food courts in the parking lots with quite a variety such as Ribs, pizza, hot dogs, etc. They will also be selling Land Shark beer. OR if you want, bring your own food and drink.

The club will not be providing any food or drink.

The concert gates will open at 6:00, show starts at 8:00, but with not having lawn seats, there will not be a great rush to get in, all seats are assigned.

Getting into the parking lot off Harlem Ave. should be very easy. They have direction signs on the road telling you how to get into the parking lot. The best way to come in to the parking lot, is off Harlem Ave on the north, once in the lot, you will see the Gate C sign, there is where we are.

Also, right across from us is the Margaritaville Bus.

THE CLUB HOTLINE 630-729-3156 WILL BE UPDATED THE DAY OF THE CONCERT IF ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY. ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONCERT, CONTACT BOB NOONAN AT: rnooner@aol.com

We have met with the representatives from Toyota Park and they have been wonderful to us. This is their first year hosting a Buffett concert and they want to continue hosting it for years to come. Our friends at Toyota Park could have not been more cooperative, their goal is to make this a positive experience for both the fans and our host venue. So kiddies, there are a few rules that we as adults have to follow so we will be welcomed back.

As far as their rules, USE COMMON SENSE.

They will not allow alcohol to be brought into the stadium, there will be plenty for sale. So be aware, you will be checked at the gate. By the way, If you are intoxicated, they have the right to refuse entry. No pets or animals are allowed on the grounds with exception of service animals for guests with disabilities

These are the Prohibited Items direct from their website:

NO CHARCOAL GRILLS, Aerosol Cans, Balloons and Beach Balls, Cameras with Lenses or Lens Attachments over 6", Cans, Bottles or Other Beverage Containers, Chains, Studded Bracelets, etc., Coolers or Ice Chests, Fireworks, Flares or Smoke Bombs, Illegal Drugs, Large Bags and Purses, Laser Pens and Pointers Noisemaking Devices (i.e. whistles, air horns), Outside Food and Beverage, Poles to Display Banners, Flags, etc., Umbrellas, Video or Recording Devices, Weapons, Any Other Item Deemed to be Inappropriate or Dangerous by TOYOTA PARK Management

For detailed information of do's and don'ts, check out Toyota's website: www.toyotapark.com
On the South West Corner of the stadium, there is a South West Island open for anyone that wants to wander
over there. It has food courts also. This is right where the bus and motor home's will be parked.
Note: If you are pulling a trailer for any reason, or a camper/motor home, they will be charging \$200.00 to
park.

WE HOPE THIS WILL BE A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH PARROT HEADS AND TOYOTA PARK.



Kristin McFadden
Secretary
And
The **Good** Gossip Lady
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Hello Parrotheads!

Here we are in the midst of our summer planning.... .vacations, concerts, birthdays, family gatherings, etc... So, I have an assignment for everyone! Send me a funny or interesting little story about your vacation or concert experience..come on, we all have them....and none of this, "the names have been changed to protect the innocent" stuff. I mean really, if you didn't want people to know that you took off your underwear to use as a water balloon launcher after 16 Jello shots, then you shouldn't have worn underwear to begin with, right??

ON TO THE PHUN STUFF!

Changes in Latitude

Tiffany and Jeremy Biros are jetting off to St. Maarten in July to celebrate their wedding anniversary! They are having dinner at Blanchards Restaurant in Anguilla.

Congratulations and have a safe and wonderful trip!

Birthday Phun

Mike (Rafone) Erickson celebrated his bithday on July 6th with a steak and lobster dinner at Jimmy's Charhouse in Aurora! He says the Tirimisu is to die for!

Bill Brehm also celebrated his birthday on July 6th. He spent it in Lake Geneva by the pool and had dinner at Hemmingways (owned by one of the singers from the "South of Disorder" band).

Growing Older But Not Up

Ty Needham told his wife, Cam, that there was no way she could surprise him for his **40th** birthday on July 9. Ty underestimated Cam. He came home from his traditional birthday dinner at Outback to 30 people in his house. He never expected a surprise party on a Wednesday night. Thanks to everyone who made it out to Oswego on a school night.

And more wonderful news from Ty and Cam

Cam and Ty recently became full-time parents. Ty's oldest son, Loren who is 16, moved in with them in June. Loren will be going to his first Buffett concert on July 24. He'll be attending Oswego High School in the fall.

There's Plenty of Fish in the Sea

Yes, ladies, the rumor is indeed true! *Grillmaster Kurt* is back on the market....and just in time for concert grilling season!! If memory serves....didn't Kurt give up a burger for a kiss last season, hmmmm????

Congratulations!

After a lot of research and hard work, *Irene Huba* has started her own business! Her company provides quality care for older adults. Might there be a discount in the future for aging parrotheads??? Only Irene knows for sure. Good luck, Irene!!

And that's this month's scoop!

Don't forget....this teacher has assigned summer homework and I expect it to be completed on time!!



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Social Disturbances: July of 2008

By Bloody Bill; the bringer of beach bums and guitar strums!

Gulf coast nights, flounder lights; I'm back on the Eastern shore
With my history of wrecks; I think It's time to check
The crab trap of life once more

Need is a relative thing these days; It borders on desire The high tech world is full of bright shiny things; We think that we really require

And what we require now is some getting ready for concert season! Got yer tickets? Got yer coolers? Packed up and ready to go? Then let's enjoy the summer with some fun in the sun with all our friends! and here are a few more ways!!!

To start, let me send you a background of our social network and the hows and whys! Our club meeting is about mid month, and we noticed something fun, like other clubs, would be to have a happy hour at the beginnings of the month to provide a gathering of sorts, to let off some steam from a busy work week. Then we built in dedicated social events for some bigger and better fun! Problem is, there is SO MUCH to do around here! So we started adding in any of our local trop rock band performances in case you were looking for something else to do! Our group is growing, and one of the biggest comments I hear is that we do not have enough events North OR South! SO.....here is an idea we may shoot for. We may look to have social and charity co-captains. A North team and South team. This way, we can provide social AND charity events to everyone, BUT.....we would still be ONE BIG HAPPY CLUB FAMILY meeting still once a month in what we discovered is basically our geocentric center in Elmhurst. The Chicago Parrothead Club has a MONSTROUS territory, and we do not want to exclude those people living on our outer borders, so we want to bring the social and charity to you! Anyone

<u>Camping!!!</u> It is private property and we are working out the bugs, but some ideas are to provide food, drinks, and entertainment for a fee, since there will be no cost for parking or camping! more details to come, but we will look for a date AT the end of September!

the <u>Chicago Parrothead Train Crawl</u>! Saturday, August 23rd we will once again board the train to places unkown, to YOU that is! The Crew is hard at work scouting stops along the way, and a tough job it is, but alas, someone has to do it! Details of starting point and times are up and coming, but yes, for those train virgins......it is what it sounds like, a pub crawl by train using a \$5 all day pass and a train car full of Parrotheads!

Kick off the Month social gathering for August.....let's head up to the actual particular harbor at Blarney Island for the Parrothead Convention on Saturday, August 9th for a daytime affair! Catch Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24 at 2:00, followed by Mr. Myers at 7:00! Go to www.blarneyisland.com for directions and details, but if you don't have a boat, you need the Blarney Island Shuttle Service! Operated out of the Port of Blarney, located at 27843 W. Grass Lake Road (3.5 miles west of Route 59) in Antioch, IL. If you are unsure about shuttle time, please contact us at the Port of Blarney: (847) 395-4122. And on to September 5th, how about a little South Pacific fare at the new Tiki Terrace in DesPlaines! 1591 Lee Street in Des Plaines (NE corner of Lee/Mannheim and Oakton). Some boat drinks and tropical food and atmosphere will be hard to beat! Go to www.thetikiterrace.com for details!

July 18th, the night before the Alpine Valley show! Mac MacAnally will be performing in Crystal Lake in a benefit fundraiser for Randy Salerno, with the Boat Drunks in Attendance as well! Full information is available on the Club Calendar at www.chicagoparrotheads.com!

Followed the next day by an all day extravaganza at Alpine Valley kicking off 2 weeks of "The Year of Still Here" tour. I hope all of our Parrothead Phriends enjoy Alpine and/or Toyota Park for an incredible show! Stay safe and represent our club in the way you all know how! So with everything said and done for another year, I

think all we need now is some guitar.....

Sometimes more than others; You see who and what and where You are I'm a one-man band with no Immediate plans; Tonight I just need my guitar

Don't need to feel important or famous; No limos or my little Nash car One lucky man; With my feet in the sand Tonight I just need my guitar





HIGHWAY CLEAN UP PART TWO

First thank you to Billy for picking up the ball on this one. I wanted to be there, but the job was calling. Sorry I missed all of you that showed up. And thank you to each and everyone that took the time out of their busy lives to support both scheduled weekends to beautify our little piece of land on 22nd Street that our club has supported over the years. This is our major environmental project and it is great to see to see our club has the team spirit.







MEMORY WALK IS RIGHT AOUND THE CORNER TIME TO SIGN UP AND START BUILDING YOUR DONATIONS SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Ok, right now you are saying to yourself......Self it is only July and all I want to think about is Rum Punch, Flip Flops, and going to a Buffett concert. Aren't we lucky that the only things we are talking to ourselves about is fun things to do.

Well, there are a lot of unfortunate people out there that don't even know what day it is, or who their loved ones are. We have to do our part to stop this frightening disease.

MEMORY WALK AND TEAM PAGE ARE NOW UP AND RUNNING...

Don't waste one more minute, get going and sign up on our club's team page. The site is very user friendly, it will even help you with a generic letter that you can then send email's to everyone on your email list.

The link is on our club website, just in case you forgot the website address, it is:

www.chicagoparrotheads.com

The only thing we are missing is YOU. So get on the www. Thing and do your Pledge (not the stuff you dust with), and your part in finding the cure.

Now, let's not forget other important upcoming events that are so important to all of us.

September 7th is Misericordia Family Days, here is your opportunity to put on that grass skirt and pour some beer. Misericordia is one of our club's favorite organizations to work with, spending the day with people that really appreciate our colorful presence is just another way that we Parrot Heads show we really care. Sign up sheets will be available at the July and August meetings. As an added bonus, OD TAPI IMI is scheduled to perform for Family Days that day.

St Jude US 99 radiothon is coming, watch this page for more details



2008 ELECTION'S

We have an ELECTIION JUDGE which the crew has voted on. Our Election Judge for the 2008 Election is Mike Hardesty. Thank you Mike for taking on this position for the club.

Per our bylaws, A call for nominations have now been printed in June & July newsletter, Proposed Crew Positions available are:

> President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Charity Director, Social Director, and Communication Director.

Each board member who wishes to continue in his or her current position or in another position must also submit a nomination to the Election officer between August 1, 2008 and September 1, 2008.

Any member of CPHC shall have the opportunity to submit to the election officer a nomination for consideration of office. Applications must comply with the following requirements:

- 1. Applicant must be a member in good standing.
- 2. Applicant must have been a member of CPHC for three (3) full months prior to nomination for his/her position.
- 3. Applicant must submit their nomination for consideration to Mike Hardesty, our Election Officer no later than September 1, 2008.

For complete details on officer responsibilities, please reference our club By-Laws which are posted on the

CLUB BY LAWS

An email has been sent to everyone with suggested changes to the club's by laws. We have had many suggestions for updates and changes in our club by laws. Billy Brehm our Social Director has been working on these suggestions and has put together a revised set of by laws for everyone's review. Please review these changes as you will be asked to vote on them. If you failed to receive the email with the suggested changes, please contact Billy or any crew member, and we can resend them to you. billy@chicagoparrotheads.com



Do we have your address? We are finding out that there are some out there that are not receiving the newsletter due to the fact we never received your address, or you have moved. Please confirm that we have your correct address, if not, please send Beverly an email and advise her of the correct one.

Also, we are trying to **GO GREEN**. This will not only help the earth, but could also save our club money. I am trying to work on a way to send your newsletters via email. This will not be an overnight process, but I would like to get it done soon. So if you would like to start receiving your newsletter via email instead of us mailing it to you, please contact me with your name and email address.



GETTING THE WORD OUT: In every month's newsletter, I try to get as much information of upcoming events for the month. As most of you know, I send out a weekly update of what is going on in the Chicago area, just as a reminder, if you like making your plans weeks in advance, check the newsletter, or the calendar on the website. My weekly emails are for last minute events that come up, and reminders of what is going on that weekend for people that have had changes in their own schedule and are looking for something to do that weekend.

. I have had a lot of positive responses to this weekly notice. I try to get as much information to you as possible, but I feel like the word is not getting out there since we don't see many people at these events. Is everyone getting the Yahoo group email? If not, contact me and I will get you set up to receive these emails so we can start seeing more of you at the events. jean@chicagoparrotheads.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Barb Popescu 7/17 Gloriane Bork 7/18 Kristin McFadden 7/20 Hank Achtieh, Janet McTighe, Molly Middel Kelly Smothers 7/30 Tom Bottomlee, Peggy Farrell 7/31 Dan Boylan 8/02 Amanda Siliko 8/03 Jim McTighe, Jamey Rowlette 8/05 Jennifer Wright 8/10 Megan Adamovitz, Nick Brammer, Sue Karns 8/11 Pat Bes 8/12 Pat Eberhardt, Mary Kay Rich 8/18 Chris Clausel 8/19

LINKS

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Your crew: Kurt Rubin, Jean Motal, Billy Brehm, Beverly Metzger-Kleinman, Bob Noonan, Kristin McFadden and Mike (Rafone) Erickson. Not pictured, Donna Perry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JEFF BECK, JOHN FERBEND, RONALD AND LYNN HORNE, ART AND DAWN MAREK. TERRY SHAFFER, CAROLYN PEPPER, ELIZABETH BOUDREAU, JUSTIN FELD, STEPHEN LISOWSKI, KATIE



Only 250 chances will be sold, do not miss out on winning this neon sign for your very own bar. Chances are \$5.00 each, and winner will be drawn once the 250 tickets are sold. Do not wait to long, tickets will go fast. Here is your chance to make a donation to your club in an effort to do what we do best! Party with a purpose. See any crew members for details. Sign was obtained by Mike Rafone Erickson, A HUGE THANK YOU TO MIKE FOR YOUR efforts in obtaining this to benefit the club.



www.usaweekend.com/contest Deadline is July 27, 2008

Win a trip to Parrothead heaven!

"Wastin' away again in Margaritaville ..." Ahhh ... the words of a classic. Jimmy Buffett's ode to the laid-back life of a beach bum still sets us hummin' and wishin' we were -- well, somewhere else.

Now, you can be! Compose a new first verse of "Margaritaville" and send

it in.

JULY

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Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Monthly Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30	17	18 Mac McAnally Randy Salarno Benefit Crystal Lake, IL	19 Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band Alpine Valley *** Mr. Myers, Chucks Lakeshore Inn, Fontana, WI
20 Mr. Myers Winnetka Beach Tower, Winnetka, IL *** OD TAPO IMI Boone County Arts, Poplar Grove, IL	21	22 Mr. Myers Harrer Park, Morton Grove, IL	23 Mr. Myers Rotary Park, Lock- port, IL	24 Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band Toy- ota Park, Bridge- view, IL *** Mr. Myers, Taste of Galesburg	25 Mac McAnally Pearl Room, Mokena, IL *** Boat Drunks Joes on Weed St. *** OD TAPO IMI Lake County Fair Grayslake, IL	26 Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band Toyota Park, Bridgeview, IL *** Gone 2 Paradise Tinley Park
27 OD TAPO IMI Navy Pier Beer Gar- den	28	29	30 OD TAPO IMI Bolingbrook , IL	31		

AUGUST

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Boat Drunks CEFCU-Peoria, IL	2 Boat Drunks EIPHC Fundraiser *** Mr. Myers Wood- haven Lakes, Sublett, IL
3 OD TAPO IMI Kane County Cougars game	4	5	6 Mr. Myers Lindy's Landing Wauconda, IL	7 One Particular Thursday Cheeseburger Downers Grove *** Mr. Myers Settler Park, Plainfield, IL	8 Gone 2 Paradise Glad Fest, Momence,IL *** Mr. Myers, Hemming- ways Port of Call Lake Geneva, WI	9 KOTM Blarney Island Parrothead Convention
10	11	12	13	14	15 Gone 2 Paradise Waters Edge Luau Worth, IL *** Mr. Myers , Yamaka Reggae Fest, Rock Island IL	16 OD TAPO IMI Navy Pier Beer Gar- den Air and Water Show
17	18	19	20 Monthly Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30	21	22 OD TAPO IMI Beach Ball Magic Wa- ters Rockford, IL	23 Train Crawl, details to follow *** Gone 2 Paradise 115 Bourbon St Merrionette Park, IL
24	25	26	27	28 Mr. Myers The Promenade, Bolingbrook, IL	29	30 OD TAPO IMI Taste of Melrose Park

FEATURE BAND OF THE MONTH THE BOAT DRUNKS — WWW.BOATDRUNKS.COM



Meet The Band

Jake Tatar, lead vocal, rhythm guitar
Mike Miller, bass, vocals
Andy Gains, keyboard, vocals
Howie Golub, harmonica, percussion, vocals
Larry Lister, drums
Michael Favreau, saxophone, flute, clarinet
Dyke Corson, pedal steel, lead guitar



It all started one snowy January evening in central Illinois with Jake sitting in his apartment, strumming his guitar and looking out the window and muttering for the umpteenth time- "Jake, you gotta put this Buffett band together." The Boat Drunks is a full featured 'tribute' band, authentically and energetically replicating only the music of Jimmy Buffett. We know over 90 Buffett songs as well as 20 "Buffett-style" originals. The Boat Drunks have been together for 7 years, originally only playing in and around central Illinois.

YA YA, CLUB TRINI BACK IN TOWN!

Join us at **Joe's on Weed** in Chicago on Friday, **July 25** as we share the stage with very special guests Michael Utley and Robert Greenidge. The show will get underway at 10p with a short set by the Boat Drunks, followed by a set of your favorite Utley/Greenidge Club Trini tunes. After the Club Trini set, we'll be jamming the Buffett tunes. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or Joe's on Weed in Chicago.

JUST ANNOUNCED... THE BOAT DRUNKS WILL BE PLAYING ON DUVAL STREET FOR STREETFEST DURING MEETING OF THE MINDS THIS OCTOBER!!! Showtime is 2:30p on Friday, October 31; Michael Utley, Robert Greenidge, and the rest of Club Trini will immediately follow the Drunks. Come celebrate Halloween on Caya Hueso with the Boat Drunks!

BOAT DRUNKS TO RETURN TO MARGARITAVILLE DURING MEETING OF THE MINDS 2008

The Drunks are proud to announce that we have accepted another stint at Margaritaville in Key West for the fourth year in a row!

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Beverly Kleinman Membership



Iean Motal **Editor**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND POINT INFORMATION

If there is a date next to your name, and it matches the date on this newsletter, 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 any crew member. Dues are \$25.00 for a single member, \$35.00 for a couple or household. If you have any questions regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact Beverly.

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The Midwest Caribbean Association/Chicago Parrot Head club is a Not For-Profit organization whose purpose is to assist in community outreach programs BOL and to provide for its members a means of social interaction for people interested in Jimmy Buffett's music and tropical spirit. Any general questions regarding ${f O} \; {f U} \; {f U} \;$ our club, contact Mike "Rafone" Erickson Rafone66@comcast.net or write us $U\ R\ B$ at MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

> Club Hotline is open: 630-729-3156 Or visit our website www.chicagoparrotheads.com

Chicago Parrot Head newsletter is a monthly publication. If you have any information on an upcoming event you would like published, or a review of a current event, please contact Jean Motal the Communication director. No later than the second Friday of the month.

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