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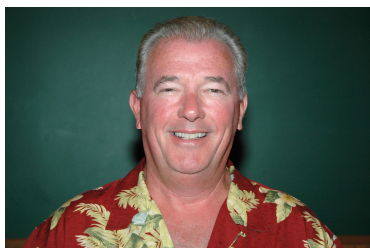
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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR



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It has been a very busy month for all of us Parrot Heads. We started off with the Alpine concert in Wisconsin. The weather was touch and go, but Mike Bresnahan and Donna Perry were undaunted and made the Alpine trip happen! Along with our "Grill Master" Kurt Rubin, and a new apprentice George Bork, there was plenty of food for all to enjoy and consume. Big thanks to Mike, Donna, Kurt, George and everyone else that helped make Alpine an enjoyable trip for both members and non-members alike.

After Wisconsin, Jimmy headed to Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Illinois. Toyota Park was a new venue for both Jimmy and us. We have received nothing but positive comments, so it looks like the new venue at Toyota Park was nothing less than a hit. We here in Chicago were lucky enough to have two nights of concerts. Thursday was a more casual laid back night with our club members but fun was had by all. The sound system really rocked at Toyota Park. Saturday was not very laid back, and was a long and wonderful day with yours truly arriving at 7:30 AM to get our club members a great location

to set up shop and enjoy the tailgate. Toyota Park staff could not have been more accommodating and thanks Kristin and Carol for creating the semi-exclusive beautiful Parrot "Head" facility for club members. The festivities began in the morning with many members cooking breakfast to start off the beautiful day. As lunch time arrived more of our members began to roll out of bed and join us at Toyota Park. It truly was a full day of meeting and greeting our members as well as potential new members. A special guest, Jimmy Pattawina, President of PHIP also stopped by our tent to visit. Given Toyota Park is a new venue for Jimmy, the Toyota Park staff is very interested in our feedback. Please direct all comments, both positive and negative, to my attention so our Crew can effectively communicate membership opinions on this venue.

With concert season over, club officer elections are taking center state. All nominations are due by September 1st. We need our members to step up and help lead our club. The club does not run on it own and we need your help to keep it running smoothly. Please direct your nominations to Mike Hardesty at mike_fkicp@hotmail.com. Any questions about any Crew position and responsibilities can be found in our by laws or contact the current Crew member holding the position directly.

We are happy to report that the Club has completed all the necessary reports to PHIP to remain a club in good standing (reports are due every 6 months). A special thanks to Bev Klienman for getting it to PHIP by the required deadline.

I also want to give a special thanks to both Julie Hardesty and Jean Motal for taking the time to submit entries to MOTM 2008 contests. Julie Hardesty submitted an entry for the Golden Coconut award of Excellence that is presented by Margaritaville, Inc. See <http://www.phip.com> for details. Additionally, Jean Motal submitted our newsletter in the "Newsletter" contest. Both winners will be announced at MOTM in Key West.

As everyone knows, the Club motto is "Party with a Purpose". However, the unspoken message of that motto is being a responsible Club member when alcohol is involved. We need to support and help one another when needed. All members and guests need to feel welcome and safe when partying with all Chicago Parrot Heads. We also need to be aware that we represent the "Chicago Parrot Head Club" and therefore should reflect a responsible "Party with a Purpose" theme whether in public or private. Unwanted or Unwelcomed behavior, will not be tolerated. Drink responsibly and have a good time.

Fins Up
Bob Noonan-President



**THE YEAR IS STILL HERE!
GOLD MEDAL
AND
BEST CONCERT VENUE
AWARD GOES TO
TOYOTA PARK'S ENTIRE STAFF!!!!**



Without all the time and hard work of all the staff from Toyota Park, this year's concert would have never happened. From the first meeting in the spring when Bob Noonan, Billy Brehm, and Jean Motal met with not only the Mayor of Bridgeview, plus everyone that had something in one way or another to do with making this event the success it was. That meeting went very well, they promised us that they would do everything they could to make this day a success. Then the week before the concert, Bob Noonan and Jean Motal went and met with the director of the entire grounds. David showed us where he thought would be a good place for us to set up, and once we saw what he was talking about, we agreed hands down this would be perfect. From there, we advertised where and when we would be there.

Bob, Billy and Kristin got there early Saturday morning and started their decorating. David and Bob arranged for our club to have their very own CLEAN Port a Potty. Kristin gets the award for the best Parrot Head "Head". Her assistant Carol Leigh was right in there with her ideas and help. Thank you Kristin and Carol for making sure all had a pleasant comfortable place to potty, along with making sure you even had a deodorizer, a place to wash hands. And thank you Bob for adding the port hole inside so people could have a nice view. We had many club members show up nice and early, doing their own cooking, and made sure they shared. It appeared that people that arrived later in the day had no problem finding us with where we were located. The parking lot staff were the best ever. Very well organized, and managed to get everyone out of there in a very swift organized fashion.

Security was outstanding and professional, food and beer vendors were pleasant, Then once it was show time, we have had noting but positive comments on the entire event. The sound system has been commented that it has been the best they ever heard.

The following are a few comments from club members:

Goin to bed soon, but just wanted to say....whoa! What a show! What an awesome group of friends to pre-game with! And what a VENUE!!! Toyota Park ROCKS!!!!

The sound was much better than Tweeter World and being able to tailgate very early in the day is a huge plus..

That was the easiest time I had ever getting out of a post concert parking lot. I got in my car at 11:20 and was home by 11:50. Toyota Park did a great job all around. I think those were the cleanest port a potties I have ever used too. Even my wife was impressed (tough to do). This was my third visit to Toyota Park, the two previous were for rugby matches with much smaller crowds. I was impressed with how easy it was to get out of the stadium to the lot as well.

*The acoustics were excellent The parking area clean and they had lots of port a potties *I* personally had a great time all around... We had seats in Sect 111 and 102 but ended up sitting all together in 102. (these were the bleacher seats all the way to the side of the stages, had a great side view of not a whole lot (lol) but the Jumbotron helped a ton !) Anyhow -- I have heard conflicting statements about sound quality... I think it depends on where you were sitting. YAY-YYY ! What a great time !*

Thank you Bubba for the "Year of Still Here" What a great ride it's been !

**THANK YOU TOYOTA PARK FOR MAKING
THE YEAR IS STILL HERE JIMMY BUFFETT CONCERT
ONE WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.**







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Secretary
And
The **Good Gossip**
Lady

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Hello Parrotheads!

Don't forget....this teacher has assigned summer homework and I expect it to be completed on time!! It is due to me no later than September 9th. ON TO THE PHUN STUFF!

Changes in Latitude

Tom and Teresa Carter are headed to the Lake Louise area in Canada for a combination celebration of his 40th (it was on June 9th), her 40-something-th (August 21st) and their 7th wedding anniversary (August 19th). Have a great trip!!

After a six month sabbatical that took him to the far side of the world (Peru and Thailand), **Travis** has successfully navigated his way back to his pheathered phriends and looks forward to being involved with the group. Although it wasn't all phun and games for our boy....He got robbed by a Thai transvestite hooker and almost got thrown in jail in Peru!!

Tiffany and Jeremy Biros are heading to Florida for some more phun in the sun. Bring us back some stories!

Marla and Jim Duddleston went to Eastern Illinois Parrothead Clubs "C U in The Prairibbean" in Champaign, Il last weekend. The Bands that were playing were Appaloosa (Howie from boat drunks previous band). Also playing were the Boat Drunks, of course without Mike Miller. At the intermission they had silent auction baskets to bid on and at the end of the night they had a special Boat Drunks item...Jim guessed that it was Mike's Bass guitar, and it was!!

Well after some heated bidding Jim won the auction!! He won't reveal the amount he bid, but I'm sure it was millions! Jim shared with me this bit of info.... If you go to you tube...type in Boat Drunks...search...you will see that there is a video called "hot hot hot..."

Check it out...there is also one that he uploaded with him and Jake singing "The Captain And The Kid"..



WEDDED BLISS

On August 21st, **Liz and James Whaley** will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary. That's practically as old as I am!

George and Gloriane Bork are heading to Key West to celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary August 16th.....and they invited all of the Parrotheads to join them!!!! Ok...they really didn't....but they should have!



Son of a sailor? ... how about a daughter?

Lynne Crowley of the Club raced in her first Chicago to Mackinaw race from July 19 to July 22.

Lynne was one of a crew of 8 sailing on a 36 foot Morgan. It was the 100th anniversary of the race and her first time in the competition. Their boat crossed the starting line just before Noon on Saturday and they crossed the finish line around 2:00 AM Tuesday morning in a howling rainstorm that presented a real challenge for the boats trying to complete the race. Working in four hour shifts, they raced all night, grabbed meals when things were calm and finished quite well in their division. Lynne said it was quite nerve wracking on Sunday night sailing in dense fog and not being able to see the boats around you. Since the race uses the same route as the big freighters, she said it was a little scary to hear their fog-horns and have no idea if the ship is close or a mile away. She completed her week at sea volunteering to sail the boat back to Chicago with a smaller crew. They sailed the west coast of Lake Michigan to Pentwater, cutting across the lake Saturday and arriving back in Chicago on Sunday morning. Lynne says she hope to compete again next year.



Slow boat To China...or Afghanistan?

Not like I haven't been thru this before, but my youngest son Ryan has just been recalled to active duty with the Marines. He'll be leaving within a few months. Maybe once he's back in the "sandbox" we could adopt his unit?? Personally, I just hope we're lucky enough so he returns home safe...again! **Irene**

Could you put in the corner best wishes to my brother Phil who is being deployed to Afghanistan next month for a 1 year tour. **Mike Bresnahan**



KRISTIN'S KORNER ...Continued

Concert stories???

Let's see, Saturday July 26th started out with me working all day, and unable to make it to the tailgate area before the concert. However after work I ventured to the parking lot, found a great spot near the exit, went to the will call window, and realized I forgot my wallet. I was able to convince the lady that the tickets were mine. Once the tickets were in hand, we ventured inside. We found our seats as some friends had gotten there early and were already in the stands. We then sat and waited for the show to start. We were full of anticipation and could not wait for the event to start up. Then out of nowhere came the "Big Kahuna". Loud and rowdy as ever, leading the charge with the rest of the crew behind him. The tension was unbearable, everyone was on their feet, screaming and cheering. I could not help yelling and screaming along with them for (as I call him - the Big Kahuna Man!) Finally the green flag dropped and the carnage began, oh wait, I was at the Demolition Derby, not the concert - never mind!!! It was an awesome time with lots of action, but very little in the way of music. And yes, the Big Kahuna Man and his team won the challenge and win home victorious that night!!!! Yep...that's our very own **Rafone!**



The concert was awesome...I don't have any crazy stories about underwear or anything, but Tiff and I were standing in the crowd by the Margaritaville bus looking for some food, and I told her that I was going to catch a Land shark flag. Just a few seconds later the guy threw one my way and I jumped up and caught it. **Jeremy**



Was that a pirate flag hoisted at the Toyota Park Tail great??? Oh wait...that was one of our esteemed members' bra and panties!! Well....it was hot that day.....

Growing Older But Not Up

Sharon... June 2, (she is very old) That's what Capt'n Ron said!! (But he is older than her!)

The Happy Camper

John Motal just returned from a 9 day camping trip to Knoxville Iowa photographing the World of Outlaw Sprint Car racing series. (No wonder Jean is back to smiling) John's photos from recent events have now been published in major event programs, The Knoxville Hall of Fame newspaper, and a book The Official Nascar Tailgating Guide.

Livingston Saturday Night

Kurt's roommate surprised him with a weekend trip to Wilmington and Seneca IL last month. But the real surprise was Kurt's first ride on an ATV! And after pizza and ice cream, it was the ride of his life! Way to try something new, Kurt!!



Captain Ron and Admiral Sharon threw a great party at The Columbia Yacht Club a couple of weeks ago! There were Mai Tai's, good music, dancing, mini cheeseburgers in paradise, Mai Tai's, and we were entertained by Gone 2 Paradise.....You could ask him all about it.....but he won't remember.....

Hoping For Calmer Seas

We need best wishes and prayers to be said for my dear friend Ann Schmoldt she will be donating one of her kidney's to her mom on September 3rd. She is very nervous but I know all will be well. You just can never have enough prayers and good thoughts to help out in a time like this. **Katrina Johnson**



Billy Brehm
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Social Disturbances: August of 2008

By Bloody Bill; the bringer of changes in Attitudes!

It's those changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes *nothing remains quite the same.*

With all of our running and all of our cunning,

If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane.

I found these lyrics to be uplifting and right on the money with all the things going on in our lives, and with the club! We are here for a higher purpose. To help people that are less fortunate, make the world a better place, and leave the world a better place, and most importantly.....smile and have some fun while we are doing it! So let's get started.....shall we?

The Chicago Parrothead Train Crawl! Saturday, August 23rd, 2nd Annual Phlock that Train parrotpub crawl!! We will meet at Noon to board the Edison Park train at 12:55!!! An all day pass is \$5! For anyone that has never been to Edison Park, it is a great little sliver in Northwest Chicago by Park Ridge, and we will kick off from EPI's (Edison Park Inn), located at 6713 N. Olmsted Ave. Chicago, IL 60631 (773-775-1404) cross streets Harlem and Devon (kinda!) After boarding, we head West to Des Plaines for our second stop at our One Particular harbor for lunch, Cheeseburger in Paradise! Next: well.....let me just say after our successful scouting efforts.....there are too many possibilities and we aren't sure exactly! We expect to arrive back at Edison Park around 7:00 for a seating at a huge outdoor beer garden at Moretti's. Drinks, dinner, your choice.....but the food is great! This is a new route, but we like options and keeping it fresh! Just a Club social, and what better way then by train!!! WOO WOO! All Aboard!!!

Kick off the Month social gathering! Hope everyone had fun at **Blarney Island** for the **Parrothead Convention** and now on to **September 5th**, I'm changing it! After hearing reports that the Tiki Terrace wasn't all it's cracked up to be, and hearing from many a people that they want to return to Hala Kahiki....I said to myself...."Self, why not?" So let's come down to the tropical paradise Hawaiian style in River Grove, between Grand and Belmont at 2834 River Road. Full tropical drink menu, and there is NO FOOD there! Dress appropriate, no hats, tank tops, but all fun with an outside garden! Aloha, Phriends! Look up more info at www.hala-kahiki.com.

September 13th, we will be hosting a "15 Years and Still Here" club picnic! Keet friendly of course, and located at Thatcher Woods in River Forest, on Chicago between 1st and Thatcher Ave. We have a pavilion, toilets, pets allowed on a leash, and the Club will provide hot dogs and burgers, but please bring your own drinks and a dish or dessert to share! We will start at noon and go til dusk! Games? Surprises? And also a Trilside museum for the kids where they rehab animals to go back into the wild! Not to mention, we are mere blocks away from Madison St. in Forest park for anyone wanting to One Particular Harbor afterwards! Friends, family, guests, and kids welcome and encouraged to come!

And you do know.....on **September 14th** is our Annual memory Walk for Alzheimers! As always, afterwards (about noon when we are done with the walk), we will have the Tiki Transit.....which actually changed names, but either way will give us a ride down to Trader Todd's for some afternoon social lubrication! Caribbean style dishes, and bar featuring tropical drinks, and nightly karaoke and that afternoon for you sports fans.....the Bears, Cubs, and Sox are ALL PLAYING! Remember the first year there when the Bears kicked some arse? WOW did we get free shots!!! This just in..... Trader Todd's is working on drink specials for us, be there to find out just what they are!

Parrotheads.....we have elections coming, By-laws, and tons of new ideas and new faces! Great things are headed our way, but no matter what, remember to look around at all our friends, remember why we are here, smile and laugh, and most importantly.....buy me a BEER!

These changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes, Nothing remains quite the same.

Through all of the islands and all of the highlands,

If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane





Daze to remember, it feels like just yesterday we were playing in traffic at the intersection of Butterfield and Findley raising money for Misericordia, just to let you know, your efforts really paid off, the area total collected was \$872,460.02. Parrotheads, you did yourself proud once again. Just to let you know, if you could not be there, you can be there next year, the date has been announced to be April 25, 2009. So pencil it in right now.



Speaking of Misericordia, Family Fest is finally here. September 7th ... It you want to be a part of the event, then let me know and I will provide you with a ticket, and you can join your fellow Parrot Heads with pouring cold beer and soda to the family and friends of Misericordia. Here is your chance to bring joy to people that come and see us in our proud tropical attire.

Memory Walk is right around the corner, and we as a club still need walkers and donations. Right now, we are far from our monetary goal, let's get those requests out to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers. Remember, if you don't ask, you don't succeed. You will be surprised how people will support you if you only ask. This is an annual event for our club, here is just another way you can show your support of our club's efforts. Remember, September 14, 2008, 10:00 am is step off time for the walk, come out early to show your support. Montrose Harbor. Then join us at **Trader Todd's** for celebration after words.





From the Grill to the Grid Iron, East Coast to West Coast... We all had fun and really enjoyed ourselves at this year's concerts. I know that everyone wanted to make sure George and I were not overworked... I know I was not, and really enjoyed the great friends and food.



I am available if you need help on a grill, or help with a party, then give me a toot or a hoot, or just a "Hey could you please help me with a dinner"



**AND DON'T FORGET, ST. JUDE US 99 RADIOTHON,
AND BAKING AT MISERICORDIA ARE COMING UP,
WATCH THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS.**



2008 ELECTION'S
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APPROACHING, YOUR NOMINATION MUST
BE EMAILED TO OUR ELECTION JUDGE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Email your nomination to:

mike_fkicp@hotmail.com

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's website.***

ALOHA

Let's as a club start a fun new tradition, when a new member is introduced, let's say "ALOHA JOE" instead of the old worn out "HI JOE". This makes our welcome a little more tropical.

EMAIL AWARENESS

Well, we all love chatter on the yahoo email and it has been mentioned that there is not enough, but sometimes we need to stop and think of where the responses are going. If you could please be a little more aware of when you want to make a private reply to the sender, please "back channel" to the sender. This is done simply by using the old "copy and paste" method. Simply copy the sender's email address, then hit reply and paste it on the "To" line, and make sure the Chicago Parrot Head yahoo address is NOT on the address line.

A SUGGESTION FROM DEBBIE AND KEVIN ANDREWS SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT TO DO

Greetings Everyone, We have just a few weeks left until the annual Lake Geneva Bike Ride on Saturday October 4th, 2008. This year is the 10th anniversary, for those virgins the website is www.fattirememorialtour.com, Scooters are welcome even though is it much better with a bicycle.

We stay at the Cove of Lake Geneva right now there is a two night minimum as the ride gets closer they usually drop it to one night. We will need to confirm who is going to go so we can figure out rooms. www.cove-lake-geneva.com.

Planning on getting to Champs around 8:30am so you will need to park your car in the Cove parking lot then ride your bike to Champs which is right down the street then you will be on your bike for the rest of the day and will not check into the room after 5:00pm or possibly later.

For those who have been on the ride already. I can't wait for a sweet tart for those who never been it's a learning experience and will have to come to find out!!!

Thank you Debbie & Kevin for this great information. If anyone has something interesting, please do not hesitate to send it to me for publication. jean@chicagoparrotheads.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Teresa Carter 8/21

Bob Gard 8/23

Jamie Wall 8/26

John Ferbend 8/27

Mary Jo Compton 8/29

Beth Boudreau 9/3

Jeff Monroe 9/4

Jim Farrell 9/5

Don Wegner 9/5

Cherene Durano 9/7

Julie Hardesty 9/7

Grayceanne Paoletti 9/7

Jake Sibley 9/10

Greg Bukowski 9/11

Tim Crowley 9/12

Paul Perkins 9/15

Vince Stevens 9/17



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I SIMPLY RAN OUT OF ROOM

Sorry, but with all that I wanted to put in this month's issue, there was no room for the monthly calendar.

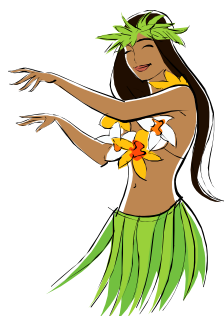
So with that said, if you are looking for something the club is doing, please check the club website

www.chicagoparrotheads.com

And click on the calendar

Or, check out the band's websites listed above to see what they are up to.

ALOHA NEW MEMBERS



Jake Sibley

Nancy Cauley

Debbie Banaszak

Beth Dee

Stephen Lisowski

Vince Stevens

Alina Stevens

James Paoletti

Grayceanne Paoletti

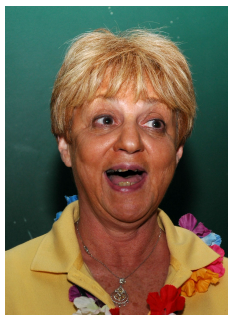


TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!!!

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.



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



*Beverly Kleinman
Membership*

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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A C The Midwest Caribbean Association/Chicago Parrot Head club is a Not For-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. Any general questions regarding our club, contact Mike "Rafone" Erickson Rafone66@comcast.net or write us at MCA/CPHC, PO BOX 6313, VILLA PARK, IL 60181

Club Hotline is open: 630-729-3156 Or visit our website

www.chicagoparrotheads.com

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