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From the Captain's Chair

Captain's Logbook

Seventeenth Entry: April 21, 2010

What a month tis has been. From the heat on yer face back to shivering cold, it be no doubt April weather fills the air. But as always, the weather ne'er dampens the spirits of this scurvy lot! What a shore party we engaged, and on to assist the good people of Misericordia. The excitement be building for the warmer climes, and with it the melodies of the outdoor

show. Soon come, me friends, and until then, let's continue making company with each other a habit. Me Crew has plenty of opportunities in store before the Big Time under the Big Top comes to call.

Bloody Bill

The Pirate King

The rain is famous for falling on the just and unjust alike.

~Mark Twain

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Alpine bus trip Update



We have a MAXIMUM allowance of 110 people. Seats are selling fast, so if you or your friends are procrastinating....DON'T!!!

It is confirmed that we dropped the cost per person by \$10.00 from last year, so....

Cost is \$60.00 per person until the **MAY CLUB MEETING**. At which time, the cost goes up to \$85.00.

Cost for anyone that just wants to tailgate but not taking the bus, \$25.00, you must make a reservation in advance so we can purchase enough food and drink.

REMEMBER: This includes food and drink ALL DAY!!!

Stops will include: Lake Zurich, Elmhurst, and O'Hare.

Get your seat request in now with your \$10.00 deposit. Final payment is due at the June club meeting.

Thank you to this year's bus captains: **Billy Brehm, Chi-Chi Skopec, Jeremy and Tiffany Biros.**

We still need volunteers to be Grillmaster



From Your Cruise Director—Karen Boylan

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TICKET & CONCERT BIDNESS

If you signed up for club tickets and have not already done so please pay for them ASAP, the deadline to has passed any tickets unpaid for by May 1 will be sold to those on the waiting list. The cost of tickets are \$136.

Here are the official club socials that are coming up. You get two attendance points for each event you attend.

One Particular Thursday

Remember Joe the manager went out on a limb against corporate to keep our monthly music night. So let's not forget to support it or we will lose it. Frank Whiting play Buffett favorites and our other requests. We owe a huge thank you to Frank for his participation in Party In ParrotDise so lets come out and support him. The next **One Particular Thursday at Cheeseburger in Paradise in Downers Grove is Thursday May 13 at 7:00 pm.**

May Day Mayhem at Cabana Charley's

The first of May the first of May kissing outside starts today. So on May 1, 2010 after you are done smooching head to Cabana Charley's in Woodrige **6615 Main St, Seven Bridges, Woodridge, IL** Where Mr. Myers will be playing tropical music from **8:30PM-12:30AM**. Dancing to Mr. Myers is a great way to show our appreciation for all of Todd Donnelly's help promoting Party In Parrot-Dise. www.cabanacharleys.com

KOTM—Kick Off The Month

Friday May 7, Bob Noonan will host the KOTM at **Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort** 2833 N. Sheffield in Wrigleyville. The details are still in the works but the fun will probably kick off around 7:00 ish—watch the web for more info. www.unclefatty.com

On July 2 Ron Horne will be leading us to Kick Off the Month in a style worthy of Duval Street, one our favorite MOTM artists—Scott Kirby will be playing at the Key Wester in Naperville. **June is wide open—got a great bar we should check out? Sign up to host June or pass the info along to me and I can set it up!**

History Lesson

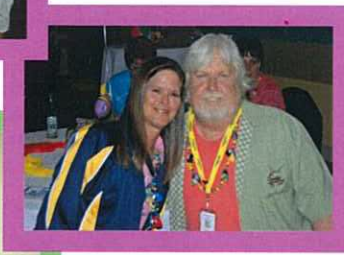
Where did our club president Billy the Pirate King meet his first mate Kristin? At the biggest festival on the South Side—**Gaelic Park Irish Fest**. This fest is held every Memorial Day weekend in Oak Forest Illinois at 6119 147th Street. There are tons of great musical acts throughout the weekend but on **Sunday May 30** there are two wonderful party groups playing The Fenians and Gaelic Storm (the even sing a song called Pina Colada in A Pint Glass!). The exact schedule is TBD but we will meet at the fest enjoy some Irish culture and beverages and great music. Billy & Kristin hope you were not planning a romantic anniversary...the parrot heads are crashing.

www.chicagogaelpark.org

Camping Trip/Beach Party

Mark your calendars for the July 23—July 25th. Bill & Dee Tropp have their own One Particular Harbor at Pearl Lake Campground, and they are inviting us to share it. We will be having a club camping trip at Pearl Lake, mmm beers, smores and relaxing on the beach all day... For those that don't want to camp you can come for a day at the beach. Contact Dee Tropp if you need more info.

Party In Parrot Disc





Kristin's Korner.... Kristin McFadden Secretary Kristin@chicagoparrotheads.com

PASCAGOULA RUN 5 STATES IN 5 DAYS?

Sounds crazy, but true!! We had to keep counting on our fingers. We needed to get away, and as Spring Break loomed near, the concept of running down to New Orleans crossed our minds and we never looked back. Billy got off work at 8:00 on a Saturday morning, we loaded up the car and hit the road South. After a quick 7 and a half hours, we rolled into Memphis in daylight. With Priceline working its' magic for hotels, we stayed in 5 and 6 star hotels the whole trip for less than \$79 every night! So in Memphis.....a quick trolley ride in an old wooden manually operated car for \$1, and we were quickly on Beale Street. Statues of Elvis and the smell of BBQ and delat blues filling the air. There are always the popular places, Coyote Ugly, BB Kings, etc.....but after we ate some great Southern cooking, we settled on a small dive bar and sat ourselves in the window to listen to the live blues band and watch the people walk by. By the way.....they close Beale Street like it is a festival so everyone can just walk around and enjoy the sites and sounds!

OK....next day, continue south and after 6 and a half hours we are in New Orleans! Nothing like staying in a beautiful hotel on Canal overlooking the French Quarter, and we were barely in the door before we ran back downstairs and headed into the streets. We wandered down Bourbon Street once, but we have been there, and not up for the touristy thing. But starving, we hit O'Briens for a quick bite, and although known for their Hurricanes, their Bloody Mary's are simply the best!!!! A little too cold to sit in the wide open courtyard, but the feel was there. After that, we popped across the street to The Boondock Saint. And yes, they have the movie looped on a TV and play all manner of Irish music from traditional to punk. There we talked to several locals and realized we are truly in the South with a story that is best not put on paper. But they directed us to where the locals go, where to eat, and where to go see the big old houses, including where Sandra Bullock lives. A few more stops included voodoo shops (Kristin was on a mission to curse her boss!), Marie Laveau's bar, with (I am not kidding) what appears to be a petrified cat above the bar in a glass case! The Brew House (OMG....the seafood cheesecake and roast duck with cornbread stuffing is outstanding), Cafe Du Monde for beignets and that signature coffee with chickory, and our personal favorite the French market with grilled oysters in the half shell and 2 pound mounds of crawfish! One last stop in New Orleans, and a not to miss is the Blacksmith Shop on Bourbon, but way at the end away from the hustle and bustle. It is actually the oldest bar in the United States, check it out!

Of note while down there is that you can run out a couple hours, which we did, to the Tabasco factory, and for \$1 you get on Avery Island and can get a tour and get samples and food and souvenirs. It was cool. being the first salt mine, which still operates under the island, Tabasco sits in oak casks for 3 years we found out, and they have so many awesome flavors now, including jalapeno and Sweet and Sour ice cream!!! Sounds weird but it was delicious!

OK.....so by now, you have figured out we are on a food and drink trip, which we were, which leads to the Pascagoula Run, as we named it. BECAUSE.....we headed out of New Orleans heading East and ran the coastline through Mississippi to Alabama, drove through Biloxi and also Pascagoula, and saw the beginning stages of the Margaritaville Hotel and Casino, and made our final southern stop at where else? The FLORABAMA! Ok, I know you may get excited since Jimmy has a passion for this place... but the original was destroyed in a hurricane, and the new one is coming together, but really.....it is truly a dive that people stopped in, grabbed food and a drink, and left. LOL The staff seemed bored or at best irritated to have to work. The ocean looked great though and the warm breeze was awesome! So we checked that off our list and headed North to Nashville. This was a long day and we just needed food and a bed before heading home the next day to make the Club meeting!

All in all, we figured we drove I-55 and I-65 start to finish, and passed through Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, and Indiana. Not bad for 5 days, and the stories we could tell, but just not enough room in the Korner, but do ask.....our little Pascagoula Run was a blast!

Beach Drink of the Month!! Surfing in a Hurricane

Ingredients: 3 oz Dark Rum, 3 oz Passion Fruit Juice, 1 1/2 oz Grenadine, 1 1/2 Oz Orange Juice, a handful of ice, a Surfboard, and your significant other.

Directions: Instead of trying to reason with the next hurricane season, let's get out our surfboards and paddle out! The only trouble is that you're stuck here in Illinois and the nearest coastline is a fifteen hour road trip away. What to do? Let's start by combining all of the listed ingredients into a shaker with ice (you *could* make a "frozen hurricane" if you want to get the blender out, but usually when the hurricane comes, your power is out unless you happen to live with the twelve volt man). Now, lets get our Buffett or Beach Boy Music out and get down to business (note the song also calls for "making love in the pouring rain," so grab your significant other and sing along ... Why Don't We Get Drunk.... (any further instruction would cause this newsletter to lose its PG rating).

CHARITY EVENTS



Come Join our Relay For Life Team

2010 Relay For Life of Bridgeview IL on Friday, July 16, 2010 at Bridgeview Park District. The Relay For Life allows people to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. The event starts at 6pm with a Survivor lap allowing us to applaud and CELEBRATE all those who have beaten or who are battling cancer. After dark, we REMEMBER our loved ones who lost their lives to cancer as well as those whose life has been affected by cancer with the Luminaria Ceremony. Then just at the sky turns its darkest and the day its coldest the sun will rise on the relay as we FIGHT BACK with the Fight Back Ceremony. During this time we make a personal commitment to take up the fight against cancer. How do you sign up? It's a long email address but here it is:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10IL?team_id=685713&pg=team&fr_id=22113&fl=en_US&et=SRcfeYbiUn2ILX4ts2SVNg..&s_tafId=429817

We will also post it in the Yahoo! Group. You can also donate but attending, volunteering for or donating to Party In ParrotDise 2010 as 50 % of the profits go to our Relay For Life team.



Candy Days

We are still accepting sign-ups for Candy Day THIS Saturday, April 24th. This is a great opportunity to practice your piratical ways by taking money from strangers on the corner of Butterfield and Finley in the D.G. Chi Chi and Mike B are chairing the event but if you want to sign up please email me or the crew. We start at 9am and finish at 5pm with a sign-up times being every two hours. Afterwards, we party at CBIP.

PIRATES VS BANANAS

OKAY THAT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE A FAIR CONTEST! SATURDAY JUNE 26 FOR THOSE NOT ON THE SHIP SAILING FOR ALPINE VALLEY WE HAVE ANOTHER ADVENTURE PLANNED. THE CHICAGO BEACHATHALON IS BEING HELD THAT DAY A 5K RACE THAT RUNNERS NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH SOME TROPICAL OBSTACLES THIS YEAR ONE OF THE OBSTACLES THEY MUST RUN THROUGH IS A BAND OF PIRATES SWORD FIGHTING A BUNCH OF BANANAS OVER THE TREASURE! THE BEACHATHLON PLANNERS HAVE ASKED US TO PROVIDE THE PIRATES OR BANANAS (THEY HAVE THE COSTUMES) VOLUNTEERS GET A COOL TSHIRT, AND AN INVITE TO THE AFTER RACE LUAU AT CASTAWAYS ON NORTH AVENUE BEACH PLEASE LET KAREN BOYLAN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP



ParrotHead of the Month!!! "Captain" Billy Brehm

Bloody Bill, aka: "MISTER PRESIDENT"...

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO PARROTHEADS? 6 or 7 YEARS I THINK?

WHAT IS YOUR HOMETOWN and WHERE DO YOU LIVE NOW? GREW UP IN Lake Zurich, now live in Franklin Park

BUFFETT'S MAKIN' MUSIC FOR MONEY, WHAT DO YOU DO? Lieutenant and Acting Commander for the Franklin Park Fire Department

HAVE YOU BEEN TO KEY WEST? yes **HOW MANY TIMES?** 4 times I think

IF YES, HAVE YOU STUMBLED OVER TO LOUIE'S BACK YARD? Yes I have! Me and Kristin!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BUFFETT SONG? Tough choice! Always loved Pirate Looks at 40, Southern Cross, Coast of Carolina, Petite les Enfants.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE LYRIC FROM ANY BUFFETT SONG? Hard to say. Different lyrics reflect where I am at the time. I remember thinking "When you've seen the Southern Cross for the first time, you'll understand that's why you came this way." And I was looking up at the Southern Cross in South Africa, after cage diving with Great White Sharks all day. Just makes you smile and reflect.

HOW MANY BUFFETT CONCERTS HAVE YOU BEEN TO? Seen or tailgated? I'm such a boy, I really don't track these things!

WHAT'S ON YOUR CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE? Everything!

BESIDES BUFFETT, WHAT OTHER KINDS OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO? Reggae baby!

IF YOU COULD MEET ANY PERSON, LIVING OR NOT, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY? Bob Marley (just to see how cool he really was), Einstein (to get a glimpse of such an incredible mind), and Hitler (just to say Wow, what were you thinking? Stupid! KAPOW!)

WHAT IS IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR? a towel (never go anywhere without a towel) and the bin for pop tops!

FAVORITE DRINK? Dirty Banana, Red Stripe, RUM! **FAVORITE MOVIE?** Goonies

FAVORITE BOOK? Oooh, hard one. I like Fantasy and Sci Fi. Does porn count? Serious book? Consilience: the Unity of Reason. But it's a deep concept. Tried reading Quantum Physics but it gave me a headache.

WHERE IS YOUR ONE PARTICULAR HARBOUR? Negril, Jamaica!

WORDS TO LIVE BY? Wait til next year!

WHAT'S THE STORY YOU'RE STICKING TO? Kristin did it

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU ABOUT BEING A PARROTHEAD? Having such an incredible group of friends brought together by a common thread, and seeing the world as a place we can make an impact on, no matter how small, and enjoying the ride while we do it.

Membership news from Pirate Momma, Aymee...



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! ALOHA PHriends !

We have some New Members to recognize in April !

A HUGE WELCOME and ALOHA goes out to :

Mike Klaus ~ he is the Treasurer of the Milwaukee Club and visited with us last month -
His favourite song is Fruitcakes !
and **Christine Skole** ~ whose One Particular Harbour is Tocumwal NSW—Australia !

We had several new friends join us at Party In Parrot –Dise

Wayne and Liz Floegel – whose One Particular Harbour is FULL OF MILLER DRINKERS !!!

Suzie Wolf – whose Favourite Buffett tune is LOVE and LUCK !

Mike and Annette Post – who knows that “If we couldn’t laugh we would all go insane !”

Claudia Kell – whose Favourite Buffett tune is JIMMY DREAMS !

Bill and Kristin Conradi – whose One Particular Harbour is Kaibo, Cayman Islands !

Jeff VanAlstine – who I forced to become a Member since he said he was from Downers Grove, but he now lives in Buffalo Grove !

Steve and Karyn Clough – whose Favourite Buffett song is *FINS!*

and **Joe Binkowski** who’s favorite song is “*Cowboy In the Jungle*”

E KOMO MAI ! WELCOME !

You are a part of our OHANA now ! We look forward to getting to know you !

and A Hearty “Welcome Back” to:

Sheila Vanek, Jake Sibley, and Greg Bukowski !

WE’VE MISSED YOU !

Growing older but not up,
Happy Birthday wishes to:

APRIL:

Dee Tropp ~ April 22nd

Sharon Klupar ~ April 24th

Mike LaGioia ~ April 26th

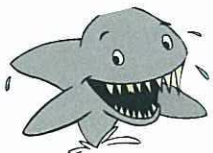
Bob McAllister ~ April 30th

MAY:

Ron Horne ~ May 1st

Alina Stevens ~ May 6th

Rick Kleinman ~ May 22nd



FINZ UP TO ALL !

Are you missing from our Birthday List ? If your Birthday is not listed that means I NEED IT !

Please email me right away so I have your information !

I’m sorry if I missed you! THANKS SO MUCH !

Please don’t forget to sign up for our Birthday list !

Please point your browser to:

<http://www.birthdayalarm.com/dob/4413319a1886359b363>

When Birthday Alarm asks for your name,

please add PARROTHEAD in the first name line **BEFORE** your name. Also, feel free to add any

Anniversaries if you’d like !

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SPAM FROM THIS SITE !!!

If you do not feel comfortable using the link, please email me with your NAME and Birthday/Anniversary info and I will add you to the list without Birthday Alarm.

Thanx !

THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL

AND I WISH YOU A RAG TOP DAY !

**Always, Pirate Momma,
Aymee**



April/May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			21 Club Meeting Elmhurst Public House 7:30	22	23 Mr. Myers Trio CIP Algonquin	24 Misericordia Candy Days 9-5 Corner of Finley and Butterfield
25	26	27	28	29	30 Mr. Myers Blarney New Year, Blarney Island, Chain O'Lakes Antioch, IL	1 One Particular Harbor/Dubuque *** Mr. Myers Full Band Cabana Charley's Wood- ridge, IL
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9 Mothers Day 	10	11	12	13 One Particular Thursday CIP/ Downers Grove	14	15
16	17	18	19 Club Meeting 7:00 Elmhurst Public House	20	21 Local Favorite Band Taste of Glen Ellyn 6-7:30 *** Mr. Myers Trio, CIP Algonquin 9-12	22
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Summer is coming, if you know of a band that is performing in our area, or a special event the club may be interested in, please send me an email so I can make sure I add them on our calendar. jean@chicagoparroheads.com

For complete details on times and locations, check either the club's website calendar www.chicagoparroheads.com or the individual band's websites. Links posted on page 1.

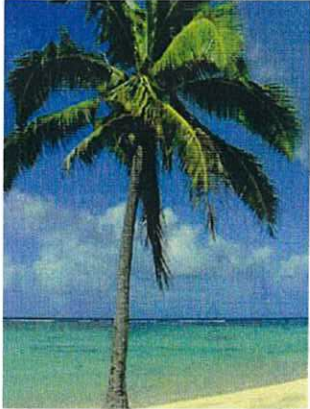
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