



The purpose of our Parrothead club is to be a social club that promotes friendships and social activities for people with similar interests including the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett's style of music, Caribbean travel and an island inspired lifestyle.

Meeting of the Minds – Over the years

By Tina Hoyle
 With help from Kevin Hoyle and Tim Hauser
 (and by help I mean opinions)

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Meeting of the Minds. There is quite a bit of history of it being in New Orleans or some other places, but I have only known it to be in Key West, where it belongs. For those that have never been to MOTM, I thought I would share some stories of some of the great times had by some of us in the Parrothead Club of Charlotte. This is by no means all inclusive, since most of the time, if you're doing it right, you may not remember what happened until someone shows you a picture (I really did hug a palm tree J) and Charlotte was on "Tina duty" once. Other than that, some good memories below. If you have not attended, this would be a good year to do so. I hear Jimmy's going to be there.



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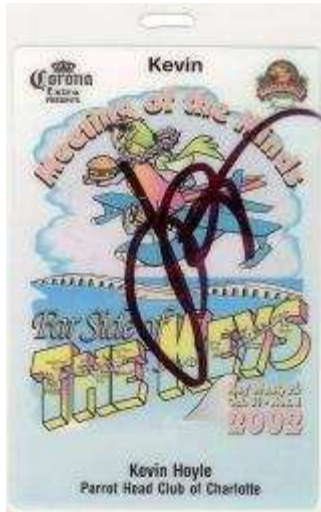
Dues are due in July now for all members

We have gone to a renewal date of July 1 for all members. This will make it easier for the board to budget and easier for all members to remember. See Ron or Tina for details.

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Might as well start with the best time, according to Kevin. We were in Margaritaville, we knew Jimmy was heading that way. Kevin went behind Margaritaville, just as Jimmy was pulling up, protected by Charleston. If you haven't seen Charleston. He's a really big guy. He immediately spotted Kevin (aka the stalker) and starting say no before Kevin even asked for anything. Of course Kevin had some liquid courage in him, and went passed Charleston and up to Jimmy and asked for his autograph. What a way to start the first of 10 annual trips to KW. Then there was the time Kevin lead the conga line through the bull and whistle out onto Duval Street or seeing Jimmy at a the Casa while standing in ocean, beverage in hand, in the warm summer night.

One of the greatest things about MOTM is that everybody is happy. Whether from the alcohol or just happy. We have met so many people and we only see them once a year, in Key West. It's a great place to listen to Trop-Rock bands, find new music to listen to and make new friends.



For the first few years we attended, we stayed at the Casa Marina. That's the host hotel for this event. After realizing that we spent more time on the other side of the island, we began a mission to find the perfect place. Since we spend most of our time at the Bull, they won't let us stay there overnight, although we've tried, our second favorite place is Schooner Wharf. There's a little bed and breakfast there called the Key West Harbor View Inn (<http://keywestharborinn.com>). We can open up the windows and hear the music from Schooners or go to our rolling cooler, aka our truck, and restock on beverages very easily.

One time Jimmy showed up and was playing at the Casa Marina. A couple of us decided that we were leaving, as he was playing or maybe he hadn't even started yet, we were going to go to Margaritaville and get the best seat in the house. We did and we waited and waited and waited. Jimmy didn't show. What knucklehead leaves a free private show on speculation on where he is going next? A drunk knucklehead.

MOTM used to have a balcony decorating contest at the Casa Marina. After the hurricane and its

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Lies, Rumors and News from Other Sources



A little known fact about singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett is that all of his business ventures, including his "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise Restaurants", his line of footwear, et cetera, earn him about \$100 million annually. In 2006, Rolling Stone Magazine listed Buffett as the "7th richest rock star".

Jimmy lost his cell phone on May 28, 2005, at Brisa Atlantica, a Cuban restaurant in Delray Beach, Fla. Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Al Gore, George Strait, Alan Jackson, Clint Black, George Clooney, Bill Gates and Harrison Ford were among the high-profile entries in Buffett's contact list on his Sony Ericsson phone. The busboy who found his phone was fired after crank calls were allegedly made to Bill Clinton. The Secret Service visited his home and the phone was seized and returned to Buffett, although the sim card was missing.

The World's Largest Cocktail was mixed at Buffett's Margaritaville in Orlando, Fla. between May 18 and 20, 2001. The "Big Rita" was made from 5,280 gallons of Margaritaville Margarita Mix, 437 gallons of Rose's Triple Sec and 1,321 gallons of Margaritaville Tequila. It was served on the rocks with 17 tons of ice, a salt rim, lime and straw in a 7,500-gallon glass that was two-stories tall. Talk about wasting away in Margaritaville!

To date, Jimmy has recorded 28 studio albums, 12 Live albums, 10 Compilation/Specialty albums and released 69 singles. Buffett also owns his own record label, Mailboat Records, enabling him to earn as much as a \$5 royalty per record sold, as compared to the standard \$1 to \$2.50.

Jimmy Buffett performed at the Vehicle Assembly Building for the Space Shuttle workers after the final space shuttle launch of the Atlantis on Friday July 8th. Buffett performed four songs including: "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes", "Margaritaville", "Somewhere Over China" (Acoustic) and "Brown Eyed Girl" (My personal favorite song of all time...).

By popular request here is the recipe for the salsa that was such a hit at the concert.

- 1 can black beans
- 1 whole pineapple
- 2 mangos
- 4 jalapenos
- The rest to taste:
 - Cilantro
 - Green onion
 - Tomatoes
 - Red peppers
 - Fresh lime juice
 - Garlic powder
 - Salt and pepper



Thanks Deanna McElwee!



Take me out to the Ballgame!

The Hickory Crawdads extended a personal invite to the Parrothead Club of Charlotte for their Beach/Bufett night. About 17 (+/-...) members and friends were able to make it to Thirsty Thursday and we honored with discounted tickets and our own reserved section right along first base line. It was a great evening out!

Our very own KYLA SHOEMAKER was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch and Crawdads pulled out a victory! The company was great and the \$1 and \$2 beers were nice and tasty! Maybe next time we go the temperature will be a little lower...



Stars Fell on Alabama

For the first year we attend an event in lower Alabama called "Star Fell on Alabama". It is a typical tropical rock music weekend featuring music and drinking... Surprise surprise. It was well organized, the weather was perfect and the beach tent music venue was a nice touch. We spent time at one of the worlds greatest dives call the Florabama. We also were treated to an afternoon at Lulu (Jimmy's sister's bar/restaurant) and some more great music. Florabama is a place you have to see for yourself and Lulu was a great place to spend an afternoon.



After we left the venue, a few of us went to Pensacola. We thought we would stop in at Jimmy's hotel there to check it out and we didn't leave. We checked in and by far this is one of the nicest hotels I have ever stayed at. The views are magnificent, the water crystal clear and the rooms were comfortable and tastefully decorated. It is a place we will go back to soon, I hope. There is a great bar inside called Frankie and Lolas and even better a Landshark Café within a few hundred feet. This open-air café serves the normal beach faire and at night, there is a fin-shaped fire pit with barstools surrounding it! Great place to start or end the evening. -Tina



As Told In A Song

**Can you name the Song and Album?
Bonus points for the year!**

Six months of dark's a bummer
So they invent a little summer
It doesn't take much
Just a decorator's touch
And a tropical state of mind
And of course you add some wine
And that's when it's time to play

**Answers can be found somewhere
in the newsletter.**

Have a favorite lyric? Submit it today!



Parrot Poop

By Parrot Pete

Parrot Poop this month is about the simple life of yesteryears. I am reminded of my teaching days at Texas A&M and a class that had never heard of a tire swing. Talking of past summers and fun as a kid, I asked my summer school class had anyone ever swung on a tire swing? The answer was blank stares. One bold student asked me what was a tire swing? Answer: A simple tire tied to a rope tied to a branch of a tree -- ideally over a swimming hole. The challenge was on - next day a nice tire and rope appeared at the beginning of class. Out we went to a big tree in back of our classroom. What a blast we had that day, until the Dean called me in and sternly said the University's insurance did not cover tire swings so take it down immediately! Oh well, the price of education! I even played Jimmy's A1A album (track 6, side A) - A1A being my favorite album of all Jimmy Buffett's efforts. The album was named for Florida State Road Atlantic 1 Alternate (A1A) that runs mostly along the Atlantic Ocean and is the main road through most oceanfront towns, ending in Key West at the Southernmost Point in the continental USA - a "must see" when in Key West.

"Life is Just A Tire Swing" is being played on the Welcome to FinLand Tour and is a favorite of Jimmy's. It is about life in Mississippi back in the 60's. The creosote plant on the famous Singing River (known for its mysterious sounds of bees swarming in early summer evenings) emitted quite a smell as you passed them on the toll bridge from Pascagoula to Gautier, Mississippi. Ah, the Pascagoula Run!! Jimmy's crazy old uncle and aunt who lived in the Antebellum house are thought to be the Gautiers themselves. The old house was a classic southern mansion with many old trees for tire swings.

One Illinois morning on a highway going someplace, Jimmy fell asleep at the wheel.

"Then the other mornin' on some Illinois road
I fell asleep at the wheel,
But was quickly wakened up by a 'Ma Bell'
telephone pole

And a bunch of Grant Wood faces screamin'"
He still alive?" Through the window I could see
it hangin' from

A tree and I knew I had survived"

" Life is just a tire swing"'Jambalaya is the best
song I can sing

Blackberry pickin', eatin' fried chicken,
But I finally learned a lot about pain,
Life is just a tire swing."

Project HALO Update

The Parrothead Club of Charlotte participated in an event to help HALO (Helping Animals Live On), a no-kill animal shelter. It was a hot day at Concord Mills, but we still had 11 members and friends show up to help show off the dogs and donate items. There were 7 dogs on that day, ranging from a tiny but spunky Chihuahua who wanted to put everyone in line, to a shepherd that everyone loved. We had 2 applications for adoptions and hopefully we found loving homes for a couple of them. Since the event, two of our members Rusty and Nancy have adopted a great looking pup from Project HALO.

Rusty & Nancy's new addition
8(ish) year old Abbey.



Welcome to the Phlock!



Please Welcome Our Newest Phlockers to the Group!

Todd and Pam Ballard
 Mike and Tracy Vazquez
 Ken Womack
 Mo and Neen Fregia
 Jeff and Debby Bills
 Amanda and Gabe Ballog
 Troy and Tina Bennett
 Lisa Lance

Upcoming meeting/socials:

August 4th
 September 8th
 October 6th



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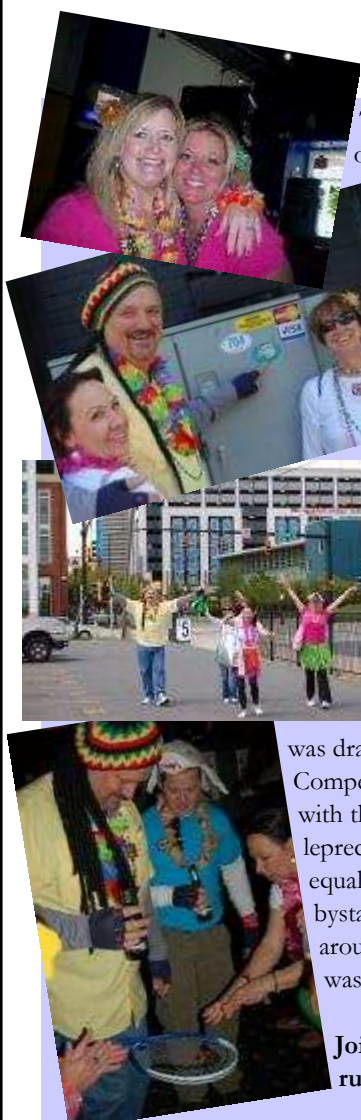
Tina Hoyle
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This past April two brave teams of Parrotheads entered into an extreme race. No, an AMAZING RACE. Festivities started early with pre-game warm-up drinks in the parking deck just to get everyone primed and ready. The event started at Brixx with a FREE beer. Teams split up and entered the race with clues given to the next bar. After a small fail on the "easy" clue it was evident that the teams needed to split up and run their own race (note for next time). At all bars, a challenge was completed and a drink was drank then it was on to the next bar. Competition was tough as we were faced with the likes of rainbow brights, leprechauns and other groups that were equally festively dressed. The looks from bystanders was priceless as groups ran around Charlotte. Our last place finish was a victory of its own...



Join us for the next adventure as they are running the race again SEPT 17th!

Words of Wisdom answer:
 Turn Up The Heat And Chill The Rose
 Buffet Hotel - 2009



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remodel, it became all uppity and there are no more balcony contests. However, the PCOC did win one year. Perhaps we begged and bribed, but a win is a win!!

For a year or two, MOTM fell on Halloween. Some of our members thought it would be great to go to the graveyard (all above ground) at midnight. Needless to say, the gates were locked and getting in and out caused some bruised butts and broken cameras.

A story has it that if you get arrested in Key West, when released if you go across the street to the Green Parrot, your first drink is on them. Luckily no one that I know of in the club has needed to see if that is true. However, the Sauce Boss plays there most nights during MOTM. A little known secret of the club. The club must bail you out of KW jail. This can only be used once for anyone in the club. Yet to be done.

Each year Duval Street is closed down and a street festival takes place. Great music on stage from what I hear and fun is had by all. Jimmy has played there, unannounced of course.(2002)

A great breakfast place and not to be missed is Blue Heaven. If it weren't for the chickens walking around there (and the entire city), it would be a 5 star restaurant. However, banana bread, the eggs benedict and the pancakes are worth the trip there.

And of course late night at the bull & whistle. First floor is the bull, second floor is the whistle. If you venture further up... well you need to find out on your own like I did.

We were in Key West during MOTM when Captain Tony died... The stories you may hear about him are probably true. Dirty old man that if you get too close to him and you're a woman, something will be grabbed. RIP Captain Tony.

One unofficial club record is three quarters in a row in the fish mouth above the door at Capt.

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20th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2011
"Don't Stop The Carnival"
(Key West, Florida)
November 3-November 6, 2011
On-Line Registration is OPEN!



**Key West
2010**

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Tony's. This is a personal best to date for Kevin and most likely a club record. But its a good thing we don't keep club records...

The club also participated in the scavenger hunt that takes place. This is a sore spot for some, so if you want to hear the full story, just ask some of the club members. I'm just going to say that I had already paid for the drinks, should I have left the drinks... That's all on that topic.

So as you can see, many stories have happened and will happen in the future. Actually this is just the tip of the iceberg of stories. But this not a book. Come to KW this year, hear the old stores and make a few of your own. If you haven't been, this is the year to do it!!! If you have been, see you in November.





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This Months

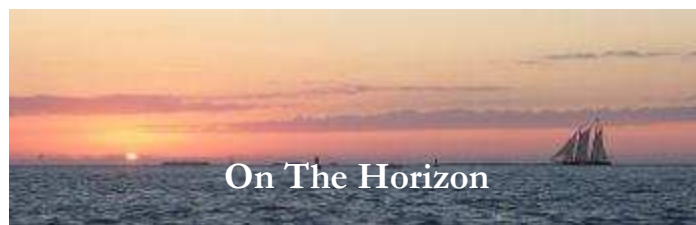
Tropical Dream:

1 oz. Malibu Mango Rum
 1 oz. Malibu Coconut Rum
 1 oz. Banana Schnapps
 1 oz. Vanilla Vodka
 2 oz. Pineapple Juice
 2 oz. Orange Juice
 Grenadine

Combine all ingredients (except grenadine) with ice and shake. Strain into a hurricane glass and float a dash of grenadine on the top.

Drink Recipe

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On The Horizon

3rd Quarter

Phlock the Vineyard

Women's Clothing Drive

Amazing Race Bar Crawl

4th Quarter

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Coat Drive

Tour Dates

August 2011

08.19.2011 - Nikon At Jones Beach Theater - New York, NY

08.23.2011 - Riverbend Music Center - Cincinnati, OH

08.25.2011 - Verizon Wireless Music Center - Indianapolis, IN

08.27.2011 - Jiffy Lube Live - Bristol, TN

Sept 2011

09.26.2011 - L'Olympia - Paris, France

10.15.2011 - Las Vegas - MGM Grand Garden Arena

10.22.2011 - Las Vegas - MGM Grand Garden Arena



Club Treasury



Current Balance:

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