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Mark your calendar!

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 20-21 - The Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer
- Oct 18 - Alzheimer's Memory Walk
- Oct 24-26 - Susan G. Komen 3 Day Breast Cancer Walk
- Oct 30-Nov 2 - MOTM
- Dec TBA—APHC Christmas Party
- Mar 15-22, 2009 - Parrothead Cruise 2009

The Club Newsletter is back!

By Dawn Brys, APHC Newsletter Editor

After a hiatus for a couple of years, I am proud to present the updated version of our club newsletter.

When Communications Director Brent Jones heard that I had volunteered to work on the newsletter a while ago, he quickly contacted me and convinced me that I had the skills to complete such a task. Having never done a newsletter before nor being a writer by trade, I was of course skeptical. However, it is hard to argue with Brent's enthusiasm! Armed with wonderful newsletters from other clubs across the USA and articles submitted by others, I got to work!

So, here is the first of what we hope are many quarterly newsletters! As you can see, we are trying to combine club news with interesting columns. These columns include a variety of topics, such as Fred McFarlin's quarterly column about the state of trop rock, the APHC on the road at other club events, and the "Get to know..." column that will spotlight people who have organized ways to enhance the parrot head experience. The newsletter will also include club business such as election results and annual financial updates.

Guess what? I am looking for people to help out! I'm looking for folks interested in writing stories, editing assistance, assisting with managing deadlines, as well as to help with the newsletter layout. Feel free to contact me if you are interested.

Now, go find yourself a comfy beach chair, pour yourself a frosty adult beverage, and enjoy reading our newsletter! Thanks everyone for giving me the opportunity to create this for you!

- Dawn Brys, newsletter@atlantaparrotheadclub.org

LifeSouth Blood Drive a Parrot Head Success!

By Dawn Brys and Cathy Edwards

On May 31, eleven club members headed over to LifeSouth to volunteer for their blood drive. After sneaking around the vicinity placing flyers on cars, DJ Fred McFarlin pumped out the tropical tunes while club members kept the hotdogs roasting & handed out virgin margaritas to those brave enough to donate blood. LifeSouth was kind enough to provide the APHC volunteers with a great tropical-themed tee shirt and decorations for the event. Clearly, this was no ordinary blood drive, and LifeSouth was happy to encourage us!

Are you still interested in helping LifeSouth? Want to earn another community service point? All you have to do is donate blood to LifeSouth three times before April 2009 when our calendar year ends and you can get a point! Contact Cathy Edwards for details!

Our Day at MedShare

By Marinda Rule

Every day hospitals and clinics throw out hundreds of pounds of supplies that are perfectly viable. MedShare puts collection bins in these facilities and then sends donations to places where they are desperately needed around the globe. This simple act benefits the global community and helps the environment by keeping them out of landfills.

Twelve eager Parrot Heads met at the MedShare headquarters on July 12th to sort through some of the col-

lected. First we toured the MedShare headquarters, including the huge warehouse full of boxes packed by volunteers like ourselves. Coordinators Sarah and TJ reminded us that all of it would be lying in a dump somewhere if not for MedShare. It is safe to say that we were in awe of just how wasteful we as Americans could be.

With Trop Rock tunes fueling us, we sorted over 1500 lbs of supplies and packed over 100 boxes, having a great time

all the while! TJ and Sarah said we were one of the most fun groups they had ever worked with and encouraged us to make MedShare a regular service project.

I would like to thank everyone who participated for supporting one of my favorite charities. You all deserve a great big boat drink for a job well done! If you would like to donate your time and/or money to this wonderful cause, you can visit their website www.medshare.org.



Carolyn Guy packs children's hospital gowns to be stored in the MedShare warehouse. These garments could be shipped to places as far as Africa or to clinics here in the good 'ol U.S. of A thanks to volunteers like us!

2008 Concert - Back Where We Belong

By Wayne Myers

After a concert at Philips Arena last year, Jimmy returned to where he should actually be playing-Lakewood. The APHC returned to our usual private spot thanks to Akeasha Branch. The day started about 11am with Jim Asbell and the Tropiholics, followed by headliner Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24. Both bands set the tunes for the day, playing about our own

pirate ship "El Dorado". We had close to 300 Parrotheads from all over the country enjoying our little event despite the 100 degree heat. In addition, we raised nearly \$2500 for Alzheimer's Research with our spinning wheel.

Dare I say this was the best tailgate we have ever hosted? We'll leave that up to those who attended to decide.

This great event could not have been done without the "Brute Squad", who were at the parking lot 4pm the night before and back at 9am to ensure the party went off without a hitch. Big thanks have to go to Frank McInvale, Everett Glover, Buzz Glover, Joel Oates, Brent Jones, and Tammy Richter for busting their collective butts for two days. Thanks also go to members who volunteered their time during the event.

Do you think this was the best tailgate ever? Do you have ideas to make it even better? Email the board with your ideas! We want to hear from you about not only the tailgate, but any ideas you have for future events.

On the Road... APHC goes to FinFest IX

By Dawn Brys

On June 14, The Palmetto Parrot Head Club in Columbia, SC held their 9th annual FinFest event to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. Held across from William Brice Stadium, an impressive musical lineup performed while we sampled margaritas, rum punch, and of course bought lots of raffle and Chinese auction tickets. The lineup of musical acts were Laidback

Larry, Tsunami Wave Riders, Fin City Duo, Brent Burns, and Sunny Jim.

The low admission price of \$40 included food and drinks – including the alcoholic kind! Boiled peanuts & popcorn were on every table, and friends new and old enjoyed great conversations and dancing. Even the local news camera crew was amazed at how

everyone was having a great time! They happily filmed the festivities for the evening news!

The Palmetto Parrot Head Club was able to present a check to the SC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for \$10,000!!! This is the highest amount they have raised at any one annual FinFest event! The "party with a purpose" spirit was clearly in the air that day!



APHC members Dan Brys, Gloria Pashke, Marinda Rule, and Bryan Herger enjoying Sunny Jim's performance at FinFest IX in Columbia, SC... or what they can remember of it!

Trop Rock Update—Get to know your local Artists!

A Quarterly update by Fred McFarlin

Parrotheads and music go together like cold Mexican beer and a slice of lime. Whether it's country, classic rock, reggae or beach music – a tailgate or tiki bar without the appropriate tunes would be like Mallory Square without the Cat Man; much better than a landlocked day stuck in the office but somehow still a couple sandwiches short of a picnic. Of course, JB is still #1 on most Parrotheads' party-time playlists. However, right behind Bubba is an ever-expanding list of artists that fall under the broad category of "Trop Rock". Listing them all here would take up way too much space. So, in this issue of the new APHC newsletter I thought I'd introduce you to just a few – concentrating on our little slice of heaven, the "Sunny South". Many of you will already be familiar with a lot of these artists. For others, here's hoping it expands your musical horizons. So, fire up the blender and let's go Trop Rockin'!

Georgia's own A1A and Jim Asbell and the Tropaholics need no introduction to most APHC members. Jeff Pike and the band share a history with the club that goes back to the club's formation, and several of Mr. Asbell's songs claim club members as their inspiration and main subject matter.

Hailing from the Acworth area – and familiar to anyone who stopped by the Meet The Phlockers tent at the most recent Buffett show at Lakewood - is a hard working combo with plenty of Caribbean soul known as the Parrot Island Band, featuring husband and wife team Bry and Linda Harris. To hear more of the band, check out their website at <http://www.parrotislandband.com>.

Another North GA group well known in Phlocker circles is the Zac Brown Band. Although much of the ZBB's material is directed to the young-country crowd (their latest single, "Chicken Fried," is getting airplay on country stations around the US), their

latest CD, "The Foundation," features the songs "Toes" (as in "Got my toes in the water, ass in the sand") and "Where The Boat Leaves From," that are tailor made for when it's Five O'Clock somewhere. Hear more at www.zacbrownband.com.

Like the Zac Brown Band, Atlanta's own Rockin' Pontoons are typically considered more of an alt-country act. In fact, two weeks ago, chief song writer and lead singer Steve Coffey hadn't even heard the term Trop Rock. But, with song titles like "On the Road With Buffett" and lyrics that include references to topics near and dear to Parrothead hearts ("I don't want to give a motivational speech, I just want to live at the beach"), it's not too hard to imagine them performing at a tiki bar somewhere soon. Go to www.rockinpontoons.com to hear more.

Heading four hours up I-85 from Atlanta may be about as far away as you can get from Hawaii, but don't tell that to Ronnie Tsunami. Ronnie and his band, the Tsunami Wave Riders, call Charlotte, NC home, but their tune "Island Dreamin'" recently picked up Single of the Year honors at the 2008 Hawaii Music Awards.

Head down to South Carolina, and you'll find "The original Tropical Nut" David Hope. David currently calls Augusta home, but also spends a considerable amount of time in Edisto Beach, SC. His latest CD, "Dive In Theater," featuring the single "Shagging in Dixieland," can be purchased through his website, www.davidhopemusic.com.

Florida, of course, is chock full of trop rockin' talent. From the top of A1A to the southernmost point in the USA, there are more tropical shirt wearing singer/songwriters and steel drum playing bands than you can shake an empty Land-shark bottle at. Two good examples of that statement are Jimmy Parrish and the Ocean Waves Band, hailing from just across the border in Jacksonville, FL and

Howard Livingston and Mile Marker 24, who call the lower Keys home.

Jimmy and the bands' latest disc, full of songs covering subjects near and dear to many of us - like fishing and tequila - can be found at www.jimmyparrishonline.com. The CD also includes band photos by our own Dawn Brys.

Howard, who many APHC members caught performing live at the club tailgate at Lakewood in June, has three CDs available, including his latest: "Blame It on The Margaritas," that features Phlocker favorites like the title track and "Coconut Rum." Find out more about Howard and MM 24 at www.milemarker24.com.

What I've given you here is a just a snapshot; a small handful of the acts currently capable of providing the soundtrack to our sea-side adventures. The truth is, I haven't even scratched the surface. From acts new to the Trop Rock radar, like the Young Rebel Goombas, to better-known bands like Jim Morris, KD Moore, Sunny Jim White, Jack Mosley, and Scott Kirby, there are literally hundreds of excellent artists across the country singing about boats, beaches, and barstools. As Kelly McGuire once said, "B-b-b blame it on Buffett!"

A tropical sunset over a white sand beach, sailboats gliding over turquoise water, grass skirts and brightly colored shirts, frosty Margaritas and ice cold beer with limes... it's all part of the Parrothead experience. The missing ingredient? Music.

- Fred McFarlin works in the music industry as the VP/National Search Consultant for the V2 Group. He also works as a DJ in the Metro Atlanta area.

Get to know.... *The Margarita Mafia*

By Dawn Brys (thanks to the help of Michelle Becker)

Does the term “Margarita M.A.F.I.A” conger up images of Al Capone and Bugsy Siegel in tropical shirts throwing back the salty concoction we all know and love? Perhaps you have heard of the organization, but are still confused about what they do. Well, in this article I hope to educate you in the ideals of a new mafia – and erase those scary images of gangsters forgoing suits for bright colors!

The Margarita M.A.F.I.A is the brainchild of Tom and Michelle Becker of the band Latitude (www.latitudemusic.net) as a way of promoting the music and musicians who lovingly sing about the subjects we hold dear. M.A.F.I.A is an acronym that stands for “Musicians, Artists, and Fans in Alliance.”

Promoting Trop Rock Music and its Singer/Songwriters is what the Mafia is all about. The group’s goal is to establish Trop Rock as its own style of music by supporting and promoting its Singer/Songwriters, DJ’s, and Venues.

Jimmy Buffett may be the “Pop of Trop Rock”, but today’s Singer/Songwriters, influenced by his music, carry on the tradition and take Trop Rock into new directions.

Unlike Jimmy Buffett, these Singer/Songwriters lack the resources of a

major record label to boost their careers. That’s where the Mafia comes in.

By organizing, the hope is to use the Mafia’s numbers to influence radio, record labels, and professional venues to recognize that this style of music already has a large fan base, and should be receiving the same attention as Blues, Country, Bluegrass and other “niche” styles of music.

The Margarita Mafia is funded through memberships and through the sale of T-Shirts and other promotional items which will enable them to maintain the website, run contests, and host special events.

With an annual membership of \$15, you receive a T-shirt and membership card. Members receive a periodic email and first line information on special events, contests and giveaways, artist meet and greets, etc.... Being a member is an inexpensive way to show your support for independent Trop Rock music!

Recently the Mafia has sent out ballots to allow members to vote for the first annual TropRock Music Awards! The TropRock Music Awards will formally recognize singer-songwriters, musicians, and professionals in the TropRock Music industry through the annual Awards show. This event is the first event of it's kind.



This year it will take place at Dirty Harry's Key West, FL during MOTM.

Interested in learning more and becoming a family member? Just go to their website at <http://www.margaritamafia.com> to join and to read about the upcoming events and family reunions! Come and be a part of a new music movement!



Phamily Reunions take place at many parrot head events. This reunion was held on the APHC's Parrothead Cruise 2008!

Did You Know....

- In the 10 years the APHC has presented the Parrot Head Cruise, over 2,900 people have participated and we've raised over \$200,000 for charity
- There are 227 Parrot Head club chapters in the United States, Canada, and Australia
- Those chapters combine for a total membership of more than 25,000 dedicated, fun-loving Parrot Heads
- Over the past six years, PHiP-sanctioned clubs have raised over \$13 Million and performed almost 2 Million Volunteer Hours
- Meeting of the Minds has grown from a group of 80 attendees and 5 Clubs in December 1992 to 200+ Clubs and over 3000 dedicated Parrot Heads
- Our own Joel Oates is the only person in the Parrot Head world that has attended all 17 MOTMs!
- PHiP has attained National Sponsor Status with both the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life program and the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk program

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Information you need to know:

- Webpage: <http://www.atlantaparrotheadclub.org>. Check out the webpage for calendar of events, photos, membership forms, and other great information!
- Happy Hour: Meet your fellow club members! Happy Hours are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month at Cheeseburger In Paradise from 7pm to 9pm. Floating Happy Hour held quarterly.
- Weekly Email: Contact Gloria Pashke if you are not receiving the weekly email announcements!

Your Board Members are:

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Current Trustees: Wayne Myers, Leslie Maske, & Felicia Myers

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REMEMBER... This is your club! Let us know how we are doing and what you are interested in doing. Your ideas and participation are the key creating a GREAT club.

Thank you for being a member and for "Partying with a Purpose"

Dive-In Theater a "Splash" Hit!

By Brent Jones

On August 2nd over 40 members of the Atlanta Parrot Head Club gathered for the first ever APHC Dive-In Theater. The event was held at the clubhouse and pool of the Loch Highland neighborhood in Roswell. Ominous skies, thunderstorms and hail earlier in the day had cleared to reveal a cool and comfortable summer evening.

The festivities included a Cheeseburger in Paradise for everyone, christening the club's new grill. In addition to burgers we also feasted on various flavors of Margaritaville Shrimp, compliments of our friends at Margaritaville Foods. Margaritaville said they sent enough shrimp to feed about 100 people. They must not have factored Parrot Heads into their

math, as the 40 or so folks at the party got through all of it! A special thank you goes to our tireless chefs - Frank McInvale on the grill and Monte and Andrea Tolar cooking the shrimp.

Adding to the festivities were games of Buffett trivia led by our DJ and emcee Fred McFarlin, we sung happy birthday to club member Susan Oates, and we held a raffle for various prizes, including CD sets from Howard Livingston and the Mile Marker 24 band, and a grand prize gift basket from Margaritaville. Congratulations to Kurt and Beverly for having the winning ticket!

As the sun went down, the screen went up. Jimmy Buffett performed a

pool-side concert for us (via the magic of DVD) and then began our feature presentation: Pirates of the Caribbean - Curse of the Black Pearl.

The best "seats" in the house were in the pool. The water was warm, the drinks were cool, and company was great! Many people floated, swam and lounged in the water for the entire movie.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to those who brought ice and snacks to share. Special thank-yous also to Buzz and Chris Glover for transporting the club trailer and Joel Oates for the video projection equipment.

Stay tuned for the sequel: Dive-In 2 coming soon to a APHC party near you!