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Edition



**Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club Inc.**

## PARROT HEAD POOP

# ***FOUR MONTHS ALL IN ONE***

Yes, it's true, there has been no newsletter all summer but lots of emails with important information. Seems the editor (that's me) took off to Italy for June and played nurse for Ken's knee surgery most of the rest of the summer. So, now it is time for a little catch up by rolling all 4 months into one newsletter. There won't be a lot of detail (like which Parrot Heads worked tirelessly on which activity) but I have included the basic information as memory serves.

**May PHlocking** - Valerie Johnson and Weezie Tuttle put together a killer combination of a Kentucky Derby/Cinco De Mayo themed gathering; plenty of PHolks dressed up in bizarre costumes to suit both events, lots of "challenging" games (like herding cats with this crew of fun loving PHlockers), laughter, incredible edibles, great tunes from our boys Jack & Dickie. We also managed to throw in some donations to the Humane Society Shelter and do a 50/50 raffle for the El Sea Turtle Program

**Beach Bicycle Poker Run** - May 18th brought out a new record of riders, the numbers increase every year. We drew a crowd of 169 registrants for this fundraiser, who

showed up on decorated bicycles to compete in the bike decorating contest and get ready for a hilarious ride on the Isle. First place in this year's 3 categories of bike decoration (Cowboy in the Jungle, Growing older but not up, and Boat drinks) came as a sweep to the Hicks clan; James, Jan, and son in law Jason Holland slammed into first place each scoring a \$50 gift card donated by Walmart. Not to worry, lots of other category winners in 2nd and 3rd place with good donated prizes and plenty of shoulda/coulda winners out there. The main goal of having fun was obviously reached in this part of the event, so we then unleashed this wild eyed herd of cyclists and some walkers to hit 5 designated stops on the Isle (The Irish Pirate, Emerald Grill, El Zarape, Rucker John's, and Flipperz) to pick up a card from one of our dedicated "Card Sharks" at each of the stops in hopes of gleaning a good poker hand. A few tumbles here and there (gotta get more practice coordinating that riding) but everyone arrived back at the Emerald Club relatively unscathed and grinning from ear to ear. After some serious deliberation and sorting out 169 completed poker hands, we came up with

lucky first, second, and third place winners of \$300, \$200, and \$100 cash awards. At this point in the day, some of the wheels were off the cart and no one really remembers the winning names, but the winners sure did. Thanks to the E Club and the Parrot Head Club for donating these bucks to the winners.

Lots of raffle tickets were sold for great prizes generously donated by local merchants and individuals. We're so lucky to live in a community that supports the Parrot Head Club in our fundraising and partying; We sure hope you go out of your way to support and patronize them. Door prizes from each of the stops were also drawn, T shirts, beads, and cozies were shot out into the crowd, and Big Dan got everyone dancing and carrying on with his DJ thing. Making sure no one went hungry, the Parrot Heads and the E Club arranged for a spread of tasty grub to cleanse the palate. Many many thanks to the core group of Parrot Head volunteers who pulled everything together to make this happen. A rowdy fun filled time, and BEST OF ALL... WE RAISED \$4500 at the event that was all donated to the Hope for the Warriors charity to help support those who have given so much for our country. A very small thank you to a deserving charity that we were proud to be able to make happen by Partying With A Purpose.

**June PHlocking** - Jessie Holland and Ashton Mayne came up with a most amusing set of entertainment for this PHlocking. Picture a bunch of unsuspecting people up on stage, blindfolded being told they need to open up a package and put everything on their body, with the first one done being the winner. Only when they took off the blindfolds to howls of laughter, they had each put on 6 pairs of colorful, extra large grannie panties, and of course they were not located where they normally would be worn. They were all great sports and we laughed till we cried.

**July PHlocking** brought Lots of fun with a frozen T Shirt contest (get your minds out of the gutter, it's good clean fun) where we soaked, rolled up, and froze 20 T shirts to give out to the crowd with the task of getting the frozen T thawed out (by whatever means) and over your head to win a grand prize. Some very interesting ways of trying to thaw things that included massive cool downs of a variety of body parts ('nuff said!) of participants and those around them. Laughter and rowdiness, and whether you won prizes or not you still got to keep a stunning (but soggy or still frozen) T shirt. Follow this up with a watermelon seed spitting contest and the crew was really starting to crank things up. That got PHolks in the mood to buy up a bunch of raffle tickets for a Margaritaville Concoction Maker, with another round of selling to be completed at the August PHlocking. Thanks to Jan Hicks

and Renee Synan for planning the PHlocking.

**August PHlocking and Anniversary Weekend** - August is always a fun, long weekend where we reconnect after a busy summer. Mike and Pat always have some fun surprises for our Club and this year they were in fine form. The PHlocking had some male and female pirates dressed up and having fun with the Parrot Heads. Not sure about all the fun as we had to leave early but hear there were several rounds of musical laps (males in chairs, females walk around, just like musical chairs.....and then they reversed it, with females in the chairs.) There were plans made and fun lined up for the next event ...the Annual Anniversary Sand Bar Party. The raffle drawing for the Frozen Concoction Maker was won by Vickey King and the funds raised totaled \$540 (the Club donated the cost of the Concoction Maker) which was donated to the Friends of the Atlantic House in Morehead. They are a community support agency providing mental health services to adults.

**Sandbar Party (August 4th)** - Every year we try to get a count of how many show up and every year it is like counting birds (Parrots???) with no one stationary long enough to count. No fund raising, just FUN raising and a way of thanking and celebrating all the Parrot Heads for everything that we do in the community all year round. We got off to a damp start with a quick storm rolling in but it cleared out and Pelican Island cranked up and hosted an estimated 200 Parrot Heads and invited guests complete with great music churned out by (you guessed it) those funky Swansboro Parrot Heads Mr. Jack Ketner and Mr. Dickie Scarce. No one went hungry with lots of great grub donated by the Club and individuals; a fabulous day of swimming, boating, chatting and chilling in the sun and water. Our entertainment committee came up with some games to keep the masses amused featuring a beach ball belly relay and a pass the ball relay with amazingly only a few minor injuries. (Ashton Mayne had an unexpected skin dermatology session and her partner, Betty Strader in the Beach ball relay has recovered from her sandy head trauma) Thanks so much to all of the Parrot Heads that worked hard to see this event through from start to finish, and to Parrot Head Russ Davis and partners for letting us use the island. This was a great way to celebrate 11 years of Parrot Head shenanigans! A special thanks to all of the water taxi people, the food committee and the cooks and everyone else who helped in so many ways (like keeping Ken entertained on the boat and the big chair so his knee would not keep him from having fun.) We out do ourselves every year!

## **WHAT'S UP NEXT? (print this out and hang it up!!) PLEASE**

### **NOTE WE ARE TRYING OUT A NEW PHLOCKING TIME - 7 PM INSTEAD OF 7:30.**

**September 6th First Friday PHlocking - 7:PM at the Emerald Club** - Our buddies Scarce and Ketner are playing and there will be food as well. Ashton Mayne and Tara Dyer are working some September fun. Please wear your favorite hat for a little contest...with prizes....We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle and the winner can pick the charity. For those of you who hope to win, please understand, we DO NOT EXPECT OR ENCOURAGE YOU TO DONATE YOUR PART OF THE 50/50 TO THE CAUSE OF THE DAY! Keep it and treat yourself to something nice.

**September 15th (Sunday) The Annual Coast is Clear Under the Pier Party - 1 PM** - Yes it is back again, thanks to Mendy Barrows and Michael Moyer and their crack team of weenie rollers. (hotdogs are cooked ahead and wrapped in foil and kept warm) Yup, time to celebrate the slowing down of the season and enjoy the beach with a few less folks on it. The Club will provide the hotdogs, fixings and chips. If you would like to bring something to share, please do. (Vickie King won the Frozen Concoction Maker.....would a generator work with that???) We will have games, a raffle with gift certificates etc .(we are also looking for any donations of items for the raffle from Parrot Head members), some good tunes and some fun. We ask for a donation of money for the food you eat. All funds raised will be donated to the Island Cat Allies. Since it will be the first day of beach driving, we will have a truck there for donations of cat food and litter for the local feral cats. Please bring what you can or arrange to drop it off. Island Cat Allies traps, spays/neuters feral cats on the Island. We gather to the left of the pier as you face the water, past the trailer park, by the Cedar Street Parking Lot (private). Open to Parrot Heads and guests and it is a family friendly event. Don't forget to bring a chair, your beverage of choice, suntan lotion and shade. Michael recently broke his wrist so anyone who wants to sign his cast can do so for a contribution to the Island Cat Allies.

**October 4th First Friday PHlocking—7:00 at the Emerald Club** - A chili cookoff is being planned by Wendy Gollihue and Renee Synan. If you are willing to enter your chili (prizes of course) please email Renee at [renee.synan@yahoo.com](mailto:renee.synan@yahoo.com). Also be ready for a little Jimmy Buffett pumpkin decorating contest.

**October 6th - Parrot Head Boat Cruise out of Beaufort** - We are working on the details and will have information for sign up at the PHlocking on the cost and timeframes. Please save the date and join us for a little fall cruise.

**November 1st First Friday PHlocking - 7 PM** - This PHlocking will be the Emerald Club's Halloween Party and as you know costumes will be the name of the game and there will be prizes. Save the date and get working on your costume.

**November 30th (Saturday) - Emerald Isle Christmas Parade** - We have become a staple at the parade and now that they have prizes, we always seem to win something as our floats have become a favorite of folks. We are getting ready to gear up for the building of the float and can always use some creative, energetic folks. We work a few weekends (let's just call it organized chaos) during the month of November (you don't have to be at every one of the work days) and food and grog are involved. If you really want to get to know other Parrot Heads, this is the one to get involved in. We usually do it at Stone's house/garage. If you want to be involved, send Kip Baker an email ([leniandkip@earthlink.net](mailto:leniandkip@earthlink.net)) and we will have a sign up sheet at the next few PHlockings. Our first planning meeting is September 8th at 2 PM.

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

**September 7-8—Crystal Coast Paddle at Hammocks Beach State Park 9-5** Come out to Hammocks Beach State Park and celebrate the paddle sports of coastal North Carolina in the first annual Crystal Coast Paddle Festival. There will be activities for all ages! We will have paddle tours, workshops and demonstrations to enjoy each day. You will also get a chance to enjoy the Pirate Paddle, a paddle race, as well as Dragonboat races at the park. There will be games and activities for all kids to enjoy. Tell your family and friends about this weekend-long event at the park celebrating the beautiful waters of North Carolina. Hope to see you there! For further information you can contact the park office: 910-326-4881 or check out the festival's website: [www.ncpaddle.org](http://www.ncpaddle.org).

**September 16th to 20th NC Coastal Federation - Fall Native Plant Sale 9-5.** They need folks for 9-1 and 1-5 shifts. **THIS IS A PARROT HEAD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT Rachael Carlyle, Director of Operations (252) 393-8185 [rachaelc@nccoast.org](mailto:rachaelc@nccoast.org).**

**September 14th - Family Pirate Day 10-2** - The Friends of the Western Carteret Library in partnership with the NC Maritime Museum will host a Family Pirate Day at the Western Park Community Center in Cedar Point. For more information, call the Museum at 252-728-7317, [www.ncmaritimemuseums.com](http://www.ncmaritimemuseums.com) or the Western Carteret Library at 252-393-6500 or [www.carteret.cplib.org](http://www.carteret.cplib.org). **THIS IS A PARROT HEAD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, IF YOU CAN HELP EMAIL KATHY RUGE AT [kruge1@ec.rr.com](mailto:kruge1@ec.rr.com)**

**September 21st - Cycling for the Coast** sponsored by the North Carolina Coastal Federation. Celebrate our coast with a ride along beautiful Bogue Banks in eastern North Carolina. The goal of the ride is to raise awareness and funds for the NC Coastal Federation's central region education and restoration programs.

The 3rd annual ride is great for all ages and biking levels, offering 20K, 40K and 80K options. The ride will begin and end at Fort Macon State Park, at the eastern tip of Bogue Banks in Atlantic Beach, NC. Following the ride, there will be an after-party hosted by Natty Greene's Brewing Co. and McCurdy's Restaurant, beginning at 11:00 a.m. After-party food and beer is FREE for all registered cyclists.

Registration for members is \$35; registration for non-members is \$50 and includes a membership. Family registration for members is \$65; family registration for non-members is \$80 and includes a membership. All registered cyclists receive two complimentary Natty Greene's beer tickets (for those over 21 years old!) and a meal at the McCurdy's after-party.\*\* Register by Friday, September 13 to guarantee a t-shirt in your size. \*\* **ANY-ONE INTERESTED IN DOING A PARROT HEAD TEAM?**

**September 21st - 10-2— Day 4Kids** sponsored by the Town of Emerald Isle and the Emerald Isle Business Association. 10—2 For more information on the event or to learn how to become a sponsor or vendor visit [www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd](http://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/eiprd) or contact Sarah McNally at 252-354-6350 252-354-6350 or [smcnally@emeraldisle-nc.org](mailto:smcnally@emeraldisle-nc.org)

OUR CLUB IS WORKING ON BECOMING MORE MODERN...CHECK OUT WHAT THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE IS UP TO!!!!

The EIPHC Technology Committee is continually striving to improve our club's communication and create new ways to keep up on the latest news. Most everyone should know by now that our club website is at [www.emeraldisleparrotheads.com](http://www.emeraldisleparrotheads.com), OR [www.emeraldisleparrotheads.org](http://www.emeraldisleparrotheads.org), but if you don't, visit the site and bookmark the address. We have made some improvements and kept the site better updated than ever this year, and we also have some further improvements in mind as time allows.

We have also created a Blog for the club, and as of now, the blog contains Ken Stone's articles originally written for the Carolina Salt magazine for the last year or so. We eventually want to include the monthly newsletters within this blog along with the updates you might see on Facebook and other social media outlets. Eventually the blog will appear as a page on the website, but for now it is located at [emeraldisleparrotheads.wordpress.com](http://emeraldisleparrotheads.wordpress.com).

The Committee has also been working on keeping our Facebook page active and extending our social media reach to other outlets so that wherever you like to get your updates you can. We now have a Twitter account, at [www.twitter.com/EI\\_ParrotHeads](http://www.twitter.com/EI_ParrotHeads), please follow us if you use Twitter. We also have a Google+ page set up at <https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/102571913391904199682>. We are working on a system where each update will go to all of our social media outlets, but it is currently not operating yet. Hopefully everyone will be kept up with the latest news and events wherever they look for them as we finalize this system.

Lastly, the Tech Committee is working on creating an EIPHC archive of photos. The archive will be kept for historical purposes and only the most positive photos will be publicized on our public pages. We need everyone's help in creating the best, most complete collection of photos possible, and so we are looking to collect photo sets from any and all members from our events. Please contact John Dyer at [jdyeerii67@gmail.com](mailto:jdyeerii67@gmail.com), if you have a large amount of photos to submit and he will schedule a visit to get a copy of your photos for the club archive, but if you have a dozen or less, you can certainly just email them to that address. Also contact John with any questions regarding this project.

## **A NEW EXCITING SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY!!!**

### **PHLASH PHLOCKING???**

We have a new way to have fun with your fellow Parrot Heads, a chance for the newer members to meet and have fun with the rest of the "older" PHlock. We will be starting to do informal gatherings at local places of business at a pre-determined time and place. The announcements will be made via Facebook and email. Just find a little Parrot Head garb (that be pirates, birds, bling of all kinds, Parrot Head shirts etc) and show up at the time and place and just have fun. Stay tuned for the first one!

# WELCOME NEW PARROT HEADS

Please make sure you take the time to look for, and meet our newest members. We have a “special designation” ( a colorful flowered lei) for new Parrot Heads to wear at their first PHlocking so it will be easier to spot them for introductions. If you are new, find Sue Stone or Kathy Ruge and get your welcome “lei”. Of course, the best way for new members to become part of the Club is to volunteer for activities. Be sure to look for the Volunteer Sign up Book at the PHlocking.

## NEW MEMBERS

Alice Fowler from Raleigh  
 James & Sharon Jeanes from Mt. Olive  
 Cindy & Jeff Jones from Goldsboro  
 Diane & Kevin Dodge from Emerald Isle  
 Clyde & Kerri Yancey from Emerald Isle  
 Joel & Jan Dunn from Chapel Hill  
 Tom Kerwin from Pine Knolls Shores  
 Terri Shipko from Swansboro  
 Jane Stanton from Newport  
 Kim Armstrong from Maysville  
 Carla Thielen from Swansboro  
 Katie Williams from Emerald Isle  
 Gary Horne from Emerald Isle  
 Linda and Bill McGowen from Emerald Isle  
 Hal O'Neil from Emerald Isle  
 Craig Bernell and Michell Cox from Emerald Isle  
 Tom Henderson from Emerald Isle  
 Ross & Sherry Eason from Hubert  
 Pam Barber from Emerald Isle  
 Larry Ainslie from Newport  
 Mimi O'Brien from Newport  
 Angie & David Meeks from Franklinton  
 John Jones from Newport  
 Zoe Lamb from Raleigh

Bob and Geneise Messio from Raleigh

Adam Justice from Swansboro

Bill and Elaine Justice from Swansboro

## SEPTEMBER



## BIRTHDAYS

For the SEPTEMBER PHlocking, you need to find Ken Stone to pick up your free birthday “gift” to help you celebrate. In the meantime, please wish the following SEPTEMBER Birthday birds a happy birthday. Coupon may only be used at the birthday month PHlocking.

September 3	Sandra Flowe
September 6	Mary Adams
September 6	Thomas Poe
September 7	Dan Sheehan
September 10	Theresa Lewis
September 10	Mike Douglas
September 13	Bob Horner
September 14	Jo Wiecech
September 15	Jack Luttner
September 15	Carl Lobland
September 17	Tom Sears
September 18	Judy Jones
September 19	Deborah Upchurch
September 23	Scott King
September 24	Craig Burnell
September 24	Sherri Randall
September 25	Mike Love
September 28	Cindy Smith
September 28	Art Schools
September 29	Lee Ann Grissom
September 29	John Tantum



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HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARROT HEAD CLUB

**WEBSITE: EMERALDISLEPARROT-HEADS.COM or EMERALDISLEPARROT-HEADS.ORG**

**NATIONAL PARROT HEAD WEBSITE: PHIP.COM**

If you go to this site, check out the mail lists you can get on to find out what is happening with Parrot Heads around the world - Go to the drop down list at the top and select join our email list.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING**

**SEPTEMBER 6TH 7:00**

**AT THE EMERALD CLUB**

**Music by**

**Scarce & Ketner**

**Food provided by the Emerald Club (Eddie from Piggly Wiggly Deli)**

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