

MAY 2015 Edition

# EMERALD ISLE PARROT HEAD CLUB



## PARROT POOP

### MAY...I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?

Our April PHlocking was a hoot....celebrated with jelly beans, Easter eggs, bunny tails, and Easter bonnets. The warm tropical weather contributed to our festivities by allowing us "inside and outside" activities! Sandy Rockenhaser and Donna Grady, our coordinators, provided us with a night of fun and laughter. They even had a professional "pin the tail on the bunny" instructor, Rock, to lead the players to the bunny. The lucky winner with the best positioned bunny tail was Lisa Miller. While Lisa is a "seasoned" member of our Phlock, a brand new member, Art Armani, guessed the number of jelly beans in the jar! Congrats to both winners. The 50/50 was won by Bill Grady who graciously donated his half of the winnings for a total of \$150 to Island Cat Allies! Thanks Bill! Thanks to DJ Robbie for good tunes and the "Bunny Hop" song and dance.

Jean Jensen headed up a lively group of litter picker uppers for our April 11th Adopt a Highway Pickup. We had 21 people who gathered



and 30 bags of trash. Jean said there were some new faces there so it looks like many of our newest members have gotten into activities to meet their fellow Parrot Heads. Thanks to all who helped.

We also had quite a few Parrot Heads who volunteered to help (some actually participated) in the Emerald Isle 5K, half marathon and marathon held on March 28th and some who volunteered/or participated in the Bike the Banks event on May 2nd. What a committed (maybe that is not a good word to use with Parrot Heads...) group of Party with a Purpose folks we have on the Crystal Coast!

We had about 50 people (seasoned and new) attend the New Member Social held on April 16th at Scallywags. New members were "initiated" by a few rounds of Coconut Bowling, good conversations and we saw evidence of some new energy. Thanks to all who attended, we had a great time and good food provided by the club though Eddie Peterson from Piggly Wiggly Deli!

The competition for PHlocking fun continued in May with Jessi Holland and Julia Weber working everyone into a frenzy with the most awesome Maypole dance. Picture a lot (not sure how many) of Parrot Heads with an end to a ribbon, going in opposite directions as well as under and over. An amazing rescue by Julia of the May Pole before it toppled, keeping everyone moving smoothly despite the wobble. I

know there are some videos out there of this event so you can see for yourself how talented our Parrot Head May Pole dancers are. Wade Viverette won the 50/50 raffle and designed the Domestic Violence Program to receive the \$86 from the raffle. Lots of trash talking was happening as we talked about the upcoming Beach Bike Poker Run and the bike decorating contest, can't wait to see what people come up with.

We had a request for a real last minute Cinco De Mayo PHlash PHlocking at one of our newest establishments in Emerald Isle, the Carolina Wine Mixer in Emerald Plantation. We had about 25 Parrot Heads show up last Tuesday, (May 5th). The beer was cold and the chips were crisp, thanks for hosting us Nick, even if we didn't tell you we were coming....

Your board and Beach BICYCLE Poker Run committee has been hard at work, getting everything set for the 12th annual event. We raised \$6300 last year for Semper Fi Children's Summer Odyssey Camp, serving children of wounded Marines and Sailors to camp for a week and pairing with a mentor for the school year. So glad that we can help local kids of wounded warriors get an awesome experience like this. We always hold this on Armed Forces Day and always, in some way, donate to wounded warriors. Now we need all of you to get out there, decorate your bikes, buy some raffle tickets (we have them available now if you aren't going to make the event) and get a chance to win some great prizes (lots of gift certificates to local merchants and restaurants and lots of other great stuff! .

Check out the details in the What's Up Next Section, and we will see you this Saturday May 16th for our favorite and largest charity event of the year. This years categories for Bike Decorating are:

Surfing in a Hurricane

Beach House on the Moon,

The Natives are Restless Tonight.

So look up those song lyrics to get some ideas flowing and get ready for a little friendly competition.

**We are starting to post more information on Facebook (working on Twitter and Instagram) to keep you current. The Website has also undergone some changes and even though it is still a work in progress (seems to be a lot of that going around recently) it is worth it to check it out at [emeraldisleparrotheads.com](http://emeraldisleparrotheads.com).**

## WHAT'S UP NEXT?

**May 13th Wednesday - 7 PM at the Emerald Club - Mini training, organizational gathering** - for those who will be working at the Beach Bicycle Poker Run. We will have staff t-shirts and hope this will save on some of the usual confusion that happens the day of the event. If you are working for the event (registration, card sharks, raffle etc) please take a few minutes to join us.

**May 16: Saturday - Beach Bicycle Poker Run:** This is a major fundraiser (netted \$6300 last year donated to Semper Fi Children's Camp and mentoring, and had 217 participants) and requires a great deal of planning, coordination, and work, with lots of folks involved in it; donations for raffles, prizes, solicitation and liaison to 5-6 stops, publicity, registration team, card sharks, T shirt sales, poker hand judges, bike decorating judges, raffle sales, set up and liaison with E Club, charity liaison, flyer and publicity distribution, photographer, thank you letters to sponsors, printing, money boxes and change, categories for bike decorations etc. Registration begins at 12:30, bike decoration final judging at 1:45, ride starts at 2:00, ends at 5:00 followed by food, music, cash prizes, and raffle winners. \$20 per person registration. Poker Run Stops buy in at \$200. This years charity: Semper Fi Odyssey Children's Adventure Camp and Mentoring. This year's categories for bicycle decorating and costumes— Surfing in a Hurricane, Beach House on the Moon, and Natives are Restless Tonight. RAFFLE ALERT - We have some awesome things for the raffle, if you won't make the event (we know weddings, graduation etc. sometimes conflict....) you can get your raffle tickets ahead of time...stop by the training session on Wednesday and we can fix you up.

**Saturday June 20, the Alzheimer's Association Longest Day:** Coordinator is Susan Smith—email [susan.seadreams@gmail.com](mailto:susan.seadreams@gmail.com) or phone 301-802-2121. This event is a sanctioned event by our club and we are encouraging our members to participate. Many nationwide Parrot Head Clubs fund raise for the Alzheimer Association and at the National Convention, Meeting of the Minds, the major fundraiser is for the Alzheimers Association. So....with that said, here is the challenge. The Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club is challenging the membership to participate in this event. For every Parrot Head (even if they are a Turtle Walker), the Club will sponsor each walker for \$10 each, up to 30 walkers. If you surprise us all and there are 50 who walk, the club will kick in another \$100. So, get ready and call or email Susan Smith (Parrot Head/Turtle Walker) and sign up for a zone to walk and a time. How does it work you ask? From sunrise to sunset, family and friends impacted by this disease will be walking the beach in Emerald Isle, NC to raise awareness and funds for the care,

support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. In addition there will be a kick off ceremony at Emerald Plantation at 9am and a sunset ceremony at the Western Regional access at 7pm. There is a raffle that will be drawn at the Sunset ceremony-prizes include a framed Cathy Martin sea turtle photograph and a signed copy of Nicholas Sparks book, "The Notebook" What is needed for the Longest Day event would be people who want to walk the beach in a one hour time block, carrying a flag and handing out info on Alzheimer's Association. They will then pass on the flag to the next group. Val Johnson and April Hardy both participated last year. There is no charge for anyone to participate if they do not want to, but if someone has a strong connection they can "join the team" which is a \$20 fee and includes a t-shirt. Would like to ask anyone participating to wear purple (the signature color for Alzheimer's). Sign up now and put the Club on the hook for donations...you have been challenged!!!!

**Flamingo PHlocking - details to be announced**.....Bob Horner is working on the logistics of a little fun fundraiser to make our summer more interesting. The idea is that the club will have a PHlock of Flamingos available to place in yards...they would mysteriously appear and you would have to pay to have them removed, you can pay to have them PHlock in someone else's lawn and I believe you can buy insurance so they don't land in your yard. Bob is looking for a few good people to help the PHlocking Team so if you want a few good laughs, give Bob a call at 252-764-3479 or email him at rhorn-er6@ec.rr.com.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING**

One of the things we can do as Parrot Heads is to support and assist fundraising events in our area. Sometimes it means we hold a fund raising event for a specific charity, sometimes we supply volunteer labor (and of course Party with a Purpose attitude) and sometimes we participate in the event. With that said, here are a few opportunities to help the community at large. With all that is happening, pick one that fits in your busy schedules. Please use the contact information listed to volunteer.

**Hope for Baby Daniel** : Daniel Christopher Barber was born on March 17, 2015 at Duke children's Hospital. He has had several surgeries for heart issues and remains at Duke in ICU. Daniel is the grandson of the Emerald Isle Mayor, Eddie Barber and son of Chris and Jenny who are Carteret county residents and we know they are local business owners. The family has been staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We know that the insurance will not cover all of their daily expenses. If you would like to help Daniel, checks may be made payable to Bethlehem Untied Methodist Church. Donations may be delivered to the Emerald Isle Town Hall or mailed to Bethlehem Untied Methodist church c/o Heather Blackwell, 201 covey Ct., Cape Carteret, NC 28584. There has been talk of a possible fundraiser in the community but I do not have anything definite yet, but stay tuned.

**Sunday, May 31st - Operation Hoyle: A Mission for Steve.** At the Emerald Club - Former Army Green Beret, El local, diagnosed with liver cancer. \$8 BBQ plates starting at 11am. Cornhole tournament at 1pm. \$20 a person 2 man teams picked randomly. 50/50 raffle. Also Big Drink will be playing that evening.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Christina Saracina	5/2
Sherry Eason	5/4
Kathey Fairchild	5/5
Doris Speicher	5/5
Earl Black	5/9
Janet Geisler	5/9
Bets Love	5/10
Lisa Miller	5/10
Jane Sewell	5/10
Vern Geddings	5/11
Wendy Stebbins	5/12
Gene Cole	5/15
Janet Denny	5/15
David Patterson	5/16
Jim Tuttle	5/16
Vanessa Caffin	5/17
Eddie Robinson	5/17
Jackie Turner	5/17
Allen Ross Jr.	5/18
Emilie Zucker	5/18
David Collins	5/19
H. Curtis Umphlett	5/20
Jeanne LaVana	5/21
Jean Jensen	5/24
Sharon Alford	5/25
John Henrickson	5/25
Rich Wells	5/25
Kip Baker	5/26
Terry Groseclose	5/29
Bob Linder	5/30
Ken Stone	5/30

## 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 and welcomes; find Maggie Rauschenberg and get your welcome “lei”. Of course, the best way for new members to become part of the Club is to volunteer for activities.

Will & Brenda Aird from Emerald Isle  
Jim & LaRue Mills from Fuguay-Varina  
Amy O’Neill from Swansboro  
Julie & Art Armani from Jacksonville  
Kathie Gould & Paul Lenzner from Cape Carteret  
Shiela Daniels from Newport  
Ramona Hale & Debbie Howell from Raleigh  
Laura Price from Morehead City

Have you ever wondered who other Parrot Heads are that you may or may not know? Guess what, go to our club website at [emeraldisleparrot-heads.com](http://emeraldisleparrot-heads.com) and click on Membership and then there is a drop down list ...pick “List of Members”. We currently have 333 members. You can see who else is a member by name and by town. Personal information is not available but maybe you can try a little car pooling for Parrot Head events.





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HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARROT HEAD CLUB

**WEBSITE:**

**EMERALDISLEPARROTHEADS.COM**

**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.

**Don't forget to become a friend of our Club on Facebook too!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT PHLOCKING**

**June 5th at 7:00 PM**

**AT THE EMERALD CLUB**

**DJ Robbie Jones playing**

**your favorite tunes**

**Free Food (wings) from the Emerald Club catered by Eddie Peterson from the Piggly Wiggly Deli**

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