

Tulsa PARROT HEAD Club

Party with a Purpose! FINLINES February 2016

January Phlocking at 5 o'Clock Somewhere & the COPA Reefers

Hopefully you made it to our last Phlocking. *It was a hoot!*

The January Phlocking was held at the 5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar at River Spirit Casino. They provided food and offered some nice drink specials. They also provided live music which was performed by the COPA Reefer Band - an Oklahoma City band made up of COPA (Central Oklahoma Parrothead Association) members. They were great!



The COPA Reefers played all the Buffett classics plus some original songs and some good dance songs as well. We had a really good turnout - we pretty much filled up the bar area and the Conga Line was spectacular with a little help from our TPHC Mascot in the lead. Looking forward to the next one. Hope to see you there!



February Phlocking Feb. 9th 7:00 pm



American Legion Post 1

Drink Specials and pot luck

Don't forget! PHAT TUESDAY Phlocking Pot Luck!!

Mardi Gras style food pot luck at the American Legion. Bring your best pot of gumbo, red beans and rice or jambalaya. Or a side dish, appetizer or dessert.

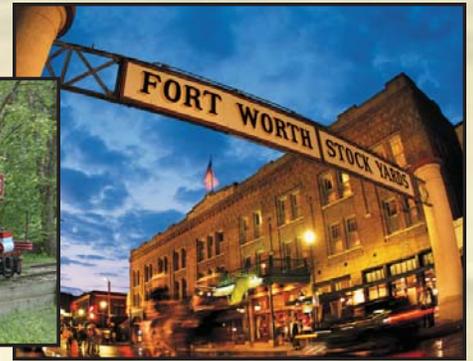
Dress up in your best Mardi Gras costume!



If you found the KING in the King Cake last year - be sure to bring a King Cake to the meeting!

All Aboard!

FEBRUARY 27-28



All aboard the *TPHC Train Trip* from OKC to Fort Worth with a visit to the historical Fort Worth Stockyards district.

We leave OKC Sat. Feb. 27th at 8:25am (via Amtrak's 'Heartland Flyer') arriving in Fort Worth around 12:30pm. We'll be shuttled from the train depot to the Country Inn Suites. After we're checked in we'll be shuttled to the Stockyards



Stockyards Hotel Saloon

district where there are lots of bars, restaurants and other activities.

For those folks going on the trip to Ft. Worth here is a link that you can go to to find out about restaurants, bars, shops and attractions in and around the Stockyards Dist.:

<http://www.fortworthstockyards.org/Dining.aspx>

Sunday we'll take a charter bus back to OKC leaving at 11am. We'll make a stop for lunch along the way and arrive back in OKC around 6pm - we've opted for the bus ride back because the train wouldn't get back to OKC until 9pm or later.

COPA'S 10TH ANNUAL PUB CRAWL

Saturday February 20th 12pm-9pm

Do you like to have fun? Then you have got to go on the OKC Parrothead's Pub Crawl. I've gone the last couple of years. I wrote about it in our newsletter last March (available on our website under the "Worth a Look" tab).

Only thing is - you need to join COPA to have a better chance of getting a seat on one of the buses 'cause seats go FAST! And members get first consideration.

For information go to the COPA website at:
www.copa-nut.com

It is recommended you stay the night. They usually have a nearby participating hotel that offers discount pricing.

Check it out it's a great time!



Don't forget about the Pop-Top Challenge

Jan. 1st, 2016 we started a contest to see what Club can collect the most PTs. We'll run the contest through Nov. 1st, 2016. You can give the pop tops you have collected to Cathy Boley at our meetings and she will report the amounts to the powers that be.



Since we have a variety of Club sizes in the region we've set up a system to level the playing field. Let's say your Club has 350 members and you collect 350 lbs you have a ratio of 1. If you have 70 members and you collect 350 lbs you have a ratio of 5. The ratio of 5 would win.

We'll have a prize of \$200 for 1st place and \$100 for 2nd place that will be donated to the Charity of your choice.

MARGARITAVILLE HOTEL AND CASINO TOPPING OFF LUNCHEON



Margaritaville Hotel and Casino



center: Ceremonial Beam with Palm Tree
above: TPH's sign Ceremonial beam

This past Friday the Tulsa Parrot Heads were invited to the "Topping Off" Ceremony at the River Spirit Casino Hotel. This is the tradition of placing the last beam (log, brick or equivalent) on a structure. This tradition can be traced back to the ancient Scandinavians. An evergreen tree is usually placed on top of the beam as an offering to nature for the trees that were cleared for its construction. In honor of the Margaritaville Casino they placed a Palm Tree on top of the beam.



Beam & Palm on the way to the top!

Lunch was held in what we came to realized was the newly constructed addition to the current parking garage - doubling its capacity. The parking garage made for an elegant lunch setting - or at least it was as elegant as you could possibly make a parking garage. I think every construction worker who has



Parking Garage Dining

worked on the hotel or casino was in attendance. But they were kept separate from all the suits and luminaries.

After the lunch they gave out door prizes to the construction workers via tickets they received upon entering the luncheon. It made us all wish we were construction workers - they gave out some damn good prizes. \$300 from Bass Pro Shop, 42" televisions, iPads, etc..

Once that was done we were all escorted (to put it nicely) outside to hear the honored speakers which included Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlet, Creek Nation's Chief James Floyd,



Pat Croft Creek Nation Casino's CEO and Margaritaville's CEO, John Cohan - who by the way said (and I am quoting here) *"...Jimmy hasn't missed an opening yet"*.

Right now we have no idea how many Parrot Heads will be invited to the Grand Opening. So NOW would be a good time to start increasing your TPHC points. Because that will decide who will get to attend. So start keeping track of your TPHC points. The "Points System" guideline/rules can be found online at tulparrotheads.com at the bottom of the home page.



The conclusion of the ceremony was the raising of the beam to the top of the building. You'll be glad to know the spunky little palm tree held on the whole way up despite the 30mph gusts.



This Month's

Birthdays!



Pat Meadows	1st	Kim Egeland	6th	Steve Swearingin	23rd
Denise Spears	1st	Tommy Vardy	6th	Debbie McKisick	24th
Penny Ware	2nd	Kris Koster	9th	Gary Spriggs	25th
Janet Orton	5th	Steve Kabrick	16th	Robyn Thisler	26th
Tricia Durfey	6th	Craig Dobbs	17th	Rob Vaughn	27th

21st Annual TPHC Phlocking at the Phort golf tournament June 18th



The good news is we will be going back to the *Western Hills Golf Course* in Wagoner this year (as long as it doesn't rain). And we have moved the tournament to the third weekend of the month to help alleviate the crossover that has occurred in the past. So

hopefully everyone who wants to participate in the golf tournament will be able to this year.

REMEMBER! It's never too early to start looking for sponsors or getting your team together.



Welcome New Members!

Be sure to seek out these new members at our next meeting and welcome them personally...

Thomas L. Hodges and Karen Chambers

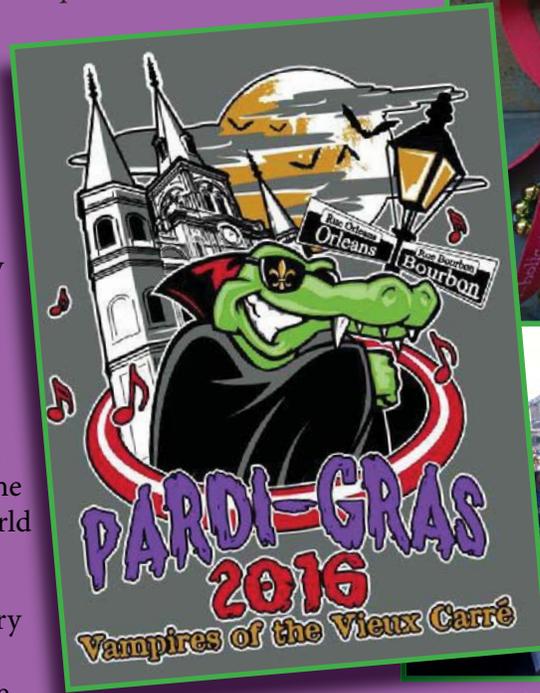
Laissez les bons temps rouler!

By: David and Therese Hubble

David and Therese Hubble recently took part in “Pardi Gras 2016”, January 14th-17th.

Pardi-Gras, held in New Orleans each year, is a TropRock event started in 1992 by singer/songwriter Jerry Diaz. In 1992 there were only two ParrotHead Clubs; one in Beaumont TX and the Atlanta club. Jerry decided the two clubs should get together for some fun and arranged an event to take place in the French Quarter. Needless to say, the event was a HUGE success and on a whim Jerry decided to call it “Meeting of the Minds”. Now you know how the world wide event (MOTM) got started.

MOTM moved to Key West so Jerry decided to carry on the NOLA tradition; to make a long story short the event is now known as Pardi-Gras. Think of it as a mini Mardi-Gras, we even elect a king and queen, have a street parade with floats and a street party.



top: Pardi-Gras 2016 SWAG.
above: Bourbon Street - Street Party

The four-day event sustained the music lover, party expertise and general PH with a variety of musical events, poker run, Bourbon Street Pub Crawl, street party plus various late night events. Imagine, a pub crawl on Bourbon Street, go figure!

On hand for our musical delight: TPHC friend Rick Lamb and The Phin Addicts, Donny Brewer, John Reno, Calypso Nuts, Late As Usual, Kelly Brown, Don Middlebrook, Trop Rock Junkies, Southern Drawl Band, Thom Shepherd, Jim Hoen plus many others. But special thanks to Jerry Diaz and Hanna's Reef. These are the people responsible for pulling all of this together, not only for our crazy group but also opening the street party to the City. Also thanks to New Orleans for letting us Phlock and giving us the opportunity to have a great time. Rick Lamb and Don Middlebrook gave a shout out to the Oklahoma fans and friends for their support and hospitality.

Needless to say this was a great time. We meet up with friends, experienced Jazz on Frenchmens Street, Zydeco music, had great food and bathed in the magical mystique of the good people of New Orleans.

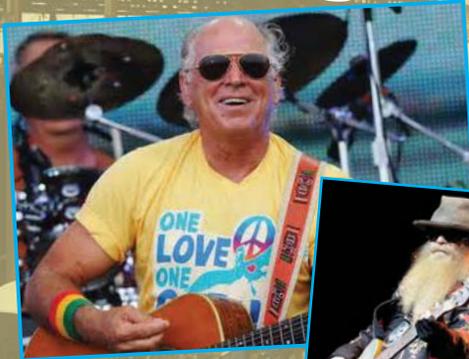
“joie de vivre”!



Top to bottom:
Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef, The Phin Addicts, David Hubble (TPHC) and Bill Greer from OKC (COPA).

Save the Date!

Jimmy Buffett Frisco concert May 28th



with ZZ Top!!



Tailgate
information
coming soon!

FYI:

The "I Shot Six Holes in My Freezer" Slumber Party is going 'Biannual'. So there will not be a slumber party this year. But there will be a real DOOZY next year!



Prayers for Parrot Heads

Moo and her Family

Let an officer know if there are others we need to add to our list.

Raffle News

We raised \$238 in the January raffle. The donation went to the **John 3:16 Mission**. The *John 3:16 Mission* reclaims lives and restores hope to homeless and at-risk men, women and children as it ministers to their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs.

Last month's raffle was a little rushed due to the time constraint from the band and management. As always there were some great prizes and, as per usual, the newbies took a couple of prizes home. But no matter what it's always a fun time!

Thank You! to all those who donated gifts: Cathy and David Boley, Becky Eagan, Mike Weaver, Mike Casillas, Ron and Jeanette North, Jim and Jan Wollenschlager, Robbie Thames, Jack Kelsey, Tammi Martin, Dave and Neta Carrino, Rebecca Land, Sandy Hogue, Doug and Debbie McKisick, Bob and Lynn Scott, Judy Striegel, Alicia Gourd, Clay Newton, George Salley, Denise Green, Ron Barr, Glenda and Joe Vaughn

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What's going on...?

Here are some events that are taking place in and around Oklahoma in the coming months.

Tulsa Parrot Head's First Masquerade Ball to be held at the Shriner's Hall, 28th and Sheridan, April 2nd with music by Rick Lamb and Rob Davis!

North West Arkansas Parrot Head Club is bringing Scott Kirby to Fayetteville!! May 21st on Dickson Street!

If you have an event you would like listed (it doesn't have to be Parrot Head related) please contact Cathy or Mitch.

Tribute: Jimmy Buffett remembers Eagles buddy Glenn Frey

By HOWARD COHEN

Miami Herald - Jan. 20, 2016

The careers of the singer-songwriter, known for nautical hits like *Margaritaville*, *Changes in Latitudes*, *Changes in Attitudes* and *Son of a Son of a Sailor* and the California rock star whose made-in-Miami hits with his band like *Lyn' Eyes*, *New Kid in Town*, *Hotel California* and *Heartache Tonight* defined a generation, are forever linked. After all, what fan of either act can forget Buffett's hilarious induction speech for the Eagles at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony in 1998?

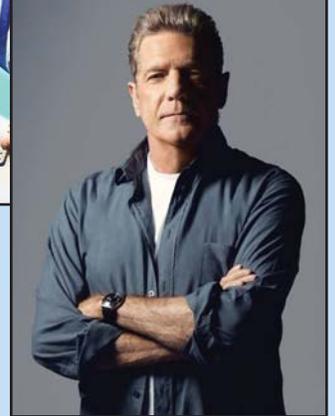
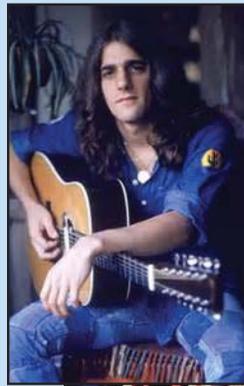
Frey's death Monday at 67 stunned fans, including his ol' pal. The Herald reached out to Buffett and he sent the following e-mail response on Wednesday afternoon. As always, it's quintessential Jimmy Buffett:

20 January 2016

Laguna Beach, California, 6:00 a.m.

"In August of 1975, I was sitting in a dressing room in the Columbia Coliseum in South Carolina, about ready to go onstage," he writes. "It wasn't your ordinary gig by any stretch of the imagination, and still gives me 'chicken skin' as I write about this morning. We were opening for the Eagles, the best American band of my generation and many to follow. Any band worth their salt started out as an opener for somebody. Opening for the right band at the right time, could be your stairway to heaven.

"Earlier in the afternoon Tommy Nixon, one of their road managers, had invited us to watch the Eagles sound check. I sat there with all the members of the Coral Reefer Band in awe, and when it was over, we strolled back through the empty arena towards our dressing room, and I said to my band, 'that is the kind



of band we want to become.'

"Waiting to go on that night seemed like an eternity. Mixed emotions were flowing, fear, excitement, and a lot of "what if's" were running through my head, when the door suddenly opened and in walked Glenn Frey. That was the first time we met. He greeted me and the band warmly, thanked us for being there (duh?) and said to me how much he loved "A Pirate Looks at 40". He wished us luck and then went back out the door. That was the beginning of a long and lovely friendship."

"Only a few people really know how significant Glenn, Don, Irving and the Eagles were to my rise through the ranks of bands trying to achieve just a sliver of the success that they had achieved. After that first night, Glenn and I went on to become close friends, songwriting collaborators and neighbors in Aspen. He and Don were instrumental in getting Irving Azoff to become my manager, and eventually open for the Eagles on the Hotel California tour of America, which was the rocket ship we rode to eventually becoming a headliner.

"When the Eagles were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, they asked me to give their induction speech. I was humbled. Glenn was a true friend, a true professional, an inspiration and sometimes could be a handful. I cherish great memories of our time spent together and will never forget his kindness that first night and our friendship for all these years. My heart goes out to Cindy, Deacon, Taylor and Otis. He rocked all our worlds."

11th Annual Parrot Head Rendezvous 2016



Benefitting Children's Home Society of Florida

Panama City Parrot Head Club's 11th Annual Parrothead Rendezvous

"Feeding Frenzy"

April 22nd, 23rd, 24th 2016



Rendezvous will be hosted by **Sharkys** this Year on beautiful Panama City Beach.

The Rendezvous is the Panama City Parrot Head Club's 3 day Charity Beach Party featuring 9 Beach bands...including The Tams one of the original Beach Bands that will perform on our beach stage...

The Tams....Jerry Diaz and Hannah's Reef....Jimmy and the Parrots...Steve Tolliver and Trop Rock Junkies....Jimmy Parrish and the Ocean Waves Band....Corned Beef and Curry.... Calypso Nuts... Gene Mitchel & Jeff and the Camaros.

>>> Cost is ONLY \$75.00 includes our World Famous Goody Bag...Rendezvous 2016 Newsletter...Event T-Shirt <<<

You can Register online by going to <http://www.2016rendezvousmyevent.com/>

By mail by going to <http://panamacityphc.org/ren2016/index.html> print out the registration form and mail it to

PCPHC, PO Box 1023, PC, FL 32402

Host Hotels are 3 to pick from all are on site;

*The Reef and Seahaven (Economy Hotels) Origin's offers 1 and 2 Bedroom Condo...
You can check out the properties at:

<http://seahavenbeach.com/properties/origin-at-seahaven/>

***Call: 888-607-0006**

"VERY IMPORTANT ASK FOR Christie and use code Parrot"

We are filling up fast.

Remember to find your place in the sand...place your Personal Beach Chair and your Personal Cooler filled with your Favorite Beverage...put your toes in the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico and you're a___ in the sand for 3 days of Parrot Head Phun...Sun...and your favorite Trop-Rock Bands from our Beach Stage in the Sand while benefitting a lot of Children.

The Rendezvous Benefits 100% to our friends at **Children's Home Society of Florida**. Children's Home Society of Florida helps more than 2,400 at risk children and families in and around Bay County. We do this with our **Friday Night Raffle** and **Saturday Night Silent Auction** along with other Events.

Feel free to email directly at parrotsoulbill@knology.net with any question.

January Phlocking



clockwise: Cathy takes to the stage, Marybelle - the TPHC mascot and George, We really filled the place up!, Conga Line anyone?, The COPA Reefer Band, Conga line in full swing!



We had a great turnout for the January Phlocking. Thank you River Spirits!

Pharewell Phriend

It is with the saddest of heart and deepest of honor that I must inform the Parrot Head nation of the passing of Bob Heffelfinger - PHIP Director of Membership.



Uncle Bob was his own force of nature. There was certainly never a doubt as to his opinion but also never a doubt as to his commitment to the members and organization of Parrot Heads in Paradise. His efforts and passion as our Director of Membership made our organization better and stronger and his dedication was complete and unwavering. We would all like to leave the world the better for our presence and Bob succeeded mightily in that regard. We could not have asked for a better champion.

Sail on, Uncle Bob, and thank you for your years of love and support. You will be missed, my friend.

Kathy Pfister,
Parrot Heads in Paradise President

As Uncle Bob posted so many times about so many others...

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Sail on my Dear Old Friend

Heads Up! The March *Phlocking* will be March 8th at the *5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar* with drink specials.

Shirts/hats/koozies in stock! We have lots of shirts, hats and koozies in stock. Check website for sizes, styles and colors. **New members get \$5 off any club shirt or hat.**

Remember to check our website regularly for club news and updates.

www.tulsaparrotheads.com

Thanks Loads to Mitch Bryan, our Webmaster.

Past & Present 'Finelines' can be found on our website under the "Worth a Look" tab
Also for all you **Facebookers**, check out the **TPHC Facebook page**.

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