

Tropical Times



Key NorthWest Parrot Head Newsletter

February 2005

Hey there Parrot Heads!

Here's what's happening!

Jimmy will be on **Late Night with Conan O'Brien**, talking about "A Salty Piece of Land". It will be on NBC, carried locally on **K6W**, Channel 8 starting at 12:30 am, Friday morning, February 4, 2005 (VCR Plus code: 9317723). This episode will be repeated on **CNBC** (channel 46 on local Comcast cable) at 4:00 pm Friday afternoon, February 4, 2005 (VCR Plus code 926013). Maroon 5 will also appear.

Jimmy is up for a Grammy for "Best Country Collaboration With Vocals" (for a collaborative performance, with vocals, by artists who do not normally perform together) for: "Hey Good Lookin'" (with Clint Black, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith & George Strait). It will be on Sunday, February 13th on CBS starting at 8:00 pm ET/PST/KNWT.

Jimmy will also be on **CMT** talking about his life and career in a show called "Jimmy Buffett Uncut : 60 Minute Special" scheduled to show on several dates: February 19 at 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm, February 20 at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm, February 21 at 3:30 pm & 8:00 pm, February 22: at 7:00 pm, February 23 at 10:00 pm, February 26 at 1:00 am. Here's the promo material for that:

"With never-before-seen footage from a recent in-depth interview with 60 Minutes correspondent Steve Kroft, Jimmy Buffett discusses his life and career, including growing up in Mobile, Ala., the inspiration that drew him to music, his early days in Key West, Fla., personal time with wife Jane, country superstar Alan Jackson and of course, Parrotheads.

When he first set out on his musical career, Jimmy Buffett didn't make it in Nashville, so he drifted to Key West, wrote a hit called "Margaritaville" and built a legion of frozen-drink-sipping fans, affectionately called "Parrotheads." Now, more than 30 years later, in a revealing interview with Steve Kroft for Jimmy Buffett Uncut: 60 Minutes Special, Buffett tells how he was able to bring his career full circle.

On the exclusive CMT special, Buffett tells Kroft he has no plans to slow down. "Well, I always said that I wouldn't use a teleprompter," he explains, "and if I start to sing real flat, I'll hang it up. ... I'm having fun now [and] as long as that continues ..."

The past year has been a big one for Buffett, whose newest CD, *License to Chill*, debuted at the top of both the pop and country charts and was the first No. 1 record of his career. The collection, which features duets with Alan Jackson, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, George Strait, Martina McBride and others, spent 15 weeks in the Top 10 of the Billboard country albums chart and has been certified platinum by the RIAA.

Additionally, Buffett's latest novel, *A Salty Piece of Land*, was released Nov. 30, 2004. The New York Times said it "is very possibly Buffett's best work to date." With Buffett's three previous No. 1 bestsellers, he is one of only six authors in the history of the New York Times Bestseller List to have reached No. 1 on both their fiction and non-fiction lists."

Tour Update

The "Salty Piece of Land" tour kicks off this month. Here are the confirmed dates, so far. Tickets have already gone on sale for all scheduled concerts, except the Hawaii date, which goes on sale February 12.

- February 17 Columbia, SC - Colonial Center
- February 19 Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Office Depot
- February 21 Jacksonville, FL - Arena
- February 23 Charlotte, NC - Coliseum
- February 26 Tampa, FL - Ford Amphitheater

- April 7 Anaheim, CA - Arrowhead Pond
- April 9 Las Vegas, NV - MGM Grand
- April 12 Phoenix, AZ - Cricket Pavilion
- April 16 San Jose, CA - HP Pavilion
- April 19 Honolulu, HI - The Shell - On Sale February 12

The Tampa show might have "issues" :

There is a court hearing scheduled for February 26th, the same day the Jimmy Buffett concert is scheduled at the Ford Amphitheatre in Tampa. A judge is scheduled to hold a hearing on noise complaints at the Ford Amphitheatre at 9 a.m. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. The concert may not happen if a judge shuts down the amphitheatre until they fix an on-going noise problem.

The Chicago residents are being a bit more hospitable:

Plan to let Buffett play Wrigley being drawn up

By Gary Washburn, Tribune staff reporter

Published February 1, 2005

A measure that would permit the Chicago Cubs to host two Jimmy Buffett concerts at Wrigley Field is being drafted by city lawyers and could be ready for introduction at a City Council meeting next week, Ald. Thomas Tunney (44th) said Monday.

The proposal would come as an amendment to the ordinance that permits night games at Wrigley and would limit concert activity to two performances later this year, Tunney said. The Cubs hope to book Buffett for shows during the Labor Day weekend but could not ask him to reserve the dates without having council approval well in advance.

"We are encouraged by the reaction we have gotten from our community, from the alderman," said Michael Lufrano, Cubs vice president of community affairs. "We know that introduction of an ordinance doesn't conclude the process. There is still discussion to take place with our neighbors both regarding how we would work with the community and our contribution to the schools."

The team has promised to provide at least \$100,000 of the concert proceeds to neighborhood schools, a figure that Tunney said he hopes could increase to \$150,000. Anything above \$100,000 would depend on the financial terms of the agreement negotiated with Buffett, Lufrano said.

Talks with Buffett "are still very preliminary, but based on the reaction from the city, we are going to move them forward," he said. "Scheduling is the first issue. We have to make sure Jimmy Buffett is available," but "I think he is interested in playing Wrigley Field and, along with many of our neighbors, we think it would be a great way to spend an evening." Buffett performed last year at Boston's Fenway Park.

Wrigley Field and the Cubs are owned by Tribune Co., which also owns the Chicago Tribune.

The Cubs will be out of town for the Labor Day weekend, and some Wrigley-area residents have expressed concern about the influx of concertgoers, even if they are fans of the laid-back Buffett.

But overall, local community groups have been "mildly supportive" of a one-time event, Tunney said. They are reserving judgment about the possibility of future concerts until after they see how the Buffett shows are handled, he said.

Tunney is not a Buffett fan, but he said he believes two concerts would provide a boost for tourism downtown and in the Lakeview neighborhood.

"I think people are going to come for the weekend," he said. "This is a special type of fan, a more mature audience I think."

Ticket prices for the concert have not been set and a system for handling ticket sales has not been determined pending council consideration of the measure and Buffett's signing. But if the concerts go forward, the Cubs have agreed to reserve 3,000 tickets for purchase by local residents.

The number of tickets sold will be limited to about 40,000 per concert, the equivalent of a sold-out ballgame.

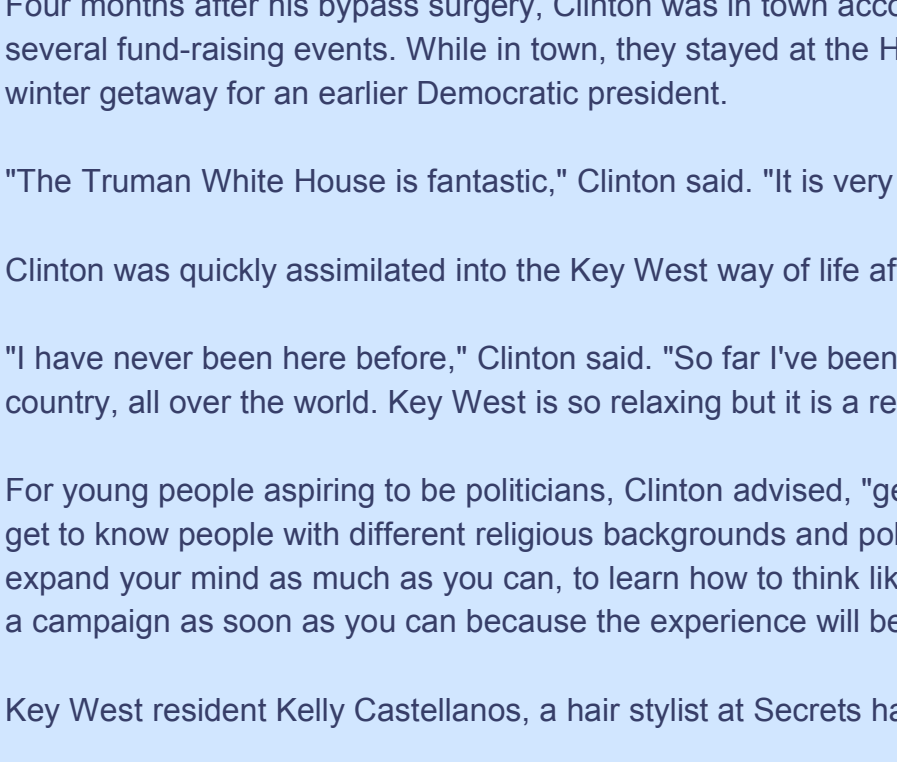
To help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Margaritaville in Key West (and maybe to help get warmed up for the tour!), Jimmy played recently at Margaritaville in Key West. During the show Jimmy said, "You won't hear this song on a Kenny Chesney CD. Boy that guy sounds like me, huh?"

Set List :

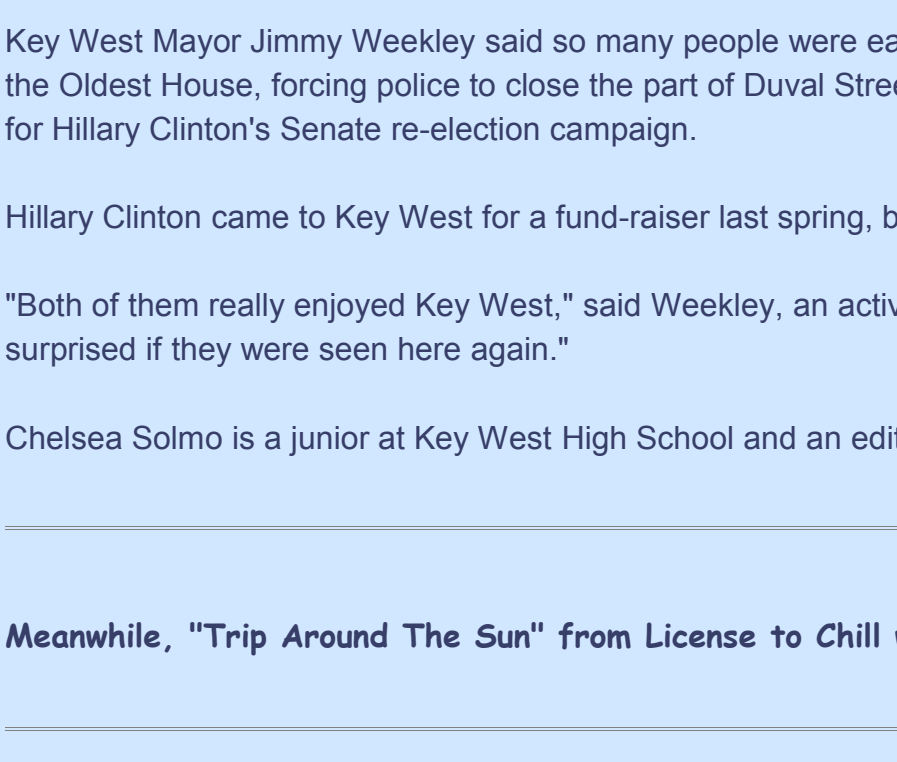
- My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink
- Woman Going Crazy On Caroline Street
- Havana Daydreaming
- Piece of Work
- Tin Cup Chalice
- Margaritaville
- You Can't Always Get What You Want

He then came back on stage later in the night and performed "Brown Eyed Girl" and "Volcano" with the jazz band on stage..

And it gave Jimmy a chance to chat with Captain Tony:



But there were some other celebrities at Margaritaville in Key West recently:



Bill Clinton strolls Duval, draws crowds of admirers

BY CHELSEA SOLMO
Citizen Staff

KEY WEST — The nation's 42nd president strolled Duval Street Saturday morning, looking like just another tourist with his magenta polo shirt and tropical woven bracelet — despite the imposing team of bodyguards that surrounded him.

Many on Key West's busiest street were taken by surprise by Clinton's visit. Excited customers and store owners and numerous tourists lined up on Duval for the opportunity to shake hands with the former president.

Clinton answered questions, posed for pictures, shook hands and admired shop windows. Four months after his bypass surgery, Clinton was in town accompanying his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and attending several fund-raising events. While in town, they stayed at the Harry S Truman Little White House Museum, which served as a favorite winter getaway for an earlier Democratic president.

"The Truman White House is fantastic," Clinton said. "It is very well preserved and the historical aspects are fascinating."

Clinton was quickly assimilated into the Key West way of life after a lunch catered by Mangoes and a trip to the Mel Fisher Museum.

"I have never been here before," Clinton said. "So far I've been walking all over. It's really great to see people from all over the country, all over the world. Key West is so relaxing but it is a really high energy place."

For young people aspiring to be politicians, Clinton advised, "get to know different types of people and learn what makes them tick, to get to know people with different religious backgrounds and political backgrounds. It is important to read a lot and learn a lot, to expand your mind as much as you can, to learn how to think like an individual. If you want to be a politician, I would advise working on a campaign as soon as you can because the experience will be invaluable."

Key West resident Kelly Castellanos, a hair stylist at Secrets hair salon, was among the many to meet Clinton.

"I was very nervous and excited when we saw him," said Castellanos. "When we all rushed out to meet him I thought, 'He is going to think we are a bunch of crazies running out just to catch a glimpse of him.'"

Key West Mayor Wreckley said so many people were eager to get a glimpse of Clinton that the crowd filled the street outside the Oldest House, forcing police to close the part of Duval Street. The museum was the site of a \$250-per-person fund-raising lunch for Hillary Clinton's Senate re-election campaign.

Hillary Clinton came to Key West for a fund-raiser last spring, but this was Bill Clinton's first trip to the island.

"Both of them really enjoyed Key West," said Wreckley, an active Democrat who attended last year's party convention. "I wouldn't be surprised if they were seen here again."

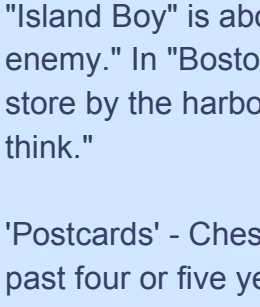
Chelsea Solmo is a junior at Key West High School and an editor of the school newspaper, The Snapper

Meanwhile, "Trip Around The Sun" from License to Chill was at number 2 this week on the CMT top 20 countdown.

Nanci Griffith's new album "Hearts In Mind" is now out. It has "I Love This Town" with Jimmy Buffett and "Rise To The Occasion" with Mac McAnally.

There's a new Cheeseburger In Paradise coming to Indianapolis.

Speaking of Kenny Chesney, his latest release is doing well:



'Be As You Are' has Kenny Chesney being himself atop Billboard's Top 200 & Country Album Charts

NASHVILLE, (BNA Records) - With 310,655 copies sold of *Be As You Are: Songs From An Old Blue Chair*, Kenny Chesney debuts at Number One on Billboard's Top 200 and Country Album Charts. An album with no radio singles, *Be As You Are* marks the third time in a row that he has achieved that chart feat, following the success of his now quadruple Platinum *No Shoes No Shirt No Problems* and the current *When The Sun Goes Down* which has been certified Triple Platinum and counting.

Continuing to make history, *Be As You Are* debuts at Number One on the Digital Album Chart, making it the highest ever debut for a country album. Additionally, he debuts at Number One on the Internet Chart.

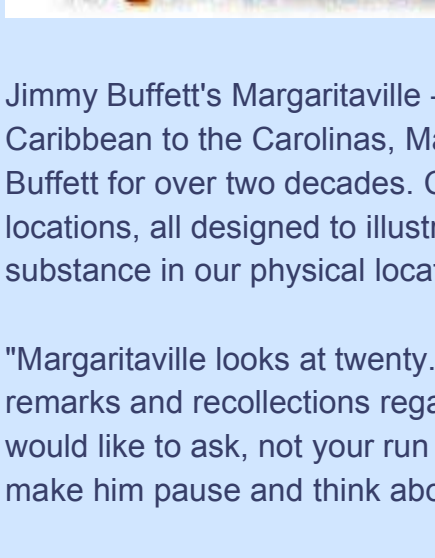
On the accomplishments, RCA Label Group Chairman Joe Galante said, "This is a history making event. To debut No 1 in both charts and to have the first label group to have 3 country albums reach No 1 (and debut at No 1) on Billboard's pop sales chart in a calendar year. This milestone occurred with the No 1 pop debut of Alan Jackson's *What I Do* on Arista Nashville, Chesney's *When The Sun Goes Down* on BNA and Jimmy Buffett's *License to Chill* on RCA/Mailboat.

Not everyone thinks that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery:

The last he only, release three albums outsold country star Kenny Chesney's "When The Sun Goes Down," and radio is still pulling hits from it. This gives Chesney the clue he needs to realize "Be As You Are," his ode to a life zazing in the Caribbean.

Chesney earns some credit for trying something less commercial in Nashville, but he has been angling to become Jimmy Buffett Jr. for at least four albums. "Be As You Are," for its attempts at significance, is shockingly shallow. With this attempt to pen his own variation on "A Pirate Looks at 40" he comes up a continent short."

There's always Plan "B":



Kenny Chesney's getaway program

Country singer takes time to recharge in Caribbean

Tuesday, February 1, 2005 Posted: 4:22 PM EST (2122 GMT)

Kenny Chesney composed all but one of the songs on his new album on his boat.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) -- Need to talk to Kenny Chesney? Well, he's out today, and he's booked solid Thursday and Friday. Saturday's definitely a no, and Sunday -- well, forget about it. Trying to find 20 minutes to talk to one of country music's biggest stars about his latest album, "Be As You Are," is like trying to find a palm tree in Nashville. No wonder he cut a record about kicking back in the Caribbean. The poor guy needs a vacation.

"I've got an intense life," Chesney says by telephone during a break from a Nashville rehearsal. "I have to make a lot of decisions, and I have my hands in everything that's going on." Chesney still finds time to escape to his hideaway in the British Virgin Islands, and that's where this quiet, introspective album was born. Every song save one was written on his boat, where he says he finds the freedom and creativity his busy schedule won't allow. Even his label acknowledges that this is a different kind of album. BNA Records isn't releasing any singles and is taking a low-key marketing approach.

"This isn't necessarily a Kenny Chesney country album," said Butch Waugh, executive vice president of RCA Label Group Nashville. "This is a look at Kenny Chesney's life in the islands." And a simpler life it is:

"Island Boy" is about a guy from Maine who sold all of his stuff and moved to the islands, where he's "living the life where there's the past four or five years. Most of the stories are true." "I know girls who went down there for their college spring break and never went back," he said. "They're very easygoing, free-spirited, fun-loving people. They're thinking in the moment, and I love that."

Postcards - Chesney, 36, considers the songs "postcards" of the people he's met and the places he's been. He wrote them over the past four or five years. Most of the stories are true. "I know girls who went down there for their college spring break and never went back," he said. "They're very easygoing, free-spirited, fun-loving people. They're thinking in the moment, and I love that."

Jimmy Buffett has covered this ground before, but Chesney's attempt is more risky. He's sold millions of albums as a hard-rocking country singer with lots of electric guitars and big, energetic stage shows. On "Be As You Are," he pulls a stunt like the characters in his songs -- he simplifies, stripping out the heavy production and making a sparse, mostly acoustic album.

He also wrote or co-wrote the 13 tracks, another departure for him. Chesney came to Nashville as a writer for the Acuff-Rose publishing house in the early 1990s and has written songs for his albums before, but nothing on this scale.

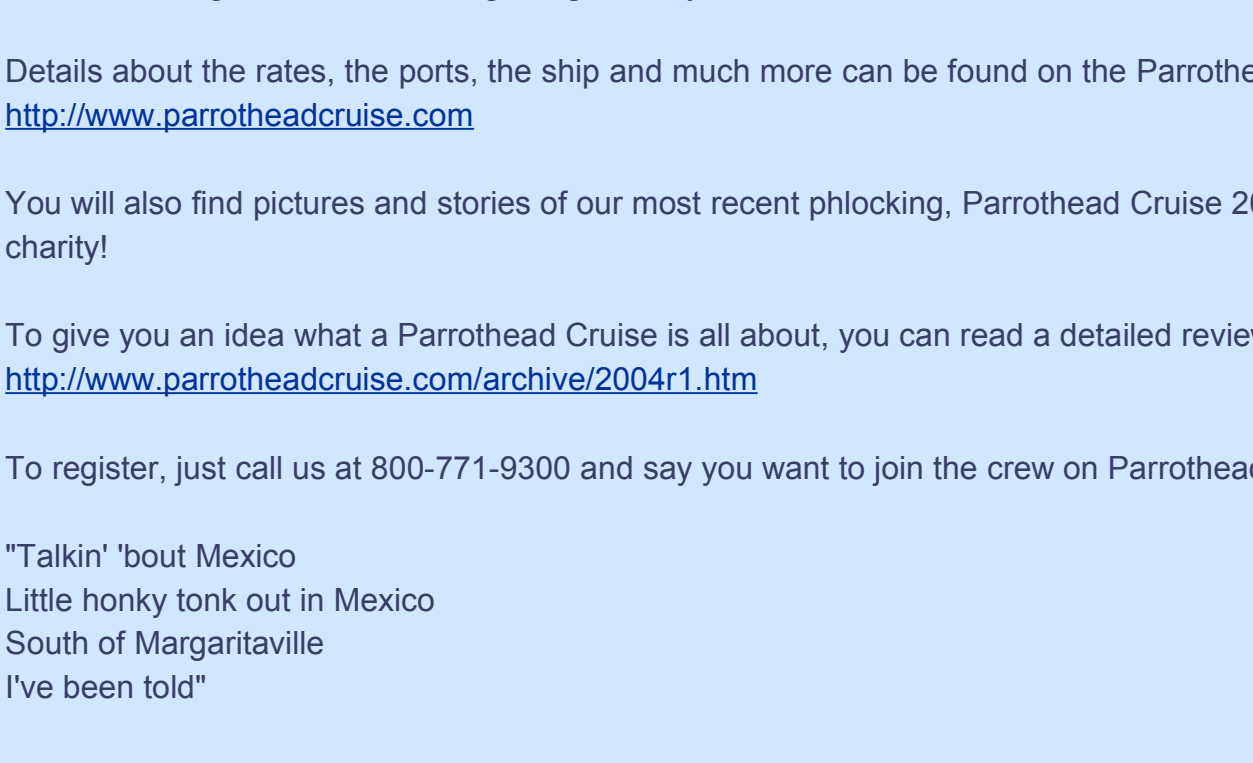
Waugh compares the boldness of the move to "Nebraska," Bruce Springsteen's 1982 album of bleak, demo-quality songs released during one of singer's commercial peaks. At the time, the album puzzled some fans, but today it's regarded as one of Springsteen's finest. In more recent years, Dave Matthews has taken a similar turn.

"You can only do this when you have a fan base that wants to know more about you," Waugh says. Chesney has built up the clout to take a chance. He's been performing for 10 years now, and last year was his most successful. His "When The Sun Goes Down" sold 3 million copies, only Usher, Norah Jones and Eminem sold more albums on a single title last year. And he drew 1.2 million fans to his concerts, placing him second in tour attendance to Prince. "I'm proud of the fact that I'm at a point in my career that if I want to take a little bit of a left turn and make an album that is more hushed, more acoustic and more personal, that I can do it," Chesney said.

Chesney, who grew up in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in east Tennessee, says he doesn't really know how or when he developed a love of the Caribbean. But it's always been there. Some of the themes he explores so heavily on "Be As You Are" ripple through his past work. Now, Chesney says, he's trying to live a little more like the laid-back locals he sings about instead of the driven entertainer he is. "A lot of the people in those places have really touched me," he said, "and showed me I don't have to push so hard all of the time."

You can listen to Jimmy's version of "Piece of Work" without Toby Keith on AOL through the below link, click on Country & Folk, then Buffett, Jimmy. This will be the next single out on radio from License to Chill.
<http://music.channel.aol.com/archive/main.asp>

Meanwhile, back at the national headquarters:

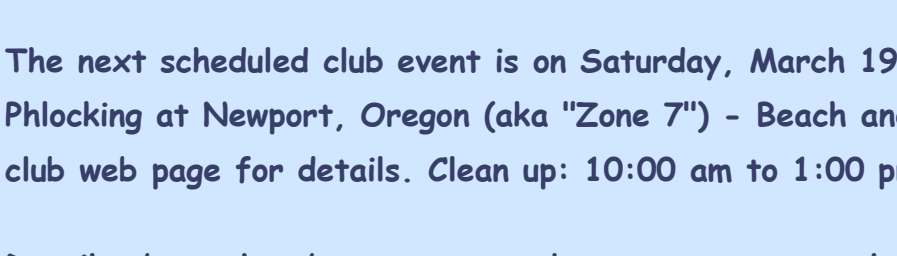


Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville - a state of mind is now a state of being. From tropical latitudes to high stake attitudes, from the Caribbean to the Carolinas, Margaritaville has embraced the mythical world defined by the insightful lyrics of singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett for over two decades. Climates and characters from prose and poem create an entertaining atmosphere in a variety of exciting locations, all designed to illustrate and illuminate the search for the legendary lost shaker of salt. And while we've captured the substance in all physical locations, the Margaritaville style remains, "anywhere you want it to be."

"Margaritaville looks at twenty. We're asking ourselves how we got here (we haven't a clue) and we're asking the Big Guy for his remarks and recollections regarding the last two decades. Now you have a chance as well. Jimmy wondered what the Parrot Heads would like to ask, not your run of the mill "did you pay the Mini-Mart back" type of question, but rather something that would really make him pause and think about.

This is your opportunity to ask the questions that bothers you so. While we cannot reply to all, we will forward the queries that we feel are of interest to the majority of Parrot Heads. "

Click here to let 'em know what you think! http://margaritaville.com/ask_jimmy.htm



Speaking of Margaritaville, registration is open for the 14th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2005 "Conky Tonkin" in Key West" from November 3 - November 6, 2005. More information is available at: <http://www.phip.com/motm/index.html>

Registration is also open for Phins To The West:



The Party Goes On...

"Phins To The West is moving into high gear. We are still taking registrations and are planning a great week-end. This event was last year's best value for Tropical entertainment. This year will be no less. In addition to the event, this year, with our close proximity to Las Vegas and the upcoming Buffett concert on 9 April, we are the most logical choice for your weekend accommodations. You can avoid the high cost of hotels and food in Las Vegas by staying with us. We are going to make it easy for you to make your decision by offering free round trip transportation to the Vegas concert. By registering for the event for the inexpensive price of \$ 175, you get not only 2 nights in a Great Casino Resort, but, some outstanding well known entertainment, 5 meals, inexpensive drinks and all of the same amenities that you will get in Las Vegas, plus a Party Bus to the concert. You will enjoy your trip to the concert and return to the Avi Resort to continue the party with all of your Parrothead Friends. The Party will virtually never-end. What a way to go !!

Our week-end includes:

Stars on the Water

- Don Middlebrook and Living Soul
- Boat Drunks
- Joe Bennett
- Rob Mehl
- Bob Karwin
- Mark Mulligan
- Mac MacDonald
- Roy Cody
- Gary Sailer
- Gordon Price
- Tony Baloney
- Jim Hoehn
- Jerry Dias

And... some special guests

Send your weekend with us and really enjoy the concert. This is a once in a life time opportunity to get the most for your money. Detailed information and registration forms can be found on our website: www.phinstothewest.com

Registration is also now open for Parrothead Cruise 2005!

"Oh, down in Mexico
I've never really been
So I don't really know
Oh, Mexico
I guess I'll have to go now"

"There's still space available for the trip "South of Margaritaville". Join the Atlanta Parrot Head Club and hundreds of Parrotheads from coast to coast when we set sail to Mexico! This will be our seventh annual phlocking and it's a party with a purpose. Parrothead Cruise 2005 supports the Atlanta Parrot Head Club's fight against breast cancer.

We'll cast off for a week on Sunday, April 3, 2005 aboard the Carnival Pride. We'll depart Long Beach, California headed for Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas! There will be Parrothead activities and entertainment and you can always count on a few surprises.

Joining us on the high seas will be our very own "Parrothead Mariachi" band consisting of Parrothead favorites Matt Hall, Jeff Pike, KD Moore, Hugo Duarte, and Greg "Fingers" Taylor!

Details about the rates, the ports, the ship and much more can be found on the Parrothead Cruise website:

<http://www.parrotheadcruise.com>

You will also find pictures and stories of our most recent phlocking, Parrothead Cruise 2004, where we raised over \$20,000 for charity!

To give you an idea what a Parrothead Cruise is all about, you can read a detailed review of our last phlocking here: <http://www.parrotheadcruise.com/archive/2004r1.htm>

To register, just call us at 800-771-9300 and say you want to join the crew on Parrothead Cruise 2005!

"Talkin' 'bout Mexico
Little honky tonk out in Mexico
South of Margaritaville
I've been told"

I hope you can join us on our adventure!

Fins up,

- Brent Jones
- Altanta PHC

p.s. Even if you can't join us on the cruise this year, you're invited to our huge Bon Voyage party on Saturday April 2 in Long Beach! Hundreds of Parrotheads will be on hand to send us off in grand style. Click here for more information: <http://www.parrotheadcruise.com/about/bonvoyage.htm>

Speaking of cruise ships, in Jacksonville Florida they have several cruise ships in port to help accommodate the Superbowl crowd this Sunday. We'll just have to see what "malfunctions" this year! <http://www.superbowl.com>

On Friday, February 18, 2005 the The Portland Showcase of Wine and Cheese - Benefit for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland takes place at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom, 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Portland, Oregon 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm - 21 and over. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets are available at Hollywood Video locations.

The next scheduled club event is on Saturday, March 19, 2005 for the SOLV Beach Cleanup and After Clean-up Phlocking at Newport, Oregon (aka "Zone 7") - Beach and Post-Cleanup Phlocking. Location to be determined, check the club web page for details. Clean up: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with phlocking to phollow.

Details about the above events and more are on our calendar on the club web page at <http://www.keynorthwest.org>. If you have any questions, comments, ideas or announcements, you can email them to mailboat@keynorthwest.org.

Phinally, this Tuesday is Mardi Gras and there are many places to celebrate around this port town. We hope that whatever you aren't giving up for Lent you can give out on Fat Tuesday!

Laissez les bons temps rouler! (Let the Good Times Roll - Phins Up! in Cajun)

Chris and Andrea Sloan ☺☺

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