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July-August 2017

Message from our prez

Hello Friends,

Can you believe it; we are already halfway through 2017? We are in the full swing of summer and we are having some phun and raising some big bucks for great causes. The Route 66 PHC; what can I say, you are a great group of friends, keep up the great work.

"Route 66 Parrot Head for Life"
Donnie Kerksieck

As everyone knows I have been able to attend less than half the meetings this year, and I have missed out on some other events as well. I want to apologize for not being there for everyone this year! It has been a very busy year for me and my company. I have been out of town more than in town and that is not expected to change until sometime in 2018. We all set expectations of ourselves, and sometimes, for unforeseen reasons we

don't meet those expectations and this is one of those times. I feel that I have not served the club as it deserves, and with upcoming elections this year, with a heavy heart, I will not be running for a second

term as president. During the five years as a member I have been an officer for three years, I will remain a Route 66 Parrot Head for life, and will continue to participate as a parrot head member. I am not saying I will never run for office again, one day I would like to possibly run for a position as a board member. With that being said, there are many current members that will be great candidates that will be able to better serve as the club president. Seek them out

and give them the support you have given me and you will remain successful as a club.

Let's continue to do what we do; as you have heard so many times from me before we are a small group but powerful as a group, what we **do is amazing!** Let's continue to grow our phlock and spread the word outside our

club and bring friends, and family, to meetings, **fundraisers, phlocking's.** We continue to sign up new members at just about every fundraiser we have.

The Route 66 Parrot Head Club has given me more than I could ever give back to you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Donnie Kerksieck
Route 66 Parrot Head for Life!

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Another TRIP AROUND THE SUN July and August birthdays

Sandy Fuchs	7/9	Mike McEnery	7/22
Tom Heap	7/9	Donna Miller	7/22
Colleen Fuchs	7/10	Robert Koppenhoefer	8/7
Jerry Turnbow	7/11	Marty Busch	8/13
Kate Palazzolo	7/13	Matt Girardier	8/13
Elzie Stogsdill	7/17	Mona Davis	8/14
Lisa Kerk sieck	7/18	Mike Fuchs	8/16
Douglas Chepely	7/19	Jessica Jackson	8/16
Kim Carollo	7/20	Maria Turnbow	8/27



Other important dates

JULY

- 7/8/17 [Luau at the Davis'](#)
- 7/8/17 CIPHC Leather and Leis
- 7/13/17 [Monthly Meeting](#) w/HOUSE Concert
(Kitty Steadman/Melanie Howe)
- 7/29-30/17 Trop Rockin River Fest

AUGUST

- 8/10/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)

SEPTEMBER

- 9/23/17 [NOTE: Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting/ Chili Cook off at Tim & Becky Elliotts](#)
- 9/23/17 Donny Brewer at the Port of Indecision

OCTOBER

- 10/7/17 [Wine Party CANCELLED](#)
- 10/12/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
- 10/14/17 Clinton County PHC Birthday Party/Bus Trip
- 10/21/17 CubaFest

NOVEMBER

- 11/1-5/17 Meeting of the Minds
- 11/9/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
- 11/18/17 [Christmas Party](#)
- 11/25/17 Clinton County PHC Christmas Party & Parade

DECEMBER

- 12/2/17 STLPHC Holidaze Party
- 12/14/17 [Monthly Happy Hour and Meeting](#)
- 12/17/17 [Happy Acres Christmas Party](#)



ITEMS IN BLUE ARE ROUTE 66 PHC CLUB EVENTS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARROT HEADS— Craig And Linda Brown

By Jeff Palazzolo

Welcome to our bi-monthly "Getting to Know Your Fellow Parrot Heads" where we will take a peek inside our fellow members lives to get to know them just a little better.

This installment will be with the Craig and Linda Brown ... aka Fritz and Linda Lou.

Hometown:

Longtime resident of Owensville, MO and part-time resident of Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Occupation:

Craig is a retired letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and now moves tires all around the East Central area of Missouri. Linda is a Pharmacy Technician.

Birth/Grow up town/School:

Craig was born and raised in Owensville, Mo. Linda born and raised in Rose Bud going to the Lutheran grade school. Both are alumni of Owensville High School.

Pets:

3 Outside cats named Tigger, Beauty and Linusina. At one time, they had a total of 10 cats.

How long Have you been in Route 66 PHC?

The Browns are charter members of Route 66 PHC being introduced to the craziness by our founders the Ray's.

Has your opinion of Parrotheads changed once you became a parrothead?

As with most, they had no clue about the good will charitable contributions .

Favorite Music Genre:

Craig & Linda are both fans of classic rock and reggae.

Favorite Buffet Song:

Craig: Treetop Flyer
Linda: Volcano

1st Concert:

Craig; Santana at the Checkerdome
Linda; ZZ Top at St. Louis Arena (both venues are actually the same, just name change)

Last concert (major venue):

Jimmy Buffet at Hollywood Casino Amphitheater, St. Louis

What's your relaxation-hobby:

Craig; reads newspapers, a lot,
Linda; likes to sew and read
Both enjoy riding ATV's

How you met significant other?

Linda's mother made her go to a pizza party with her brother (she claims she had no interest in going to the party) and they rest they say is history.

Where was your first date with significant other?

Movies in Gerald Mo. 1972

What are you driving?

Craig: Ford Expedition
Linda: Ford Edge

One interesting thing nobody knows about you:

Craig: The ability to freakishly remember numbers
Linda: was a topless waitress at the Commodore Hotel with the name Dixie Chicken

One fact in this month's edition is not true (I'll let you figure out which one). All I'm going to say is, if you can't come up with an interesting fact about yourself, I'm going to help you!



MUSICIAN'S SPOTLIGHT

THE BOAT DRUNKS' MIKE MILLER FACES SERIOUS HEALTH BATTLE

June 30, 2017

By Tammy Camp

Trop Rock singer/songwriter and band leader Mike Miller is keeping his spirits high and his hopes abound to keep performing for fans. A few months ago, Mike learned he needed a bone marrow transplant, the only solution to his medical condition. Undeterred by this recent health crisis, Mike is busy performing, writing and recording a new CD.

In the winter of 2001, Mike Miller co-founded what is now one of the most sought after Trop Rock bands, The Boat Drunks. Their name originates from a play off **Jimmy Buffett's song "Boat Drinks"** and their most avid followers come from the Parrot Head community. Performing at Trop Rock festivals, Community festivals and Parrot Head events, The Boat Drunks have a busy schedule for the remainder of 2017 including multiple performances during the annual Parrot Head convention in Key West.

And Mike is looking forward to performing at all these upcoming gigs. He explains **"As long as I am able, I'm going to be out there playing with the guys. I'd rather be doing that than anything else."**

When Mike let his friends and fans know more about his condition, fundraisers were quickly organized

all across the country. Mike has been a part of the Parrot Head world for **17 years** and says **"nothing they do surprises me when it comes to their generosity and willingness to help people."** **Mike himself has been involved in raising funds for other musicians and Parrot Heads over the years. "I've just never been on the receiving end of it. Although it doesn't surprise me, their generosity is overwhelming."**

Authorized Reprint of article in
*"Trop Rockin' Magazine at
www.TropRockin.com"*

In 2009, Mike was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. He received low-dose chemo therapy to keep this health issue under control. In April this year, he learned his condition had become much more complicated and was diagnosed with MDS, a **disease where bone marrow doesn't create enough healthy blood cells.**

Mike shared with me his current **prognosis "According to both of my doctors, a bone marrow transplant is the only opportunity for long-term survival. It's a pretty serious situation."**

Thus far, Mike has been turned away from any possibility of a bone marrow transplant due to a lack of health insurance. After he retired from the police force, he was turned

down for individual health insurance policies because of pre-existing conditions. Subsequently, hospital stays and costly treatments have caused him to incur hefty medical debts. When he looked into a policy from the Affordable Care Act, adding a \$750 a month medical insurance premium plus a **\$9,000 deductible wasn't feasible** for his personal finances.

Mike's doctors are exploring every possible avenue to receive the much needed bone marrow transplant. His hematologist **submitted Mike's medical case to two clinical trials at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD in hopes of a medical study providing the transplant.** He has not yet heard back from either one.

Another opportunity is coming up soon. Mike has a pre-paid medical evaluation at the Mayo Clinic where they will render their determination on his condition and (hopefully) look into possible financial assistance or payment plan options for treatment.

Right now, these are the only options on the table, but Mike **declares "If there's any opportunity out there, I will pursue it."**

In a little bit of reflection, Mike **expressed that he's had a good life. He's cherished watching his daughter grow up and start a**

MUSICIAN'S SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

family of her own and he's so very grateful to be doing what he loves – playing music. And he hopes he gets to do it for quite a while longer but adds “No matter how it works out, it's been a really good run.”

For all of us who love Mike Miller's music and his wonderfully infectious smile, there are many ways to chip in and help him fight this battle.

One of the questions Mike receives is about bone marrow donor matching. At this time, Mike has not been tested to determine the exact type of bone marrow donor he would need (this is a costly **procedure that won't be done until he is approved for a transplant**). According to DKMS, only 30% of patients are a bone marrow match to someone in their own family. So, Mike encourages anyone who would like to help, sign up on the international bone marrow donor list at DKMS.org. Mike points out that you may not be a match for him, but **you could be saving someone's life and that's worth it.**

Plus, there are numerous fundraisers and look for plenty more to occur in late October and early November before and during the annual Parrot Head Convention.

Here's how you can help Mike Miller TODAY:

Online crowdfunding at YouCaring for the Mike Miller Medical Expense Fund. Unlike other crowdfunding

websites, YouCaring does not keep a percentage of the money raised, meaning all your donation is going directly to Mike! You can donate here: YouCaring Fundraiser for Mike Miller Medical Expenses

Original Mike Miller “Hollow Man” Guitar and Hat Raffle. Donation items for the raffle come from the hearts of Jim Duddleston, Marla Kernats and Toddy Lindsey. Volunteering her time to sell tickets is Colleen Fuchs, contact her at parrotheadlife@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Raffle drawing will

be late October / early November.

Radio Trop Rock has put together a Christmas CD of donated songs from Trop Rock artists. \$20 includes the CD and shipping. All proceeds benefit Mike Miller. You can purchase a CD here: Radio Trop Rock Christmas CD

And it goes without saying, but a great way to give support is to **purchase Mike Miller's solo CDs.** You can download his songs from CDBaby.



Modot trash Pickup

The second 2017 Route 66 PHC MoDot Trash Pick Up was on Sunday, May 21st.

Fifteen enthusiastic members were there to make our little corner of the world a little bit cleaner.

It was a little cleaner than the first pick where we picked up 32 bags. For this pick up, 23 bags of trash were collected. The most unusual item found was 3 TV trays (BORING).

Our next scheduled MoDot Trash Pick Up is Sunday, August 13, 2017.

Since 1987, Missouri's Adopt-A-Highway program has involved volunteers across the state working together to clean up Missouri. Currently, more than 5,200 groups and 50,000 volunteers in the program **are focused on making Missouri's** roadsides cleaner and more attractive for our residents and visitors. More than 6,200 miles of roadway have been adopted.



Adopter groups include commercial and private enterprises, civic and non-profit organizations, families and individuals. MoDOT spends about \$6 million annually to remove litter from more than 385,000 acres of right of way along 34,000 state highway miles. Adopters perform about \$1 million a year in litter cleanup and beautification efforts. Every area kept free of litter by adopters allows MoDOT to devote resources to other much-needed tasks.



Phlocking on the river

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, Tim and Mona Davis offered up their river front paradise for a PHlocking. Tim cooked up some Cheeseburgers in Paradise, brats and other delicious treats.

Fifteen Route 66 Parrot Heads took **advantage of the hospitality of the Davis'** ... there was a lot of laid back visiting and relaxing.

It is safe to say that those in attendance had a great time ...



ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS 4th annual crawfish & shrimp boil

The 4th annual Crawfish and Shrimp Boil is in the books. We could not have picked a more perfect day. The weather was ideal with a low of 56 degrees and a high of 82!

Thursday, June 22nd was a busy day. At 10:30 in the morning, a group of volunteers pitched in to set up the big tent donated by Bank of Sullivan. That evening at 5:30, another group of volunteers met on Happy Island to help wash potatoes, clean corn and cut up andouille sausage in preparation for the Boil.

Friday morning, the shrimp and live crawfish were picked up at the St. Louis airport. After unloading the seafood on the island, it was back to Rohrer Park. Another group of volunteers showed up to help turn the tent 90 degrees, as it was decided to put the musicians in the pavilion instead of building a stage.

Saturday morning a group of

parrot heads were on hand to set up for the event. There was decorating to do, a bathroom to clean and stock, a public urinal to build, tables to set up and pots to get ready.

John Friday took the stage at 1:00 p.m. Because of his gentle soul, he is known as the **"Teddy Bear of Trop Rock"**. Some of his musical TRMA achievements are 2013 Horizon Award and 6 nominations (2010-2013) including album and 2013 song of the year. In addition, he has numerous awards from other **songwriter associations**. **"Worst Pirate in the World"** was a total crowd pleaser. John kept us totally entertained until it was time to chow down.

Rod Krueger, Terry Kellett, Steve Carey and Mitch Jackson were our cooks for the day. They cooked up 80 pounds of crawfish, 100 pounds of shrimp, 50 pounds of andouille sausage,

70 pounds of potatoes and 200 half ears of corn. Their timing was perfect as all was ready to eat at precisely 4:00 p.m.

After eating, all in attendance were treated to a performance from Thom Shepherd and Coley McCabe, both award winning singers/songwriters. Redneck Yacht Club got everyone singing. **Coley's emotional "I Am A Woman" had many in tears. For the crowd-pleasing song "Djibouti", John Friday returned to the stage to accompany them on harmonica.**

Thom, and his Radio **Margaritaville** hit **"Always Saturday Night,"** are featured in the documentary **"Parrot Heads: The Movie,"** and he won the Radio Show of the Year Award at the 2015 Trop Rock Music Awards for **"Live From The Redneck Yacht Club."** Along with his own radio singles in Texas, Thom is the writer of five #1

singles for other artists – **"Redneck Yacht Club"** (Craig Morgan), **"Riding with Private Malone"** (David Ball), **"The Night Is Young"** (Kyle Park), **"My Texas"** (Josh Abbott and Pat Green), and **"Beer Season"** (Kevin Fowler). In total Thom has had over 10 singles and over 100 songs recorded by other artists. Coley McCabe has had several major



ROUTE 66 PARROT HEADS 4th annual crawfish & shrimp boil-Continued

artist cuts including Loretta Lynn and SHeDAISY as well as writing most of the songs on her self-titled CD which boasts the presence of Kenny Chesney on "The Next Sound You Hear".

Colleen Fuchs, Marlene & Brian Guittar, George & Jane Reed, MB Fitzgerald, Laura, Jeff & Kate Palazzolo, Mitch & Jess Jackson,

Mike Baetz, Mark Hewkin and Craig & Shirley Cox. Hopefully, no one was missed in this acknowledgement.

At the end of the day, it was safe to say a good time was had by all. 2,042 donated items were collected for Russell House. The value of those items was \$3,614.20! In addition, \$1,100 in monies was raised .

Pam & Rich Ray (co-chairs of the Boil) would like to thank Brad Rohrer for use of the park, Linda Orrell for supplying the insurance for the event, Johnsonville for the sausage and for all those who purchased and/or sold tickets. Members who volunteered were Steve Carey, Rod Krueger,



TROPROCKIN' RIVER FEST

July 28-30, 2017

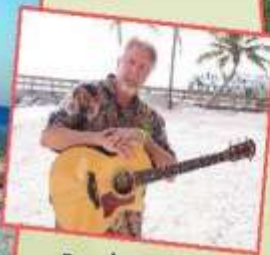
Ozark Outdoors Riverfront Resort
Leasburg, MO



Sunny Jim



John Reno



Paul Roush



Donny Brewer



Cory Young



Mike McEnery

Friday 7-10 pm/John Reno, Saturday 4-7 pm/Cory Young, 7-10 pm/Sunny Jim & Donny Brewer
Sunday 9:30-11:30 am/Bloody Mary's w/Paul Roush

\$50 REGISTRATION

(Includes Dinner Sat. Night & Sun. Bloody Mary Brunch)

\$20—Friday Night ONLY

\$35—Saturday Night ONLY

Must register NO LATER than July 10th

PayPal: paypal.me/troprockin OR

Mail check to: TropRockin River Fest

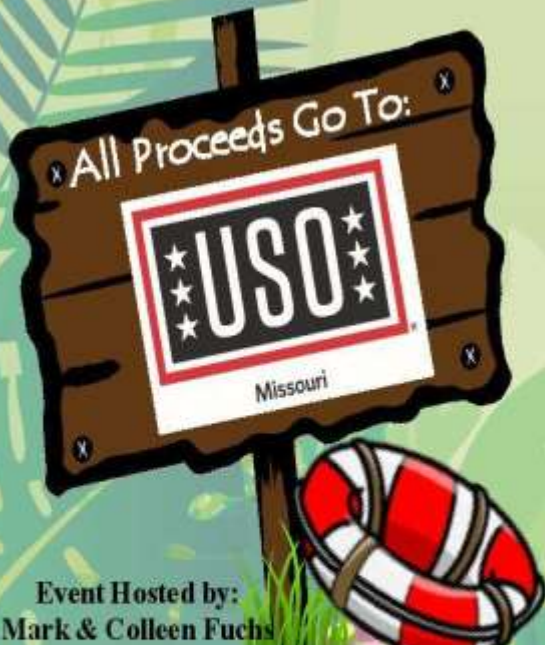
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Mike McEnery will be entertaining us during the organized tube float! Details to Follow!

Call 800-888-0023 to reserve your lodging!

Cabins, motel, RV & tent spaces available on-site

Other off-site hotels within 10-15 miles in Sullivan and Cuba



Event Hosted by:
Mark & Colleen Fuchs



Registration for the 26th Annual Meeting of the Minds 2017 is Open!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR PARROT HEADS!!

Hello Everyone! Happy Holidays! It is time to let you know that Meeting of the Minds 2017 registration is open! The Casa Marina is also now ready to take your reservation for Meeting of the Minds 2017!! But hurry on the reservations as the hotel sold out in three weeks last year!

2017 MEETING OF THE MINDS REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 27th!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 26th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS 2017 OPENED AT 12:00 NOON EST on DECEMBER 27, 2016!! Here is the link: <https://www.phip.com/meeting>. Choose the "REGISTRATION" button IN THE LOWER LEFT of the link above AND YOU ARE ON THE WAY TO REGISTERING! If you have ANY QUESTIONS about Meeting of the Minds registration questions are generally answered at this FAQ link: <https://www.phip.com/meeting-faq>.

I want to take a moment to tell you that you will have opportunities to register for volunteer activities when you register. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE GIFT BAG STUFFING EVENT please register early as that event is sold out when we reach 125 people. This will fill VERY QUICKLY. Do not delay if you want to participate as there are NO EXCEPTIONS after we reach the limit. That same rule applies to all the other volunteer positions but they tend to fill up more slowly than the gift bag party...

ROUTE 66 PARROT HEAD CLUB

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We are an inclusive social club whose purpose is to bring together like-minded folks infused with the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett as well as his kick-back lifestyle, music and writings. We desire to leave things a little better than we found them while having a BLAST doing it. We like to party with a purpose as we perform community service projects and donate to charities.

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