

Phlockings & Squawkings

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LONE STAR PARROT HEAD CLUB

Madame President's Skull Duggery by Cindy Talley

Howdy Phlock!

Wow! What an amazing few months it's been since our last newsletter was published!! We have so very much to be proud of in our club.

We have had so many great events and get-togethers, but the obvious first two that come to mind are the Parking Lot Party and Sharkstock! Hot dang! The Parking Lot Party was a first on so many levels, and we raised record money to boot! Let me say how honored I was to be part of such a great group of people – everyone willing to do whatever it took to make it the best it could be!

Sharkstock was another first! Our very first South Region event, and by a twist of fate, we were so blessed to have it here in our very own backyard.



Doc will have a lot to share with you on this topic, but let me say the Lone Star Parrot Heads stepped up to the plate and made sure we did all we could, for whomever needed it, to make this a truly wonderful weekend.

As if those two weren't enough, we are having an outstanding number of happy hours, parties, and just spur-of-the-moment mayhem, and the turnout is great.

All of this goes to the main thing I'd like to address, and that is YOUR dedication to this club, and to the people in this club. Over the last few weeks and months, I have seen people come together, step up to the plate and take on any task. In addition, I've watched new bonds form and old ones strengthen. Even if it's not an O-fficial Parrot Head event, it's been so great to watch my fellow Parrot Heads help another when they can. I don't just speak of myself in this instance (and I can't thank you all enough for your help and support these last months!), I speak of many others who have helped so many in need. It's an awesome thing to witness, and I am so proud to be counted among your numbers. Keep on looking out for one another.

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Member Highlight

Terry Thompson

Terry has been a fixture at LSPHC for years. He has been an exemplary events leader and an active member of the club for even longer. When it was suggested that Terry try to work with the Southern Region clubs to make the annual parking lot party a combined Southern Region extravaganza, Terry took the ball and ran with it. Hundreds upon hundreds of emails later, Terry had assembled all the



Southern Region clubs that wanted in and coordinated parking, set up, etc. while also organizing Lone Star's volunteers to countless jobs so that we could raise \$5,000 for the USO. His tireless efforts and cool demeanor resulted in a parking lot party everyone will remember. The Southern Region Regional Communicators gave their annual "Leg Lamp" award to Terry as the most influential person in the region for the year! Congratulations, Terry, on a well deserved award!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



If you're looking for phun on Phriday, head over to Salt Water Willy's in front of Grapevine Mills Mall along the service road. Come see Billy, Devin, and Mel! We are still collecting for the North Texas Food Bank, so bring a can of something!!!



July 11th (Sat) - Memorial service for Mama Anne (Cindy's mother) - Hilton Park Cities at 2:00 p.m. <u>http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/DALPCHF-Hilton-</u> <u>Dallas-Park-Cities-Texas/directions.do#localmap</u> East Side Happy Hour after -The Gingerman Dallas - \$3.50 pints of Spaten and Franziskaner beers and a few others. <u>http://dallas.gingermanpub.com/</u> Mmmm beer!

July 18th (Sat) - Cedar Creek PHC's annual Poker Run - Spend a day on the lake with new phriends and old! Make the best poker hand and win! This is a lot of phun and the Cedar Creek gang loves to party! <u>http://www.cclphc.net/poker%</u> 20run%2008%20flyer.pdf

July 23rd-25th - Riddles in the Sand - Join the Galveston Bay PHC as they host their annual Summer Camp for Parrot Heads. <u>http://www.gbphc.com/RITS/ Reg-istration.asp</u> Registration is still open and the music line up is good...John Reno, Hanna's Reef and Phins to name just a few!



August 8th (Sat) - Don Burke's Annual BABY BOOMER BIRTHDAY BASH!!! Location: Poor David's Pub <u>http://www.poordavidspub.com/</u> Time: 7:00pm to 1:00am Joining Don will be the Six-String Sailor, Scotty Lee Shuffield, Texas singer-songwriter Amos Staggs (The Cowboy Song, recorded by Garth Brooks, and many others), and Terry Rasor and his band, Over The Edge.





September 12th (Sat) - Zestfest 2009 - the ultimate party for bold and flavorful food enthusiasts! Hosted by Chile Pepper Magazine in Fort Worth, Texas' ZestFest will be action-packed. Cooking demos by celebrity chefs, live music, interactive contests and thousands of bold food samples will make it the zestiest weekend of the year! Join us and feel the BURN!! Afterwards, a happy hour TBD, of course!

September $18^{th}-20^{th}$ - Grapefest - Grapevine, TX – Friday night, after SWW's HH, drive on down the road to hear LE FREAK at Grapefest. Dance your socks off kats and kittens!



September 26th (Sat) - Alzheimer's Walk - THIS year it's in air conditioning ... at Grapevine Mills Mall and we can saunter out to breakfast right after! Please join us and help fight this terrible disease!



October 1st-3rd - Tommy Alverson's Family Gathering - One heck of a party and a great way to help raise money for the American Red Cross. We set up a booth last year to help hurricane victims to our South, and we're going to keep it up and do all we can again this year. <u>http://www.tommyalverson.com/</u> familygathering.html

December 5th (Sat) - Christmas in the Caribbean – Our Annual Holiday Party!

















Meeting of the Minds Update by Randy Morgan

Meeting of the Minds (or "MOTM") is the pinnacle of Parrot Head events! I have been to this event more than any other and there is a reason ... well, more than one actually ... the bands, the island, running into phriends everywhere and the fun you can have on your own!

When I took Nikki the first year, she said "So what do we do each day?" and I said "Don't worry, we will be busy enough!"

There is something going on all the time at MOTM! It could be the Jersey Boyz Welcome Party (Jim Morris, Sunny Jim and John Frinzi), the Sunset Sail, Margaritaville Street Fest with PHINS & Hanna's Reef, lunch at the Casa Marina pool bar (with John Reno or another solo artist serenading you), or dancing to Jimmy and the Parrots or Little Feat at the Casa's All Day Beach Bash!

Do you even have time to parasail (we did that one year) or go snorkel the coral reefs (awesome to see), maybe take a tour of the Little White House where Harry Truman spent more than a fourth of his time in office, or stop by the Hemingway House and see the six-toed cats?









There are literally dozens MORE things to do than I have mentioned. The flights to Miami and Ft. Lauderdale are on sale right now if you don't want to pay extra to fly right into Key West. The drive is a blast! We're doing it this year. Look for us at Alabama Jack's sampling the best conch fritters in the Keys.

So sign up now, and do NOT try going without registering and end up not getting on the grounds for the great Thursday night party or all day beach party Saturday ... the music is too good to miss AND you never know who might show up!

For the full schedule and anything you want to know about MOTM, go to www.phip.com and click on the top tab "Go To:" and select Meeting of the Minds.

Oh, and last but not least, you can join us for the annual visit to Peppers of Key West for hot sauce sampling (bring in your own beer for a phun afternoon with phriends.)

I'll see you on the island!!

~Randy "Doc"



SPECIAL from Casa Marina Resort

"In order to recognize both the continued support of the Parrot Heads and help stimulate the local economy, we offer the following:

A \$75.00 Resort Credit for each room booked at the Casa Marina under the PHiP rate

This resort credit will be applied towards each full paying room reservation and a three (3) night minimum stay on the evening of their last night reserved."

Even MORE incentive to go!

Registration

The low, low price of \$75 allows you admission into all convention activities and sites, including the 9th Annual All Day Beach Bash at the Casa Marina Resort, free shuttle service with your MOTM badge and much, much more. You don't want to miss out!

No late or onsite registration. It ends once it reaches 3500 registrants or by September 15, 2009 ... whichever comes first! Don't be left behind!

You must be a member in good standing of a Parrot Head club to register.

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BUFFETT CONCERT 2009 !!







"Next year, can we take over the whole parking lot?"



DANG THAT WAS PHUN!!! On Saturday, April 19, 2009, the Southern Region Parrot Head Clubs phlocked to Frisco for the Summerzcool Buffett concert and MEGA Parking Lot Party of the Year! Having all the clubs together just made it incredible, and I hope we have started something big. Jimmy Pattavina, the President of Parrot Heads in Paradise, even stopped by with his family to tell us what a great job we had done. Now if that just don't make yer chest stick out, I don't know what does! It was an added bonus to have pholks come up from other parts of our region and say they were from Austin (or such) and be able to walk a few feet and introduce them to the club closest to them. Just OUTSTANDING! We had Parrot Heads from all around our region, as well as folks I finally got to put faces to from DC, Denver, Ohio, Canada, Michigan, you name it! They all heard about the party, and they all wanted to come be a part of it. I just couldn't be any prouder of what a great group we put together!

I have to say a HUGE HONKING thank you to Greg Robinson for getting Buffett's Coral Reefer's Nadirah Shakoor, Tina Gullickson, and Doyle Grisham to come to our shindig! Also, a giant thank you to each and every person who volunteered to help, and to the many of you who didn't volunteer and stepped right up anyway. Whether you rocked the shot luge, or partook of the shot luge, YOU, dear Parrot Heads, were still the most important part of making this party **the very best Parking Lot Party EVER**. The gauntlet is down kids! We have a new standard by which to measure!!! Oh yea, we ROCK! :-)

~ Cindy Talley, LSPHC President

















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PIZZA HUT PARK, FRISCO, TX





This year, our "One Particular Parking Lot Party" took on a larger scale than in the past as The Lone Star Parrot Head Club partnered with other Parrot Head Clubs from the Southern Region, including San Antonio, Central Oklahoma (COPA), Cedar Creek, Central Texas (Austin), Houston, Five O'clock Phlock and Pirates of the Plains (Lubbock).

We had 60 spaces in the Gold Lot at Pizza Hut Park full of RVs, Pirate Ship stages, BBQ grills, a Potty Truck and the infamous LSPHC Shot Luge. The "real" parking lot party was definitely in our area! At one point, our area was closed to the golf cart traffic due to the overwhelming turnout of Parrot Heads!

Live music on the Cedar Creek Pirate Ship Stage was courtesy of the Cedar Creek and Central Oklahoma Clubs, featuring performances by Don Burke, Mike Erias and Brent Burns. Special thanks to Robert Render from Cedar Creek and Dana Flowers from Central Oklahoma for putting it all together.

The grills were staffed by members of the Merit Volunteer Fire Department who worked tirelessly throughout the day. Thanks guys and gals - job well done!! Once again we "Partied with a Purpose" and raised \$5000 in donations to benefit the USO! Special thanks to LSPHC's own Shannon Phipps for coordinating this effort with the DFW USO.

Special thanks to LSPHC's own Bob Knox and his staff from EL Monte RV for providing the Potty Truck and Club RV, to Silverado Sally and the Hilton DFW Lakes for the burger fixings and to Bill Horton and his staff from Pizza Hut Park for their efforts in accommodating our many requests from as early on as February, when we began planning, right through the entire day of the Party!

A huge "Phins Up" to everyone who responded to the many requests and volunteered their time, energies

and efforts to make the 2009 "One Particular Parking Lot Party" a great success.

Cheers! Terry Thompson Director, Events





We raised \$5000 for the USO!











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Kenny Chesney!!





"I have been rained on at a concert ... been rained on before a concert ... but I don't think I have had gale force winds, hail, driving rain, and lightning and STILL went to the concert! The parking lot party was unforgettable....hooking up three easy-ups to Pirate JD's camper, people holding stuff down so it didn't blow away, people holding people so THEY didn't blow away. WOW, was that a wild day!" ~ Randy "Doc" Morgan





Kenny blew a lot of us away (and made a few of us forever fans) when he came back to Pizza Hut Park for a FREE concert Sunday, May 17, 2009 to follow the previously rained out show on May 2, 2009.

He and his band played for 3 ½ hours, and included special guest, Mac MacAnnally, who sang with Kenny for "Down the Road" and "Back Where I Come From." Mac played with Kenny for the rest of the show, including the two hour encore titled "Keg in the Closet."

Some of the songs from the encore included "Take It Easy," "Gimme Three Steps," "Dixieland Delight," "Last Dance with Mary Jane," "Sweet Home Alabama," "With or Without You," "Hurts So Good," "Old Blue Chair," "Please Come to Boston," and "Take It To The Limit."

Thank you, Kenny! We had a blast!!















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USO DONATIONS BY SHANNON PHIPPS



The Lone Star Parrot Head Club has contributed to the DFW USO for the last few years from proceeds gathered at the annual parking lot party for the JimmyBuffett concert. **This year, we were proud to present a \$5000 check for the USO to Aneisa Watson, the Program Manager of the DFW USO.** Aneisa came to Saltwater Willy's for the presentation, met several of our club members and explained details about how monies are used for the soldiers. This year's concert donation was made possible by many generous LSPHC members, Southern Region club members, various concert goers, enormous volunteer efforts by lots of club members and a terrifically organized parking lot party led by Terry Thompson, LSPHC Director of Events.

In addition to the \$5000, LSPHC members also donated approximately \$1800 of goods for Operation Send Off. Snacks, jerky, toothpaste, shaving cream, lip balm, foot powder, batteries, phone cards, etc are all provided free for the inbound and outbound soldiers and were collected during May and June this year. Privateer Chappell and Quartermaster Adrianna donated 135 packs of Mrs. Bairds donuts pulled right off the line. One soldier commented after they had just arrived "Ma'am are those for our consumption?" Yessiree, those donuts were quite a hit, as well as all the other items generously donated by our club members.

The USO Dallas/Fort Worth opened June 14, 2004 to serve the military community. A non-profit organization, they serve personnel in all branches of the military- active duty, National Guard, reserve, retirees, and authorized family members. All services provided at USO DFW are free and made possible by the generosity of the North Texas Community. Every day of the year, a plane full of roughly 150 troops arrives at DFW Airport. These troops have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and are hitting American soil for the first time for two weeks of R&R, then they leave DFW after their R&R to return to the Middle East.

Thanks to all for all you do! Your efforts make a difference to those who serve our country!





GREET THE TROOPS ~ JULY 4TH



Several members of the LSPHC arrived at DFW airport on Saturday, July 4, 2009 to greet over 200 inbound troops. It is hard to describe the feelings one experiences when showing love and support to the brave men and women who defend our freedom and keep our country safe and protected. Our hearts swelling with pride, we waved American flags, cheered, clapped, whistled and even passed out leis and beads! The reactions from the soldiers are a mixture of things: relief to be home, tired and bone weary from several days spent flying, anxious to see their loved ones, and surprise that so many patriotic Americans are squeezed into the terminal to greet them. If you are interested in joining us, I promise you will never forget it. We send out emails on Yahoo to inform members of upcoming trips. Or if you'd like, you're welcome to go up there any time. Soldiers come home every day of the year and they can all use our support. Before you go, call (972) 574-0392 for the latest arrival information.



Membership News by Greg Robinson



EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN THE LONE STAR PARROT HEAD CLUB

The Lone Star Parrot Head Club is excited to welcome 89 new members from April 1st 2009-July 5 2009. We're so glad you're here! This gives us a total of **390 members** in good standing, making us the **LARGEST CLUB** in the PHIP South Region for membership! Way to go, LSPHC! To stay at the top of the list, we can't sit back now. We need to keep growing as the other Texas clubs, as well as the whole South Region, continues to grow. So we need all of the smiling faces we can get to wear those fashionable Lone Star Parrot Head member badges and join in on the fun and charitable things we do! Tell your phriends, neighbors and loved ones about all the great things they're missing by not being a part of us!

Getting Lei'd

When a new member comes to a happy hour or event, they will be given a white lei to wear. This lets everyone know they're an "LSPHC Virgin" and gives you an opportunity to greet them and introduce them to the group. We want to make our "virgins" feel included right away!

Before they go home, we remove the white lei and lei them IN COLOR! It's a phun way of recognizing new members and getting to know them better!



Welcome to our happy Phlock! Grab a drink and pull up a seat!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please remember to renew your memberships before they are due.

Your renewal date is also the expiration date of your membership. Look on the back of your LSPHC badge for your renewal date.

The Lone Star Parrot Head Club election process is going on now. If your membership has expired, you cannot participate in the election.

Also, if you are planning on attending Meeting of the Minds in the Holy Land (Key West), you need to be current with your membership.

You can renew your membership online at <u>www.lsphc.com</u> and pay via PayPal.

Do you know about our Yahoo Groups?

If you are interested in joining one or both, send an email to lsphcsubscribe@yahoogroups.com (club news) or lsphc-chatsubscribe@yahoogroups.com (chatter). You'll receive a welcome email once your club membership is confirmed. See ya online!

If you would like to send in your renewals via PayPal, please use the <u>president@lsphc.com</u> address to send in your payment. Or if you prefer to send snail mail, send your check to:

> LSPHC Membership C/O Greg Robinson 1334 Overlook Dr. Lewisville, Tx. 75067

Don't forget about our Summer of Phun Membership Drive!

The contest for adding the most memberships ends August 22nd at our Birthday Party. For more details, contact your Portmaster, Greg Robinson, at membership@lsphc.com.



Members-At-Large Cheryl Utter and Barb Gotcher

"Your liaisons to the board" Contact them at clulju@aol.com or gotcher@verizon.net

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LSPHC Nominations

Nominations are now open for Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Charity, and Director of Events! If you would like to run for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please email your nominations to Judy Mays, Election Chair, at <u>election@lsphc.com</u> before midnight, July 15, 2009. Include the nominee's first and last name and your first and last name. Only members in good standing as of July 1, 2009, may participate in the nomination and election process. Here is a brief description of officer duties. For a complete listing, contact Judy.

Vice President – Responsible for maintaining the club calendar, scheduling Happy Hours and communicating activities and events to the club, along with maintaining the Golden Coconuts.

Treasurer – Responsible for the financial matters of the club, including overseeing timely filing of tax returns and maintaining club checking account.

Director of Charity – Responsible for coordinating our "Texas Heart" in relation to charity events that the club participates in or sponsors, including overseeing the Charity Committee.

Director of Events – Responsible for coordinating events that are not Happy Hour related, such as the Parking Lot Party, MOTM, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Birthday Party & Christmas Party.

Voting is from August 1 – 15 and the winners of this election will be in term from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011. Good luck to all the candidates!!

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SHARKSTOCK WRAP UP













What can I tell you all about Sharkstock 2009....you did LSPHC PROUD!!! I was ecstatic with the support our club showed both in attendance and helping with everything from registration and security, to raising money in the dunking booth and cooking! I am proud to announce that everyone's efforts resulted in \$4500 being donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas and The North Cen-

The welcome party we hosted Thursday night at Saltwater Willy's with Rough Cut was a blast and the Friday night phun at Love & War in Texas was awesome.....(Don Burke & Tommy Alverson both rocked)! The pool party Saturday was one BIG party with Troy Allen and Latitude. Saturday night was incredible with Hanna's Reef and the Boat Drunks to put the topping on one of the best events I have been to! Special thanks to our own Sally Boyd for making it all possible on short notice. Austin Ranch and the Hilton went out of the way to work with us and get us what we needed! The venue was perfect and the free shuttles to and from DFW, Saltwater Willy's and Love & War made it where no one had to worry about driving. Billy went above and beyond to help out with deals on food, drinks, and donating auction items. Is it any wonder why Saltwater Willy's is our hangout?

tral Texas Alzheimer's Association charities!















Mark your calendars, boys and girls. Sharkstock 2010 is already set for next year in May (the weekend hasn't been decided yet) and I know we can make it bigger and better with the same support LSPHC gave this year! Thanks again everyone, you did GREAT! ~ Randy "Doc" Morgan



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Club Leaders' Phling ~ San Antonio



Many of our board members attended the Southern Region Leaders Conference in San Antonio in June. In addition to taking in the sites and sounds of the Riverwalk, they were informed about ways to make our club better. Through communication with other leaders in attendance, they exchanged ideas on everything from ways to raise money for charity to ways to get more people interested in our club.





Not to toot our own horn, but we had three leaders recognized for things done over the last year; Randy Morgan (and the rest of the Sharkstock executive committee) for pulling off the first ever regional event with awesome feedback, Greg Robinson was recognized for taking a shot and getting not one but THREE Coral Reefers to our parking lot party, and our own Terry Thompson was recognized and named "Most Influential" for ALL the South Region for the hard work he did to make the parking lot party a Southern Region happening. Organizing over sixty spots, coordinating all the participating clubs, manning our camp site, overseeing set up and tear down.....he did it all! Hats off to Terry T, you ARE the man! ~ Randy "Doc" Morgan









State of the Phlock 2009



The following is an excerpt of the latest State of the Phlock from Parrot Heads in Paradise:

In what has become the norm, the "ParrotHead Nation" continued to grow and prosper as we added a total of sixteen new chapters to our ranks. What began with the Atlanta Parrot Head Club 20 years ago has grown exponentially as we ended 2008 with an all-time high of 237 chapters in the United States, Canada and Australia ... 3 different countries, 47 states, 3 Canadian provinces and one U.S. Territory. Our total membership showed an increase with more than 26,000 dedicated, fun-loving Parrot Heads amongst the ranks. Again, it's apparent that the "ParrotHead Nation" is not only alive and well, but continues to thrive.

Now, for the big news ... Even in the face of an economic downturn, Parrot Head Clubs collectively raised for and/or donated approximately \$3.1 million to charitable organizations in 2008. Equally significant, Parrot Heads carried on the tradition of volunteerism as 2008 saw chapters worldwide donate an estimated 175,000 man-hours to philanthropic and environmental activities. The upshot ... In the period 2002 – 2008, Parrot Head Clubs have collectively contributed more than \$16.4 million and more than 2.3 million man-hours to aid our communities, our environment and our fellow man!

So, to each and every one of you, a heartfelt THANK YOU for a job well done! You truly are "Angels In Tropical Shirts" and you should be very proud of yourselves and your accomplishments.

Spring is here, summer is nigh and the concert season is upon us ... Time to do what we do best: Have fun and "Party With A Purpose!" Till next time, may all your dreams be tropical!

Bob Heffelfinger, Director of Membership, Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc.

For the complete transcript, go to www.phip.com and download <u>Tradewind Times</u>, The Official Newsletter of Parrot Heads in Paradise Inc. (The International Organization of Parrot Head Clubs) If you don't want it printeddon't do it!

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Have a great idea for our newsletter? Pictures, stories or events you'd like to see inside these pages?



Send them to newsletter@lsphc.com

~Nikki Morgan, Newsletter Editor

"St. Pauli Girl"



<u>B I R T H D A Y S !!!</u>



A big spankin' PHINS UP to all of our recent birthday boys and girls!!!

Since we've got well over one hundred Parrot Head birthdays in July, August, and September, that's just WAY too many to post here. Check out the front page of our website for the current month's birthdays. The rest can be found by clicking on the calendar link and month.

Happy phlocking birthday to the Lone Star Parrot Head Club!!!

We're 14 years old!! Come celebrate with us on August 22nd! Check out the Phun Schedule for more info!