



March
2026

Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club

April Phlocking

In the immortal words of Mr. Buffett, "I have found me a home!" Well, we have found us a home. Our monthly meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at **The Flying Squirrel in Arden**. This month we will see you on **April 8, 2026**, 6:00-7:30 pm. Contribute your ideas, learn of upcoming events and get to know your phellow Parrotheads!

WNCPHC Anniversary Party

Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club will be celebrating its 28th year as an official Parrot Head club! Come help us celebrate!!

Anniversary Pot Luck Party with music by John Friday! April 11, 2-6 pm at Lisa Cooper's place. Address will be forthcoming for participants. **Members and their guests only**. Please contact Christine Maloney at psalm139child@gmail.com to sign up. Christine will send a shared google doc with those signed up and what they are bringing. Please fill in details of what you are bringing when you receive it. BYOB. Parrot Head attire encouraged.

Let's Continue the Party

If you want to continue the party, Fae Nectar is having a Pirate Night that same evening.

[Get tickets here.](#)

Head on down to Lake Lure and Pirate Up!



Election Results

Elections were held for the Board of Directors for WNCPHC in early March. We are pleased to announce our new and continuing members of our dedicated board. Please give them a hearty Parrothead welcome at our next Phlocking.

President: Colleen Mangeot
Vice President: Jim Halula
Treasurer: Paul Holdredge
Secretary: Christine Maloney

Arts for Life

On March 19th, three Parrot Head volunteers came out to help set up for Arts for Life, Be Like a Kid Again event at Highland Brewing. Arts for Life provides teachers and art supplies for hospitalized children and their families. Thank you to everyone who attended!!



'Searching is half the fun: life is much more manageable when thought of as a scavenger hunt.'

Jimmy Buffett

Upcoming

Hold onto your Fins! If you've got nothing to do, you're not looking hard enough! We have so much going on!

Bowling for Kids Sake: Boots and Bowling

When: Saturday, April 18, 11:00am-1:00pm

Where: Sky Lanes, 1477 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC

We have 18 people on our WNCPHC team!! Reminder, those bowling are asked to raise at least \$50.

WNCPHC has already raised \$382 plus \$313 from the 50/50 raffle at MRB.

You can still sign up. Contact Lori Halula at lahalula@gmail.com.

If you don't want to bowl, you can still come and cheer us on! (raising money optional).

Suggested attire is Caribbean Cowboy.

Please track the hours you invest in raising \$. We need to track this for our annual report for PHiP. At the conclusion of the event Colleen will request this information.

Bikes for Kids

When: Saturday, May 9, 6-9 pm

Where: The Barn at Mills River Brewing, 328 Banner Farm Road, Mills River



MAY 9TH



**SCAN QR TO
BUY TICKETS
TODAY!
\$15**



This is a ticketed event featuring It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere Band.

Tickets are \$15.

[Get tickets here.](#)

More Upcoming Events

Caribbean Cowboys

Burntshirt Vineyards

Sat, March 28, 2026 2-5pm

Hendersonville, NC



Fae Nectar Pirate Night

Sat, April 11 Bingo at 6; show at 7

Lake Lure, NC

Caribbean Cowboys

Burntshirt Vineyards

Sat, April 18, 2026 2-5pm

Hendersonville, NC

Peter Mayer Group

Smokey Shadows Lodge 6-8:30 pm

Sun, April 26, 2026

Maggie Valley, NC

[Get tickets here.](#)

Lake Lure Parrots and Pirates Music Festival

May 1, 2026 4:00 pm – 9pm

May 2, 2026 10:00 am – 8pm

Lake Lure, NC Tickets are \$75/person for both days of awesome entertainment

This event is a fundraiser to aid the Foundation4LL/CR and the Feed the Children Program. It is being held by Lowcountry Parrothead Club of Charleston, Lake Lure Inn and Spa and the Tourism Development Authority. Entertainment includes:

Friday: Eric Ellis (of Big Bamboo Band fame) 4-5 pm

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere Band 5-9 pm

Saturday: John Friday 10:00 – 11:30 am (and in between bands)

Krystal King Noon – 2:00 pm

Nelson's Blood 3-5 pm

John Frinzi 6- 8pm

<https://www.lakelureparrotsandpiratesmusicfestival.org/>

Coral Reefer Band

Thurs, July 16, 7:30 pm

Charlotte NC

Truliant Amphitheater

Let's get together and have a party!

Jammy Buffet

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 8:00 pm

Asheville Music Hall

Their live shows offer something for everyone: greatest-hit singalongs for casual fans, deep cuts for the diehard Parrotheads, and cosmic, exploratory jams for those along for the ride. Expect sun-soaked grooves, surprise segues, and barefoot boogie energy from start to finish. Click below for more information.

[Jammy Buffet in AVL!](#)

Beer Brewing with Jim Halula

When: TBD

Where: 20 Terrapin Trail, Flat Rock, NC 28731

Pilsner, Lager, IPA...what's your poison?!

Jim has graciously offered to host this event inviting Parrot Heads to learn Beer Brewing. We are have had some scheduling conflicts. If you are interested, please contact Jim at jhalula@gmail.com so we can find a date to fit everyone's schedule. Thank you in advance, Jim!! Please note: This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** event!



Meet our Member of the Month – Julie Lowman

Where are you originally from? I like to say "I came down from Cincinnati, but actually I am from Franklin, Ohio (about 25 min north of Cincy) Close enough to claim it though.

Where did you move here from? Sean and I moved to Asheville from Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 2000. Prior to that I lived in Yellowstone National Park, Gardiner, Montana, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Key Largo, Florida after leaving Ohio.



Family?

Married Sean Lowman in 1999

Daughter Ally

Sons Daniel and Matthew

Bringing home the bacon I currently work for Howard Hanna Beverly-Hanks Realtors in an administrative position. I will have been with this company for 5 years this August. Before that, I worked in the Buncombe County School system for 11+ years. Before that, 8 years at Biltmore Estate in their food and beverage department.

What brought you into the fabulous world of Parrotheads? My first summer in Yellowstone started my love of all things Jimmy. Some friends from New Orleans listened to his deep cuts non stop. From there, it was a path that I am happy to have taken and brought my mom along. My first Buffett show was in Denver (1988). I have seen him 59 times in 10 different states. My final 2 shows were in Key West in February of 2023. They were my 58th (Key West Theatre with only 250 ppl) and 59th (Coffee Butler Amphitheatre) shows. We took that trip to get my mom to her 99th and 100th shows. (That's what living in Cincinnati will do for you) It was the trip of a lifetime. Little did we know they would be our last. My mom and I have amazing Buffett memories together (Oh the stories we could tell). Living in Jackson Hole for so many years, we did not have access to a Parrothead Club, so I joined Cincinnati's group for a few years.

When Sean and I moved our family to Asheville from Wyoming, we discovered the WNCPHC. We had been in Asheville for just over a year when we were out to dinner one night. As we were leaving the restaurant, I said to Sean "I think the band is playing Buffett!! Let's go in the bar". We walked in, sat down and enjoyed the Caribbean Cowboys. As I looked around the bar, I noticed many people dressed in tropical attire. I said "Sean, I think we are sitting in the middle of a Parrothead Club". Needless to say, we joined that night.

What direction would you like to see for our club? We joined in the early 2000's, but with small children, we took several years away from the club. In the past year, we are happy to be back with our flock. We are thrilled to see the club growing. I think the club is headed in the right direction.

Buffett Stories (my favorite part!!) I'm not sure how to narrow down my favorite story, but I will share the one that stands out the most! Jan.11, 2005 was the grand opening of Asheville's Cheeseburger in Paradise. This was a private event that raised money for Eblen Charities. Jimmy came into town to perform at the event and celebrate the grand opening. As crowded as it was, I hopped up to sit on the bar so I could see better. Jimmy noticed me sitting on the bar during FINS. He hollers out to me to "be careful not to get hooked by the giant fish hook hanging above your head. Don't sue me before we even open". Later he asked for volunteers to come up and sing with him. Once again he yells out, "Where's my fish hook girl? Come on up here!" Sean could not pull me down off the bar quick enough and shove me towards the stage. It was such a memorable experience that I feel blessed to have had and also shared with my fellow Referette, Alice Miller. I could write a book of stories, but this is the one that no one else can say they've experienced (except Alice).

Get Your Inner Chef On!

Big Kosher Pickles

Good god almighty which way do I steer?! No Buffett Cheeseburger in Paradise would be complete without a Big Dill!

Ingredients:

- 36 small firm pickling cukes
- 6 Tablespoons kosher salt (not table salt)
- 12 Tablespoons white vinegar
- 12 Garlic cloves
- 12 Dill Springs
- 2 teaspoons pickling spices
- 4 Quarts water, boiling
- $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen quart size pickling jars, sterilized per instructions

Preparation:

While you're sterilizing the jars, wash your cucumbers well in cold water, but don't use any soap! The point is simply to remove any dirt and other garden debris.

In a large pot, bring the water for the brine to a boil.

Once the jars have been sterilized, pack each jar with cukes in the upright position. Depending upon the size of your cukes, you're have anywhere from 4 to 6 jars. Put the jars in your sink before you continue any further.

Place 1 Tablespoon of kosher salt into each jar, along with 2 Tablespoons of white vinegar, 2 garlic cloves, and 2 dill springs.

Carefully ladle boiling water into each jar until it overflows.

Seal the jars and store in a cool, dark place for at least 10 days. (Note: The brine will become a bit cloudy as the cucumbers become pickles.)

Chill each jar before opening; then keep refrigerated thereafter.

WNCPHC info...

WNCPHC Member Facebook Page

Remember, we now have a group page for WNCPHC news and comments for our members. This is a private group, so search groups in Facebook for WNCPHC member, and request to join. If you have issues connecting please email secretary@wncphc.com.

Facebook Member Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/304555399057155>

Updates will be on Facebook Page (both public and member)

Local happenings & band dates spring up at the last minute, so we'll keep Facebook posted, with most events on our webpage [event calendar](#)

The [Western North Carolina Parrothead Club](#) is a chapter of PHiP. (*Parrot Heads in Paradise*) ---> Their website: phip.com.

On the page, find other chapters in map.

--> If traveling, stop by and see if they have something going on.

Event calendar shows major events for clubs. They are just starting to fill this. Check back often for updates.

