



April
2026

Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club

May 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 **May 13, 2026**, 6:00-7:30 pm. Contribute your ideas, learn of upcoming events and get to know your phellow Parrotheads!

PHINS Meeting of the Minds 2026

Wednesday, October 21 – Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Tiki Bar is Open!



MOTM is the annual PHiP convention held annually during the end of October and beginning of November. While previously hosted in New Orleans and Key West, the new home of MOTM is Gulf Shores, Alabama. It is open to any member of a PHiP sanctioned Parrot Head Club covering several days and nights of friendship, fun, food and great music, with a few optional meetings and seminars thrown in the mix. This year's lineup looks to be terrific. Word has it Jimmy and the Parrots, Jammy Buffett and Jerry Jeff Walker's son, Django will all be there with more to come!

Registration is Open! Start planning NOW!

[Tickets for Meeting Of The Minds Registration 2026 | vivenu](#)



Hearts with Hands

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Hearts with Hands – Volunteer Opportunity

Hearts with Hands is a disaster relief organization that supplies food, clothing, and other needed items to individuals and families in need after a disaster strikes. After Hurricane Helene, we can all relate to that situation.

Volunteers (like us!) are used to pack food boxes in an assembly line operation. You will be on your feet for 2-3 hours moving up and down the line filling boxes. There will be breaks and you can feel free to drop out of the line at any time for a breather.

Where: Heart with Hands Warehouse
850 Warren Wilson Road, Swannanoa

When: Thursday, May 14 1pm-3pm

Park outside the gate at the volunteer entrance. It is well marked.

It is a warehouse that has heat and air, but dress according to the weather. Wear closed-toed sneakers or comfortable shoes.

To volunteer please contact Bill Miller at billmiller2814@gmail.com.

We currently have about 10-12 people volunteering. Open your heart and join the fun!

Beer Brewing with Jim Halula

When: Saturday, May 16 2-4 pm

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. If you are interested, please contact Jim at jhalula@gmail.com. Thank you in advance, Jim!! Please note: This is a

MEMBERS ONLY event!



WNCPHC Anniversary Party

The Margaritas Were Flowing!

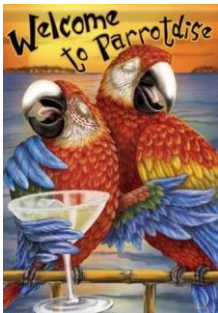
April 11th our spirited crew got together to celebrate Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club's 28th anniversary!

Food, fun, music and of course, margaritas were the order of the day. Rich and Lisa Thornton graciously invited these Gypsies into their Palace for the afternoon. We received a tour of their beautiful home (custom made for a party!) Everyone brought a dish to pass and the food was fabulous! Courtesy of Mike Maloney, the margaritas were a hit. When we ran out of mix, the innovative Parrot Head ladies created Strawberry Margaritas. When life hands you strawberries, make strawberry margaritas! John Friday entertained us with lively tunes, as we swayed and blew bubbles to Jimmy's "Bubbles Up." To wrap up the day, a few hearty souls went down to catch the Caribbean Cowboys at Pillars. A grand time was had by all!



Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling for Kids Sake

On April 18th, the Parrot Heads invaded Sky Lanes Bowling Alley to participate in the Bowling for Kids fundraiser held by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of WNC. Our team name: Fins Up/Pins Down. The theme: Boots and Bowling! Yeehaw all you cowboys and girls! The bowling was pure fun and no injuries were reported!! Our little club was the high contributor for our session, bringing over \$1,350 to the pot. After, most of us trooped down to Westville Pub for libations. We have reached our Party with a Purpose goal once again!



Welcome to Our New Members!

- Nathan Cristino
- Bea Lopez
- Trevor Gwillim
- Paul Boyd

Upcoming

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

Bikes for Kids

When: Saturday, May 9, 6-9 pm

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1985164794339?aff=oddtcreator>

This is a ticketed event featuring It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere Band. Right now tickets are 2 for 1 (2 for \$20.90 includes fees)! This will continue until the day of the show. A portion of the ticket sales go to the bikes for kids. You can choose to purchase a bike for the kids on the same link, above. Please contact Colleen at president@wnchpc.com, if you are planning to attend.

This worthy event is held by Mills River to raise funds for bikes that are distributed to kids during the Christmas/holiday season. Come join the fun, listen to the great band and enjoy your phellow Parrotheads!



Hoist the sails and chart yer course for Lake Lure Beach!

Lake Lure Parrots and Pirates Music Festival

When: Friday and Saturday May 1st - 2nd, 2026

Where: Lake Lure Beach

\$75 for both events/days - 21+

A weekend o' rollickin' music, hearty grub, and jolly good fun at Lake Lure beach, all to aid the Foundation4LL/CR and the Feed the Children program at Lake Lure Classical Academy.

[Registration for Parrots and Pirates Music Festival — Parrots and Pirates Music Festival at Lake Lure](#)

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- 9pm



FRIDAY SOLD OUT	TICKET
accommodate our catered meal. Only Saturday accepts walk-ins, so get TICKETS TODAY to ensure your spot.	

More Upcoming Events

Caribbean Cowboys

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!!

Trailside Brewery

May 5, 2026 6-9pm

Hendersonville, NC

Laurel Canyon East (60's and 70's music)

Big Pillow Brewing

May 8, 2026 6-9pm

Hot Springs, NC

Caribbean Cowboys

Burntshirt Vineyards

May 9, 2026 2-5pm

Hendersonville, NC

Laurel Canyon East

J&M Farms

May 16, 2026 6-9pm

Hendersonville, NC



Scott Kirby Let's show Scott some WNCPHC love!!

Phil's BBQ

May 29, 2026 6-8pm

Black Mountain, NC

Coral Reefer Band

Truliant Amphitheater, Charlotte, NC

Thurs, July 16, 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$54.50 up to \$158 on Ticketmaster

Let's get together and have a party!

Jammy Buffet

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 doors open at 7:00 pm; show is at 8:00 pm

Asheville Music Hall Tickets are \$24.15 (fees included)

Jimmy Buffett often spoke of "traveling the songlines," a phrase borrowed from the Aboriginal tradition of mapping the land through music and story—paths that connect people, places, and moments across time. We will have more info coming soon OR....click below.

<https://ashevillmusicall.com/event/jammy-buffet/asheville-music-hall-live-music/>

Meet our Member of the Month – Rich Thornton

Where are you originally from?

Various places across the country, growing up. I was in Southern California for 40+years from San Diego to LA with Redondo Beach being the longest.



Where did you move here from?

Moved here from Redondo Beach, CA in 2022

Family?

A 33 year old son who lives in Virginia. Mom, Dad, Sister, Nieces and Nephews all in the Phoenix area.

Bringing home the Bacon?

RETIRED Jan 2021!!

10yr Navy, 5 active/6 reserves, where I worked as a hospital corpsman attached to a Marine Corps field unit and a Marine air wing/helo unit

12yr Paramedic in LA County

14yr ER Nurse @ Long Beach Memorial hospital with Specialties in Pediatrics and Triage

What brought you into the fabulous world of Parrotheads

We were at a camp ground in San Diego 2018/19 and unknown to us there was a huge Parrot Head campground takeover. There were many elaborate tiki bars at multiple campsites. Asked questions and found out it was an annual southern California PH club fundraising event. Found a group from a LA area club which we joined and went to local flockings.

What direction would you like to see for our club? Thoughts?

3-4 social events (flockings) a year.

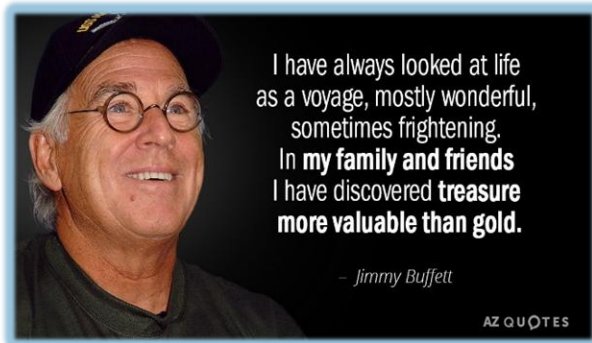
Potlucks, Cook out/Barbeque, Mini golf, Bowling (I had a great time), Cornhole Tournament (at a park/brewery),

Downtown restaurant/pub crawl, Sampling Wine Beer Whiskey.

T-Shirts

Buffett Stories (my favorite part!!)

I only saw him once. It was at a free concert on the beach in Hermosa Beach Ca, part of the summer series of beach concerts. On my birthday.



Get Your Inner Chef On!

Libations

Courtesy of Crazy Sista Cooking
By Lucy Anne Buffett

Bama Breeze

2 ounces Absolut Citron vodka

1 ounce coconut rum

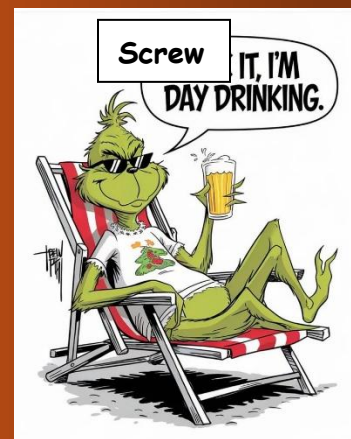
Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ fresh lime

2-3 ounces cranberry juice

$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce simple syrup

Lime wedge to garnish

1. Fill a tall glass with crushed ice
2. Add vodka and rum.
3. Squeeze lime juice into glass.
4. Fill with cranberry juice
5. Add simple syrup to desired sweetness. Stir
6. Garnish with fresh lime wedge



Lucy's Favorite Margarita

2 ounces Patron silver tequila

1 ounce Patron Citronge orange liqueur

Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ fresh lime

Coarse salt to rim glass

Lime wedge to garnish

1. Fill a shaker with ice.
2. Add tequila, orange liqueur, and lime juice. (Throw the squeezed lime into the shaker....believe me, it adds to the drink!)
3. Rim the outer edge of a margarita glass with fresh lime wedge and turn upside down in a plate of coarse salt. (The lime juice helps the salt stick to the glass.)
4. Fill salted glass with ice and strain mixture to the top.
5. Garnish with fresh lime wedge.

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.

