



June
2026

Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club

July 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 **July 8, 2026, 6:00-7:30 pm**. Contribute your ideas, learn of upcoming events and get to know your phellow Parrotheads! Businesss starts around 6:15 pm.

Fun Social Phlocking at Salt Face Mule **This Saturday**

Please join the club as we get together on **June 27, 2026** at Salt Face Mule, 450 Weaverville Road, Asheville. We will be hitting the greens again. Mini golf begins at 11:00 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. \$5 is for the greens fee and \$5 goes towards our latest fundraising effort. **Reservations are required. Please contact Sherri Holdredge at holdredgesherri@yahoo.com to reserve a spot!**





Hearts with Hands

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF GREG LENTZ MINISTRIES

Hearts with Hands is a disaster relief organization that supplies food, clothing, and other critical items to individuals and families in need after a disaster strikes.

We are very excited to return to Hearts with Hands on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 12:30 – 3:00 pm to help pack more food packages for those in need. We hope you can join us for this very worthy community service! Please contact Bill Miller at billmiller2814@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the team.

Gathering at Phil's BBQ in Black Mountain

On May 29, 2026, a rather large group of lucky Parrotheads joined together at Phil's BBQ in Black Mountain, to see Scott Kirby and Dave Edminsten. Phil brings Scott in every year around Memorial Day. He does not charge to see this fabulous musician (mark your calendars for next year!). Scott along with Dave, never disappoint! Here are a few pictures of our group singing along and enjoying every moment!



The Coral Reefers Sent Another Spirit to the Sky

On Monday, June 8, 2026:

Another tough and tremendous loss in the music world, the Buffett family, and especially the steel pan community. This one hit particularly hard because of how profoundly this man shaped my life and career. We lost ROBERT GREENIDGE last Monday. 😞

To most people, Robert was one of the greatest steel pan players the world has ever known. To me, he was that and MORE as he was the musician who influenced me more than anyone else.

In 1996, I was gifted a Club Trini CD for Christmas, and it completely changed my relationship with the instrument. From that moment on, I immersed myself in his music. I studied his phrasing, his tone, his touch, and his incredible ability to blend Caribbean roots with jazz sophistication and musical taste. It changed the entire direction of what I wanted to do as a musician.

The way I approach the steel pan, my style of soloing, my musical instincts, even the sound I strive for was born from studying Robert's playing. He became my teacher through his recordings.

While many know him for his legendary work with Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers, that was truly just the tip of the iceberg. Robert helped bring the steel pan into mainstream Western music in a way few ever have. As one of the most recorded steel pan artists in history, he shared his gift with artists ranging from not only Jimmy Buffett and Kenny Chesney, but Chicago and John Lennon to Robert Palmer, Taj Mahal, Grover Washington Jr., and countless others. He put the instrument on the recording map and opened doors for generations of players who followed.

This is on top of his immense influence and contributions as a steel band orchestra arranger, Composer, and director. He was a true legend!

Because of the path he paved, steel pan musicians like me found opportunities that may never have existed otherwise. There weren't many pan players in the Buffett and trop-rock world when I was coming up, and his influence helped create a place for all of us.

I was fortunate enough to perform with Robert several times and spend time with him offstage.

Despite his legendary status, he was always kind, generous, humble, and encouraging... not to mention hilarious! Being around him was an honor, and every encounter was a reminder that true greatness is measured not only by talent, but by the way you treat people.

Robert, thank you for the lessons you taught me without ever standing in a classroom. Thank you for setting the benchmark so incredibly high, for inspiring so many of us to chase excellence, and for showing the world what this instrument could truly do.

Your influence lives on in every note I play.

Sail on, Bobby G!

Peace and Pan

John Patti June 16, 2026





Lucy Buffett  · [Follow](#)

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There are some people who don't just play music, they ARE music. Robert Greenidge was one of those rare souls. His steel drum sound was pure magic, and it came straight from his heart.

Robert was part of the Coral Reefer family for as long as I can remember. A man from Trinidad who gave us all a piece of his island every single night he stepped on that stage. He was a world-renowned steel pan master, and an even more special human.

His music moved people in long-lasting ways. Robert and his one-of-a-kind island sound inspired Mac and me to sponsor the steel drum band at Gulf Shores High School, and every time I hear those kids play the pans it reminds me of him and brings a big smile to my face. His gift just keeps on giving.

I am so grateful for every laugh, every song, every moment I got to be in his orbit. He leaves behind a legacy that no one could ever replicate - not because of the notes he played, but because of the heart and soul he poured into every single one of them.

Rest easy, dear Robert. You're back playing alongside Jimmy now, and I imagine heaven sounds absolutely beautiful. 🎵

With all my Gumbo Love,
Lucy 🌸 [See less](#)

Upcoming Events

Coral Reefer Band

Truliant Amphitheater, Charlotte, NC

Thurs, July 16, 7:30 pm

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

If you are interested in attending, contact Colleen at clmavl@outlook.com or 828-333-1267.

She'll keep the partying going!!!

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)

Jammy Buffet is where Buffett's coastal storytelling meets the improvisational spirit of the jam band world. 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.

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

Looking for Pictures of Fun!

Are you a master photographer? A novice? Someone who owns a cell phone camera? If you have been taking pictures at any of our WNCPHC events or gatherings, please send them to Mike Maloney at mvpmarketing.net@gmail.com or Sandy Kayser at pkflamngo@aol.com. Thank you!!

ALOHA !

Join us for a 2 day Hawaiian Luau (and Volleyball tournament)
in the Great Smoky Mountains! Brought to you by the **East Tennessee Parrot Head Club!**

July 31, 2026 - August 1, 2026

For full details please go to <https://www.easttnphc.com/luau>

🌺 PARROTHEAD LUAU = TAILGATE, BUT TROPICAL 🌺

Fins up! 🏊 🍹 Bring your cooler, adult beverages, food, chairs, and a 10x10 (max) canopy. Claim your tiki territory, kick back to LIVE MUSIC, and soak up all the laid-back Parrothead vibes.

Good tunes. Great friends. Zero worries. 🎸 🎵 ****This will be a kid friendly event*****
No Dogs allowed in the Luau area. Strictly enforced ***

Location: Little River Campground. 7261 East Lamar alexander Parkway, Townsend, TN 37882

Purpose: The Ronald McDonald House

<https://knoxrmhc.org>

All Luau proceeds go to this great charity!

Ticket Prices:

Non Members: \$115pp

East TN PHC Members: \$95pp

Keets 12 & under fly free for this event.

Entertainment:

Friday

Nautical Wheeler Duo

Tall Paul & Kristie are back!

(Jeff & The Camaros may be joining us!)

Saturday

Jeff & the Camaros

Dave Landeo

Donny Brewer

Jerry Diaz

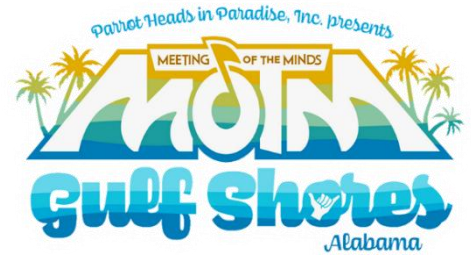
Jonas Lorence Band



PHiPs Meeting of the Minds 2026

Wednesday, October 21 – Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Tiki Bar is Open!



Why go to Meeting of the Minds?

Because Meeting of the Minds isn't just another event—it's the premier gathering of Parrot Heads from across the country. Created by Parrot Heads, for Parrot Heads, MOTM is where old phriends reunite, new friendships begin, and stories are shared that last a lifetime.

It's more than a music festival. It's a convention. A celebration of our membership. A thank you to the volunteers, leaders, and clubs who keep the Parrot Head spirit alive all year long.

Experience incredible live music, games, educational breakout sessions, community service projects, and unforgettable moments with people who share your passion for fun, friendship, and giving back.

This isn't just a convention. This is your convention. This is your community. This is Meeting of the Minds.

Party with a Purpose. Keep the Party Going.

This year's lineup looks to be terrific. Word has it The Peter Mayer Group, Jimmy and the Parrots, Jammy Buffet and Jerry Jeff Walker's son, Django, Kenny Chesney's band, Rosie and the Revivals and more!

Registration is Open! Start planning NOW!

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

More Upcoming Events

Join Just a Few Friends from September 3 – September 7, 2026, for a 5 day island celebration honoring Jimmy Buffett's legacy with live music, food, fun, and unforgettable experiences in Key West. Entertainment to include, Mac McAnally, Will Kimbrough, The Wheeland Brothers, Howard Livingston and more! For full details, visit www.justafewfriendskeywest.com.



Upcoming

Caribbean Cowboys

Trailside Brewing
June 27, 2026 6-9 pm
Hendersonville, NC

Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
June 28, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

John Friday (solo)

Scratch Ankle Fillin' Station
June 28, 2026 3-6 pm
Candler, NC

It's 5:00 Somewhere

Mills River Brewing
July 4, 2026 1-3 pm
Mills River, NC

Laurel Canyon East

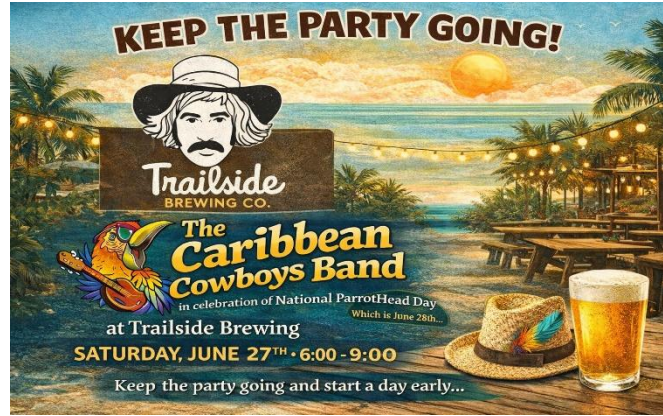
French Broad Brewing
July 10, 2026 6-9 pm
Asheville, NC

Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
July 12, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

Laurel Canyon East

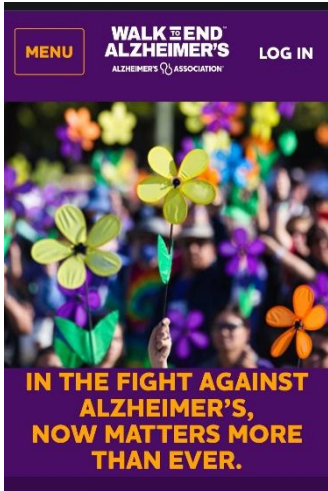
J & M Farms
July 18, 2026 6-9 pm
Hendersonville, NC



Laurel Canyon East

Grey Eagle
July 25, 2026 5:30-7 pm
Asheville, NC

Walk to End Alzheimer's!



2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Asheville, NC

The WNC PHC will be participating in the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 3, 2026. It is being held at Bill Moore Community Park in Fletcher, NC.

We will again have a table and will be looking for volunteers. Please contact Alice Miller or Julie Lowman, our co-chairs for this event at willall@gmail.com (Alice) or the lowmans@hotmail.com (Julie), if you are interested in volunteering. Of course, you may also do the walk itself and get sponsors to donate so our team can reach its goal. Additionally, feel free to donate yourself. To view our club or sign up for your own page go to [2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Asheville, NC](#), search teams for WNC Parrothead Club. We will be holding fundraising events in the near future.

Coming Soon: Directory for Members

For Members Only:
Directory for Members

You will be receiving an email (hopefully within the week) with a link to a jot form. It will ask you what information you wish to share with members. Please reply ASAP. Once we receive the information and compile, we will email members a pdf file of the directory.

NOTE: The directory is not to be distributed or used for solicitation.



Meet our Member of the Month – Mike Maloney

I grew up in Southern California and started sailing and sailboarding as a teenager. In the 1980s, I dated a girl whose parents owned a small sailboat but didn't know how to sail. I taught their whole family at a local lake, and in return they let me use the boat on weekends.

One evening they invited me to dinner and introduced me to the world of Jimmy Buffett. Her father proudly called himself a "Parrothead" and invited me to a Jimmy Buffett concert. Sitting on the lawn surrounded by friendly fans and great music, I was hooked and soon started collecting Buffett albums.



In 1998, I met an amazing woman named Christine. After several dates, I proposed to her on a sailboat while sailing in Santa Barbara Bay and followed it up with a sunset dinner sailboat cruise to celebrate her saying "Yes!".

About 20 years ago, we moved from Southern California to Asheville, North Carolina. Over the years, we attended several Jimmy Buffett concerts together, I bought her t-Shirts ("Been there, done that, bought the T-shirt") and I introduced Christine to his music. When we first met, she only knew "Come Monday." Now she knows the lyrics to most of his songs.

A few years ago, I discovered there was a Parrothead club here in Western North Carolina. Christine and I have been members for the past two years, serving our community, making great friends, and sharing wonderful experiences together. Christine serves as secretary, and I'm the webmaster for the Western North Carolina Parrothead Club.

We are both still working and not retired. I own MVP Marketing.net, where I work as a photographer, videographer, and digital marketer for real estate agents and small businesses. Christine works as an executive assistant.

Looking ahead, we'd love to see more younger families join the club and create activities for their children — the next generation of "Parakeets."

Get Your Inner Chef On!

Krispy Kreme® UnChristmas Bread Pudding with Vanilla Custard Sauce

Courtesy of Crazy Sista Cooking
By Lucy Anne Buffett

Makes 10 to 12 Servings

Bread Pudding Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 2 Cups heavy cream
- 2 Cups milk
- 6 Egg yolks
- 2 Eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup sweetened condensed milk
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- $1 \frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoons ground nutmeg
- $1 \frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoons cinnamon

- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup praline liqueur (can substitute Frangelico®)
- 2 Dozen Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts, broken into 2" chunks
- 1 Cup chopped pecans

Vanilla Custard Sauce (recipe below)

Vanilla Custard Sauce Ingredients

- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ Cups milk
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ Cups heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup sugar, divided
- 6 Egg yolks
- 2 Teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Get Your Inner Chef On!

Krispy Kreme® UnChristmas Bread Pudding (con't)

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Bread Pudding Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a 13x9-inch baking dish, being careful not to burn butter. Brush butter up along sides of dish and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat together cream, milk, egg yolks, eggs, condensed milk, vanilla, nutmet, cinnamon, and liqueur.
4. Place doughnuts in a baking dish. Pour cream mixture over the top until all doughnuts are covered, smushing them down.
5. Sprinkle pecans over top. Cut remaining tablespoon of butter into small pieces and sprinle over pecans.
6. Serve with Vanilla Custard Sauce spooned over each serving.

Vanilla Custard Sauce Instructions:

1. In a saucepan, combine milk, cream, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar. Heat thoroughly but do not boil.
2. In a separate bowl, beat together egg yolks and remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar until smooth.
3. Add a small amount of hot milk mixture into egg mixture to temper. (If you add it all at once, the heat from the milk will make something resembling scrambled eggs.) Gradually whisk remaining hot milk mixture into the egg mixture, blending until smooth.
4. Return mixture to saucepan, add vanilla, and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce coats the spoon. (This is when curdling can occur; be careful not to let the mixture boil.)
5. Ladle 2 to 3 tablespoons over plated bread pudding just before servings.

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.

