



July
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 **August 12, 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.



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 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.



Gonna be One Helluva Show!!

Jammy Buffet

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Doors open at 7:00 pm; show is at 8:00 pm
Where: Asheville Music Hall
Tickets: \$24.15 (fees included) [Tickets](#)

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.

Jammy Buffet picks up that journey, 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.

Interested? This show may sell out! If you’d like to join us, please use the link above (Tickets) to purchase your tickets. Other sites have inflated pricing.

Also, please note that seating is very limited. While we do not know if it is permissible by Asheville Music Hall, you may want to consider bringing a stool or something portable to sit on. We haven’t been able to get an answer as to if it is permissible, but you can try! Several people will try to arrive early and reserve as many stools as possible.

Hope you can join us!



Just Like Old Times!

On Thursday, July 16, a group of our members attended the Coral Reefer Band concert in Charlotte, NC. It was not only a fabulous, memorable concert but the Parrothead gods shined down and the group was invited backstage to meet and greet with the Reefers. Review by **Julie Lowman**:

What an awesome night of music! 🎤 The Coral Reefer Band really knows how to Keep The Party Going! 🌈 **Will Kimbrough** and Scotty Emerick are a great addition to the band. 🎸 **Mick Utley** is rockin' it as he follows dad's footsteps. 🎹 **Nadirah Shakoor** 🎶 sounded Aaaamazing as always! Roger Greenidge has stepped into his brother's steel pans! Beautiful music! 🎤 Mac McNally is leading this group in a way that would make Jimmy proud. Great to see you **Michael**. Thank you for keeping the number tradition going. #59 Thank you Colleen and Bruce for being spontaneous! And a huge thank you to **Peter Mayer** 🎤 for the backstage tour. It was a slightly different point of view!
If you get the chance to see this tour....DO IT! The enthusiasm from the band and the crowd kept Jimmy's spirit alive!



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

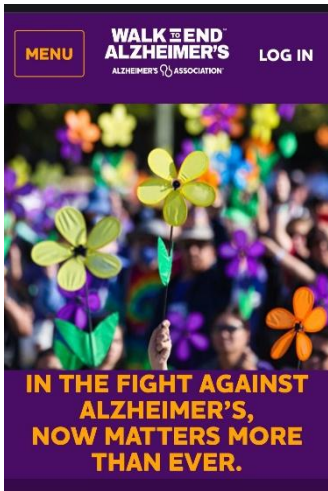
Donny Brewer

Jerry Diaz

Jonas Lorence Band



Join Our Club at the 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's



2026 Walk to End
Alzheimer's - Asheville,
NC

Our club is proud to participate in the **2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's** on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**, at **Bill Moore Community Park in Fletcher**. Registration begins at **9:00 a.m.**, with the Opening Ceremony and Walk at **10:00 a.m.** Participants may choose a **0.5-mile or 2-mile route**.

We're looking for **volunteers to help staff our club information table** during the event, and we hope many members, family, and friends will join our team by **raising funds and walking** in support of the Alzheimer's Association. Every dollar raised helps provide care and support for families while advancing critical Alzheimer's research. Please contact Alice Miller or Julie Lowman, our co-chairs for this event at willalmill@gmail.com (Alice) or lowmans@hotmail.com (Julie), if you are interested in volunteering.

WNC Parrothead Club has a team set up for the Asheville walk. Please click the link below. You can either join and donate to our team or you can set up your own page through WNC PHC team to solicit donations.

Join Our Team!

Together, we can make a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer's. We hope you'll join us!

Finz Up to End Alzheimers!

Alice Miller and Julie Lowman

As an aside, at the Walk event, we will be preparing a large basket for raffle to raise funds. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please contact Sandy Kayser at pkflamngo@aol.com. Parrothead items, cool knick knacks, bottles of booze. Any and everything accepted.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Sheila Bevins
Ken Cook
Laura Uherka
Jenna Pettus

Impromptu Social!

What to do on a rainy day? Sunday, July 19, the decision was to head to somewhere with live music and Parrotheads! A group of WNC PHC showed up at Scratch Ankle Fillin' Station in Candler to listen to The Caribbean Cowboys with guest, John Friday. A good time was had by all. The music was so good, it chased away the rain! Look for impromptu meet ups on our Facebook page at WNC Parrothead Club.



Zac Brown Band Coming to a Venue Near You

If you have not seen Zac Brown in concert, you are in for a treat. The band is coming to two locations near Asheville, October 8 in Knoxville and October 9 in Greenville.

[Check it Out - Tickets](#)

Peter Mayer at Smoky Shadows in Maggie Valley

See The Peter Mayer Group in an intimate setting in Maggie Valley, October, 9 and/or October 10.

[Get tickets here.](#)

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. And what better place to celebrate that spirit than along the Alabama Gulf Coast—the heartland where Jimmy Buffett's story began and where he first discovered the beaches, culture, and lifestyle that inspired a generation.

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.

Boat Drunks, Rosie and the Revival (Kenny Chesney's band!), Peter Mayer and Jerry Jeff Walker's son, Django will all be there with more to come! [More info on MOTM here.](#)

Registration is Open! Start planning NOW! [Tickets for Meeting Of The Minds Registration 2026 | vivenu](#)

Just a Few Friends

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 Music Events

The Flashback Band

Highland Brewing
August 1, 2026 6-9 pm
Asheville, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Burntshirt Vineyards
August 2, 2026 2-5 pm
Hendersonville, NC

Laurel Canyon East

WNC Arboretum
August 6, 2026 5:30-8:30 pm
Asheville, NC

Laurel Canyon East

Lake Lured Market
August 8, 2026 Noon-3 pm
Lake Lure, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Pillars Rooftop
August 8, 2026 6:30-9:30 pm
Asheville, NC

John Friday (solo)

Scratch Ankle Fillin' Station
August 9, 2026 3-6 pm
Candler, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
August 9, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Carpet One Customer Appreciation
August 20, 2026 6-8 pm
Candler, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

High Vista Country Club
August 21, 2026 6-9 pm
Mills River, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
August 23, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC



Just in case you're not sure...here is an explanation provided a while back by Island Jay.

What is a Parrot Head?

The origin of the Parrot Head goes all the way back to June 28, 1985. One of Jimmy Buffett's former Coral Reefer Band members, Timothy B. Schmit, gave birth to the phrase What is a Parrot Head at a concert held at the Timberwolf Amphitheater in Cincinnati, OH. Jimmy Buffett was noticing that an overwhelming amount of his concert goers were wearing tropical clothing and parrots on their heads. After seeing that enough times, the term was born by Timothy when he called them all Parrot Heads on a whim.

The simple definition?

A Parrot Head simply refers to someone who is a fan of Jimmy Buffett's music and lifestyle that he promotes....and they are EVERYWHERE!

Flocking around and enjoying life, these crazy hat wearing folks are always smiles from ear to ear. For someone like me who is a big Jimmy Buffett fan, I thought that Parrot Heads were known by all, even to those that don't sing about trying to find their *lost shaker of salt*. After all, Jimmy Buffett has been on the scene since the 1970's and the term came out in the 1980's. So everyone should know who or what they are, right? I mean really, who would dare ask "What is a Parrot Head"? Sad to say my fellow Island Jay followers, but you would be wrong like me to think this question answers itself. They are not some "crazy person" dressed up in a colorful outfit. The group is a true melting pot of all ethnic backgrounds and professions. From bartenders to someone that just passed the bar exam, it is not uncommon to see a professor or doctor donning a hat full of bird feathers and handing out drinks at a Jimmy Buffett concert.

Nowadays, a Parrot Head isn't just for Jimmy Buffett concerts anymore.

You could very easily see them at a Kenny Chesney or Zac Brown Band event. Even fellow Island Jay writer, Matt Hoggatt, has been known to have a few show up to his events. There is another side of the lifestyle that is truly amazing. With the approval of Jimmy Buffett, clubs and organizations were allowed to be formed, but under one condition. All groups must be a non profit charitable organization. This could include charity events or anything that gives back to a local community. From this spawned many organizations. Scratch that. It's more like hundreds of organized groups around the planet. One of the biggest are the Parrot Heads in Paradise, whom are worth checking out. So in a different sense, the groups also do good things for the community.

Chances are you know a one or two. When the time strikes, they open up their closets at home, put on their best tropical t-shirt and place a stuffed parrot on their head. They load up the car with a blender, grill, food, and set up camp many hours before a well anticipated Jimmy Buffett concert. The best part? A true Parrot Head is also generous, often sharing what they bring with their fellow flockers.

Not sure if being a Parrot Head is for you? No problem.

Just join them at any organized event and you will see why we all love this lifestyle. If you see a few Parrot Heads in their natural environment tailgating at a Jimmy Buffett concert, why not join them. You may get tossed a tropical concoction and a cheeseburger, too!

Get Your Inner Chef On!

Welcome to Those Lazy, Crazy, Hazy Days of Summer Gulf Coast Greek Salad with Grilled Shrimp

Courtesy of Crazy Sista Cooking
By Lucy Anne Buffett

Makes 4 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound large headless shrimp, shells on
 - 7 Tbl olive oil, divided
 - 1 Tbl Lulu's Crazy Creole Seasoning (or purchased Creole Seasoning)
 - 1 Head romaine lettuce rinsed, dried, and chopped
 - 1 Small red onion, thinly sliced
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Kalamata olives
 - 1 Green bell pepper, chopped
 - 1 Red bell pepper, chopped
 - 2 Large tomatoes, chopped
 - 1 Cucumber, sliced
 - 1 Cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 1 Teaspoon dried oregano
 - Juice of one lemon
 - Coarsely ground black pepper
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- 1. Peel shrimp, leaving tails intact. Toss shrimp with 1 Tbl olive oil and Creole seasoning. Skewer shish-kabob style onto metal or wooden skewers.
 - 2. To grill shrimp, fire up the grill to high heat and cook shrimp for $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 minutes on each side.
 - 3. In a large salad bowl, combine romaine lettuce, onion, olives, all bell peppers, tomatoes, cucumber, and cheese.
 - 4. In a separate bowl, whisk together remaining 6 Tbl olive oil, oregano, and lemon juice.
 - 5. Toss salad with dressing and mix well.
 - 6. Top with shrimp and black pepper to taste.

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.

