



August
2026

Western North Carolina Parrot Head Club

September 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 **September 9, 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.

Celebrate National Jimmy Buffett Day

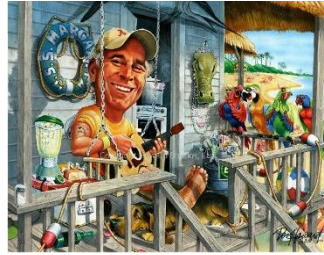


We hope you can join us as we continue Caribbean Cowboys' 35+ year tradition! The Cowboys will be playing **all Buffett tunes!!**

Come join in the dancing, singing and Phun while supporting **our club sponsor, Phil's BBQ!**

Annual Celebration of Jimmy's Legacy at Mills River Brewing

Keep the Party Going



Join your fellow WNC Parrotheads!
Please join us at Mills River Brewing on
Monday, September 7, 2026 for the Labor Day Weekend Show
Noon - 3 PM

Mills River will be offering Margarita specials!

Music provided by Asheville's own It's 5:00 Somewhere Band featuring your
favorite Buffett and Beach tunes

The club will be holding a 50/50 raffle to raise money for Alzheimer's. Bring
cash and your luck!

Brookings Bash 2026

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of music, community, and mountain spirit at **Brookings Bash** presented by **Cashiers Lake NC** on **September 6, 2026**, beginning at **12:00 PM** at **Brookings Anglers in Cashiers, NC**.

Enjoy live performances from three incredible bands, including **headliner Clay Street Unit**, along with **Jammy Buffet** and **Upstream Rebellion**. Guests can explore a variety of **local food trucks, artisan crafts, and vendors** while taking in the music and beautiful mountain setting.

Brookings Bash is more than a concert. It is a celebration with purpose. All proceeds benefit **Transylvania Habitat for Humanity's work building affordable homes for families in our mountain communities**.

Come enjoy great music, great food, and great company while helping ensure that local families can continue to live where the rivers run and the mountains rise. Some club members are planning to attend. Contact Colleen at clmavl@outlook.com to join in. [Tickets available here!](#)

21st Annual Boatyard Beach Bash

A few of our members are attending the 21st Annual Boatyard Beach Bash! on Saturday, September 19, 2026! Hope you can attend this amazing event. Contact Colleen at clmavl@outlook.com if you plan to attend so we can connect.

Your all-inclusive \$150 ticket includes:

- Open bar featuring handcrafted cocktails
- Unlimited raw & grilled oysters
- Dinner by Boatyard Bar & Grill
- Live performances from internationally acclaimed musicians, including members of Jimmy Buffett's legendary Coral Reefer Band
- Spectacular waterfront views where the Severn River meets Back Creek
- The opportunity to support maritime and environmental education programs that inspire thousands of students and visitors each year

Live Entertainment Featuring:

- John Frinzi with Doyle Grisham, Nadirah Shakoor & John Patti
- The Floating Collective Band featuring Mick Utley, Brendan Mayer & Erin McAnally
- Scott Kirby Trio
- Peter Mayer Band featuring Peter Mayer, Brendan Mayer, Zeb Briskovich & Miles Vandiver
- JD Spradlin (Emcee)

Saturday, September 19, 2026
4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park
723 Second Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

[Get your tickets here!](#)

Latitude Blue, A Parrothead Music Festival

Looking to plan your next vacation? Try Costa Rica. February 11-13, 2007, looks to be a party to keep all things Buffett going! Check out the amazing line up! For more information, please visit [Latitude Blue Parrothead Music Festival](#).



PHIPs Meeting of the Minds 2026

Wednesday, October 21 – Sunday, October 25, 2026

Registration Closes September 15, 2026!



Meeting of the Minds is a major fundraiser for Lone Palm, the non-profit arm of PHiP that provides disaster relief funds for PHs. They help make assistance possible when our members need it most.

If you haven't registered for Meeting of the Minds yet, please consider joining us in Gulf Shores. And while you're there, don't forget to purchase raffle tickets! Parrothead clubs from all over donate some incredible raffle baskets, and every ticket purchased helps support the Foundation and its mission.

This is what being a Parrothead is all about—**partying with a purpose and taking care of our PHamily when they need us.**

Party with a Purpose. Keep the Party Going.

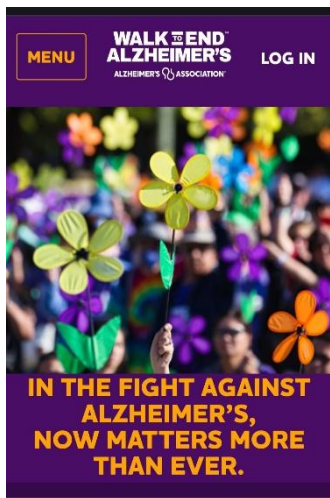
Boat Drunks, Rosie and the Revival (Kenny Chesney's band!), Peter Mayer and Jerry Jeff Walker's son, Django will all be there with more to come! [Registration for Meeting of the Minds](#)

Keep an Eye Out for Other Upcoming Events

We will have more information on these events as the time grows closer.

- ♥ Arts for Life, September 30 (afternoon) and October 1 (morning)
- ♥ WNC Down's Syndrome Buddy Walk, October 10
- ♥ Peter Mayer, Smoky Shadows in Maggie Valley, October 9 and 10
- ♥ Zac Brown Band, Knoxville, October 8 and Greenville, October 9

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 the 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 recently had members join our Alzheimers Team. Are you one of them? If not, please see our [WNC PHC Team Page](#).

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.



Hearts with Hands

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF GREG LENTZ MINISTRIES

On August 13, 2026, WNC Parrothead Club's wonderful band of volunteers, joined up at Hearts with Hands, to help sort through "tons" of donated items, specifically toiletries. We finished, slightly soiled but accomplished, and ready for a beverage at Diatribe in West Asheville. This ministry serves so many areas around the world, in need of assistance. We will be meeting up there again. We hope you can join us for this worthy cause!!



Fins Up!



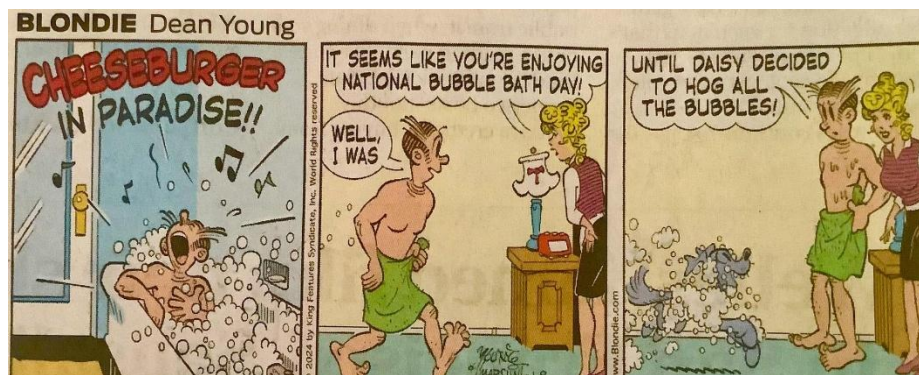
We emptied all these bins!



*Our Fearless Leader -
Alyce*

Club Directory

Look for your Club Directory in your email inbox. The directory is being sent out this week. This can help us bring our group closer together. Especially if you have somewhere exciting you want to invite others to!!



Jammy Buffet Wows the Crowd!

On July 29, 2026, a lively group of WNC PHC members converged upon the Asheville Music Hall and had the distinct pleasure of seeing Jammy Buffet, for all intents and purposes, a Jimmy Buffett cover band. But they are so much more. Breathing new life into deep cuts and energizing Jimmy's classics, this band adds their own twist, jams, as the name states. Even if you are not a jam band fan, you will enjoy each musical journey as it brings you right back to an old friend, a truly loved gem from Mr. Buffett. The musicianship from these five gentlemen is right up there with some of the tried-and-true jam bands, such as the Grateful Dead. They even threw in an intro to a Jimi Hendrix treasure. But what truly made this evening special, is the joy you saw on each of the band members' faces as they played the music they loved for a man they are successfully honoring.

Look for them at coming events, such as MOTM 2026. We hope you get to see them live. It's truly an experience.



Member of the Month – Sean Lowman

Where are you originally from?

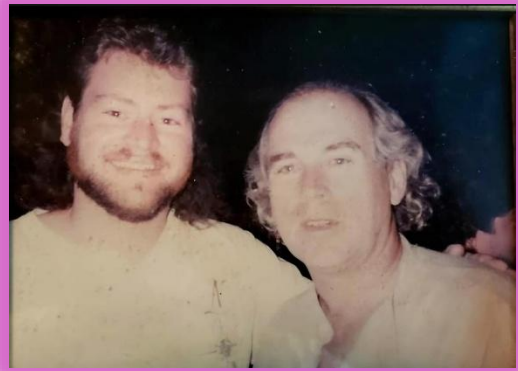
I was born and raised in Danbury, Connecticut.

Where did you move here from?

Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Tell us about your family.

I met my wife, Julie, in Wyoming, and we were married in 1999. We have three children: Ally, Daniel, and Matthew.



Jobs & Life Along the Way

Working in radio started as a childhood hobby and eventually became a career. I got my start at a small station in Brewster, New York, in 1986. In 1987, life took me to Jackson Hole, where I worked at KSGT and KMTN. In 1989, I helped start KZ95 with my then-father-in-law. I served as the program and production director and hosted the morning show until 1993, when I moved into sales and remained there until 2000.

At some point during those years, a friend and I started Acme Industrial Strength Music Co., a mobile DJ business. Once Julie and I started dating seriously, we were able to buy my partner out and grow the business to three separate sound systems. For a time, I was the only mobile DJ in Jackson Hole. Outside of work, I became involved with the Jackson Hole tourist attraction known as the "Shootout Gang" and was featured in the tourism handbook promoting the Shootout for many years. Community involvement was always important to me. The Jackson Hole Jaycees became a big part of my life and philosophy. After getting involved, I became the local president and later held several state vice president positions. From 1989 to 2000, I helped with the Jaycees' annual Fourth of July fireworks show, which was the biggest fireworks show in Wyoming at the time. I was also involved with the Jackson Hole Theater Company.

In 2000, Julie and I moved to Asheville, NC. I had a brief stint in insurance sales before my sales background led me to PSNC Energy, now Enbridge Gas North Carolina. I currently serve as the commercial sales representative for Western North Carolina, working with existing and future commercial customers and helping meet their energy needs.

Julie and I also purchased Premier Sound & Light in 2001 and ran that mobile DJ business until December 2019. By then, my Harley was paid for, and I decided I was done lugging sound systems around. It turned out to be one of the best decisions we ever made—just a few months later, COVID brought the wedding industry to a standstill for several months.

What Brought You Into the Fabulous World of Parrotheads?

Being in radio, I always knew about the "songs you know by heart." But it wasn't until I met Julie through the Jackson Jaycees that I discovered the deeper cuts.

I quickly learned that Margaritaville wasn't a place—it was a state of mind.

I was blessed to spend my childhood vacationing in the Florida Keys every winter break with my parents and sister. From an early age, I fell in love with the magic of the Keys and looked forward to going back every year.

Then I heard **"Tin Cup Chalice."** That was the moment I became a Parrothead. Suddenly, all those memories of the Keys came flooding back.

After we moved to Asheville, I was fortunate enough to attend Meeting of the Minds twice. Some members of the WNCPHC welcomed us into the club, and after nearly 20 years, I finally got to return to the Islands. One of my favorite memories was sitting in a chair with two back legs in the water and the front in the sand, watching Jimmy walk onto the stage to surprise the crowd. We kind of knew it was coming, but it wasn't official until he hit the stage.

My First Buffett Show

Let's back up a little.

When I lived in Wyoming, Julie always seemed to have Jimmy Buffett playing somewhere in the background. One day she said, "You need to see Jimmy live. I got us tickets to see him in Denver." That was my first show.

The next day, I called his record company from the radio station, and they sent me two more tickets for his Fiddler's Green show. The Iguanas opened, and I immediately became a fan.

The first night, our tickets were "comp" tickets—not lawn seats, but pretty far up. I should also mention that I thought it was strange we were going to the venue so early that day. Then I experienced my first Buffett tailgate.

There was a huge RV decorated as a shark, a guy with a blender attached to a weed eater giving away margaritas, and—something I'd never seen before—a beach brought into a venue parking lot.

For my second show, Julie got us fifth-row seats. Yeah, she knew some people.

I was blessed to see Jimmy another 30 times after that.

My Favorite Buffett Story

One of my favorite memories is an epic trek Julie, her mom, Margie, and I took together.

We flew into Cincinnati, picked up Margie, rented a car, and headed off to see Jimmy in Nashville.

From there, we went to the Pyramid in Memphis and then on to the New Orleans Jazz Fest.

The trip was already memorable because Margie had broken her wrist at a skating rink just one day before we left. But Margie knew many of the band members, and she managed to get most of the crew to sign her cast at the various shows.

At the New Orleans Jazz Fest, we were front row in Margaritaville waiting for Zachary Richard to take the stage when Julie suddenly said, "Jimmy's at the bar!"

I grabbed Margie and took off running, yelling back at Julie, "Save our place!"

We approached Jimmy, and I waited for the right moment to make my way into the conversation. Then I asked him to sign Margie's cast. I still have the picture.

I was wearing my radio station T-shirt, and Jimmy noticed it.

"Wow, Jackson Hole. I've spent some time there!"



I replied, "Yes, Jimmy. The locals all know how you and Harrison Ford got thrown out of the Cowboy Bar."

I think he blushed a little.

I quickly broke the awkwardness by telling him that Margie used to see him play at Mud Island, a small venue that held maybe 2,000 people. I told him how great it was to see him at the Pyramid in Memphis the other night.

Jimmy started beaming.

"Yup, and I sold out that show 15 minutes quicker than Eric Clapton did!"

We had a great laugh, took a quick picture, and thanked him for his time.

When we got back to our spot, Julie was still holding our place—but she was pretty bummed she hadn't gotten to see our interaction.

Years later, Julie had her own incredible Jimmy Buffett moment when she was blessed to sing on stage with him here in Asheville. See the April newsletter for that great story.

The Craziest Buffett Adventure

I think the craziest thing Julie and I ever did happened after seeing Jimmy in Las Vegas.

We got back home to Wyoming and were coming down from the high of another great show. At the time, there was this new thing called the "internet," which I had access to on a computer at the radio station. Keep in mind, we didn't have home PCs yet.

I discovered that Jimmy's final stop that summer was in Anaheim, California.

I came home and asked Julie, "You want to get a flight and go catch the last show?"

She knew a scalper out there, made a call, and he told her he'd have tickets for us by the tree at will call.

We didn't have cell phones.

We drove five hours to Salt Lake City, got on a plane, and headed to California with no hotel booked and no tickets in hand.

We waited.

More people started gathering around "the tree".

Finally, her guy showed up—and he got us sixth-row seats!

I still have the set lists from both shows: one from Las Vegas and the other from that Anaheim adventure.

What Direction Would You Like to See for Our Club?

Life got in the way while our kids were growing up, but we're back!

I think the club is under excellent leadership, with fired-up members and a consistent place to meet at the Flying Squirrel on the second Wednesday of each month. I think the club can recruit new life into the club while keeping all of our veteran members fired up and involved.

The Flip Flop Hop, Hearts with Hands, mini-golf tournaments, and all of the other activities are exactly what we need. Add in the opportunity to see great local and visiting bands, and I think we're heading in the right direction.

So, what direction would I like to see?

The direction I feel this great organization is already going. Party with a Purpose. Let's keep the party going!

The Two Jimmys: Fausto's, Buffett and a Century of Key West History

When Jimmy Buffett sang about going down to Fausto's for chocolate milk in 1976, the Fleming Street grocery store had already been serving Key West for 50 years. This year, Fausto's Food Palace celebrates its 100th anniversary—an extraordinary milestone for a family business that became part of Buffett lore, created the original Margaritaville cheeseburger and remains one of the rare places where visitors can step directly into the Key West he wrote about.

The relationship between Buffett and Fausto's is also the story of two Jimmys, born only about a year apart, whose paths came remarkably close to crossing long before they actually met. Jimmy Weekley was born and raised in Key West. Jimmy Buffett first arrived on the island in 1971 and made it his home in 1972. But in 1973, just as Buffett was settling into the rhythms of Key West, Weekley moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a courtroom clerk.

By 1975, Buffett had woven himself into the Fleming Street neighborhood. Directly across from Fausto's, his friend Tom Corcoran operated the F.T. Sebastian Leather Company in a former Cities Service gas station. Buffett used its empty service bays as a rehearsal space while assembling the Coral Reefer Band to tour behind *Havana Daydreamin'*. Greg "Fingers" Taylor, Roger Bartlett, Harry Dailey and Phil Fajardo rehearsed there, sometimes late enough to test the patience of the neighbors, so the stories go.

Buffett also frequented the Key West Library farther along Fleming Street, and his future brother-in-law lived nearby. Within a few blocks were the places where he read, rehearsed, visited friends, bought groceries and absorbed the everyday life of his adopted island.

In December 1975, Weekley saw Buffett perform for the first time at the Cellar Door in Georgetown. Shortly afterward, he returned home to Key West and joined the family business. His father, Carl Weekley, a meat cutter by trade, put him in charge of the butcher shop.

Weekley's first sighting of Buffett back home was as casual as the neighborhood itself. He was talking with Mary Spottswood in the Fausto's parking lot when Buffett walked past and waved to her. Weekley asked who it was, and Spottswood told him it was Jimmy Buffett, her tenant.

"I'm Goin' Down to Fausto's"

In 1976, *Havana Daydreamin'* brought Fausto's into Buffett lore. "My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink and I Don't Love Jesus" chronicled the morning after a particularly long Key West night, when the necessary recovery supplies included orange juice, something for his aching head and chocolate milk from Fausto's:

"I'm goin' down to Fausto's
To get some chocolate milk."

As Key West writer [Carol Shaughnessy](#) observed, naming Fausto's showed that Buffett had truly assimilated into the culture of his island home. He knew where locals went for groceries, conversation and a morning-after cure. He had become "one of us."

Fausto's advertised itself as "not just a grocery store, but a social center," and the slogan was true. Its aisles brought together writers, bartenders, fishermen, Navy personnel, politicians, longtime families and newcomers reinventing themselves in Key West. Customers might encounter Tennessee Williams, Shel

Silverstein, novelist Phil Caputo or one of the island's less celebrated characters, but nearly everyone could expect a warm welcome from Weekley's mother, Ana.

The daughter of founder Fausto Castillo, Ana became a partner in the business at 17 and was famous for remembering customers, their families and the details of their lives. She and Carl later took over and expanded the business, and their sons, Jimmy and Alton Weekley, became the third generation to carry it forward.

Buffett did not make Fausto's important to Key West; it had already been part of island life for half a century when he recorded the song. What he did was recognize its importance and share it with the rest of the world. As his following grew, fans began making their own pilgrimages to Fausto's. During Meeting of the Minds, Weekley knew to stock extra chocolate milk for Parrot Heads recreating Buffett's famous morning-after errand.

That tradition continues during Just a Few Friends, when [Sean K's walking](#) and [Coconut Telegraph Trolley](#) tours visit the real Key West places behind the songs and stories. The tours include a stop at Fausto's for chocolate milk—and, if they are lucky, guests may meet Jimmy Weekley himself.



Jimmy Buffett, Jimmy Weekley and Tom Corcoran

Upcoming Music Events

The Caribbean Cowboys

Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show

August 29, 2026 4-7 pm
Phil's BBQ, Black Mountain, NC

John Friday (solo)

Woodfin Tavern
August 27, 2026 6-8 pm
Woodfin, NC

Laurel Canyon East

Pisgah Brewing Company
September 3, 2026 7-9 pm
Swannanoa, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Bear Lake Reserve
September 5, 2026 All day!
Tuckasegee, NC

It's 5:00 Somewhere Band

Mills River Brewing
September 7, 2026 Noon-3 pm
Mills River, NC

John Friday (solo)

Woodfin Tavern
September 10, 2026 6-8 pm
Woodfin, NC



The Caribbean Cowboys

Burnshirt Vineyards
September 12, 2026
Hendersonville, NC 2-5 pm

The Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
September 13, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
September 20, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

Laurel Canyon East

Antler Village, Biltmore Estate
September 25, 2026 4:30-8:30 pm
Asheville, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Phil's BBQ
September 27, 2026 4-7 pm
Black Mountain, NC

Laurel Canyon East

Madco Brewing
October 2, 2026 6-9 pm
Marshall, NC

The Caribbean Cowboys

Trailside Brewery Oktoberfest
October 3, 2026 6-9 pm
Hendersonville, NC

Get Your Inner Chef On!

Southern Style Peach Cobbler

**Courtesy of Crazy Sista Cooking
By Lucy Anne Buffett**

Makes 8-10 Servings

Ingredients

- 4 Tablespoons butter
- 6 Cups peeled and sliced peaches
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup light Brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 Teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon finely chopped fresh gingerroot
- 2 Teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 Cups Bisquick baking mix
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Melt butter in a 2 quart baking dish, being careful to not burn the butter
3. Combine peaches, Brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon juice, ginger, and cornstarch. Toss to coat evenly and set aside.
4. In a large bowl, combine Bisquick, sugar and milk.
5. Pour dough over melted butter, but do not stir the butter and dough together! Use hands to press dough to the edges of the pan.
6. Pour fruit mixture on top of dough. The dough Will bake up over the fruit.
7. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until the fruit is slightly Brown and bubbly.
8. Serve with Vanilla Bean ice cream for full effect!!



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.

