

Wasatch Mountain Parrot Head Club News

Spring 2010



Hi Phellow Parrot Heads,

Wow, what a busy and phun time we have been having, with a lot more to come. As always we have had many people doing much work to make all this fun possible. I want to thank both Paige Berg and Shannon Thatcher for all their great planning for our Holiday Party. Also, thanks go to Bob Karwin for putting on an outstanding show and to Griz Millam for using his sound gear and adding that extra umph to Bob's acoustic show. I also want to think Gina for her work in organizing our Strut Your Mutt team, which we talk more about in this newsletter.

Two new board of director members were added in this year's election and two board members returning. Wes Anderson was elected to a one-year term as Director at Large and Rene Evans won the Treasurer's position. Shannon Thatcher was re-elected to the Vice President position and Jason Berg is once again a Director at Large. Thanks to all 4 of you for volunteering your time to help make our club the great little club it is.

Speaking of little, we are not as little as we used to be!!! During our holiday party, we added 20 first-time members to the club. To all of you, welcome. We hope to keep seeing you at all our activities as we truly live up to the Parrot Head motto of "Party With a Purpose!"

I want to let everyone know that we have begun planning fun programs to take place during our phlockings. So in addition to coming out to enjoy time with friends we will have new and fun activities most every phlocking, thanks to our Events Chairperson (and new member) Mindy Leonard.

Finally, there's lots of great information here about fun activities coming up. We are always looking for good info to include in the newsletter. If you have some articles or pictures, please send them to our newsletter associate editor and club secretary, Noel Applebaum.

Phins Up!!

Lewie Edwards

President

Our Club is growing!

We welcome over 20 new members who joined our club this year, many at the Holiday Party in January. Carrying on the growth our club had last year, we now have **65** dues paying members. Woo hoo! Here is a list of our new members:

Jackie Allen	Jeff & Mindy Leonard	Jeff & Tammy Willis
Paul & Kathy Barnett	Roger Magee	Liz Wilson
Wes & Donna Brown	Kadee Nielson	Kathy Zupan
Chad & Debby Donoghue	Perry & Franny Salm	Teresa Zupan
Lori DeSimon-Olson	Marty Smith	
Terk O. Husbands	Bill Thompson	

How can you become more involved in the club?

- Sign on to the **yahoo! group site**. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/>, in the 'find a group' box type Utah parrotheads. Click on the link, join the group. Club news and events are posted here, there's a calendar tab, and it's a place for members to chat in between club events. There are several options for receiving updates – you can receive updates directly in your e-mail inbox or go to the site at your convenience to catch up. For more info contact Shannon at cocotele@gmail.com
- Attend **phlockings**, held the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. at Lumpy's on Highland Drive. Our new event chair, Mindy Leonard, has lots of activities and games planned to make our phlockings extra phun.
- Attend **club events**. Our club holds two parties (the holiday party and summer picnic) and participates in several charity events throughout the year. Check the 'Events' section of this newsletter for the upcoming dates
- Attend a **parrot head event**. Two regional events, Phins to the West and Parrot Grande, are showcased in this newsletter. Meeting of the Minds is our national parrot head 'convention' and is held the first part of November in Key West.

Welcome to the club! We look forward to getting to know you and are happy you are joining us as we 'party with a purpose'.

John Reno at Lumpy's

Our club hosted John Reno at the August phlocking. John is known for his laid back style and the great stories that go with every song. He gave a great performance for the parrot heads and friends who turned out at Lumpy's, and we'll get to hear John again at Phins to the West.



Strut Your Mutt is Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Strut Your Mutt, happening on Saturday, May 22nd. This year, we'll be at a brand new venue, Veterans Memorial Park, at 1985 W 7800 S, West Jordan. The event will feature demonstrations, booths, activities, contests, food and drink, all starting at 8 am. The walk begins at 9:15 am.



Some of our 2009 Strut Your Mutt participants

Strut Your Mutt is one of No More Homeless Pets' major annual fundraisers, bringing in \$183,000 last year. Our club will be entering a dog pack, so invite your family, friends, and of course your dogs and watch the yahoo site for sign up information.

Summer Picnic Once Again Coming to Lewie & Charlotte's Back Yard

Last year's picnic featuring Brent Burns was a huge success and this year's event promises to be even bigger and better. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17th when Tall Paul and Crowdaddy will headline the show in Lewie & Charlotte's back yard. These artists are big favorites with east coast and southern parrot head clubs and play at many ph gatherings including Meeting of the Minds and this year's Phins to the West. Our event will benefit the 4th Street Homeless Pediatric Clinic. Save the date and get ready for a phun time.



Brent Burns with our hosts, Lewie & Charlotte

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Last October 15 members and parakeets participated in Making Strides against Breast Cancer, raising \$800 to support cancer research. This is an annual event our club participates in, so stay tuned for more info as the October event approaches. Thanks to all who turned out in support of this important cause

Holiday Party a Great Success!

This year's holiday party was held at our January Phlocking. Bob "What's My Name" Karwin provided fantastic entertainment, Lumpy's



provided great food, and our members and phriends pulled together to raise over \$500 to benefit the 4th

Street Homeless Pediatric Clinic. Thanks to Shannon, Paige, Anna, Sue, Bob, the Lumpy's for all their work to put on a phabulous event!



Phins to the West coming soon!!

Don't miss this year's 7th Annual PHINS to the WEST event. This year over 20 members of the Wasatch Mountain Parrot Head Club will be joining hundreds of other parrot heads for three days of sun, fun, and live Trop Rock music. Registrations will CLOSE on 15 April. After this date



you will not be guaranteed a memento package.

The entertainment line-up includes some major Trop-Rock performers not normally seen on the West Coast. The headliner this year is **Keith Sykes**, one of the original Coral Reefers. His songs you know by heart and his stories are memorable. Joining Keith are:

Hannah's Reef * STARS on the WATER * Jim Hoehn * Bob Karwin * Rob Mehl * Sam Rainwater * John Reno * Tall Paul and Craw Daddy * Matt Wahl *

The theme this year is "Big Time under the Big Top". This will sure bring out the best in many of the Parrotheads. If you have registered, get ready for the time of your life, for those of you thi nking about it, don't wait too long!! For more info or to register, go to: www.phinstothewest.com



Phun at PTTW 2009

Meeting of the Minds

Six members of our club attended the 2009 Meeting of the Minds last November. The theme for the 19th annual event this year is 'Gypsies in the Palace' and the event, open only to parrot head club members in good standing, will be held November 4-7, 2010. For more info, go to <http://www.phip.com/MOTM.asp>

Parrot Grande

Another regional parrot head event is Parrot Grande, hosted by the Arizona Parrot Head clubs. Last year four of our members attended this fun event. Here's some more info, provided by Kathy Pfister, a 'dual citizen' of both the Phoenix and Wasatch Mountain Clubs.

Parrot Grande History Lesson

The first Parrot Grande (and most of them) was held in 2000 at the Francisco Grande Resort in Casa Grande, AZ. The resort used to be the Spring Training home for the San Francisco Giants many years ago and what it lacked in amenities, it made up for in isolation. The Arizona Parrot Head Club members and guests had free roam of the property and caroused until all hours of the night.

The entertainment was simple that first year with Jerry Gontang and Mark Mulligan providing music. Other acts that have performed at the event are Stars on The Water, Bad Monkeys, Coral Reefer Madness, Bob Karwin, Ray Cody, John Milner and Brent Burns. Recent years have also seen an added musical option - Open Mic where the guests take a turn at a tune or two.

Like our entertainment options, those first late nights have grown in to something bigger called the Eighth Floor Party. After the official events are over, the attendees still standing move up to the Penthouse Floor of the resort (and it's really on the 8th floor) for some unplugged tunes and jams and more frivolity. It's become a favorite activity for some of the group and there's hope that Bob Karwin will release a CD entitled "Eighth Floor Songs". The CD will come with a music advisory label.

The first year had 44 attendees and the number grew until it averaged out at around 100. Hopefully, that number is bigger this year as there's a new home for our event, the spectacular Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, AZ. The Wigwam is a beautiful property with three full golf courses, a full service spa, two pools and several restaurants on site. There'll be something for everyone there in addition to the Parrot Head fun.

And, there is fun galore! Friday night has seen the traditional "It's Midnight and I Still Can't Putt" contest. Saturday has the Pirate Boat races in the pool and other pool games. Another fun event was the Balcony Decorating contest. There are plans afoot for some new fun in 2010 as well.

Except for the first year, Parrot Grande has been the main fund raising event for AZPHC. Money is raised through golf tournaments and hole sponsorships, a raffle and a silent auction. Most years, the charity was the West Valley Child Crisis Center which provided safe homes for children taken from, or abandoned by, their parents.

The dates for 2010 are September 3/4 (Labor Day weekend). Registration will open in the next few weeks with information on cost and scheduled entertainment.

Looking for some fun in the desert? This is your event!

Upcoming Events

April

- Apr 9: Club Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Lumpy's
- Apr 9: Phlocking with event planned by Mindy - 7:00 pm at Lumpys
- Apr 15: Tax Day AND last day to register for Phins to the West (www.phinstothewest.com)
- Apr 29: Phins to the West Pre-Event activities at the Avi Resort & Casino in Laughlin NV
- Apr 30: Phins to the West Opening Day, Avi Resort & Casino in Laughlin NV

May

- May 1-2: Phins to the West, Avi Resort & Casino in Laughlin NV
- May 14: Club Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Lumpy's
- May 14: Phlocking - 7:00 pm at Lumpys
- May 22: Strut Your Mutt, Veterans Memorial Park, Salt Lake City (www.strutyourmutt.org/tabid/317/default.aspx)

June

- Jun 11: Club Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Lumpy's
- Jun 11: Phlocking - 7:00 pm at Lumpys

July

- Jul 9: Club Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Lumpy's
- Jul 9: Phlocking - 7:00 pm at Lumpys
- Jul 17: Summer Picnic at Lewie's (and Charlotte's) Backyard, featuring Phab Phive, Surprise Guest, and Tall Paul & Crowdaddy

August

- Aug 6-7: Relay for Life, Heritage Park, Salt Lake City (http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=21995&pg=entry)
- Aug 13: Club Leaders Meeting - 6:30 pm at Lumpy's
- Aug 13: Phlocking - 7:00 pm at Lumpys