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Why Did It Take So Long?

No doubt that many of you who were waiting for Jimmy Buffett's Summer concert schedule to be announced before finalizing your summer travel plans noticed that the announcement seemed to take place much later than usual this year. In year's past, we had some idea of Jimmy's tour dates as early as the Frosted Parrot Head Party. For the first time, the cause behind the delay in the announcement can be told.

On a Spring-like day in mid-February (during this Winter that wasn't, it seemed like every day in February was Spring-like) I was contacted by the ever popular "anonymous source" and who, after making me promise to keep it secret, divulged some of the summer concert dates.

As the dates for Mansfield, Camden, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh etc. were reported, I paid only passing attention. I was waiting to hear the venue that's dearest, and nearest to most METROs... Jones Beach. After what seemed like an eternity, finally, I heard, "Jones Beach... August 15th".

While the date was a bit earlier than other recent visits to the Beach, the date sounded familiar. Then I remembered he played Jones Beach on August 15th at least 10 years ago perhaps even a bit earlier. Jimmy's mom "Peets" was sitting on stage with the rest of his family and he led the sell-out crowd in the singing of "Happy Birthday" to her. Perhaps that was it. Maybe...but besides wondering how I could remember that occasion when I trouble remembering where I just left my car keys, there was a nagging suspicion it was something else.

A few days later I received one of those "The Stephen Talkhouse Event" e-mails. After noting the dates the Big Sam's Funky Nation and Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jewboys concerts on the calendar, I decided to check the schedule to see if there was anything else that might have slipped by... and there it was... Jim Morris and the Big Bamboo Band at Stephen Talkhouse on August 15th!

This had "Disaster" written all over it. After all, who would go to Jones Beach to see Jimmy Buffett when Jim Morris and his entire band would be performing less than 100 miles away? Sure, a Buffett concert is fun, but it can't be compared to when Jim walks up to the microphone and says "Hey everybody, are you ready to get cah-razzzzzzy today?"

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Now I can get in touch with “Jimmy’s people”. It’s a privilege that cannot be abused, but this was serious. It’s not like it was Commissioner Gordon using the Bat-signal to summon Batman because he forgot to pick up a quart of milk on his way home. So the call was placed to one of the higher ups in Buffett’s organization.

At first the Buffett camp didn’t think that conflicting dates would be an issue. However, after giving some thought (and speaking directly with Jimmy), they realized the folly of their ways. Initially they decided to reach out to Talkhouse management to see if there was any way that Morris could be rescheduled. After all, Jimmy’s entire summer schedule would have to be rearranged if he couldn’t be at Jones Beach on August 15th.

The staff at Talkhouse gave it serious consideration, after all, this was Jimmy Buffett asking for a favor and Jimmy has graced the stage there many times, most recently last August when dignitaries such as President Clinton, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Lynne Creamer and Peter Zendt were in the audience.

It turns out that prior to agreeing to place Jim Morris on the schedule in February, the staff at Talkhouse did extensive research. They really liked Jim’s music but were really impressed at the devotion of his fans, especially their willingness to travel great distances to see a concert by Jim and the boys. What they found truly amazing was the fact that immediately after the original February 10th concert was added to the Talkhouse schedule, the phones didn’t stop ringing. This concert was moving from what was initially considered an ordinary show to an “event”.

In the end, while being sympathetic to Jimmy’s plight, they decided not to change the date for Jim Morris. As we all know, Jim was scheduled to be at Talkhouse the evening before the Frosted Parrot Head Party. That show was rescheduled to August 15th so that some interior modifications could be made at Talkhouse. FYI, the floor area has been expanded and the bathrooms renovated. Don’t worry guys, the artwork in the men’s room was left intact.

The bottom line is that the folks at Talkhouse were looking at the bottom line. They felt that it was not good business to change Jim’s concert date and risk future appearances that would surely fill the newly expanded venue.

Jimmy’s management team though disappointed understood and went back square one to begin working out the logistics for new summer tour. In the end, the concert at Jones Beach was moved to August 30th and for fans, the difficult decision of whether to see Jim or Jimmy was avoided.

That’s why it took so long to make the announcement this year.

Joe Lombardi



"Spring is sprung, the grass is ris.
I wonders where the birdies is.
They say the birds is on the wing.
Ain't that absurd?
I always thought the wing was on the bird."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The METRO Parrot Head Club is celebrating it's 20th Anniversary and this is the start of our 19th year of collecting litter along Route 114 in East Hampton. Our club was the first parrot head club to adopt a highway. Many other clubs have followed our lead but none can match our 19 year commitment to keep our two (and a half) miles of highway clean.

On **Saturday, April 14th**, we'll meet in the parking in front of the **King Kullen** supermarket in **Bridgehampton Commons** at **10AM**.

From there we'll make our way over to Route 114 for the clean up. While our club does many different types of community service during the year, this is the one activity that Jimmy Buffett is very familiar with. Through the years, he's mentioned it at several concerts. He really appreciates our efforts in his summer get away.

When we're finished we'll take a short drive on Route 114 to the corner bar in Sag Harbor. Of course, if Murph's is open, we'll make a detour.

Lon Ormanian has spent the winter refurbishing our pointy sticks so they'll be in good shape. Remember to wear suitable shoes and gloves. Orange trash bags will be provided.

Anyone interested in participating in the road clean should contact **Joe Lombardi** at metrojoe@optonline.net

**THE METRO PARROT HEAD CLUB and
CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT present
the 10th annual Metro & Morris fundraiser**



THE STORYTELLER SHOW

**A benefit for
SEAN RIES**

**Friday June 8, 2012
The Acoustic Café
2629 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut
www.acousticafe.com
Restaurant/Doors open at 6PM
Show at 8PM
Tickets \$40 in advance only**



and the BIG BAMBOO BAND

**a benefit for
SWIM ACROSS THE SOUND**

**CANCER CHARITY
Saturday June 9, 2012
Captain's Cove Seaport
1 Bostwick Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut
www.captainscove-seaport.com
Doors open at 12PM
Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door**

GO TO www.metrophc.org FOR MORE DETAILS

ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM

THE METRO PARROT HEAD CLUB PRESENTS the 10th annual METRO & MORRIS JIM MORRIS AT THE ACOUSTIC CAFE THE STORYTELLER SHOW

Friday, June 8, 2012

a benefit for SEAN RIES

make checks payable to : Metro Parrot Head Club

and send along with a S.A.S.E. to:

Carol Pohorylo

35 Boot Shop Lane

Monroe, Connecticut 06468

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Quantity _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

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**THE METRO PARROT HEAD CLUB AND
CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT PRESENT
the 10th annual METRO & MORRIS
JIM MORRIS & THE BIG BAMBOO BAND AT
CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT**

Saturday, June 9, 2012

a fundraiser for the "Swim Across the Sound" cancer charity

make checks payable to : Captain's Cove Seaport
and send along with a S.A.S.E. to:
Captain's Cove Seaport – Jill Toth
1 Bostwick Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Quantity _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Wounded Warriors Need YOU!

The Wounded Warrior Project's Soldier Ride provides rehabilitative cycling events for injured service men and women. Initially started to help those who suffered physical injuries, Soldier Ride has been expanded to help with mental and emotional wounds. The program offers wounded warriors a chance to get on a bike and prove to themselves, "I can still do this." Soldier Ride is not about politics; it's not about the war; it's simply about men and women who are recovering from serious injuries.

Jimmy Buffett has supported this cause for many years by performing at several benefit concerts and by getting out and meeting the participants. There have been numerous Soldier Ride events from Miami to Key West, the most recent one took place this past January. Following the completion of the rides, the Margaritaville Cafe in Key West has hosted parties for the participants. Not only that, the Margaritaville has donated that day's revenues to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Now the **METROs** can support the cause.

On Saturday **July 21**, the **Soldier Hamptons** will take place in Amagansett, NY. Cyclists, including many veterans who were wounded in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters of operations (that sounds so much more pleasant than war doesn't it?) will take part in the ride. Last year there were around 30 soldiers from the US. Soldiers from Great Britain and Israel also cycled. This year, the Marines are back! The platoon of 30 or so Marines that Terri Amundsen adopted a few years ago will be doing the 60 mile route in honor of their fallen comrade, Jordan Haerter of Sag Harbor, who was killed while preventing a suicide bomber from driving into their compound.

While METROs have been asked to staff a water stop on along the 60 mile route, there are plenty of other volunteer opportunities throughout the day. Last year, we helped out at registration and with organizing the parking at the start of the ride. Some METROs went along the ride route in advance of the riders, alerting people that the riders were on their way and passing out US Flags for everyone to wave. METROs were on hand at the end of the ride in Amagansett to cheer the riders across the finish line and pass out ice-cold water and sports drinks (which were needed with a heat index close to 100°) and helped out at the BBQ for participants after the ride. METROs also helped during the Rock-the-Farm concert last year.

There will be another Rock-the-Farm concert this year. I've been told that those who volunteer for the daytime events will be admitted to the concert (which featured a 4 hour open bar and buffet) free of charge. No word yet on who will be headlining this year's concert but the concert is always excellent. Last year Toots and the Maytalls graced the stage.

Over 1,200 people cycled in last year's Soldier Ride – Hamptons and over \$250,000 was raised, making it the largest Soldier Ride Event in the country. This year, 1,500 riders are expected! More riders means more volunteers.

Look for more details in future newsletters. Right now we're asking that you circle the date (**July 21**) and make plans to attend.

They've given so much - let's give back a little.

Metro Parrot Head Club – 2011

Annual Report to PHIP

December 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Boxes and boxes, totaling over 275 lbs., of toys were collected and donated to the “Toys for Tots”. Total man hours worked were 17.

November 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. At the Long Island Happy Hour \$1500 was raised along with 150 pounds of towels and blankets and 350 pounds of food which were donated to several Long Island Animal Shelters. 81 Metros attended and a total man hours to plan and work this event was 58.

October 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro held its annual fall road cleanup in Sag Harbor, New York which was attended by 36 Metros. A total of 108 man hours were worked for the cleanup. After the cleanup Metro held its second Sag Harbor “Harbor Cruise”. Metro also participated in Memory Walks in New York City and Rockland County, New York. \$1,500.00 was raised at the New York City Walk and \$12,100 was raised at the Rockland County Walk. A total of 135 man hours were worked. Metro two teams combine to place second nationally.

September 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. At the Long Island Happy Hour \$350 was raised for ALS Assoc. of New York.

August 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Jimmy Buffett played Jones Beach and the tailgate and concert was attended by 175 Metros. Metro organized a “Meet and Greet” at the Metro tailgate party for Nadirah Shakoor, Doyle Grisham, Peter Mayer, Jim Mayer and Michael Utley, however the Meet and Greet was canceled in the early afternoon to allow the band to spend the day with ailing Ralph MacDonald. We also enjoyed an afternoon of music at the tailgate with Metro’s own Ed Travers Band and Barometer Soup. Total man hours to organize and run the event was 47.

July 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro held its annual family picnic in Amagansett, Long Island. The event was attended by 63 Metros. Total man hours to plan and run the event were 42. Prior and during the family picnic, Metro worked the Wounded Warrior Project's Soldiers Ride, a 100 kilometer bicycle ride supporting veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Total man hours worked for that event were 57. Metro also held its second booze cruise on the Great South Bay and raised \$900 that was donated to the Alzheimers Association.

June 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro held its 9th. annual Metro & Morris Fundraiser for the Swim Across the Sound Cancer Charity in Connecticut. The event was attended by more than 275 people. A total raised at the event for our charity was \$9,872. Man hours to plan and run the event totaled 445.

May 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro also joined the 7th Annual Walk for St. Mary's Kids. A total of 84 hours was worked at the walk.

April 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro held its annual spring road cleanup in Sag Harbor, New York which was attended by 23 Metros. A total of 115 man hours were worked for the cleanup. Metro also held its annual Long Island Ducks Day which resulted in raising \$100 which was donated to the Hope House Ministries.

March 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. The Long Island Happy Hour raised \$1,600 that was donated to the Downs Syndrome Advocacy. A total of 16 hours were worked for the event.

February 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. Metro held its annual Frosted Parrot Head Party which was attended by 157 Metros. Total man hours to plan and run the event were 142. \$2,100 was raised for Harry Chapin's charity, Long Island Cares along with 575 pounds of non-perishable food.

January 2011

Happy Hours were held on Long Island and Connecticut. On Long Island 365 lbs. equaling 200 toys was raised for the St. Ignatius Human Service Center. Total hours worked were 8.

In summary, for the entire 2011, Metro raised and donated \$30,022 along with 1,700 pounds of food, clothing, blankets and other items and worked a total of 1,274 man hours.

David Pohorylo
President, Metro PHC

PARROT HEAD NEWS!!!!

Long Island Happy Hour

April Happy Hour

Saturday April,14th

Shooters in Wantagh

The Metro North Happy Hour

Takes place on the second Tuesday of each month (with the exception of our summer months). 6:30 pm at the East Side Cafe in Norwalk, CT anyone planning on attending should RSVP to Carol a carpoh@aol.com so that table space can be reserved.

FINS & PINS

On Saturday, March 24th, we held our 2nd Bowling Fund Raiser at East Meadow Lanes. We would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the Hagedorn Little Village School. We raised over \$1300 for the school.

Special thanks to those who helped us especially Jim, Ray, Jamie, Lisa, and Lynne. An extra thank you is extended to all who donated baskets/donations for our raffles (Peter/Lorraine, Jodi/Boris, Ray/Sue, Lisa, Ralph/Kathy, Al/Maryanne).

Congratulations to the 50/50 winners of \$300 to Sandy and Lora.

We hope to see everyone again at next year's fund raiser!

Fins Up.....

Tracey and Linda



NEW MEMBERS

Frank & Patricia
Mantione

Bobby Savinetti

Growing Older But Not Up!

April Birthdays

Sarah Delaney Buffet	1	Delaney Talks to Statues
Lisa Farley	1	Cheeseburger
Sydney Caven	2	Little Miss Magic
Richard Chystun	6	Margaritaville
Larry Kiewra	7	One Particular Harbor
Michele Bautista	9	Survive
Bosco Thurer	9	Migration
Ginny Markart	11	Who's that Blond Stranger
Jessica Wilbert	14	5 O'clock Somewhere
Jim Muldoon	16	All of Them
Linda Klein	18	Why Don't we get Drunk
Jacquelyn Martin	22	Take it Back
Joanne Karmel	23	Come Monday
Janet McMahan	23	Why Don't we get Drunk
Nancy Weil	24	Margaritaville
Bruce Markland	24	One Particular Harbor
Donna Wronski	24	One Particular Harbor
Jim Everett	25	Changes in Latitude
Max Wilde	26	Beach House on the Moon



Coco Mon

**DRINK
INGREDIENTS**

1 part Malibu Rum
1 part Captain Morgan
Spiced Rum
Fill with Coke a Cola
1-2 lemon wedges
Serve over Ice
And
Enjoy!

We are always looking for Stories, pictures and articles. Please send whatever you would like to share. If we miss your birthday or any of the information is incorrect please drop us an email @ metroparrot1@aol.com

Thank you
Eric & Lorraine

21st Annual Meeting of the Minds 2012
"Another Trip Around The Sun"

(Key West, Florida)

November 1-November 4, 2012

REGISTRATION FOR 2012 MOTM

WILL OPEN JANUARY 2012

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**THE MEETING OF THE MINDS 2012
LOGO CONTEST IS NOW OPEN!**

The PHiP Board of Directors would like invite you to enter the
2012 MOTM Logo Contest.

**The winning entry will not be revealed until Registration at
the convention in Key West.**





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March 6, 2012

Peter Bosshard, Treasurer
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Northport, NY 11768-2336

Dear Peter;

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I write this letter to thank you for your generous donation to The Choral Society of Moriches in memory of Robert Terry.

Bob was a long-time member of The Choral Society and was a beloved tenor. He will be greatly missed.

Again, thank you for your memorial in Bob's honor.

Sincerely,

Lori Haus-Bulcock, President
For the Board and Members of
The Choral Society of the Moriches, Inc.