



One Particular Newsletter

News from the Parrotheads of the Old Dominion

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Fireworks FLY on the 4th of July!!

By Joan Smith Sullivan
Staff Writer

The fireworks in the sky were not the only ones seen this 4th of July. All the POD members at Leza and Glenn Horton's 4th of July cookout were very excited to be present when clubmember, Skip Freeburg, proposed to LaRee Pallone (you can see by the ring on her finger that she accepted). We all remember the first time we met him at Piratestock in 2007... and now they are going to make it official! CONGRATULATIONS!

The holiday party at Horton's has become an annual event. "We're pyromaniacs at heart, I guess," said Leza, "Also, it's just a nice opportunity to have friends over and enjoy their company. You never know who's going to show up and what might happen, like a proposal on the front porch swing!"

Collecting items to make care packages for the troops has also become a part of the event. Leza's brother is a Master Sergeant with the 77th SB/310th based in Balad. He commands, with a heart, all the soldiers in his unit and appreciates the care packages, because he can distribute items to soldiers who don't get mail or items from home. Another good friend of Leza's is based in Afghanistan. Her heart goes out to the local children, so the care packages provide treats for her to dispense to the children she "adopts".

This is truly an event that follows our motto, "Party with a Purpose". As we all get together to laugh, eat and remember the fight for our country's independence, we also make sure to remember our soldiers today who are so far away from home defending our freedom. Thanks so much to Glenn and Leza for a fun and memorable event!



- Leza signs the banner for the troops (left)
- Martha Stewart has NOTHING on our Bonnie! (below left)
- Mike and Kathy show off their tropical red, white and blue (below, 2nd from left)
- Mark and Skip check out the latest edition of *One Particular Newsletter*, hot off the press! (below, 3rd from left)
- POD members pose with the items collected for the troops (below right)



SERVE Team 3

(aka Team Truluck)



By Ashley Truluck
Guest Writer

Don't you just love that "I just made someone's day" feeling? Well, a few of us got to experience that awesome feeling on a larger scale, rather than just holding the door open for someone or letting someone go ahead of you in line.

SERVE, located in Manassas, is an emergency homeless shelter, dedicated to helping families get back up on their feet. Did you know that last year it served 33,000 individuals and families in the community? That's awesome! Their goal is "...to empower individuals and families to improve their quality of life, and to promote community cooperation and support in responding to family needs," and so far, I would say they are doing a very good job at it.

Team Three (aka, Team Truluck) had the opportunity to give these people a nice southern meal, which included barbeque, beans, corn, and brownies. It was some hard work, but the "thank you's" and "Mmm, this is good!" made it definitely worthwhile.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop's words ran through my mind that day, because I'm sure something small to us, might mean something bigger to someone else.



Editor's Note: The staff writers for One Particular Newsletter also donated their time that day. They came prepared with coloring books, crayons and toys and played with Team Truluck Junior Member, Fallyn Truluck, so that the rest of the team could do their work. They did a great job!



... to the
following club
members who
have birthdays
in the fourth
quarter :

OCTOBER

4 David King
6 Leza Horton
8 Bob Potterton
10 Diane Morvay
11 Glenn Richcreek
15 Betty Bell
26 J Douglas
29 TC Showalter

NOVEMBER

4 Pete Bessa
7 Kathy Payne
9 Kenny Barnett
13 Catie Harper
18 Les Morvay
19 Amy Truluck
25 Fred Gillis

DECEMBER

1 Lynda Moore
6 Ron Crouse
7 Don Hummel, Jr.
7 Kevin Suter
11 Steve Payne
24 Kevin Wilshire
29 Andrew Dosik
30 Mary Harper

Road Cleanups for August a BIG "Surprise"!

By Thomas Truluck
Guest Writer



For my very first POD Road Cleanup, I have to say "surprised" was the word of the day. First of all, I was very surprised when I saw so many people at the Leesburg cleanup. We had 11 Parrotheads of the Old Dominion (POD) members there. Bob Nicolo said, "It has to be a record!"

But we weren't the only Parrothead trash cleanup taking place that day. At the Signal View Road cleanup they had 6 people. "More like 5 and a half." said Diane Morvay jokingly. (She had injured her back earlier in the week and felt she was not as helpful as usual, but she was there.)

My second surprise came when I saw how much trash was on the side of the road. In total, POD members picked up over 20 bags full of trash! Some of the amusing things my Dad and I found included (as my Dad said) "In a Parrothead fashion, we find so many beer cans!"

Joan Smith said "I'm SO excited about the great attendance! There has been talk about giving up the Route 15 cleanup at the helm committee meetings for over a year. But when you get great attendance like this, you know that it means the club supports keeping it. I'm really happy to see that."

I hope we can have more people out at the cleanups! The next road cleanup is scheduled for November 12. Please mark your calendars and plan to help out.

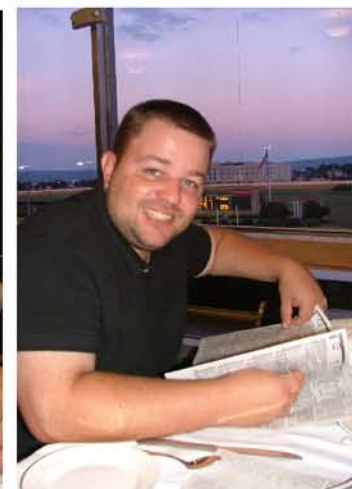
And They're Off!

By Joan Smith
Staff Writer

July 9 - Charles Town, WV. The POD evening at Charles Town Races & Slots is one of our purely FUN events of the year. And this year was no exception.

We saw a first for us in race 4, when Jjalad threw his rider early, but still went on to win the race (at least he crossed the finish line first). Then Mike was the big winner of the night in race 10 when he chose "Disco Diva" because, as he said, "That's my wife!" ("Many moons ago." added Bonnie. But we think she still could give John Travolta a run for his money.) And was that Miss West Virginia at the table next to us?!?

With great food and great friends, the night at Charles Town Races is always a lot of fun. Many thanks to Bonnie Peery for her hard work setting it up. We can't wait for next year!



Toasting to Success



By Joan Smith
Staff Writer

July 24 - Middleburg, VA. Kathy Brice looked at her closet and decided that the suits that hung there, taking up space, needed to have a higher purpose. So she decided to donate them to Dress for Success.

Dress for Success is an international non-profit organization that believes in every woman's ability to be self-sufficient and successful in their career. Pursuing that belief, they provide professional attire, support and career development tools to disadvantaged women.

Kathy (good person that she is) decided to take her decision one step further by opening up the opportunity to all the women of POD. Naturally, the women of POD responded enthusiastically. Applying the donation equivalent figures provided by Dress for Success, over \$3,000.00 in professional attire was collected.

And so on a Sunday in July, they came to meet at Chrysalis Vineyard to have a wine tasting, laugh, talk and assemble their donations. In the process, two more events were added to the POD calendar.

So... the Dress for Success collection was a success in more ways than one. Thanks SO much to Kathy Brice for the inspiration!



POD DONATES BASKETS FOR BRENNEN ROWE



By Kevin Wilshere
Guest Writer

July 24 - Middleburg, VA. Brennen Ocean Rowe is a 4 year-old boy who collects cars, likes bacon and enjoys teasing his older sister. He also has a rare form of brain cancer with a 60% survival rate.

When Brennen's mom, Robinette Todd, was given this devastating news last February, her immediate response was, "No, he doesn't have cancer because he's a healthy boy, and he's three, and he's going to be four in six days. And you're wrong." Unfortunately, the doctors were not wrong. Brennen was diagnosed with Grade 3 Anaplastic Ependymoma. Treatment combines surgery with Proton Radiation treatments that are offered at only nine centers nationwide. Although potentially life-saving, the treatment side effects can include blindness, deafness, left side paralysis and mental retardation.

Since that seminal February day, Robinette, Brennen and family have faced the reality of dealing with Brennen's disease and treatment with a mixture of faith and hope. While they "live every day on eggshells," a number of local organizations and individuals have done what they can to help and show support for Brennen. POD participated in a July 24 fundraiser with the donation of two baskets, an Instant Tropical Party for All Ages and a Pamper Yourself Spa Kit. Special thanks go to Carol Buckingham, the Wilsheres and the Smiths for donating special items for the baskets. Robinette reports that the POD baskets were among the most popular in their raffle and she thanks all the members for the donation.

In the week before the fundraiser, Robinette lost her job, and all her medical benefits, making the community contributions that much more significant. So the family faces a difficult and uncertain road ahead. They can only be sure that Brennen has many more hospital visits to come. And after each one, he will pick out a new toy car.



Spreading Their Wings...



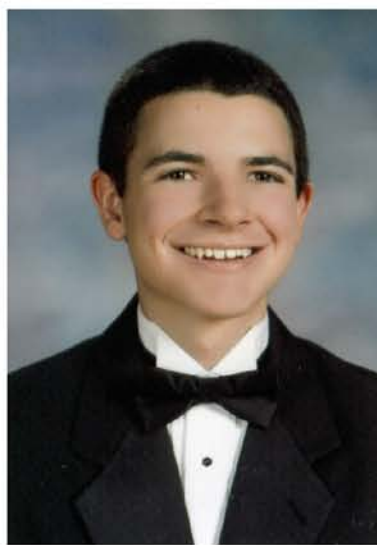
We celebrate the clubmembers who are among the graduating Class of 2011. As you head off to college, study hard, but remember to have FUN and enjoy it. And know that all our best thoughts and wishes go with you...



Amanda Payne
Penn State



Christopher Morvay
Old Dominion University



Cole Peery
University of Virginia



Emily Hummel
University of Mary Washington



Great Ideas Pouring Out at LaGrange

By Joan Smith
Staff Writer

September 18 - Haymarket, VA. Wine wasn't the only thing pouring out at LaGrange Vineyard on September 18. Group wine tastings have become a new favorite activity for the ladies of POD. And they've found that the tastings have many benefits. Not only do they discover great new local wines at the tastings, they also get to spend a relaxing morning having fruit and cheese; and in their discussions, some of the best ideas come to light.

This particular Sunday morning, it was decided that the POD Ladies Wine Committee would assemble two (possibly three) VA Wine baskets for the upcoming Midwinter Meltdown. The first bottle of wine was purchased that day, *General's Battlefield Red*, a wine aged in VA oak barrels made from trees grown on the historic site of the Battle of Manassas.

Next, the POD Ladies will get Naked... that is, they will assemble at Naked Mountain Vineyard for a tasting. Watch the calendar for the date, and come join us!

Concert Alternative Party

By Rickie Nicolo
Guest Writer

August 27 - Leesburg, VA. In the true spirit of the Parrotheads, Hurricane Irene did not stop us from partying. The original Buffett alternative party was changed to a Hurricane party when the concert was rescheduled. Many of the Parrotheads in Leesburg, Round Hill, and Winchester vicinity braved the weather to gather at our house to hang out on the original concert date. Skip and LaRee were even brave enough to drive up from Manassas. Don't know if it was the weather or just the Parrothead spirit but everyone came ready to PARTY! Although we missed our friends, who were deterred by the weather, a great time was had by all!



Catie's Word of the Quarter:

BIBLIOBIBULI

Definition: "Those who read too much."

Catie's Defintion: Robbie Harper

Used in a Limerick:

There once was a **BIBLIOBIBULI**
Who loved reading books, truly.
She had blonde hair,
Loved to read in her lair,
Oh wait, it was my friend, Juli!

Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season (and JLL)

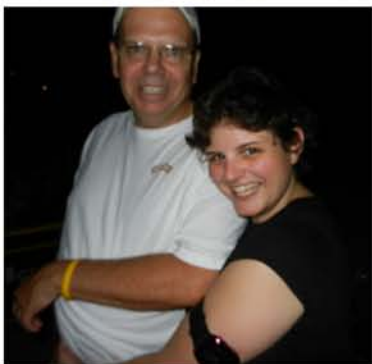
By LaRee Pallone
Guest Writer

September 1 - Bristow, VA. This year's Jimmy Buffett "Welcome to Finland 2011" concert stop in Bristow, VA was full of controversy! Live Nation began strictly enforcing its "no tailgating" policy at Jiffy Lube Live after tickets went on sale. That ruffled the feathers of many a loyal Parrothead. Jimmy Buffett himself was quoted in USA Today as saying, "Who's stupid idea was that?" Even Mother Nature was mad! Just days after an earthquake, Hurricane Irene threatened the entire east coast and postponed the show from Saturday, August 27 to Thursday, September 1. Of course, Parrotheads had been loudly protesting the price of the tickets and the new tailgating policy for months on blogs and Facebook; so this meant they could turn in their tickets for refunds. I heard that 10,000 people did just that.

Jimmy has played at the Bristow amphitheater annually since 1995 (my very first Buffett show). I've been there almost every single year. So I was personally torn on whether to turn my tickets in, or go see the show. When show time rolled around we decided it would probably be the end of an era and we didn't want to miss it. So we hurried home from work, changed into comfortable clothes, and ran off to what would be the strangest Buffett concert experience that I have EVER had.

Since we couldn't tailgate, the Skipper and I met Vince and Sue Miller for dinner at Marlin and Rays in Manassas and kicked off our own mini pre-concert party at the bar. They definitely helped us get in the party spirit, then gave us a big hug and sent us off to the show (they were heading to a long weekend of partying at VA Tech). It's a good thing we had that little pre-show boost, because this writer has to agree with Jack LaMay who described the show this way, "Getting in and out of JLL was like being in the 15 ITEMS OR LESS line at my Safeway! We weren't sure if the line to get in was for Jimmy's show or a Thursday night church supper! Except for the concert itself, there was a very disappointing lack of anticipation, atmosphere and 'partee' attitude." I've NEVER seen anything like it in my 20+ Jimmy shows all up and down the east coast! We were able to park right next to the gate. NO ONE decorated their cars. There was no pop-up tent city. No one was dressed to the nines in their grass skirts and coconut bras; and the few tropical shirts that were around just didn't seem as loud as usual. Diane Wilshire's Facebook post said it all, "This is the most surreal Buffett concert I have ever attended. No tailgating, won't let you sit in car, making people pour out bottled water into cup at gate — at Jiffy Lube Live." There wasn't even a line for the ladies' restroom (which was probably the biggest benefit of the night!) Concession lines were non-existent as well, because no one wanted to give the venue any more money than they already had. However, even with the empty lines, it still took forever to get any service (I had to have water after all that fun at Marlin and Ray's!)

Things were looking pretty glum; but when Jimmy took the stage, all my worries floated away in typical Margaritaville fashion. The Wilsheres, the Styers and Captain Jack all sang and danced the night away with us (there was plenty of room for dancing and swaying since the venue was empty). There was no intermission; the band played straight through the night. I managed to be home and in bed by 11:00. But I was very glad that I had decided to go. This one particular show felt pretty old school, and more like the very first show I saw at this venue. To me it seemed like the perfect bittersweet ending to a pretty decent run at the ol' Nissan Pavilion for Jimmy. Guess only time will tell what will happen next year. Maybe the venue will realize their mistake and the party planning will begin again. Or maybe the club should consider a group phlocking to another location... I remember having A TON of fun in Pittsburgh a few years ago. Bring your ideas to the next helm meeting so that comments can be shared!



FOR THE TROOPS...



By Joan Smith
Staff Writer

August 20 - Manassas, VA. As Sue Miller talked to her son-in-law, Jeff Scofield, a Marine currently serving in Afghanistan, he told her that in their downtime, they liked to watch movies, however, their collection of DVDs was limited, and was getting old. Sue smiled to herself and thought, "Oh, you really should be careful what you tell me." And indeed he should.

Sue organized a happy hour at Clarke's Grill and Sport Emporium in Manassas, and asked the POD members to bring movies to donate. The club responded enthusiastically, but no one more than Mary Harper. She very cleverly put the word out on an internet list and gathered a whopping 192 DVDs for the collection!

In all, 223 DVDs, 6 audio recordings, and 4 big boxes of popcorn (what goes better with movies?) were collected. Additionally, Diane Morvay brought a large Buffett banner for clubmembers to sign and send along with the movies. The movies will be sent to a US Chaplain in Afghanistan to help in the recovery of our wounded soldiers.

A good time was had by all at Clarke's that night. The food was delicious, and so was the chocolate cake that Lynn Czarny brought to celebrate Larry's birthday.

Kudos to Sue & Vinnie, for putting together a great event; to Mary Harper, for going above and beyond; to all the POD members for your generosity; and to the staff at the restaurant for the great food and service. We look forward to more events at Clarke's!



Our Very First "Bowl-a-Thon"

By Julia Smith
Staff Writer



September 23 - Manassas, VA. We participated in our first "Bowl-a-Thon"... and it wasn't what you might expect. For two hours, Alyssa and I along with my brother, Ross, went to Manassas Clay to volunteer time for the Empty Bowls event. First we waxed the bottoms of hand-thrown pottery bowls, made by the artists of Manassas Clay. After the wax dried, we took to the glazing. We chose bowls and dipped them in buckets of glaze... Ellen's Blue, Satin White, Toast... to name a few. We even experimented with multiple colors, swirls and designs. Then we set them aside to wait to be fired. They will look VERY different when they are done.

These bowls will be used for the Empty Bowls event to benefit SERVE. At the event participants will receive one of these hand-made pottery bowls, and will be served a simple meal, like soup and bread. The event will be held at the Manassas Assembly of God on Friday, October 21, from 5-8 pm. We hope you come out and take part in the event... who knows? You might get one of the bowls that we glazed!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Well, the staff writers had a fun-filled, busy summer... consequently they were not around to cover many of the events for this edition of the newsletter.

Many thanks to all the guest writers who contributed stories to the Summer edition!

- the Editor

Send us Your Stories!!

Have you attended a Parrothead event sponsored by another club? Have you volunteered for a special event or charity function outside of the Parrothead club? Do you have an idea for an article for the newsletter? Do you JUST have something on your mind?

Let us know what other charities and events are important to you, or what you are thinking. We'd love to include information from guest writers.

Thanks!! Alyssa, Catie and Julia

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Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER

- 10/9 Maryland Renaissance Festival
- 10/20 Dough Raiser at Unos, Manassas
- 10/29 Phall Phest
- 10/30 Wine Tasting - Naked Mountain

NOVEMBER

- 11/6 Pasta & Bingo, SERVE Operation Turkey
- 11/12 Road Cleanup
- 11/13 Happy Hour at Wilshire's
- 11/17 Dough Raiser at Unos, Gainesville
- 11/19 Project SERVE, Team 4

DECEMBER

- 12/3 Manassas Christmas Parade
- 12/10 Leesburg Christmas Parade
- 12/10 POD Christmas Party
- 12/15 Dough Raiser at Unos, Manassas

Watch the club calendar... you never know when new events will be added!

Parrotheads of the Old Dominion is a nonprofit charitable organization established to provide support and assistance to the community, to maintain and improve the environment and to provide a variety of social activities for people who share an interest in Jimmy Buffett music. In the process of making new friends and having fun, we believe in leaving something positive behind. Our club is open to anyone with a tropical spirit and the desire to contribute to the betterment of our community.



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