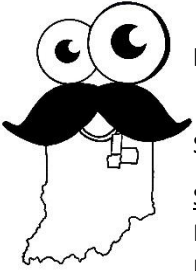


August 1st, 2018



Hello there, friends and family! We have had a slow, but great start to 2018. We hope you all have had a fun summer filled with friends, music and an abundance of facial hair!

First of all, we'd like to express our most heartfelt gratitude to our current members, both Standard and Support. Without you all, we wouldn't be here. It's that simple, and we love you all for it!

Standard: Jeremiah Crafton (V), Melissa Crafton (V), Joshua Eaks (V), Ashley Eaks (V), Jeff Wren (V), Tom Pruitt, John Gilson (V), John Blair, Ty Chittum (V), Frank Utt, Wade Rainey, Cory Hemp, Chris Mershon (V), Eric Wertz, Michael Utt, Brandi Chittum (V), Mandy Mershon (V), Karen Gilson (V), Shadrach Hulén (V), Jordan Cook (V)

Support: Marian Wren, Teresa Pruitt, Shellie Sanford, Laurie Reynolds, Shanna Utt, Haylee Hemp, Jason Crouse

****If you are still receiving these newsletters but aren't listed above that means WE MISS YOU and would love to have you back again as one of our members and proud supporters! It also means that your dues are PAST DUE. So get those in!! You can renew online by sending your payment via PayPal to tricitybms@yahoo.com! \$30 for Standard, \$15 for Support.**

****On the same subject- We have updated our bylaws to reflect the changes of women being able to be a standard member and have a vote. These changes were effective 01/01/18. In addition, there have been slight changes to the definition of what a Standard and Support Membership entails, as well as an addendum to include a Code of Conduct. (V) means that the member has voting rights at meetings.**

Our 2018 Sponsors:

Next, we'd like to send a big THANK YOU out to all of our 16 sponsors for 2018. Without the following list of people, there are so many things we wouldn't be able to do. We APPRECIATE EACH ONE OF YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW!!

Lapel Eagles #4323

Slick Music Studio

Bastin Honey Bee Farm

Chittum Studios

The Stampede String Band

Thomas Wayne Pruitt

The Hammer & The Hatchet

Applied Tree Services

Bearded Hero, LLC

Fortville Feeders

Nancy Elliot

Eric Baker

Momma & Poppa T Pruitt

"The Chief" AKA Dennis

Dan & Dawn Milburn

Jeremy & Melissa Crafton

Spring Golf Sponsors: Fortville Feeders, Vasey, Tim's Appliance Repair, A & R Erectors, Winzer

OTHER NEWS

Our 1st ever "KIDS ONLY" Beard & Mustache Competition was a success! We had about 20 competitors, and several more that came in just to craft a beard. We had several bands who donated their time for us for the day and we can't thank them enough! **Thomas Wayne Pruitt, Same & Trent, DreamMaker, The Nicely Brothers and the Roe River Boys**- you all are stellar and thank you so much! We can't wait to do it again next year!

We've recently been accepted into the NACBMA- which is the North American Competitive Beard and Mustache Alliance. All of the clubs that participate helped raise over \$200,000 in 2017 for charitable causes!! We are proud to be officially part of this group!

CLUB EVENTS/FESTIVALS

1. Fall Golf Outing will be on a Sunday in September- the 9th or the 16th. Course to be determined at this monthly meeting. We will need some volunteers for this one! Round up your teams of 4! We're always looking for hole sponsors, as well as beverage cart sponsors, and gift bag sponsors!
2. We're scheduled for our next festival September 22nd and 23rd at the **Atlanta Earth Festival**, in Atlanta, Indiana! Be sure to stop by our booth and say hello! Town wide rummages also all weekend!!

3. We're hosting another "Beards & Brushes"- a wine and canvas event at the Lapel Eagles on Thursday, October 4th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Tickets are \$20 each in advance. 21+ ONLY.
4. The 4th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" is right around the corner! Saturday, October 27th is the date of the event, same times, schedule and place as last year! Check out the event page or the website for more details. We hope to see you all out! Last year we raised over \$1700 for music education! Let's see if we can beat that total this year!!

OTHER EVENTS AND LOCAL(ISH)COMPETITIONS:

Whiskers for Warriors- Lexington, KY -**September 15th, 2018 (Bearded Villains Kentucky)**

2018 Great American Beard & Mustache Championships- Richmond, Va- **LAST weekend in September (NACBMA/RVA)**

Big Whisker Revival- Newport, Kentucky, Saturday, **October 13th, 2018 (Cincinnati Beard Barons)**

4th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music"- Lapel, IN- Saturday, **October 27th, 2018 (TCBMS)**

Circus of Whiskers- Detroit, Michigan- Saturday, **November 3rd, 2018 (Murder City FHC)**

Beards for Beasts 6: Tastes Like Snozberries- Pittsburgh, PA- Saturday **November 17th, 2018 (Steel City BMC)**

Love is in the Hair- Celina, Ohio- Saturday, **February 16th, 2019- (Mercer County FHC)**

As this is the middle of the busy competition season, there will be many more events and competitions posted in the future. We will keep you updated on those via our FB page!

See you all at the next meeting on August 16th, 2018 at 6:30pm in Lapel!

For the love of music, keep it growing!!

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society