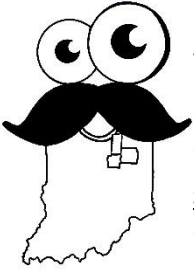


January 2019



Hello there, friends and family! We have had a great finish to 2018. We hope you all have had a fun end of year filled with friends, music and an abundance of facial hair!

First of all, we'd like to express our most heartfelt gratitude to our 2018 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, Melissa Crafton, Joshua Eaks, Ashley Eaks, Jeff Wren, Tom Pruitt, John Gilson, John Blair, Ty Chittum, Frank Utt, Wade Rainey, Cory Hemp, Chris Mershon, Eric Wertz, Michael Utt, Brandi Chittum, Mandy Mershon, Thomas W Pruitt, Karen Gilson, Shadrach Hulén, Jordan Cook, Laurie Reynolds, Jason Crouse, CJ Sanford, Cyndi Duffer, Clark Falcione Jr., Jacob Layman, Amber Ruddick, Chris Crafton

Support: Marian Wren, Teresa Pruitt, Shellie Sanford, Shanna Utt, Haylee Hemp, Davey Aventti, Kelly Avenatti, Jennifer Anderson, Brad Anderson, Sean Harper, Annie Pruitt, Helen Tierney

Our 2018 Sponsors:

Next, we'd like to send another big THANK YOU out to all of our 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

Fall Golf Sponsors: Fortville Feeders, Winzer, Advantage Wire & Machine, Lapel Eagles #4323, Bearded Hero

As for all of the members who contributed time, money, supplies, support, encouragement, and patience- words cannot describe how appreciative we are to have you in the club!!

CLUB EVENTS/FESTIVALS

Our 4th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" we held in October was a success! We had several bands who donated their time for us for the day and we can't thank them enough! **Thomas Wayne Pruitt, Sam & Trent, Drew Hawk, and The Stampede String Band**- you all are stellar and thank you so much! We can't wait to do it again next year!

We also held another "Beards & Brushes" event this past fall. We didn't have the turnout we are used to due to a last minute change of date, but nonetheless it was still a success! Our normal painting lady, Beth Webb, is taking the first 6 months off from these events, so if we want to do another one before July of this year, we'll have to look elsewhere.

We had another successful year at Atlanta Earth Festival in September. We always look forward to this weekend and enjoy meeting new people that have a love of facial hair and music!

The fall golf outing was so much fun! We'll continue to have "Beards, Bogeys and Mustaches for Music" golf outings twice a year- once in the spring/summer, once in the fall. We'll keep you posted on dates as soon as we have them.

We were the event host for the 1st Annual Bearded Christmas Party put together by Bearded Hero. We had so much fun and hope you all did too! If you didn't make it out, you missed out on a fundraiser for the Drums Alive Program in Fort Wayne, Sanford family fundraiser, chili cook-off, ugly sweater contest, raffle table, and white elephant gift exchange!

Lapel Village Fair is July 12 and 13. We are considering holding another KIDS ONLY competition, to be discussed further at future meetings.

Our date for our 5th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music" is Saturday, October 12th! Mark your calendars! It will remain at the Lapel Eagles #4323.

OTHER EVENTS AND LOCAL(ISH)COMPETITIONS COMING UP:

WhiskerMania 4- Louisville, KY -January 26th , 2019 (Derby City Whisker Club)

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

Beards for Brains & Bridges- Kokomo, IN- March 9th 2019

Bearded Hero 4- Fort Wayne, IN- March 23rd, 2019- (Bearded Hero)

As this is the start of the year for beard competitions, 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 Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Lapel Eagles!

For the love of music, keep it growing!!

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society