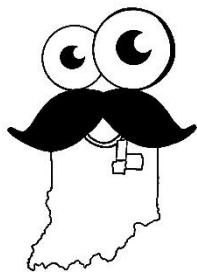


Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society Semi-Annual Newsletter



July 11th, 2017

Hello there, facial hair friends! We have had such a busy first half of the year! We sure hope you all have had a great start to 2017 as well!!

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, Melissa Crafton, Joshua Eaks, Ashley Eaks, Jeff Wren, Tom Pruitt, Thomas Pruitt, John Bahler, Aaron Nicely, Chris Crafton, John Gibson, John Nicely, John Blair, Tyler Chittum, Michael Utt, Daniel Clements, Frank Utt.

Support: Marian Wren, Teresa Pruitt, Annie Lowe, Shellie Sanford, Helen Tierney, Laurie Reynolds, Brandi Chittum, Shanna Utt.

****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 at www.tricountybms.weebly.com under the STORE tab, or send your payment via PayPal to tricountybms@yahoo.com!**

****On the same subject- We will be updating our bylaws to reflect the changes of who can be a Standard member of Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society and serve on the board if they so choose- specifically women!!**

Next, we'd like to send a big THANK YOU out to all of our 19 sponsors for 2017. 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!!

Slick Music Studio

Bastin Honey Bee Farm

Haley's Lawn Care

Winzer

Advantage Wire

Chittum Studios

The Stampede String Band

The Rugged Company

Lapel Eagles #4323

Chris Crafton

Jeff & Marian Wren

Davey & Kelly Avenatti

Dennis Molina

Momma & Poppa T

Thomas Wayne Pruitt

Eric & Cortney

Angie & Scott Brownfield

Jeremiah & Melissa Crafton

Teacher's Credit Union

****If you are interested in being a sponsor for the 2018 year, please do not hesitate to contact us! Sponsor Spots are \$25, which includes one t-shirt with your name or business logo on the back of our annual sponsor shirts, as well as our admiration and appreciation! Color of shirts for 2018-TBD.**

We've added a new event to our schedule in the spring and summer, dubbed "Beards & Brushes", which is essentially just a "Wine and Canvas" type event, 21 and over. We team up with the Lapel Eagles Ladies

Auxiliary and split proceeds 50/50. By having just two of these events, we've raised over \$1000 for each organization! We are planning on doing a same type of event for kids "Cookies and Canvas" this fall! More details to come soon!

We've added some jewelry type items to our inventory this spring! We had a vendor donate bags of metal washers to our club for Melissa Crafton to hand stamp! We can put names, dates, phrases, club names and more on them! These unique items help us raise more funds in addition to the t-shirts, beard oil, buttons, stickers, and mustache wax! Melissa has also started her own side project with hand stamped silver spoons and such, dubbed "Beauty Behind the Beard" and will be donating 20% of her sales at festivals to Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society!

We've also approved a student at Studio 3 for piano lessons this summer and we were just smitten with her essay she sent in for her application! We love helping students in our community and look forward to assisting in many more student's musical education in the future! In addition, we've been steadily repairing the dozens of instruments we have on hand that have been donated to our organization.

In fact, The Lapel Community Band generously donated \$200 specifically for the repair of some of these instruments! We'd like to remind you once again, that we couldn't do this without the support of our friends, family, and communities!! In January, we became a "Friend" of the Lapel Community Band, meaning that our organization will be advertised in all programs and event flyers for each band concert for the year! So be sure to check them out, they have free concerts throughout the year in the area!

In April, we were category sponsors for **Bearded Hero 2** competition in Ft. Wayne, which was a blast as usual. Melissa Crafton was even asked to be a judge for the event, which was an awesome experience for her! They raised over \$6,000 for two different charities in the Ft. Wayne, Indiana community! That's awesome! Next year, we'd like to have as many members as we can show up for their event, which is Saturday, **April 21st, 2018**. Mark your calendars now folks! It's such a great time!

On July 1st, we participated in an event titled "Beards Behind Bars" at the Ohio State Reformatory, where Shawshank Redemption was filmed. It was put on by Beards of the Old Northwest out of Ohio, and let me tell you, this competition was the most unique experience our club has participated in! In one evening, they raised a total of over \$12,600 to help restore the facility! AMAZING!!! If they have this event again next year, you surely won't want to miss it!

CLUB EVENTS/FESTIVALS

We're scheduled for our first festival this weekend, **July 14th and 15th** at the **Lapel Village Fair**, in Lapel, Indiana! Be sure to stop by our booth and say hello! Town wide rummages also all weekend!!

If you can't catch us there, our next event will be the **Herb Johnson Memorial Ride** next month, **August 26th**. The ride will end in Greenfield, where we will host a very small beard competition and have some merchandise available there. This ride is for one of our members' fathers, who recently earned his wings. We'll be there most of the afternoon, come show your support for a fellow member! Pre-registration ends this month, so get signed up as soon as possible! Detail available on our Facebook page!

Our next scheduled events are the **Pendleton Heritage Festival, September 8th and 9th**, in Pendleton, Indiana and the **Atlanta Earth Festival, September 23rd and 24th**, in Atlanta, Indiana. We'll have a booth set up on Broadway Street at Atlanta, and we'll be downtown near The Stable in Pendleton.

After that is our **3rd Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music"** on Saturday, **October 21st**, at the Lapel Eagles in Lapel, Indiana! We're super excited to see you all!! We'll be posting on Facebook details regarding music, time frames, judges and the like, in the very near future- so keep a look out on our website and FB page! (Remember, we're also on Instagram and Twitter, although we don't tweet much...)

OTHER EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS:

Lapel Eagles #4323 Benefit Bike Ride for Trenton Brown- This Benefit ride on **August 19th** is for a little boy who was diagnosed with “Schizencephaly” an extremely rare birth defect with abnormal slit, or clefts in the cerebral hemispheres of the brain. Treatment generally consists of therapy and drug to prevent seizures. If you can come out to help raise some money for this cause, we’d love to see you there! Sign up is at Lapel Eagles at 8am, Kickstands at 11am. \$15 single rider, \$10 passenger.

Ethyns Heart Hunt- This is a member of Mercer County Facial Hair club and was the emcee at Bearded Hero 2. He’s dear to us and having trouble with his heart and is in need of some help with medical bills. It’s a Scavenger Hunt, teams of 4, in Celina, Ohio on **August 19th**. Jennifer Anderson of Bearded Hero has graciously organized this event for his cause and we look forward to participating!! We’d love to have as many of you as possible attend this event and support a fellow beardo!

WORLDS!!! September 1st-3rd in Austin, TX!! Need I say more?!

Big Whisker Revival 4- Beard and Mustache Competition in Newport, KY- **September 23rd**.

Beards for Beasts 5- Beard and Mustache Competition in Pittsburg, PA- **September 30th**.

Mercer County- Beard and Mustache Competition in Celina, Ohio- **October 14th**

St. Louis Arch Classic- Beard and Mustache Competition in St. Louis, MO- **October 21st**

Circus of Whiskers- Beard and Mustache Competition in Detroit, MI- **November 4th**

Bearded Hero 3- Ft. Wayne, IN- **April 21st, 2018**

I know, I know, this has been one heck of a long newsletter! But that’s good! That means we’re making progress, establishing connections, and initiating friendships along the way—and we’re super excited to share this with you!

Remember all meetings are posted on our website www.tricountybms.weebly.com or on our Facebook page. They are usually the 3rd Thursday of each month, give or take a few adjustments. We’d love to see you at our next meeting, Thursday, July 20th at the Lapel Eagles, 7pm-9pm!

For the love of music, keep it growing!!

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society