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# Fred & Ray's SUMMERFEST UPDATE

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## It's Official, We are a Dynasty

In a rare demonstration of the very best in journalistic standards, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* decreed that our group is worthy of bows as a Summerfest dynasty. In fact, the paper gave us a supply of caps and tee shirts in hopes that our endorsement of the paper could be parlayed into new subscriptions from the mere mortals at the festival who stare at us in awe.

The *Journal Sentinel* went on to say that those who read this newsletter are the followers of Ray and Fred. This of course brings up the subjects of leadership, dedication, courage, perseverance, etc.

The great city of Milwaukee began as a trading center at the point where the Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnikinnic Rivers converge and empty into Lake Michigan. Thus, that is how the name Milwaukee, which means Gathering Place at the Waters in the native's tongue, was chosen. The Indians who first settled here are a good example of the leadership qualities we want to examine. The two most important people in the tribe were the



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chief and the medicine man. The chief was the formal head of the tribe and took care of day to day matters such as teepee reservations, keeping spreadsheets of tribal members comings and goings, etc. The medicine man was the spiritual head of the tribe and administered the good will of the tribe. While the chief was technically in charge, he feared the medicine man because the medicine man could cause the crop to fail.

From this example, Fred and Ray patterned the method which will allow you to have much fun.

## The Plaza Hotel

Home away from home can be reached at (800) 340-9590 or call Ray for a slot on the spreadsheet.

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## The Marcus Amphitheater

June 26 Dave Matthews  
 June 27 Bush  
 June 28 Mellencamp  
 June 29 Tina Turner  
 June 30 Moody Blues  
 July 1 TBA  
 July 2 No Doubt  
 July 3 Counting Crows  
 July 4 Tim McGraw  
 July 5 Black Street  
 July 6 James Taylor

## Miller Oasis

June 26 Zachary Taylor  
 June 27 Black Uhuru  
 June 28 Little Feat  
 June 29 Los Lobos  
 June 30 Marcia Bell  
 July 1 Steve Azar  
 July 2 Daryl Stuermer  
 July 3 Huey Lewis  
 July 4 Widespread Panic  
 July 5 Widespread Panic  
 July 6 Neville Bros.

## Old Style Briggs & Stratton

June 26 Love Monkeys  
 June 27 Flashback Friday  
 June 28 38 Special  
 June 29 38 Special  
 June 30 REO Speedwagon  
 July 1 REO Speedwagon  
 July 2 Southern Culture on the Skids  
 July 3 Big Head Todd  
 July 4 Jayhawks  
 July 5 Showcase Chicago  
 July 6 Love Monkeys

## Harley Davidson Roadhouse

June 26 Chaka Kahn  
 June 27 Joe Walsh

June 28 Lyle Lovett  
 June 29 Marshall Tucker  
 June 30 Guitars, Saxes, and more  
 July 1 Jim Belushi (singing I guess)  
 July 2 Joe Diffie  
 July 3 Cheap Trick  
 July 4 Mint Condition  
 July 5 TBA  
 July 6 Vic Ferrari

## Leinie Lodge

June 26 TBA  
 June 27 Buckwheat Zydeco  
 June 28 Bare Naked Ladies  
 June 29-July 2 TBA  
 July 3 The Why Store  
 July 4 La Matia  
 July 5 John Hiatt  
 July 6 Matthew Sweet

## Rock Stage (of note)

June 26 Verve Pipe  
 July 4 The Gufs  
 July 5 Collective Soul

## What's New

The 30th anniversary fest will see the unveiling of the Briggs and Stratton Old Style Heartland. Afterall, nothing is better than quaffing a few Dog Styles before firing up the chainsaw or lawnmower. The Pabst Showcase is no more!?? It is being replaced by the Harley Davidson Roadhouse. We might have to find a new site the plant ourselves. There will be a Sprecher Brewery R&B stage serving microbrews. And best of all, Tivoli Gardens, soft lighting and thousands of overhead starlights will add to the ambiance for festival goers dining in the enchanted oasis.

## Wedding Bells

Two weddings of Summerfest couples has occurred since last year. Tim Reid and Michele Werner tied the knot last August while John Hanson and Christine Pierson wed over Memorial Day weekend. On a sad note, 1995 Jill-of-the-Jungle Jana Nichols is no longer married to

her husband, another Summerfest regular. But hey, we're one ahead and that's not bad.

## *I am woman, hear me roar*

*By Kelly Corrigan*

*We had experienced the legend, the myth that is a Summerfest weekend captained by Ray & Fred. Fred had lamented about the lack of single women veterans in the group. With each succeeding year, women dropped out the party at alarming rates. And new women had to be recruited, initiated and trained. Based on our field observations, we have formulated a hypothesis about this attrition. So Fred, here goes:*

*Single women are not repeat participants at Summerfest because the guys don't hang out with them. Simply put, the guys blow off the single women they came with. The strategy seems to be that while women friends are required to round out the party and make the guys look appealing to other women, it's not actually necessary to socialize with them. We're decoys girls. Our job is to anchor the designated picnic table near the Pabst sound stage while the menfolk pursue women from alien tables, now, they're not complete Neanderthals. The men deliver flats of beer with the precision of a pit crew. They'll take the occasional photo and they escort you to the hotel at the end of the night. But when the conga line forms, don't expect them to pull you into the dance, because they're mesmerized by the swinging hips of a chick three tables away.*

## The Award Goes To

Ray was singing Barry Manilow songs when the committee made their decisions so there might be some sappiness in these words. King of the Jungle goes to Jerry Thompson for a second time. Originally introducing us to the power of the beads in '94, Jerry rekindled the cheetah walk, slept where he passed out, and caught a flight from O'Hare early Monday a.m....all in a weekend's work. Rookie of the Year goes to Christina Mantis. Christina attended both weekends, forced the fest on a friend, negotiated her way into a hotel room each night, and found us without the fountain. Pretty good for a freshman.

A dynasty deserves a Hall of Fame. The first two inductees are Tim Reid and John Hanson. Tim buying a blanket and John swapping underwear are among the antics we will never forget. Both have been there from the beginning and had the sense to marry women who

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appreciate the event. Knocking at the door to the Hall of Fame.....Dave Roeder, Kathy Anderson, Mike Feist, Jerry Thompson, the Stephany twins.

## Test Your Knowledge

1. What year did Summerfest premier?
2. What is the most consumed food at Summerfest?
3. What year was the Pin Program started?
4. If you find yourself at 3:00 AM in a scene from *Deliverance*, you should a.) pray they only sever your limbs b.) dive out the window c.) call Fred to come and get you. HINT: the answer is not c.
5. Who was removed from the mailing list because "she's gotten just too fat"?
6. How did the person quoted in question 5 determine fat content?
7. Who showed her appreciation of Fred's old house with screams of delight heard above the roar of nearby aircraft? HINT: more than one answer acceptable.
8. If you're not very long and don't have a lot of girth, you can make up for it by a.) giving away beads, b.) wounding them, c.) coming really fast
9. How many gallons of Pepsi were served at Summerfest last year? HINT: a correct answer to this question will lead to immediate disqualification.
10. Just how big of a Supersoaker can be sneaked into the grounds?
11. Are there still tickets available for the next cruise of the Emerald Isle?
12. BONUS Question. How do you tell the difference between Sue and Sharon? HINT: you can't.

## Negotiable Morals

It's important to remember that while we are at Summerfest, we are not in the real world. Our boss is not around, the lawn doesn't need to be mowed, and our moral standards become flexible. Some people have mistakenly taken this to mean that they must give up their personal standards of behavior in order to be a part of the group. Far from it. All we are saying is that if someone gives you a really good rationalization to do something you ordinarily wouldn't, go for it. Have fun!

This is the Summerfest newsletter you have  
been waiting for.

Read immediately!

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