



I have been called a lot of things in fifty years on the good old planet earth, but the thing I believe I am the most is lucky. I have always looked at life as a voyage across the ocean with all of the wonderful and frightening things associated with such a journey. I have discovered treasure more valuable than gold in my family and friends. I have seen and done things that I read about as a kid. I have dodged many storms and have bounced across the bottom on occasion but so far lady luck and the stars by which I steer have kept me off the rocks. I have paid attention when I had to and have made more right tacks than wrongs ones to end up at this moment still out on the sea of life with a thousand ports of call behind me and hopefully a thousand more to see. My voyage was never a well-conceived plan, nor should it ever be. I have made it up as I went along, and still do.

I signed a record deal, got married, moved to Nashville, had my guitars stolen, bought a Mercedes, worked at Billboard magazine, put out my first album, went broke, met Jerry Jeff Walker, wrecked the Mercedes, got divorced, and moved to Key West.

I sang and worked on a fishing boat, went totally crazy, did a lot of dope, met the right girl, made another record, had a hit, bought a boat, and sailed away to the Caribbean.

I started another band, worked the road, had my second and last hit, bought a house in Aspen, started spending summers in New England, got married, broke my leg three times in one year, had a baby girl, made more records, bought a bigger boat, and sailed away to St. Barts.

I got separated from the right girl, sold the boat, sold the house in Aspen, moved back to Key West, worked the road, and made more records. I rented an apartment in Paris, went to Brazil for Carnival, learned to fly, went into therapy, quit doing dope, bought my first seaplane, flew all over the Caribbean, almost got a second divorce, moved to Malibu for more therapy, and got back with the right girl.

I worked the road, moved back to Nashville, took off in an F-14 from an aircraft carrier, bought a summer home on Long Island, had another baby girl. I found the perfect seaplane and moved back to Florida. Cameron Marley joined me in the house of women.

I built a home on Long Island, crashed the perfect seaplane in Nantucket, lived through it thanks to Navy training, tried to slow down a little, woke up one morning and I was looking at fifty, trying to figure out what comes next.





When Jimmy Buffett's **A Pirate Looks At Fifty** hit number one on the New York Times hardcover bestseller list it catapulted the musician to a very distinguished literary position. In the 63-year history of the Times' Book Review bestseller lists, only five 20th century writers had achieved the No. 1 slot on both the fiction and non-fiction lists. This distinguished list includes:

John Steinback Ernest Hemingway William Styron Irving Wallace Dr. Seuss

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And now a sixth, Jimmy Buffett. Where is Joe Merchant? reached #1 on the fiction bestseller list on September 20, 1992. A Pirate Looks at Fifty reached that same spot on the nonfiction list on June 28, 1998. By the way, **Tales From** Margaritaville didn't do half bad either, King of the Hill for seven months.

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JB... the early days by Jerry Wood

When Jimmy Buffett migrated from Mobile to Nashville in 1969, full of piss and vinegar, and talent, he unknowingly helped form the vanguard of the new Nashville sound. Did this multi-talented writer performer quickly turn Music City USA on it's ear? Well no...but Barnaby Records, owned by Andy Williams, signed the semi-starved artist to a two-album contract - and Jimmy went into the studio to record Down To Earth.

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Unfortunately, the album didn't sell well. Undaunted, Jimmy went back into the studio to record his second album. Daunted, Barnaby Records "lost" the master tapes for this album titled High Cumberland Jubilee. A convenient excuse for a fledgling label that didn't want or need another no play / no pay LP.

In a miracle that makes Lourdes look like a shell game, these "lost" Buffett tapes were found years later, after Jimmy had become a star, and released on Janus Records. These first two albums show all the potential and promise that was soon to be realized.

Disgusted, disillisioned, and disappointed, Buffett fled nashville for a town he had once visited. He didn't want to flee the country. But he did the next best thing: he headed south for Key West.

Jimmy's first two albums have been re-re-released and are now available on CD. Down To Earth and High Cumberland Jubilee represent the simple six string music Jimmy pines for on Fruitcakes, "Six string music, Ain't no symphony, It's just six string music, So elementary"

Available on CD only. Down To Earth, #CDEARTH \$11.98 High Cumberland Jubilee, #CDHIGH \$11.98

Top Hook Team



Sloppy Joe's Fishing Team broke the Cuban National Dolphin Record on June 13, 1998 just off Morro Castle, Havana on board

the boat **Top Hook** from Key West. The dolphin weighed in 67.5 pounds beating a previous twenty-year record of 52.2 pounds. The catch also, obviously, won the tournament first place in the dolphin category.

The angler was Stewart Finnemore, and the team consisted of B.J.Martin and Sidney Snelgrove. The captain was Philip "Curly" McGinn and the mate was Captain Chris Moore.

The team was in Cuba for the 48th Annual Ernest Hemingway International Billfish Tournament.

The current Cuban National Blue Marlin record mount of 569 pounds currently hangs in Sloppy Joes Bar in Key West. This marlin was caught by Pulitzer Prize Winner Phil Caputo in the Billfish Tournament in 1978. The record setting dolphin will be mounted here as well.



Sloppy Joes, Havana

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Welcome to the living journal of an expedition. Braving a solo existence in the sky, bush pilots are often the adventurers that link the lonely inhabitants of distant lands. Soaring above the few wild places left on our planet - across endless deserts, tangled jungles, jagged mountains, treacherous plains of ice - these unique pioneers serve as communication links for their "neighbours" residing in desolate regions. In December 1990, bush pilot

Tom Claytor set off from Philadelphia, USA on a journey. He is attempting to fly around the world via all seven continents to visit the wilderness. The pilot Charles Lindbergh believed that man could learn the most from "the wisdom of wilderness". Claytor's plane is called "Timmissartok" after the Greenlandic word "to fly like a bird". It is a classic bush plane capa-

ble of landing in short remote fields and has been equipped to carry 14 The writer and pilot Antoine de St. Exupery was once criticized as being hours of fuel for long distance flights across oceans. "one who likes to have experiences when he flies". Tom Claytor is working

his way around the globe by taking on odd and challenging tasks as a bush pilot. His friends are other bush pilots - who live and work on the edge and who can introduce him to their world. The purpose of the expedition is to seek out characters and wisdom from the remote and diminshing parts of

our world - "to have experiences" - and to share these with others. Tom Claytor is a fellow of The Explorers Club and has been presented with flag #101 to carry on the expedition; this same flag has flown from the

top of Mount Everest. Claytor's journey through Africa was the subject of a one hour National Geographic Special "FLIGHT OVER AFRICA" in 1994. Claytor is also filming a "video diary" which appears periodically on Geographic's "Explorer Journal." Claytor is writing a book to be published

The expedition has been recognized in the "1993 Rolex Awards For by Alfred A. Knopf Publishers in New York. Enterprise," and if successful, will be the first single-pilot flight around the world to land on all seven continents for the Guinness book of Records. Claytor began this journey in 1990 when he was 28 years old; he has not

returned home in the interim.

I have finally made it to Bhutan live been giving talks on my journey and conservation. This is a tremendous little kingdom. Dear Jimmy, The people are so gentle and proval, and the King has 4 queens - all sisters Stay well, EM S

Follow Tom on the World Wide Web www.mck.co.za/bushpilot Thomas Claytor, The Explorers Club, 46 East 70th St, NY 10021 USA

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Calling all Parrot Heads. Are your local venues not letting you in for tailgating as early as usual? Many venues around the country last year did not, and some venues this year are leary about it. Atlanta Parrot Heads have a solution.

After our concert at Lakewood Amphitheater on July 2nd, we are going to help clean up the parking lot. I know alot of people are thinking, "don't these places have their own clean-up crews?" The answer is yes they do, and they're not happy after Buffett shows. We know some Parrot Heads clean up after themselves, but it's other folks attending the shows that give us a bad rap. The news hit Parrot Heads pretty hard after the show at Lakewood last year about trash left behind. We don't expect the entire lot to be done, just gather your folks, spread out and bag up trash - the effort will be greatly appreciated, believe me.

PASS OUT TRASHBAGS IN THE PARKING LOT TO OTHERS EARLY IN THE DAY.

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