

## Jim Hoehn joins Howard Livingston at Coconut Castaways' Meet Me in the Keys

**M**eeet Me in the Keys features four days of great music, fun outings, great friends, fun in the sun and supports a great cause, KOA Care Camp. You must be a member of the national or local chapter of the Coconut Castaways to attend.

Jim Hoehn's songwriting style is hard to define, but his lyrical style clearly reflects his career as a journalist.

Or, as one reviewer said, "Hoehn is a master of the rowdy tall tale rendered with novelistic detail."

That probably explains songs such as "Poker Night at the Purgatory Lounge," "Kings of Black Velvet" or "Bongo Jesus."

Hoehn, a Milwaukee-based journalist/author/songwriter, will be among the performers in Key West from June 14 through 17 as part of the Meet Me in the Keys music event headquartered at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd.

As a career journalist —

much of it spent as a sports-writer — Hoehn has covered everything from plane crashes to murder trials to the Super Bowl and the Hong Kong 7s rugby tournament.

As a source of family editorial pride, he's also the guy who broke the Jeffrey Dahmer story for the National Enquirer.

His latest recording project, "Silhouette of a Fool," includes 10 original songs brought to life under the production guidance of Milwaukee's John Sieger, founder of fabled roots rockers Semi-Twang.

"This one is a little different," Hoehn said of his new CD, released in mid-April.

"The songs are shorter, which is not always easy for a journalist. There's a tendency to think everything you write is great. In this instance, working with John Sieger was almost like working with an editor who simply wants you to tell the best story possible."

Several songs off the new



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recording are receiving air-play, especially in Europe, which has a strong alt-country and Americana fan base.

Since winning a songwriting contest and making his first public appearance at Milwaukee's Summerfest,

Hoehn has maintained a time-available schedule of music dates throughout the Midwest and across the country.

Along the way, Hoehn has opened for a veritable who's who of American songwriters, including Rodney Crowell, Jerry Jeff Walker, Don McLean, Robert Earl Keen, Todd Snider, Warren Zevon, Roger McGuinn and a memorable evening with songwriter-turned-novelist Kinky Friedman.

He has appeared at numerous trop rock events such as the annual Meeting of the Minds in Key West; Pardi Gras in New Orleans; Phins to the West in Laughlin, Nev.; and dozens of others.

For the past two years, he also has written the script for and hosted the trop rock music awards show held dur-

ing Meeting of the Minds.

His recordings include "Royalty Check Hotel," "Deadline Penitentiary," "Playa del Pressbox" and "Live at RACAFest" as well as four volumes of "Thongs in the Key of Life," a compilation of tropical music by the best writers on the sunburn circuit, which he produced.

Hoehn, now a Web producer for the website of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, also is the author of the award-winning book, "The Father's Guide to Birth, Babies and Loud Children."

As the music magazine, Dirty Linen, said, "Think of Jim Hoehn as Loudon Wainwright III without famous relatives, or Jimmy Buffett without legions of beer-guzzling, neocon weekend warrior fans. He's bright, he's funny, he's undiscovered."

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### Thursday, June 14

6 p.m.: Meet & Greet — Doubletree Grand Key Resort

#### Friday, June 15

9 a.m.: Annual Hangover Classic Fundraiser (registration required) — Start & Finish at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort  
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.: Castaways pool party at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort (music by: Howard Livingston, Captain Josh, John Friday, Tim Charron, Loren

Davidson, Jim Hoehn)

#### Saturday, June 16

1 - 4 p.m.: Tropical Breeze Casino boat outing — Key West Harbour Yacht Club  
7 p.m.: Howard Livingston & the Mile Marker 24 Band Concert — Smokin' Tuna

#### Sunday, June 17

1 - 4 p.m.: Piano Pete's Dueling Piano Bar  
6 p.m.: Farewell Sunset Sail on the Fury.



Clockwise from left, Tom Shepherd, Howard Livingston, Tony Roberts and Rusty Lemmon are participants in the Coconut Castaways' Meet Me in the Keys, and scheduled to play at the Smokin' Tuna today through Tuesday. For times see page 12.

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