

# March Fourth to headline new Turning Moon Festival

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Randy Kreifels, maintenance manager for Out 'n' About Treehouse Treesort, has been hard at work planning and organizing an upcoming event called the Turning

Moon Festival. It will be held at the resort Aug. 4, 2017. Although Kreifels is being assisted by some of his co-workers, he's the primary individual responsible for its success.

The bands scheduled to attend the event are as follows:

March Fourth Marching Band, Polyrythmics, World's Finest and Reeble Jar. In addition to musical entertainment, there will also be a troupe of fire dancers, Flamequest, adding their talent to the show. Flamequest recently made an appearance at the Barter Faire in Selma.

Gates to the event will open up at 2 p.m. and music will be played from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is camping available for up to 300 tents but fireworks and pets are not allowed. Tickets are on sale for \$35 at Wheels A Turnin', Coffee Heaven, Good Earth Organics, Out 'n' About Treehouse Treesort and online at www.treehouses.com. If the event is a success, it will be held annually.

The Turning Moon Festival will also be host to vendors selling food, refreshments and alcoholic beverages. Vendors confirmed to be in attendance so far are Rosie's Inferno Pizza, Bobbalou's Burgers,

Diggin' Livin' and The Smoking Duck. Retail vendors may also make an appearance but as of now they have not yet been confirmed, mostly due to concerns regarding space within the venue.

When the event was initially proposed, in August of last year, Kreifels knew exactly what bands he wanted to pursue. With a little grit and determination, all of the originally planned groups were coaxed into playing the show, no doubt enticed by the chance to stay in the famous treehouses. "This is the party of the year in the Valley. This is the party of the year in Southern Oregon. They just don't know it yet," Kreifels said, emphasizing the noteworthy bands that will be attending.

The Out 'n' About Treehouse Treesort used to host annual, and rather infamous, July Fourth parties, but back in 2015 management decided to discontinue the event. The primary

reason for discontinuation was that the parties were simply getting out of hand. With an alleged 3,000 party goers in 2015, most of whom were drinking alcohols and lighting off fireworks, it's not hard to see why.

This event, much more controlled, organized and with only 1,500 tickets available, aims to take its place. To keep the show safe, civil and in hand, Kreifels has also hired private security.

The Turning Moon Festival derives its name from a cannabis-related phrase which, according to Kreifels' narrative, is often said in the Valley. As the story goes, the turning moon is slang for the full moon in August that signals cannabis is about to go to flower. "What else are we going to call it?" Kreifels asked, concluding the interview with a dash of rhetorical humor.



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

March Fourth is not just a band, it's an event all by itself.

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The weight from the overturned vehicle was resting on the driver's head and as a consequence, he was having trouble breathing. "Just

imagine being compressed from your head down and the entire weight of the vehicle was just pressing on it. So you've got 2,000 pounds pressing on your head and you can't breathe. Everything's just closing down—plus whatever multitude of injuries he might have had."

Of secondary importance to the driver's situation, the

male passenger who had been thrown from the vehicle had his leg pinned underneath the car.

After acquiring a spare tire from one of the civilian onlookers, Ismaili, with the help of several concerned citizens at the scene, lifted up the car and slid the tire underneath, thereby propping up the vehicle. When the car

was propped up they extracted the passenger and the driver could breathe freely again.

Soon thereafter, the local fire department arrived on scene. Ismaili explained the situation to them and, using the right tools, he and the local firefighters successfully extracted the driver from the vehicle. Ismaili feels confident that

the driver will survive and despite being in incredible pain he was able to speak with emergency responders. A translator was necessary because the man didn't speak any English. "I just took over like I was working," Ismaili explained, further adding that he unwittingly started giving directions to the local firefighters and they were

somehow quick to follow his lead. "It was kind of weird. It didn't don on me until I looked around that I was the only person in sweats and a T-shirt."

Recently arriving home from his vacation, Ismaili reported that his son's wedding went very well and that, fortunately, there were no incidents on the way back.

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