

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAKE THE ALLIGATOR MAN

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The 10th annual Jake the Alligator Man's Birthday Party is set for this weekend. This entertaining event honors Jake, the leathery half-man-half-alligator in a vintage sideshow exhibit displayed at Marsh's Free Museum and who has a cult following in the Pacific Northwest.

The annual event takes place over two days and is a place where several subcultures mingle, bringing together folks from all walks of life. Fans dressed to impress also make for some supreme people watching.

First, Jake's Bachelor Party gets things started Friday, Aug. 5 at the Long Beach Elks, located at 110 Pacific Ave. This year's 21-and-over party will once again be hosted by the original sea hag herself, MeduSirena, the fire eating mermaid. Celebrate Jake's bachelorhood with a bevy of talented professional burlesque performers, a photo booth, carnival games, a raffle, psychic medium Andrea Lochbaum, and a special performance by Hopeless Jack. A full no-host bar and dinner will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m., and tickets are \$15 at the door.

Then, Saturday, Aug. 6 sees Jake's annual 75th Birthday Party and Car Show at Veterans Field in

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Megan 'Whiskey Tango' Higby of Centralia, Washington, won Jake's hand in the 2015 Bride of Jake Contest.

downtown Long Beach, open to all ages.

There will be a classic car show, a bouncy house, kids' activities, a birthday cake parade and live music all day long. This year's theme for the ever-popular

Bride of Jake Contest is Carnival Sideshow.

The schedule is as follows: at 10 a.m. Baby and The Nobodies; 11:30 a.m. Honky Tonk Union; 12:30 p.m. The Verbtone; 1:30 p.m. The Shaken Growlers;

2:30 p.m. The Rocketz; 3:15 p.m. Birthday Cake Parade; 3:30 p.m. PIMA Demo Team/Velta la Luna; 3:45 p.m. Bride of Jake Contest; 4:30 p.m. Hopeless

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