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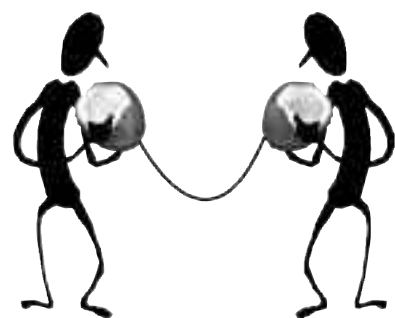
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**Entertainer of the Month  
Allan Truesdell**

*The Energizer Bunny and Rocket*

Allan Truesdell is an entertainer in the true sense of the word. He is as much a joy to listen to as he is to watch and his high energy is downright contagious. His playing style can go from fingerstyle to flat-picking and he plays everything from old country to modern rock.

It's Thursday night at the Big Chill, happy hour is almost over when Truesdell gets up to play and then things



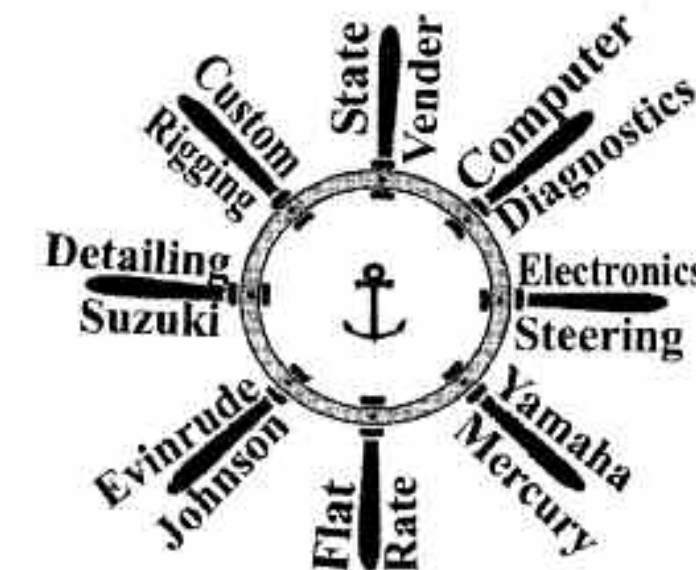
start hopping. People of all ages are either riveted to their seats in awe of this fabulous entertainer or whooping it up on the dance floor as Truesdell moves around the tiki bar, behind the bar, and even jumps up on the outdoor furniture while never missing a beat

and barefoot the entire time! What amazes me is how he manages to do 7 to 8 shows a week.

Truesdell is originally from upstate New York. He worked his way through school playing the guitar and entertaining while he studied computer science. Even though he is a high tech brainiac his friends convinced him that he was a much nicer person with a guitar in his hands, so he

resigned as V.P. of a technology company he had been with for 8 years and went back to music full time. The most frightening thing in the world for a singer is throat surgery and that is what he was told he needed in 2008. It took

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**Editorial: Take Time to Help Others**

Our generous community is hosting several benefits in the coming weeks. Please take time to participate and help members of our community who have suffered great losses.

There will be a Celebration of Life and benefit for the families of Steve-o DeAtley and Jim Falconer, two local entertainers that were killed in a car accident on July 25th. The benefit will be at Coconut's Sunday August 8 with live music beginning at noon. There will be raffles and food, and all proceeds will go to pay for the funeral expenses of these fine young men who were taken from us way too soon. For more information contact Murray at Coconuts 305-453-9794.

On September 12 there will be a benefit for the family of Deputy Misty Powers at the American Legion Post 333 in

Key Largo. This event is sponsored by the American Legion, VFW, Coconut Telegraph, WORZ Ocean Reef Radio and Coral Financial Jewelry and Pawn. Deputy Powers was killed in a car accident in June and leaves behind her husband and two young children. This is an open invitation to all Police Departments, Fire Departments and EMT's, etc. So many times we say to ourselves "I just wish I could do something". Well now is your chance. This is also a way to bring the community together in a cathartic way to heal our spirit as well as pay our respects for our lost Deputy. We hope to bring together all the people that put their life on the line working 12-hour days, everyday for us. For more information on this contact Tammy Patten, Key Largo Realty, 305-395-2062 or myself at 305-304-2837.

The Coconut Telegraph and WORZ Radio will be having the second annual "Party for the Pantry", a benefit for the Burton Memorial Church Food Pantry. This year we are proud to say it will be at Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill on Sunday, November 14 and will be bigger and better than ever!

I would like to thank the local merchants that so generously donate to these events and the proprietors of the venues where we hold them. For instance, the Caribbean Club has donated to more benefits then I can shake a stick at and when you have a benefit there they donate back a portion of their profits. The list is long... Please take a moment sometime soon to thank these people for their generous contributions to the community.

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