

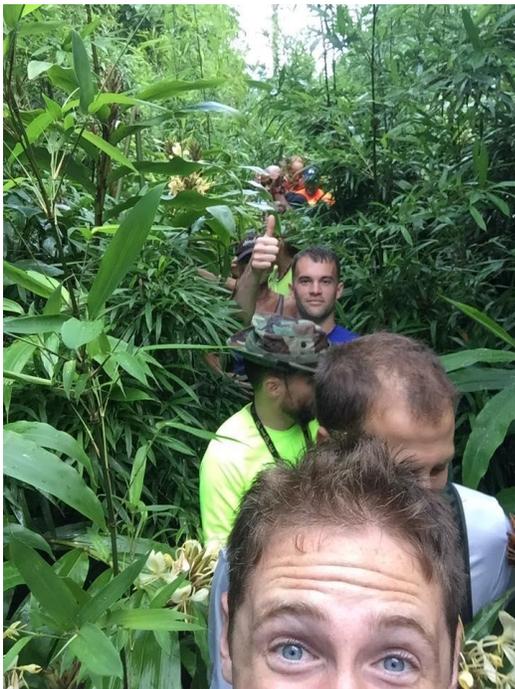
Epilogue . . . a Re-Hash of the 25th Anniversary of the Aloha H3

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When the Aloha H3 was founded back in 1991, none of us ever thought about how long it would last. But here we are, 25 years later, and wondering how we lasted 2 weeks of celebration. We started out with a few days of hashes on the island of Oahu with some prelube events, beginning with a Tuesday evening trail from the oldest, and original hash club in Hawaii . . .

The Honolulu Hawaii Hash House Harriers, also known as the H5, was founded on 16 March 1978, and started from the Hee Hing Chop Suey shop in Kapahulu. The H5 traces its roots back to the Bangkok H3 in Thailand where Castel Myers had been working, and found the hash to be great fun. So, once he moved to Hawaii, all it took was to gather up some friends (Russ Hoylman, Hutch Hutchinson, Dave Benson, and Dick Hoyer) and a new era was born.

On Wednesday, we all gathered at our usual watering hole (Gordon Biersch Brewery) for an evening of beer appreciation and revelry. Thursday found us the windward side of the island for trail with the Oahu Pick Up H3. Then on Friday evening, we enjoyed the 300th running of the Hawaii Full Moon H3 in down town Honolulu, which was adorned with a beer check on the beach and 15 minutes of fireworks.



By the time Saturday morning rolled around, almost all of our guest had arrived to participate in our sendoff hash trail by the Aloha H3 (trail #1334) which included jungle shiggy and waterfalls.





Next, it was on to the main event. Departing from Honolulu Harbor on Saturday evening (15 Oct), an eclectic rabble of 75 hashers boarded Norwegian Cruise Lines for a seven-day adventure of the Hawaiian Islands. First stop was Maui for Aloha H3 (trail #1335) which ended behind, you guessed it, the Maui Brewing company, where one (or maybe three, no . . . several) delicious local brews. Maui was an overnight stay, so we once again entertained the pack with a Volcano H3 trail that started from the pier and ended on the beach. Which allowed for some up close and personal sightings of our local sea turtles.



Waving goodbye to Maui, next we were off to “The Big Island” for a visit with the Hilo Gets Me Wet H3, where local hashers “Takes It In The Aft” & “Trojan” provided us with an unusually dry trail ending on lovely Coconut Island.



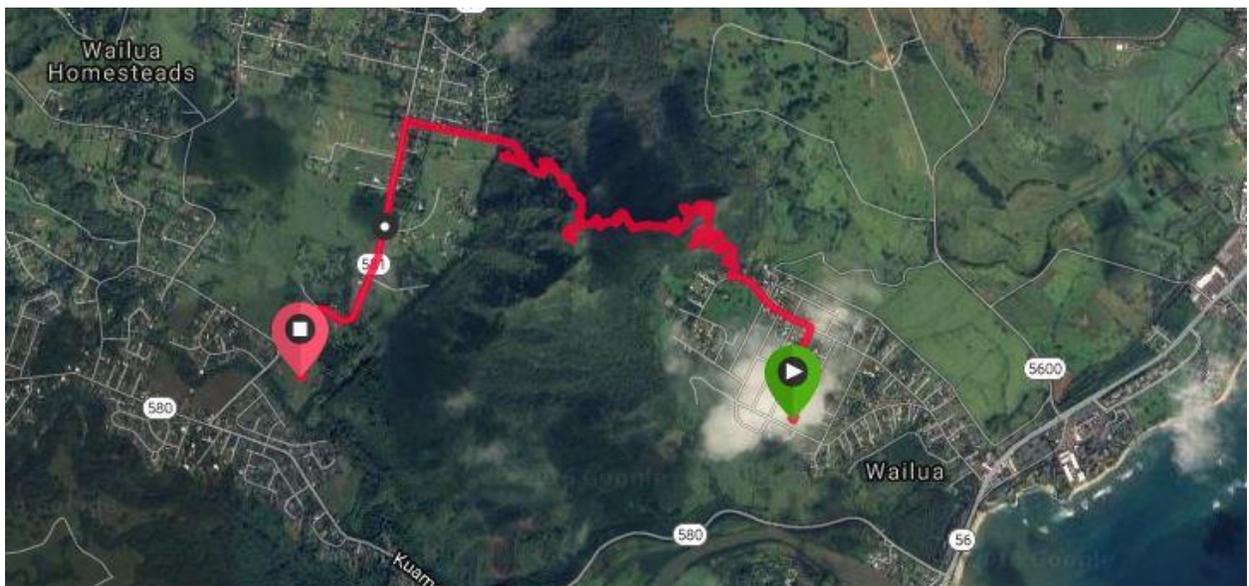
Leaving Hilo, we sailed around the southern tip of Hawaii headed for Kona, and the much-anticipated night viewing of the lava flowing into the ocean. An amazing sight.



Arriving in Kona, we were once again entertained by the local Kona Coast H3 for awesome trail. Former Aloha hashers “EZ Lipps” and “Sainty Suds” starting near the pier and ending on the beach.



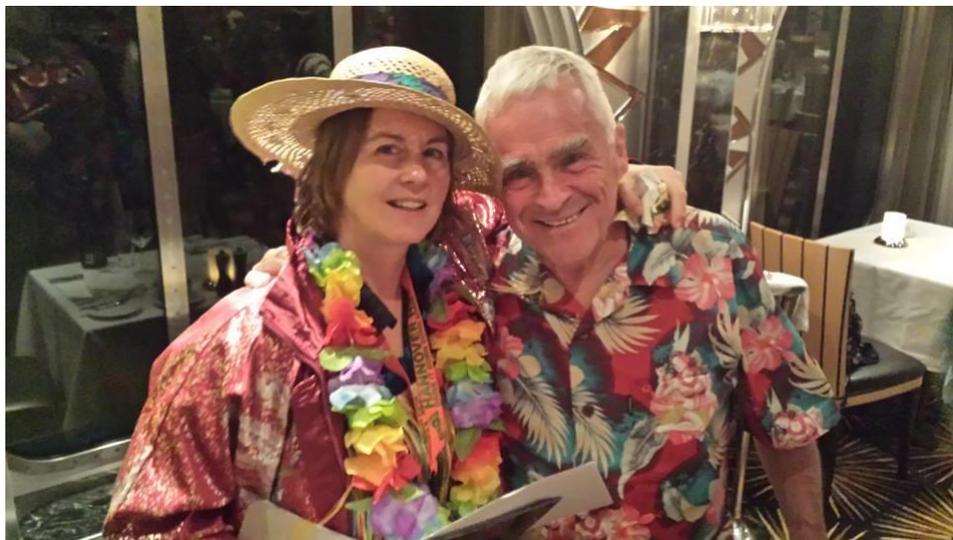
After stopping at the Kona Brewing company on the way back to the ship, we were once again underway to our next island adventure . . . on Kauai. Like Maui, there is currently no active hash club running on Kauai, so it was the perfect opportunity for another Aloha H3 (trail #1336) event. This would be the most energetic and scenic trail of the cruise, as we climbed up and over “The Sleeping Giant,”



With all of our hash trails complete, we set sail for the last time, headed back home to Oahu. Speaking of sailing, we did have many fond nights of sailing, and dining, and hot tubbing. Every night seemed to be a contest of how many hashers could we pack in.



And fittingly, we also had an ugliest Aloha Shirt contest at dinner, with our winners being “Rearendee” from the Edmonton H3, and “Stinkfinger” from the Oregon H3. Pretty ugly!



Arriving back on Oahu, we quickly departed the ship to drop off our luggage and get ready for the Aloha H3 (trail #1337) day's events up on Tantalus, which is basically the highest point you can drive to on the island. The somewhat rainy, and pretty well muddy and slippery trail, was the sendoff for most of our visitors. A few lucky ones joined us on Sunday for the 100th trail of the Harriettes of Oahu H3 (or HO Hash) where everyone wears pink.

Overall, we had hashers join us from Canada, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom. We here at the Aloha H3 would like to extend our warm aloha to each and every one of our guests, and hope we get many more guests to visit us in the future, in our little grass shack, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

