



# 40 Years of Hashing in Hawaii

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The first known and longest running hash club in the Hawaiian Islands was born with the first running of the Honolulu, Hawaii Hash House Harriers (H5) on 16 March 1978, and started at what was then 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 upon moving 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.

The H5 ran every other Tuesday evening in the early days. The packs were small with only a handful of harriers participating. Trails were the focus back then as they are still to this day, and the after run fun was more of a collected horseplay than an organized circle. Beer chugging was a common event, with winners collecting various prizes. The big prize on one occasion was a live chicken, which ended up as a menu item at the Chop Suey shop. Dick Hoyer used to address the pack using his trusty fork, which always got a laugh.

## ***A Brief Account on the Origins of the Hash House Harriers***

Alberto Esteban Ignacio Gispert, known to his friends as "G" is credited as the original founder of the Hash House Harriers (a.k.a. Mother Hash), along with Frederick "Horse" Thomson, Ronald "Torch" Bennett, Eric Galvin, H.M. Doig, Morris Edgar, John Barret, and Cecil Lee. Mother hash celebrated run # 100 on 15 Aug 1941, and had run a total of 117 runs, but due to the spread of the Japanese Empire, further activity was suspended on 12 Dec 1941. The first rebirth run was held in Aug 1946, as the world recovered from the war.

In 1950, the city of Kuala Lumpur began requiring clubs of all kinds to register with the city. While a common theme of hashing is "there are no rules," the club registration was the original "Rules." Written with wry jest of a good Brit, the objectives of the Hash House Harriers were listed as:

- (a) to promote physical fitness amongst its members
- (b) to get rid of weekend hangovers
- (c) to acquire a good thirst and to satisfy it with beer
- (d) to persuade the older members that they are not as old as they feel

## ***Honolulu Hawaii H3 Genealogy***

Ancestors: Bangkok Men's H3 (1977), District of Columbia Men's H3 (1972), Hash House Harriers (Mother – 1938)

Descendants: Morgantown H3 (West Virginia) (1985), Cowboy H3 (Laramie, Wyoming) (1989), Buffalo H3 (New York) (1989), Volcano H3 (1997), Kona Coast (2004).

## ***Memories from the early days of the H5***

\* Before I ran with the Hash I met many Hash members at the Marathon Clinics and out on the road runs so it seemed a natural direction to join other runners doing what was a real fun sport. I noticed when I first started running with the Hash the older members seemed to be the organizers and guided a lot of things that happened. Hutch, Benson, Russ and Oneto. Hashes were every other week so it gave people more time to construct their live trails or set up their run themes. The Hash was run on Tuesdays because restaurants were slow that day and welcomed bad Hashers.

In my view starting out running with the hash group it felt like the organization was done without much mention. Dick Hoyer was the colorful member who was like the religious advisor and from the onset we didn't have names of the positions or individual Hash names. These traditions started later. Hashes would start and end most of the time at a restaurant and all would gather after the run there.

After the run we would begin the meal (on after) with a derogatory comment about Dick Hoyer. Dick was height challenged and would be told while standing to stand up, "stand up Dick, stand up". Organizing the group and getting their attention meant Dick standing on a chair or table grabbing his microphone (a fork or a chopstick depending on the restaurant). The fork was always held with fork ends pointing up vertically and the chopsticks held horizontally.

Joining as a team was common. The "non-Run" Marathon put on by the Honolulu Marathon Association was a large group of people dressed for running with official bib numbers and shirts converging on the normal starting area for the early Honolulu Marathon Races in Aloha Tower. The non-run event was the brainchild of some hashers related to the Association. Aide stations consisted of food and beer.

People wore outfits that were excuses preventing them from running. One comes to mind—a full diving outfit complete with bell helmet and lead shoes. The Primo relays held in Hawaii Kai were a large event that the Hash entered 3 or 4 teams. We placed 1st in the open 40 mile relay for men and won the women's event. Some hashers did 4.5-5 minute miles for the 4 mile loop. We also would enter the 100 mile bike rides as a team receiving a 3rd place medal called the "Iron Okole".

The Hash has provided me with the opportunity of going places I never would have never dreamed of going. We have traveled to Cyprus and New Zealand to run in places that tourists don't go. We have seen the sewers of Honolulu, the back sides of golf courses and ran through various communities that otherwise would not have been explored.

#### ***Don "Dong" Maxey***

\* Hash was pretty wild then. Mostly Caucasian males, fast runners, very few women. Bill "Unreliabil" Wiecking got us in trouble often. Dick Hoyer used a large wooden white fork as a "microphone" when he addressed the hash. Couple of cops from HPD ran in the early days, but as it got crazier they thought it best to no longer associate with Hash. Guiding principles: 1. There are no rules. 2. If we ever get organized, first order of business is to disband.

Memorable hashes:

- Trail through Waikiki - went into hotel, up to second floor, some jumped in pool.
- Back of Manoa Valley - they were aware of guy growing Pakalolo, but Tim "Joystick" Merrick took a group through his field anyway and guy confronted them with a gun.
- Dave "POM" Lomas' repeated attempts around Jackass Ginger - I caught up with POM on trail, as he was trying to find the beer he hid for beer check.
- Enjoyed running and laying trails through drainage ditches.
- One of his favorite "on-afters" - Mama's Mexican Kitchen on School St.
- Hard On-On quote after inaugural 6 pack 10K: "Anyone can run six miles and anyone can drink six beers, but...it takes a REAL MAN(iac) to do both."

#### ***Dwight "Hard On-On" Jackson***

\* I came to Hawaii on a house-hunting trip in May 1979. I visited with the physician I replaced at Tripler and he was a Hasher. He introduced me to several members at a party on Waialae Nui Ridge. When I officially arrived to work in early August, I held off from running with the group for a few months until I thought I could run 5 miles. As I recall, I started officially Hashing with the H5 in late 1979. The founding members who I recall running with were Dick Hoyer (known for his "fork"), Russ Hoylman (who at the time as I recall was the manager of a motel/hotel in Waikiki and where several runs were hosted), Dave Benson (police Captain who tried to keep us out of jail), Hutch Hutchinson (known for keeping company with the sexy blonde Hasher who I recall was a buyer for Liberty House). The twins (Howie and Doug Lynn) were active when I started, and Dong around that time, as was Toby. An early party I remember was at someone's home in Aina Haina. Not well hidden were several Hashers openly smoking pot! I thought that was rather exceptional since Jerry Estevio was a Hasher at that party and he was in charge of narcotic enforcement for the state!

One of the favorite early runs were the 100th through the Ewa cane fields, ending at or near Germaine's luau. That was one of our best Hash T-shirts! I also recall many a time spent at Dong's doing screen printing! Jackass Ginger always were great runs. I also remember "Bus 10, Bus 10", an infamous Hash Cruise in which the buses left early to get us to the boat since we were drinking in the park. That was

also the cruise in which I got Sally Donelon to dance on the first deck to Iwa Kinemaka's rendition of "You've got a lovely set of coconuts...."!

As many of you know, Dave Benson, retired HNL police officer, was one of our founders. A son, Bobby, died in 1994 of drug-related problems. Dave and his wife were among the founders of the Bobby Benson Center, a drug rehabilitation facility on the North Shore of Oahu. As a fund-raising method, they created the Bobby Benson relays, where was a 24-hour relay centered at the Punahou stadium and running a loop through Manoa. The Hash entered several years in succession and were among the leaders in dollars pledged. There were some memorable events over those years. Others should please chime in.

One particular memory is of a Hash naming. We were huddled under our tarps in the middle of the stadium seating (in front of the group from MADD and alongside the FBI). It was late at night and very dark. Maureen Luebbe got the munchies and completed a box of snacks she came across under the dark tarp. At a critical point, she commented how good they were and asked was there any more. Someone brought out a flashlight and discovered Maureen holding an empty box of "Kibbles and Bits"! For those without pets, that was a prominent dog food snack of the day. From that day forward, Maureen's Hash name was "Kibbles and Bits"!

As noted above, we were surrounded in the stadium by MADD, FBI, etc. We became known as the team from DAMM...."Drunks Against Mad Mothers"! Someone took issue with us drinking beer under our tarp. In addition, we had decided to run for "safe sex" that year. I think this pre-dated AIDS. Most of us had condoms visibly displayed on our running shirts, hats, etc. As it turned out, we were invited NOT to participate the following year.

So, the following year, we entered two teams under a pseudonym in the Religious category. Our teams were the Southern Christian United Mission Brotherhood of Almighty God. It was only when we started running did the organizers read our Hash shirts showing the acronym SCUMBAG! Whenever a couple of Hashers passed the baton on the track in front of us, we would collectively yell "Go SCUMBAGS Go"!

***George "Chest Checker" Underwood***

\* Lots of fast runners; rarely any walkers. Trails were more exciting: ran through hotels, restaurants, alleys. Remember running through front door of a restaurant and out the back door. Things we can't get away with today.

Memorable hashes:

- Runt's (Barry Gasdek) luau at his house in Makaha. Some of us went out there early to prepare imu, but he didn't have a pig so he put a bunch of frozen turkeys in imu. Started cooking early so thought they would be done by time we got back from hashing. They weren't. I think it took about 12 hours for the birds to be ready to eat. Runt drank beer like water. He had a second refrigerator on his porch completely stocked with beer. Next to the fridge were stacks of cases of beer, all kinds. Whenever he encountered a sale, he would buy a case, didn't matter what brand.
- Can't remember location, but trail meandered through wooded area to an old irrigation tunnel which was only about 4.5 ft high, 4 ft wide. Had to walk through water bent over, pitch black. After about 50 yards, hit a wall, had to feel around where to go. Tunnel took a 90 degree turn to left. Tunnel continued in dark for another 50 yards until we finally saw "light at the end of the tunnel" - the exit.
- Running through streams, then enclosed drainage tunnel around UH. Climbed up wall ladder from tunnel and came up through manhole on UH campus near the Engineering building.
- Dong running entire trail barefoot in Kaka'ako/Ala Moana area because he forgot his running shoes.
- Halloween hashes in costume that started and ended at Hernando's Hideaway in Waikiki, which no longer exists. And then walk down Kala'kaua Ave in costume. One of the most memorable costumes - Dong dressed as a pile of shit. Costume was so wide he cleared a path down the sidewalk as we all walked behind him shouting "holy shit."

***Tom "Grounded" Quinn***

\* 1}. I will just jot down as much as I can recall of the early days with H5. No hash names at the beginning, mortal names were used. Naming must have come some time later.

2). Most trails were set live so they had to logistically plan the trail so you wouldn't get caught, of course we were faster in those days, but there was all ways a concern to get caught by the pack.

3). When we were a younger group we participated in most of the local runs in town. Some of the notable runs were the Aloha Tower to Primo brewery in Pearl City, the Valasco relay runs in Hawaii Kai before it was built up and we always had a Hash team or two in the Perimeter relays.

4). Dong and Donga would away put on the six pack 10K from Kaimuki. Dong would design the tee shirts and we would spent all hours of the night silk screening them and in most cases they would latterly hot off the press come race day. Donga, bless her soul, would take a day off work and cook the on-after meal for the group. There was plenty of beer and food for all and a good time was had by all even with awards. One year we had a pre 6 six pack 10K starting at the Aina Haina shopping center. The run took us through Aina Haina valley and a portion of the run running right through Dong and Donga's house with all the tee shirt hanging in the living room as they were drying from the silk screening process to be given out at the following weekends 6 pack 10k...

5). At certain intervals we would have university party at the Hale Koa Hotel. In true Hash fashion towards the end of the brunch in would deteriorate with throwing of the party favors at each other.

6). At one of the on-after at the On-on Chinese restaurant a few Hashers did pressed hams against the front windows for the delight of all the customers inside. Lucking one of our hashers worked for the HPD and smoothed over a lot of the mischievous behavior of the group.

7). On an inter-island hash to Kookee on Kauai Holly Roller got his rented jeep stuck in a ditch and had to have a tow truck from Waimea to pull him out. I think too much fun was had by all and he was unaware of the consequences of driving under the influence on the Kauai roads. Luckily no one was injured, just egos damaged.

8). Another great Hash outing is when we went out on one of the cheaper dinner cruises off Waikiki. The dinner was great and as was the dancing after dinner. The one and only complaint was that there wasn't enough beer for the whole evening as we drank them dry. I bet there was a lot of sore heads the next day.....

9). Tom and Karin Quinn were always gracious enough to organize the Halloween Hash which started at the Bandstand and ended up at Hulas or Fernando's Hideaway. The evening was always concluded with a stroll through Waikiki with all the other revelers.

10). Who could forget our going to Molokai to hash. Much rejoicing was had by all around the nightly camp fires. Oh the Hash on Lanai when the sprinklers came on in the middle of the night and got everyone's Camp site wet, and the many Hana relay that we participated in.... One time I camped out with Liquor up and Occupied @ the local camp side in Hana and the second night we camped out half way up Haleakala at a public camp site. They didn't tell me that was where we were spending the second night high altitude and I froze my ass off that night as I was up prepared for the high altitude camping.

*Howard "Vice Grips" Lynn*

### **In the Spot Light - Hawaii, USA**

By Ed "Hazukashii" Howell - 30 Nov 2013

There were various unorganized hash runs in Hawaii back in mid the 1970s, but it was not until 1978 when the first organized hash club formed when Castel Myers moved to the islands from Bangkok, where he first experienced hashing with the newly founded Bangkok Men's H3 (The BH3 started in 1977). Looking around the lush green hills that were lined with plenty of trails, Castel thought Hawaii would be a great place to hash. So he put the word out and soon had his friends Russ Hoylman, Hutch Hutchinson, Dave Benson, and Dick Hoyer to join him.

On 16 March 1978, the Honolulu Hawaii Hash House Harriers (H5) conducted the first hash trail, running every other Tuesday evening in the early days. The packs were small and there were no circles conducted after the run, but there was a lot of horseplay with beer chugging being a common event, with winners collecting various prizes. On one occasion the prize was a live chicken, which ended up as a menu item at the Chop Suey shop they frequented after their runs.

During the 1980s, the popularity increased and the H5 began running every Tuesday evening. There were rumors of other hash clubs forming and folding on Oahu, which is the Capitol Island and home of Pearl Harbor, but it was not until the 1990s when the next major hash was born. The Aloha H3 was founded on 22 Sep 1991, and was soon followed by the Hawaii Full Moon H3 in 1992. Now there are several other hash clubs on Oahu, as well as some of the other islands (Maui H3 and Kona H3), and a traveling Volcano H3 that makes annual trips to all the other islands. So hashing is alive and well in this remote island chain in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

### ***A Second Hash on Oahu is Born***

The Aloha H3 is based on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, and was founded by Ed "Hazukashii" Howell, Scott "Anal Farmer" Sheldon, and Kip "DOT" Carpenter with the first run taking place on 22 Sep 1991.

Hazukashii and Anal Farmer met on a Tuesday evening while running a trail with the Honolulu hash in June of 1991. Although they enjoyed the easy laid back atmosphere, they reminisced about Asia where they started hashing (Haz on Okinawa in 1984, and Anal Farmer in Seoul in 1989). We agreed that a weekend hash was in order and set about to organize. DOT and Haz had hashed together in Okinawa, so DOT was asked to join in to help the new club get going. Each of us chipped in \$100 to buy coolers, beer, snacks for the first trail, and to get T-shirts and headbands made. We also each contributed to the makeup of the hash, Anal Farmer created the original logo, Haz picked the name, and DOT picked the day.

The Aloha H3 ran on Sunday afternoon for the first 4-5 years because DOT was a SCUBA instructor and taught classes on Saturday (and certified many of the original hashers), but now the AH3 runs on Saturday. We agreed we would each take a turn at GM for 5 weeks, and then hold open elections once things got rolling, so after drawing straws, DOT had the first 5 weeks, Anal Farmer was next, and Haz got the final 5 weeks, and was subsequently voted in as the first GM for 6 months.

The first trail had 25 hashers turn up to run trail in Kailua, but after that the numbers hovered around 10-12 for a few months as most people already had established schedules for entertainment (it was Hawaii after all). By the late 90s the pack had over 100 on a weekly basis, but has had its ups and downs over the years. Currently, the Aloha H3 has a steady following with 50 or more hashers each week. The Aloha H3 made off island weekend on many of the other Hawaiian Island up until 1997, but now other hash clubs have formed on Maui and the Big Island. Also, we now have the Volcano H3, which sponsors most of the off island hash trips.

. . . and then came :

- Hawaii Full Moon H3 - 1992
- Volcano H3 – 1997
- Oahu Pick Up H3 – 1997
- Life’s a Beach, its awesome (LABia) H3 - 2001
- Kona Coast H3 – 2004
- Kukini Nui H3 - 2005
- Harriettes of Oahu - 2008
- Hilo Gets Me Wet H3 - 2014

### ***Schedule of Events***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>
March 13	17:15	H5 Trail #1876 Manoa Valley District Park 3089 Manoa Rd, Honolulu Hare: Solder-Miser	Free hash, bring your own snacks and drinks
14	18:00	Hash Social at Gordon Biersch Aloha Tower Marketplace, Honolulu	No trail, just a social
15	17:45	Pick Up / Kukini Nui H3 Kailua District Park 49 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	Joint Pick Up hash trail - Free hash, bring your own snacks and drinks
16	17:15	<b>40th Anniversary Celebration</b> H5 Trail #1877 Ala Wai Park South end of University Ave Hare: Hazukashii	<b>Attendance by registration only</b> <b>Food &amp; Drinks provided</b>
17	12:00	Aloha H3 Trail #1412 Pu'u 'Ualaka'a State Wayside Nutridge St off Round Top Dr Hares: Womb Raider & Hazukashii	<b>Food &amp; Drinks provided - Attendance covered in your registration fee</b>
	19:00	St Patty's Day Pub Crawl Kailua District Park 49 S Kainalu Dr, Kailua	Dress in Green - Not a hash run, just fun Pay as you go
18	13:00	HO Hash Kahaluu Regional Park 47-260 Waihee Road, Kahaluu Hare: Drag Queen	Free hash, some drinks and food provided
19	19:00	Hawaii Full Moon H3 Halawa District Park 99-838 Iwaiwa St, Aiea Hare: Teenee Weenee	Special New Moon Trail - Free hash, bring your own snacks and drinks
20	17:15	H5 Trail #1878 Booth District Park 299 Lae St, Honolulu Hare: Hazukashii	Free hash, bring your own snacks and drinks

***What was happening in 1978 . . . (in no particular order)***

- The World Population was ~ 4,223,000,000
- Minimum Wage in 1978: \$2.65
- Pentax K2, SLR Camera: \$300.00
- Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds gets his 3,000th major league hit.
- Honolulu, Hawaii Hash House Harriers are born.
- The first Star Wars action figures were released in 1978.
- The Navstar Global Positioning System (GPS) was launched.
- The Top Song was Night Fever by The Bee Gees
- The Big Movies included Grease, National Lampoon's Animal House and Jaws 2
- Hollywood film director Roman Polanski flees to France to avoid sentencing after pleading guilty to unlawful sex with a minor.
- The blizzard of 1978 hits New England and the New York metropolitan area, killing about 100 and causing over US\$520 million in damage.
- Serial killer Ted Bundy is captured in Pensacola, Florida.
- The first computer bulletin board system (CBBS) is created in Chicago.
- The New York Post publishes an article about David Rorvik's book The Cloning of Man, about a supposed cloning of a human being.
- American porn publisher Larry Flynt is shot and paralyzed in Lawrenceville, Georgia.
- The CBS soap opera Dallas is launched.
- The U.S. Senate votes 68–32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on December 31, 1999.
- WAC abolished; women integrated into regular Army.
- A bomb explodes in the security section of Northwestern University, wounding a security guard (the first Unabomber attack).
- Affirmed becomes only the 11th horse to ever win the Triple Crown by defeating Alydar in the 110th running of the Belmont Stakes.
- The rainbow flag of the LGBT movement flies for the first time (in its original form) at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade.
- President Jimmy Carter declares an unprecedented state emergency and evacuation immediately following the revelation that Niagara Falls, New York neighborhood Love Canal was built on a toxic waste dump.
- Congress authorizes the minting of the Susan B. Anthony dollar.
- Congress authorizes home brewing of beer in the United States.
- Mass murder/suicide of 909 Americans in Jonestown, Guyana under the direction of Jim Jones.



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***Honolulu Hawaii Hash House Harriers [ 1978 – 2018 ]***