



Burnt River Is July Club of the Month

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Browns Backers Worldwide and the Cleveland Browns are proud to announce the Burnt River Browns Backers as the July 2011 Club of the Month.

The club is based in Mentor, OH and has 901 active members, making them the largest BBW club in the world. The club was founded in 2008 and has received Club of the Month accolades in 2009 and 2010.

Burnt River is a unique name for a club and certainly has an interesting history. In 1969, molten sparks from a rail car set fire to oil and chemical soaked debris in the Cuyahoga River. The event sparked national attention and Cleveland became known as the City with the River that Burned. Despite the initial damage to the river, today it is thriving with over 40 species of fish and boat traffic is abundant. The name Burnt River was adopted by this Ohio club to signify the location in Cleveland, home of the Browns, and to emphasize their pride and commitment to the team and city.

During the season, Burnt River hosts viewing parties at three locations for the away games to accommodate all of their members. The club always has a presence attending and tailgating for all of the home games. They tailgate in the Muni Lot as well as the Port Authority Lot and invite all Browns fans to join them in the tailgating festivities.

In the off season, members of Burnt River Browns Backers supported the Draft Day party at the stadium, as well as hosting draft parties at their viewing locations. They attended the "Browns Football Tribute Night" at a Lake Erie Monsters hockey game, where they got to mingle with **Joe Haden** and tailgate. The club also meets several times to have fun in the summer and get prepared for the upcoming football season.

In addition to supporting football, the Burnt River Browns Backers support the Cleveland community as well. In June, the BRBB held a charity pool tournament to benefit the Police Athletic League. \$2200 was raised for the cause and guests had a good time mingling with Browns alumni Herman Fontenot, Hanford Dixon, Don Cockroft, Bob Golic, Mike Pagel and members of the Cleveland Crush (LFL). BRBB have supported numerous charities including: Cleveland Browns Foundation, MetroHealth Hospital Toys for Children drive, National Kidney Foundation, Susan G. Komen, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, Special Olympics, and Crossroads Family Counseling.

What makes this club stand out is that their members are constantly supporting the Browns and other BBW clubs. Recently, President Bob Hostutler and members volunteered to help with a Plane Pull Event with the Browns to benefit the Special Olympics. Many of their members can be found at other BBW club events. One of their goals is to help encourage cooperative events and create unity amongst BBW members from all clubs.

For more information about the club or joining, contact President Bob Hostutler (bob@clevelandnet.com). You can also check them out at www.burntriver.org or follow them on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/burntriver>.



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