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2013-14 Southeast Chapter Officers

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Chairman's Message

by Craig Darlak, Chairman

Another fabulous year of musical gatherings and fellowship is coming to a close. I hope everyone has enjoyed it as much as I have. From the Space Coast to The Villages our chapter has been blessed with generous and interesting members who seek to perpetuate the wonders of mechanical music.

On a personal note I want to express my deepest gratitude to the chapter for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It has been a great pleasure to be the Southeast Chapter's chairman for the past four years and I take with me many fond memories. Without the tremendous support of our chapter members I could not have done it.

Our chapter has diligently worked to host the MBSI Annual Meeting. I know that all who attend the Annual Meeting will have a great time and experience true southern hospitality thanks to all our members who have spent untold hours to make things like the unique table favors happen. I am especially proud of our chapter's perseverance and efficiency in tackling our host responsibility well before the Annual Meeting to ensure a successful outcome and to stay on budget. The chapter is very grateful to all those members who stepped up to help out with our host responsibility.

The Southeast Chapter is in good financial standing and membership continues to be steady. It is the members of our chapter that make the difference in the nature and quality of our events and our education of the public with regard to mechanical music. It is often said that it matters not if you win or lose but how you play the game. In this regard it is an honor and a privilege to be associated with such a fine group of people who play the game so well. In this regard I would like to thank all our members who have held open houses hosted meetings and worked on the

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Calendar of Events

Orlando Maker Faire

September 13 - 14, 2014

Orlando Science Center.

Organizer: Wayne Myers

Christmas/Holiday Music

December 19 - 21, 2014

The Villages, FL

Organizers: Jack Hostetler and Mary Ellen Myers

Winter/Spring 2015 Meeting

Dates Undetermined

Joint with Sunbelt Chapter

Host: Dr. Ray Dickey

Fall 2015 Meeting

Dates Undetermined

Joint with Piedmont Chapter

Williamsburg, VA

Hosts: Dan Wilson and Vernon Gantt

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Minutes of The Villages, FL Meeting

May 2-4, 2014

by Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary



The spring meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held May 3, 2014 in The Villages, FL.

Vice Chairman Mary Ellen Myers called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and gave directions for the monkey organ rally to be held later that afternoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting held January 25, 2014 in Titusville, FL, were approved as printed in the last issue of the *Southeast Rag*.

Membership Well Being: Mary Ellen reported that Bill and Cyndy Hall's daughter had passed away, and that she had a card for members to sign. She and Carol Beck reported that Bill Kavouras was making progress in his recovery from a stroke.

Membership: Julie Morlock reported that the chapter currently had 134 members. Mary Ellen noted that 27 chapter members were in attendance at the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: Mary Ellen Myers reported on the following events and meetings:

The Music Boxers Club in The Villages held its first meeting in April with eight members. Jack Hostetler noted that The Villages requires at least twelve members to maintain a club and was hoping to recruit more members during the monkey organ rally. Their next meeting would be on May 21 with Mary Ellen Myers giving a demonstration. Mary Ellen thanked Jack and Mary-Ann for hosting the open house on Friday night.

July 15, 2014: Inter-generational Summer Camp at the Villages. Mary Ellen and Wayne Myers would be holding a session on make-and-take music boxes, writing music, and looking at the gears and sound production in music boxes.

October 7-12, 2014: 2014 Annual Meeting in Weston, FL. The Southeast Chapter will have a brief meeting to hold elections of officers at that time.

Winter/Spring 2015: Planning is underway for a joint meeting with the Sunbelt Chapter, possibly coordinated with the trustees meeting. Organizers will be Louis Boyd and Ray Dickey. Moe Goldy suggested visiting Rau's Antiques; Cotton suggested getting a bus due to location and parking issues.

Fall 2015: We will have a joint meeting with the Piedmont Chapter in Williamsburg, VA, where we can visit the new music box museum.

Wayne and Alice Finger manned a table at the NAWCC meeting in February, with good exposure for MBSI. We will reciprocate and NAWCC will have a table at the Annual Meeting in Weston. There will be an article in the next *Journal* about this.

Librarian: Moe Goldy had no report.

Registrar: Kay Simmons had no report.

Reporter: Howard Sanford had no report.

Trustees: Howard Sanford reported that the trustees met in Ft. Worth, TX in March. The trustees reviewed the Policies and Procedures, and are working on issues related to the Chicago meeting. They visited the collection of a Mr. Andrews who was the primary buyer of the Milhous collection; the collection is displayed in a warehouse along with his car collection. Marilou van Zanten asked if issues within the trustees had been resolved following the Chicago meeting. Howard reported that there were no problems and everyone was moving forward.

Museum Committee: Wayne Myers reported that the committee has created a "receiving" document to describe the condition of any instrument donated to MBSI. Donated machines cannot be sold, but if the item is in poor or unrepairable condition, it can be de-assessed and the money goes to the Museum Committee fund. Also, they need to update the list of books in the MBSI library at American Treasure Tours due to the fact that Bill Edgerton has a contract to scan these items.

Wayne Myers gave directions to the Eisenhower Center.

2014 Annual Meeting: Carol Beck reported that plans for the annual meeting were going well. She had charts of committee members and asked that everyone check which committees they were assigned to, that their contact information was accurate, and to volunteer where needed. She thanked Julie Morlock for getting the registration packets out and Andy and Irene Kaufman and Clay Witt for the website. Although we are required to use certain equipment and personnel from the hotel, the AV committee has purchased equipment for use during the workshops; this equipment will be sold afterward. More volunteers are needed to assist with the workshops. Transportation will be coordinated once we have registration numbers; Carol and Bill Griffin are very pleased with the bus company. Marilou van Zanten said decorations are fairly set; she is just waiting to see the registration numbers and noted that the committee will need to get into the rooms early to set up for events. We would finish wrapping door prizes after the business meeting; Bill Endlein brought ten sets of records from Bellm's Museum and Tom

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Bristow also donated several items. We need more volunteers to be docents for the home tours. Carol noted that members must pay for tours even if they are bus captains, docents, etc. Cotton Morlock reported that Carol had him all set up with helpers for Hospitality, and that we have received the backdrop for the "photo booth." David Beck and Joe and Lynda Berman are the Mart Chairmen; there will be three rooms (for quiet, medium and loud items), a Special Items table, a Silent Auction, a NAWCC table and an MBSI table. Irene Kaufman has put two ads in the *Journal* and has two more to go; the next ad will highlight the workshop speakers. Wayne Finger plans a media event to promote the public exhibition, will send out handbills to antique stores in the area, and will write articles for journals of other collector societies/organizations about the upcoming meeting. Moe Goldy requested lots of volunteers to help with the special exhibit, especially on the days it is open to the public. Security has been handled by Craig Darlak. Peter Klein plans a time line of music for the special exhibit. Favors are completed; we just need a place to store them at the hotel. Martin van Zanten will explain about the favors during the banquet and they will be given out after the entertainment. We have 13 speakers for workshops, as well as keynote speakers Bob and Diane Yates, and a special presentation by Frank Metzger. We need LOTS of volunteers. There was discussion about volunteers wearing tropical shirts or hats to identify them. Carol feels that everything is going well and again urged members to volunteer.

Treasurer: Clay Witt reported that as of April 26 the chapter currently had assets of \$12,426.91 and we were \$420.39 in the black. For the Annual Meeting we had \$13,826.84 cash on hand; AV purchases were \$2,641.34 and other expenses totaled \$1,778.51.

Vice Chairman Mary Ellen Myers reminded everyone to stay and help wrap door prizes, and that lunch was on your own but we had a group dinner at Redsauce at 6:30 PM. Jack Hostetler suggested places to get lunch. Mary Ellen urged members to be at the Eisenhower Center at 1:00 PM.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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Annual Meeting. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Dixie Leis for her dedication and outstanding work in publishing the *Southeast Rag*. I know that the Southeast Chapter will continue to thrive under the leadership of our new chairman Mary Ellen Myers. Mary Ellen is an intelligent and dynamic person of great talent who will do a terrific job as chairman. It is my hope that our chapter members continue to reach out to other sites to join our society so that our membership continues to grow.

Now as King Henry VIII said to his second wife, I won't keep you any longer. Thank you very much. It has been a honor to serve as your Chairman.

MBSI Annual Meeting Update

October 7-12, 2014, Bonaventure Resort and Spa, Weston, FL

By Carol Beck and Bill Griffin. Chairmen

We hope every member of the Southeast Chapter who is able to do so has registered for our Annual meeting being held by our chapter in Weston, FL. We have met our room block goal committed to the hotel and have had to add additional rooms, so we are good on that basis. But we still need to meet our goal of 250 registrants so that we will have met the beverage and catering minimum. The registrations were at the halfway point by the middle of July, and of course, we are expecting a surge of registrants the last two weeks. All of our committee chairmen have worked extremely hard getting their parts of the meeting ready, and we thank them all for their hard efforts. Most of all, we know we have an exciting, fun-filled program that will keep everyone busy and give them an enjoyable time. The center of all the activity will be in the Society Lounge that will be the location of the Registration Tables, Hospitality Room, and the Special Exhibit. It is here where all will be able to see and greet old friends, make new friends, and have interactions with other members of our Society. Our chapter members will be wearing "Host" ribbons on their badges. This will help registrants who have questions identify who to talk with for information when needed. We encourage all of our chapter members to greet and help all of our guests. And if you see someone standing off by themselves. walk up to them and talk with them to make them feel comfortable.

We still are looking for volunteers for some of the jobs we need to do. We need your help; please volunteer. Most of all, Bill and I thank you for your support in planning for and preparing this meeting. And, mostly, let's have fun! See you soon.

Photos from Meeting at The Villages

Howard Sanford, photographer



Howard Wyman, shown here with his home built Wurlitzer Military Band Organ, did much of the work in preparing for the organ rally.



Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler were instrumental in bringing the Southeast Chapter to The Villages in December and again in May.



Vice Chairman Mary Ellen Myers, here proudly displaying some Easter eggs she had decorated, was another of the people responsible for bringing the chapter to The Villages.



Marilou and Martin van Zanten were among those who brought organs to the organ rally. Here they display their Stuber organ.



From left to right, rear, Martin van Zanten, Lindsey Walker, Margie Sanford, Carol Beck, and Howard Sanford gathered to greet Dee and Bill Kavouras on their first attendance since Bill's stroke.



Lindsey Walker, left, brought a crank organ to the rally. Here he is shown with Wayne Edmonston and Warren Officer.



Norm Bauer, left, and John Martin also brought a crank organ to the organ rally. Accompanying them is their patriotic automated monkey.

The Time Has Come for the Torch to Be Passed

From THE Editor

by Dixie Leis, Editor

This issue will be my last as your editor. When I began thinking about preparing this issue, I realized that I wasn't looking forward to working on it as much as I normally was. That was an indication that it was time to stop doing it.

My first issue as your editor was the December 2000 issue. Thirteen years is long enough. Unlike when I resigned as your registrar and membership chairman, I really have no recommendation as to who would make a good replacement. I will say that, although any publishing software can be used, Clay Witt owns a copy of the software I've been using and will have a file copy of this latest newsletter that could be used as a template for future issues if desired. However, his taking on the job of editor may be too much since he's already treasurer and web master.

Also with my resignation I no longer will be intercepting the Chapter Report and photos used in the publication of the Mechanical Music magazine. Prior to the July/August issue I had been editing the report and writing captions for the photographs. From now on, as was done with the July/August issue, the report and photos need to be directly forwarded and/or made available to Russell Kasselmann, the magazine's editor.

The fact that I have been your editor for so long says I have thoroughly enjoyed doing it. Now it's time for someone else to have the opportunity.

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

MBSI Special Exhibits Group Joins The Villages Music Boxers Club for a Summer Camp Intergenerational Program

by Mary Ellen Myers

July 15 brought together youngsters, vacationing at The Villages with their grandparents, to discover how science treasures become musical surprises, and all contained inside a little box. This was the premier for such a venue at Camp Villages summer camp. Registration for the session filled to capacity before the end of first day of sign-up! So this program captured everyone's attention from the start.

There were three components to the session:

1. Science. All about springs, gears, sound and resonance, demonstrated by each work group performing little experiments and observing close up the parts of musical movements acting in sync. Kids and grandparents found this mesmerizing.

2. Decoration of wooden boxes to house the "music." Endearing interactions between grandchildren and grandparents to create works of art!

3. Composition of music unique to each child, produced by kids (and grown-ups too), by punching tiny holes in strips, then cranking these strips through a "music reader." The day was a fun success, with requests for more sessions like these for next summer.

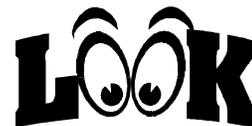
And, who had the most fun? We ALL did!



Above, left to right, MBSI and/or Villagers: Wayne Myers, Lorraine DeGenova, Mary Hughes, Tim Hughes, Mary Ellen Myers, Mary-Ann Hostetler, Jack Hostetler, Gary Westfall, Bonnie Westfall. All Camp Councilors for the day!



It's Time to Think Christmas/Holidays



By Mary Ellen Myers

At the time of this writing, it is still July (and 90+ degrees), but never too soon to start thinking of the festivities to come during the Christmas and holiday season in December! Please consider saving a little time to join MBSI friends for merrymaking at The Villages' Southeast Special Exhibits music event. All instruments, from quiet little cylinder boxes to large commanding band organs (and their owners), are welcome! Also of great interest are little curiosities and small antiques with histories. Last December this event at The Villages received such top-notch reviews that they want us back for an encore, not as a final performance but as a possible annual event. Jack Hostetler, Wayne and I took the liberty of saying YES, hoping that many more of you would respond likewise. For 2014, the dates will be Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20 from 10:00 to 4:00 and Sunday, December 21 from 10:00 until 3:00 at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. We will be assigned a front door room. A number of very nice and reasonably priced hotels are available and close by for those staying overnight. Names, directions, and maps will be provided.

For those not familiar with The Villages, it is a cluster of neighborhood villages with 110,000 residents in north central Florida. This adult community has welcomed MBSI venues and even brought us some new members.

Those participating last year will remember the event as a very successful good time. Our music and other curiosities attracted the attention of the young and not-so-young alike. Just a one day commitment would be appreciated very much. If you can do more, so much the better. So please look ahead and give it some thought. If you can help us out, and want to have a lot of fun too, contact Hostetlers (352) 321-8754 at home or Myers (407) 333-9095 at home or (407) 595-2244 on Wayne's cell, or (407) 739-5086 on Mary Ellen's cell. Call us with questions, too.

Also, spread the word to our COAA friends! We would love for them to join us!

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, Why is the bride dressed in white?" Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said, So why is the groom wearing black?"

Collection Viewing Etiquette

- ◆ Always ask the host if photographs or video may be taken. If you intend to publish these photographs/videos, please get the host's permission to do so and ask whether the host wants the collection identified.
- ◆ Do not smoke inside the home and ask permission before smoking outside the home.
- ◆ Do not bring food near the instruments. Be careful where you set plates and drinks.
- ◆ "Hands off" is the best policy. Beware of belt buckles and other objects that could cause damage. Never try to adjust or repair an instrument unless asked to do so by the host.
- ◆ Do not play any instrument unless given permission by the host to do so. It is always best if the host turns on the instrument as some of them can be pretty finicky.
- ◆ Do not ask the host or instrument owner the value of an instrument or how much it would cost to purchase one.
- ◆ Meeting hosts generously open their homes and collections to members and go to a great deal of trouble to accommodate our group. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and sign any guest book.
- ◆ Remember you are a guest in their home. Be courteous and keep your comments to yourself. Thank the hosts when you leave and a thank you note would be most welcome.
- ◆ When instruments are being played, please refrain from talking as many instruments have a soft voice.
- ◆ Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and follow these courtesies.

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, I feel just like a newborn baby."

Really!?! Like a newborn baby!?"

Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

Membership Changes



Please make the following changes to your 2014 membership list:

Rejoined:

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eMail Changes:

Delete eMail for Tom Bristow.
Change Charles Wilson's email to chaswil@twc.com.

Address Changes:

Kay Simmons
2931 St. Johns Ave, #2,
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Phone Changes:

Remove telephone number for Dick and Dixie Leis.

Deaths:

James Grigsby passed away on June 5. He also was a member of North American Watch and Clock Collectors. Sympathy cards may be sent to Bernie Williams at 2007 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115-1611. Burial was in Missouri, his home state.

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