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Chairpersons' Message:

(by Mary Ellen Myers)

It was so good to visit with everyone again. Chapter meetings are such nice opportunities to re-connect with our favorite fellow members - some whom we haven't seen in quite some time, and some being first timers. ALL are welcome, ALWAYS!

As we slide into these "lazy, hazy days of summer" let's first remember to mark our calendars with some very important dates coming up in the fall: September 1 - 5, the Annual Meeting in Southern California; and our big joint meeting with BOTH Piedmont and National Capitol Chapters October 23 - 25. Sadly, Vernon Gantt, chapter chair of Piedmont and organizer of this event fell ill on the day of the business meeting, and he and Penny were not able to "dramatically" execute their planned presentation about this exceptional weekend meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am happy to report that he is on the road to recovery and will resume the planning process.

So before our mental breaks from routine and reality happen, during these laid back months between now and then, I am taking this opportunity to give you a synopsis of what to expect in order to plan for Williamsburg:

Our hotel will be the Holiday Inn, 3022 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA., located very close to the Williamsburg Visitor's Center, where the tour will begin. Cost is \$91.00 plus tax/per night, as part of the "Musical Box Society International" room block. This rate is valid for October 23rd and 24th as well as 3 days prior and 3 days post event!

October 22nd, Thursday, will be hotel check-in and dinner on your own. October 23, Friday at 8:00 we depart, via your own

Upcoming Chapter Events!

July 2015 – "Camp Villages"

The Villages, FL. Organizer: Jack Hostetler
Inter-generational music box making.

MBSI 66th Annual Meeting (National)

Torrance, CA (Los Angeles area)
September 1-5, 2015 See www.mbsi.org for video

Oct 6 & 8, 2015 – Organ Grinding

The Villages, FL Organizer: Jack Hostetler
Oktoberfest and Italian Days organ grinding.

October 23-25, 2015 Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA
Joint with Piedmont & National Capitol Chapters
Organizers: Vernon and Penelope Gantt; includes a visit to the Virginia Musical Museum, the Governor's Palace, colonial Williamsburg, and open houses by Dan Wilson and Vernon Gantt

October 22-24, 2015 NAWCC Ward

Francillon Time Symposium - Houston, TX
"Mechanical Music and Marvels"
Organizer: Sandy Cranfill. Many MBSI members speaking. Includes tours of two large collections.

Dec 18-20, 2015 3rd Annual Holiday Show

The Villages, FL
Organizer: Jack Hostetler

Feb 26-28, 2016 COAA-MBSI Joint Meeting

Location: TBD
Organizer: Bill Hall
The Carousel Organ Assoc. of America invites MBSI members for a great weekend.

Spring 2016 Chapter Meeting

Volunteer to Host Now!
Don't miss this opportunity to host a chapter meeting in April or May 2016. We all love to visit new places and to see, hear (and show off) our collections, small and large.

transportation, from the hotel to the visitors' Center for the all day tour of Colonial Williamsburg. The tour will include a step back in time to Colonial days with a visit to the Governor's Palace. This will be followed by first-hand observation of harpsichord making by Mr. Wright at the Cabinet Maker's Store and museum. In this shop you can also watch master carpenters construct furniture from the 1600's with tools of that period. Lunch (and dinner) will be on your own, with choices from many historical pubs "as they were" in colonial times. This is an adventure in itself! You may even choose to dine where George Washington once dined! The menu is identical to that of 1770. After lunch, be sure to visit the Keyboard Museum, exhibiting 29 keyboards from 1620 - 1820 which were proudly played in Williamsburg.

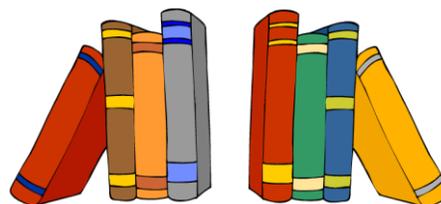


October 24, Saturday will start with 9:00AM Chapters' Business meetings, followed by "show 'n tell" and a mart. Saturday afternoon we will be guests at the "Parker House Music Box Museum", which will include a tour ... and very special "surprise entertainment"! Group dinner will be at "Sal's by Victor" Italian Restaurant. Two reasons you might want to consider "sticking around" for another day or so ... Jamestown, and/or Yorktown!

The Gantts and the Wilsons have graciously offered to open their homes in Raleigh, NC for 3 days before and 3 days after the actual meeting days. Thank You to both!!! Much more info and registration will be available in August. Lots of time and effort is going into this planning. Please try to attend! Till we meet again, be safe, stay cool and most important, enjoy the summer. Mary Ellen

Lending Library Donations (by Wayne Finger)

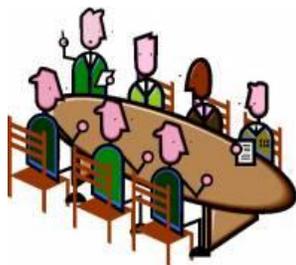
Our lending library is still in need of the book, "Encyclopedia of Automatic Musical Instruments" by Bowers. Do you have a copy to share with others?



Notes from our recent Chapter

Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

(Meeting Minutes "unofficial" until approved at next Chapter meeting.)



The spring meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held May 30, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Chair Mary Ellen Myers. She started with the following housekeeping reminders: arrive at the Morse Museum by 1:30 pm and wear name badges; look at the map for lunch options in the area; the cost of dinner included tax

and tip – be at the restaurant by 5:00 pm; Bill Hall's would be open at 7:00 pm (show to start at 7:30 pm) and Stephen Brittain would be performing on the organ; pay Wayne Myers for the Sunday boat ride – be there by 9:45 am and wear name badges. Mary Ellen introduced new members Lois & Ray Rose and Gail & William Earman, **Membership:** Julie Morlock reported that the chapter currently had 121 members; the membership list was sent to national in April to verify membership, and a number of members had not renewed. Mary Ellen Myers encouraged the new members to get engaged with chapter activities. The minutes of the previous meeting held March 27, 2015 in Kenner, LA were approved as printed in the last issue of the Southeast Rag. Julie read a card from Walter Lipiner thanking chapter members for his gift membership.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of Clay Witt's statement of operations for January 1 through April 13, 2015 was passed around for members to read. The Chapter currently has assets in the amount of \$12,653.61 (Mary Ellen Myers noted that this includes \$4509.88 worth of Tervis tumblers to be sold and would address this issue later in the meeting), and a net gain of \$364.69, not including costs/gains from this meeting.

Web Master: Mary Ellen Myers noted that Clay Witt had listed the items in our Lending Library on the website, as well as Wayne Finger's activity book for children.

Registration: Kay Simmons had no report.

Newsletter: Wayne Finger asked for members to send him or Mary Ellen anything they would like included in the Southeast Rag. He suggested sending copies of the newsletter to MBSI members in the area who don't belong to the Southeast Chapter and to other related organizations. Mary Ellen supported this idea.

Library: Wayne Myers noted that the lending library was culled in March and a number of items were given to the national lending library.

Chapter Reporter/Photographer: Howard Sanford said that anyone who had pictures they would like included in the Journal and/or Southeast Rag can send them to him; he noted that all pictures he takes are sent on to Journal editor Russell Kasselmann and to Wayne Finger for the Southeast Rag.

Acting Vice Chair: Mary Ellen Myers asked for a volunteer to fill this position, and again encouraged new members to get involved. She reported on the following upcoming chapter events:

- July 2015 – Camp Villages (inter-generational music box making); Jack Hostetler gave an overview (they have 46 participants this year) and asked for members to bring a roller organ. Mary Ellen said they will use Wayne Finger's activity book.
- September 1-5, 2015 – 66 th Annual Meeting in Torrance, CA. Mary Ellen urged members to send in their registrations as soon as possible.
- October 6 th and 8 th , 2015 – Organ Grinding at The Villages for Italian Days and Oktoberfest; this is a opportunity to exhibit/demonstrate organ grinding. Jack Hostetler gave an overview and asked for volunteers. He also noted that the Music Boxers group is looking for a new name and asked the Southeast members for ideas.
- October 23-25, 2015 – Joint meeting with the Piedmont and National Capital Chapters, organized by Vernon Gantt and Dan Wilson. The hotel is a Holiday Inn (\$91.00 per night), and the meeting includes open houses (available three days before and three days after the meeting), an all-day tour of Williamsburg, a visit to a keyboard-making museum, dinner in Williamsburg, and a surprise event.
- October 22-24, 2015 – NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium in Houston, TX; organized by Sandy Cranfill.
- December 18-20, 2015 - 3 rd Annual Holiday Show at The Villages, organized by Jack and Mary-Anne Hostetler.
- February 26-28, 2015 – COAA/Southeast joint meeting, location to be determined; organized by Bill Hall. There will be an organ rally.

Unfinished Business: Mary Ellen Myers said that the chapter needed a sales and marketing plan to deal with the remaining 400 Tervis tumblers (currently being stored by Wayne Finger). Mary Ellen suggested the following ideas: place an ad in the Journal (full page, possibly on the inside cover) – need to check on cost; sell them as “MBSI Memorabilia” via the MBSI Mart online (check with Jacque Beeman); do “Tervis Draws” (like “dollar draws”) at meetings; sell them during the annual meeting in California (bring samples). Discussion covered other ideas – raise dues one time and include a cup (to be picked up at a meeting); contact the California chapter (Robin Biggins) to see if they want to buy them at our cost so they can sell them; give one to each new member at The Villages; have a drawing for a cup (\$1.00 tickets) at events at The Villages. It was noted that we need to know the actual cost of the tumblers to determine appropriate discounts. Craig Darlak will consider heading the sale of the tumblers; Cotton Morlock offered to assist him.

New/Old Business:

Activity Books: Wayne Finger reported that he had spent \$50.00 to reproduce the booklet and buy crayons (the chapter approved \$100.00 to be spent on this). The booklet is intended to be free, with the purpose of making children familiar with and gain interest in mechanical music. Members were encouraged to take copies after the meeting, and the remainder would be given to Jack Hostetler for Camp Villages. The booklet is available on the website (you can download the PDF and print one page or all of it, or email it to others). Wayne Myers suggested that the Special Exhibits Committee could work with artists to improve the art work/drawings (Journal editor Russell Kasselmann suggested asking other chapters to help out). Wayne Finger turned the booklet over to Wayne Myers. Mary Ellen Myers encouraged members to bring children to meetings and related events.

Communication with related organizations in regard to event dates: Mary Ellen Myers said she would work on letting AMICA, COAA, NAWCC and other MBSI chapters know our meeting dates.

Number of chapter meetings per year: Our bylaws state that “regular meetings of the chapter shall be held at least three times yearly.” Mary Ellen Myers said that this is sometimes difficult to arrange and suggested amending the bylaws to state that “meetings should be held three times yearly,” giving us leeway to hold less meetings. This would require a vote by the membership, which will be addressed later. Discussion followed concerning ways to make it easier for members to attend/participate in meetings, including the possibility of teleconference or online meetings.

Ads in the Southeast Rag: Wayne Finger noted that in previous years, there had been a charge for placing ads in the Southeast Rag. Following discussion, he proposed no charge for any classified ads in the Rag by chapter members for personal uses (not for professional sales or restoration). This was approved. He also reported his free “MBSI Members Serving Members” section where members can offer to give advice, share information or help with repairs/parts/restoration. If you are willing to contribute, send your information to Wayne Finger.

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



Chapter Directory & Dues (by Julie Morlock)

The updated Membership Directory was mailed to all chapter members in May. Please let Julie Morlock know if there are changes to your contact information. If you did not receive a copy of the 2015 Directory, let Julie know so she can send you a copy.

Fundraiser Sale – “Tervis Tumblers” (by Mary Ellen Myers)

Update on the Tervis Tumbler Inventory and Status: As discussed at the May 29 business meeting, we continue to hold a large number of tumblers, lids and straws. (These were purchased by the chapter to be used as fundraisers at the Annual meeting in Florida last year 2014). The current inventory at cost to the chapter was discussed. Items still waiting to be sold are as follows:

442 tumblers, 180 lids, 167 straws



The brainstorming at the meeting resulted in some good ideas which we will be considering in our marketing efforts. A team is being formed, and we welcome anyone with an interest in assisting the chapter in this effort to join. All of us can do our part to help this. Contact Mary Ellen.

Some members are kindly storing these tumblers. While we are working on a practical marketing plan, I ask that any chapter members that are storing tumblers and planning to attend the Annual Meeting in September please place a few tumblers in your suitcases so we can attractively display these, sell and/or take orders at the mart. The same request goes for the Williamsburg meeting attendees. Remember, this will be a three chapter event! We will “make it” - we are Southeast!

“The Rag” – The Magic Behind our Newsletter (by Wayne Finger)

I am happy to serve as your Rag editor through the end of 2016. Here’s how the “Rag” is produced:



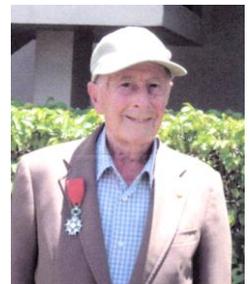
Leading up to an issue, articles are received by our Chairperson or the Rag editor by email from Chapter officers, photographer, advertisers and interested members. On the appointed afternoon, the Rag editor cuts and pastes them into the previous edition in MS Word to create a draft of the new edition. This draft is proofread by our chapter officers. Then the Rag editor copies and pastes their comments into the draft Rag and saves it as a .pdf file to create the Final Rag – ready to send to YOU!

This Final Rag (.pdf) is immediately emailed to the Chapter Secretary, who re-emails it to all selected members that day and in full color. For those requesting US Mail delivery, it is emailed to local Staples, where it is reproduced at a cost to the Chapter. A day or two later the paper copies are ready to be picked up. A big “THANK YOU” to Alice Finger, who buys the stamps, picks up the copies, staples them, folds, tapes the long edge twice, labels, affixes the stamps and finally mails the paper newsletters.

We will need a new newsletter editor when my term is completed at the end of 2016. Being the newsletter editor is a fun way for someone who has basic word processing skills and a home computer to provide a valuable service to the Chapter without committing a lot of time. The editor mostly cuts and pastes what others have written. As more members choose email delivery, the need to photocopy and prepare the mailing in accordance with US Postal regulations will be reduced and the newsletter editor’s job will get even easier.

Chapter Member Honored: (by Julie Morlock)

On May 9, 2015, seventy years after the allied victory in WW II, Walter Lipiner was proudly awarded the Legion of Honor medal. This ceremony took place aboard the USS Wasp, an amphibious assault ship, at Port Everglades, Florida. This occurred with great acclaim and fanfare. Enclosed is a photo showing Walter with the medal pinned to his jacket.



Walter also wrote a letter to the Chapter, thanking the membership for their generous support and thanking Craig Darlak and Howard Wyman for their technical know-how and Interest in the many organ varieties.



Member Address Changes: (by Julie Morlock)

Mark & Christel Yaffe have a new address: 4415 West El Prado Blvd., Tampa, FL 33629

MBSI & Musical Boxers Activities in The Villages 2015: (by Jack Hostetler)

The following events in The Villages are still open to MBSI member/Exhibitors. Please put these dates on your calendar and send me an e-mail letting me know that you will be attending, even for only one day of an event.

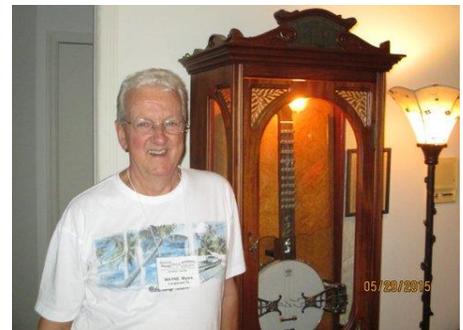
Oct 6 & 8: Italian Day Festival Parades and performances by Villages Club groups– Spanish Springs Oct 6; Sumter Landing Oct 8; MBSI Organ Grinders on the town squares 4pm to 9pm. Musical Boxers assisting.

Dec.18 – 20: MBSI Holiday Exhibit in Villages- 3rd Annual, Eisenhower Rec. Center- confirmed, Dec. 18 – Setup; Dec 19 & 20 Holiday Exhibit.

Hope to see you in The Villages, Jack Hostetler, 352-259-1388, johnhostetler90@gmail.com

Chapter Meeting Photos (by Howard & Marjorie Sanford), Mary Ellen and Wayne Myers)

- Myers visit: Mary Ellen Myers, Wayne Myers, Alice Finger



- Winter Park boat tour



- Hall visit: Bill and Cyndy Hall, Marjorie Sanford and Mary Ellen Myers, Bill Hall, Steven Brittain giving the organ concert.



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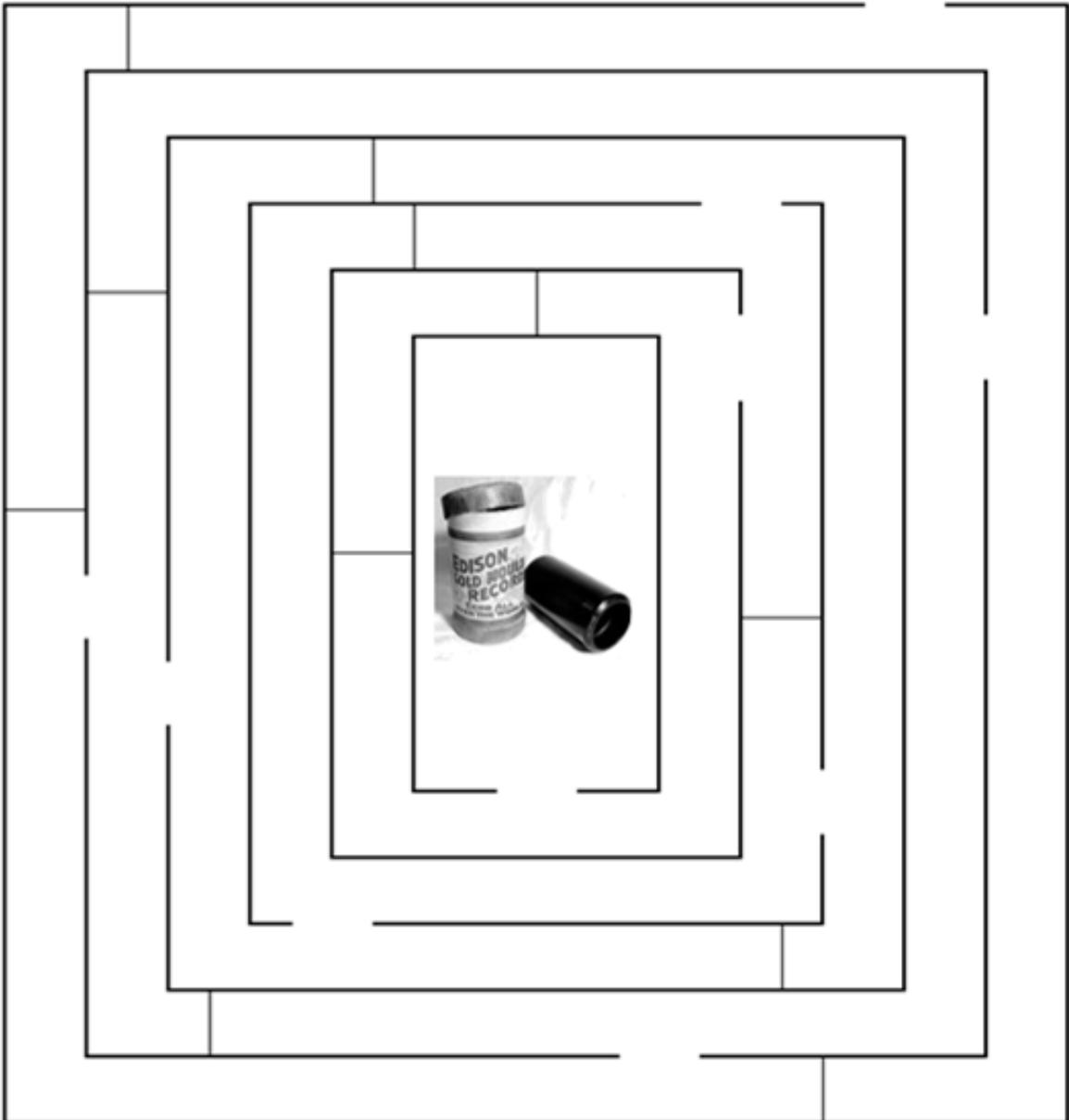
Mechanical Music for our Youngest Members (by Wayne Finger)

The following puzzle can help young mechanical musicians understand that before there was the iPod, there were many different forms of recorded music, including the cylinders for phonographs.



Maze

*Many phonographs play cylinders.
Can you help this phonograph find its cylinder?*



Piedmont and South East M.B.S.I. Chapters
cordially invite you to an

OPEN HOUSE

Governor's Palace
Palace Green
Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

October 23-25, 2015

With additional tours of the
keyboard exhibit at the museum of Colonial Williamsburg

Visit the cabinet shop where you can watch master carpenters construct
furniture from 1600's with tools of that period and master harpsicord maker
J. Watson will demonstrate related harpsicord methods

Visit Jamestown, VA and tour the ships that arrived and built the oldest
English settlement in America.

Visit Yorktown, VA and stand where General Cornwallis surrendered to
General George Washington.

Tour Large collection at Parker's Music Museum Lightfoot, VA, see "History
of Music" 1500 to present.

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