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Chairpersons'

(by Judy Miller)



Message:

We had a wonderful turnout for the January 26-28 meeting in Jacksonville. Nearly half of the SE membership showed up!! Friday night we had a special treat, a magic lantern slide show with Clay playing a very early Victrola as accompaniment. Then we also had a silent movie with Steve Brittain playing background. Saturday was the business meeting and Mart in the morning and an open house at George Fryer's in the afternoon, then in the evening we went to the Morlocks for a wonderful spread of food and good music. Sunday was an open house at Warren Officer's.

The Becks and Darlacks have volunteered to hold the Spring meeting in GA. If you know of a place that you think would make a nice meeting place, why not just jump in and take over and call Jack and let him know, we always can find new places to visit.

Upcoming Chapter Events!

April 20 – 23 - Chapter Meeting,
 Peachtree Corners, Ga.

Organizers: Carol & David Beck

July 17 – Camp Villages, The Villages, Fl.

Organizer: Jack Hostetler

October 26 – 28, 2018 – Merritt Island, Fl.

Organizer: Clay Witt

Dec. 14 – 16 (tentative) 6th Annual
 Christmas Show, The Villages, Fl.

Organizer: Jack Hostetler



The Web Corner

By Clay Witt, Chapter Webmaster

Have you visited our chapter's website lately? You can find it at: www.mbsise.org. There is a lot there. Just a few examples are a page you can refer friends to who might like to join MBSI ("Join MBSI"), links to other websites of interest to mechanical music collectors ("Links"), a page with a calendar of upcoming MBSI national and chapter events ("Future Events"), a page with links to lots of photos of events gone by ("Past Events" – chances are you may find yourself here!), a page with information about books members can check out from the chapter library and how to do that ("Library"), and more! So visit our website from time to time. We think you will enjoy it.

The Chapter Library (by Dr. Wayne Finger, Librarian)

Important New Additions to Chapter Library & upcoming Book Sale

Two generous collectors have donated outstanding books for Chapter members to use and learn from. A Villages collector has donated two key books on music box collection, adjustment and repair: The Cylinder Musical Box Handbook; The Disc Musical Box Handbook. Another member has donated two key references for the Violano Virtuoso: Service Manual for the Violano Virtuoso; Salesman's Manual for the Violano Virtuoso.

Several more documents were donated for the library. Visit the website, peruse the complete book list. tinyurl.com/ybx64pre It is now easier than ever to borrow a book. - just send an email to the librarian of your request and your book will arrive by the US Mail a few days later - all at no charge for Chapter members. Email: library@mbsise.org

As a result of the recent donations, we now have an extra copy of the "Encyclopedia of Automatic Musical Instruments". Our extra copy is an early edition in excellent condition. Since the library does not need two copies, we will have a "Surplus Book Sale" at the upcoming Chapter meeting. This is the best overall reference book for our hobby. Any member who does not yet have this book, should not miss this chance to buy it.



Notes from our recent Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

The winter meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held January 27, 2018 in Orange Park, FL.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Miller at 9:00 am. Judy recognized guests, new members and first time attendees. She then thanked Cotton and Julie Morlock for organizing the meeting. Cotton thanked everyone for attending and then thanked Clay Witt and Stephen Brittain for providing accompaniment for the magic lantern show and silent movies on Friday night. Julie suggested carpooling to the open houses and parking on one side of the street. Warren Officer reviewed directions to his home for Sunday's open house. Cotton gave directions for entering the guard gate to his neighborhood.

The minutes of the previous meeting held November 3, 2017 in Largo, FL were approved as printed in the last issue of The Southeast Rag. Membership: Membership Chair Julie Morlock reported that we currently had 112 memberships, and 34 still needed to pay dues. Treasurer: Treasurer Clay Witt reported that we were in the black for 2017 by \$817.61, with assets totaling \$13,025.76, including the Tervis inventory. Cotton Morlock noted that Tervis tumblers would be for sale at the mart. Reporter/Photographer: Chair Judy Miller reported that Mary Ellen Myers and Clay Witt would take pictures during the meeting. She asked for a volunteer to write the meeting report for the Journal and Mary Ellen Myers agreed to do so. National Committees: MBSI President Clay Witt reported that the Trustees midyear meeting would be held in March at the Music Instrument Museum in Phoenix, AZ. He also reported that MBSI's Publications Committee is working with the Musical Box Society of Great Britain, and possibly AMICA, to encourage an English translation of a book by the Austrian national government on music boxes in Prague and Vienna (currently in German), as well as the possibility of contributing funds to get this done. Trustee Wayne Finger reported that the Marketing Committee is continuing to provide auctioneers and dealers with certificates for one year free membership to be given to anyone who purchases a music box and has never been a member before. This is still an experiment, and they will be evaluating the program to see how many people renew after the first year. Wayne also reported that Membership Committee Chair Rob Pollock presented a training session on membership and marketing at the last annual meeting, and to let Rob know if this was useful so he can present another workshop at the next annual meeting. He also noted that national is looking into once again videotaping the workshops at the annual meetings. Library: Librarian Wayne Finger reported that the library is active, with several books checked out at any given time, and reviewed the process to check out books, noting that the chapter pays the postage (media rate) to send an item to the member and the member pays the return postage. He reviewed two books that were available for checking out: 25th Silver Anniversary (a collection of the best articles from the Journal, with lots of great articles on music box repair) and Automata (a very expensive book with great information on these items and how they work). Vice Chair Jack Hostetler reported that someone from The Villages had donated a box of books that he would turn over to the library. Wayne noted that he would add any books we didn't already have to the library, and any duplicates would be for sale at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Vice Chair Jack Hostetler reported that editor Mary-Ann Hostetler would be putting together the next issue of The Southeast Rag immediately after the meeting, and asked for articles and photographs to be sent in as soon as possible. Website: Webmaster Clay Witt encouraged members to visit the website (mbsise.org) and view the library listings, a calendar of upcoming events and slideshows from all the past chapter events, including the recent exhibit at The Villages. He reiterated that he would be taking pictures during this meeting along with Mary Ellen Myers. Registration: Julie Morlock reported that there were 64 registrations for the meeting, and

asked everyone to leave their name badges at the last open house they attended. Chair Judy Miller asked for someone to volunteer to be Registrar and noted that chapter elections would take place at the fall meeting; she encouraged members to take an active part in chapter activities. Old/New Business: Annual Meetings: MBSI President Clay Witt reported that AMICA is interested in coordinating with MBSI for future events. Preliminary plans are for the 2020 annual meeting to be a joint meeting in California, with MBSI taking the lead, and for the 2021 annual meeting to be in New Orleans, with AMICA taking the lead. If this happens, the Southeast Chapter will be the hosts for 2021 (instead of hosting the meeting in 2022). Clay is very encouraged by this, as there is often an overlap of meetings that impacts the attendance at one or the other; and with the two groups planning the meetings, there will be more people to help. Clay will discuss this further with AMICA. Discussion followed with many positive comments about combining efforts. Vice Chair Jack Hostetler discussed past events (Camp Villages, Italian Day, and the 5th Annual Holiday Exhibit in The Villages). Judy Miller encouraged members to look for opportunities to exhibit at local events, historical societies and with homeschool groups. Mary Ellen Myers reported that seven chapter members displayed machines at the Circus Ring of Fame in Sarasota in January, and that Wayne Myers was working on a future mini-exhibit at the Orlando Science Center. Upcoming Events: Carol and David Beck presented preliminary plans for our next chapter meeting to be held in the Atlanta, GA area the weekend of April 20-22, 2018, including open houses hosted by the Becks (in Peachtree Corners, GA) and the Darlaks (in Dahlonoga, GA), a trip to a winery, and a group dinner Saturday night. Because of the distance to the Darlak home, they have checked into using fifteen- person vans to transport everyone to Dahlonoga, costing \$10.00 to \$12.00 per person. The hotel will be a Hyatt Place, with a room rate of \$89.00 per night. Details are still being finalized.

Clay Witt presented preliminary plans for a meeting in the Merritt Island, FL area to be held the weekend of October 26-28, 2018. Clay asked for input on hotel locations and will look into a tour of Kennedy Space Center. Wayne Finger reviewed open houses that will be hosted by Clay, the Fingers and Dan Linder. Judy Miller reminded everyone that the election of officers will take place at this meeting, which will be a joint meeting with the Piedmont Chapter. Details are still being finalized.

Jack Hostetler is in the planning stages for the 6th Annual Holiday Exhibit at The Villages, probably the weekend of December 14-16, 2018. He is also working on a January 2019 meeting, possibly a joint meeting with COAA (he will find out what their plans are). Clay Witt asked that it not be planned for the same weekend as the Orlando Phonograph Show. Jack asked for members to offer to host future meetings.

Guest Ben Bowen was introduced; he is a member of the Big Bend Timekeepers (a chapter of the NAWCC) and issued an open invitation to our chapter members to attend their meetings in Tallahassee every other month.

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

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Moe Goldy's Show-and-Tell at the Jacksonville Chapter Meeting



Moe's Handmade Cardboard Automaton



Moe's Whistler

Jacksonville Open House Collections

George Fryer III Collection



Antique Baby Carriage



Beautiful Phonograph



The Astrologer



George with his 27" disk player



Judy having a great time in George's restored E.M.F. Horseless Carriage

Lunch at Clark's Fish Camp



Warren Officer's Collection



Warren's Prized Orchestrion



Warren with Wilma Fryer and his piano

Cotton and Julie Morlock's Open House



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MBSI members enjoy great buffet

▀ Thank you Julie and Cotton for all the work you did to plan and organize this meeting.

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