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Chairman's Message

by Wayne Finger, Chairman

MBSI – Best Thing Since Sliced Bread?

Every MBSI Chapter meeting introduces new people, new capabilities, new instruments and new music. I learn a lot more about these wonderful instruments. Greater understanding about an instrument usually increases the enjoyment of it. It is hard work to restore an instrument. Attending MBSI Chapter meetings has made my restorations go so much easier and become much more authentic. At MBSI Chapter meetings I have met:

- ◆ Members who have the same instrument that I am restoring. This allows people to take photos, measure parts, observe operational sequences, etc. This is essential to getting an instrument back in proper working order.
- ◆ Members who have rebuilt similar instruments. They can share how they accomplished it, where they got the parts and what worked /what didn't.
- ◆ Members who have music rolls, discs, books or cobs to lend, trade or sell.
- ◆ Members who have better restoration skills than I do. These members are masters of the craft of restoration. As friendships and budgets permit. they make my instruments sound and look great.
- ◆ Automatic musical instruments playing great music. These inspire me to get back to work to complete my garage restoration projects. They inspire me in the evenings to listen to the playing instruments in our home.
- ◆ Members who, over a bottle of wine, can share tales of music machines and collectors which make you laugh, gasp or even take notes!

Members of the Southeast Chapter are generous with their participation and sharing with our other members. Thank you for making MBSI a great place to be involved.



Calendar of Events

MBSI 63rd Annual Meeting

August, 29-September 2, 2012

Redwood City, CA

Host: Dave Corkrum

Fall Meeting

November 9-11, 2012 (new date)

**Joint Piedmont/Southeast
Chapters**

Danville, VA

Host: Vernon Gantt

Spring 2013 Meeting

Yet to be Determined

2014 Annual Meeting Trial

September 27 - 29, 2013

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure

Weston, FL

Hosts: Carol Beck and Bill Griffin

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Minutes of Tampa Meeting

June 8-10, 2012

by Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary



The spring business meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held on June 9, 2012 in Tampa, FL. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Finger. He then explained the "dollar drawing" to be held later, and had Carol Beck and Bill Griffin pass around sign-up sheets for help with the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Wayne Finger noted new MBSI members Jack and Jane Mandula, and Penn Jacobs. Julie Morlock introduced new chapter members Fran Factor, Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler, Mike and Doris Elza, Donald and Cookie Goldberg, and Melvin and Ann Getlan (not in attendance); new members were asked to meet afterward for a picture. Guests Chris and Tammy Duncan, Barbara Lyons, Lee Pagitt, Amy Wilson, and Deborah Wolland were welcomed.

Wayne Finger thanked Craig and Kristen Darlak for their open house on Friday night, and everyone holding open houses on Saturday and Sunday.

Wayne Finger reported that National had revised their Policies and Procedures (a full copy is available from MBSI), and noted several highlights:

1. New members can join on-line for \$40.00; gift memberships are available for \$40.00; there are new member vouchers available for \$15.00 off; and members could receive a \$5.00 credit for sponsoring new members.
2. The Southeast Chapter's traveling display is available for any chapter to use; we need someone to take over managing it. The Becks have been handling it since 1998; Carol Beck also asked for someone to take over.
3. When holding meetings, no hotel contracts are to be signed without being reviewed by the meetings chair, chapter officers, and the treasurer; two signatures are required on any contract.
4. Nonmembers can join MBSI when registering for an annual meeting; nonmembers now will be allowed to attend annual meetings for an extra \$20.00 fee.
5. At marts, all responsibility for sales tax will be assumed by the seller (not MBSI); nonmembers are allowed to buy but not to sell.

The minutes of the previous meeting held March 3, 2012 in Kenner, LA, were approved as printed in the last issue of the *Southeast Rag*.

Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported that the directory had been sent out in May, listing 136 memberships; 2 new memberships were received after that time. Julie asked that members check their listing in the directory for accuracy and advise her of any corrections.

Membership Well-Being: Julie Morlock reported that Ceola Bristow was recovering from surgery for a double bypass, aortic valve replacement, and pacemaker. She also asked for information on Murray Weinberg; Bob Smith had received an email stating that Murray's estate was being auctioned. Wayne Finger noted that it was Andy and Irene Kaufman's anniversary. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Warren Officer.

Awards: Vice-Chair Craig Darlak presented Howard Wyman with a certificate of appreciation for his work in the area of restoration and preservation of mechanical music machines, and dedicated the meeting in his honor.

Treasurer's Report: Clay Witt reported that as of May 15, 2012, we had a total of \$8,517.65 in checking and money market accounts combined; we were \$868.12 in the black for the year with no unpaid bills. He noted that, as our chapter was hosting the 2014 annual meeting and it would be some time before registration funds came in, the chapter had to front the preparation costs; so far this included a \$1000.00 deposit for the hotel and \$3,050.86 for table favor supplies. We will receive \$10,000.00 from National for the hotel contract (to be paid in two installments Oct. 2012 and Oct. 2103) but we need to build up reserves to cover upcoming expenses. Clay proposed accepting per-registration advances from chapter members for the 2014 annual meeting (\$200.00 per person to be credited towards registration fees); it was agreed that the advanced payment would be refundable if members' circumstances changed. Clay and Julie Morlock would be available during the mart to accept payments or members could send checks to either person later. Clay reminded members that anyone who wanted a full financial report could contact him and noted that his email address in the chapter directory was incorrect but would be correct in the new National directory.

Southeast Chapter Website: Clay Witt reported that there was information about the annual meeting in San Francisco on the website under the link to events, and asked members to send in pictures to post in the photo gallery. Wayne Finger thanked Clay for his work on the website, and urged members to send in photos.

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Up-Coming Meetings Report: Craig Darlak reviewed the schedule and open houses for the rest of this meeting; Wayne Finger urged members to attend all the open houses. Craig reported that our next meeting will be a joint meeting with Piedmont in Danville, VA, October 5-7, 2012, and that the spring 2013 meeting (tba) would include time to work on table favors for the annual meeting.

Registrars' Report: Kay Simmons and Paula Horton reported that there were 66 members registered for the meeting and 68 signed up for dinner. Wayne Finger thanked them for handling registration.

Editor's Report: Dixie Leis reported that August 13, 2012 would be the deadline for input to the *Southeast Rag*. She requested that members send her photos from the meeting, and be sure to include information about the people and instruments in the photos.

Nominations Committee Report: Marilou van Zanten reported that elections would be held at the meeting in Danville, VA in October, as that would be our chapter annual meeting.

Library Report: Moe Goldy reported that the library was available at the meeting. He has a list of borrowed items that have not been returned; the list will be printed in the next *Southeast Rag*. He mentioned a new book on disc boxes but no motion was made to purchase it.

2014 Annual Meeting Report: Bill Griffin reported that we will have a "test meeting" September 27-29, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Hotel in Weston, FL. The meeting will include a 2104 committee chairs meeting, a visit to the Jancko collection, a favor workshop, and Sunday open houses. He reviewed the tentative schedule for the annual meeting (October 7-12, 2014), as well as all the committees, and asked for volunteers to help with each committee. Favor workshops are planned for meetings in winter 2013, spring 2013, and fall 2013. Bill requested that any suggestions or input be sent to him or Carol Beck in writing, and Carol reminded the chapter that every member was needed to help with the annual meeting. Wayne Finger thanked Bill and Carol for their preparations for the annual meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Wayne Finger asked again about the traveling exhibit and Don Schank agreed to handle it.

Clay Witt will be our representative officer at the 2012 annual meeting in San Francisco.

Vernon Gantt gave more information about the meeting in Danville, VA in October. He reported that the Piedmont Chapter currently has 15 active members.

Wayne Myers reported that the changes to the policies and procedures made by the trustees were available at the MBSI website; they were in the process of updating the bylaws. He encouraged members to visit the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, AZ, where MBSI has an exhibit, and gave Joe Berman credit for arranging this. With President Annie Tyvand's support, Wayne has formed a Special Exhibits Committee to explore new avenues to give MBSI more exposure and gain new members. Planning is underway for exhibits at the Orlando Museum of Art; the Hickories Mansion in Elyria, OH; and the Biltmore Antler Village in NC; smaller venues, such as B & B's, are encouraged. Chapters hosting exhibits should begin planning a year in advance, and should contact Wayne for posters, membership vouchers, and other materials. The committee currently has no budget, but they recently received a \$1,000.00 donation from Dan Peterson of the South California Chapter. Donations are welcome.

Wayne Finger reviewed the etiquette policy for visiting other members' collections; he reminded members to thank all the open house hosts and let them know how much we appreciate their efforts.

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

Photos from the Tampa Meeting



From left, registrars Kay Simmons and Paula Horton make sure everyone has name tags and maps for the day's events. Photo by Martin van Zanten

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More Photos from Tampa



At his Friday night open house Craig Darlak explains his collection to very interested members. Photo by Martin van Zanten



Saturday's business meeting was well attended. In the front, Recording Secretary Julie Morlock busily takes notes. Photo by Martin van Zanten



Tommy Sciortino and Lynne Beckett have an extremely eclectic collection at their warehouse. Their new Bursens is in the rear. Photo by Don Walsh

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The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it.

- P.J. O'Rourke

More Tampa Photographs



On Saturday afternoon Mark Yaffe held an impromptu open house. Above, Dee and Bill Kavouras examine some of the music boxes. Photo by Don Walsh



On Saturday evening attendees queued up for barbecue at the Sciortino/Beckett pavilion. In front, Bill Kavouras sits across from Johnnie Walsh. Photo taken by Don Walsh.



Howard Wyman, shown here with a lapful of dog, hosted a Sunday open house. At the business meeting he also was honored with a certificate of appreciation for his work in the Restoration and Preservation of Mechanical Music." Photo by Martin van Zanten

Please Help Us Find These Chapter Library Books

by Moe Goldy, librarian

The following is a list of materials that seem to be missing from the chapter library, the month and year they were signed out, and the person who was last to sign them out. We hope the failure to return them was just forgetfulness. Please check your home libraries to see if you have these materials and let Moe Goldy, our chapter librarian, know. Also, if you already returned the item, contact Moe. His phone number is (772) 340-0652. Materials should be returned to Moe Goldy at 701 SE Forgal Street, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983. Thank you.

(Some were recently borrowed)

- 6/99 *Stella Music Box Repair Manual* - Douglas/Shelagh Berryman
- 3/01 *Music Boxes From Vienna and Prague* - Carol Beck
- 3/01 *Automatic Mechanical Music - Video* - Bob Burns
- 5/02 *Encyclopedia of Automatic Musical Instrument* - Tom Toney (Piedmont?)
- 4/03 *The Wonderful World of Mechanical Music* - David Oppenheim
- 4/03 *The Golden Age of Automatic Musical Instruments* - Charles Krueger
- *French Clocks* - ?
- 1/04 *Mechanical Music - Video* - W. Lipiner
- 1/05 *Ukai Museum* - Marilyn Udell
- 4/09 *Mechanical Music - Video* - V. Gantt
Automata by Bailly ?
- 1/11 *Music Boxes by Bahl* - A. Kauffman
- 1/11 *Automata - The Golden Years* - A. Kauffman
- 1/11 *Oratorio-26 Musical Box Religious Exerpts* - Audio - Joe Berman
- 6/12 *Punch a Hole-Play a Roll* - DVD - D. Oppenheim
Mechanical Music - A Musical Journey ?
- 10/12 *Kammspielwerk* - CD - Bob Smith
- 6/12 *Wurdeman Family History* - CD - D. Oppenheim

Save the Date!

9/27/2013 - 9/29/2013

Southeast Chapter's Trial Meeting

for the Southeast Chapter-sponsored MBSI
2014 Annual Meeting.

Hyatt Regency Bonaventure

Weston, FL

Your help and support is needed!



Get Well Wishes

Please join us in wishing Linda Endlein continued successful recovery from her sixth brain surgery in mid-July. Cards, notes, and eMails would be much appreciated.

Welcome, New Members



Please add the following new members to your 2012 membership list.

Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler
2848 Manor Downs
The Villages, FL 32162
Phone: (352) 259-1388
eMail: jack_hostetler@yahoo.com



Please change the address for the following:

Mark A Butler
P.O. Box 1285
209 South Broadway Ave.
Sylacauga, AL 35150

Larry and Pat Jacobs
3872 Brentview Place NW
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Gene and Maureen Saboda
4251 Woodbrier Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33905
Phone: (239) 204-9279
eMail: 4251Saboda@comcast.net

Ray & Trudy Zapata
1550 El Camino Real #533
The Villages, FL 32159
Phone: (954) 461-8105

Please change the eMail address for the following:
Clay Witt - clay@floridaclay.net

Please note this name change in your directory:
Fran Weiser reverted to her maiden name after the death of her husband Bernie. She is now Fran Factor.

In Memoriam

We learned via the latest *Mechanical Music* that long time member Jim Rankin had died "after a long illness." The chapter sends condolences to his wife Barbara.

In Memoriam

information provided by Julie Morlock

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of member David Pagitt from Tampa, FL in early summer. Sympathy cards may be sent to his mother Lee Pagitt at the address listed for David in the chapter directory. She is 93 and was with him at the meeting in Tampa.

In Memoriam

Information provided by Bob Smith

Murray Weinberg (Age 86) of Tamarac, FL and formerly of Falls Church, VA, passed away on April 28, 2012. A native of New York, he served in the Army in Europe and thrived as a home builder and developer in northern Virginia for 35 years. He was past president of Beth-El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria and was an active member of the Northern VA Builders Association. In 1996 he retired to "The Woodlands" golf community in Tamarac where he enjoyed golf, exercise, and camaraderie. He was an avid collector and restorer of antique music boxes and was a member of MBSI and the Southeast Chapter. Murray was kind, generous, full of wisdom, loved life, and left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He was married to Muriel and previously to Ann for 58 years. He had two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

*A preacher said to a farmer, Do you belong to the Christian family?"
No,"he said, they live two farms down."
No, I mean are you lost?"
No, I've been here thirty years."
I mean, are you ready for Judgment Day?"
When is it?"
Could be today or tomorrow."
Well, when you find out for sure when it is, you let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days!"*

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.