



The Southeast Rag



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The Southeast MBSI Newsletter

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Incoming Chair's Message:

(by Mary Ellen Myers)

Well, it's difficult to believe that these past two years have almost gone! Although being Vice Chair had been a challenging learning experience, it has been a great way for really getting to know all of you better and learning more about MBSI. Thank you Officers Craig, Julie, and Clay and ... everyone else for your mentoring! I look forward to continuing on this path of music and friendships!

A bit about me: As a product of 12 years of piano lessons, I love music, all of it, from Wolfgang A. Mozart to Bob Dylan and beyond. (well, maybe not so much the rap scene!) And I love to be with people who love music. I find it such a pleasure to share this endearment with others, hence my interest and involvement in special exhibit/educational projects. I remember a time when I was "wowed" upon listening to these wonderful automatic instruments in my uncle's garage workshop. That "wow" reawakens upon seeing another experiencing mechanical music in action, whether that "other" be a child awed by this magical experience for the first time, a teenager realizing the scientific complexity of pleasing music making by original "live" musical home entertainment machines, or an older person being taken back to memories of "Grandma's special music making treasures". This fascinating Music Form is truly meant to be shared.

Upcoming Chapter Events!

Dec 19 -21 Holiday Exhibit @ The Villages

Contact: Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler

More info on page 2.

Feb 27-Mar 1 COAA Mid Winter Meeting

High Springs, FL, The Carousel Organ Assoc. of America invites MBSI members to join them for a great weekend. More info on page 7.

Jan-Feb-Mar Monkey Organ "Cruise In"

Contact: Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler

Spanish Springs, The Villages, Jan. thru March 2015 on the 3rd Saturday of ea. mo. (3:00 - 8:00 PM). One or two MBSI volunteers with their crank organs, etc, would bring us a lot of visibility! A surprise for the public who came to see only antique cars! More on page 3.

March 26-27-28-29 Winter/Spring 2015

Chapter Meeting: New Orleans (Metarie, LA)

Joint Meeting with Sunbelt Chapter

Local Contacts: Louis & Ann Boyd

Arrive Thursday! On Friday, we visit two large collections (Don & Mary Rose Elbers & Randy Hayno). Saturday has the business meeting, mart and a reception/tour at Rau's Antiques. On Sunday - open houses by collectors. A musical extravaganza! Details to follow soon.

Spring/Summer 2015 Chapter Meeting

Dates & Location to be determined.

September Fall 2015 Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

Piedmont Chapter Hosts Southeast Chapter

Local Contact: Dan Wilson/ Vernon Gantt

I look forward to the tuneful times ahead. Two of these events will take us on the road out of Florida: to New Orleans with Sunbelt in March, and to Williamsburg, VA with Piedmont in September. Don Schank, our Vice Chair elect, will have the pleasure of planning the third event! Don, I look forward to working with you.

I sincerely thank all of you for your confidence in me. I admire and respect those who have held this position before and I value any of their guidance and words of wisdom. Meanwhile, keep making music!



Chapter Dues are ...Due! (by Julie Morlock)

You will soon receive your 2015 Southeast Chapter dues notices. A large part of our dues covers the cost of copying and mailing the Southeast Rag. We have a large membership and these costs have increased over the years. At the chapter meeting held October 7, 2014, a motion was approved to change the dues as follows (see the meeting minutes in this issue of the Southeast Rag):

If you wish to receive your copy of the Southeast Rag by email, dues will remain \$5.00 per year. If you wish to receive your copy of the Southeast Rag by mail, dues will increase to \$10.00 per year.

When you fill out your dues notice, indicate the option you wish to choose, and be sure to update your email address.

MBSI Christmas/Holiday Exhibit at The Villages (by Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler)

We need YOU!! ... and your music! Last December we held a wonderfully successful Christmas exhibit in The Villages, at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center (See MBSI Journal, March/April 2014). The turnout of presenters and visitors was beyond expectation. Many attendee families brought 3 generations to the show! **By popular demand, we've been invited back to do a Second Annual Mechanical Music Christmas/Holiday Expo with assistance of the Villages Musical Boxers Club at the beautiful Eisenhower Recreation Center already decked with seasonal finery! An offer we can't turn down!**

Our exhibit will run Dec. 19th through the 21st. Hours are 10:00 to 4:00 Friday & Saturday and 10:00 to 3:00 Sunday. Early set up after 5PM on Thursday the 19th or 8:00 to 10:00 Fri, Sat, Sun. The Villages Musical Boxers Club will assist where needed. Placement will be assigned.

Presenters last December had lots of fun and found The Villages to be an amazing hometown to visit during the Holidays. Whole streets and Villages are decked out in Christmas/Holiday displays – several blocks have all houses connected wirelessly with lights that “dance “ to music under computer control. Some houses have Holiday movies projecting on a screen covering their Garage Door. All recreation centers and the three downtown areas have giant Christmas trees full of lights, as well as Menorah displays.

There are affordable hotels in and around The Villages for an overnight stay, and the Musical Boxers club members will be your guides and make sure we have directions to the big Holiday Light displays. Eisenhower Center is close to the Brownwood downtown, where there are restaurants and music and dancing every night of the year. **Please let us know by December 7 if you are able to join the fun and enjoy The Villages Holiday Season, the happiest time of the year with the happiest music on earth! We**

really need YOU! For sign up and more information contact Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler at 352-259-1388 or johnhostetler90@gmail.com



“Monkey Business at The Villages” (by Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler)

A Call for Organ Grinders! In addition to this Christmas/Holiday exhibit, Organ Grinders are invited to perform and answer peoples’ questions about the history of the Street Organ and street performers, at the Villages Antique Car “Cruise-ins”, at Spanish Springs. The Cruise-in runs from 3 pm to 8 pm, on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We’re looking for some MBSI Organ Grinders willing to do this presentation for a day (4-5 hrs.) in January or February or Mar. of 2015. Musical Boxers members will assist the presenters. We would be set up near the cars displayed around the square. For more information and sign-up contact Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler at 352-259-1388, or johnhostetler90@gmail.com.

We Need Your Help! (by Carol Beck)

The 2014 Annual MBSI meeting has come and gone, but we still have an inventory of our Tervis tumblers. These need to be stored, advertised, sold, boxed, and shipped as orders are received. We had a wonderful turn-out of members from our chapter, and many of you helped tremendously. We are now looking for one more person who is willing to assist with the final sale of these Tervis Tumblers. It will require a space of approximately 48” long x 36” wide x 36-40” high to store them. We will assist with the ad to be run in both the Mechanical Music Bulletin and in the Rag. We have determined that a Priority Regional Rate Mail box 10” x 7” x 4 ¾”, Box A1, which is free from the post office, with Styrofoam peanut packing would cost \$9.97 (\$10.00 in ad) shipping Priority Flat Rate for either 1 or 2 cup sets. It would also help if the person volunteering would be willing to take a small number of these cups to each chapter meeting for sale there. PLEASE HELP US IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT JOB WHICH IS NEEDED TO FREE UP THE CHAPTER’S INVESTMENT IN THESE ITEMS FOR OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES. Contact Carol Beck to volunteer!

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or by PayPal to treasurer@mbsise.org.***

***REMIT: Send payment to Clay Witt,
820 El Rio Way, Unit 303, Merritt Island, FL 32953***



Special Thanks to Dixie: (by Crag Darlak) On behalf of the South East chapter, I would like to acknowledge all the time talent and writing skills Dixie Leis has provided the past several years as the editor of the Southeast rag. Her creative writing skills and sense of humor provided members with hours of reading enjoyment. Words cannot express our chapter s gratitude for her attention to detail and dedication to our chapter.



2014 TABLE DECORATIONS (by Marilou van Zanten)

A special thank you to Norman Dolder and David Junka for the lovely "Taste of Florida" Banquet centerpieces. My appreciation also to all members who helped with the various table "set ups" and kudos go out to Mary Ellen Myers for her beautiful shell ornaments each Banquet guest received.



Be sure to Welcome New Members of Our Chapter: (by Julie Morlock)

Since the last newsletter, our group of mechanical music enthusiasts has grown. Please welcome our new members with a phone call or a note. If you live nearby, invite them to dinner and listen to some music!

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Editor's Comments: (by Wayne Finger)

Thank you for letting me serve as your newsletter editor. During these next two years I hope to make sure "The Rag" is issued in a timely manner three times per year, the information is timely and most important – that the type is big enough to read! I hope you will renew your membership at the \$5 amount and receive this newsletter by email. As an email recipient, you will receive it the day it is issued, in color and with active hotlinks. Those who choose the printed version will receive the black and white paper copy on the US Postal Service first class mail schedule, several days later.

Special Exhibits Committee Report (by Wayne Myers)

Special Exhibits participated in a "Maker Fair" workshop at the Orlando Science Center on September 13th &14th. Maker Faire is a do-it-yourself science, art, crafts, technology, music & hands on event held locally around the country and globe. You can access the event at (www.makerfaireorlando.com & click on "Music Box"). Also, you can view upcoming events/locations on their web site

(<http://makerfaire.com/map/>). Our particular workshop provided the opportunity for guests to make their own music boxes from pre arranged kits that we provided at cost. I would like to thank all SE Chapter members who helped; including Jack & Mary Ann Hostetler, Clay Witt, Don Schank, Martin & Marilou VanZanten & Mary Ellen Myers. I will be submitting an article for the next Journal encouraging other chapters to reach out for such community events (there were 200 exhibitors & about 3,700 attendees of all ages) to further MBSI exposure & potential membership.





Meeting Notes: (by secretary, Julie Morlock)

The fall meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held October 7, 2014 in Weston, FL. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Craig Darlak. He welcomed everyone and stated that he was looking forward to a great annual meeting. Julie Morlock introduced new member Cathy Parham from St. Augustine, FL.

Membership: Julie Morlock reported that there were currently 129 chapter members, including new members Edward and Kristen Taylor from Melbourne, FL. She reported that Walter Lippiner had resigned due to health and travel issues; Craig Darlak mentioned that Walter had been unable to attend the summer trip to Europe, so Craig sent him CDs of his and Howard Wyman's trip. A motion was made and approved to send a \$75.00 donation to the Endowment Fund at national in honor of chapter member James Grigsby, who passed away June 3, 2014. Julie also noted that Craig Darlak's mother had passed away the previous week.

The minutes of the previous meeting held May 3, 2014 in The Villages, FL were approved as printed in the last issue of the Southeast Rag.

Treasurer: Clay Witt reported that we were \$626.69 in the red due to expenses from this year's chapter meetings, but felt that should balance out by the end of the year. A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Future Meetings: Vice Chair Mary Ellen Myers reported on the following upcoming events/meetings:

- Christmas Exhibit at The Villages, December 19-21, 2014; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday & Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday. The Villages wants to make this an annual event. She asked for volunteers to bring musical items to display for one or more of the days.
- Cruise-in Classic Car Event at The Villages (3rd Saturday of the month, January through March 2015); they would like volunteers to bring crank organs. Let her know if you are interested.
- Winter/Spring Meeting 2015 – this will be a joint meeting with the Sunbelt Chapter in the New Orleans area, possibly coordinated with the trustees meeting in March (date to be determined).
- Organ Rally in The Villages in May, 2015; there was discussion about making this a chapter meeting and visiting Bill Endlein's collection. Mary Ellen will look into this.
- Fall 2015 – a joint meeting with the Piedmont Chapter in Williamsburg, VA (end of September or beginning of October), including a visit to the mechanical music museum.

Mary Ellen also reported that The Villages Music Boxers Club was growing and that we have gotten several new MBSI members from the group.

Registrars: Chair Craig Darlak reported that our registrars Kay Simmons and Paula Horton were resigning their position, and that we needed a volunteer(s) to take over; contact him, or Kay and Paula, if interested.

Newsletter: Craig reported that Dixie Leis was stepping down as editor of the Southeast Rag and that Wayne Finger would be the new editor. Wayne Finger asked that everyone get their information for the Rag to him or Mary Ellen in a timely manner; he made a motion to change the chapter dues structure to \$5.00 per year if members receive the newsletter by email and \$10.00 per year if they receive the newsletter by regular mail. The motion was approved.

Nominations Committee: Wayne Finger, Howard Wyman and Cotton Morlock presented the nominations for officers for the 2015-2016 term: Mary Ellen Myers for Chair, Don Schank for Vice Chair, Julie Morlock for Secretary and Clay Witt for Treasurer. The nominations were voted on and approved by those present.

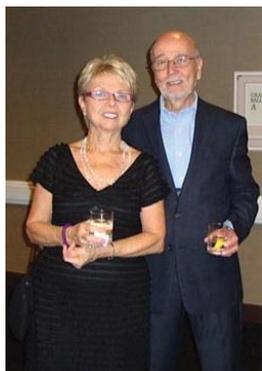
New Business:

- Beatrice Farmer announced that she was back in Florida and invited chapter members to visit.
- Wayne Myers reported that the trustees had proposed changes to the national bylaws; members will receive a letter explaining this and allowing them to vote on the changes.
- Craig Darlak said he had enjoyed being the chapter chair; Wayne Myers thanked Craig Darlak for his service to the chapter as Chair for the last two years. Marilou van Zanten thanked Kay Simmons and Paula Horton for their service as registrars.

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

Southeast Chapter Report (by Wayne Myers)

The business meeting notes are covered above. Below are photos and notes from the MBSI Annual meeting: (Chairman: Craig Darlak; Reporter: Wayne Myers for Howard Sanford ; Photographers: Mary Ellen Myers and Martin and Marilou VanZanten for Howard Sanford)



(Photos counterclockwise from left)

- Marilou & Martin VanZanten, our Favors Connoisseurs!
- Dale & Steven, our first rate audio aids & head organist.
- Wayne & Alice Finger with Louis & Ann Boyd at photo booth.
 - Cotton and Julie Morlock, hospitality and registration.
- Carol Beck relaxing, with Sally Craig, Marliou & Martin VanZanten, Wayne Myers & Judy Miller at the Organ rally.
 - Annual Meeting leads, Carol Beck & Bill Griffin.

The Southeast Chapter is proud & forever grateful for a wonderful convention from start to finish. Thank You Carol & Bill!



Tucked away in a cozy corner of “Cotton’s Club” in Weston, FL a very productive Southeast Chapter business meeting took place to the background rhythms and tunes of some wonderful mechanical musical instruments placed there on loan from several Southeast members for all attending our Annual Meeting to enjoy.

The November/December MBSI Journal was published before the National meeting; hence the coverage of that event will be in the following issue & so if you do not see yourself in this short report beware you may have been caught on film for the Journal.

2014 TABLE FAVORS FOR SALE !!!! (by Martin VanZanten)

Table favors will be available for purchase at Southeast Chapter functions. \$15.00 for members \$20.00 for non members. Favors being mailed will cost \$25.00 to cover shipping and handling. Proceeds go to the Southeast Chapter. For more information contact M. van Zanten - mvz65@hotmail.com.

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**2015 Mid-Winter Meeting
Announcement**

Where: High Springs/Gainesville, Florida

When: February 27, 28 & March 1

Lodging: Best Western Gateway Grand
4200 NW 97th Blvd
Gainesville, FL 32606

(\$115.00/nite (normally \$135.00—a luxury motel with all the amenities)

Highlights: * Friday evening presentation(s) in the hospitality room by COAA educational leaders.

* Saturday morning tour of the University of Florida's Century Tower, the home of the Century Tower Carillon (61 bells - one of the largest in the country).

* Collection tour of Bill & Linda Endlein (Many small and large organs as well as orchestrions; Bill apprenticed with Walt Bellm for 40 years).

* Saturday evening's dinner at The Great Outdoors Restaurant (one that has been endorsed by many in the area) with surprise entertainment.

* Sunday morning: COAA board meeting



MBSI members please contact Ron Bopp for COAA meeting registration info: bopp@peoplepc.com



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