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Chairman's Message

by Craig Darlak, Chairman



Its that time of the year again for a message from me, and all I have to say is thank you to all of our members for keeping our chapter in great order. With the Annual Meeting fast approaching, I know that our chapter will be doing a great job of showing southern hospitality at its best. I hope that all members will be able to attend and be able to assist where needed.

I would also like to thank my fellow officers for doing a superb job, thus making my job easier. The open houses and meetings in the past year have been enjoyed by all those who have attended. We are financially strong, and our membership is maintaining its current level.

I will not be able to attend our next meeting in the Villages, as I have a prior commitment. I know that Vice Chairman Mary Ellen Myers will do a fine job in my absence.

I would also like to thank those members who have invited members of other groups, i.e. AMICA, COAA, NWACC, etc., to join our meetings. I think this is a great way to increase our membership. Our members are what makes our chapter, in my opinion, to be the best chapter of MBSI.

Keep the music playing.

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"



Calendar of Events

Spring 2014 Meeting
May 2-4, 2014

The Villages, FL
Includes Band Organ Rally
Hosts: Hostettler,

MBSI 65th Annual Meeting
October 7-12, 2014

Weston, FL
Hosts: Beck and Griffin

Winter/Spring 2015 Meeting

Joint with Sunbelt Chapter
Host: Dr. Ray Dickey

Fall 2015

Joint with Piedmont Chapter
Williamsburg, VA
Hosts: Dan Wilson and Vernon Gantt



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Minutes of Titusville, FL

Joint Meeting

January 24-26, 2014

by Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary



The winter meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held January 25, 2014 in Titusville, FL.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Craig Darlak. He welcomed new member Nola Edwards and guests Dan Amstutz, George Haydt, Allan Sanford, Daniel and Jolynn Linder, Cherry Turco, Karen Carter, Rich Zapata, and Cary Victor.

Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported that there are currently 135 members, including three new memberships since the last meeting and one member who rejoined. Mary Ellen Myers reported that she had talked with Dee Kavouras, who was pleased with Bill's recovery following a stroke. Julie let everyone know that she had a card for Bill that members could sign later. Craig Darlak noted that Dee would not be able to continue as the membership representative for National, and asked for a volunteer to take over the position.

The minutes of the previous meeting held September 28, 2013 in Weston, FL, were approved as printed in the last issue of the *Southeast Rag*.

Treasurer's Report: Clay Witt reported that the chapter currently had \$12,778.52 in combined assets (checking plus table favors and Tervis tumbler fund raiser counted as assets). There was a net gain of \$438.37 for 2013. We also have \$11,291.25 on hand for the 2014 Annual Meeting; expenses to date total \$1,808.75.

Upcoming Meetings: Vice-Chair Mary Ellen Myers reported on the following meetings:

- ◆ February 13-15, 2014 - National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors meeting in Daytona; Wayne and Alice Finger will be manning a complimentary table to promote MBSI. We will reciprocate at the Annual Meeting and let the NAWCC have a table during the Mart.
- ◆ February 28 - March 2, 2014 - COAA Meeting and Organ Rally at McKee Botanical Gardens, Vero Beach, FL; hosts are Bill Hall and Ron Bopp. Try to let Bill know if you plan to attend.
- ◆ May 2-4, 2014 - Southeast Chapter Spring Meeting and Organ Rally at The Villages; hosts are Jack Hostetler and Mary Ellen Myers.

- ◆ October 7-12, 2014 – Annual Meeting, hosted by the Southeast Chapter in Weston, FL.
- ◆ Winter or Spring, 2015 – Joint meeting with the Sunbelt Chapter in New Orleans; host is Dr. Ray Dickey.
- ◆ Fall 2015 – Joint meeting with the Piedmont Chapter in Williamsburg, VA; hosts are Vernon Gantt and Dan Wilson.

Mary Ellen reviewed the schedule for the May meeting, the hotel (Hampton Inn) and optional tourist stops on the way home, and asked members to bring something for show and tell. She also talked about the great exhibit at The Villages in December, and how much exposure we generated for MBSI. She thanked everyone who participated, and Craig Darlak gave out certificates of appreciation to Ray and Trudy Zapata, Rich Zapata, Clay Witt, Craig Darlak, Howard Wyman, Wayne Finger, Warren Officer, Lindsey Walker, Wayne Edmonston, Moe and Elayne Goldy, Cotton and Julie Morlock, Bill Endlein, and Wayne Myers. He then presented the Dr. Joe Bailey Award to Jack and Mary Ann Hostetler and to Mary Ellen Myers for their service to the chapter in setting up the exhibit. Cotton Morlock urged the chapter to consider doing this exhibit again next year because it was so successful.

Craig thanked Clay Witt for his open house on Friday night, and thanked Wayne and Alice Finger, Elliot and Rhonda Schuman, and Robert Loeffler in advance for their open houses. Wayne Finger gave an overview of the schedule for the rest of the day and for Sunday, and Robert Loeffler discussed his open house.

Librarian: Moe Goldy reported that the library was available if anyone wanted to look through it during the Mart.

2014 Annual Meeting:

Carol Beck reported the need for chapter members to volunteer for open houses, special exhibit, bus captains, workshops, AV assistants, door prizes, and to help with all the other committees. She passed around a sign-up sheet.

Bill Griffin reported that we have a new contact at the hotel, Krysten Hardifer. He also asked for chapter members who have a power point projector or screen to loan it to the chapter for use at the annual meeting. There was discussion as to the possibility of purchasing the number of projectors needed and then selling them later.

Carol reminded members that we would be

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wrapping door prizes later that afternoon, and that we were selling Tervis tumblers as a chapter fund raiser.

Cotton Morlock asked for volunteers to help with hospitality.

Carol reported that we will reciprocate with NAWCC and let them have a table during the Mart. There will also be a special items table during the Mart; MBSI members may place one or two items on the table (fee of \$5.00 per item) and Southeast Chapter members will handle the sales.

Wayne Finger reported that the Annual Meeting website had descriptions of the workshops, and you can make hotel reservations through the website. Registration will be available in a month or two on the website, and there were links to the video, to the MBSI website and to the Southeast Chapter website.

Craig Darlak reported that the hotel has a great security staff and they are working with him on all issues.

Moe Goldy noted that we need chapter members to bring machines to be displayed in the Special Exhibit.

Bill Griffin reported that we finally have a contract with Dolphin Transportation for the tours.

Howard Sanford reported that we have 11 speakers lined up for the workshops and are looking for one more.

Bill Griffin gave an overview of the hotel layout and the meeting schedule.

David Beck asked about publicity for the Special Exhibit public days; Wayne Finger reported that flyers will be sent to antique malls in the area and Peter Klein will contact several local publications.

Bill Griffin asked for more volunteers to hold open houses on Sunday, after the meeting, and again asked for volunteers to help out with all the committees.

Unfinished Business:

Wayne Finger reminded everyone that those attending Robert Loeffler's open house on Sunday in Deland should arrive before 2:00 p.m.. Cotton Morlock noted that Deland has a nice downtown area to visit. Kay Simmons had directions to Robert's home and workshop.

New Business:

Moe Goldy reported that he had information about an organ tour through Germany in June.

Carol Beck reminded members to bring their door prize donations to the wrapping session later that afternoon; she reported that she was looking into offering a short cruise following the annual meeting.

Craig asked again for a volunteer to be the membership representative and Margery Sanford volunteered. Craig reminded everyone to have a fun weekend and thanked Louis and Ann Boyd for bringing king cakes for everyone to enjoy.

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

MBSI Annual Meeting Update

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

By Carol Beck, Annual Meeting Co-chairman

We are now six months away from the 2014 Annual Meeting hosted by our chapter. All plans are going along smoothly, including hotel arrangements, meal planning, budgeting, registration information, tours and open houses, speakers, hospitality, and banquet and banquet entertainment.

Some additional information important to our members:

Annual Meeting Website: For those who have not visited our Annual Meeting website, www.mbsi2014.org, please do. We are adding more information. For instance, if you want to register at the hotel, you can do it with the passkey on the website. Log into the website, click Host Hotel, scroll down to and click Make your Hotel Reservation Now. Then click Choose a Guest Type, then Attendee. Fill in the information under Search for Hotel Rooms and you will see the room selections with our guaranteed price.

Publicity: Wayne and Alice Finger recently attended a Regional NAWCC meeting with the intent of promoting our chapter and our upcoming 2014 meeting. They felt they had a wonderful interest and response and had encouraged a number of NAWCC members to attend our meeting. We thank them for their enthusiasm and promotional efforts.

Workshops and Speakers: We have completed the selection of speakers for the workshop day. We have a great variety of speakers and subjects. On our website, look at these under Workshops. They are all there.

Volunteers: Many of you have added your names to our list of volunteers needed. However, we are still in need of additional volunteers, mostly to

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assist with the audio visual at the workshops, to help manage and introduce speakers at the workshops, to staff the Special Items tables at the mart, and to help host at the Special Exhibit. Please contact either Carol or Bill Griffin and tell us what you can do to help.

See you at The Villages in May.

Photos from the Meeting

Howard Sanford, photographer



Clay Witt held a Friday open house at which he demonstrated his collection of clocks, phonographs, and music boxes.



Mary-Ann and Jack Hostetler were honored with the Dr. Joe Bailey award for organizing the December music and trains exhibit in The Villages.



Mary Ellen Myers, who assisted the Hostetlers with The Villages event, also was awarded the Dr. Joe Bailey award.



Alice and Wayne Fingert demonstrated their Seeburg KT and other instruments during their Saturday open house.

MBSI in The Villages



by Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler

About a year ago Wayne and Mary Ellen Myers asked me and Mary-Ann if we might be able to help facilitate an exhibition in The Villages, a retirement community of over 100,000 residents just north of Leesburg. With the team of Ray and Trudy Zapata, also residents and MBSI members living in the Villages, and Mary Ellen and Wayne, we set up and conducted a successful indoor exhibit in December. We also have planned an outdoor Organ Rally for May 3, 2014, and are working on an educational project with children visiting grandparents in The Villages this coming summer.

The reception and attendance of our Christmas Exhibit was exceptional, and many Village residents asked me if we have a Village Club for residents who have an interest in Musical Boxes. I told everyone we were working on that. (There are currently over 2000 clubs active in The Villages.)

We have just received permission from the Villages Recreation Department to form a club, to be named the "Musical Boxers." We have been assigned a recreation center room, and a day of the month and time of the day for meetings. We will be meeting in the Pimlico Recreation Center, the third Wednesday of every other month starting this March, from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. In between those months, we might have dinner meetings at a restaurant in or near the Villages. Those dinner meetings would be open to residents and non-residents alike.

The success of the club will depend greatly on the support we hope to have from the Southeast Chapter. The objective of the club will be to introduce residents to the magic of mechanical music devices. Our meetings will need presenters to come and present a "Show and Tell" musical instrument, or discuss the history of machines, the music they play, or the evolution of mechanical music devices. We will strongly encourage "Musical Boxers" members to become MBSI members in order to enjoy the many benefits of MBSI membership. We hope to also plan road trips for members to visit public and private collections.

You will be hearing more about this very soon, and we hope to put together a splendid program for our first meeting in March. With a great opening presentation and some good publicity from our planned events, we think this club will have a good chance to be successful.

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.

Chapter Website Corner

Clay Witt, Chapter Webmaster

Here's a reminder that our MBSI Southeast Chapter has its own website with information of interest to all chapter members. You can find us at www.mbsise.org. We provide information about upcoming events, information about past events complete with photos, a general chapter photo gallery with pictures provided by chapter members, copies of past issues of the *Southeast Rag*, and links to other mechanical music-related websites we think you might find interesting. If you know of someone who might be interested in learning more about MBSI and our chapter, send them to the website. There they can learn a bit of background about MBSI and our chapter and there is a link where they can find information about joining MBSI and the chapter.

What's New? If you haven't visited the website recently, you will find a few new things. These include, in the "Past Events" section, photos taken by chapter members at the last national Annual Meeting in Chicago last September and an exhibit the chapter put on at The Villages, Florida, in December, a great success attended by several hundred people.

Keep in the loop. Visit our website regularly!

North Miami Gem

Information submitted by Margie Sanford

The next time you're in the South Florida area, preferably for the MBSI Annual Meeting in October, stop in to see The Dezer Collection at Miami Auto Museum in North Miami, according to the *Miami Herald*. Here, in a 250,000 square foot space, are over 1,000 American classics, military and electric cars, bicycles, and much more. Included are the largest Vespa scooter collections in the world; KITT, the Knight Rider car; a Duesenberg Model X from 1927 with a rear windshield, one of five known to exist; the Mitsubishi Eclipse from "The Fast and Furious" which was the first car the late Paul Walker drove in the movie series; the 60's Batboat and the Batmobile signed by builder George Ferris, and the largest collection (59 vehicles) of everything James Bond, including the Aston Martin he drove in "Goldfinger." Sounds like a fun side trip.

[Editor's Note: On February 25, 2014 the entire James Bond collection went on the market for \$33.25M.]

I joined a health club last year. Spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Dr. William Murphy, Inventor, Long-Time MBSI Member

Information Submitted by Margie Sanford

Our long-time members may remember once visiting Dr. Murphy's tropical paradise home in Coral Gables, having lunch, and listening to his Dutch Street Organ de Waterpoorter. Dr. Murphy, 90, founder of Cordis Corporation and several other companies, currently is chairman of Bioheart Corporation, a stem cell regeneration therapy company. Recently he was written up in the *Miami Herald* to credit Dr. Murphy's accomplishments.

His insatiable curiosity led him to many inventions, including: the residential snowblower as a teenager, co-invention of the overhead projector, inventions that advanced dialysis techniques, the implantable pacemaker, among other things. He is owner of 17 patents. He transitioned from making things into the world of medicine because "the human body is a living, breathing feat of engineering."

His advice to everyone is to "do something you love, learn everything you can, and take personal responsibility for what you do." He said he always conceived a need and then satisfied it. And if he didn't know something he would find out by looking it up or asking someone. He said a lot of people are willing to share their smarts.

Seems like that applies to the world of mechanical music as well.



"OK, fine! If that's the way you wanna play, I'll make obnoxious gurgling sounds the next time you're putting for birdie!"

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.



Membership Changes



Please make the following changes to your 2013 membership list:

New Member:

Nola Edwards
(contact information omitted for privacy)



Rejoined:

Ralph Clayton
(contact information omitted for privacy)

New Address:

(information omitted for privacy)

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