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2015-2016 Chapter Officers: Committee Leaders:
Chair: Mary Ellen Myers Librarian: Moe Goldy
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Secretary: Julie Morlock Newsletter: Wayne Finger
Treasurer: Clay Witt Reporter: Howard Sanford
Chair Emeritus: Craig Darlak Webmaster: Clay Witt



Chairpersons' Message:

(by Mary Ellen Myers)

As the Holiday Season quickly approaches, it signals yet another year is drawing to a close. And what a year it was ... beginning in New Orleans and ending in historic Williamsburg. We even managed a meeting in Florida!

I would be remiss if I did not profusely thank Penny and Vernon Gantt for their extensive planning to make Williamsburg "happen"! ... and "happen" to perfection! The event will long be a very pleasant memory. A bit of sadness overshadowed the weekend upon learning of the recent death of Dan Wilson's Father. Our condolences go out to him and his family.



At this time I am pleased to announce that Southeast Chapter has a vice chair person! She is Glenda Hatcher, from Athens, Alabama, a most lovely person who will introduce herself in a following article. Glenda, I look forward to working with you and sharing some fresh ideas and new territories! As a result of the 10 month vacancy of this position, an advisory committee consisting of three past Chairpersons will assist Glenda, and future vice chairs in chapter meeting planning. A great concept long overdue!

An event conflict between this Williamsburg meeting and National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors was noted. To prevent this in the future, liaison positions were assigned to MBSI members holding dual memberships in like organizations to facilitate smoother communications to avoid this situation in the future.

To date, our membership is holding steady, but we need to keep promoting this uniquely wonderful society. Get involved with outreach activities! One of these is just around the corner - the Annual Music Box Christmas/Holiday show at the Villages on December 18th (for setup), 19th and 20th. Sign-up is easy, "Just call Jack" ... Hostetler! The February 26 - 28, 2016 joint meeting with the Carousal Organ Association will be held in Kissimmee and St. Cloud, Florida. The weekend will include an organ rally at a popular central Florida tourist attraction and a Cruise-In at "Old Town" and "Fun Spot America". Lots more is in the making so save the dates. I will close by wishing everyone a

Upcoming Chapter Events!

Dec 19-20, 2015 3rd Annual Holiday Show

The Villages, FL
Organizer: Jack Hostetler

Feb 26-28, 2016 COAA-MBSI Joint Meeting

Location: Kissimmee/St. Cloud, FL
Organizer: Bill Hall
The Carousel Organ Assoc. of America invites MBSI members for a great weekend.

Spring 2016 Chapter Meeting

Planning underway Now!
Dates: To be announced

Fall 2016 Chapter Meeting

Planning underway Now!
Dates: To be announced

Don't miss this opportunity to help organize a chapter meeting in your area. We all love to visit new places and to see, hear (and show off) our collections, small and large.

very Happy Holiday Season with many blessings in the year to come. Working with all of you has been a blessing to me and taught me that there are still such good people in this world!

Vice-Chairpersons' Message: (by Glenda Hatcher)

Just a few words to introduce myself. My name is Glenda Hatcher, from Athens, Al. I am a Graduate Gemologist by trade and love everything mechanical, from watches to music boxes. I always wanted a music box for Christmas when I was a little girl, I was obsessed. Then finally one Christmas Santa brought me a Swiss Chalet, and "So The Story Begins".

Notes from our recent Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

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



The joint winter meeting of the Southeast, Piedmont and National Capital Chapters was held October 24, 2015 in Williamsburg, VA. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Southeast Chair Mary Ellen Myers. She welcomed everyone, and recognized members in attendance from each chapter, as well as first time attendees/new Southeast members Edwin and Barbara Fasanella. Mary Ellen thanked Vernon and Penny Gantt for hosting the meeting. Vernon noted the change in time for the dinner to 5:30 pm and gave directions;

told of an article in the Smithsonian about Jamestown; discussed the instruments to be seen at his and Dan Wilson's open houses following the meeting and gave directions; and described our visit to Parker's Museum and gave directions. Dan Wilson corrected the house number on the directions to his open house. Mary Ellen Myers recognized Carol Beck and Bill Griffin for receiving the President's Award at the MBSI Annual Meeting in Los Angeles for their organization of the 2014 annual meeting.

Membership Well Being: Mary Ellen reported that Southeast member Lois Rose had been ill and that a get well card was being passed around for everyone to sign. It was also mentioned that Dan Wilson's father had passed away and that Piedmont member John Lowery had passed away.

Membership: Julie Morlock reported that we currently had 121 memberships, including new members Edwin and Barbara Fasanella, and Sally Craig.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held May 30, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL were approved as printed in the last issue of the Southeast Rag.

Treasurer: Clay Witt reported that the Southeast Chapter had \$13,079.42 in assets as of September 30, 2015, with a year-to-date loss of \$136.50 (this did not include any gain/loss from the current meeting).

Webmaster: Clay Witt reported that the website is updated regularly, and requested that pictures from events be sent to him so he could post them on our website.

Reporter: Howard Sanford noted that the report of our last meeting was in the Journal. He sends all pictures to editor Russell Kasselmann, who includes as many photos as possible.

Trustees Meeting: Clay Witt reported that the minutes of the last meeting and a full financial report will be in the November/December issue of the Journal. He covered the following high points of the meeting: the organization was in good financial condition, and in compliance with regulations as a New York corporation, a financial report will soon be printed in the Journal; the 2016 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Snowbelt Chapter in Minneapolis, MN and the 2017 meeting will be hosted by the East Coast Chapter; current membership is 1,503; the improved website should be up by the end of the year; and new officers were President Judy Caletti, Vice President Clay Witt and Treasurer Annie Tyvand. Wayne Myers reported that membership had dropped by 700 over time, even though we are adding new members; the number of Trustees has been reduced and Wayne Myers will be stepping down as trustee at the midyear meeting (to be replaced by Wayne Finger). Wayne Myers noted that Bob Smith is heading the Marketing Committee and a report of their efforts will be in the Journal; Warren Stitska is Membership Chair and has a new program; and that exhibits at The Villages Oktoberfest are attracting large crowds.

Tervis Tumbler Sales & Marketing: Cotton Morlock reported that we sold almost \$900.00 in tumblers at the 2015 Annual Meeting. We've sold 177 so far, leaving 283 to be sold. The tumblers were being marketed at wholesale cost; the previous ad in the Journal (\$49.99 for 4) had no response so the next ad will be priced at \$39.99. The idea is to get most of our money back; if anyone has ideas, let him know.

Southeast Rag: Mary Ellen reported that Wayne Finger planned on putting out the next issue by the end of November. Send any articles to Wayne Finger..

New/Old Business: Mary Ellen Myers reported the following:

The music box club at The Villages has changed their name to The Mechanical Music Society of The Villages; Mary Ellen discussed plans for the Holiday Exhibit at The Villages (December 19-20,

2015) and Cotton Morlock commented on the success of this exhibit in promoting our organization. Mary Ellen also discussed the success of the Intergenerational Summer Camp at the Villages, where children and their grandparents built music boxes.

Communication with Related Organizations: Mary Ellen asked for volunteers to communicate and coordinate with related groups, letting them know our meeting schedules and upcoming events. Craig Darlak will coordinate with COAA and AMICA; Mary Ellen will ask Moe Goldy about NAWCC.

Vice Chair: Glenda Hatcher has agreed to fill the position of Vice Chair. A committee of officers and past chairs will assist the Vice Chair with scheduling future meetings (Cotton Morlock explained that this committee had insight into past meetings and locations that a newer Vice Chair might not have), and they already had ideas for the next three meetings.

Upcoming Events:

December 19-20, 2015 – Holiday Exhibit at The Villages (set up December 18), organized by Jack and Mary-Ann Hostetler; let them know if you can participate (phone: 352-633-1942, cell: 352-321-8754).

February 26-28, 2016 – Joint meeting with COAA in Kissimmee/St. Cloud, FL, organized by Bill Hall; they are looking into having an organ rally.

Spring 2016 – Mary Ellen asked for a volunteer to host this meeting.

Table Favors: Marilou van Zanten reported that there were only 14 table favors left to sell, and that she had ornaments made from the globes for sale at the meeting.

Bylaw Changes: Mary Ellen reported on 2 proposed bylaw changes: 1. Change “Article VII – Meetings” to read “The regular meetings of the Chapter should be held three times yearly.” 2. Change “Article XIII - Amendments” to read: “These bylaws may be amended or revised by a two thirds majority vote of the members attending any regular meeting, provided that notification of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to the members at least three weeks in advance of the meeting by ordinary mail or electronic mail”. Southeast Chapter members will be notified of the proposed changes by mail before the next meeting, at which time a vote on the changes will be held.

The promotional video for the 2016 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN was shown.

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

Chapter Directory & Dues (by Julie Morlock)



Chapter dues for 2016 are payable on January 1. If you owe dues for 2016, you will receive a dues notice by email or postcard (if you have already paid ahead for 2016 - Thanks! You will not receive a dues notice). Dues are \$5.00 a year if you receive The Southeast Rag by email or \$10.00 if you receive it by regular mail. .

MBSI IN THE VILLAGES (by Jack Hostetler)

MBSI Southeast Chapter has presented another successful Special Exhibit in The Villages, Florida. On Oct. 6 and 8 of 2015, we displayed 3 street organs and a Band Organ at the Villages annual “Italian Day Festival”. Each year on or near Columbus Day the Villages holds a parade and general festival celebrating the residents having Italian ancestry.

The festival was presented in Spanish Springs town center on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and again in Lake Sumter Landing town center on Thursday, Oct. 8. Mary Ellen Myers exhibited her Street Organ, and Howard Wyman showed 2 street organs and his Wurlitzer 105 Band Organ. Six members of MBSI from the “Mechanical Music Society of The Villages” club assisted with setup and takedown of our Canopy, chairs, and tables that housed our display, as well as greeting visitors and giving the presenters breaks from time to time. The setup was required to be completed before 3 pm each day, and the festival ran from 5 pm to 9 pm each day.

Thousands of people attended the parade and festive events which included stilt walkers, The Village Twirlers, and several other performing Villages clubs, as well as dancing to a live band. Our display was visited by hundreds of people, full of questions and fascinated with our machines. The Wurlitzer attracted many fans who took photos and videos to capture the looks and sound of the organ. Some people danced to the music of our street organs. (Photos Top to Bottom: MBSI Members at Sumter Landing / Howard Wyman with home built street organ / Howard’s Wurlitzer 105 organ.)



Our next big event in The Villages will be the 3rd annual Holiday/Christmas show on Dec. 19 & 20, at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. Setup will be the evening of Friday the 18th. The 2 previous shows were outstanding successes with over 1000 visitors attending and we picked up several new members of MBSI among the attendees. Please put these dates on your calendar and bring your finest music machines to the show. There are reasonable hotels in The Villages, and if I get enough volunteers, I can see about getting a block of rooms at reduced price. At that time of the year, many of the "Villages" are decked out in fantastic Holiday light displays. Touring those displays in the evenings is a real treat. I can plan a carpooling tour for our visiting presenters and Mechanical Music Society club members, who will be assisting you.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you can participate, so I can work out the plans for the layout of our exhibits in and around the Eisenhower Center. Those of you who have been at our 2014 show know that the Eisenhower Center is a fantastic showcase for our exhibits.



New Members & Address Changes: (by Julie Morlock)

Please welcome these new Chapter members. Invite them to dinner or to visit your instruments.

Sally L. Craig, 2720 Old Orchard Road, Lancaster, PA 17601
717-295-9188; rosebud441@juno.com

Edwin & Barbara Fasanella, 1 Dorothy Drive, Poquoson, VA 23662
757-868-7413; edfas1@verizon.net

Stefan Batist & Jonathan Bopp, 11 Guest House Court, Rome, GA 30161
706-767-6569; srbatist@gmail.com

Please note the following address change(s):



Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler, 2673 Suffolk Street, The Villages, FL 32162
352-633-1942; 352-321-8754; johnhostetler90@gmail.com

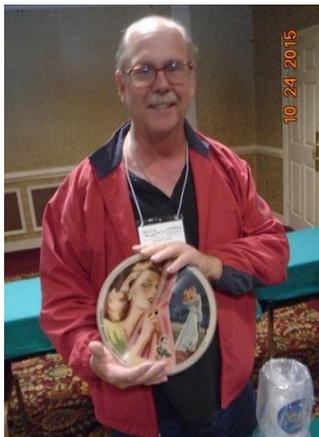
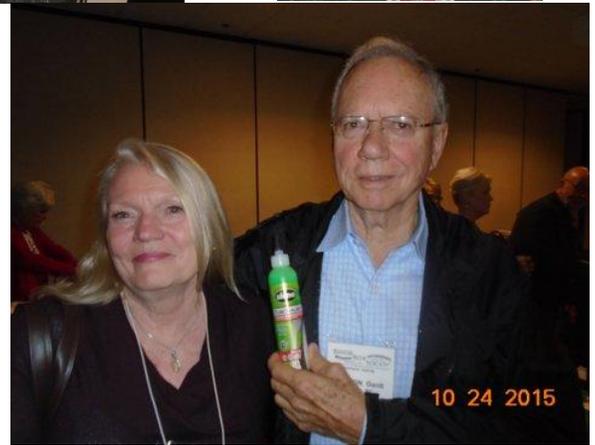
Collection Viewing Etiquette (by Wayne Finger)

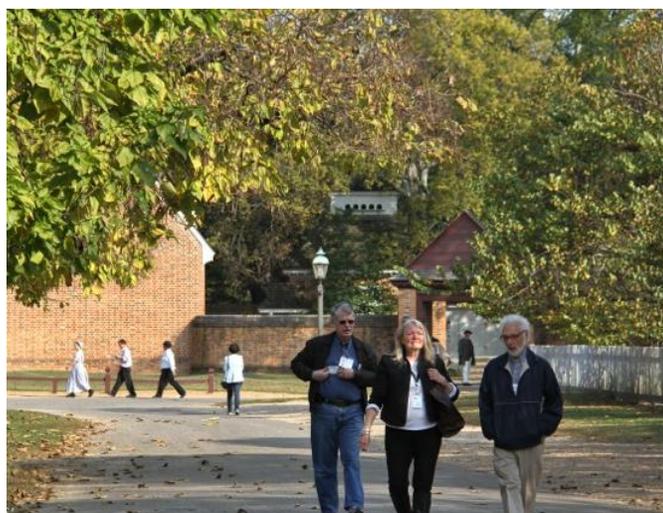
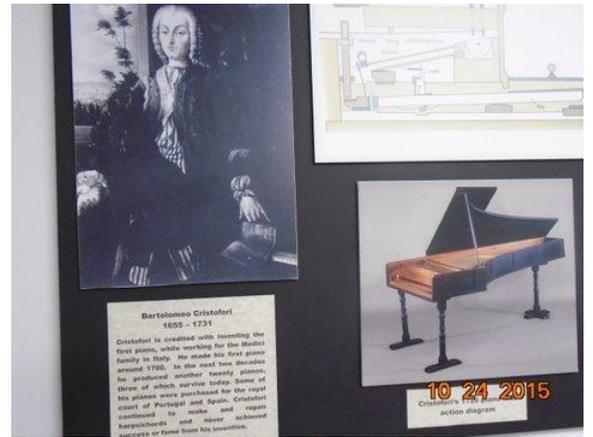
- Always ask the host if photographs or video may be taken. If you intend to publish these photographs/videos, please get the host's permission to do so and ask whether the host wants the collection identified.
- Do not smoke inside the home and ask permission before smoking outside the home.
- Do not 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.

Chapter Member Classified Ads:

FOR SALE: Anyone interested in consignment or wholesale purchase of my collection of musical instruments please contact me at the phone number or e-mail address below. Collection includes an 1830's cylinder box, larger Heller hidden bells cylinder box and more than 15 other cylinder boxes. Also a Huntington piano converted Orchestrion (Nickelodeon) and an Otto accordion Orchestrion both have about 10 rolls of O or G music, respectively. Additionally, there is Faventia street miniature piano in a cart with horse and organ grinder, a roller organ with multiple wooden cylinders, a Triola, and other novelty items and books. To view the collection, please contact me at 352 383 4474 or by e-mail at psmariga@msn.com. Items located in Central Florida. Paulette Smariga

Chapter Meeting Photos (by Howard & Marjorie Sanford and Glenda Hatcher)





MBSI Members Serving Members

MBSI Southeast Chapter members offering assistance to other members are listed below.

Name of Member (Contact Information is in the Directory)	is willing to help other members (List of what help is being offered: Restore, Repair, Buy & Sell, Parts, History, Moral Support or Technical Advice, etc.)	Cylinder Music Boxes	Disc Music Boxes	Player Pianos	QRS Pianomation Pianos	Nickelodeons	Orchestrions	Band & Dance Organs	Organettes	Rollmonicas	Bird Boxes & Whistlers	Automata	Phonographs	Juke Boxes
Warren Officer	Troubleshoot, Repair and / or Restore			X	X	X	X							
Cotton Morlock	Technical Advice on Rollmonicas									X			X	
Wayne Finger	Technical Advice on arranging music for MIDI and using wireless (WIFI) with MIDI.			X		X	X							

Identify yourself here in the next issue for free!

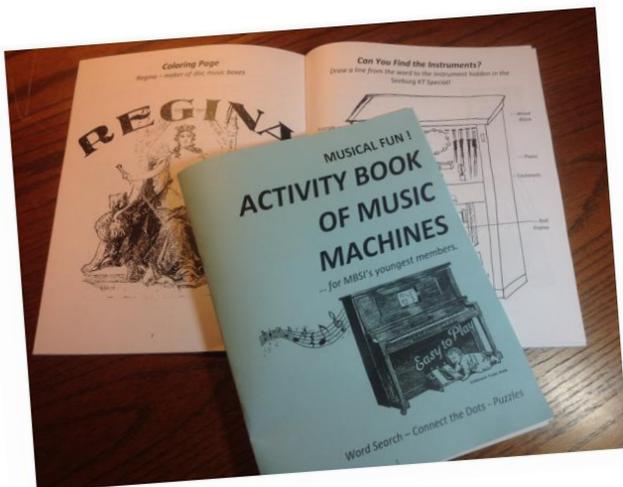
MBSI Southeast provides this as a communication tool to allow members needing help or advice to connect with those with previous experience. The society makes no endorsement of the information communicated on this list.



Mechanical Music for our Youngest Members (by Wayne Finger)

Download a complete "Activity Book of Music Machines" for neighbors, grandchildren or those young at heart! Here is the link:

http://www.mbsise.org/PDFs/MBSI_Activity_Book_May_2015_Edition.pdf



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