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The Southeast MBSI Newsletter

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2015-2016 Chapter Officers: **Committee Leaders:**
Chair: Mary Ellen Myers Librarian: Moe Goldy
Vice Chair: Glenda Hatcher Membership: Julie Morlock
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)

Today is a great time to compose a message to membership, while memories of the recent meeting with COAA are still fresh in thought. Those who attended will long recall the fun of joining this exuberant group, revisiting old friends, and making some new ones. If you did not attend, you were missed, and you missed an excellent weekend. But wait! - our thoughts are leaning toward a similar joint venture next winter (2017) in Sarasota, incorporating a "Circus" theme in the "Circus Capitol". Stay tuned for further information..

The weekend brought us our newest members Lowell Sunbderman (from The Villages), Sally Craig (current Chair of National Capitol and Trustee), and a few other guests "almost ready" to join. We welcome you and know you will enjoy being a part of Southeast Chapter. And remember, we do welcome new ideas! So please always share what is on your mind!

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of of two longtime Southeast members, Louis Boyd and Warren George. Contributions from the chapter have been made in their memory to the MBSI Endowment Fund. Although these gentleman will be missed by all, may their love of mechanical music be passed on to future generations thru assistance of this Fund.

Looking forward, please be alert to any outreach opportunities in your communities. These often surface during school break times and don't have to be major events or involve a lot of members. One-on-one musical encounters work very well. I personally have an idea for my locale ... But for now, it's still an idea!

Hope to see everyone in South Florida in May (see "upcoming

Upcoming Chapter Events!

May 20-22, 2016 Chapter Meeting

South Florida
Organizers: Bob Smith & Howard Sanford

July 2016, Camp Villages **(Intergenerational outreach)**

The Villages, FL
Organizer: Jack Hostetler

October 2016 "Italian Days at the Villages"

The Villages, FL
Organizer: Jack Hostetler

Fall 2016 Chapter Meeting

Savannah, GA
Organizer: David Oppenheim
Joint meeting with Piedmont Chapter

Dec. 17-18, 2016, Holiday Music Box Show

The Villages, FL
Organizer: Jack Hostetler

Winter 2017 Chapter Meeting

Sarasota, FL
Organizer: TBD
Joint meeting with COAA

Spring 2017 Chapter Meeting

Huntsville, AL area
Organizer: Glenda Hatcher

Don't miss an opportunity to organize a chapter meeting in your area. We love to visit new places and to see automatic instruments. Our Vice Chair (Glenda Hatcher) is ready to assist you in working through the "cookbook" process we have to assure the chapter meeting in your area is enjoyed by all.

events"). It promises to be a spectacular weekend. Bob and Howard have gone the extra mile to make it happen. In the meantime, keep making music!



Notes from our recent Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

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

The winter business meeting of the MBSI Southeast Chapter was held February 27, 2016 in St. Cloud, FL.

Chair Mary Ellen Myers called the meeting to order at 9:17 am. After passing out ballots for a vote on amending the chapter bylaws, she then encouraged members to take part in the activities planned for the day, including the Winter Park boat ride at 2:00 pm (be there early) and the Morse Museum tour at 3:00 PM (there was a \$2.00 reduction in the admission and Cyndy Hall would be there to collect the money). She said that maps for the Sunday organ rally were in the registration packets, and Bill Hall and Ron Bopp would be there to direct people. She asked members to take pictures of the different events during the weekend and send them to her, Clay Witt or Wayne Finger; Glenda Hatcher would also be taking pictures.

Membership: Mary Ellen Myers introduced new chapter member Lowell Sundermann from the Villages, and Sally Craig, attending her first Southeast Chapter meeting. Julie Morlock reported on the passing of chapter members Louis Boyd and Warren George, both from Louisiana; she also mentioned that chapter member Mary Hughes was recovering from an illness and that MBSI member Roy Beltz had been ill. Sally Craig mentioned that Roy's collection of table favors had been moved to MBSI for safe-keeping. Cards for Ann Boyd, May George, Mary Hughes and Roy Beltz were passed around for members to sign. Julie also noted that Ann Boyd had found music boxes and clocks that Louis had been working on, and would appreciate the owners contacting her so she could return them.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting held October 24, 2015 in Williamsburg, VA were approved as printed in the last issue of the *Southeast Rag*.

Treasurer: Mary Ellen Myers presented Clay Witt's report. Our current assets totaled \$12,453.48; this included table favors and Tervis tumblers still to be sold. There was a net gain of \$164.56. The report was approved.

Webmaster: Mary Ellen Myers stated that Clay Witt was doing a great job with the website and that members should send pictures to him to post. Wayne Finger made a motion to post the chapter Planning a Meeting Guide on the website, making it accessible to everyone; the motion was approved

National Committee Reports: Trustee Sally Craig, chair of the Museum Committee, reported that the Trustees would meet in 2 weeks, so let her know of any concerns or issues. She urged members traveling in the Pennsylvania area to visit American Treasure Tour's Music Room with the MBSI collection. She also asked that if anyone was traveling, they offer to transport items on loan to museums to cut down on shipping costs. Wayne Finger mentioned that he was a Trustee and that Clay Witt was the Vice President of MBSI, so be sure to let them know of any concerns. Sally Craig said to let her know if you can help with any of the committees; they need people from all the different chapters.

Tervis Tumblers: Mary Ellen Myers reported that we still have a large inventory of tumblers; she has had no response from the Snowbelt Chapter about purchasing them for use at the next Annual Meeting. Wayne Finger and Cotton Morlock are storing them, and Mary Ellen suggested that we just hold on to them for now. She said that it looked like we would be taking a loss on them, and suggested possibly give them as a welcome gift to new members or use them as door prizes at The Villages; Sally Craig suggested selling them at the 2017 Annual Meeting and she would explore places to store them. Wayne Finger made a motion to re-evaluate the amount listed as an asset for the remaining tumblers to \$1000.00; Cotton Morlock amended the motion to show a loss on the books. The motion was approved. Cotton Morlock reported that we sold a good number at the meeting in LA and that he would have tumblers for sale at the mart.

Librarian: Moe Goldy reported that he did not bring the library to this meeting but would have it available at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Wayne Finger presented the idea of emailing copies of the Southeast Rag to any MBSI members in our geographic area who are not currently Southeast Chapter members; it would cost us nothing but might encourage them to attend meetings and might gain new members. A motion was made and approved to do this. Sally Craig suggested doing this for a 2 year period. Wayne also reported that he has had fun working on the newsletter, but this was his last year doing it and he was looking for someone to take over the position; he would be glad to train the person and work with them on the next issues. Glenda Hatcher said she would be interested in taking on this position. He also noted that there was a rocket launch planned for that evening from Titusville, and that everyone was welcome to stop by and see his collection on Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

New/Old Business:

The Villages: Jack Hostetler reported that the 2016 Holiday/Christmas exhibit is planned December 17-18, and Summer Camp Villages is planned for July. There are currently 17 members of the Mechanical Music Society of The Villages and they would like more personal presentations from members of the Southeast Chapter. He suggested bringing something for show and tell, making a presentation by Skype, or hosting an open house for a day trip from The Villages. Sally Craig suggested contacting Jere Ryder, Marty Persky, American Treasure Tour and other museums for Skype presentations. Cotton Morlock, Wayne Finger and Warren Officer offered to hold open houses for day trips. Email Jack with information on what you can do for them. Mary Ellen Myers commended Jack for his efforts at The Villages.

Communication with Related Organizations: Mary Ellen Myers thanked Craig Darlak, Howard Sanford and Moe Goldy for acting as liaisons to coordinate schedules for the NAWCC, AMICA and COAA in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Bylaw Changes: Mary Ellen Myers had Craig Darlak collect and count the ballots for the vote on the bylaw changes; the vote was unanimous in favor of the changes. She said that the bylaws were ten years old, and the officers would be looking over the bylaws to see if anything needs updating or changed; if there are any changes, members will be notified three weeks before the following meeting. They would also be looking over other chapter documents and traditions to see if they need updating.

Roehl Award: Mary Ellen Myers discussed the nominations for this award and suggested that members nominate people individually; nominations can be sent to Jack Hardman. Wayne Finger made a motion for the chapter to nominate Jack Hostetler for his efforts to spread awareness of MBSI through events at The Villages; the motion was approved. Mary Ellen urged members to submit their own nominations and Sally Craig suggested that we resubmit nominations every year as they are always looking for candidates. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15th.

Upcoming Events:

May 20-22, 2016 - Chapter meeting in south Florida, hosts Bob Smith and Howard Sanford. Howard & Margery Sanford, Bob Smith, Peter Klein, and Joel and Pam Jancko will host open houses.

July 2016 - Camp Villages (at The Villages) Inter-generational music box make-and-take, with a lesson on the science and mechanics of how music boxes work.

October 2016 - Italian Days at The Villages (tentative).

Fall 2016 - Chapter meeting in Savannah, GA, host David Oppenheim. Joint meeting with Piedmont. Sally Craig suggested including the National Capital Chapter (let them know early).

December 17-18, 2016 - 4th Annual Holiday/Christmas Show at the Villages

Winter 2017 - Chapter meeting in Sarasota, FL, possibly joint with COAA. May include attending the Circus and Traveling Shows (Sailor Circus - circus academy for students age 8-18, and the Windjammers - circus musicians) and an organ rally.

Moe Goldy reported that he will be giving a workshop at the May meeting on dealing with auctions and selling his collection. Sally Craig suggested making a video of this for other chapters to view.

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

Chapter Directory & Dues (by Julie Morlock)

If you have recently received a dues notice, please send in your dues as soon as possible. We must send National a list of our current (paid) members in April, and want to include you as a Southeast Chapter member..



MBSI IN THE VILLAGES (by Jack Hostetler)

MBSI Southeast Chapter has been invited again to the Villages Eisenhower Recreation Center for December 17 and 18, 2016, to present our Holiday MBSI Mechanical Music Show. The Recreation Department has requested that we make this exhibit a regular annual event, and we are delighted to do that. We will setup Friday evening, Dec 16th, and display from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and from 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Our 3 previous shows have been very successful and popular with the Village residents as well as people living near The Villages. And our presenters have had a lot of fun displaying and talking about their machines. MBSI gets a lot of good publicity with this event, and we have picked up new members at every show. Hope to see you there!

New Members & Address Changes: (by Julie Morlock)

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



Lowell & JoAnn Sundermann

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Mary Pollock

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Chapter Member Classified Ads:

Email your classified ad to the Newsletter Editor to have it appear HERE in the next issue.

Chapter Meeting Photos (by Glenda Hatcher, Mary Ellen Myers and others)

Photo Captions:

1. Bill and Cyndy Hall welcoming MBSI and COAA to the collection.
2. Warren Officer, Wayne Edmonston and Lindsey Walker.
3. Moe Goldy relaxing at the Organ Rally.
4. Norma Venable (L), cranks up the street organ for COAA officers: Wally Venable, Secretary; Angelo Rulli, President; Bill Hall, Director; Bob Buckler, Director; and Ron Bopp, Director and Editor of The Carousel Organ
5. Incognito mystery monkey.
6. Magician Dan Stapelton entertaining the group at Bill's organ room.
7. Children cranking Bob Buckler's organ.
8. Ready to make some music.
9. Entertaining folks of all ages.





Collection Viewing Etiquette

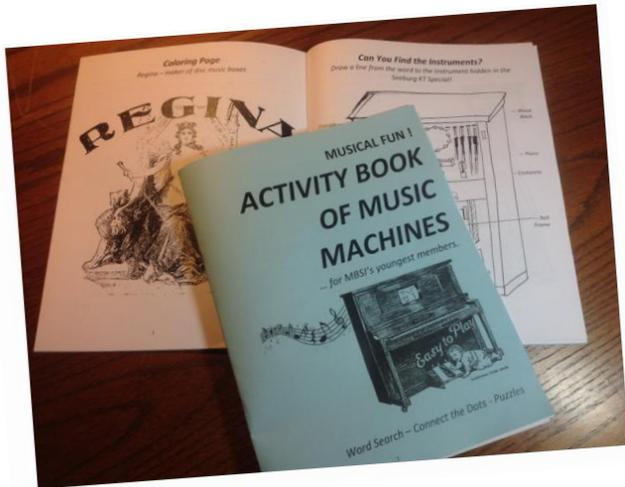
- Always ask the host if photographs or video may be taken. If you intend to publish these photographs/videos, please get the host's permission to do so and ask whether the host wants the collection identified.
- Do not smoke inside the home and ask permission before smoking outside the home.
- Do not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



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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MBSI Children's Activities

Make children feel welcome at your home, at a collection viewing or at an MBSI outreach event! Introduce them to the wide range of automatic music with puzzles, word searches, coloring pages and even a paper airplane!

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							

Help Others!
Identify yourself here in the next issue for free!
Email the Rag editor, Wayne Finger

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