



The REEDER

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NEWS AND VIEWS

by Mary Ann Love

SPAH Convention

At last count, over 40 GHC members and guests were registered to attend the 2008 SPAH Convention, which will be held August 12—16 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel. This will be the fourth SPAH Convention hosted by our club. We are anxious to welcome harmonica players from all over the world to St. Louis. SPAH has lined up a star-studded program of entertainment, seminars, workshops and special events for this year's convention.

The theme chosen for the 2008 SPAH Convention is . . .



Thanks to all members, spouses and friends who are already working hard on various convention preparations. If you haven't already, please see Joe Fey, Frank Davis or any of the GHC officers to volunteer your help at the convention.

Visitor

On May 20 Greg Hommert poked his head into practice and gave us a little update on his life. Greg is attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, studying as a music major and working part time at several jobs, including a pottery shop besides taking summer classes. He has set his sights on a degree in Symphony Management, and has snagged an internment assignment with the Nashville Symphony (starting as a go-fer, but his foot is in the door!)

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**July 4
is
Independence
Day**



**It's a great day to
remember and give
thanks that we are**

**“one nation
under God,
indivisible, with
liberty and justice
for all.”**



THE GHC REEDER is a bimonthly publication of the Gateway Harmonica Club, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the harmonica. The club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Rock Hill Baptist Church, 9125 Manchester, Brentwood, MO.

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Information about the club's activities is also available on the World Wide Web at:

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Happy Birthday!!!

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of the GHC family who are celebrating birthdays in July and August:

July		August	
Dorothy Welsch	7/5	Bob Norton	8/3
Debbie Campbell	7/16	Bud Anders	8/4
Mike Patzius	7/21	L.J. Atkison	8/12
Tom Sutterfield	7/24	Betty Ford	8/13
Mary Heininger	7/24	Bob Davis	8/13
Buddy Hirsch	7/25	Rich Krueger	8/15
Tony Wilbraham	7/26	Jackie Pratte	8/18
Samuel Hardy	7/27	Ria Meagher	8/20
Bernice Norton	7/27	Sue Fey	8/25
Mary Ann Love	7/28	Lillian Krueger	8/27
Carroll Markivee	7/30	Jack Cook	8/30
Jessie Hirsch	7/31		

Editor's Note: Please notify us if your or your spouse's birthday is missing or incorrect.

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Greg plays the guitar, mandolin, trumpet (and harmonica) and has joined in cutting several CD's in Nashville playing background music. One of the group's names is Delta Saints, and another is Kelly Page Watson, country music genre. Greg enjoys the blues, rock, and country sounds. Greg wishes to attend the SPAH convention and has already rubbed elbows with some of the most recognizable names in the industry: Charlie McCoy, Buddy Greene, Jelly Roll Johnson, Buddy Rich, P.T. Gazell and others. Greg has also taken some diatonic lessons with Howard Levy. We are looking forward to seeing some of these performers at SPAH. Greg attended the GHC picnic and gave us a sampling of his harmonica and mandolin tunes.

Greg was 16 when we were first introduced to him and is now almost 21! Greg is well on his way of climbing the stairway to success and we are cheering him on!

Condolences

The Gateway Harmonica Club extends our sincere sympathy and condolences to Bob Pangilinan and family

on their loss of Bob's wife, Mary, on May 11. At the funeral service Jim Melchers was honored to begin the program by playing *Amazing Grace* on the harmonica. Mary was described as a gentle, kind, and selfless loving wife, mother and grandmother. She made a big imprint on the hearts of those who were privileged to know her: her extended family, neighbors, and co-workers, as well as her church family. She was well-known for her cooking (especially candy and peanut brittle) and her humor and hospitality. Her faith reflected the clear focus of honoring God in all of her actions and responses to living life.

A Farewell to Bob Provart

A shining light of our club and of the world was extinguished on June 23 when Bob Provart left us. Over 30 club members and spouses attended the memorial service on June 27, where many friends offered testimonials to what a fine, caring, humble, happy person was present in Bob. He was called the "Singing Mailman" and was well known for his harmonious

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singing voice and ever-present harmonica music. Bob was always cheerful and focused on witnessing and praising the Lord in every facet of life. At age 84 and in his last weeks he was teaching a senior class at church. Bob had many talents, such as drawing and calligraphy and strived for perfection. He was a patient teacher to many in the Gateway Harmonica Club. He was most respected by all who were privileged to know him.

Bob was a mainstay of the GHC players for many years, adding his lovely harmony to our club's ensemble at gigs. We could also count on him to harmonize with his pals at Open Mic, or occasionally to 'noodle' on an old favorite as a soloist. He was a beloved and highly valued member of the Mellow Tones quartet and the Moonlighters sextet. In recent times his participation in club meetings and events was hindered by poor health, but he could always be counted on for a friendly greeting and cheerful humor.

GHC members were honored to be invited to provide a harmonica quartet for the funeral service at Rock Hill Baptist Church and pallbearers for the interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors.

We extend our sympathy to his lovely wife, Leta, and daughters, Rebecca and Robin and extended family. May he rest in peace and enjoy his heavenly rewards.

**Get Well Wishes**

Cynthia Hardy, daughter of Mary and Bob Pangilinan, visited the club meeting on May 6, 2008 with her father and accompanied Bob on the piano while he played harmonica. Together they played *The Holy City* composition. Cindy came from Dallas to stay with her family during the difficult end days. She is a very accomplished pianist and was a joy to meet. We also offer best wishes to Cindy, who suffered a heart attack on the morning of her mother's funeral and could not attend, but is now recovering.

Henry Gerfen has returned to the club following a surgical procedure related to a heart condition. It was also great to see Geza Dombi after several months.

Janet, friend of Bob Reynolds, has recently recovered from surgery.

Joe Fey will be undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer after the SPAH Convention.

Please keep them and all our members with needs in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember also their caregivers who have difficult and overwhelming challenges.

Welcome New Member:

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Welcome Returning Member:

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FOR LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS): *(I'd also call some of these "groaners"...)*

- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- A grenade that fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blown apart.
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- A calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

Proposed Revision to By-Laws

A proposal by Frank H. Davis was submitted on May 6, 2008 as follows and will be voted on at the business meeting on August 5.

Article 4 DUES

Now reads: Dues for regular membership shall be \$10.00 per year.

Change to: Dues for regular membership shall be \$15.00 per year.

Now reads: Lifetime memberships shall be granted upon payment of \$100.00

Change to: Lifetime memberships shall be granted upon payment of \$150.00

Now reads: A registration fee of \$5.00 must accompany an individual's initial application. In addition to the registration fee, dues in the first year of regular membership shall be based upon the month which the membership begins.

<u>If membership begins in</u>	<u>Dues in first year...</u>
January – June	\$10.00
July – December	\$ 5.00

Change to: Dues in the first year of regular membership shall be based upon the month which membership begins.

January – June	\$15.00
July – December	\$10.00

Now reads: Dues for regular membership renewal shall be on the first day of January of each year and become delinquent on February 1. Members will be reinstated upon payment of proper dues. A regular membership that lapses for more than one (1) year shall require application for membership and payment of the same registration fee applicable to initial membership.

Change to: Dues for regular membership shall be on the first day of January of each year and become delinquent on March 1. Delinquent members will be notified of their delinquency in the March issue of the newsletter. Members will be reinstated upon payment of one full year's dues.

Statement of Purpose: Costs of mailings and printing have increased considerably.

There will no longer be a category of Associate Member for a discounted dues rate. All members will be expected to pay the full membership dues. The annual dues barely covers the cost of individual newsletters.

As previously motioned and passed, the no-fee charity gigs will no longer be mandatory but will be considered on a case by case basis.

The Board of Directors has made the determination that the GHC Club will send memorial donations for current members only.

DID YOU KNOW???????

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable. (I'll bet you're going to check this out.)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt". (Are you doubting this?)

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game (excerpted from *Wikipedia* Encyclopedia)

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is an early-20th century Tin Pan Alley song which became the unofficial anthem of baseball—though neither of its authors had ever been to a game. The song is traditionally sung during the seventh-inning stretch of a baseball game, in spite of being written from the perspective of someone not at a game. Fans are encouraged to sing along.

The words were written in 1908 by Jack Norworth, who while riding a subway train, was inspired by a sign that said "Baseball Today — Polo Grounds". The words were set to music by Albert Von Tilzer, (Norworth and Von Tilzer finally saw their first Major League Baseball games 32 and 20 years later, respectively). The song was first sung by Norworth's wife Nora Bayes and popularized by various vaudeville acts. Jack Norworth wrote over 2,500 songs, including "Shine On, Harvest Moon", and several other baseball songs, but none more famous than "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". With the sale of so many records, sheet music, and piano rolls, the song became one of the most popular hits of 1908. The Haydn Quartet singing group, led by very popular tenor Harry MacDonough, recorded the definitive popular hit rendition for Victor Records

Below are the two versions of lyrics side by side for comparison:

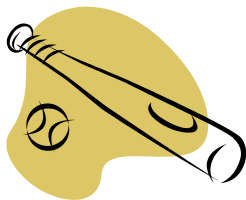
1908 Version

Katie Casey was baseball mad,
Had the fever and had it bad.
Just to root for the home town crew,
Ev'ry sou - Katie blew.
On a Saturday her young beau
Called to see if she'd like to go
To see a show, but Miss Kate said "No,
I'll tell you what you can do:"

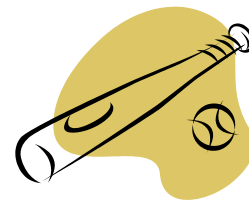
1927 Version

Nelly Kelly loved baseball games,
Knew the players, knew all their names.
You could see her there ev'ry day,
Shout "Hurray" - When they'd play.
Her boyfriend by the name of Joe
Said, "To Coney Isle, dear, let's go",
Then Nelly started to fret and pout,
And to him, I heard her shout:

[Chorus]



Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out to the crowds;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.



The term "sou", now obscure, was at the time common slang for a low-denomination coin. Carly Simon's version, produced for Ken Burns' 1994 documentary on baseball, reads "Ev'ry cent / Katie spent".

Nowadays the verses to the song are almost never heard, with only the chorus generally sung. It is commonly held to be the third most-often-played song in the United States, after "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Happy Birthday to You".

Among those famously associated with the song was Hall of Fame sportscaster Harry Caray, who began singing at games in Comiskey Park for the Chicago White Sox from the early 1970s to 1981, then in Wrigley Field for the Chicago Cubs from 1982 through 1997. Caray's tradition of leading the crowd in singing the song began when White Sox owner Bill Veeck sneaked a public address microphone into Caray's broadcast booth, so that the crowd could hear Caray's boundless enthusiasm and marginal musical talents — something that previously only his broadcast colleagues were privy to. After that, Caray began leading the crowd, leaning out the front window of his booth and swinging his microphone in time with the music. When Caray left Sox broadcasts to join the WGN team broadcasting Cubs games, the singing tradition went with him. Late in his career, when Caray missed a number of games due to a stroke, "guest conductors" did the honors; after Caray's death, the guest-conductor tradition has become a part of the Cubs tradition, with different celebrities doing the activities each game, whether it is part of Chicago sports, actors, musicians, news anchors and fans.

GHC Picnic

After a threatening morning sky and several minute showers, Saturday, June 7 turned balmy and beautiful and about 40 were in attendance on the shady deck overlooking the Eureka valley at the Markivee residence. Carroll Markivee provided barbeque ribs for all and everyone brought a pot-luck dish (or two) for a great selection of vittles. Families and friends enjoyed a wonderful relaxing afternoon (with our own home-grown music) and special tributes go out to the barbeque chef, Frank Davis, and others who helped set up tables, chairs, sound equipment, and stayed till the end to clean up and return the area to normalcy. A great time was had by all and a big thank you to Jean and Carroll Markivee for their generosity and hospitality.



Letters . . .

To The Gateway Harmonica Club:

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the prayers and concern of the club during our difficult times when Mary was struggling with her terminal cancer.

Again, Thank You!

Sincerely,

Bob Pangilinan

We have received word that Bob Kubie (former GHC member) has permanently relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina to be near his children and grandchildren. He expressed an interest in attending SPAH if he can manage it. He sends his greetings to all the gang.

SPAH CONVENTION SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE PUBLIC

Please tell your friends and family members about these exciting events and give them a flyer with information they will need on dates, times, tickets and reservations.

- Wednesday 8/13, 7:00 PM — COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT 2008 KICK-OFF SHOW:** A limited number of these complimentary tickets are available for this show.
- Friday 8/15, 9:00 AM - Noon — HARMONIKIDS CHILDREN'S EVENT (Ages 7-12):** Each child will receive a **FREE** harmonica, **FREE** instruction book, **FREE** lesson and **FREE** lunch. They will also be entertained by expert harmonica performers. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** (attendance limited to 100 children; adult leaders must bring the children and remain in the instruction area during the event.)
- Saturday 8/16, 1:00 PM — COMPLIMENTARY HARMONICA HERITAGE CONCERT:** Harmonica all-stars will entertain in a wide variety of musical styles and ensemble types. **No reservations or tickets required.**

THE GIG SCENE

Here's a recap of our performances since the last issue of the REEDER:

- 5/7 - Our Lady of the Snows Apartment Community
- 5/12 - Pillars of North County
- 5/16 - New Jamestown Baptist Church Seniors
- 5/22 - Garden Villas North
- 5/28 - St. Robert's Seniors Adult Day Program
- 6/2 - Oaks Seniors
- 6/6 - Lakeview Park
- 6/13 - St. John's Skilled Nursing Center
- 6/18 - Midwest Bank Centre Horizon Club
- 6/22 - Briarcrest Estates

**Success comes in a can —
not in a can't.**

GHC EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday evening meetings at Rock Hill Baptist Church, 9125 Manchester, St. Louis, MO 63144:

6:00 PM - Blues Group, led by Louse Cook and Ed Cenatiempo — Everyone welcome

7:00 PM - First Tuesday of month: Business Meeting — Everyone welcome

All other Tuesdays: Band Rehearsal — Everyone welcome

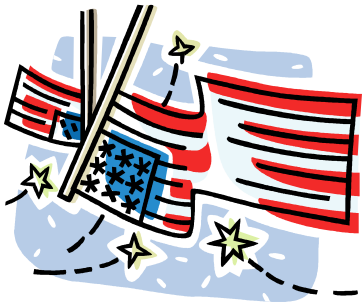
8:00 PM - Open Mic — Everyone welcome

PERFORMANCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

A list of the club's upcoming performances and special events is distributed each month at the Business meeting. For the most up-to-date calendar of all GHC performances and special events, go to www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org/calendar.pdf. Links to Google maps will be sent via email as the individual dates approach.

**“Don't be afraid to go out on a limb . . .
That's where the fruit is.”**

- Will Rogers



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