

The Reeder

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NEWS AND VIEWS - by Mary Ann Love

25TH ANNIVERSARY
of
GATEWAY HARMONICA CLUB
1987 – 2012

About 80 members and guests of the Gateway Harmonica Club enjoyed a celebration dinner, prizes, souvenirs, and entertainment at the Masonic Lodge in St. Charles, MO on Saturday, October 20, 2012. Frank Davis, Gateway Harmonica Club President, along with his brother, Bill Davis, represented the two remaining Founding Fathers.

After the banquet dinner the GHC performed a show for guests and featured two members from the audience playing harmonicas along to “Singing In The Rain.” Many photos and history clippings were arranged for viewing. Thank You to everyone who contributed to the planning, set-up, attendance prizes, decorations and success of the event.



See more photos on pages 6 & 7. Thanks to those who submit photos. Ernie Roberts, Bill Dulin, and Jessie Hirsch. All are welcome to submit yours!



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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 Church, 9125 Manchester, Brentwood, MO.

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

www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org

SPAHC CONVENTION 2013
*Society for the Preservation and
Advancement of the Harmonica*
August 13-17, 2013
Renaissance Airport Hotel
St. Louis, MO
www.spah.org

Bill Dulin has been appointed SPAH Coordinator for the SPAH convention to be held in St. Louis in August 2013.

If you have any questions or suggestions about this event, please contact Bill at imaposi@att.net

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Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER

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| Woody Woodring | 11/11 |
| Arpad deKallos | 11/12 |
| Neil Schneider | 11/21 |
| Stan Musial | 11/21 |
| Faye Anders | 11/25 |
| Wendy Wilbraham | 11/29 |

DECEMBER

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| Audria Gebhardt | 12/9 |
| Rosemary Hardy | 12/9 |
| Ed Cenatiempo | 12/10 |
| Rudy Michelin | 12/11 |
| Melba Lackey | 12/13 |
| Shirley Perez | 12/17 |
| Joe Fey | 12/24 |
| Ernst Hackmann | 12/27 |
| Chris Pondo | 12/29 |



Happy Birthday & Congratulations to all!

Editor's Note: Please notify us if your or your spouse's birthday is missing or incorrect. We welcome publication of any members special highlight dates!

MUSIC RESOURCES

Michael LaRue has organized a list of music resources and copies are available at the meetings or call an officer.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

May this holiday season bring you the music of laughter, the warmth of friendship, and the steady hand of love.

Christmas Get-Together

The Gateway Harmonica Club Christmas get-together and *party* will be held on December 4th following the business meeting. This is a great time for spouses and friends to meet and catch up. New members, friends and significant others – welcome. The gift exchange has been discontinued, but if you wish you may bring a dish or treat to share. Hope to see you there!

Uniform Change

The winter vest, long sleeve white shirts, black trousers are now in season. If you need a vest, or have any questions, contact Jessie Hirsch or any officer.

Rotary Club

On September 17 several members of the Gateway Harmonica Club were invited to be guest performers at the Rotary Club of St. Peters, MO. The presentation was held at the City Hall and directed by Frank Davis. Each player was encouraged to explain various elements of the club and their personal endeavors. The event gained exposure and possible new bookings for the club. The president of the Rotary Club had been a student at the GHC sponsored classes of St. Charles Community College.

Emeritus – Oak Tree Village

One of the consequences of the club's appearance at the St. Peters Rotary Club was that we were invited to perform at the Alzheimer's Fund Raiser at the Emeritus Oak Tree Village Retirement Center in St. Peters on September 22. We were proud to have a good representation of club members and the audience was most receptive.

CONDOLENCES

The Gateway Harmonica Club expresses our sympathy to Charles Pratte and family on the loss of Charlie's mother, Helené, who passed away in September shortly following her 110th birthday.



Christmas Music

Be sure to bring your book of Christmas music to practice during November and December. We have six gigs scheduled during the month of December and appreciate your attendance at any or all. We love spreading the cheer and music makes people happy – our goal. 'Tis the Season to be jolly!

One of the joys of Thanksgiving is wishing you a happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May the good things of life be yours in abundance, not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year!

BRAIN HEALTH - MIND OVER MUSIC

*Alzheimer's research hits a high note
By Holly St. Lifer (AARP Magazine)*

The early symptoms of Alzheimer's – memory loss, forgetfulness – are so similar to those of natural aging that the disease is often diagnosed too late for effective treatment. Now an MIT team has created music software to help diagnose the disease much sooner.

Users compose songs and then play a Concentration-like game that involves recalling excerpts of melody pairs and other memory tasks. You can track your own results and watch for signs of more serious cognitive decline. "If Alzheimer's can be detected early, medication and mental exercises have a better chance of stabilizing memory loss or at least slowing down the progression," says one of the software's creators, Adam Boulanger, Ph.D. The software is currently in clinical trials, but researchers hope to release a commercial version to the public within the year.

MUSIC MAKERS (Contest)

The following quiz was derived mainly from a crossword puzzle. There will be a prize for the first person to respond correctly. Send the answers to: Christine Pondo, 1166 Waldorf Dr., St. Louis, MO 63137

Correct answers in the next Reeder.

1. Praise yourself
2. Follows
3. Tally
4. CEO's
5. Cutter
6. Shaw and Miller
7. Football player
8. River fish
9. Feelings
10. Climbing Vine
11. Brainy
12. Procrastinates
13. Attract Customers
14. Casino Music
15. Diva's Forte



Harmonica Class at St. Charles Community College (Fall 2012)

Christine Pondo In Concert

On October 14 Chris Pondo presented a Worship Concert at her church, Holy Name of Jesus in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO. The dedication for the service was made to her Great-Aunt Eugenia, a fun and musically talented relative, who passed away last month at age 95. The altar was adorned with beautiful dark red chrysanthemums and cut flowers were arranged in various parts of the chapel in remembrance of Chris' parents and other special family members. The program began with a Prayer of Thanksgiving, followed by many organ and piano selections. A praise and worship dancer, Tamara Kelly, wearing a long, beautiful flowing white satin gown with angel-wing sleeves, moved fluidly with graceful ballet positions to some of the numbers, including folk songs. Tamara also recited a Prayer for Children. There were several solo and sing-along hymns.

Chris played some harmonica songs and recognized the **Gateway Harmonica Club** and its 25th Anniversary. The concert closed with Beethoven's Piano Sonata.

All are invited to share their noteworthy experiences or other subject matters of general interest.

Val Redler-Caltabellotta

I received the Garden State Harmonica Club newsletter and the editor reported that Val had a stroke in late September and that she is doing "incredibly well."

She is in a rehab center near her home. The editor also stated that Phil has been with her "nearly every moment". This couple is indispensable in the Garden State Harmonica Club. We are all wishing Val a speedy recovery.

~ Bill Dulin

***** WELCOME NEW MEMBER *****

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DRIVING IN ST LOUIS

If you live in St Louis you'll understand this. If you've ever visited St. Louis you'll understand this. If you've never been to St. Louis consider this your Visitor's Guide to Driving in St. Louis.

1. There are 75 "unofficial neighborhoods" in the City of St. Louis. St. Louisans commonly give directions--especially for restaurants--to strangers based on these neighborhoods, which aren't marked on any maps that are handed out by the tourist board, the AAA or Mapquest.
2. There are 54 school districts--on the Missouri side alone--each of which has their own school bus system with scheduled times to block traffic.
3. There are 91 official municipalities in St. Louis County. Each municipality has its own rules and regulations, and often their own police departments.
4. More importantly, most have their own snow removal contracts so it's not uncommon to drive down a road in winter and have one block plowed, the next salted, the next piled with snow and the last partially cleared by residents wanting to get out of their driveways.
5. Snow plowing is never a problem in the City of St. Louis. They plow nothing, and if the forecast calls for snow, they close everything. Except on "The Hill" (refer to #1 above) where each home-owner goes out to the street and shovels out one car-sized rectangle and then stands watch over it.
6. Any car parked longer than 4 hours in the city is considered a parts store.
7. The City of Ballwin actually proposed that drivers use connecting strip mall parking lots to get from place to place rather than drive on Manchester Rd to cut the traffic on Manchester. (And for good reason. There is a stoplight at every intersection on Manchester).
8. Laclede Station Rd, McCausland, Lindbergh , Watson , Reavis Barracks, Fee Fee, McKnight, Airport Road, Midland, McKelvey, and Olive mysteriously change names as you cross intersections.

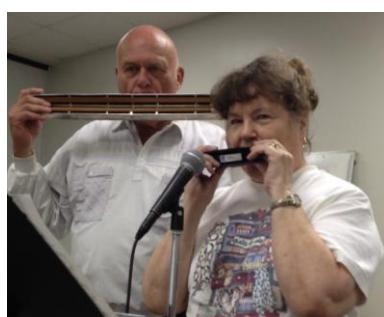
9. Gravois Road, Spoede and Chouteau can only be pronounced by St. Louis natives. (Highway 40 as is pronounced as "farty".)
10. A St. Louisan from South County has never been to North County and vice versa. West County just has everything delivered.
11. No native St. Louisan knows that Lindbergh runs from South County to North County. And if you tell them, they will not believe you.
12. Lindbergh belongs to every neighborhood except Kirkwood, who had the nerve to creatively change the name to Kirkwood Road. (Which may be the reason for number 11.)
13. There are 2 interchanges to exit from Highway 40 onto Clayton Road and 2 for Big Bend. Stay alert, people!
14. If you need directions to O'Fallon, make sure to specify Illinois or Missouri. This is also true for Troy, Maryville, St. Charles, Springfield and Columbia.
15. The Page Avenue extension and Airport expansion projects took over 20 years to get approved. St. Louisans lost track of how many political figures claimed them as their own ideas.
16. St. Louisans were aghast when the federal government required them to redo the highway signs to indicate that the federal highways went to cities in other states instead of local municipalities.
17. Drivers are starting to cut their OWN plates rather than go through the Missouri Department of Motor Vehicles to get new tags. You can also purchase tags from dealers behind Quick Shops in the city. They are cheaper, the clerks are nicer, and the service is faster.
18. Lambert Field and St. Louis International Airport really are the same place. The East Terminal, however, is a different place.
19. Highway 270 is our daily version of the NASCAR circuit.
20. You can go all four directions on Hwy 270: North and South in West County, East and West in South County, and East and West in North County. Confused? So are drivers.

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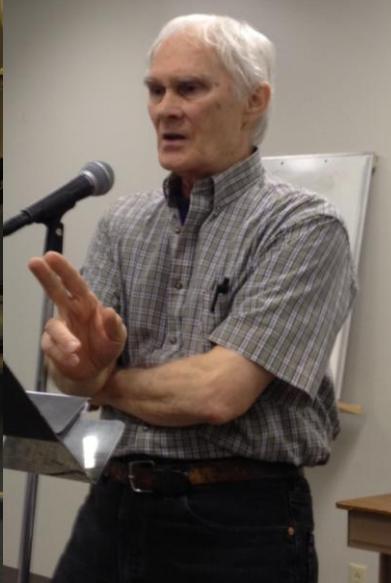
21. The outer belt is Highway 270 which turns into Highway 255 in South County. The inner belt is Highway 170. Highway 370 is an outer-outer belt. Highway 40 is the same as Interstate 64 (but only through the middle part of St. Louis). If you are listening to traffic reports and they are calling it 64, the traffic jam is in Illinois. If they are calling it 40, the traffic jam is in Missouri.
22. The morning rush hour is from 6:00 to 10:00 AM. The evening rush hour is from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Friday's rush hour starts Thursday morning.
23. Never ever try to cross a bridge in St. Louis during rush hour unless you have a sack lunch and a port-a-potty in the car.
24. "Yield" signs are for decoration only. No native St. Louisan will ever grasp the concept. (Actually, the drivers who are supposed to yield will not, and the drivers who are not supposed to yield will wait politely for the ones who are supposed to yield, so it all works out.)

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25. If someone actually has their turn signal on, it is probably a factory defect, or has been on for the last 17 miles.
26. Construction on Highways 40, 64, 70, 255, 270, 44, 55 and 170 is a way of life, and a permanent form of entertainment.
27. All blue-haired old ladies in Cadillacs driving on Olive west of 270 have the right of way.
28. If it snows or rains, stay home!!!!!!!!!!!!
29. It is called a rolling stop at any stop sign intersection. Only native St. Louisans can do it just right.
30. In West County, 20 cars will go through a yellow light. Longest yellow lights I have ever seen. If you slow or stop on a yellow light, you will get rear-ended or someone will angrily sound their horn at you.



Harmonica Class At Meramec College – Fall 2012





Remember these young faces?



WEEKLY EVENTS

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

6:00 PM – Blues Group, led by Ed Cenatiempo – Everyone welcome

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

7:00 PM – All other Tuesdays: Band Rehearsal – Everyone welcome

8:00 PM – Open Mic – Everyone Welcome

PERFORMANCES, CLASSES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

A list of the club's upcoming performances, classes and special events is distributed each month at the business meeting. For the most up-to-date calendar of all GHC performances, classes and special events, go to www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org/calendar, which takes you to our online calendar. You can view the calendar in Week, Month or Agenda (list) format by clicking on the tab of your choice. To move the display backward or forward in any view, click ▲ or ▼ in the upper left-hand corner of the calendar.

Gigs and special events are shown in RED, classes in BLUE. To the right of the tabs, there is a small ▾ symbol that you can click to open a drop-down checklist if you wish to display only a specific category or categories by checking selected boxes. ☑.

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Happy Thanksgiving



Happy Holidays

