



The Reeder

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NEWS AND VIEWS – by Jay Hotze

MICHAEL ASBURY

January 2, 1939 – November 4, 2019

The Gateway Harmonica Club has lost a good friend, a great harmonica player and an outstanding human being! Below is an obituary that was provided to the Reeder:

“...to live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man.”

Christian, Poet, Soldier, Teacher. Husband to Alice (Borreson) Asbury for sixty spectacular years. Father of Victoria (David) White, of Osage County, Missouri, Jane (Daryl) Rix of O’Fallon, Illinois and “son” Bradley Troutman of Caseyville, Illinois, Grandfather of Jessica (Jonathon) Blake. Great Grandfather to William, Geoffrey and Olivia Alice.



Member Pershing School Drum & Bugle Corps, Boy Scouts, and Mrs. Fletcher’s Glee Club.

Graduate, Pershing Elementary, University City High School, University of Missouri St. Louis, and Webster University. Held four teaching certificates. Machinist, General Electric Lamp Plant, English Teacher and later Media Director of Belleville East High School. Pagedale Alderman and later City Treasurer. Harmonica player. Blues aficionado. Believer in both the Second and the First Amendments. Life member NRA. Life member American Federation of Teachers Local #434, and Illinois Retired Teachers. Gateway Harmonica Club, U city dog park member, member of OLLI Washington University and loved it.

Presbyterian Deacon, Elder, and Choir Director. Indian, Harley-Davidson, Triumph, Matchless, Honda, and Cushman enthusiast. Judoka (Nikyu). Had three beloved Pointer Bird dogs. Butch, the best little dog, left for Alice to take care of. Life member National Shoot-to-Retrieve Association. Member Humane Society. Friend to all...just come, sit down on my front porch and talk.

“Question Authority!”

“The Grave is swallowed up in Victory!”

Rejoice!!

The visitation and service was at Lupton Chapel, 7233 Delmar Blvd., University City, November 8 and 9. Interment was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

In lieu of dead flowers, please make donations to Stray Rescue of St. Louis, 2320 Pine Street, St. Louis, MO.

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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 Rd., Brentwood, MO.

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

www.gatewayharmonicaclub.org



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The GHC was well represented at both the visitation and the funeral service and many members attended the interment on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Mike was a loyal and regular member of the GHC and he will be missed by all!! There is no doubt in your editor's mind that Mike is playing the harmonica to all who will listen.



Mike at Open Mic



Mike at SPAH 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

Kiersi Wisecarver	5
Jessie Burns	16
Faye Anders	25
Lynn Leslie	25
Wendy Wilbraham	29

DECEMBER

Frank Miano	6
Audria Gebhardt	9
Ed Cenatiempo	10
Rudy Michelin	11
Melba Lackey	13
Scott Aschinger	13
Shirley Perez	17
Tom Wright	22
Ernie Hackman	27
Christine Pondo	29
Robert Anderson	30
Jeanne Lichtenwalner	30



Happy Birthday and 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 member's special highlight dates!

A ♫ from Helen - November – December 2019



Tis the season to be jolly and start playing our Christmas Program. Rehearsals are putting us all in the holiday spirit. We have a number of bookings in December that will keep us busy.

FYI we have switched to our winter uniform: white shirt, red vest, black pants, and black shoes. It's so great that we have had so many new members. Classes are well attended at the community colleges. Thanks Buddy, Jessie, Mark and Ernie. Classes are being offered in the spring catalogue.

This next year will be a very busy time for GHC as SPAH has awarded us the privilege of hosting the International Convention in August. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Westport Chalet again as this provides an ideal facility. In 2018 SPAH had booked almost 100% of the rooms in the building with a few overflow guests staying at other facilities nearby. The organizers are always looking for volunteers. There are perks if you volunteer.

A DATE TO REMEMBER: Just a reminder our annual Christmas Party will be held on the first Tuesday in December following our December business meeting. Please bring a tasty treat to share at the party. We always have a variety of delicious food. Family members are also invited.

Dues of \$15.00 for 2020 are payable in January, however, Jessie will gladly accept them now if you wish. Checks made payable to The Gateway Harmonica Club can also be sent to Jessie Hirsch, 47 Orchard Lane, St Louis, Missouri 63122.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

CLUB ELECTIONS DECEMBER 3, 2019

The following members were nominated for a two-year term to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at the November 5, 2019 meeting:

President: Jay Hotze
Secretary: Audria Gebhart

Vice President: Bill Dulin
Treasurer: Jessie Hirsch

Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the elections.

Diatonic Harmonica and the Internet

By BW Honeycutt

Whether you are a beginning harmonica player or a seasoned veteran, whether your preference is the blues, jazz or the Great American Songbook, the internet is filled with wonderful sites to help you become a better player. This is the first in a series of short articles directing you to internet sites that will enhance your preferred instrument and playing style.

<http://www.ianchadwick.com/essays/harmonicas.htm>

If you are looking to buy a harmonica and have no idea which one to try, visit this page. Most of the popular brands are reviewed. Though it is small enough to fit into your hand, harmonica buying is as complex as any other musical instrument. This page will make it bit easier.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfYHJbTZklgZU1bEVLaZyvQ>

If blues music is your style, Adam Gussow has a wonderful series of instructional videos that will take you from the basics of how to hold a harmonica to more advanced techniques of setting up your equipment to play with a live band.

www.harptabs.com

Harptabs is a great resource for those who don't read music but want to play their favorite songs. Simply enter the song you are looking for in the search bar and you will be presented with tabbed options for beginner, intermediate or advanced players – you can choose between diatonic or chromatic.

<https://www.harmonicalessons.com>

If you are looking for a structured teaching program and don't mind paying for it, then Dave Gage's site might be the place for you. It is an online tutorial with plenty of diagrams, photos, videos and audio to assist you in mastering the harmonica. (diatonic only)

<http://www.hhcwv.com/jamtracks.html>

If jamming to the blues is what makes you happy, there are many sites (like the one above) that will allow you to play along with audio tracks in privacy of your home. If this one doesn't do anything for you, simply search "jam tracks" on <https://www.youtube.com> for a host of others. Please note that most sites that are free allow only online listening while those that charge typically allow you to download the music to your computer.

<https://rockinronsmusicsd.com>

One of the great online places to purchase a harmonica is RockinRons Music. He offers a complete line of harmonicas from virtually every quality manufacturer around the globe. Anything and everything to do with the harmonica can be found here; satisfaction is guaranteed and prices are comparable to (and usually better) than other online dealers.

<https://le eoskar.com/documentation/KeyCharts.pdf>

Blues players often play in different positions. This handy chart will help you quickly figure out which harmonica to grab to make sure you are playing the same key as they band.

Next time I'll do an overview of some of the websites available for the chromatic player. Till then, keep on harpin!

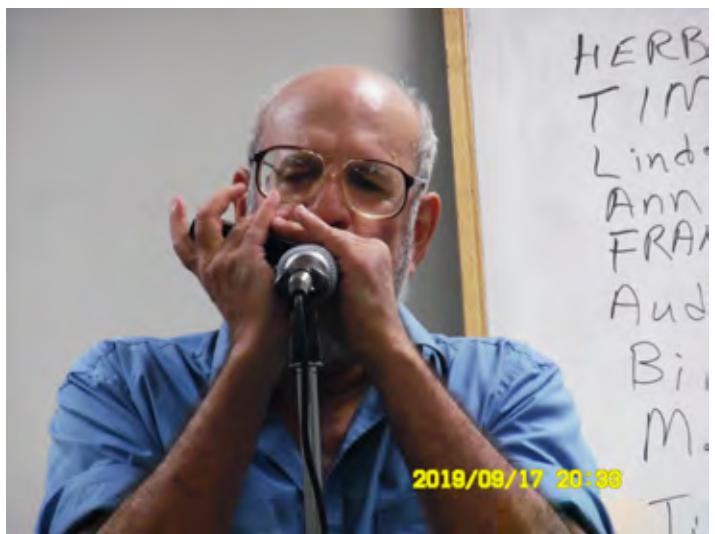
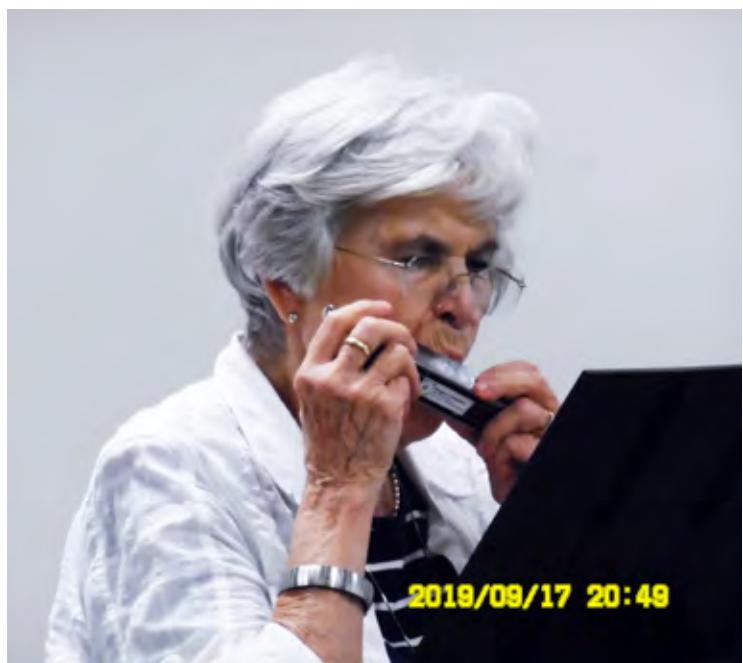
ASCHINGER HAYRIDE

October 19, 2019

Scott Aschinger invited the GHC members to the annual Aschinger Hayride, potluck dinner and dance. Several members attended and apparently had a good time, judging by these photos, taken by Ernie Roberts.



SOME PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS OPEN MICS AND 6:00 PM CLASSES
PHOTOS BY ERNIE ROBERTS



I'LL HAVE A BLUE CHRISTMAS

From www.harptabs.com

While I wouldn't wish a blue Christmas on anyone we can't deny that Elvis made this song a hit. I hope you enjoy playing "*I'll Have a Blue Christmas*".

Song Name: Ill have a Blue Christmas By: Elvis
 Posted By: Blue_J Difficulty: Beginner
 Key: Any Genre: Holiday
 Harp Type: Any
 Created: 2006-12-16 09:12:21 Modified: 2006-12-16 14:12:42

Song:

3 4 -4 5 5 -4
 Ill have a Blue Christ-mas
 4 -3 -4
 With-out you
 3 -3 -4 -5
 Ill be so blue
 -5 5 -4 4 5
 Think-ing a-bout you
 5 -5 6 -5 5 6
 Dec-or-a-tions of red
 -5 5 -4 -4 5 -5
 On a green Christ-mas Tree
 5 -4 4 5 -4
 Wont be the same dear
 5 -4 -4 5 5 -5
 If youre not here with me
 3 4 -4 5 5 -4
 Ill have a Blue Christ-mas
 4 -3 -4
 Thats cer-tain
 3 -3 -4 -5 -5 5
 And when that blue heart-ache
 -4 4 5
 Starts hurt-in
 5 -5 6 -5 5 6
 Youll be do-ing al-right
 -6 6 -5 5 -5 -6
 With your Christ-mas of white
 3 3 -4 4 -4 5 -4 4
 But Ill have a Bl-ue Christ-mas

Song Name: Blue Christmas Posted By: Noel_Harmonica Key: A Harp Type: Diatonic Created: 2005-12-15 09:12:51	By: Elvis Presley Difficulty: Beginner Genre: Love Modified: 2008-11-17 21
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 But Ill have a Bl-ue Christ-mas

WEEKLY EVENTS

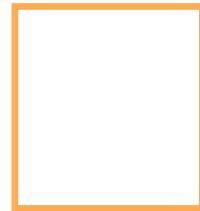
Tuesday evening meetings at The Rock Church, 9125 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63144:
6:00 PM – Blues Group, led by Ed Cenatiempo and Audria Gebhardt – Everyone welcome
6:00 PM – Beginner/Intermediate Practice, led by Buddy Hirsch – Open to anyone
7:00 PM – First Tuesday of month: Business Meeting – 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.htm, 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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**NOVEMBER****DECEMBER**