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NEWS AND VIEWS - by *Mary Ann Love*

SPAH CONVENTION 2014

*Society for the Preservation and
Advancement of the Harmonica*

*The SPAH Convention will be held in
St. Louis - August 5-9, 2014
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel*

The Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica, known as SPAH, is an international non-profit organization of visionary harmonica enthusiasts who are passionate about the instrument and about its relevance to contemporary and future music.

SPAH's objectives are to cultivate, develop, improve, foster, promote, preserve and advance the harmonica and harmonica playing. SPAH respects the colorful past of the harmonica, while advancing its acceptance as a bona fide musical instrument. SPAH wants to inform everyone about the rich heritage of harmonica music, the many talented musicians currently making music with this phenomenal instrument and the great pleasure to be derived from learning to play the harmonica.

SPAH has many performances, workshops, lectures, displays and seminars that will please both beginners and seasoned pros. There will be a store with a variety of offerings, new and used, books and music, miscellaneous items for your review.

GREAT MUSIC! GREAT FUN!

You're Invited to a FREE CONCERT All-Star Kick-off Show on Wednesday evening, August 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM at Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY SEATS for this show are available to the general public, courtesy of: SPAH (Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica) and the Gateway Harmonica Club of St. Louis. To request seating (while still available) please contact: (314) 488-8875 or wedpmshow@gatewayharmonicaclub.org

FREE PARKING on the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel parking lot 9801 Natural Bridge Rd

Another opportunity to enjoy a free concert is on Saturday August 9, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon "How Sweet The Sound" Country/Gospel Show Featuring some of the all-star performers: Phil Duncan—Buddy Greene—Sandy Weltman Todd Parrott—Jimi Lee—Mike Caldwell

NO TICKETS REQUIRED: For Saturday show, just contact...(636) 477-0354 or satamshow@gatewayharmonicaclub.org to register your group's approximate attendance.

FREE PARKING on the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel parking lot 9801 Natural Bridge Rd

Acknowledgement:

Kudos go out to Jay Hotze who has been printing our newsletter (and other items). Thanks especially for the wonderful color photos in the last issue.

Former member of the GHC, **Von Rhey Ford**, passed away at age 96 on June 8. He had made a request that Gateway Harmonica Club play a few songs at his visitation and the family was most appreciative of our participation.

THE GHC READER 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:

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For a discount register before July 21

SPAH registration at www.spah.org

Registration forms also available from our club

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

Alex Stangl	7-Jul
Beth Paszkiewicz	11 Jul
Lauren Olesnicki	12-Jul
Mark Olesnicki	15-Jul
Ruth Huebner	20-Jul
Mike Patzius	21-Jul
Mary Heininger	24-Jul
Tom Sutterfield	24-Jul
Tony Wilbraham	26-Jul
Buddy Hirsch	26-Jul
Bernice Norton	27-Jul
Mary Ann Love	28-Jul
Jessie Cowan	30-Jul
Jessie Hirsch	31-Jul

AUGUST

Adam Andrews	1-Aug
Herb Huebner	2-Aug
Bob Norton	3-Aug
Bud Anders	4-Aug
John Rutledge	5-Aug
L.J. Atkison	12-Aug
Bob Davis	13-Aug
Betty Ford	13-Aug
Richard Krueger	15-Aug
Deb Kozuszek	17-Aug
Ria Meagher	20-Aug
Bob Sandefur	20-Aug
Sue Fey	25-Aug
Shelia Joy -Chittinappily	27-Aug
Jerry Gibson	27-Aug
Robert Anderson	29-Aug
Ed Paszkiewicz	31-Aug



Happy Birthday & Congratulations to all!

Memorial Day Parade

Washington is a city on the Missouri River in Franklin County, Missouri. The population was 13,982 from the 2010 census. It is the corn cob pipe capital of the world, with Missouri Meerschaum located on the riverfront. The city is quite charming and well-kept with a hometown friendly atmosphere.

Washington celebrated their 175-year anniversary with a 65-float parade on Memorial Day Saturday and the Gateway Harmonica Club was privileged to be invited to participate. Great accommodations were made for the club to ride a decorated float with fringe, live flowers, colorful balloons and a signboard. The sound system was set up and white chairs were provided for about a dozen players. It was a gorgeous day weather-wise with a gentle breeze and slight cloud cover, which filtered the sun.

Water bottles, fruit and snacks were provided. Probably the whole city population (plus) came out to line the sidewalks and lawns, four to five deep, with many children clapping, tapping and singing along beside their families to the tunes of Happy Birthday, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, and other polka and popular music. Our driver noted it was one of the most appreciated entries. This was quite a compliment since the other floats outdid each other. The harmonica band with great music was cheerful and uplifting. The Budweiser Clydesdale horses were majestic – so many sights to see and enjoy! The day was delightful and rewarding. The veterans (the reason for Memorial Day) were well honored with various uniforms and floats of red, white, and blue patriotic themes. Thanks to our military servicemen and women. Thanks to all who gave their time to make the trip.



Photo on Left: Julie & Jim Melchers, Herb Huebner, Super Girl & Super Dog, Jessie Hirsch, Ironman, Buddy Hirsch, Mary Ann Love, Bill Dulin, Jay Hotze, Mark Olesnicki, Frank Davis

After jotting a Thank You note for the great hospitality our club received at the Washington Parade, the following reply was received from our contact person of the 175th Anniversary Parade, Washington, Missouri:



"The pleasure was ours. The mantra of the parade committee was to uplift the spirits of the entire community. With your participation, we accomplished just that. The enthusiastic response to your entry was very rewarding. Wishing you and the entire club much success in all you do."

Cindy DuMontier

Guess Who?

Hint: This is one of our members with plenty of spunk who knows how to have a good time!

New Members:

Welcome to **Ann Samuels and Layne Van Brunt**. These ladies joined the club after taking lessons at the Meramec Community College and have already shown considerable advancement.

Welcome to **Clarence Kozuszek** who plays the accordion also to new member **Steve Rothmel**.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

Life is too short and friends are too few!

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."

- Cherokee Proverb

Sentimental Journey - The Song

Les Brown and His Band of Renown, with Doris Day as vocalist, had a hit record with the song, Day's first #1 hit, in 1945. The song's release coincided with the end of WWII in Europe and became the unofficial homecoming theme for many veterans. The recording was released by Columbia Records with the flip side "Twilight Time".^[1] The record first reached the Billboard charts on March 29, 1945 and lasted 23 weeks on the chart, peaking at #1. The song actually reached the charts after the later-recorded "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time". The song later became something of a standard with jazz artists and was recorded, among others, by Buck Clayton with Woody Herman and by Ben Sidran. Rosemary Clooney issued an album Sentimental Journey (2001) which included the song.

The Movie

The 1946 classic movie stars John Payne and Maureen O Hara. The story synopsis as follows: An actress becomes taken with Hitty, a young orphan prone to dreaming. Julie soon finds out that she is ill and has only a short time to live. She decides to adopt the child so that her husband Bill will not be alone when she dies. Unfortunately, Bill is not charmed by Hitty. After Julie dies, Bill is so grief stricken, he shuts out everyone in his life, especially Hitty. Hitty begins to receive imaginary visits from Julie who offers Hitty advice on how to make Bill happy. Bill does not believe she's seen Julie and decides to send her back to the orphanage. Rather than go back, Hitty runs away. After Bill hears a record Julie recorded before she died, he finally realizes he must move on with his life and find Hitty.

I expect to pass through the world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness or abilities that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- William Penn

**A Birth Certificate shows that we were born.
A Death Certificate shows that we died.
Pictures show that we lived.**

The motorcycle girl at the top of this page is our own Girl Friday, Pauline M. Guelbert!

What a gal!

Springtime Picnic

The Gateway Harmonica Club picnic on Saturday, June 14, at Shady Springs Park in St. Peters turned out to be a beautiful day weather-wise and every other way. Children and parents visiting the playground were attracted to visit with our group for songs and treats. Thanks to all who attended.



Ralph Barber



Herb & Ruth Huebner – Happy 45th Anniversary!



Welcome Back – Charlie Pratte

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

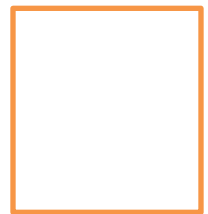
8:00 PM – Open Mic – Everyone Welcome

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.gatewayharmonicclub.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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July

August

