



Frustrated Maestros-Eastern Sharps & Flats

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Music Camp & GEAR

Almost Heaven West Virginia was a great place to spend the first two weeks of July, taking part in our 16th Annual Music Camp the first week and the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) the second week. Music Director Charles Marston wrote a show to celebrate Christmas in July which was presented on the first night of the Rally. Needless to say, much of the Music Camp agenda was geared towards putting the show together.



Just prior to our opening night performance our chapter's 25th anniversary was recognized by Eastern Area President, Gaye Young, and National President, Rhett Porter.

Kathy Fuller put together a photo collage of Music Camp and GEAR which is on page 5 of this Newsletter, but better yet, YOU CAN FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK by going to the link below. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the page. Kathy has put together narrative and all of her photos of the Rally. I urge you to have a look at it. Facebook may be one of the solutions to getting more exposure to our chapter.

The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084150331800>

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ES&F Annual Meeting

The Eastern Sharps & Flats Chapter of the FMCA Frustrated Maestros was held on Tuesday, July 12th. The Minutes of that meeting can be found as the last two pages of this Newsletter.

The Election of Officers was held in accordance with our by-laws and the new officers are shown in the box below. Also at the meeting, Music Camp 2023 was approved and will be held September 25-30, 2023, which is the week preceding GEAR 2023.

Music Camp 2023

The 17th Annual Music Camp and GEAR 2023 will again take place in Lewisburg, WV. We will be back to our normal fall schedule, with Music Camp being the last week of September and GEAR being the first week in October. Key dates are shown in the box below.

The Music Camp Committee is already hard at work, using ZOOM meetings on a regular basis to keep the ball rolling. If you have any ideas for Music Camp be sure to convey them to one of the Music Camp Committee members. More details will be forthcoming but be sure to write in the dates on your calendar as you make plans for next year.



17th Annual Music Camp Dates

Early Arrival	Sat & Sun	Sept. 23-24
Normal Arrival	Mon	Sept. 25
Music Camp	Tue-Fri	Sept. 26-29
Departure*	Sat	Sept. 30
GEAR Arrival	Sun	Oct. 1

* Unless staying for GEAR



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A Few Notes About Perry

We're going back to Perry for FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo, March 15-18, 2023.

Registration is open and reportedly it has been brisk. At last count the number has already passed the 1000 mark. The Maestros will have a strong presence in Perry and we know of several *First Time Maestros* that will be there.

You can register on-line, by phone or by mail. We look forward to seeing everyone in Perry, which has always been one of our best venues. Be sure to check

the volunteer box for
Frustrated Maestros
on the back of the Registration Form.

(The March 2023 Rally in Perry will be the 13th time in Perry.)

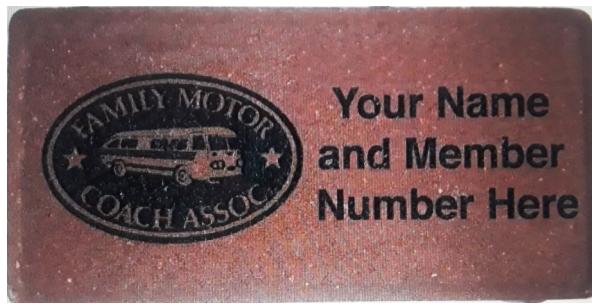


Commemorative Brick

A motion was passed at the Annual Meeting to purchase an FMCA commemorative brick. This has been done and the inscription will read:

Frustrated Maestros
Eastern Sharps and Flats

It will be placed either in the gated entrance of the FMCA dog park or used to create a walkway from the FMCA campground to Lake Barber.



Meet Our Newest Members



Ari and Sue Siegler

Sue is a retired music teacher. She taught elementary and middle school age children to play all the band and orchestral instruments as well as general music.

Ari is a retired engineer. He specialized in large composite (fiberglass) structures for submarines. Later on he worked with deicing systems for aircraft.

Jim plays a trumpet and Sue plays the flute as her main instrument, although she plays many instruments. Jim and Sue are members of several community bands as well as the Coast Guard Auxiliary Band. They are looking forward to performing with the Frustrated Maestros.

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Rick Taylor



Ron Hazelett

Rick and Ron joined us at Music Camp and GEAR in Lewisburg this past July. Rick is Bruce Taylor's brother.

Rick is a trumpet player and sings bass. He is also working on learning to play the guitar. He played in both the marching band and the Air Force ROTC band in college. He has sung with numerous choirs over the years including the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Akron. He and Ron are both members of a Gaelic Chorus which has won numerous competitions at the Annual Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania. Rick served as President of Artsparks, a non-profit organization that takes music and dance programs into Akron area elementary schools.

Rick started his career as an elementary school teacher and later taught English Literature and English at Indiana State University. He has been a real estate broker and insurance agent, and a bus driver for DDS (developmentally disabled students) for Summit County in Ohio. He has three kids and six grandchildren.

Ron is a music professional and following graduation from Marshall University travelled with bands for several years. He later taught voice and keyboard at Mt. Union College in Ohio and served as the Music Director for Artsparks. He continues to teach voice and keyboard at the college level and directs musicals at the Weathervane Theatre in Akron.



Eddie Broadwell

Eddie Broadwell and Lisa Blos-Johnson joined our chapter at GEAR this past July. Eddie plays the guitar and he joined us for the last two morning coffees in Lewisburg.

Eddie says they are still trying to figure out retirement. They like to travel to new places. They also enjoy gardening, reading, and watching "killer" movies. They also mentioned they like to go to city council meetings.



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David and Marie Breeding

David and Marie found us at a Happy Hour in Lewisburg and joined our Chapter on the spot.

David sings tenor/baritone and Marie sings soprano. We also discovered Marie has played the flute at some point in her past. She seemed hesitant to admit this, but we will work on her.

David was an Air Traffic Controller and pilot in the Army. He is a retired Master Sergeant having served for 21 years. Following his Army career he went into social work as a medical case manager. He worked for the State of North Carolina as a consultant for the Employment Security Commission. He has also owned several restaurants and clubs, as well as a Russian grocery store.

Marie spent 47 years as a CPA.

David and Marie have only been married for a couple of years and they have a blended family of five kids, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Burt & Sue Bicksler: *Two For The Road*

Burt and Sue live in Sevierville, TN and joined our chapter in August.

Burt's long professional career includes software/hardware design for a number of different companies and he currently works remotely on various contract projects. Susan's career included working with developmentally disabled adults and then a number of years as a Quality Control ISO 9000 Manager for an international company.

Burt sings baritone and plays both an electric and acoustic guitar. Susan sings alto.

Burt and Susan have been performing a variety of music and vocals for many years as a duo named "Two for the Road". For the last few years they have been performing at assisted living facilities.

We look forward to meeting the Bickslers in person in Perry at the International Convention in March.



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Coming for Music Camp.....
Staying for GEAR





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International Conventions and Area Rallies

October 2022

Rocky Mountain Area Rally

October 25-29, 2022

Pima County Fairgrounds
Tucson, Arizona

January 2023

Western Area Rally

January 11-15, 2023

Riverside County Fairgrounds
Indio, California

March 2023

FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo

March 15-18, 2023

Georgia National Fairgrounds
and Agricenter
Perry, GA

June 2023

Northwest Area Rally

June 7-11, 2023

Linn County Fair and Expo Center
Albany, Oregon

Midwest Area Rally

June 13-16, 2023

Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

August 2023

Northeast Area Rally

August 3-6, 2023

Herkimer Fairgrounds
Herkimer, NY

FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo

August 23-26, 2023

CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities
Gillette, WY

September 2023

South Central Area Rally

September 13-16

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma

October 2023

Eastern Area Rally (GEAR)

October 4-8, 2023

State Fairgrounds of West Virginia
Lewisburg, West Virginia



Go to: www.FMCA.com for Rally information and registration forms, or look for a Registration form in your *FAMILY MOTOR RVing* magazine.

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MUSIC CAMP COMMITTEE 2022—2023

Nick Heffner
Cliff Freed
Philip Fuller

Music Director: —ex officio
Secretary: Kathy Fuller—ex officio
President: Bruce Taylor—ex officio

EASTERN SHARPS AND FLATS
FMCA Frustrated Maestros
2022 Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Eastern Sharps and Flats Frustrated Maestro Chapter of FMCA was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the Blue Ribbon Bldg at the WV State Fairgrounds, Lewisburg, West Virginia during the Greater Eastern Area Region rally.

Vice President, Bruce Taylor, called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM in the absence of President Bud Gallagher. Bruce Taylor appointed Kathy Fuller as Acting Secretary in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Murton.

Members in attendance signed a Meeting Attendance Roster. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Carl Turner. Ira Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2019 meeting, which were emailed to all members in April of 2022 was made by MaryAnn Miller and seconded by Nick Hefner. The motion passed.

The Financial Report as of June 30, 2022 was also emailed to all members. Nick Hefner made the motion to accept the report. It passed.

The National Director Report was summarized by Bruce Taylor in the place of Bill Murton. A detailed report had been sent out by Bill shortly after the convention in Gillette, Wyoming, July 7-10, 2021.

The Music Director Report was given by Charles Marston. He complemented the musicians and told them they are worthy of many superlatives and ended with, "you all are simply the best." Bruce Taylor presented a gift to Charles and Roxie for their dedication to the Maestros.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Cliff Freed and Bruce Taylor, in the absence of Bill Murton, Committee Chair. The committee's recommendations were:

President-Bruce Taylor
Vice-President-Dale Averill
Secretary-Kathy Fuller
Treasurer-Gail Taylor
National Director-Bill Murton
Alternate National Director-Paul Monat

The floor was open for further nominations and none were given. The motion to accept the slate was made by Nick Hefner and seconded by Ira Miller. The motion passed.

The Nominating committee for the next year for a one-year term will be Nick Hefner, Dale Averill and Rosemarie Ladue.

There was a motion to hold a Music Camp in the Fall of 2023 just before GEAR at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV. The motion was made by Nick Hefner and seconded by Dale Averill. The motion passed. The date will be determined when GEAR dates for 2023 are set. There was a discussion about having a variety of music at the camp and providing music for the enjoyment of the musicians as well as for the program.

A motion was made by Bruce Taylor to give new members the opportunity to come in at this meeting and be considered paid through 2023 as well. The motion was seconded by Paul Monat and passed by the group.

July 12, 2022 Minutes Continued

A written motion from Pat Murton was submitted to purchase a Memorial Brick to be placed in the FMCA campground. The \$ 50 purchase price would be taken from the treasury. Nick Hefner seconded the motion which was then passed.

Meredith Walker reported that she was the only one at her chapter meeting.

Committee appointments were made for the year:

The Music Camp committee is Nick Heffner, Cliff Freed, and Phil Fuller. Meredith Walker is a potential member and would respond back later as to her status.

Bruce Taylor made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Fuller