



# Frustrated Maestros - Eastern Sharps & Flats



## February 2023 Newsletter

### Perry Update

**A**t last count it was reported that over 1800 RV's have registered for FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo in Perry, GA in March. If you have not yet registered, don't despair, the Georgia National Fairgrounds is a huge facility so you still have time to register.



We are expecting a large contingency of Frustrated Maestros, including many *First Timers*, so here is some information you will need to know before arriving in Perry.

#### Frustrated Maestros Arrival Date

As volunteers, Sunday, March 12th is the specified arrival date for the Frustrated Maestros. Specific arrival information will be detailed in your Rally Packet from FMCA, such as arrival window and which gate to use.

#### Red & Whites

Maestros are expected to wear "Red & Whites" for all performances and official events unless otherwise excepted. Red means a RED shirt or top of almost any style (in good taste). "White" means white pants. White pants are sometimes hard to find, especially in men's sizes. Some have found that painter's pants work well. They are usually available at paint stores such as Sherwin-Williams.

#### What Else Should I Bring?

You should have your own music stand. It is sometimes beneficial to have a music stand light if you have one, but don't go running out to buy one if you haven't already got one. Also bring any special accessories you might need such as mutes, horn stands, mute stands, etc.

We are a very social group and will almost always find a way to have an afternoon "Happy Hour". You may wish to bring things to share at some of the "Happy Hours".

And finally, you should have your own copy of both the Original Red Book and the Modern Red Book. See the next column for details: Music-Music-Music



### Music-Music-Music

**T**he two music books that every Maestro should own are the *Original Red Book*, and the *Modern Red Book* (sometimes referred to as the Rocky Mtn. Red Book).

These files are available in electronic format on Charlie Kennington's drop box which can be accessed by going to the link below (copy and paste in your browser):

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsntDMPWoBvb1m1bWuaOa3laQsU3?e=HxK3qU>

When you open the link you will see lots of different music folders, but right now just concern yourself with the Red Book folders. The easiest way to get all of the Red Book music printed out is to download the specific folders you will need and take it to an Office Depot/ Office Max store and have them print it for you. FMCA has a discount program with them and the cost is very reasonable. You can find the information on the FMCA WEB site under "Discount Programs. All you should need is the account number which is **01187111308**. Some stores can two side print for you and some may print on pre-punched paper making it easier to put in a three ring binder.

When you first open the link to Charlie Kennington's drop box you will see several folders for the Red Book. Look for the one that is the key that you need for your instrument. For example, most trumpets are keyed to Bb, so you should download that folder to a storage device such as a thumb drive. Chorus members should download the C-folders. For the Original Red Book there is an additional folder labeled RED BOOK 132-146. When you open this folder look for the file in it that is keyed for your instrument and download it to your thumb drive.

Go back to the first page of the drop box and look for the folder that says "Rocky Mtn. Modern Red Book". Open this folder and look for the file that is keyed for your instrument and download it to the thumb drive. You are now ready to find your nearest Office Depot and get both books printed out. Be sure you only get the files for the two Red Books printed—not everything in Charlie's drop box. Also, it is a good idea to get two sided copying if possible. It really cuts down on the weight you need to haul to rehearsals and performances.

One last suggestion: if you have the capability to download the other music from Charlie's drop box to your computer, it may come in handy down the road. Just don't worry about making hard copies of it now.



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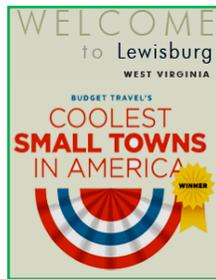


### Music Camp & GEAR



The 17<sup>th</sup> 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 this year.



Do you have a Frustrated Maestro name tag? There will most likely be a vendor in Perry that can make the Maestro badges. If you would like to get one before going to Perry you can get them from Badges R-US. Their WEB site is [www.badgesrus.net](http://www.badgesrus.net) and their phone numbers are (760) 212-0682 or (877) 231-1682. Their order form shows various layout options but not one like the one pictured here. Just tell them you want the layout provided by Bruce Taylor for the Eastern Sharps & Flats. Also, do not order an Eastern Sharps & Flats hang bar. The chapter will give that to you.



#### 17th Annual Music Camp Dates

Early Arrival	Sun	Sept. 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

### More About Perry

#### Captain, Captain, Oh My Captain.....



The Maestro Rally Captain is Nick Hefner. He is the President of the SEA Sharps.

Nick is not only a great saxophone player, but maybe his greatest skill is his ability to fool small children. He resembles Santa Claus and is a bonafide, professional Santa.



### Musical Director



The Music Director is Paul Monat. Paul is a cornet player extraordinaire and is well known and respected by music professionals around the country. He has been an active Maestro for many years, and in addition to the cornet he often plays a tuba.





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### International Conventions and Area Rallies

#### 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](http://www.FMCA.com) for Rally information and registration forms, or look for a Registration form in your *FAMILY MOTOR RVing* magazine.

### A Word About Herkimer

The Northeast Area Maestro Chapter, the Yankee Doodle Dandies (YDD), have always been strong supporters of the Eastern Area Events, including Music Camp. This year the Northeast is planning a rally in Herkimer, NY, a small town between Syracuse and Albany on the New York State Thruway. It is the home of the famous Herkimer Diamond Mines. Herkimer was established following the Revolutionary War in 1788, so there should be lots of history to explore in the area.

As you plan your summer travels and Maestro Events, it would be great if many of us from the Eastern Sharps & Flats could find our way to Herkimer to support our sister Chapter, the YDD's. The Rally dates are August 3-6 so the Maestros will most likely come in on August 1st. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Stay connected to the Eastern Sharps & Flats on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook Account to see the latest news. Just follow the link below. Give it a try.

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

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