



HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS

June 2024

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Notes from the Prez



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MHHC President

THE NEWS FROM SCOTT

Both Memorial and Mother's Day fell on our meeting times for this past month. Though many were busy with family and personal obligations, those in attendance had a wonderful time. With both group songs and individual open mic performances, it was a lot of fun.

Upcoming events or information of special note include:

Look up Swallow Hill music workshops and you'll see ClayKirkland offering in person instruction this month. His workshop welcomes those playing chromatic, bass, chord and diatonic harmonicas with the goal of learning how to play in a harmonica ensemble. Many of us only play individually, so this could be an opportunity to expand our understanding of musical possibilities on the harmonica. See swallowhillmusic.org for more details.

Times getting short if you plan on attending this years SPAH (Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica) convention. From August 13th to the 17th in Tulsa, it will be a fabulous time. Hope to see you there!

Sometime this month for open mic we'd like to hear whatever you consider lively, happy or upbeat music. Ther are lots of genres to choose from but it could be a jig, reggae, bluegrass , jazz... ? The ultimate goal is to find any song that puts a smile on your face.

Scott



MEETINGS

June 9, 2024
1:30 p.m.

Club Meeting
Historic Grant Avenue
216 S. Grant Street, Denver

June 23, 2024
1:30 p.m.

Club Meeting
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Note:

Our club gives thanks to Kirsten Collins and her husband. After visiting us last month her article highlighting our club should be out June 1st on the Community Media website and then several days ago later should appear in the Washington Park Profile and Life on Capitol Hill as well as one or two other local community papers.

Open Mic 5/12/24

Richard & Barbara Keller

Shawn Massa

Richard Keller

Wayne Diffie

Freddie Alexander

Bill Kawamura, Paul Davies

“Springtime in the Rockies”

“Dream On”

“Red River Valley”

“Planxty Irwin,” “O'Carolan”

“Volare”

“Peg O' My Heart,” “Harbor Lights”

Open Mic 5/24/24

Ken Moyer

Dave Nielson

Lloyd Williams

Ed Martin

Gayla Michlin

Les Reitman

Tim Winkelman

Richard and Barbara Keller

“Star Spangle Banner”

“Don't Stand Under the Apple Tree”

“Hymn of Promise”

“Country Roads”

“My Cherie Amour”

“Chimes of Freedom”

“My Country Tis of Thee”

“Alphabet Song”, “When its Spring Time
In the Rockies”

“Rose of San Antone”

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

“Col. Bogey March,” “Merry Widow
Waltz”

Ken Moyer

Lloyd Williams

Ken Moyer, Roger Bale, Tim Winkelman, Gayla
Michlin

Gayla Michlin

Roger Bale

Ed Martin

Everybody

Bill Kawamura and group

“Clouds”

“Clarinet Polka”

“Are You Lonesome Tonight?”

“America the Beautiful”

“Just As I Am”

Open Mic Performances 3/24/24

Tim Winkelman, Ken Moyer, Roger Bale, Lee Taylor, Gayla Michelin	“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” and “Margie”
Roger Bale	“Nancy” (Nancy Bale’s birthday is the 17th)
Lou Acosta	“Granada”
Richard Keller	“The Old Rugged Cross”
Jackson Campbell	“Hesitation Blues”
Wayne Diffie	“Eleanor of Usan”
Vonnie C’de Baca	“Ashoken Farewell”
LeRoy DeVries	“Love Lifted Me”
Ed Martin	“King of the Road”
Scott Paulding	“Port Lairge”
Freddie Alexander	“Tennessee Whiskey”
Paul Davies	“Gentle on My Mind”
Ken Moyer and Paul	“Muskrat Ramble”
Bill Kawamura	“The Holy City”, “Lullaby of Birdland”

Harmonica Musings by Scott- “Try Not to Be an Idiot”

I was recently looking over “**The Complete Idiots Guide to Playing the Harmonica**”. The book is very informative and provides a lot of valuable direction for beginner or even experienced harmonica players, but it’s important to note that if you were a real idiot, you’d probably never seek out an instructional book like this in the first place.

I picked up my first harmonica when I was 16 (more than 50 years ago). Being the complete teenage idiot that I was, I figured that it wouldn’t be long before I had mastered the instrument and was the star of some big-time band.

Fast forward to almost 25 years later. In that time, I had almost mastered most nursery rhyme and children’s songs. I’d discovered that I sounded really good (to myself) playing on my front porch while drinking a lot of beer. Why as good as I was, I still didn’t need to reference any harmonica guides or even to listen to real humans playing.

Music Lyric Trivia- With these songs from the 60's and 70's, see if you know the missing lyrics. **Also**, can you play any of these on the harmonica?

*We're caught in a trap, I can't walk out, because I love you too much _____. (Elvis)

*Hold me closer tiny dancer, count the _____ on the highway. (Elton John)

*Crazy... I'm crazy for feeling so _____. (Patsy Cline)

*Drove my Chevy to the levy but the _____ (Don Mclean)

*I fell into a burning _____ (Johnny Cash)

*Almost heaven, _____, Blueridge Mountains, Shenandoah River. (John Denver)

*I got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I got the _____. (The Temptations)

*Hello Mudda, hello Fadda, here I am, in _____. (Allan Sherman)

*Or would you like to swing on a star, carry _____ (Frank Sinatra)

*Dang me, dang me, oughta _____ (Roger Miller)

Answers ***in no particular order***... lonely/ ring of fire/ Camp Granada/ West Virginia/ levy was dry/ baby/ headlights/ take a rope and hang me/ month of May/ moonbeams home in a jar