



HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS

September 2024

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Notes from the Prez



***Scott Paulding
MHHC President***

THE NEWS FROM SCOTT

I don't mean to be bragging that I got to go to the SPAH convention (Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica) this past month in Tulsa, but I do feel fortunate that I was able to go. When I was in the regular workforce (I'm retired now), having to work prevented me from ever being able to attend this very cool event. Read more about the convention at the end of this newsletter... and if you can, plan on attending next year.

The 4th Sunday meeting of this month will be held in Lone Tree, Colorado, at the home of Shawn Massa and Lois Perry. Thanks to them for hosting our 4th annual "End of the Summer Music Celebration"

We're also celebrating the incredible fact that our club has been in existence for 30 years!!!.

Thanks to all of you who have made the MHHC such a fun and rewarding place to hang out for all these years.



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MEETINGS

September 8, 2024

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

September 22, 2024

Special Meeting

**See the next page for instructions
To Shawn and Lois's home**

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Their home address is 7302 Powder Horn Drive, Lone Tree, Co. Shawn's contact number for any questions is 719.237.3884. This fun event will begin at 1:00 and continue until approx. 4:00 p.m.

*Guests including family and friends are welcome.

*Club will provide soft drinks, water and ice.

*Plates, cups and utensils will be available.

*Please bring your own main course and side dishes. Potluck if you wish to share.

You may GOOGLE their address if you wish, but if you already know where Lone Tree is, here are some general directions from I-25.

Go west on Lincoln from I-25 1.4 miles

Go left on Lone Tree Parkway .4 miles

Go Left on Rattlesnake Drive .2 miles

Rattlesnake turns into Powderhorn and the house is on the right at 7302 Powderhorn Drive.

***Looking forward to seeing you then!

Open Mic Performances 8/11/24

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| John Stiles | "Louise" |
| Eric Belsey | "Supermarket to the World" |
| Roger Bale, Lee Taylor | "Maria Elaina", "My Happiness" |
| Roger Bale | "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" |
| Les Reitman | "Ripple" |
| Ken Moyer, Lee Taylor | "Roll on Heaven" |
| Ed Martin | "Fly Me to the Moon" |
| Scott Paulding | "Hey Guys, Hard Times" |
| Jeff Kellner and Scott | "Taps" |

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| LeRoy DeVries | “Love Lifted Me” |
| Freddie Alexander | “Fly Me to the Moon” |
| Gayla Michelin | “On Broadway”, “My Sweet Amore” |
| Open Mic Performances 8/25/2024 | |
| Tim Winkelman, Roger Bale, Gayla Michelin, Ken Moyer, Lee Taylor | “Red Sails in the Sunset,” “Red Roses for a Blue Lady” |
| Gayla Michelin | “I’ve Got My Love to Keep me Warm” |
| Roger Bale | “Sweet Georgia Brown |
| Freddie Alexander, Shawn Massa, Mayra Pena Deleon, Ed Martin, Barry Staver, Lloyd Williams | “When the Saints Go Marching In” |
| Freddie Alexander | “Fly Me to the Moon” |
| Shawn Massa | “Amazing Grace |
| Loyd Williams | “Oh What a Beautiful Morning” |
| Ed Martin | “Summertime” |
| Dave Nielsen | “Summertime” |
| Lou Acosta | “Lisbon Antigua” |
| Richard Keller | “Old Man River” |
| Bill Kawamura | “Blue Eyes Crying”, “When You Wish Upon A Star” |
| Scott Paulding | “In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening” |

Harmonica Musings by Scott: “The SPAH 2024 Convention”

SPAH2024 in Tulsa was a fantastic experience. Whatever your harmonica interests or level of proficiency, there was a plethora of educational experiences and talent to enjoy. You may or may not have heard of some of the following performers but WOW, look them up. The music that can be produced on the harmonica by folks such as Antonio Serrano, Mariano Massola, Dennis Gruenling, PT Gazel, Winslow Yerxa, Todd Parrott, Madcat Ruth....and many more is truly astounding and Inspirational.

The performances are great, and to be able to walk up to these harmonica heroes or to participate in classes conducted by them is amazing. You find out that these harmonica greats will readily share their techniques and expertise with any one who expresses an interest.

I happen to be a harmonica player who often lacks a real focus relating to where I want to go with my music and technique. However, the many opportunities available throughout the convention give me tons of new ideas and directions to explore.

We had more than a dozen MHHC members along with their spouses and family that attended the Tulsa convention this year and for each and every one of them, it was an event to remember. Next August at approximately the same time, SPAH will be holding the annual convention in San Antonio, Texas. **Be there or be square.**