



HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS

February 2023

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Notes from the Prez



Scott Paulding
MHHC President

THE NEWS

Hello Folks... Finally, it looks like we're coming to the end of what's certainly been an extended deep freeze here in Denver, but let's just keep on trying to thaw out. A couple of our harmonica club members reported that on Groundhog's Day that they saw their shadows... so I guess that means we can expect six more weeks of winter. We'll just have to try to wait things out by continuing to share the wonderful music that everyone brings to each of our club meetings. I've said this before, but I leave every meeting with songs that I want to play and things that I want to learn.

*A reminder to all of you. **Dues are due** for this year. If you're not caught up, please contact **Ed Martin**, our treasurer.

*One of our favorite club members, Freddie Alexander, has regularly been performing around town. Check out his schedule below and try to visit him sometime.

Piccino Wood Oven Pizza in Littleton 5:30-7:30 every Thurs., Helgas German Restaurant in Aurora 8-10 on Feb 17th, Modern Brew Kitchen and Bar in Centennial 6-7:30 on Mar. 10th and 6-9 on Ap. 22nd.

Scott



MEETINGS

February 12, 2023
1:30 p.m.

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

February 26, 2023
1:30 p.m.

Club Meeting
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216 S. Grant Street, Denver

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Open Mic 1/8/23

Shawn Massa	"Bonnie and Clyde", "Sweet Child of Mine"
Leroy DeVries, Larry Kind	"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
Dave Nielson	"Kumbaya"
Scott Paulding	"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
Freddie Alexander	"Ring of Fire"
Ken Moyer	"I Really Don't Want to Know"
Ken and Roger Bale	"Maria Elena"
Ken and Leroy DeVries	"Whispering Hope"
Ed Martin	"Are You Lonesome Tonight?"
Jay Gubersky	"Shenandoah"
Lloyd Williams	"Your Cheating Heart"
Eric Belsey	"Heart of Gold"
Gayla Michelin	"Tomorrow"
Bill Kawamura	"Green Eyes", "Blue Eyes"
Bill and Paul Davies	"Harbor Lights"
Paul Davies	"The Two Harp Chug"
Barry Staver	"Killing Me Softly"
Paul, Ed, Barry, Eric, Lloyd,	"Group Blues Demo"
Jay, Gail, Florence Cabo, and Mayra	



Open Mic 1/22/23

Barry Staver	"Fly Me to the Moon", "Moon River"
Lloyd Williams	"Happy Wanderer"
Les Reitman	"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
Ed Martin	"Annie's Song", "Country Roads"
Scott Paulding	"Kesh Jig"
Eric Belsey	"Garry Owen"
Roger Bale	"Polka Dots and Moonbeams"
Roger and Ken Moyer	"June in January", "Only You"
Paul Davies	"Spanish Eyes", "Redwing"
Paul and Lizzie McWilliams	"Twinkle Twinkle"
Bill Kawamura and Ken	"Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy"
Bill and Paul	"Oh Danny Boy"
Freddie Alexander	"Tennessee Whiskey"
Bill, Freddie and Ken	"Yellow Bird"



Harmonica Musings:

I figure that in another hundred years or so of playing the harmonica, I'll finally know everything there is to know. I'll have figured out every style and technique. I'll have mastered every musical genre and harmonica position as well as inventing new ones. It's really unfortunate that I probably don't have a hundred years to achieve the lofty musical aspirations that I dream of.

I guess we all get frustrated by the seemingly slow progress of our skills, but it's funny that if you're able to evaluate where you were, even a couple of years ago, versus now, you can see definite positive progress.

If nothing else, playing around with a harmonica is just always fun. I'll learn the basic melody of some new song. I'll play it tons and tons of times (my wife says "Shut the door!"). I try to iron out major problems and attempt to add things that are entertaining to me. The regular journey of knowing nothing to producing some unique (to me) interpretation of a song is, as I already said, just fun. Maybe I don't really need to last another hundred years.

Scott