



HARMONICA HIGHLIGHTS

September 2021

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Notes from the Prez



***Scott Paulding
MHHC President***

THE NEWS

Hello Everybody,

Well, it looks like we're coming to the end of summer. I already miss it but here's some important information regarding this month's meetings. Our September (9/12) Sunday meeting will be at Grant Street as is normal, but...for our 4th Sunday meeting (9/26), we will be off-site in Lone Tree, Colorado. **Details follow:**

Shawn Massa and Lois have offered us their home for the afternoon. Many thanks for their generosity. This will be Mile High Harmonica's "Beginning of Autumn" picnic/club music celebration! Shawn's contact number is 720.503.9335. The address is 7302 Powderhorn Drive, Lone Tree, Co. Again, it will take place at their house Sun. **Sept. 26th** from 1:00 to @ 4:00 pm.

Details and directions are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Scott



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

**September 12, 2021
1:30 p.m.**

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

**September 26, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Party at Shawn Massa's house
(information on 3rd page)**

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Open Mic: 8/8/2021

Shawn Massa	"Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Amazing Grace"
Chris Doughty	"Only You"
Barry Staver	"Swing Low", "Old Rugged Cross", "Down by the Riverside"
Roger Bale	"Blue Gardenia", "Shadow of Your Smile"
Lee Taylor, Ken Moyer	"Brighten the Corner Where You Are"
Lee Taylor	"Blue Skies", "Planaxty Irwin"
Ken Moyer	"Deep River"
Ed Martin	"Blowin in the Wind"
Richard Keller & Barbara	"Blue Skies"
Lloyd Williams	"May the Circle be Unbroken", "I'll Fly Away"
Scott Paulding	"Battle of Jericho"
Paul Davies	"Michael Row the Boat Ashore", "Shenandoah"
Bill Kawamura	"Because He Lives", "I've Got a Mansion"
Wayne Diffie	"Last Thing on My Mind", "Close Your Eyes"
Paul D., Barry S., Wayne D., Ed M., Richard K., Lloyd W. & Dennis Wyatt	"Home on the Range"

Open Mic (8/21/21)

Lloyd Williams	"Happy Wanderer"
Gayla Michelin	"The Way We Were"
Lee Taylor	"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"
Lee and JJ "Harmonica" Brown	Blues Jamming
Roger Bale	"Getting Sentimental Over You"
Scott Paulding	"St. James Infirmary"
Richard Keller & Barb	"Hey Good Lookin' and 'Side By Side"
Chris Doughty	"Little Rascal Theme" and "A Whistler and His Dog"
Ed Martin	"Are You Lonesome Tonight"
LeRoy DeVries	"Farther Along"
Barry Staver	"Besame Mucho"
Shawn Massa	"Bridge Over Troubled Waters", "Scarborough Fair", "The Sound of Silence"
Bill Kawamura	"Yellow Bird", "Edelweiss", "The Sound of Music"

Instructions to get to Shawn and Lois's home

Guests such as family or friends are welcome

Club will provide soft drinks, water and ice

Plates, cups and utensils will also 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 mi.

Go left on Lone Tree Parkway .4 mi

Go left on Rattlesnake Drive .2 mi

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

*** We're all looking forward to seeing you then!

Interview of the Month: - Roger Bale

I was a big fan of harmonica music in the 50s – The Harmonicats, Johnny Puleo, Richard Hayman, Leo Diamond, etc. All of them played chromatic, so when I decided to learn to play, naturally I chose the chromatic. I loved the big band music of the 40s and the pop music of the 50s, so that's what I learned to play.

I learned to play by ear, and that worked for a lot of music, but I soon discovered that there were some pieces of music that I just couldn't pick up by ear, so I taught myself to read music. That was a tedious and difficult process, but it was well worth it because now I can play any piece of music that isn't technically too difficult for my skill set.

In January of 2001, I discovered Mile High Harmonica Club and SPAH. I have been an active member of both organizations ever since. I developed a computerized membership and convention registration system for SPAH, and I served as membership director for about twelve years. I also built an early version of the SPAH website and published *Harmonica Happenings* magazine for about four years.

With MHHHC I played for several years with the ensemble group, Harp'n Harmonicas (Later named the West Wind Harmonica Band) under the direction of Betty Taylor. I want to thank Betty for her tireless and skilled work in arranging music and directing the band. My time with that group helped me to learn music theory and develop my playing skills.

