



Yankee Doodle Dooin's

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President's Message

To All YDDs:

It hardly seems possible that it is nearly the end of December. I hope that all of you enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas with friends, family, and loved ones.

Once again, I want to offer my sincere thanks to those of you who attended NEAR 2011 and contributed to our performances. In the absence of any real conductor, every single one of you played a vital part in enabling the show to go on, and I will be forever grateful to those who were there.

Early info for NEAR 2012 has already been sent out in the form of a flyer which you are encouraged to duplicate and post/share whenever and wherever you have the chance. Some of you have already responded re our pre-rally, and I look forward to hearing from many more of you. As in previous years, I will send out a temporary schedule for both the pre-rally and the rally itself

as soon as it is ready. In addition, keep checking the website, as Anne will be posting new information as it becomes available.

I would love to see a much larger Maestro group in 2012. For various reasons, several of you took a "vacation year" this past year...hope to see you back with us next July.

Remember that NEAR 2012 is intended for ALL RVs...both motorhomes and towables. So if you have musically-inclined friends who travel in towables, be sure to encourage them to attend.

The really good news is that we **WILL** have a conductor for NEAR 2012. Charles Marston has agreed to do the honors. I know we will all be happy to see Charles and Roxie again.

Paul joins me in wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Until we meet again, travel safely, and keep a song in your heart!

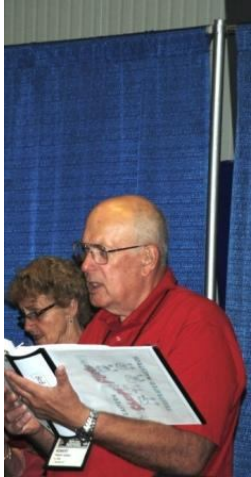
Sincerely,

Diane



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Secretary's Report

The annual meeting was held on July 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Diane DuBois at 2:40 p.m. The President led the members in the pledge of Allegiance. There were 14 member coaches present.

Reading of 2011 Secretary's Report

Bob Easton made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes from July 1, 2010 and accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Glenn Muir and was accepted by the membership.

National Director's Report

Glenn Muir made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Governing Board Meeting from August 11, 2010. The motion was seconded by Bob Mach and was accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Webb sent the critical information to President DuBois as she was unable to attend the meeting. Flower MacMillen gave the following report of finances.

Check Book Balance July 6, 2011 \$ 988.81

Income received at NEAR Pre-Rally

7 Pre-Rally deposits @ \$38.00 \$266.00

9 Dues for 2011 @ \$10.00 90.00

2 "New" Red Books 35.55

Total Income at Rally \$391.55 plus 391.55

\$1380.36

Expenses

1 night Pre-Rally refund (cash) \$ 19.00

Pizza (debit card) 141.70

Soda, and ice (cash) 17.55

Total expenses at Rally \$178.25 less 178.25

Chapter funds available at end of NEAR Pre-Rally \$1202.11

Audit Committee Report

The committee made up of Joan Bamberger, Bob Easton and Nancy Heck reported that everything looked correct.

OLD BUSINESS

Diane DuBois reported that we will be using the Modern Red Book in the future and that it can be printed from the CD.

It was also reported that YDD's were the only FM chapter to succeed in the "A Dozen Does IT" campaign.

Thanks to Yvon Cousineau's final "white card" we received our gift package from FMCA. Many thanks to all who helped out.



Secretary's Report - continued

NEW BUSINESS

The topic of honorary members was discussed and Diane Dubois stated that she was thinking of offering Yvonne Crockett for Honorary Membership. Glenn Muir moved the question and was seconded by Diane Dubois and the motion accepted.

It was stated that there will be a Chapter Newsletter Competition at this rally. Diane DuBois will be submitting our most recent newsletter.

Diane DuBois asked the members present to take a look at our yddfm.com website and that we would vote later this week whether or not to keep it.

(Secretary's note) Subsequently, a vote was taken and the members decided that the website should be kept.

Some big thank-you's to:

- Grant Bamberger for again serving as Ezra's helper, to our nominating committee for all their work, Ricki and Anne for our social schedule, Joan Bamberger for planning our program, Joan Bamberger and Bob Heck for solo accompaniments, Bob Easton will be our Temporary Delegate at Madison, Kay Easton for keeping track of all the songs that we have practiced and the many copies of pieces of music that we were lacking and to all of you who helped out in the face of some difficult circumstances this year.
- Bob Easton will be representing the YDD's in Madison and asks members to contact him at BobEast@earthlink.net if you think of something you would like presented.
- A call was made for volunteers to help set up and man our table at the Chapter Fair on Saturday at 1:15 and to carry the chapter banner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night's opening ceremonies.

Election of Officers

The new Nominating Committee is Bob Heck, John Kaiser and Bob Mach

The candidates for office are:

President – Diane DuBois

Vice President – Joan Bamberger

Secretary – Bob Benac

Treasurer – Flower Mac Millen

National Director – Flower Mac Millen

Alt. Nat. Director – Diane DuBois

Since there were no other nominations from the floor a motion was made by Bill Nelson that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Glenn Muir and was accepted by the membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. **Bob Benac**, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

A Note from the Treasurer

As the newly elected treasurer of the Yankee Doodle Dandies, Greetings.

We began a new YDD year, as of July first. Last year we had 50 members on our roster, but for various reasons, we've now dropped to 31 dues paying members. We rely on the dues to cover our ongoing expenses. So that means this year, we added \$310 to our bank account. Our current expenses this year exceeded that amount, but we had a previous balance to cover these things. My point is, we either need to increase our membership or trim our expenses, or we'll eventually deplete our reserves. I'm from the old school of believing we should "live within our means".

Several of our members were not able to attend the NEAR Rally last summer, so that naturally helped reduce the number of members renewing their membership. If you aren't there, it's easier to not renew. We're looking forward to the summer of 2012 being a healthy one and with lower fuel prices, so more folks will be able to attend NEAR and the Maestro Pre-Rally.

As you travel this country and meet folks who enjoy music as we do, encourage them to join us at NEAR, and sit in with the Maestros. As you are aware, the primary requirement is a love of music.

Since I use a computer and keep the Treasurer's records electronically, I am quite flexible. Your check may include more than one item, such as money for dues AND the Pre-rally. You may also pay your dues for more than one year at a time, if that's easier for you. I'll keep track of it on the computer. Also, since I'm a fulltimer, sometimes the mail has to "find" me, so please be patient. I will acknowledge receipt of your check.

Like many of you, I belong to several organizations, and it's difficult to remember when each one is due. Some are on a calendar year, and others, like YDD, are on a fiscal year. I ended up keeping a list on my computer of all my chapters and organizations requiring annual dues, noting when each is due, how much, and when I paid it. This system has helped me, and might help you too, even if it's a list on a sheet of paper.

You will find the treasurer's report elsewhere in this newsletter. Since we only have one chapter meeting each year, this is the only report you will receive until next July. However if you have questions at any time, please contact me directly.

Flower MacMillen, Treasurer

Thank you, and may you always enjoy music.

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Treasurer's Report, continued

Item	Amount	Checkbook	Petty Cash
Balance - June 30, 2011		\$988.81	\$57.72
Income received at NEAR Pre-Rally			
7 Pre-Rally deposits @ \$38.00	\$266.00		
12 Dues for 2011 @ \$10.00	\$120.00		
2 Red Books (1 cost to copy \$15.55 & 1 complete)	<u>\$35.55</u>		
Total income at Pre-Rally	\$421.55	\$421.55	
Expenses at NEAR Pre-Rally			
1 night Pre-Rally refund	-\$19.00		
Soda and ice	-\$17.55		
Pizza	<u>-\$141.70</u>		
Total expenses at Pre-Rally	-\$178.25	-\$178.25	
Chapter funds available at end of NEAR Pre-Rally		\$1,232.11	\$57.72
Additional Income at NEAR			
2 Original Red Books @ \$20	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Additional Expenses at NEAR			
Pre-Rally Camping	-\$533.60		
Binders	<u>-\$9.23</u>		
Total expenses at NEAR	-\$542.83	-\$542.83	
Checkbook Balance July 31, 2011		\$729.28	
Additional Income since NEAR			
8 dues @ \$10	\$80.00	\$80.00	
Additional Expenses since NEAR			
Chapter Web Site	-\$107.40		
Full page ad in NEAR 2012 Book	-\$125.00		
Box of Checks	-\$25.00		
Pre-Rally refund, less dues	-\$28.00		
Red Binders	<u>-\$20.95</u>		
Total expenses since NEAR	-\$306.35	-\$306.35	
Balance on hand Nov. 25, 2011		\$502.93	\$57.72

Flower MacMillen, Treasurer



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Keep up to date with all YDD forms, rallies, photos, officers, etc. at yddf.com.

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A tab on the All Things Frustrated Maestro Blog home page has been made for Western Area Rally, 2011 in Indio, California. Find information, contact numbers and directions on this page.

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Tabs are located just under the All Things Maestro title. They keep you up to date on Maestros.

Bookmark the Frustrated Maestro page and have a quick reference to information about rallies. At your fingertips are those multiple dates that are hard to remember. Let these pages work for you.

Blog Archives....take you to the posting on that date. Remember....your "All Things Frustrated Maestro Blog" is open 24/7.....365. You may visit anytime, day or night!

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FMCA's Northeast Area's 20th Anniversary RV Round-Up



JULY 19TH - 22ND, 2012 (arrive on Thursday, leave on Monday)

Champlain Valley Expo Center, Essex Junction, VT

If you own an RV...Motorhome or Towable... this IS for YOU!!!

Rally Highlights:

Four Nights of Camping w/ Electric & Water Hook-Ups at all sites (pump-outs available for a fee); RV Dealer Displays of NEW & USED Motorhomes and Towables; Indoor/Outdoor Vendor Areas; LIVE Entertainment; Daily Kids' Programs; Educational & Entertaining Seminars; Ice Cream Social; Coffee & Donuts Daily; Hot Breakfast Sunday; BINGO; Door Prizes; Hobo-Flea Market at your RV;

Performances by the Frustrated Maestros/Yankee Doodle Dandies; Coffee, Cake & Game Night; Pet Parade & Education Center; Motorhome and Towable RV Driver Rodeos; Chapter Fair; Ladies' Motorhome and Towable RV Driving Classes; Golf Cart Pilot/CoPilot Obstacle Course; K-9 Demonstration; CPR/AED Class; Fire & Life Safety Program; "Goodie Bags;" Optional Charter Bus Sight-Seeing Tours; Optional Catered Dinner; and SO much more.

In addition, enjoy sight-seeing on your own: Shelburne; Teddy Bear Factory; Ben & Jerry's; University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm; Champlain Valley Chocolate Tour; Breweries; etc.

Rally early-bird registration fee is \$190.00 (\$200.00 after 7/01/12.)

If you are interested in attending, vending, or advertising your business, contact our planners @ diplomatman2002@yahoo.com or hoagsfarm@aol.com

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