

2017 Mid-Winter Meeting Agenda
January 12-15, 2017 ---- Sarasota, Florida

Thursday, January 12, 2017

- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration at SpringHill Suites Hotel, Sarasota
- Dinner on your own
- 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm Open Houses—Rex & Ruth Burgett; Ron & Mary Jo Bopp

Friday, January 13, 2017

- 8:00 am Set-up for organ rally and enjoy the Flea Market at Showfolks Club Building
- 9:00 am – 11:30 am Organ Rally at Showfolks
- 10:00 am “Meet and Greet” inductees into Circus Ring of Fame
- Lunch on your own
- 12:30 pm -- 1:00 pm Registration at SpringHill Suites Hotel, Sarasota
- 1:00 pm -- 1:45 pm Membership meeting – SE MBSI
- 2:00 pm -- 4:30 pm Workshops
- 5:00 pm -- 7:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 7:00 pm -- 10:00 pm Mart & Hospitality – Conference Room

Saturday, January 14, 2017

- 7:00 am -- 9:00 am Set-up for Organ Rally, St. Armands Circle
- 9:00 am -- 1:30 pm Organ Rally
- 1:30 pm -- 5:00 pm Optional Ringling Museum Tour (on your own)
- 1:30 pm -- 4:00 pm Windjammers Circus Band & “Ring of Fame” Induction Ceremony
- 4:00 pm -- 5:00 pm Organ Rally continues
- 6:00 pm Group Dinner at “Bob’s Train”
- 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Open House – Sally Craig

Sunday, January 15, 2017

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Open House – Barry Napsin
- 12:00 am – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm -- 3:30 pm Windjammers Circus Band Concert at Sailor Circus Arena
- 3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm Sailor Circus performs with Windjammers

Bob's Train is an actual train: a circus train. It's the only circus train in the world owned by an individual. (Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus is a corporation.) It is also a restaurant and has opened its doors for lunch and dinner. You can enjoy the vintage circus photographs and posters and Bob Horne, the owner and cook, who is a walking history book with expert detailed knowledge of Sarasota and it's circus past. Dinner includes salad, entrée and a luscious dessert.

Showfolks is an international Alliance of Circus artists and executives. The club encompasses individuals from, not only the circus, but all aspects of entertainment. Board member and veteran show biz manager is Brian Liddicoat. Brian is also President of the “Circus Ring of Fame,” which will be recognizing new circus stars during the Saturday event. Brian can be reached at 410-816-9297. Web: info@showfolks.com; circusringoffame.org

Circus “Ring of Fame” graces the Circle Park on St. Armands Circle of St. Armands Key, Sarasota. The perimeter of Circle Park is adorned with bronze circus wagon wheels and plaques recognizing persons who made a significant contribution to the art and culture of the circus. Inductees are added annual during the “Ring of Fame” event.

Windjammers Unlimited, Inc. is a historical music society that is dedicated to the preservation of traditional music of the circus. The music is kept alive via performances and recording sessions at their annual Winter Conventions at Sarasota/Bradenton and summer meetings. Web: circusmusic.org

Sailor Circus, known as “The Greatest Little Show on Earth,” provides after-school training for students 8 to 18 through the Sailor Circus Academy of the Circus Arts Conservatory. Web: circusarts.org.

2017 COAA & S.E. MBSI Mid-Winter Meeting
SpringHill Suites Hotel, Sarasota, Florida
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Everyone loves a Circus---Come to the Mid-Winter Meeting and enjoy the circus experience. The COAA and S.E. Chapter MBSI have teamed up to bring members a true circus exposure via activities at Showfolks, the Circus "Ring of Fame", the Windjammers and Sailor Circus (see descriptions of these events on reverse)---all along with member open houses and two times to enjoy participating in organ rallies. Double and King rooms have been obtained at the SpringHill Suites, 1020 University Parkway, Sarasota, FL for \$114.00 per night. These rooms are reserved for us until 12/22/16 so be sure to register soon. Reserve your room at 941-358-3385. The hotel is conveniently located across from the Sarasota (SRQ) airport and features a hot breakfast, fitness center, free high-speed wireless internet and parking for trailers and trucks.

THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTIFICATION SO REGISTER NOW!

This will be a slightly different meeting in that it is a day longer---this offers chance for those who want to crank or play an organ two different times. We will mingle with circus people. There is an optional time for those wishing to visit the Ringling Museum on Saturday afternoon.

- In summary this meeting offers:
- *Circus events (Showfolks, "Ring of Fame", Windjammers, Sailor Circus)
 - *Saturday evening mart (bring your leftover boxes, rolls, etc)
 - *Open Houses (Burgett, Bopp, Craig, Napsin)
 - *Workshops (4-5 skilled speakers talking "mechanical music")
 - *An unusual group dinner experience ("Bob's Train") – selections below
 - *Obviously, a fun weekend
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REGISTRATION

Name (s) as you wish on name badge: _____, _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Email & Telephone #: _____

Bringing an Organ and if so, what? _____ Electricity? _____
Play organ on Friday am? _____ Play organ on Saturday am? _____

Bob's Train: _____	Beef Cordon Green	Please indicate if you wish	Burgett/Bopp? _____
(choose _____	Balsamic Chicken	to attend the following	Craig? _____
one) _____	Tilapia	one or more open houses:	Napsin? _____

Mart Table? _____ Amount enclosed (# x \$30.00) = _____

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