

## MIDWEST CHAPTER

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Amica Midwest Chapter has 67 members. We had many members of our chapter at the Chicago Convention, so we held a business meeting. Our main topic to discuss was the Amica Convention to be held in the Cincinnati area on July 22-26, 2009. Bob Andersen will be the convention chairman. Many volunteered to work on committees.

In September, Bob Andersen, Don Johnson, Liz Barnhart, Gary Rasmussen, and Tom Cruise met in Cincinnati and toured several hotel sites. We finally selected the Radisson Hotel in Covington, Kentucky, as our convention facility. It is on #75, south of the Ohio River and has easy access to the Cincy Airport, which is in Kentucky. Our first official committee meeting was held in December at Wes and Sherri Neff's in Findlay.

Our fall chapter meeting was in Kalamazoo, Michigan, planned by Dennis and Patti Burchett. On Saturday we visited the Gilmore Car Museum with 8 historic barns containing over 200 vehicles. Afterwards, we had a choice of going to the Air Zoo or several antique stores. The catered dinner and mart were held in the school where Dennis teaches. In his classroom we saw the Cable upright that is being rebuilt as a school project to teach students about the piano and automatic musical instruments. After dinner we went to the Burchett home where we really enjoyed the Steinway AR and the Scopitone, among their other collectibles. Sunday morning we had our business meeting and tour of Henderson Castle, a Victorian home overlooking the city of Kalamazoo. In the afternoon we saw the huge record collection at Randy Stehle's, along with his pianos and rolls.

We were "Back Home in Indiana" for our May meeting. Tim Needler had an open house in Indianapolis to play for us his Ampico, Duo-Art, and Welte pianos, Mills Double Violano, and electronic organ. Later, we departed for the Boggstown Inn Cabaret, where we had dinner and a terrific show with many of us dressed in vintage costumes. Our breakfast and chapter meeting was held with Miriam Hanscom and Jody Trittipio at

Miriam's home. We had further discussion about our 2009 Cincy Convention. It was also reported that our chapter had sold 600 Shire Books, "Mechanical Music," by Kevin McElhone. Our profit was \$152.28. These were not sold for a money making profit, but as a service to members and friends.

Our August 11-12 meeting will be in Dayton hosted by Mike and Liz Barnhart and Bob Gasper.

Submitted by:  
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