

## TEXAS CHAPTER

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The Texas Chapter has 59 paid household memberships, representing 91 individuals. Since last year's report, we have added 5 new household memberships. We have \$2,186.31 in a savings + checking account. This represents an increase of \$142.17 from last year. Four treasured members of this chapter died this year. They are: Dwayne Steck, Emma Gibson, Dale Gunnar, and Art Eltzroth.

The chapter had 4 meetings. In April, our chapter and the Sunbelt MBSI convened at the 200 acre estate of the late Art Eltzroth and his widow, Dee, in Cleburne, Texas. This meeting was a tribute to Art who had passed away a few weeks prior. Dee encouraged her guests to enjoy the beautiful grounds, the famous pet monkey and a delicious Mexican buffet. A live band plus numerous machines played during the evening. The following day (Saturday), the annual Cleburne Springfest celebration took place around the court house square. Larry Kern, El Paso, brought his Stinson Carousel Band Organ. Leonard and Billy Railsback brought their Stinson Dutch type street organ from Kansas. Tom and Kay Bode of Kansas City, MO. were grinding their monkey organs. Walter, Jessie, and Charlie Moore from Dallas, took turns playing their Grand Roller Organ.

In September, we met at the home of our new chapter president, Rich Clayton. He invited members of the local chapter of the North Texas American Theatre Organ Society to join us. Rick Matthews presented a slide show on their chapter's recent restoration of a Wurlitzer Theater Organ. At the close of the meeting, several of their members joined our group and several of our members joined theirs.

In October, a number of our members joined the aforementioned group in McKinney to view a silent movie, Phantom of the Opera, with accompaniment by Rick Matthews at the Wurlitzer Organ, which he helped to restore. The mutual interests of our group with the American Theatre Society appear to be an excellent vehicle for increasing membership.

In November, our chapter joined with the Texas MBSI chapter and trekked to Eureka Springs, AR. The group lodged at the historic Crescent Hotel owned and restored by Amica Members, Marty and Elise Roenigk. They hosted several meetings including an evening in their unique penthouse atop the hotel. We also attended the Ozark Mountain Hoedown. Enroute home on Sunday, members were invited to view the extensive

restored collection of music boxes at the home of Kenneth and Nancy Powers in Rogers, AR.

In December, our Christmas Party was held in the home of Bill Flynt. Members enjoyed a fine barbeque dinner and a Chinese gift exchange. The musical program featured soloist Jeannie Clark Fisher, a member of the acclaimed Dallas Opera Chorus. She was accompanied by Bill Flynt on the 1931 9 foot Knabe concert grand from Metropolitan Opera House NYC with an Ampico A Player installed by him in 1980. He also played his 1923 Tangley Circus Calliope which he plays in parades, (6 this year).

The Texas Chapter had a fine year and look forward to great times ahead.

Submitted by Suzanne and John McCall, Board Representatives