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The Boston Area Chapter continued to be active in 2008 with four meetings at members' homes, plus a very interesting public performance of a Mason and Hamlin Welte Upright at the Newport Music Festival, thanks to the efforts of AMICA members Robert Bowerman and Kirk Russell.

2008

Winter 2-24-08/Hopkinton, MA/Jackson

Spring 6-22-08/Woburn, MA/Lavacchia

Summer 7-17-08/Newport, RI/Bowerman (Newport Music Festival)

Fall 9-28-08/Weston, MA/Goldman

11-16-08/Wayland, MA/Wiegand

2009

Winter 2-22-09/Nashua, NH/Christiansen

Spring 5-17-09/Harvard, MA/Konop

The Chapter project of restoring an Aeolian upright "foot pumper" has been completed with the final re-assembly, piano work, tuning and regulation done in the shop of AMICA member Robert Hunt. In June, 2009, this piano will be used for a public demonstration of fun of Mechanical Music at the annual "Summerfest" in Windham, Maine. The piano will be accompanied by Lance McLean, a very talented Banjo player and Dixieland Band Leader. The piano is a joy to pump, and has the big warm sound typical of Aeolian uprights. This event should be a lot of fun.

This piano will then go to The Charles River Museum of Industry in Waltham, Massachusetts where it will be on permanent display.

Submitted by Bob Hunt, Board Representative

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