

BOSTON AREA CHAPTER

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Since the last report the Chapter has met at the following locations:

August 16, 2009: Home of Dorothy Bromage, Billerica, MA

November 7, 2009: Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, with Dave Bowers the featured speaker. The Aeolian player piano donated by the Chapter was put to use for all to experience the culmination of a special project.

April 11, 2010: Home of Robert Hunt, Kennebunk, Maine

In addition to taking care of official business, each meeting features a Mini-Mart, a Show-and-Tell Session, a talk by the host about the home and collections, and time devoted to questions and answers.

The chapter has \$2,657.90 in the bank. All six New England states are represented in the membership.

Members completed a project to provide a player piano to the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation in Waltham, Massachusetts. This project was reported in the Jan-Feb issue of the *Bulletin*. Bob Hunt facilitated the completion of the restoration. The museum staff continues to feature the Aeolian upright player (electrified) as visitors enter the museum. Executive Director Dan Yeager was “instrumental” in arranging the September 11 installation. We knew the piano was in good hands (literally) as Dan sat down and played some great ragtime.

On May 30, 2010, the Chapter lost a member and good friend of mechanical music. It was Dr. Mark P. Malkovich III, who in his capacity as Artistic Director of the Newport Music Festival, arranged to feature the Mason and Hamlin upright Welte-Mignon of Bob Bowerman in the July 2008 Festival. Considerable exposure and publicity for AMICA was generated at that time. The Newport Music Festival is a 16-day series of chamber music concerts in the Newport mansions. Mark met his death in a single vehicle automobile accident while out of state helping a relative move. He had been Artistic Director of the Festival for 35 years, and the whole Rhode Island community is in a state of shock, with the current year’s Festival opening July 9.

Submitted by:
Robert Hunt