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MIDWEST CHAPTER

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The Midwest Chapter has 61 family memberships. Our spring and early summer were spent working on final details for the AMICA International Convention which was held in Cincinnati, July 22-26, 2009. In May we did a “practice visit” to check out area restaurants including the Hofbrau Haus, trolley rides and convention destinations. We also went to the Radisson in Covington, KY where the Convention would be held.

Our fall meeting was planned by Hope Rider in Wabash, IN. On Saturday afternoon we visited the Wabash County Historical Museum which featured “Portraits of Lincoln”: The Robert Lang Collection. We went on to the Dr. James Ford Historic Home containing an authentic surgery room. Dinner was held at the Honeywell Center with Hugh McIntyre serenading us on his accordion. Our highlight was visiting Hope Rider’s large collection of musical instruments which she and her late husband, Frank, had accumulated. Our Sunday morning brunch and meeting were held at Charley Creek Gardens.

Our spring 2010 meeting was in Marion, OH. We met at the Popcorn Museum for a tour and then on to President Warren G. Harding’s Home which had an excellent docent. After dinner at the Country Caterer we went to the home of Mike and Linda Perry. They have a big collection of roller organs and music boxes and a “secret” music room with a selection of large instruments including the always favorite” Scopitone”. Sunday morning was our meeting and brunch with Dave VanOosten and Jim Althouse hosting. Dave has recently remodeled a fantastic home with octagon rooms on a lakeside setting and has a wonderful collection of instruments and antiques. Afterwards, many drove to the Organette House of Todd and Betty Augsburgers in Kenton and also to Dave and Susan Ramey’s in Marysville with the well-known Banjo-Orchestra.

The Midwest Chapter would like to thank Bob Anderson for the fantastic job he did as chairman of the AMICA 2009 Cincinnati convention.

Our chapter sends out e-mails as soon as possible to announce future meetings. The detailed information is mailed closer to the time of the meeting. Members need to keep Christy Counterman informed of any e-mail change.

Submitted by:
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