



# Gale Tales

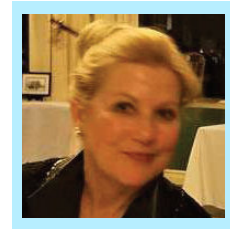
## Manatee Sailing Association

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### Up Coming Events On the Horizon



Event	Date	Time	Place
Beach Picnic	Oct 7	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park, AMI
Civil War Reenactment	Oct 15	11:00 AM	Florida Railroad Museum
Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour	Nov TBD	TBD	Florida Southern College

Happy September!

Post Hurricane Idalia greetings to all MSA members and friends. Once again, we were spared the worst of the storm; I hope everyone is safe and suffered minimal property damage. Unfortunately, we still have several months of hurricane season to get through this year. Cross fingers and hope for the best.

As the summer continues, here's a **brief recap** of August's MSA events (note – I was out of town and unable to attend them, so I'm passing along summaries).

On August 10, a group of MSAers gathered at Bradenton's own Bishop Museum of Science and Nature for their Laser Light Night, Motown edition. I'm told that it was lots of fun, with plenty of classic Motown music. Many thanks to Deb Stickland and Gail Gordon for planning and executing this special evening of entertainment (okay, thanks to the Bishop too).

On August 16, we had a Don't Worry Be Happy (DWBH) at Godson's Pizza, a restaurant on Cortez Road (formerly



Demetrio's Pizza). I'm told it was great fun with a lot of folks (about 30) attending. I've had their pizza and can attest to its deliciousness! A big thank you to Betty Burton who set up this DWBH.

On August 25, MSA members gathered in Sarasota for dinner and a movie: the dinner at Café Amici and the movie The Great Escape playing at the Sarasota Opera House for their Classic Movie Night.

Although I missed the event, I've dined at that restaurant and recall the food being delish, and I've seen the movie, but not on the big screen, so I'm sure that was a wonderful experience. Many thanks to Gail Gordon for organizing this event.

Regarding **upcoming important dates**, it remains to be seen whether we'll have a September MSA general meeting and we are still working on setting up a regular meeting spot at Mean Dean's, a restaurant on 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Bradenton. What can I say; stay tuned. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

As for social events, our Social Secretary Gail Gordon is taking a well-deserved month off, so we have no social events planned for September (never fear, she's got plenty of fabulous ideas for October and

beyond). But I know that we all enjoy DWBHs, so if anyone has a place in mind for a DWBH, now is a good time to speak up! A few people have mentioned places to me, so if you're willing to make a few phone calls to set up a date in September, that would be great, just let me (or Tom Briggie, Past Commodore, in my absence) know (and you'd get to be Acting Vice Commodore, woo hoo!).

Finally, another reminder for everyone, **Saturday, October 7** is the date of **our annual MSA picnic/general meeting** at the pavilion at Bayfront Park on Anna Maria Island. The annual picnic will be held in our

traditional way; MSA will provide the burgers, hotdogs, and fixings, etc., and MSA members will BYOB and a dish to share (appetizer, side, salad, or dessert). We will have a brief but official general MSA meeting right after the meal. You are encouraged to wear your bathing suit, bring a

beach chair, and plan to spend some time visiting and/or swimming after the food and meeting.

Have a good September, stay safe and hydrated. Maybe I'll see you at a September DWBH (hint hint).

Happy Sailing!  
Patti Korn  
Commodore, MSA



## MSA SOCIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2023

### Laser Light Show Bishop Museum

Sometimes something comes along that you just have to grab onto, even if you don't need it! That's what happened this August when I had the MSA social event for the month already carved in stone on the calendar. Then as luck would have it, another opportunity came upon us that we just couldn't let pass by. Thanks to Deb



Stickland who reminded me about the Summer Laser Light Shows at the Bishop, we didn't miss out. I sent out an email blast and wham, just like that, we had 17 members sign up for the show scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. But there was a fly in the ointment, I'm afraid. I was going to be out of town. It was bad enough that I couldn't participate in the event, but I wouldn't be available to execute it. Luckily, Deb stepped up to the plate and offered to take care of business. It was a perfect set up because she worked at the Bishop and had inside information to how the event

was handled. And she was actually already booked for that particular show herself. Phew! Saved by the belle, Deb Stickland! Thank you for taking the reins here and making the event run as smooth as silk. I remember last year when I went to the Laser show for the first time. It was amazing! And that's all I heard about with this year's event as well. The toe tapping familiar music was a variety of Motown favorites set to a stunning display of colorful lasers dancing on the Bishops Planetarium dome. I know some of you were doing the same in your seats. Thanks Deb, for all you efforts! The evening was a night to remember!



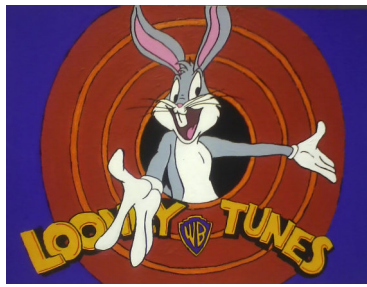
### The Great Escape Sarasota Opera House

Every summer, one of the regular entertainment offerings available to us is a showing of about 6 or 7 select classic movies played on the big screen in the Sarasota Opera House Theater. A visit to





the opera house is always a treat especially when the summer nights are still oppressively hot and steamy and A/C is required. This year, the movie of choice scheduled for Friday night August 25<sup>th</sup> was



difficult to find a place to eat in downtown Sarasota without having to take out a loan to pay for it.) But the restaurant was just too expensive even if it was close to the theater. After the movie was over and we clapped



more than a classic, it was an icon! "The Great

with appreciation, we were left with a conundrum. Why was it called "the Great Escape"? It seemed to all of us that a more correct version of the title should have been, "The Great Attempted Escape".

Escape" starring Steve McQueen who was at the height of his career joined a cast of actors who lit up the screen with manly good looks and charm. We were told that the film adaptation was taken from the history books. Although it was difficult to believe some of the depictions in the movie, we gave the producers a little slack in that the film at over 60 years of age was still a show stopper. (I mean really, the Nazi prison camp seemed almost pleasant!) But



No matter, we had a great night together and all of us saw this classic movie on a big screen for the first time ever. Thank you for joining me on another fun MSA social event!



Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary

watching Charles Bronson and James Garner work their magic was more than worth the price of the ticket! 13 MSA's members met before the movie at one of Sarasota's fine dining establishments, Café Amici, for a few drinks and some yummy food. We appreciated the fancy meal even more because it was probably our last. (It's



## Gone Fish'in!

Sorry folks but I'm going fishing for the month of September! Well, not really, but I am taking the month off from planning MSA social club events. I need some time to reboot my system. As you will read I have an aggressive calendar planned for our club for the end of 2023 and well into 2024. It seems like we are doing a lot more outings on land than on water lately as we enter a new stage of our lives AND the life of our club. I have been thinking a lot about how to move forward with MSA and what we expect to see as our club matures. I am enthusiastic about expanding our horizons to extend further afield for new discoveries. And sometimes we'll have 2 or even 3 social events possible in a given month. I don't want to miss a thing and I suspect you don't either. I could even plan outings that would include overnight



stays. I need your input on these ideas and if you in fact would be interested in participating in such endeavors. I don't intend on becoming a travel agency but we could get a bit more adventuresome. Anyway, I'm throwing that out there for some thought. On occasion I have found that sometimes a particular event might need more planning and involvement and help would be most appreciated. So once in a while I may reach out to you for an extra hand. I know you will be there for me and the club. We've been around since 1985 and I believe we have a long life ahead of us. So don't worry! We will be moving and grooving starting next month! Rest up and get ready!!!! The best is yet to come!!!!

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MSA Social Secretary

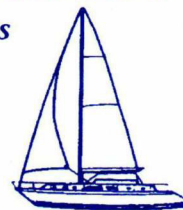


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## **MSA SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER, 2023**

Sorry, Gone Fishing!



### **OCTOBER, 2023**

**MSA Annual Picnic  
Bayfront Park, Anna Maria Island  
Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

It's here finally! After a long, very hot summer, a day at the beach with your MSA friends will be a welcome treat. So get



ready for a bit of salty R & R, picnic style. Gather at 11 A.M. at the Bayfront Park Pavilion on Anna Maria Island. Bring an appetizer, salad/side dish or dessert to share and a favorite beverage for yourself. (Keep in mind glass bottles and alcohol are not allowed.) Hot dogs, hamburgers and water will be provided by the club. Remember to bring a beach chair for relaxing under the big shade tree and sunglasses, sunscreen, noodles or floats, hats and towels as we will enjoy the warm aquamarine waters of the bay. This is one of my favorite MSA get-togethers of the year. The weather cools down enough to

be comfortable outside but the coastal water is still warm enough to enjoy a good soak. I have fond memories of all of us sitting in a large circle under the big shade tree and just talking, relaxing and laughing for hours. Mark your calendars for another outstanding day with good friends.

**Civil War Reenactment  
at the Florida Railroad  
Museum in Parrish  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



I am organizing a visit to the Florida Railroad Museum in Parrish. This time I would like us to witness the Civil War Reenactment and train ride that has become the signature event of this museum. We have in the past enjoyed The Great Train Robbery and the WWII Theater in Occupied France. Both were outstanding performances. This event will take place at 11 A.M. (but come early to explore the Civil War campsite and extensive set) on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>



which includes the 1+ hour train ride and the reenactment. Cost is \$20 per ticket which must be obtained in advance because these performances sell-out. Please email me at

[gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) ASAP to secure your ticket and please no later than October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a late lunch (about 1 P.M) at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Ellenton after the train ride and performance. This has been traditionally one of the better events we've enjoyed as a club in the past and I am hoping that this one will be even more impressive. So don't miss out! Below is the web write up!

"See American History as it takes place before your eyes! Come early to visit the authentic camp ground before boarding your train. The camp grounds open at 10am, and admission to the camp is free. Learn about the camp and the soldiers who occupied them during this period of our country's history. After your tour through history, join us onboard the train at (11 A.M.) for a battle between the Union and Confederate soldiers, complete with period rifles and cannons. The train will be



operating with diesel-electric locomotives and a selection of open-air and air-conditioned cars."

### **ON THE HORIZON**

Dates and times to be announced later

**November Social Event:** Field Trip to Lakeland for Florida Southern College Architectural Tour

**December Social Event:** MSA Christmas Party

**January Social Event 2024:** MSA Installation Banquet

**February Social Event:** Revisiting the James Museum 5 Year Anniversary

**March Social Event:** Sunday Brunch at the Polo Match

See you there!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary

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