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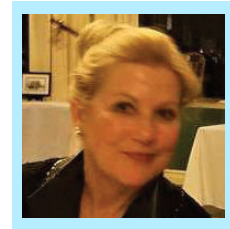
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November 2023

Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA Meeting	Nov 14	5:00 PM	Mean Dean's Local Kitchen
James Museum	Nov 30	10:30 AM	St Pete



Happy November!

Happy fall (and slightly cooler weather) to all MSA members, and welcome back snowbirds!

October was a busy MSA month; we had our annual picnic/meeting at Bayfront Park on Anna Maria Island on October 7, an exciting excursion to the Florida Railroad Museum to be a part of a Civil War Reenactment on October 15, and in good MSA tradition, a festive costume party for Halloween on October 29. All very fun events!

Before I dive into some nitty gritty topics, I want to let you all know about important upcoming dates to mark in your calendars.

First, we will be having an **MSA general meeting at Mean Dean's Local Kitchen on Tuesday, November 14, starting at 5 pm.** Mean Dean's is located at **6059 26th Street West in Bradenton.** The restaurant is located in a little shopping area off 26th Street and we will be eating and meeting in their private room. We will not have a speaker at this

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Boat Parade	Dec 9	Sunset	Manatee River
Holiday Party	Dec 10	5:00 PM	Carla & Gary Morgan's Home
Installation Dinner	Jan 14	TBD	TBD
Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour	Feb TBA	TBA	Florida Southern College



MSA MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH



6059 26th St West
Bradenton, FL

meeting, so our business meeting will begin when everyone has finished eating. For this meeting, per Dean, we can order from the whole menu. Also, I think their happy hour ends at 5:30, hence the 5 pm start time, although Dean was a little vague on the happy hour time.

Also in November, Gail has organized a visit to the **James Museum in St Pete on November 30**, details forthcoming. As yet, we do not have a DWBH planned for November, but if you feel the need, please let us know with a venue suggestion!

Second, we will be having our **Holiday party** on Sunday, **December 10** at the home of Gary and Carla Morgan in Parrish. Details will be provided closer to the date.

Third, we will be holding our **Installation Dinner** on Sunday, **January 14**. Details will be provided closer to the date.

Now for the nitty gritty:

2024 MSA Board: Our November general meeting will be very important **as we will be voting on the MSA Board for 2024 so please attend if you can.**

Installation Dinner: Our annual Installation Dinner will not be held at the Bradenton Yacht Club as that location is cost prohibitive. The alternative location

will be announced at the November meeting.

MSA Dues: MSA membership dues will be increasing a tad for 2024. The Board approved a new membership dues structure as follows: Dues will be \$100 for the first person in a household and \$25 for each additional person in the household. If dues are paid by January 1, they will be discounted to \$90 for the first person in the household and \$15 for each additional person.

For members who missed the October picnic and meeting, more information regarding the reasons for the change of venue for the

Installation Dinner and the slight increase in the membership dues will be available in the minutes of the October meeting, where both issues were discussed and/or voted on. The October minutes will be emailed to you a few days prior to the November 14 meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the November 14 meeting at Mean Dean's!

Happy Sailing!

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

MSA 2024 - Proposed slate of officers

Commodore - Jim McGinnis
Vice Commodore - Tom Briggie
Cruising Captains - Chuck Fulton and Sal Alfonso
Racing Captain - Sue Davidson
Secretary - Lynne McGinnis
Treasurer - Linda Briggie
Social Secretary - Gail Gordon
Membership - Deana Boydston

MSA SOCIAL EVENTS

JAMES MUSEUM OF WESTERN AND WILDLIFE ART

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Over the years, I have been planning social events for MSA members to spend some quality time together with their friend's landside while exploring some of the incredible local sights and experiences in our own backyard. It has been a pleasure as I have probably had the most fun of all. Exactly 5 years ago this fall the Tampa Bay area welcomed a new arrival with open arms. We savored the experience ourselves and all of us were "wowed" with the introduction. Recently I have had the pleasure of becoming a member of this amazing museum and I feel it's time to celebrate their successful 5 year anniversary with another MSA visit. So I invite you to join me for a private docent-led one hour long tour of the James

Museum of Western and Wildlife Art located at 150 Central Ave in downtown St. Petersburg on Thursday November 30th at 10:30 A.M.

If you were with us 5 years ago you know that this is a special place to explore but if you weren't.....you are in for an amazing treat. First of all, just viewing the unusual architecture is worth the price of a ticket. As you enter the front door, you feel as if you have been transported to a gorgeous canyon somewhere in the remote West at another time long ago. The first thing in your view at the end of the lobby is a life size sculpture of an Indian and his squaw



THE JAMES MUSEUM

wading in the shallow soothing waters of a hidden stream. The gift shop and café are just off to the left. Take a peek inside and see an authentic saloon bar that is artfully handcrafted and takes up the width of the room. Perhaps you might feel as I first did as I wondered what could be so interesting about "Western" Art. Oh my!

The huge paintings at the top of the stairs feature scenes of spectacular vistas of our amazing and beautiful country that will take your breath away! You again are transported. Each time I visit this museum I find some new treasure or gem that steals my heart away. And speaking



of gems, there is a room dedicated to some of the most stunning pieces of tribal jewelry you'll ever see. I hope I have whet your appetite and speaking of which afterwards we will have lunch at one of St. Pete's nearby eateries just steps from the museum. Parking is a breeze as you will find ample space above the museum on the 3rd or 4th floor for only \$1 an hour. Tickets for the museum and tour are \$20 per person and need to be reserved in advance with a maximum of 18. So please book your spot for this delightful day in exciting St. Pete as soon as possible by emailing me at gailgordon56@gmail.com. See you there!

ON THE HORIZON:

November 14th: MSA General Meeting at Mean Deans

December 10th: MSA Annual Christmas Party 2023 at Gary and Carla Morgan's home

January 14th: MSA Installation and Dinner TBA

February Social Event date TBA: Florida Southern College Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture.

NOVEMBER IS MANATEE AWARENESS MONTH MIND YOUR MANATEE MANNERS

November is Manatee Awareness Month, an annual month-long dedication to imperiled manatees and their conservation in Florida and beyond. Former Florida Governor Bob Graham first declared November as Manatee Awareness Month in 1979, when the state began designating manatee protection zones in areas where manatees gather during the winter. November is typically when manatees return to Florida's warmer waters from their wider summer distributions. This year, as for the last 40 years, [Save the Manatee Club](#) (SMC) invites the public to celebrate and safeguard imperiled manatees all month long.



LuAnn and Carolyn had lunch with Roger at the Seafood Shack. They came 730 miles from NC to see their MSA friends.





SATURDAY



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**CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT
AND TRAIN RIDE
OCTOBER 15TH**

There is something romantic, nostalgic and mysterious about hearing the soft far away sounds of a train whistle in the



middle of the night when for some reason you can't sleep. It's as comforting as a creaky floor board in your childhood home. In the early morning on October 15th before the small gathering of

passengers started to arrive, I stood alone on the platform of the Florida Railroad Museum's station and savored the unusual vista in front of me. Large black giants of locomotion were parked on wooden tracks

not yet ready for the morning run. Several boxcars, some open to the fresh air and some with dew



covered glass windows waited patiently behind. Off in the distance were a line of



canvas tents which housed a collection of soldiers and civilians beginning the chores of the

day. I was so early that I had plenty of time to take a closer look. In the telegraph tent, young men waited in line to send a note to mom or their sweetheart saying they were alive and well and how much they missed them. Elsewhere, the preacher was tending a wounded soldier and giving him courage to recover. And then over to the side I could almost smell the encampment's meager breakfast cooking and the aroma of strong coffee simmering over an open fire.



Yes, this was indeed a play of sorts but none the less, it gave you a strange awareness of how it could have been a long time ago in the war of brother against brother.

As MSA members arrived they collected their tickets, checked out the small museum of train memorabilia, took their own tour of the Union Civil War campsite and then one by one gathered on the train platform for a train ride through the old Florida backwoods. At 10:30 A.M. sharp, the railroad conductor yelled "All Aboard"! We all headed for the open air cars as rumor had it that these were the best seats on the train to witness the unfolding drama and thank goodness some comedy of the day as well. We were accompanied by some of the Union troops to safeguard our



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passage as there had been trouble reported on this particular route. At 11 A.M. sharp, the train whistle screamed in our ears and slowly the black monster of an engine pulled the train cars out of the Parrish station into the back country. To our



got off. It was interesting to hear the age of each car and how each was obtained for the museum. My favorite was an open air car that had once been the property of the Barnum and Bailey Circus train and actually housed

surprise some of the passengers sitting among us (Roger Cappello's grandchildren) were suspected as sympathizers for the enemy and needed to be questioned and guarded. At several intervals the train had to stop as a raggedy enemy attachment from Alabama



caused havoc and threatened our further progress. Not without taking casualties were we finally allowed to continue. As products of the time, we took all the events of the day light heartedly as we were of

course totally safe and among our friends. But watching the skirmishes in the woods reminded us that the Civil War was not at all fun and games. Yet at 12:30 P.M. we all rolled back into the station laughing along with the actors of the day and were glad we came out on this stunning morning for a little history lesson and some camaraderie. Mary Lou Thompson somehow wangled a private tour of the train for a bunch of us after everyone else

the elephants. Wall cleats were still visible in the car where the huge pachyderms were once secured. We would have listened to more tales of the railroad but we had an appointment to keep. All 22 of us met at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Ellenton around 1 P.M. for a surprisingly good Sunday dinner. It had been several years since we had gathered there and we had forgotten why this restaurant was so popular. Thank you so much for sharing this day with me. Because of your incredible MSA enthusiasm this was a particularly delightful excursion!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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THE NIGHT THAT ALMOST WASN'T!

The months following the Covid 19 pandemic proved to be a catalyst for dramatic changes in all our lives which unfortunately included the future of our beloved Manatee Sailing Association. Who would have thought that simply finding a place to hold a meeting would be so difficult? Hopefully we have found a remedy for that situation as finally we will gather in a local restaurant this month for the last general meeting opportunity of 2023.



Also during Covid, in order to survive, MSA resorted to taking a drastic reduction in annual dues and in addition we experienced a drop in membership. As in many businesses and organizations, these changes rendered us in a shaky financial situation. So in early October when the MSA Board met for an emergency meeting we pondered where our club was going and how we would get there. We figuratively covered ourselves with band aids and continued the march forward. As a result of valiant MSA members who stepped up to the plate and took up the cause, we are alive and still standing. Events were scheduled and members who would host our annual indulgences like the Halloween party and the Christmas party volunteered to open their homes. These folks are super heroes in my book! Thanks to Rick and Adelia Jackerson and Gary and Carla Morgan for allowing us to be able to enjoy



some magical MSA parties, we will not miss out on any of our MSA traditions.

On October 29th at 5 P.M. the MSA Banner hung proudly from the front porch of the Jackerson's home. There was also a

scary sign topped with a skull that stated "Enter if you Dare"! But that did not deter about 25 MSA members or should I say "characters" that personified the Halloween Costume Party theme of, "A Blast From the Past"! The hosts, the Jackersons along with Tom and Linda Briggie and our commodore, Patti Korn

reminisced the past with a tribute to a classic movie "Animal House" and the infamous Toga Party. Chants of "Toga, Toga, Toga" could be heard all night! After awhile, the melodies from "My Fair Lady" took over as Helen Chouinard and Arja Adair became a perfect facsimile of Eliza Dolittle and Professor Henry Higgins. I suspect "They could have danced all night!" Oddly enough only one cool dude hippee, Chuck Fulton, from the 60's wandered his way into the party. He was "far out, man!"

A group from a local "speak easy" from the 20's sauntered in and slowly made their way to the bar.

A couple of Wise Guys and their blondes (Gary and Carla Morgan and Deana and Ken Boydston) jazzed up the place with their swingin' razzmatazz. As soon as they settled in, Groucho Marx and Harpo, no wait, that wasn't Harpo that was my favorite childhood playmate, Raggedy Andy hanging out with him. Awwwwww, I got all warm and fuzzy!

We all stopped for a moment of silence as we honored the next guest, the ghost of our beloved Jimmy Buffet (Sue Davidson) followed by his parrot head groupie (Marilyn Conner). Of course, a pair of pirates was not far behind ol' Jimmy (Deb Jacobs and Jim Dayton) as they toasted the master of their favorite sailing melodies. Somehow Donna Reed slipped in and I almost missed her (Chris who is Sue and Clay's friend who I heard was going to be a new member.) Now Clay Smith, you could never be an error or even a computer glitch, just saying! I wasn't sure if what I saw was real but at the last minute in flew Peter Pan and he actually tried to sprinkle pixie dust on all of us. I think he must have gotten too much on Lynn McGinnis because that sweet gal turned into a witch!

But in seconds the chaotic crowd got real quiet because the Addams family..... Gomez, Morticia and even their pet "Thing" (Mike and Gina Spellacy and somebody's severed hand, Ewwwww!) appeared before us. Hey, that was some Pixie dust! Phew!

What a night! Thankfully Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin, Jim, McGinnis that is, got things under control and all the characters of the night were invited to enjoy the incredible feast provided by faithful MSA members.

The special guests of the evening became our sweet desserts.....Thelma and Jimmy Rivera. Jimmy couldn't

possibly turn blue even though his hair did because he was celebrating his 80th birthday and we all got to sing off key and eat yummy cake. He was happy and that made all of us happy! Happy birthday, Jimmy!



As the dark of night approached and the full moon made its way high in the sky, a member of the Blue Man Group (David Jackerson) pointed out some of the outstanding guests in costume that attended this party. An Honorable Mention went to Chuck Fulton; third place was awarded to Deana and

Ken Boydston; second place went to Carla and Gary Morgan; and in first place, hands down (or on the shoulder) went to the spectacular Addams family, Mike and Gina Spellacy! Whoohoo! Prizes were presented to the winners.... in the form of skulls! Again Ewwwwwww! Thanks to the Jackersons for opening their lovely home to us. And thank you MSA members for coming out in full regalia for making another unforgettable MSA

night that almost wasn't. It was MSA great!

Respectfully submitted,

Cleopatra (AKA Gail Gordon)
MSA Social Secretary



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