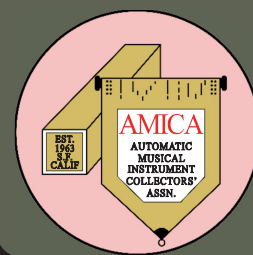
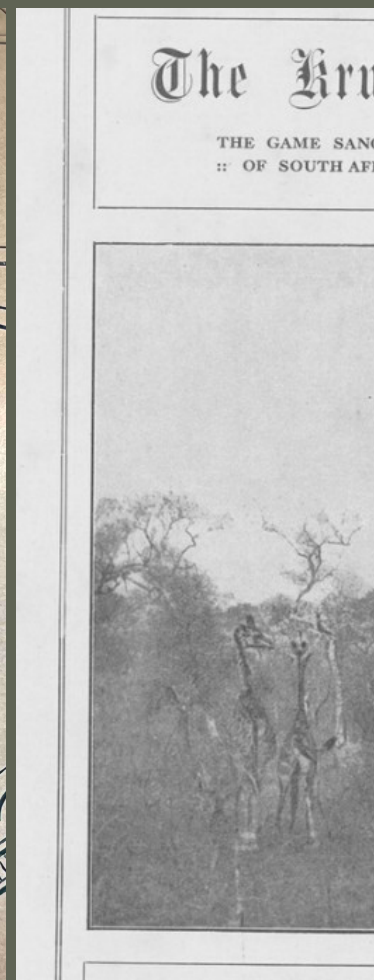
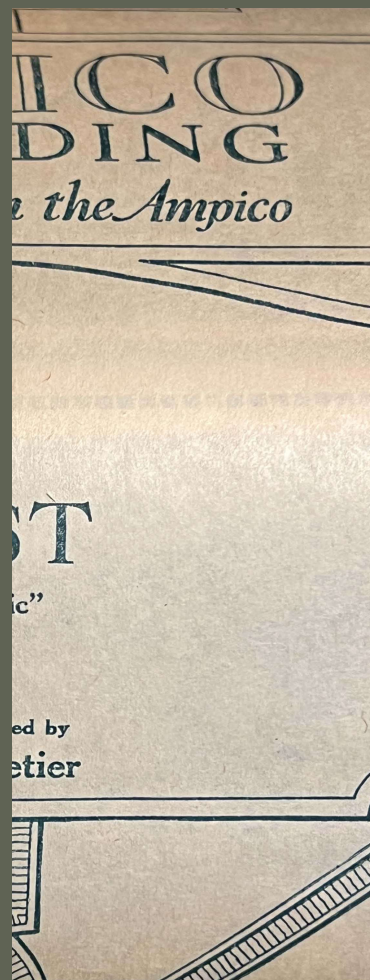


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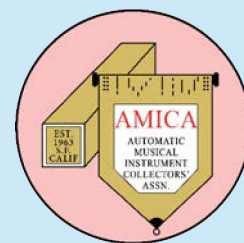
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by Joel Cluskey



# Northern Lights Chapter: The Resonator

Official Newsletter of the Snowbelt Chapter of the  
MBSI and the Northern Lights Chapter of AMICA



**Co-editors: Tracy and Merrie Tolzmann**

**T**he Informal Chapter Gathering will take place on Friday, June 20th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Cafesjian's Carousel, located at 1245 Midway Parkway, Como Park, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

Our last chapter gathering had been the Holiday Meeting, held at Stacy Nunn's Skyrock Farm on December 8th. With the long hiatus between that fun event and our next regular gathering (which had been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 29th), we decided to fill the gap by piggybacking on an event that seemed to be of interest to many of us.



...was the life story of the historic Philadelphia Toboggan Company carousel number 33, which spent 75 years at the Minnesota State Fair from 1914 to 1989. Saved from the auction block in 1988 by the nonprofit citizens' group Our Fair Carousel Inc., the ride had continued to be a treasured Minnesota attraction, operating in Saint Paul's beautiful Como Park since October of 1999. Plus, there was the wonderfully restored Wurlitzer 153 organ!



*This Wurlitzer 153 band organ accompanies Cafesjian's Carousel in Como Park — beautifully restored by MBSI and AMICA member Mike Merrick.*

History in Motion featured...

- A PowerPoint review of the carousel's rich, colorful history
- A hands-on tour of the 68 unique carved horses
- A close look at the mechanism that made it all work
- The Wurlitzer Band Organ ~ music we loved
- All capped off by rides on our favorite horses (with the final ride at a faster pace!)
- Light refreshments had been served



*Cafesjian's Carousel in Saint Paul's Como Park.*

## December Holiday Meeting at Stacy Nunn's Skyrock Farm

The annual holiday meeting of Northern Lights and Snowbelt was held on Sunday, December 8th, at Stacy Nunn's Skyrock Farm in Hamel (Medina). Thirty-nine attended the gathering on the unseasonably warm afternoon.

Both AMICA and MBSI's current national magazines have a full review of our meeting at Skyrock, so we won't go into detail here except to mention that the adage "eat dessert first" seems to have been applied as many of the sweet treats intended for after dinner disappeared during the appetizer social hour!

Stacy provided a delicious dinner, and the appetizers and desserts were much appreciated. Thank you all for making the afternoon a success.



*Our host, Stacy Nunn, displays a replica "putti" for the Ruth 38. The hand-carved cherub is an exact replica of an original Adreas Ruth figure.*



*New member Chandler Swift at the keyboard of Skyrock's 3-14 Barton Theater Organ as others listen. Chandler had a chance to practice at the console a few days before the meeting.*

### Hey Northern members, mark your calendars for our next meetings:

**EVENT:** Northern Lights Chapter

**DATE:** June 29, 2025

**LOCATION:** Como Park Saint Paul

**SPONSOR:** Sponsor: Heidi & Rich Poppe

**EVENT:** Northern Lights Chapter Meeting

**DATE:** August 9, 2025

**LOCATION:** Big Lake, MN

**SPONSOR:** Gary Goldsmith & Alex Stolitza, jointly with MBSI

**EVENT:** Northern Lights Chapter Meeting

**DATE:** September 28, 2025

**LOCATION:** Minnetonka, MN

**SPONSOR:** Susan & John Ellingson, jointly with MBSI

**EVENT:** Northern Lights Chapter Meeting

**DATE:** November 23, 2025

**LOCATION:** Glenville, MN

**SPONSOR:** Kiven & Cheryl Lukes, jointly with MBSI

