



Frustrated Maestros - Eastern Sharps & Flats

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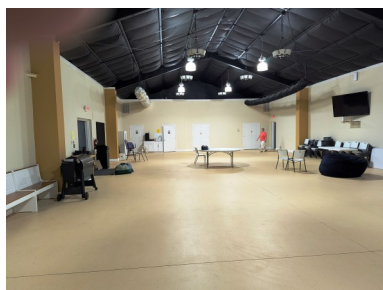


Music Camp



If you have been sitting on the fence post about whether or not to participate in Music Camp this October, alas, it is not too late. It will be held at Hideaway RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC beginning on Tuesday, October 28th and running through Friday, October 31st. We will also be staying at Hideaway for the three rehearsal days for the GREAT EASTERN AREA Rally (GEAR), Saturday, November 1st through Monday, November 3rd. On Tuesday we will relocate to Ocean Lakes Family Campground for GEAR, about 4 miles down the road. See box for "Music Camp & GEAR: Key Dates" below.

We have blown through the 20-site guarantee that Hideaway held for us, but a recent check with the General Manager showed that they could still accommodate more Frustrated Maestro Music Campers. Make sure you indicate the "Maestros" when you make a reservation so you get our discount. Call 843-444-2119 to make a reservation. You can make a reservation for all or any part of the time. Please let Bruce Taylor know that you are coming and for what days.



The Hideaway facilities are exceptional. The Activities Building is one huge room approximately the size of the WV University Building in Lewisburg. It is ours for exclusive use for our stay. It has restrooms and a refrigerator, and while it has no actual kitchen, there is a large gas grill available for our use. Most of our full hookup, concrete sites are adjacent to the building.

Since our Chapter has been tasked with producing a GEAR's *Got Talent* show for the first night of the Rally, we will be spending a fair amount of time putting it together. The talent can be from anyone who is registered for GEAR. We have several acts already lined up but if you would like to perform in the show or need more information, contact Ron Hazelett or Bruce Taylor. We are also in need of anyone with Audio/Video experience as well as Stage Hands.

The Maestros will be providing some of the acts as well as providing accompaniment or backup for others. All participants are encouraged to join us for Music Camp for all or even part of the time.

Wednesday, November 5th will be our first and only run through of the entire show on the Ocean Lakes stage, so participants will need to keep Wednesday free.

In addition to producing the Wednesday night *Got Talent* show, we still need to have programs rehearsed for the morning Coffee Times at GEAR. That is why the Music Camp dates will be extended at Hideaway and our relocation to Ocean Lakes will happen on Tuesday, November 4th.

MUSIC CAMP & GEAR: KEY DATES

Tues, Oct 28	Music Camp Arrival	Hideaway RV
Wed-Fri, Oct 29-31	Music Camp	Hideaway RV
Sat-Mon, Nov 1-3	GEAR Rehearsals	Hideaway RV
Tues, Nov 4	Move to GEAR site	Ocean Lakes CG
Wed AM, Nov 5	Setup and sound check	Ocean Lakes CG
Wed-Sat, Nov 5-8	GEAR	Ocean Lakes CG
Sun, Nov 9	Departure	

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Myrtle Beach will be the site for the 2025 edition of the GREAT EASTERN AREA RALLY. If you are sitting on this fence post, or if you have simply forgotten to make your reservation, now is the time to act. Sites are still available. To make a reservation for your site at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach you will need to call them directly at 877 510-1413. Use the code “2025 FMCA Eastern Area” when making site reservations. You cannot make your site reservation on-line—it **MUST** be by phone. After you make your site reservation you must also register for GEAR by calling FRVA, or by using the mail-in registration form found in the latest issue of *family RVing*. You can also register directly on-line.

When you register for GEAR you will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater for a Matinee performance on Friday, November 7th at 1:30 PM. This is an excellent show and the ticket prices are lower than the local rate per David Fowler (who lives in Myrtle Beach). At last count only 100 tickets were still available.

Ocean Lakes is a mecca for beach enthusiasts—and who isn't? Myrtle Beach has literally every beach activity you can imagine. Couple that with great restaurants (especially seafood) and great entertainment shows and you have one of the premier vacation destinations east of the Mississippi.

For the Maestros, the Recreation Hall is ideal. It will be a great venue for the Talent Show as well as our morning performances for Coffee and Donuts.



Our Musical Directors



Both of the Eastern Area's favorite Music Directors have been called into duty for Music Camp and GEAR. Ron Hazelett will be leading the Music Camp activities, which will include working with the various acts for the GEAR's *GOT TALENT* show as well as working on any new music. Sue Siegler will arrive toward the end of Music Camp and rehearse music for the morning Coffee and Donut performances.

The East Coast Chapters of the Frustrated Maestros (NEAR, GEAR & SEA) are very fortunate to have these two immensely talented musicians as Music Directors.





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Autumn Escape to Vermont



A third and final fence post you may or may not be sitting on is the Northeast Area Rally (NEAR) in Essex Junction, Vermont this October. All this fence post hopping must have you very tired by now and probably just a tad bit sore in the posterior, so jump off your perch of indecision and register for NEAR October 8-11-2025. Many of us have already made the commitment to make the trek north to Essex Junction to join in with the Yankee Doodle Dandies for another fun Rally with the Maestros. The fall foliage should be beautiful this time of year in Vermont.

Ron Hazelett will be directing this Rally. The Maestros will gather on Sunday, November 5th to begin rehearsals. Please let Bruce Taylor know if you are planning to come. Ron has put together a play list which is attached to the same email as this Newsletter.

Following this Rally you will have about 2 ½ weeks to meander your way down to South Carolina for arrival to Music Camp.

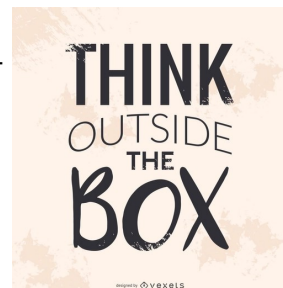
Food For Thought

A Word About Perry, GA and Music Camp 2026

As many of you may know, the winter 2026 International Convention for FRVA will again be in Perry, Georgia in March, as it was this past March. Likewise, it will be in Perry again in 2027. This is because of a three year trial proposal by many of the vendors in order to improve their participation and commitment of resources. Since Georgia is in the Southeast Area that means the Southeast would normally be the host for the rallies. However, to give the Southeast Area a break, the Eastern Area will be the host for the 2026 event. That means following GEAR this year there will only be about 3½ months to prepare for an International Convention. Therefore, the Eastern Area has decided not to hold GEAR in 2026, like the Southeast Area has done in years past with their Area Rally.

For the Eastern Sharps & Flats this leaves us with many decisions and opportunities. We may decide to suspend Music Camp in 2026 or continue on with Music Camp in spite of there not being a Great Eastern Area Rally. If we decide to hold Music Camp the opportunities are endless. When should we schedule it? Where should we schedule it? Is this the year to try something new—maybe a cruise—maybe something in a location outside of the Eastern Area boundaries?

Think about it. We'll have lots to talk about in South Carolina this year.





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The Eastern Sharps & Flats are adding The Space Force to its Military Salute. The new flag and the Space Force song will make it's debut during the Got Talent show at GEAR.

Need Information?

Need Maestro Music?

In addition to the Facebook page maintained by Kathy Fuller for the Eastern Sharps & Flats there is now a Website being developed by Ari Siegler for all Frustrated Maestros.

The Facebook page link is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084150331800>

The Website link is: <https://sites.google.com/view/frustrated-maestros>

All of the Maestro music is available on the Website---both RED Books, the Marston Library, and several new arrangements. Just click the "Music" tab. Everyone will need to go here to get the music for the Space Force song: *SemperSupra*.

Thanks to both Kathy and Ari for their time and talents to keep the Maestros informed and up-to-date.

Also, many thanks to the *familyRVing* magazine for publishing a feature article about the Frustrated Maestros in Perry, GA this past March at the 110th International Convention. In case you missed it, see pages 68-70 in the July/August issue.

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