

Horn Shopping on the World Wide Web

Whether you are looking for a new horn or some accessories, the web is a convenient way to find and purchase what you want. The following lists some interesting URLs to check out. (Please note that we do not necessarily endorse these vendors' products; this is simply a short list of sites that came across the desktop lately.) Send us an email about your favorite horn sites, and we will post them in coming newsletters or on the NwHS home page, which you can find at <http://horn.campus.uidaho.edu>.

Moosewood Hornists' Requisites, for mouthpieces, mouthpiece stem weights (donuts), mute bags, and Dr. Moose's Famous Possum Grease.

<http://www.hornmouthpiece.com>

The Dämpfer Mitt page, for an interesting alternative to the mute wrist strap.

<http://www.seacoast.com/~iltis/>

Osmun's Music, for instruments new and used. A complete music store.

<http://www.osmun.com>

Giardinelli's, for instruments, accessories, software...the works.

<http://www.giardinelli.com>

Wichita Band Instruments, the name says it all.

<http://www.wichitaband.com>

Bill Hopson, alphorn maker. When you are ready to trade up to a bigger horn, check out this site.

<http://www.cadvision.com/alphorns/>

WordSearch Puzzle
Answers (from
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1. Dauprat (J7-D1)
2. Stich (B6-H1)
3. Leitgeb (A1-G1)
4. caecia (A7-F12)
5. omnionic (L1-L9)
6. choke (J8-F8)
7. crooks (L10-G10)
8. Stotzel (K1-K7)
9. partals (A9-H2)
10. parforce (H1-A8)
11. Hampel (D7-I7)

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Northwest Horn Society

Kathy Farner called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, 1999, in the University of Victoria Music Department concert hall. There were no previous meeting minutes available at that time for review and approval by the members present. Kathy then gave the report on the treasury:

Balance in checking account June 5, 1998	911.69
1998-99 Income: (membership dues)	1035.45
Interest on account	18.44
Total	1965.58
1998-99 Expenses: (newsletter)	-205.77
(NwHS Workshop)	-1000.00
Balance in checking account July 1, 1999	759.81

Discussion followed based on the Newsletter Editor's report. Bob Dickow presented some ideas about content and orientation of the newsletter. Desirable directions for the newsletter are a low-key, non-academic style with the inclusion of more news and announcements of local interest. The newsletter requires more member input for this to be effective. Bob also pointed out that members would be able to determine their membership expiration dates by noting the year printed on the address labels of future newsletters. He agreed to mention this in the next issue.

The discussion then turned to plans for the 2000 Northwest Horn Society Meeting. Possible sites discussed were Portland State University and the University of Idaho in Moscow. Bob Dickow expressed interest in hosting a workshop in Moscow in the near future, but suggested that Portland, being closer to the main population centers in the region, might be a better choice at this time. Kathy and Bob agreed to discuss the matter with Larry Johson (Portland State) for a possible workshop there.

A club membership rate was discussed. A minimum of 4 people could join the NwHS as a group, receiving what amounts to a \$1.00 discount per member on the established current rates. The proposal was accepted by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at about 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Dickow

Tip: If you or your students need to work on keeping fingers from lifting away from the valve spatulas while playing, try this practice method: Play some slow scales while holding small rubber washers between the fingertips and the metal spatulas. If you lift your fingers the washers will fall to the floor. Plastic buttons may work too, but they may be too slippery to be practical. Especially avoid using pennies or dimes for this application, since they may cause small dings and dents in your horn when they fall.