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SUMMER MEETING AND PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007

GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT

A summer CVTOS meeting and picnic will be held on Saturday, August 11th at 11:30 A.M. at the Sibley cottage, 69 Rock Ledge Circle, Guilford, CT 06437. In the event of rain, the meeting will be held the following day at the same time.

The general meeting will be called to order at noon. Upon adjournment, lunch and a relaxing afternoon at the shore will follow. Our hosts, Jon and Meredith, will provide hamburgers and hot dogs along with soft drinks, beer and wine. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert and their own beverages if they desire something other than those mentioned. There will be enough grills if you would like to prepare more exotic fare.

The cottage is directly on Long Island Sound, so those interested in swimming should bring bathing suits and towels. Bringing beach chairs is optional but not necessary. There will be plenty of chairs available. Parking space is limited, so car pooling is encouraged.

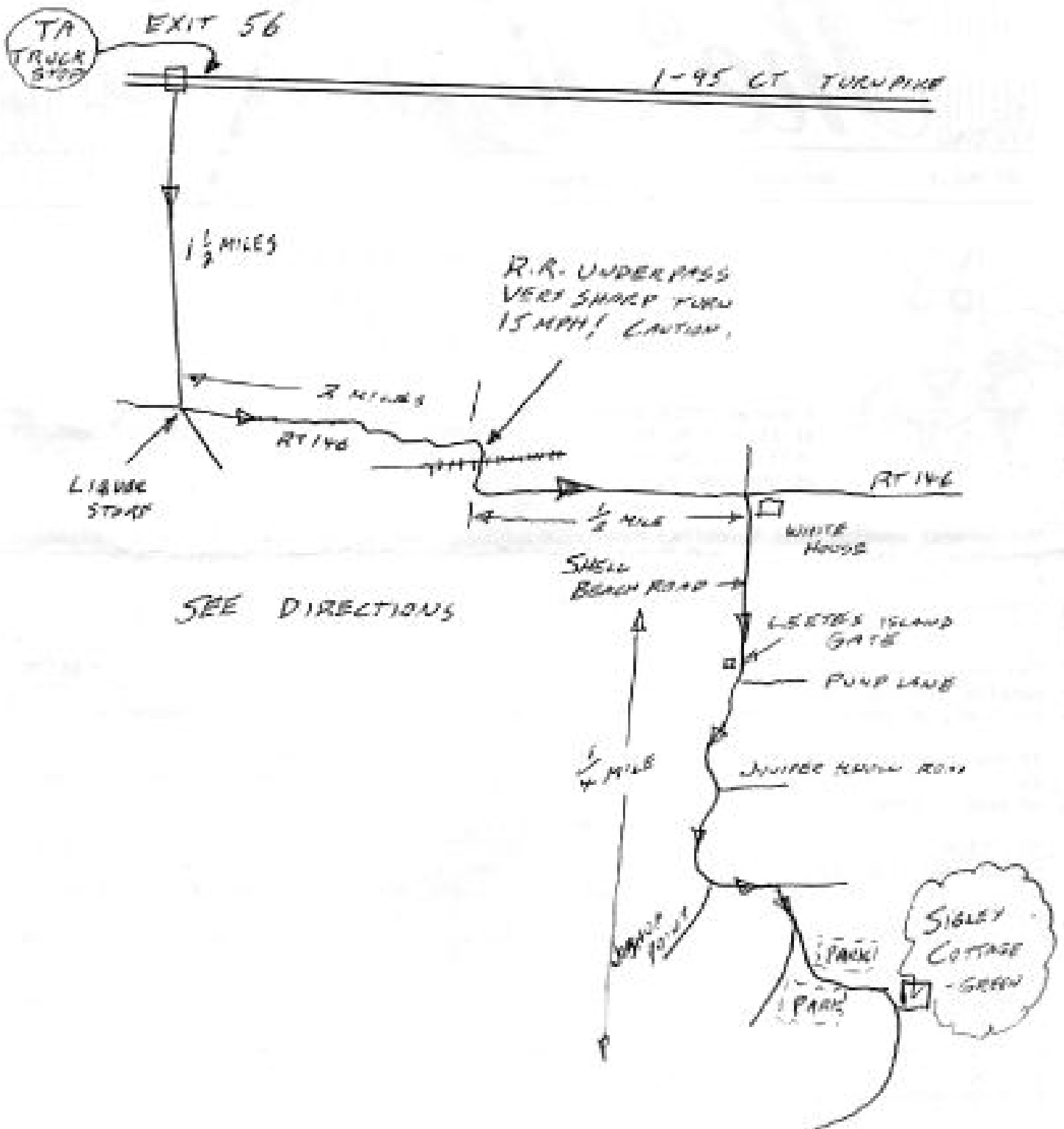
If you plan to join the fun, please R.S.V.P. to the Sibleys by August 5th indicating the food item you plan to bring. You will find a tear sheet for that purpose on the last page of your Diaphone.

DIRECTIONS: Exit 56, Leete's Island Road off I-95, CT Turnpike, in Guilford. Take Leete's Island Road (Rte. 146) headed south and follow about 1 1/2 miles to intersection. This is Stony Creek. Continue on Rte. 146 (liquor store on opposite side of intersection). Turn left and follow east for about 2 miles. Observe 15 MPH speed limit signs for very sharp turn under railroad underpass. Turn right on Shell Beach Road. A large white house is on the opposite side of the right turn. "CVTOS" signs will be posted. Go to the guard house about 1/4 mile. Follow along the road which goes up over a ridge and curves to the left. Pass Joshua Point Road on the right. Rock Ledge Circle Road is the next right. Bear left at the fork in the road (ignore One Way sign). The Sibley cottage is about 150 feet away at the top of the hill on the right...water side. Some parking will be on the lawn areas at the entrance of Rock Ledge Circle, just a short walk away. A detailed map can be printed out from [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) on the Internet.

The cottage phone number is: 203-453-5896.

We hope this will be an enjoyable meeting and will give members an opportunity for some leisurely summer socializing.

MAP TO SIBLEY COTTAGE



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2007, THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE:

Forty-sixth birthday meeting called to order by President Jonathan Sibley at 3:30 P.M.

The minutes of the last General Membership meeting as written in The Diaphone were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

President Sibley said we hope to have the Shelton console ready for the opening of the auditorium. We still have some issues with the Syndine stop keys - it will soon be resolved. John Angevine said the auditorium should be open in September.

We need someone to work on the Web Sight, as Cynthia Smith has resigned. Beth has the material Cynthia had used.

In honor of our chapter's 46th birthday, a motion was proposed and passed to give honorary lifetime memberships to John and Kathy Angevine and June Garen.

Larry Hazard urged folks to join more than one chapter. He announced the NY Chapter's next events at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie and NY Military Academy in Cornwall on February 24th and our own Juan Cardona, Jr. at Long Island University on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 P.M. He also mentioned the NY Chapter's touring Allen Organ.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. Following the meeting Mike Foley played a marvelous concert.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Andre, Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

CVTOS extends congratulations to John Angevine who received the ATOS Volunteer Technician Award at the recent ATOS national convention in NYC. This is a great and well-deserved honor. John has put in many thousands of hours maintaining the Thomaston and Shelton organs with both instruments always in first class tune and operation for concerts.

Work is progressing on the rebuilding of the Austin console from the "ground up" with new electric stop action, solid state combination and a case rebuilt to a horseshoe style closely resembling the Thomaston console.

The console case has been completely disassembled and new woodwork added to the existing case panels to make the new console configuration. The horseshoe stop rail will have two rows or "bolsters" of stop tabs with the various stops located in standard theatre organ groupings. Two rows of stop tabs will also be on the fall board as found on most 3-manual theatre organs. The new combination action will be rapid in response and have many memory levels which will greatly benefit visiting artists as well as CVTOS members who would like to retain their own piston settings.

Meredith Sibley spent almost four days stripping the old paint off the disassembled console case parts prior to their being taken to the Phipps Pipe Organ Service in New Bedford, MA by Allen Miller and Jon Sibley for the new carpentry work to be largely completed. Don and Polly Phipps graciously hosted Allen and Jon at their lovely waterfront home while work was completed over an 8-day period at Don's shop.

The console has been returned to Jon's shop in Haddam, CT where the work will be completed. A "Power-Point" picture presentation of the work completed to date is planned for showing at the summer meeting on August 11th.

There is still much work to be done on the console including all of the new electric stop actions, new combination action and rewiring in the existing Z-Tronics card cage. The existing wiring had become jumbled requiring complete replacement for long-term reliability and simplified servicing.

The CVTOS web site has been updated by Allen Miller and is found at [www.cvtos.org](http://www.cvtos.org). The revised web site provides current and varied information about CVTOS and should attract more attendance at concerts and chapter functions. Allen deserves a lot of credit and appreciation for his significant time and effort to make the web site user friendly, attractive and informative.

Jon Sibley

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THOMASTON: Be sure to save Sunday, December 16, 2:00 P.M. for our annual holiday concert at the Thomaston Opera House. Arrangements are not yet finalized for our guest artist-to-be and will be announced when they are completed.

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CLOSING CHORD:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Colver "Cog" Briggs, long-time member and past CVTOS president. Cog was a retired Vice President of the Ford Motor Company and was instrumental in the concept and design of the hugely successful Mustang. His experience in the corporate sector was of considerable benefit to the chapter on numerous occasions.

Cog and Eleanor Briggs joined CVTOS in 1977 and were immediately eager participants in chapter activities. Before his two-year term as president in 1986 and 1987 (in those days the title was Chairman), he served two years as secretary and two years as vice chairman. Following his chairmanship, he was again secretary for three years. Eleanor was often our "hostess with the mostest" when refreshments were served at our meetings. She was famous for her "made from scratch" strawberry cheesecake. I can still taste it!

In recent years health problems prevented Cog's participation in CVTOS activities - our loss! We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Eleanor and her family.

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