



Pipes Along the Rockies

*Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.*

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Back by popular demand.....

Bob Ralston Plays the Paramount

Sunday, October 23rd, 2 pm

Monday, October 24th, 2 pm

Denver's Paramount Theatre

Adults \$12, Students \$6

(Both dates are RTD Senior Ride events)

The time has come! Bob Ralston from the Lawrence Welk show in concert with two afternoon performances playing the Denver Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ and the grand piano.



Bob Ralston has been a star of the Lawrence Welk TV show for over 42 years and is still seen weekly by more than 10 million viewers. At the Paramount Bob will perform an entertaining two-hour pops concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer and the grand piano (and rumor has it he'll even be playing both at the same time!). You may want to attend both shows!

A "steal" at \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, tickets are for a single performance but they are valid for either date so if you have a last-minute schedule change you can switch performances without having to exchange tickets.

Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance by calling **303-466-3330**.

Don't like driving to the Paramount?

Take the Bus!

Both of the Bob Ralston performances are RTD Senior Ride events. That means if you sign up with one of the Senior Ride groups, you can get door-to-door transportation from that group's location to the Paramount and back. For those 65 or older the round trip fare is \$1.25. For all others, \$2.50 round trip. A person of any age can take the Senior Ride.

Holiday Hills is one of the RTD Senior Ride groups. Call Sally Peterson, **303-657-9655** and make your reservation for one or both performances. There is a minimum of 10 riders for pick-up. Bus fare is paid to the bus driver, tickets to the show must be purchased in advance or at the door.

To get the address and phone number for the contact person for other Denver area Senior Ride groups, call Joann Collins at **303-933-7412**.

Senior Ride RTD reservations must be made by Monday, October 3rd!

You can also take **RTD light rail** at regular rates, and get off at California & 16th St. mall. The Paramount is two blocks east at Glenarm & 16th St. mall.

November Club Social...

Got Gospel?

Sunday, November 13th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

There will not be a sermon! The collection plate will not be passed! But the gospel music will be bountiful, beautiful and beneficial!

The program will include gospel singers, a gospel hymn sing, gospel piano, gospel organ, gospel piano & organ and gospel organ, organ & piano! (In addition to "George" and "Victor", we will also have use of the Holiday Hills Community Church organ.)

Don't miss this inspirational afternoon of great gospel music performed by club members and special guests. The event is no charge for RMCATOS members, \$5 for non-members. Light refreshments will be served.

December Club Social

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 4th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Mark your calendar now for the annual Holiday get-together and pot luck. Start looking now for that "unbelievable" white elephant that you want to bring for the traditional Bingo game (or perhaps you will be looking for that "unbelievable" white elephant you "won" last year and think it's time that it be "recycled"!)

The Club will provide ham, turkey, drinks, dinnerware, silverware and napkins. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish plus a wrapped "white elephant" gift.

This is a members only no-charge event.

Start Practicing

Everyone's A Musician

Sunday, January 15th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

All during the year we watch and listen to others perform and once a year *everyone* gets to perform. In addition to the opportunity to hear and see individual performances by some of our more "timid" members, several "everyone participates" activities are being planned.

Perform anything musical. Play at least 8 measures of a single song. Those are the only rules.

Performers are limited to those who did not perform last year or those that did perform last year but on a different instrument.

To sign up to perform and/or arrange for rehearsal time on "George" or "Victor" call Lee Shaw:

303-530-2421 or **dpsys.west@comcast.net**

Hope you were there

Cool, Calm & Colossal

The weather was cool but it was almost impossible to remain calm while collecting the wonderful (and sometimes amusing) sounds produced by Jim Calm at his "Cool, Calm & Collectible" program on September 18th at the Holiday Hills Ballroom.

One Hundred Ten folks were present to enjoy music ranging from "2001" to ragtime piano to dueling tubas to TV themes to sacred songs to Charles Marie Vidor's Toccata & Fugue!



Jim, "George", "Victor" and "Teddy" the tuba out did themselves producing a wonderfully enjoyable afternoon of great variety. Thanks, Jim. Hope you'll treat us again.

National Recognition

Don Wick Honored

At the 2005 national ATOS convention in Los Angeles, in July, our very own Don Wick received the ATOS Volunteer Technician Award.

This annual award gives recognition to a nonprofessional volunteer who has made significant contributions to the installation, restoration, preservation or ongoing maintenance of theatre pipe organs owned by, maintained by or in some other way related to an ATOS Chapter.

Don, who lives in Colorado Springs, excels in all the listed categories by restoring and maintaining in-

struments for both the Pikes Peak chapter that nominated him and for us, the Rocky Mountain chapter that takes responsibility for the Denver Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer.

Congratulations Don! It is a well-deserved award.

Long time member from Estes Park

Dick Webb's TV book

Here is an excerpt from the back cover review:

"Tele-Visionaries: The People Behind the Invention of Television" invites us to step back in time for a fascinating firsthand account of the invention and evolution of television.

"From the first developments in monochrome image transmission to color broadcasting and finally to digital video, Richard Webb's book offers us a rarely seen insider's view into the key innovations that have made television the powerful medium it is today.

"Dr. Webb was a member of "Ray Kell's color group" at RCA, where he was one of a handful of talented engineers who played a pivotal role in the development of television."

Thanks from Very Valliant Week-end

Owanah Wick would like to thank all those members who attended any portion of the PPATOS Very Valliant Week-end. She would particularly like to thank Priscilla Arthur, Rich Brooks and Bob Castle who assisted with promoting the event.

In Memoriam

Member Betty Schuh recently passed away. Our sympathies to her husband Jack and her son Mike.

Organ for Sale

Ida Cicotello has a Baldwin Cinema II, two manual, 32 pedal theatre organ for sale. Interested parties should call Carol Cattz, 303-838-1000.

Welcome New Members:

Carol Cattz & Ida Cicotello, Conifer
Pete & Ruth Cohoon, Golden
Adafern Duke, Arvada
Irving & Carmen Kelsey, Northglenn
Lucille McWilliam, Thornton

RMCATOS Officers for 2005

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If you have any questions, any ideas for programs, suggestions for club activities, or want to attend a RMCATOS Board of Director's Meeting, please feel free to contact any of the officers.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Jan 15th – (Sun) – **Everyone's A Musician**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
No charge, everyone invited

Feb 12th – (Sun) – **Musical Fun Fest**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Adults \$10, Students \$5
This is an RTD Senior Ride event

Mar 12th – (Sun) – **Bob's Castle**
(Pending Paramount Availability)
Bob Castle "at home" at the Paramount
No charge - Members only

