



# *Pipes Along the Rockies*

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

*August, 2007*

*Information Line: 303-466-3330*

*For members only.....*

## **So You Want to Play the Paramount**

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm  
Denver Paramount Theatre  
Members Only... no charge**

The management of the Paramount has once again given RMCATOS a “free” day, for members only, at the Paramount. This year we will use the day to give members a chance to “Play the Paramount.”

Come and enjoy a comfortable afternoon listening to the Paramount’s 77-year-old original Mighty Wurlitzer 4/20 theatre pipe organ.

No refreshments will be available.

### **Getting to the Paramount:**

Easiest and least expensive way to get to the Paramount Theatre is to use public transportation. Take a bus or light rail to an intersection with the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall, then take the free Mall Shuttle to Glenarm. The theatre is at 1631 Glenarm, a short distance north of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall.

If you will be driving to the Paramount, street meters are free on Sundays .... if you can find one that is open. There are parking lots near by on Welton, Glenarm and 15<sup>th</sup> street and also in the Pavillions shopping complex (enter off Welton). Parking is usually \$6 on Sundays.

*Perky (digital) Pipe Playing by Perko...*

## **Frankly, Perko**

**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 pm  
Holiday Hills Ballroom  
Members, no charge; all others, \$5**

Member Frank Perko was fascinated with the theatre organ as a youngster in Pueblo, Colorado and quickly became a skilled musician at the console.

While in middle and high school, Frank frequently traveled week-ends to Denver for lessons and to perform at the Organ Grinder, Denver’s theatre organ pizza parlor.

During his college days he focused his time & energies on classical & religious organ music. Only recently has Frank returned to his first love, the theatre organ.



Plan to join Frank for an afternoon of varied music and a few delightful surprises.

Light refreshments will be served.

*It was a trip down memory lane...*

## **Old Time Radio Show (live)**

For the June 24<sup>th</sup> social at Holiday Hills, Fibber MaGee & Molly were there along with the old timer, Harlow Wilcox, Teenie, Abigail, Gene Autrey, Pat Butram, Dr. I.Q., Allen B. Anthony, a sound effects crew, an electric “On Air, Applause, Laughter” sign and 135 members and guests.





In addition to the Soap Opera, Horse Opera and Quiz Show, the audience was treated to some delightful piano “fill” music and lots of theatre organ sounds via “remote” broadcasts originating from Denver area theatres and restaurants that, except for the Denver Paramount, have long been silent.



A special treat (or is that “tweet”) was Preston Sellers (aka Jim Calm) and the Hartz Mountain Radio Master Canaries who warbled their cheery chirps into the hearts of all in attendance.



Bringing the afternoon to a close, Kate Smith (aka Lillian Oliver) made a guest appearance leading the happy crowd in singing “God Bless America”.

Our thanks to the Calm family, Bill, Mary, Jim and Janice for producing the event and to all the club members who performed.

*What an enjoyable treat.....*

## **Seeing (and hearing) Double** **Seeing (and hearing) Double**

Ken Double, international theatre organ entertainer and president of the national American Theatre Organ Society, presented refreshing theatre organ events on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Hills Ballroom.

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Ken’s easy going manor, charming personality and recognizable theatre organ skills soon had the audience captivated.

Ken took the time to explain some of the various functions of a theatre organ, demonstrated the sounds of various stop combinations and described how the instrument is “orchestrated” by the person sitting at the console.



Those in attendance were able to immediately apply what they had just learned by watching the movements his hands (and at times, his feet) on the “big screen” .... everyone in the room had a bird’s eye view of swift hands and active feet.

Attendance both days was low and the club experienced a significant financial loss on the events. It is hoped more members and their friends will attend our future public events which will allow RMCATOS to continue bringing top-name theatre organ artists to the Denver area.

*Mark your calendar now.....*

## ***Coming Public Events***

Sunday & Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

### ***"Whistle While You Wurlitzer"***

Disney Theatre's Jon Ledwon & whistling champion Sandra Henzler.

Adults \$10, Students \$5

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Denver Paramount Theatre, 2 pm

### ***"Pipes & Stripes II"***

The Mighty Wurlitzer & the 101<sup>st</sup> Army Band

No admission charge, No tickets required

*Pikes Peak Chapter presents.....*

## ***Dave Wickerham***

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm

Joel's Music Barn, Kiowa, CO

Concert & Picnic lunch \$15

To get to the music barn, drive to beautiful downtown Kiowa, Colorado. Proceed to the east edge of town and turn south on County Road 45 (across from the high school, by the water tower). The pavement will end after a mile or so and then the gravel road will turn to the east, keep going.

Look for a tall radio tower. Keep going east until you come to County Road 49. Turn right (south) and proceed to the top of the hill. When you are even with the radio antenna, there is a driveway to the right with a metal (open) gate. There is most likely also an "organ event" sign.

Enter this driveway, go past the first house, bear to the right and go up over the hill, come down the back side and you will see the barn on your left.

Reservations recommended, call: 719-488-9469.

### ***Welcome New Members***

Judy & Ron Gregston, Lakewood

Don & Eula Hergenreter, Denver

Emily Joy, Wheat Ridge

Edith McCormack, Denver

Wynn McGuigan, Thornton

Stanley Schwartz, Lone Tree

Marie Sleeth, Euless, TX

Leon Tilbury, Denver

## ***In Memoriam***

Word has been received of the death of Evelyn Glessner, mother of member Joel Glessner. Our sympathies to Joel.

## ***RMCATOS Events Calendar***

**Jun** thru **Aug** – (Every Thur) **Sack Lunch Serenade**

City Auditorium, Colo Spgs - noon  
(Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Springs)  
Additional info at 719-488-9469

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** – (Sat) – **Wickerham @ the Barn**

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**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** - (Sun) – **Got Gospel?**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Ed Wagner from Mariposa, CA  
No charge, members; all others \$5

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Christmas Pot Luck**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Members Only; no charge

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Everyone's A Musician**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Everyone welcome: no charge

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Army Band & Ensembles  
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