



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

December, 2009

Information Line: 303-466-3330

December Club Social

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 6th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our "members only" Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 6th, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend, please call, by December 4th, Nina Edwards at **303-650-0255**.

The event will be pot luck, with the club providing ham, turkey, drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. Members will provide salads, main dishes, relish trays, vegetables or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Nina know what you plan to bring..... that will help us make sure that everyone doesn't bring broccoli or cheese cake!

Each person attending the potluck is asked to bring a wrapped "White Elephant" item that will be used during the gift exchange procedure.

A special treat this year will be music provided by the "Afternoon Jazz Trio" consisting of Bill Jacques, piano; Roger Topliff, clarinet, tenor sax; and Jenny Karel, bass.

They will perform songs from the *American Song Book* including a tribute to Benny Goodman.

Members are invited to dance, mingle and join in a Christmas sing-a-long!

See you there!

Our fourth annual event...

"Pipes & Stripes IV"

Sunday, January 17th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Everyone is welcome, no charge

No tickets are required

Due to an Army Band scheduling conflict, this year our traditional concert joining the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer twin consoles and the 101st Army

Band's instrumental units will be in January instead of the usual February.

The month may be different, but the show will be as great as ever! Best to get there early, last year we had nearly a full house.

This is an RTD Senior Ride event and we will have an RTD bus going to and from the Paramount from a new location this time: The Thornton Park and Ride at 88th and I-25. The new location allows us to schedule a larger, articulated (two-section), bus.

The RTD fare for those 65 and over is \$2 round trip. All others, \$4. To reserve a seat, call Lorna Koelmel: **303-430-4335**. Reservations must be confirmed by January 4th. Pay the bus fare (exact change) when you board the bus.

Some info on the Thornton Park & Ride:

The Thornton Park & Ride (PnR) is on either side of I-25 just south of 88th St.

If you are not coming on I-25, just take 88th.

88th Street has a bridge over I-25, so if you are coming on I-25 from the south, exit at 84th St., if you are coming from the north, exit at Thornton Parkway.

The Thornton PnR has parking lots on either side of I-25. You may park in either.

Get to 88th from the I-25 exits via Huron (on the West) or Grant (on the East). To get to the West parking lot, take Conifer south to the West PnR. To get to the East parking lot, take Grant south to the East PnR. There are large signs identifying the PnR.

The **East** lot has parking spaces that are closest to the bus pickup area with flat, direct access to that area.

The **West** lot parking spaces are a little farther from the bus pickup area and you will need to use 13 stair steps or a long ramp to get to the bus area.

No matter in which lot you park, one part of the trip you will need to walk through the tunnel under I-25.

Departure to the Paramount will be from the West side pick up (East parkers need to take the tunnel to

the West side). *For the return trip from the Paramount*, passengers exit the bus on the East side (West parkers will need to take the tunnel to the West side.)

There is a small, open waiting shelter at each pickup area. There are no restrooms at the Thornton PnR.

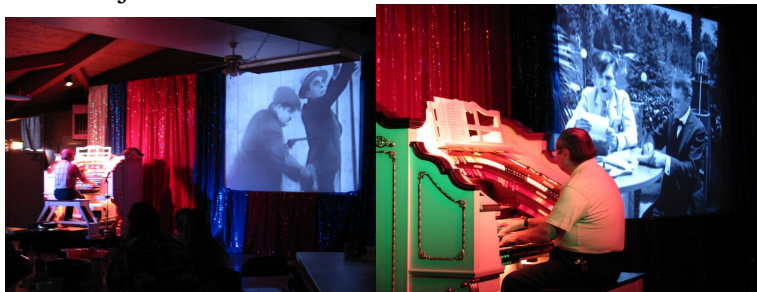
You will notice signs in each lot regarding advance payment for parking. If your car has a license plate from the seven-county RTD District, you can park for free. If your car has a license plate from outside the RTD District, a \$2 fee needs to be inserted in an envelope and into the deposit box found on each lot.

Pickup time will not be known until closer to the event date. Our bus coordinator, Lorna Koelmel, will give you a call when RTD informs her of the time the bus will depart the PnR for the Paramount.

Everything sounded great!.....

"Silents Please!"

Sunday, October 25th, the Holiday Hills Ballroom became Bijou Theatre with an afternoon of silent films.



Bob Castle and Jim Calm shared time at the console of the GW4Q accompanying comedies, short features and even a "How a Carburetor Works" documentary.

The music (and the snacks!) were simply great!

The rafters were shaking...

"Got Gospel?"

The 125 in attendance really got into the spirit of things for our annual "Got Gospel?" event on November 22nd at Holiday Hills.



grand piano and the accordion.

Many of his selections were played as duets with member Bev Bucci at the piano or theatre organ.



A hymn sing had the crowd belting out several favorite gospel songs.

Everyone was concerned when

Bev Bucci, on her way up to play the organ, slipped and fell. Like the trouper she is, Bev got up and completed all her portions of the program.

As a result of the fall, Bev now has a crushed vertebra. It will self-heal in 4 to 6 weeks, but in the mean time, Bev is taking prescription drugs for the severe pain. If you'd like to send Bev a card, her address is: 352 S. 20th Ave., Brighton, CO 80601.

Our prayers, concerns and best wishes are with Bev for a speedy recovery.

Same low annual fee!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now due for year 2010.

Save 44 cents by paying, in person, at the December social at Holiday Hills, or....

Send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks
1301 Dahlia St.
Denver, CO 80220

Prompt payment makes life easier for all us. Thanks.

To all our volunteers.....

Time to say Thanks

RMCATOS has had a consistent year of growth. Our membership currently includes 303 households! This would not be possible without members volunteering to pitch in and handle some of the support tasks.

With so many volunteers to thank, listing names is always dangerous for fear that some name or names might be omitted, unintentionally. That being said, we'll take the risk and offer our thanks to the following members (in no particular order) for their time, trouble and cooperation during the past year.

Nina Edwards has captained the “light refreshments” with help from **Elsie Johnson, Roberta Farnan, Margaret & John Simmons** and **Irene Backes**.

Nina Edwards & Doris Beverly coordinate the annual Christmas Potluck. Additional assistance for the Christmas Potluck is provided by **Lois Cady, Jud Murphy, Elsie & Don Johnson** and many others.

Assisting at the “administrative table” at our Holiday Hills and Paramount events one sees: **Rich Brooks, Doris Beverly, Carole Ann Ball, Kathy Brayton, Priscilla Arthur, Lois Cady, Pat Gower, Owanah Wick, Mary Hemmerle** and **Fern Roberts**.

Our wonderful photos are the work of **Bill Kwin**. Video taping support is by **Bill & Marilyn Decker**.

Did you ever wonder how our newsletter gets prepped for mailing? **Rich Brooks, Kay Diehl, Nina Edwards, Maxine Mulliniks, Lillian Oliver, Thelma Reed** and **Sandy & Joan Wadding** each volunteer every two months to fold, tape, sticker, stamp and sometimes stuff!

Pre-program prep at the Holliday Hills Ballroom is done by **Bob Koelmel, Jud Murphy, Rick Knoll, Harold Young** and **Bruce & Kitty Spangler**. **Mike Schuh** sets up and controls the sound and light control systems.

Clean up time finds the prep folks and the back table folks plus **Alan Elder, Don Bullock, Jim Hunter, Carl Hoff** (and others we have probably overlooked) putting the Ballroom back to its natural state.

The RTD Senior Ride bus arrangements are coordinated by **Lorna Koelmel**. Advance ticket sales for “fee” events are handled by **Doris Beverly**.

We are indebted to **Bob Castle, Bev Bucci, Lee Traster, Jim Calm, DeLoy Goeglein, Doug Thompson, Ken & Barbara Mervine, Irene Shaffer** and **Annette Cash** for being there when their musical talents are needed.

We have a wonderful organ maintenance crew that keeps the Paramount Wurlitzer in working condition: **Bob Castle, Don Wick, David Charles** and **Ryan Kroll** with additional help from **Jud Murphy** and **John Decker**.

Our heart-felt thanks to all the volunteers!

Welcome New Members

Jeanne Bacheldor, Arvada
Dr. Cheryl Bornt, Westminster
Ivan & Judith Johnson, Lakewood
Doris Jones, Arvada
Roger & Ina Olson, Broomfield
Neta Goeken, Northglenn
John & Dottie SoBott, Federal Heights
Jeff & Karen Wake, Lakewood

RMCATOS Events Calendar

December 6th – (Sun) – “Christmas Pot Luck”
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members Only

2010

January 17th - (Sun) – “Pipes & Stripes IV”
Denver Paramount Theatre, 2 pm
Everyone is welcome, no charge
(*This is an RTD Senior Ride event.*)

February 7th – (Sun) – “Never on Sunday”
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Joint social with the Denver American Guild of Organists (AGO) chapter.
AGO is providing the program.
Everyone is welcome, no charge.

March 7th - (Sun) – “Wurlitzer & Wiz Kids”
Denver Paramount Theatre, 2 pm
Martin Ellis at the Wurlitzer joins the Colorado Children’s Chorale on stage.
Adults, \$12; Students, \$6
(*This is an RTD Senior Ride event.*)

April 18th - (Sun) – “Doors Open Denver”
Pending Paramount availability
Denver Paramount Theatre, 10 am – 4 pm
Non-stop, live, Wurlitzer Theatre Organ music & theatre tours
Everyone is welcome, no charge

May 16th - (Sun) – “Dancing Without the Stars”
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Bev Bucci, her musical crew & a dance floor
Members, no charge; All others, \$5

Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Springs

Christmas Sack Lunch Serenades, Noon to 1 pm
Colo Spgs City Auditorium, 3/8 Wurlitzer
All events free – 2009, December 3, 10, 17, 22, 31
More Info: 719-473-2010

RMCATOS Officers for 2009

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671

VP:

Interim Secretary: **Kathy Brayton** (303) 657-6136

Treasurer: **Rich Brooks** (303) 322-8586

Tickets: **Doris Beverly** (303) 466-3330

If you have comments about club activities or would like to attend a board of directors meeting, contact one of the officers.

See the newsletters in Color!

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WWW.RMCATOS.ORG



“Got Gospel?” - Photos by Bill Kwinn

