

PIPE NOTES

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UPCOMING MTOS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Sunday
September 20, 2009
2:00 P.M.**

**Dave Cogswell
Grace Baptist Church**

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Future programs and concert dates will be announced at a later date.

Dates for the Grace Baptist Church **Festival of Lights** in December, 2009 will also be announced at a later date.

**Please Note:
Meeting Times: 2:00 P.M.
Concert Times: 2:30 P.M.**

All artists have agreed to perform, but programs/artists are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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President's Message

The Summer has come and gone. It seems like just the other day we were gathered for our June MTOS meeting and now it is September again. I just don't know where the time goes. The chapter had an election before the Summer recess and we have a couple of changes to our Board of Directors. I was elected as President for the next season, and I would like to thank all of you for your support. Chuck Pierson is our Vice President and John Hegener was re-elected as Director at Large. Our former President, John Fischer, will serve as immediate Past President, and will continue as our Concert Chair. All of the remaining officers will serve another year. As we start our new year, I wish to thank everyone who worked to make our previous Manasota season so successful and for their efforts and dedication.

At our June meeting the members of the Board of Directors who play the organ gathered and each performed a few songs on our Forker Wurlitzer. Many members had never heard any of the Directors play. It was a lot of fun. If you would enjoy another "Director Extravaganza" later in the season, please let me know. I am excited about the months ahead. We are planning a wonderful concert season. In addition to encore performances by some of your favorite organists, we have commitments from some new talents as well.

From John Fischer our Concert Chair: The 2009-2010 Concert Series will be really wonderful. Manasota has already cast plans to make a new CD recording on the Forker Wurlitzer with a Christmas theme, and to have those recordings available to greet the tens of thousands of visitors who will attend Grace Baptist's indoor/outdoor light display during December. In addition, we are planning three professional concerts in 2010. Clark Wilson will return to accompany a

silent film comedy and Rob Richards will be returning to play for us, this time with youthful pianist Alex Zsolt. We are currently working on a very exciting concert possibility for May 2010 which holds great potential for pleasing existing theatre pipe organ concert patrons as well as attracting an entirely new audience. In addition, we will continue to bring you quality monthly programs and hopefully include some new and "out of the box" experiences. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 21st. Perhaps we can also get John Fischer to share some of the highlights of the ATOS Cleveland Convention.

July 1st marked the beginning of our 2009-2010 fiscal year. We still need a lot of folks to renew their annual dues. We encourage you to send them in now or bring them with you to the September meeting. Our dear friend and long time member, Dave Cogswell played a mini concert for us to kick off the first meeting last year and with great pleasure I can announce he will do the same for us this year. Dave is very talented and I know you will thoroughly enjoy his playing again this year. The Forker Wurlitzer organ at Grace Baptist Church is one of the finest musical instruments in the world and it is always a treat to hear its sterling qualities displayed at the hands of the many talented theatre organists that come to entertain us each year. The Society takes its responsibility for caring for this magnificent instrument very seriously and it is evident when you experience its superlative sound. We are anxious to expand our membership more than ever, so please bring others with you to the upcoming events. The cost of tickets is extremely reasonable and well worth the hours of pure musical entertainment.

In addition, our monthly Sunday meetings consist of newsworthy updates as well as performances by some of our talented members at open console. We welcome folks to play the Forker organ at the end of each meeting. It's an afternoon well spent.

Come and Enjoy,

Chaz Bender, President

Treasurer's Report

As of **August 31, 2009** the following balances were reported by George Milburn, Treasurer:

FUND	06/30/08	08/31/09
Concert	\$22,479.21	\$8,149.52
General	14,563.28	16,084.39
Organ Maintenance	11,412.64	31,707.31
Piano Enhancement	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$48,455.13	\$55,941.22

Note: Organ fund shows \$20,000 income and Concert fund shows \$20,000 expense, reflecting a transfer between funds this fiscal year.



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| 2 – Mary Sharp | 12 – Edward Sheehan |
| 3 – Marilyn Heichelbech | 13 – Marge Schertle |
| 4 – Dr. Ketch Morrell | 14 – Steve Brittain |
| 5 – Bill Griffis | 14 – Jim Weisenborne |
| 6 – John McCall | 14 – Robert Taylor |
| 7 – Col. Michael Hartley | |

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Alternate Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Birthday: (Date) _____ (Month) _____

I am currently a member of the American Theatre Organ Society: YES No

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The membership year is from July 1st through June 30th each year. **FRIENDS level membership:** Annual dues (no voting privileges or office holding) are **\$25.00**, which includes the cost of the *Pipe Notes* monthly newsletter.

REGULAR level membership: With voting privileges and office holding. The American Theatre Organ Society requires a separate membership to ATOS which is \$40.00. Membership in ATOS includes a glossy color bi-monthly magazine. Information is available on their website at www.atos.org or you may call Yvonne George at 941-922-2044 for additional information.

To join or continue your membership in the Manasota Theatre Organ Society, please send your dues to Yvonne George, 5733 Augusta Circle, Sarasota, FL 34238. You may also give her your check at the September 20th meeting. Information is also available at www.mtos.us.

Dave Cogswell was originally from Michigan, where he was a music teacher. He also played at restaurants similar to Roaring 20's in Michigan before moving to Florida.

Dave has been a member of MTOS for several years. He first met members of MTOS at Mathis Music in Sarasota when the console of our Forker Wurlitzer was being delivered to Mathis for storage.



Dave has played several programs for MTOS, and is usually available to play for us at open console time.

Dave also has substituted at Roaring 20's Pizza & Pipes in Ellenton, Florida when the regular organists were not available.



The **American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS)** is the international leader dedicated to pursuing a positive difference in conserving and promoting the theatre pipe organ and its music, preserving original instruments where possible. We provide support and guidance to all ATOS chapters and others, with promotional and educational opportunities to both those within the Society, and to the public worldwide through the Internet, publications, conventions, and personal contact. We are passionately devoted to providing professional leadership and resources so the theatre pipe organ will thrive in the 21st century.

Organized in 1955, ATOS has grown into an international society of more than 5,000 members. There are over 60 chapters in the United States and foreign countries. Members working at the chapter level are accomplishing the goals of ATOS to preserve, restore, maintain, and promote the theatre pipe organ. Presenting concerts, silent film programs and educational seminars for the general public are but a few of the regularly scheduled chapter activities. ATOS is formed and recognized as a non-profit organization under IRS guidelines 501(c)3.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Sunday, June 21, 2009

Presiding Officers: John Fischer, President
Chaz Bender, Vice President

John Fischer began the meeting at 2:30 P.M. By announcing that the Treasurer's minutes appeared in the Newsletter and that the monies go towards the upkeep of the Forker organ. Motion to approve was acknowledged and seconded. He also stated that the ballots were being counted and the new BOD Officers elected would be announced mid-concert. He then handed the meeting over to Chaz Bender, Vice President.

Chaz again greeted everyone and thanked all who made this meeting possible. He expressed special thanks to Norm Arnold for his very special care of the Forker organ and to Carole Scutt, Tyson Forker's daughter, who made the financing available to complete the Wurlitzer.

Chaz announced the program for the day – several members of the Board of Directors of the Manasota Organ Society would be playing, followed by a special presentation by Chuck Pierson and culminating with Open Console.

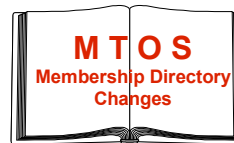
John Fischer expressed appreciation for those directors that were willing to accept the physical challenge of playing this incredible musical instrument for those attending. He announced that Chaz Bender would be the incoming President and that he (John) would be the Immediate Past President, Chuck Pierson would be Vice President and John Hegener, Director At Large.

Norm Arnold, Mary Alexander, Chaz Bender, John Hegener and John Fischer each played several selections. It was obvious that they were all honored to play and those 40 in attendance enjoyed their performances.

Chuck Pierson then presented a DVD of the Christmas light show at Grace. It was magnificent. Chuck said it would be even larger this year. He also presented a fun silent movie accompanied by Tom Hoehn on the Forker organ – great job!

The meeting closed after four people played at Open Console.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara M. Bender, Secretary



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Another goal of ATOS is to encourage young musicians to become proficient theatre organists. An annual Young Organist Competition is sponsored by ATOS. The winners receive cash awards and the opportunity to perform at the Annual ATOS Convention. In addition, ATOS provides annual scholarships to aspiring young organ students.

Members receive the acclaimed bimonthly journal, Theatre Organ, which contains articles of interest to all theatre pipe organ enthusiasts. This journal has become the almost exclusive source of information about new and reissued theatre pipe organ recordings.

In addition, ATOS maintains a comprehensive archives/library collection, which is available by appointment to members, music scholars, historians, and others. The ATOS radio program, Theatre Pipes, is available at no cost, to local radio stations for broadcast in their service area.

All New! ATOS Theatre Organ Radio



ATOS is excited to announce a new Internet radio station: ATOS Theatre Organ Radio. In partnership with Steve Worthington, longtime ATOS member, theatre organ audiophile and pioneering Internet broadcaster, we are pleased to offer a collection of 700+ vintage theatre organ tracks together with a growing number of selections from today's top recording artists.

In the coming months, we will begin to offer a variety of new scheduled programmed content including: interviews with theatre organ personalities, musical, historical and technical educational content along with "live" concert broadcasts.

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Tampa Theatre organist and MTOS member **Bob Baker** passed away on Thursday, September 10th. He was 61. A public memorial service will be held at the Tampa Theatre on Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Bob performed mini-concerts 3 to 4 days a week for 15 years. Bob was a friend to many Manasota Theatre Organ Society members who enjoyed his sense of humor and rapport with the audience. Bob was the chief organist at the Tampa Theatre, having performed about 2,500 times.

A self-taught musician, he played without sheet music and could accommodate almost any request. When interacting with fans and patrons, he almost always asked if there was a special tune he could play for them. He often said he felt most at home performing at the Tampa Theatre.

Memorial donations may be sent to: Tampa Theatre or Central Florida Theatre Organ Society in care of the Tampa Theatre, P.O. Box 172188, Tampa, FL 33672-0188.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

BIRTHDAYS: Please notify me if your birthday has not been listed in Pipe Notes (or it is listed in the wrong month).

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PHOTOS: If your photo was not in the 2007-2008 MTOS Membership Directory, or you are a new member, I would very much appreciate receiving a photo of yourself for the new directory when it is issued.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: If you have changed your email address or if you are able to read and print your copy of *Pipe Notes* online and do not need a copy mailed to you, please notify me.

NAME TAGS: Name Tags can be purchased from Carl Walker or Yvonne George. The regular pin is \$5.50 and the magnetic pin is \$8.00. Also, don't forget to wear your Name Tag to **ALL** events, including concerts!

PLEASE NOTIFY ME REGARDING ABOVE ITEMS: 941-776-3668 or: malex1938@tampabay.rr.com or: 195 Tiger Lilly Dr., Parrish, FL 34219.

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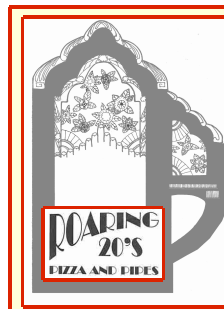
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 available, contact Norm
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PLEASE NOTE

**Roaring 20's Pizza
 and Pipes closed
 for renovations
 on August 31st**

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 on October 12th**



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