Meet Your Member

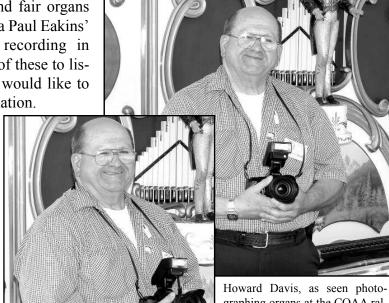
I (Howard Davis) became interested in band and fair organs as a result of finding a Paul Eakins' circus calliope LP recording in 1995. I found more of these to listen to and thought I would like to find out more information.

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She invited me down to Sikeston, Missouri for a visit, of which I quickly took advantage. We became instant friends. She would let me browse the several thousand residual LP recordings, all the time inter-

rupting me with tidbits of information about her late

husband or showing me old photographs.



Howard Davis, as seen photographing organs at the COAA rallies. I had asked her about those recordings made by the "Gold Coin" company, as I didn't recognize the name. Laura informed me that was Paul's own recording company.

Later, she informed me of an organ rally to be held at Crossroads Village, a site which was 46 miles from my home (no one in the area was aware of the rally). This was in July, 2000 and I attended the rally where I met several of the current COAA

members. This has encouraged my interest in organs and the rallies that showcase them. I have attended several rallies since, and I continue to buy recordings as well. I have over 70 of the Paul Eakins records along with a few more left to obtain.

COAA Web Site

Check out www.carouselorganassociation.org for the latest information about rallies, membership and COAA items for sale. Vice-president Larry Kern has taken over responsibility for the page and has done an outstanding job. This is a good site to refer your friends who are considering membership in the COAA.

2005 Organ Rally Dates			
Event COAA Rally #1	Location Lake Winnepesqukah Amusement Park Chattanooga, TN	<u>Contact Person</u> Charles Walker	<u>Date</u> May 27-29, 2005
COAA Rally #2	Midway Park Jamestown, NY	Dan Wilke	July 15 - 17, 2005
COAA Rally #3	St. Joseph, MI	James Partrick	Aug. 26 - 28, 2005
COAA Rally #4	Findlay, OH	Terry Haughawout	Sept., 2005