

### Meet Your Member

Betty and I are very pleased to be included in the “Member of the Month” column. We are very interested in band organ music as a hobby. To explain how it all began, I need to start in the beginning.

I was born on a farm about five miles west of Massillon, Ohio. When I was a young child, my father gave me a calf to take to the county fair, and lo and behold, outside the cattle barn was a carousel that I heard for so long and so loud, when I got home, I could still distinctly hear that music.

As years went by, I forgot about it, but I always did like the happy music of the carousel. Some years later, I was on a fishing trip to Lake Erie, when the person I was riding with took a wrong turn and went into downtown Sandusky, Ohio. I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. There was the carousel music that I had heard so long ago. We didn’t have time to stop because



Betty and LeRoy enjoying a COAA rally at Bearcreek Village in Bryant, Indiana, last year.

we were on a tight schedule to reach the boat before its departure. After returning from the fishing trip, I called the Sandusky Chamber of Commerce and found out that for further information about the carousel music that we heard in the park that day, I should call Marge Waters. I called Marge and she invited my wife and me to the next rally in Marion, Ohio. We went there along with my brother and his wife and we had a wonderful time. From then on, we attended the rallies and enjoyed them more each time.

The opportunity came for us at an auction and we bought a Wurlitzer band organ [ *for more information about the organ, see page 22—Ed*]. Among all the other mechanical musical instruments we have, Betty and I enjoy the antique Wurlitzer carousel organ probably the best of all.

**It may be time to renew your dues to the COAA! If your mailing label says “2002” it is then time. Dues are \$15.00 per year (\$30.00 for overseas members) and may be made payable to Marge Waters, 7552 Beach Rd, Wadsworth, OH 44281. Renew now and save Marge some work.**

2002 Organ Rally Dates			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
COAA Rally #1	Dutch Village Holland, Michigan	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	June 21-22, 2002
COAA Rally #2	Bearcreek Village Bryant, Indiana	Kim Pontius 765-348-0107	July 26 - 28, 2002
COAA Rally #3	DeBence Antique Music World Franklin, Pennsylvania	Lynn Zillmer 814-432-8350	August 2-4, 2002
Band Organ Rally Mid-America (MBSI)	Monroe County Fair Dundee, Michigan	B Bronson 743-529-2087	August 2-4, 2002
Band Organ Rally Heart of America (AMICA)	Eureka Springs Arkansas	Marty Roenigk 800-671-6333	August 23-24, 2002
COAA Rally #4	Naperville, Illinois	Carl Cavitt	Sept 20-22., 2002
State Fair of Texas Sunbelt (MBSI)	State Fair Dallas Texas	Walter Moore 214-348-1749	Sept. 27 - 29, 2002
COAA Rally #5	Applefest Zoar, Ohio	Ed Ditto 330-343-7697	October 4-5, 2002