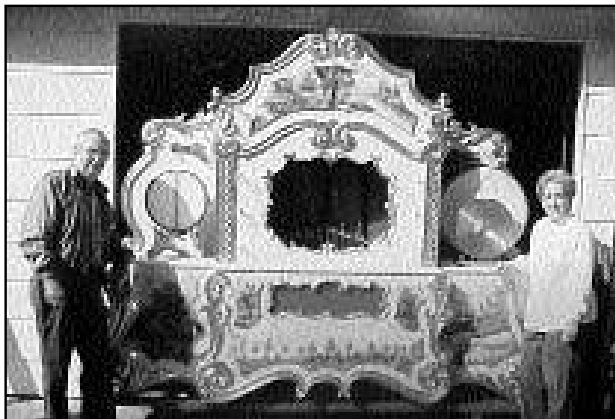


Meet Your Member

Our musical hobby began in 1985 with the auction purchase of a somewhat less-than-perfect Wurlitzer Style 105 military band organ. As I unpacked the beautiful orange and green carnival painted organ, my wife Norma exclaimed, *You bought that—what is it?*

After two years of bothering a number of people who knew what they were doing, we finally got the organ to make a few squawks and, after a final tuning, we were off to our first rally with our “Masterpiece.”

A few years later we purchased a Wurlitzer Style 125 military band organ that was in worse shape than the first organ. In a couple of years, however, we turned it into the instrument pictured above.



Don and Norma Redd enjoy showing off their Wurlitzer 125 band organ (housed in a Wurlitzer 153 style case).

We have enjoyed the organ rallies (MBSI, ABOA and COAA) and are looking forward to attending many more. We have found to really appreciate the rallies you have to host a rally to understand the work and problems that go along with it.

Additionally we find that the members of the organ fraternity are most helpful with problems that come up with the organs (sometimes neglecting their own playing time to get another member playing).

We went on the Bumbling Bruder trip to Europe two years ago and saw some of the organs that are in collections there. It really makes you green with envy—they were just absolutely beautiful.

Come visit us in Larue, Ohio!

Mid-America (MBSI) Band Organ Rally

This year’s Mid-Am rally should really be fun! On Thursday, July 19, 2001, you will have chance to visit the Circus Hall of Fame which includes a steam calliope concert; exotic animal performance plus the Big Top Circus. After supper, members can visit Hope and Frank Rider’s open house.

On Friday the band organ rally will held through historic downtown Wabash and the

Honeywell Center until 5:00 p.m. A roast beef buffet at the Honeywell Center will be followed by a ride to the Peru Circus (which includes a 50-piece circus band).

On Saturday, members can either 1) play their organ in Wabash or 2) watch or 3) participate in the Peru Circus Parade (the second largest parade in Indiana). In the afternoon the rally continues in Wabash which will be

followed by a 2 ¼ hour mart with a cash bar and then, a banquet with Tim Trager’s *Great Dorset Steam Fair* presentation.

Rally chairpeople, Hope and Frank, hope that you can come and enjoy some “Hoosier Hospitality.” Mid-Am members will receive information in the mail. Others, desiring to attend, should contact Frank Rider at 219-563-5030 or fmhrider@comteck.com

2001 Organ Rally Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mid-America (MBSI) Monkey Organ Rally	Downtown Mall Kalamazoo, Michigan	Bob Cantine 517-857-3681	June 1 & 2, 2001
COAA Rally #1	Dutch Village Holland, Michigan	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	June 22-24, 2001
Mid-America (MBSI) Band Organ Rally	Honeywell Center Wabash, Indiana	Frank Rider 219-563-5030	July 19-21, 2001
COAA Rally #2	Bear Creek Village Bear Creek, Indiana	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	July 27-28, 2001
Heart of America (AMICA) Band Organ Rally	Crescent Hotel Eureka Springs, AR	Marty Roenigk 800-671-6333	Aug 17-18, 2001
COAA Rally #3	Jamestown, NY	Dan Wilke 716-825-7266	Aug 24-26, 2001
COAA Rally #4	Delta Queen Gallipolis, OH	Chamber of Commerce	Aug 31-Sept. 1, 2001