

Meet Your Member

Cliff and I were introduced to the "Happiest Music on Earth" by Dan Slack, who invited us to the Mid-Am Band Organ Rally in Fremont, Ohio, in 1983. We did not own a band organ but we went and I was absolutely mesmerized.

In 1975 Cliff was the Command Surgeon for the Air Force Logistic Command and we had recently purchased a player piano that worked weakly. I found Larry Givens' book on rebuilding player pianos and the *Piano Doctor* was born. We had 81 Players before Cliff died. After retiring from the Air Force, and then medicine, this became his vocation. The highlight of his life was rebuilding our 125 Military Band Organ, The only way I could get a band organ was to find one in pieces and I did! Cliff really wanted a calliope and in 1986 he got a Miner's Tanglely calliope. While visiting Rob (our son, who is also an organ buff and in the Air



Mary Pollock with her well-traveled Wurlitzer Style 125 Military Band Organ.

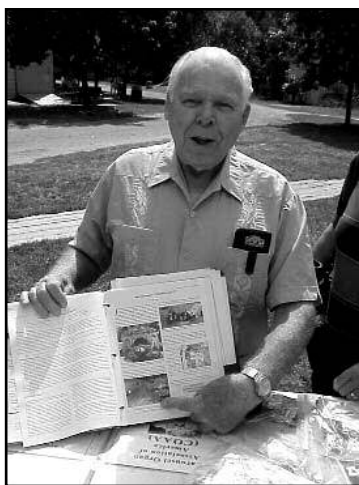
Force) in Germany we met Herr Raffin and both of us became Raffin owners, cart and all. And we have enjoyed all of them!

After Cliff died, I wanted to continue playing the instruments and frankly I Did Not Know What I Did Not Know but I just hooked the trailer on the car and look off for the rallies. John [Flint], Ron [Bopp], and Terry [Haughawout] can tell you many funny stories about my goofs with the band organ, I really think that they thought I would go away but when I showed up in Pittsburgh for the organ rally in my red wagon they knew I was here to stay!

I hasten to add that without their support and that of Nan, Mary Jo, and Joan and Terry's ability to restore the band organ, I would not be the gal who will go almost anywhere with band organ, red wagon, calliope, or Raffin to play this wonderful music, and I might add, it's always an adventure.

Het Snotneusje Revisited!

While tending my Gebr. Bruder organ at the recent Mid-Am (MBSI) rally in Flint, MI, I was interrupted by this pleasant, elderly gentleman from Holland. It seems that Evert Romein (right) was one of the spectators that hid behind the Dutch organ, Het Snotneusje (see Figure 3, page 3 of Issue No. 3 of the *Carousel Organ*). Many memories flooded into this brief moment and it was quite fortuitous that we had chance to meet. In the accompanying photo he points out where he was during the machine gun fire.



Ron Bopp

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First 2001 COAA Rally	Dutch Village Holland, Michigan	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	Jun. 22-24, 2001
Second 2001 COAA Rally	Bear Creek Village Bear Creek, Indiana	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	July, 2001