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*Devoted to enjoying, preserving and sharing knowledge of all outdoor mechanical musical instruments, including band, fair and street organs, calliopes, and hand-cranked organs of all sizes.*

Rally #1  
**Lake Winnepesaukah  
Chattanooga TN  
May 22-25, 2009**

COAA members traveled to Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park for the first COAA Rally of the 2009 Rally season. As always, it was a great way to spend the Memorial Day Weekend!

2009 marked the fifth consecutive year that Lake Winnie has hosted the Memorial Day Weekend Rally. Adrienne Rhodes, Talley Green, and the staff at Lake

Winnie welcomed us with plenty of great Southern hospitality, and COAA members were all very appreciative of their efforts.

The Rally began on Saturday, May 23 and continued through Monday, May 25. Fifty-one

COAA members and friends attended the Rally, representing thirteen different states and Canada.

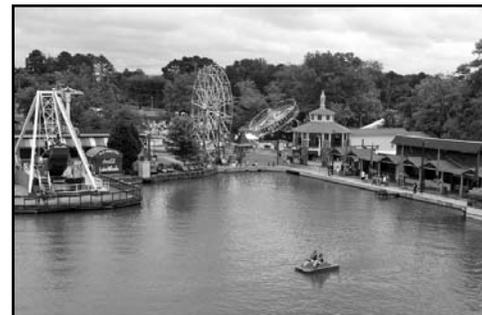
Members brought fifteen organs, which filled the Park with happy music all throughout the weekend.

The Spring of 2009 was the second wettest in Georgia history, but we were blessed with good weather for most of the Rally. There were a few thunderstorms, including a major “frog strangler” on Monday afternoon, but everyone seemed to make it through the storm without major problems.

Once again, all of the hand-cranked organs were featured in special concerts down by the Lakeside Stage,



The COAA Banner at Lake Winnie.



An aerial view of Lake Winnie.

Photos for the 2009 Rally Edition were provided by several members. They include: Liz Barnhart, Jonathan Bopp, Mary Jo Bopp, Amanda Crouse, Judy Danko, Dick English, Bill Griswold, Ron Gustafson, Ted Guillaum, Jill Hallock, Tom McAuley, Jim McNees, Dave Mahr, Judy Mote, Jim Partrick, Mike Schoeppner, Paul Senger, Burl and Shirley Updyke, Tim Wagner, Dan Wilke and the Editor, Ron Bopp.

where we entertained Park visitors and each other. These concerts were a lot of fun, and have quickly become a tradition at Lake Winnie.



Ron Bopp hands Jonathan Bopp (not related) a COAA application blank in front of *De Waterjuffer*, a Verbeeck street organ.

A special treat was the Rally debut of Ron and Mary Jo Bopp's new 45-Key Verbeeck street organ, *De Waterjuffer*. This wonderful hand-cranked organ is a delight to see and hear. It has a beautiful sound, and by

the time the Rally was over, many members had enjoyed the opportunity to crank a few books through the keyframe.

On Saturday evening the park provided us with a very nice picnic meal, where President Ted Guillaum presented Adrienne Rhodes and Talley Green with the first ever COAA "Hospitality Award." Lake Winnie is the only Park in the country that has hosted five consecutive COAA Rallies, and we are extremely grateful for all of the support and hospitality that they have provided through the years.



Talley Green and her mother, Adrienne Rhodes, receive the "Hospitality Award" from COAA President, Ted Guillaum.

After the meal, everyone enjoyed yet another Lake Winnie Tradition—an evening concert by the COAA Band, playing along with David and Darlene



The COAA band ensemble with additional percussion section.

Wasson's Concert Organ *Trudy*. This year the band included clarinet, oboe, saxophone, baritone, tuba and

three "percussionists." This concert is always one of the highlights of the rally and was enjoyed by all.



Ray Ashmun came from Portland, Oregon to enjoy the rally..

Each evening, members gathered back at the motel in the hospitality room, where band organs and related topics were discussed into the wee hours of the next morning.

The organs continued to play all day on Sunday and Monday. Then, before we knew it, the rally was over, and it was time to pack up and go home.

We would like to thank everyone that attended in 2009. It is always great to see old friends, and to meet new ones. We hope to see you all again in 2010!

Ron Keisler



Pauline Leonard and John Ashworth monitor the North Tonawanda's public display.



Margie Hagan & John Prtljaga dancing to the music of the COAA band.



Carol and Dave Beck, Larry Norman and Marie Pendleton enjoy the crank organ contest.



Glenn Keisler and Dave Vincent enjoying a good time.



Debbie Smith eating ice cream while Bill Mikko (foreground) listens to the COAA band.



Wayne Holton, Danielle and Doug Mauldin listen to the crank organ concert.



Gary Craig from St. Louis cranked his 31-note Stuber organ.



President Ted Guillaum with his traveling 20-note Raffin and friend.



Ron Keisler attending a book/keyframe for his 52-keyless Ruth fair organ.



David Mahr from Decatur, Illinois and his tandem of Raffin organs.



Starr Wynkoop and Henry Sandstrom with his John Smith organ.



Jim McNeese and Wayne Holton admiring the Keisler's Ruth fair organ.



Wayne and Ben Holton from Houston, Texas.



The heavy rain forced many members to the Bopp's canopy.



COAA members eating dinner at one of the local restaurants.



The Bopps: Ron, Jonathan, and Mary Jo.



Allison and Glynn Keisler listen intently at the organ concert.

# Rally #2 Three Rivers Carousel Band Organ Rally Kennewick, Washington June 6, 2009

For 2009, COAA & AMICA members of the Northwest returned to Kennewick, Washington for our third annual Washington State Band Organ Rally.



Dan Danko and Dandelion in front of their Johnson 125 Bandola.

This year the Three Rivers Carousel Foundation and the City of Kennewick jointly sponsored the rally on Saturday, June 6, in Columbia Park on the shores of the Columbia River.



The Three Rivers Carousel poster was designed by Janice Baker of Tidbits (a local trivia magazine) of the Southeastern Washington area.

While the weather in the area was threatening, the rally was nestled down in a grove of old growth trees, so we had perfect conditions to enjoy the music.



Bruce Miller with his Wurlitzer 153 band organ.

About 1,000 people showed up to listen to the music of the seven organs which included a beautiful Wurlitzer 153 Carousel organ, a delightful Tangley Calliope, and a number of Monkey Organs, one of which was still had wet varnish since it received its final coat the night before. COAA members Dell & Janet Urry drove all the way from Salt Lake City, Utah with two friends to attend this rally.



Bill Mote and his Tangley calliope.

A small rubber-tired train, (the JS Express) brought young and old from the Playground of Dreams (a large children's play area) to hear the music.



The JS Express train.

The Carousel Foundation used this rally to display its newly refinished 1910 Carmel Jeweled Horses and to delight the children as their pictures were taken with them sitting on the horses. At present, the Carousel Foundation is gathering funds for the completion of the Carousel building.

Following the rally, we enjoyed a delicious BBQ in the park provided by a local chapter of Rotary.

Dan Danko



John Iles (left) and Ron Smith (right) crank away at their hand organs.



A Wurlitzer Caliola on an antique truck.

# Rally #3 Gallipolis, Ohio June 20-21, 2009

Over 60 COAA members and their friends attended an organ rally sponsored by the Gallia County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Organs were placed in the city park, "La Place" for visitors to enjoy.



Richard Webb visits with Leroy and Betty Schumacher.



The Schumacher organ: a beautiful Wurlitzer 146.



Bob Hood, rally coordinator, playing a 20-note Raffin.



The Sunday's *Times Sentinel*, hometown news for Gallia and Meig's counties.



Marcia and Bob Ebert.

The rally was coordinated by Bob Hood of the Bureau who seemed to enjoy it as much as members and the public.



Norma and Wally Venable with their John Smith hand organ.



Martin and Mary Jane Anderson from Franklyn, Pennsylvania.



Mike Barnhart selecting a new roll for his Stinson.



Darlene and David Wasson pose with *Trudy*.



Bernice and Eddy Evarts display their carousel carvings. They are from N. Tonawanda, NY.



Bill Griswold poses with one of Larry Kern's Yorkies.



Kathy Cavitt visits with Tana and Norm Otto.



Tom McAuley and Ed Ditto compare notes.



Randy and Rita Snider with their display.



Jim Welty relaxing between Decap tunes.



Tom Billy with his Ruth fairground organ.



Clark Hayman is proud of his self-built organ.



Kim and Ruth Pontius relax between tunes.



A widescreen view of "La Place" City Park where organs and their grinders played for the public.



Kourtney Watson & Carol Ditto mind the organ farm while Ed wanders.



Peter Hallock and David Wasson in deep conversation.



Larry Kern welcomes his sister to the rally.



A wide-angle view of the downtown area and Burl and Shirley Updykes organ/canopy setup.



Carl Cavitt and Ted Guillaum with a Mississippi 'steamer.'



Bill Griswold, BethAnn Mitchell play for Carol Ditto.



Mark Wood and his "Fun Show."



Paul Senger and his John Smith Organ.



Kim Pontius and Dave Reichart relaxing.



Tom McAuley, Hutchinson, Kansas, with his neat 20-note Jaeger & Brommer street organ.



Good friends: Norma Redd and Betty Schumacher.



Henry Sandstrom visits Liz Barnhart.



Burl and Shirley Updyke with his newly-constructed Wurlitzer 105 replica.

# Rally #4 Dutch Village Holland, Michigan July 18-19, 2009

Members were met by Joe Nelis, President of Dutch Village. The site is a replica of a real village in the Netherlands. The COAA has had several rallies here in the past. Two young “interns,” Atia and Laura, greeted us each day and managed the rally.

The weather was cold and windy but cranking the organs helped keep members warm.

Experienced Dutch Village participants brought layers of clothing to help ward off the effects of the cold.



Cathy Cantine cranking the 27-note Pell street organ.

Hugh McIntire and I toured the village and came across Ted Guillaum, surrounded by people having fun cranking his Raffin 20/40 organ. Performing this each “grinder” received a certificate pro-



COAA members attending the rally at Dutch Village, Holland, Michigan.

claiming them as an official “Organ Grinder.”



Carl Curtis and Dave Mahr with a 31-note Raffin.

Over a placid little canal we came upon Cathy Cantine playing her 27-note Pell street organ. At the foot of the drawbridge we saw Dave Mahr happily cranking one his two cart-mounted Raffin street organs. The organs were a

20/78 (20 notes & 78 pipes) with six registers and a 31/124 (31 notes and 131 pipe) trumpet organ.

At the weigh station I played by Berliner Stuber street organ and Hugh squeezed his Honer “Magic Organa” accordion.

Near the tiny chapel was the sweet music of Carl and Sharon Curtis’ Stinson 29 band organ. A huge stork nearby depicted that babies were dropped at random at doorsteps in the Netherlands. Down

the walkway we found a woman tourist cranking Jim and Donna Partrick's OSI “Strassel” street organ.



Hugh McIntire and Hope Rider in front of a large Carl Frei street organ, the *Golden Angel*.

Jerry Brinkerhoff’s Wurlitzer 146A faithfully supplied the music for the carousel and European swing ride. A popular attraction was Ed and Bernice



Jerry Brinkerhoff explaining the workings of a Wurlitzer band organ to Ted Guillaum.

noted that members attended from nine states. Awards were given out and the President's award went to Dave Mahr. David Wasson's *Trudy* won the most popular large organ as decided by the attending visitors. The Evart's miniature carousel and band organs won the most popular small organ award.

The evening was concluded with a group photo in front of the bell tower entrance.

Hope Rider, Reporter



Hope Rider cranking her Stuber street organ.

Evart's miniature carousel and band organs, hand-crafted by the Evarts. Nearby, *Trudy*, David Wasson's orchestral band organ played.



Jim Partrick, Paul Boggs and Gene Kuntz rallying around Jim's newly-built organ.



Ted Guillaum and Bob Cantine getting in trouble.



Atia and Laura, two Dutch interns that managed the rally.

Howard Davis, Bill Frisk, Paul Boggs and Dave Vincent were seen admiring a Verbeeck organ owned by Dutch Village. Of course, all members enjoyed the Dutch dancers who performed to the *Golden Angel*, a large Carl Frei street organ, again owned by Dutch Village.



Dave Vincent, David Wasson and Howard Davis listening to one of the large organs.



All smiles—Jerry Brinkerhoff won the "50-50."



Harry Nelis welcomes COAA members while his interns (left) and Ted Guillaum look on.

Saturday evening Joe Nelis welcomed the group at dinner in the Queen's Inn. President Ted Guillaum



Donna Partrick with her OSI hand organ.



Ken Kaszubowski, Paul Boggs and David Wasson congregate outside the village.

## Rally #5 "Der Dutchman" & Downtown Waynesville, Ohio August 14-16, 2009

"Organ grinders and their monkeys will descend on the area in August" read the local Waynesville newspaper. Well, no monkeys (live, at least) appeared on the scene but 86 COAA members brought both large and smaller, hand-cranked organs to the Waynesville area on August 14th to 16th 2009. Expertly arranged by Norm and Sally Gibson, with the help of Mike and Liz Barnhart, the Waynesville rally was successful.

a great collection of reproducing pianos and orchestrions (one of just a few Weber Otero's for example) as well as a wonderful indoor/outdoor G-scale train display. Mike put the train in motion and those inside and outside of the house were entertained as it made its rounds. This open house gave many members time to catch up on the news since the last gathering.



Paul Dyer with his self-built 165-style organ.

Waynesville, OH

BAND ORGAN RALLY



ON MAIN ST.  
IN AUGUST  
14th-16th 2009  
Friday 12-5 P.M.  
Sat. 10-5 P.M.  
Sunday 12-4 P.M.  
Crank Organ  
Concert at Gazebo  
1 P.M. each day







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A G-scale train makes it's way around the Barnhart backyard.

Over 16 large organs filled the nooks and crannies of the parking lot and adjacent grass areas of Der Dutchman. Patrons of the restaurant as well as locals who read the advertisements of the rally came and enjoyed the many different organs. Both old restored organs such as Terry Haughawout's 48-key Wilhelm Bruder,

Mary Pollock's Wurlitzer Style 125 band organ and Jim Welty's Decap dance organ were present as well as newer ones, both production ones such as Stinsons and one-of-a-kind organs. The latter were well represented by David Wasson's *Trudy*, Clark Hayman's *Clark's Organ*, Norm Gibson's Scottish organ, Paul Dyer's 69-key band organ, John Prtljaga's Dutch street organ, and Burl Updyke's Wurlitzer 125 replica.

The downtown area was filled with 22 hand-cranked organs including Stubers, John Smiths, Raffins, Castlewoods, a Jager and Brommer, a Fischer organ, and an Organ Supply Industry organ (OSI) plus an original Bacigalupo barrel organ. Saturday evening found the entire group enjoying a buffet dinner at Der Dutchman. Tom Bode's brother won the 50-50.

One of two advertising posters for the Waynesville rally.

The organs began appearing on Friday with the larger ones spotted around Der Dutchman, an authentic Dutch-style restaurant (with really good food). The hand-crank organs clustered around the gazebo just four blocks away in Waynesville's downtown area where antique shoppers got an ear and eyeful of our wonderful hobby.

Friday was topped off by an open house hosted by Mike and Liz Barnhart in nearby Dayton. The Barnhart's have



Mary Pollock (behind) and her original Wurlitzer Style 125 military band organ.



Kay Bode collecting the 50-50 for her brother-in-law, Dick Bode.



Ted Guillaum, Norm Gibson and Clark Hayman smiling for the photographer.



Herb Brabandt and Ted Wafart in discussion with Liz & Mike Barnhart.



Todd Augsberger with his barrel-operated Bacigalupo organ.



Terry Haughwout rests with David Wasson.



The Simons (Linda, Natasha and Randy) with Ron Bopp resting between organ cranking.



Terry Younce playing the Verbeek organ.



Rick McDowell listening intently to Henk Noordemeer's fish story.



Angelo Rulli and Suzie Hendricks enjoying the "Happiest Music on Earth."



Tim Wagner with his new organ, *Finster Baby*.



Margie Hagan going to Der Dutchman for a breakfast treat.



Sally Gibson staffs the COAA registration area.



Marian and Susan Smith, Glenna King and Debbie and Neil Smith caught on film.



Bob Guillaum (Ted's brother from Dayton) and Ted Guillaum resting in the shade.



Joan Haughwout and Mary Jo Bopp hawking COAA merchandise.



Wally Venable, Paul Senger, Tim Wagner, Mike & Sandy (hidden behind the organ) Schoeppner, Henry Sandstrom, Bob Ebert and Mike Knudsen take turns playing for the crowd.



Tom Body plays the OGM organ while his brother, Dick Bode, looks on.



Carl and Sharon Curtis taking a break from playing the Stinson.



Wilbur Herr playing the OSI crank organ downtown.



COAA members enjoy a good meal between cranking. Pictured are (left to right) Jonathan Bopp, Ted Guillaum, Paul Senger, Dave Reichart, Gary Colburn, Mike Barnhart, Liz Barnhart and Dave Mahr.



Dave Mahr, Mary Pollock and Tim Wagner pose at the Barnhart open house.



Richard and Alice Bogert playing in the shade.



Gene Robedeau with his Fischer hand-organ.

Rally #6  
Quassy Amusement Park  
Middlebury, Connecticut  
September 5-6, 2009

The Carousel Organ Association of America (COAA) held a national band organ rally Sept. 5th and 6th at Quassy Amusement Park here with more than 40 COAA members in attendance.

The two-day event featured nine large organs as well as hand-cranked instruments from as far away as Texas. Quassy hosted its first organ rally in 2007 and local and area residents enjoyed having the event return to the 101-year-old lakeside property.



In addition, the COAA band performed in concert following the social under the direction of David Wasson. Park guests gathered to hear the music as special accompaniment rolls were played on Wasson's home-built organ, *Trudy*.

While the rally officially ended on Sunday, Sept. 6, Larry Kern and the Hallocks played their organs at the park on Labor Day as well.

Ron Gustafson

Quassy charges no general admission, which made the rally appealing to enthusiasts of all ages.



Jill and John Fraser (with son, Ian) pose with their roller organ.



Carl Curtis and Gary Colburn in front of the Curtis' Stinson band organ.



Above: Tom Billy with his Ruth fair organ  
Below: Mike Knudsen playing a Raffin organ.

"It was evident that people were coming to the park specifically to hear the band organs," said Quassy co-owner Eric Anderson. "We had quite a contingent of adult guests who brought lawn chairs as they went from organ to organ to hear them play."

The operating organs were placed along the walkways at Quassy, creating a nostalgic festival atmosphere at virtually every turn.

COAA held a lakeside dinner social on Saturday evening where Quassy presented five photo posters to the organization from the day's rally activities.





Jill and Pete Hallock with their Bruder fair organ.



John Ravert and Chris Kehoe with their wonderful American band organ display.



David and Barbara Schumacher with an OSI hand organ.



John and Mary Lou Van Dorn enjoy dressing the part while playing their book-operated Prinsen.



Darlene and David Wasson take a break from playing their fine pipe organ, *Trudy*.



Roger Wiegand tends to some tuning of his 89-key Gavioli fair organ.



Bill Griswold and Julia Isaacs in front of Larry Kern's Stinson Organ.



Bob Stuhmer enjoys Bob Yorburg's Pell organ.



Bernice & Eddie Evarts with their wonderful miniature carousel and organ display.



Night time found the 89-key Gavioli fair organ, owned and operated by Roger Wiegand, playing for the crowd.



Larry Kern's *Ambassador* Stinson organ makes a wonderful display at evening viewings.

# Mid-Winter Meeting Kissimmee, Florida February 27-28, 2009

The report of the mid-winter meeting was written by Liz Barnhart and published in the *Carousel Organ*, Issue No. 39. In summary there were nearly 90 COAA and SE Chapter (MBSI) members in attendance at St. Cloud, Florida.



Ron Bopp, Paul Milhous and Dave Wickerham.

Two collections were viewed and enjoyed. First, Paul and Bob Milhous opened up their large collection of fair organs and orchestrions for us to enjoy. Docent Dave Wickerham gave us a great tour (along with Paul Milhous) as well as a brief organ concert. The trip to Boca Raton was certainly worth the time.



Bill Hall explaining the history of his organ collection.



Cindy Hall and Marilyn Buechner visiting "Cappy," the chimp.

The following day we had a luncheon and open house at Bill and Cindy Hall's organ room in St. Cloud. Bill and Cindy demonstrated their five fair organs for all to enjoy.

COAA members were enthusiastic about the mid-winter meeting and are looking forward to the 2010 gathering which will take place February 18-19 in Tampa, Florida



Tim Wagner holding a large Gavioli organ book.



Cindy and Bill Hall talking shop with Burl Updyke.



Dave Wickerham dusting off one of the Milhous organs.



*So many organs, so little time to photograph!*

- Top: Dan Wilke
- Above: Bill Griswold
- Below: Larry Kern
- Bottom: Tim Wagner



*Crazy & Fun Things COAA Members  
did in the 2009 Rally Season*

