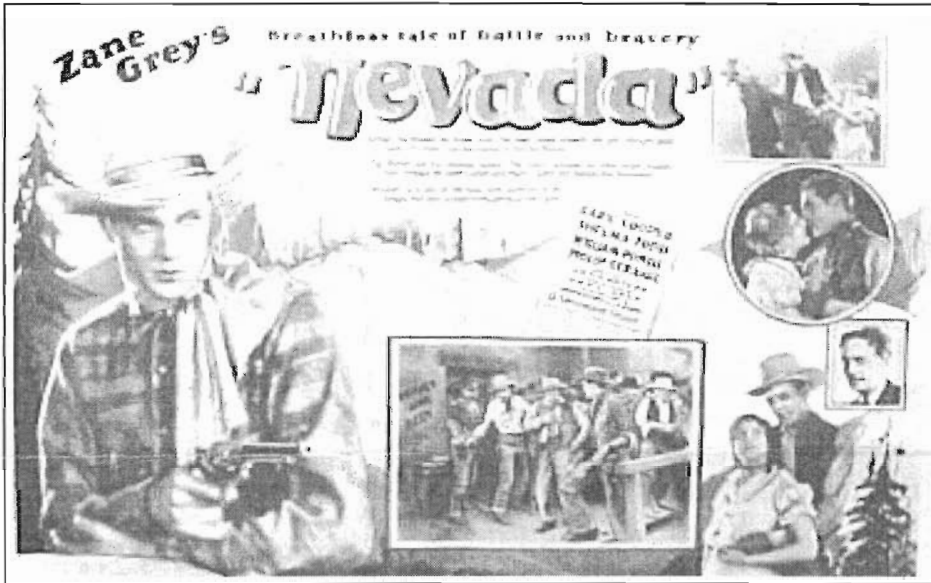


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SILENT SUNDAYS **Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 2:30 pm, Last Film**

LAST FILM OF THE SEASON AT THE ORPHEUM

Our last film of the 2006-2007 season is coming up. Ron Rhode will be accompanying the film on our Wurlitzer. You won't want to miss this great western. Gary Cooper plays a once notorious gunfighter who tries to escape his reputation by taking a respectable job on a ranch. Cooper's "Nevada" is charged with protecting the ranch owner's pretty daughter (Thelma Todd). This causes friction with the ranch foreman (William Powell), who is in love with the girl. The villainous foreman leaks a rumor of his rival's dark past to the sheriff, and the former outlaw is soon on the run again. He quickly discovers a gang of cattle rustlers led by — surprise — the dastardly ranch foreman! It's up to Nevada to single-handedly bring the gang to justice and win the heart of the rancher's daughter.

ORPHEUM PARKING The Orpheum Theatre is at 203 West Adams in downtown Phoenix. You will find parking in the garage directly east of the theatre. The entrance to the garage is off of First Avenue south of Adams Street. It's best to use a freeway exit near the west side of downtown, 7th avenue is a good choice. Or you can find a parking space on the street near the Orpheum. See you there and bring your friends!

APRIL MEETING

Who is Charlie Cox?

Charlie is a fairly new member with an organ to see! Lew Williams is our artist for the day. We are sure to have a great time! For those of us who missed his 3rd Organ Bash, he has a new Rodgers organ designed by Dan Miller. It is a 195 rank equivalent, 149 stop digital organ, the largest in a private residence in the world. For those folks who want to know more technical things, it has an additional 1000+ stops and effects available via MIDI. It weighs in at 3/4 of a ton. With this range of sounds available, it is appropriate for just about any type of music written for the organ. Audio system has been expanded to utilize 16 of the available 28 audio channels. So, everyone come to hear this beautiful gem, April 15th at 2:30 pm. We are sure to have a wonderful experience!

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WORK PARTY!

Come work with us on the pipe organ at Phoenix College. This project is to preserve the instrument and make it available for the college's use as well as the chapter's. The project represents much hard work and sweat. If you would like to volunteer, contact Bill Carr. 623-694-1746

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi All... By now you should be aware of our new newsletter... We are pleased to have Beverly Fizzell back as editor... She has done a wonderful job, as Newsletter Editor in the past and we are happy she agreed to take up the challenge again...

It has been necessary to accept Dale's request for retirement, but it still feels like giving up a friend... Dale's retirement is well deserved... He has worked tirelessly for our Club... We will miss his quick quip and sense of humor... Who will bug us for our dues?.. Dale will also be retiring as Treasurer as of May 1, 2007. I will have more on this next month.

Bill

p.s. I will bug you for your dues now. Beverly Fizzell, Editor

ORGAN BASH III

Chapter member Charlie Cox sent out an extensive invitation to his March 10th Organ Bash, and several chapter members did attend. Were we glad we did!!

A 5-manual Rodgers 1138 digital pipe organ has recently been installed in Charlie's home. Its 149 stops are equivalent to 195 pipe ranks, with additional stops and effects available via MIDI.

Several amateur and professional organists participated in open console during the evening. Everyone was impressed with our young Eric Fricke, and our "young-at-heart" Archie Archibald. Some guy named Lew Williams played a little bit, too!

Throughout the evening, a never-ending spread of beverages and food was available to quench our thirst and appetite, compliments of our hosts.

Featured artist for the evening was Dan Miller, who had designed the new organ. He has a great talent and a great personality! Opening with Gigout's "Grand Chorus Dialogue," his program was primarily classical and religious music. For fun, he included some cartoon sound effects in the "William Tell Overture." A real treat was "The Rejoicing for Danae," a wedding processional Dan had written for his daughter. The theme was based on the letters of her name.

Dan spent some time visiting with Archie after she played the organ. He was very impressed by her talent and her history, and said, "Archie, you are my idol!"

The food, the music and the friendship made for a most enjoyable evening. We thank Charlie Cox and Dave Zaiser for their hospitality.

For more information on the organ and Dan Miller, check out www.OrganBash.com and www.DanMillerMusic.com.

You will not want to miss our April 15th chapter meeting to be held at the Cox residence. Featured organist will be Lew Williams.

Madeline LiVolsi

CALENDER OF EVENTS

- April 15th, 2:30 pm** - General meeting at Charlie Cox's home.
- April 29th, 2:30 pm** - Silent Film *Nevada*, at the Orpheum Theatre.
- May 20, 1:00 pm** - General Meeting at Organ Stop Pizza, Mesa. Donna Parker playing the Wurlitzer. Pizza buffet, \$7.50.
- June 10, 2:30 pm** - General meeting at the Orpheum Theatre. Artist to be announced.
- July 22, 2:30 pm** - Ice cream social and meeting at Tom & Beverly Fizzell's home. Details to come.

ORGAN STOP BLENDS MUSIC, PIZZA **Srianthi Perera**

This article appeared in the Arizona Republic last year.

It's a scene reminiscent of the dining hall at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. A lofty ceiling exposes beams from which hangs, among others items, a bird cage. Row upon row of long wooden tables; and patrons helping themselves from huge trays of pizza. And presto, there emerges, not Mr. Dumbledore, but a gilded, black theater organ - billed as the world's biggest Wurlitzer - and an organist, from the bottom of a horseshoe-shaped stage. As the musician in evening suit plays his repertoire from *In the Mood* and *Tennessee Waltz* to the birthday song, cymbals on the walls crash, drums beat, the piano accordion plays without a pair of hands in sight and pipes - 5,500 of them at last count.

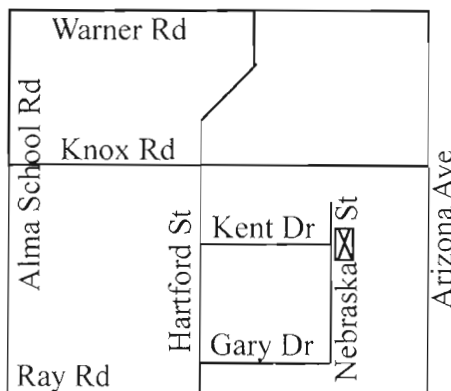
Find the usual pizza combos - hawaiian with cheese, ham and pineapple; vegetarian with mushrooms, green peppers, olives and tomatoes; meaty with pepperoni, sausage and mushrooms; and combination, with sausage, pepperoni, beef, ham, bacon, olives, mushrooms, peppers and onions. The pizza is baked after the order is placed and, neither too thin nor too thick, the crust is perfect. For those who want a choice, there are appetizers, such as fried zucchini, pasta dishes, sandwiches and a salad bar.

But food aside, let the entertainment reign. Choose the music. There is a glass bowl in which to drop requests. Your song might be the one that inspires the animal puppets to appear from their little curtained alcove above the organ or your tune might warrant the disco lights to flick on.

DIRECTIONS TO CHARLIE'S FOR APRIL 15TH MEETING

Take the 101 and exit on Warner, East to Alma School, South to Knox, East to Hartford, South to Kent, east on Kent to end of street. You will be facing the house when you get on Kent.

1313 North Nebraska St, Chandler.



Wilford Long of Tucson died this last week. Obit was in the Sunday paper. He was 102. He was very active in the San Diego chapter prior to moving to Tucson and may have been a VOTS member at one time. He owned a Allen Theatre III. I expect that will be put up for sale by the family but I have never met them so don't know a lot of details. If anyone is interested in the organ I'll try and track down the personal representative and find out what is going to happen to it. Don S.

MARCH MEETING AT PHOENIX COLLEGE

Almost.....but not quite there yet! That was the story on the Phoenix College organ for our March 11th chapter meeting. Bill Carr and his crew had put in many hours of hard work to get the organ playing for our meeting. The organ was playing that morning, but the blower, it seems, had a mind of its own. After playing a bit of "My Buddy," Bill advised us that the blower could quit at any time.

As a back-up, the college had once again provided the Yamaha grand piano for our use. Chapter members Ed Benoit, Mark Crenshaw and Don Story came forward to entertain us. Ed and Don chose the piano. Mark played one number on the piano, and one on the organ. The blower behaved the whole time the men were playing!

After the meeting, we enjoyed chatting with friends visiting from Denver, Cedar Rapids, and Massachusetts. One of these, Bob Evans, is a candidate for the upcoming national ATOS board election — so look for his photo and background when you get your election ballot. Submitted by Madeline LiVolsi

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