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DECEMBER 6 MEETING AT ADRIAN PHILLIP JR'S

A treat is in store for us this month as we go to hear Ron Rhode play at the Adrian Phillips Jr. residence. Our host for the afternoon is Adrian Phillips III, Adrian Jr's son. This meeting is a Christmas potluck. This is the first meeting we are having there since the completion of the installation in 2001. VOTS is proud to present Ron Rhode at the Midmer-Losh 5/105 pipe organ on Saturday

December 6-1:00 pm. Please note this is a Saturday afternoon event. RSVP with your planned dish and let Bill Carr know how many people are going. 623-694-1746 or e-mail him at billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net. The Phillips Music Room is located at 8901 North 47th Place, Phoenix. Take Horseshoe Rd west to 47th Place from Tatum Boulevard. It is just South of stoplight on Doubletree Road. Carpooling is recommended.

ORGAN STOP PIZZA IN JANUARY!

We are fortunate to have new Program Chairman Fred Watson on board next year. He has already made plans for some great new events! First off in January is a trip to Organ Stop for their grand pizza buffet and music with Donna Parker. More information in January Stoprail.

2008-09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More information: Bill Carr 623-694-1746 billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net

Friday through Sunday November 28-30 Desert Winds

Saturday December 6-1:00 pm Christmas potluck- AdrianPhillips III

Sunday, January 11-1:30 pm Pizza Buffet at Organ Stop Pizza

SILENT SUNDAYS AT THE ORPHEUM

Plan to attend. Dates for the new season are Saturday January 24, Sunday February 22 and Sunday March 22, 2009. Admission prices for next year: \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens, \$30 season ticket paid up front, \$10 group admissions, children under 12 are free.

DESERT WINDS: THE LAST MINUTE

Well, this is it. Desert Winds starts this week. Are we ready? There are less attendees this year but we will have a great time! Report next time.

ED SAYS DUES DUE NOW!

Get your dues in by the end of December to avoid missing any issues of the Stoprail. It is time to start thinking about 2009's dues. Included in last months Stoprail was your 2009 renewal form and envelope. If you didn't find one, you may be already paid for 2009, or are an Honorary Member. If you don't have a form and you aren't yet paid, let Ed Benoit know and he will get one to you.

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Happy Birthday!

Birthday time! A slice of cake goes out to our November birthday cake eaters, Larry Grove Walt Strony Rob Richards If we missed yours, let us know. Blow out those candles and have a blowout of a good time.

Check this out

<http://barton.theatreorgans.com/jackcbs.htm>

VOTS MARKETPLACE

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(Deadline is the 20th of next month)

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one year \$70.00 or one month \$6.00
one issue \$10.00 (free to VOTS members)
\$5.00

LETTER FROM EDITOR BEVERLY FIZZELL

Hey! This is a grand job of mine! I always said that if I don't have enough articles and photos to fill a couple of newsy pages, I make something up. This is not true, as you can see by the slim pickins' this time. I know you like my work because you tell me so.

I have wanted to say some things for some time. I don't like to step on anyones toes, but here are some troubling things I see going on now in our organization. (I have belonged to VOTS for 27 years).

1 - In the past, we have had refreshments following the meetings, and folks enjoyed this as a time to gab and get to know one another. Now we just take off for parts unknown, hardly talking to anyone. Can't we go back to encouraging our happy social time with coffee and a cookie after the meeting?

2 - If we don't have a meeting every month, are we just here for a free concert? We don't know what is going on without a meeting. The board meetings must seem like a little group of people making all the plans without the rest of us. It is our business and we should be able to participate and be encouraged to do so at both board and general meetings. Support the new board and encourage them to include all of us in the plans for this next year at the general meetings.

3 - We really need a hospitality person or two to greet people at the door and encourage them to talk to others. New people must feel invisible and wonder why they joined. Wear your nametag too.

4 - When a suggestion is made, it has been expected that the person with the idea take the job on themselves. I wish this wasn't so, because I don't want to do refreshments, greeting at the door and the Stoprail too. You shouldn't have to take on a job because you suggested it. Volunteer if you want changes made.

Organizations are made up of people who do the work and those who gripe about it.

If you want to say something, send it to me.

New column coming - Letter To The Editor.

THANK YOU ALL Y'ALL! I want to personally thank and recognize all those folks who helped me with the Stoprail this past year.

Ed Benoit has diligently tracked down information about new and old members to help us get to know them. This is a great and popular column he provides every month. He sends me birthdays and provides moral support when I get overcome by critics and he is always there for me. Thanks Ed.

Don Story sends me websites, jokes and writes articles for the Stoprail. Thanks, Don.

Pete Knoblock helps assemble and mail the Stoprail when I get overloaded with it. Thanks Pete.

Andrew Emery (grandson) has helped me with folding, stuffing, stamps and labels many times this past few months. Thanks Andrew.

Tom Fizzell (husband & fan) has put up with my begging for information over all the years I have worked on the Stoprail. He sends me stories and website info from a Theatre Organ list. Thanks Tom
Madeline LiVolsi writes great and entertaining articles about all the events she attends. She knows everybody! Thanks Madeline.

Eric Fricke writes letters to us about his adventures, and is fresh and new in our aging organization, even though he is busier than all get out. Keep writing to me. Thanks Eric.

Bob Inman, my behind the scenes support and most respectful one, telling me repeatedly how he enjoyed the Stoprail. Thanks Bob.

Mary Jacobson continually challenges and encourages me and loves the Stoprail. I continue for people like you. Thanks Mary.

Everybody else who sends me stuff and encourages me to continue. The Stoprail is our voice to one another and I feel it is a most important job and I am happy to do it after all these years. Thank you.

Beverly Fizzell, Editor