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First Christian Church Meeting

Come to the January 8th meeting at 2:30. We will learn what we will be doing for the next few months and are open to your ideas. Our old reliable Wurlitzer is standing by, waiting for you. Your firends might be there and you can have a hand at open console to play your new and old stuff.



FCC Fellowship hall is about a block south of Glendale Avenue on the west side of the street. Building is on the west side of the parking lot on Ocotillo.

Note from Eric Fricke -

Recently I recorded for the NPR program *From The Top*, a young musicians program, and it will be on air and online the week of Dec. 27th. The show I am on is #223 from Abilene, TX, where I went to record in front of a live audience along with four other musicians. I am the last performance on the show, with an appearance in the interview of the first performer. I will play my arrangement of music from the movie *Howl's Moving Castle* and talk about some aspects of my musical life. Many stations broadcast on Sundays, which would be Jan. 2, though you will want to check on what day the show is broadcast with the first link.

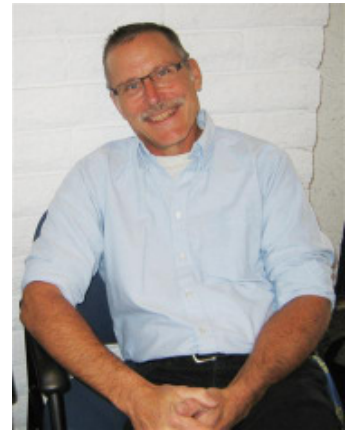
At the below links you can find local broadcast times, listen online, and see a video of me during rehearsal, respectively.

<http://fromthetop.org/content/broadcast-schedule>

<http://www.fromthetop.org/radio/thisweek>

<http://greenroom.fromthetop.org/2010/11/19/on-the-road-with-joanne-robinson-show-223-abilene-texas/>

To know about my other performances, visit my Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Eric-Fricke/121909021195803>. I hope you all have an opportunity to listen and have a wonderful holiday season! Love to all! Eric Fricke virtualorganist@gmail.com +1 480.734.3714



Membership Guy
Tim Versluys has taken over the position of Membership. Thanks Tim!

VicePresident - Program Chairman

On the job training

Right now, Hassell Moores and Bill Carr are doing this job. If you can help out until a new person takes over, let them know.

To find out what these positions entail, call Bill Carr at: 623-694-1746 billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net.

Dues are due now

If you didn't renew your membership this is your last issue of the Stoprail. Please renew so you don't miss anything this year, for instance our anniversary party!

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Christmas Party

25 people attended the great Christmas Party/potluck dinner. It was a long way for many people but we did it. Christmas is always the best for the younger folks. John & Gina Sheak's



Jason and Emily

young'uns had a good time. Tim said he was nervous, but it didn't show as he played many great holiday tunes. He ended with a favorite - Teddybear's Picnic. Thanks, Tim!

VOTS Fundraiser

There were over 60 people attending the benefit breakfast at Desert Ridge. We added \$1 to our treasury for each VOTS person attending the event.

Tim cooking the bacon



VOTS people enjoying music and breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage



Orpheum Organ played for YPO event

The YPO (Young Presidents Organization) held an event at the Orpheum, and the Wurlitzer was played for their dinner afterwards. Ken Winland played for two hours straight. He managed to fit in 67 songs. Good job Ken. YPO paid a fee for both the use of the organ and Ken.

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2010-II Calendar of Events

Some events are in the planning stage so the info may be incomplete

Saturday January 8 - 2:30 Meeting at First Christian Church

Sunday February 13 - 1:00 Anniversary party at Phoenix College

Saturday February 26 - 6:45 pm- Silent Film at Orpheum

Saturday April 9 - 6:45 pm - Silent Film at Orpheum

Silent movies for the season The evenings' programs begins at 6:45 with our MC, Don Hall, Cinema class instructor from Gateway Community College. A short program will be played by Ron Rhode on the Wurlitzer before the films.

More information: Hassell Moores 623-215-2953 hmoores@cox.net

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For information call Bill Carr at 623-694-1746
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Postcards advertising our Silent Films available

If you know where you can distribute these postcards, let Pete Knobloch know. He has 2000 of them ready for our use. 480-820-7093

U-Tube of Tim Versluys at Desert Edge Park

Recorded on December 11, 2010 using a Flip Video camcorder. My 1st you tube video upload. It was recorded on a GW319EX just before the Arizona Chapter of the American Theater Organ Society had their Christmas Party at Desert's Edge RV Village in Phoenix Arizona

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDB9ro_AGzE

Stamps for Stoprail

Thanks to Delores Sheak and Keith Miller for sending cash and stamps to offset the cost of mailing their Stoprails.

Beverly Fizzell has been providing postage for several months since our treasury is low. If you get the Stoprail in the mail, you should consider sending her a book of stamps.

FDR High School celebrates new \$100,000 organ

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201012030600/NEWS01/12030329>

Letters to the editor

Your place for opinions, recognition, venting, complaints and compliments.

Send letters to beverlyfz2@cox.net or Beverly Fizzell 2201 East Siesta Drive Phoenix Arizona 85042

From Walt Strony: Hi Bev: I was reading the "organists we have heard" column - and some were missed! Perhaps the most important was Simon Gledhill, who played his first American concert for us, which I arranged during my era as Program Chairman. He played twice for us - and we gave him his American start. Also, the organ builder-author David Junchen once played for us at Lyn's church. And, even though it wasn't an VOTS-ATOS event, member Bill Brown brought George Wright in to play a concert for us. Hope all is well, and hope to see you all soon! Walt

January Board meeting

January 8th board meeting is at 1:30 at FCC before the general meeting there. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information: Bill Carr 623-694-1746 or billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net



Letter to Ed Benoit

When you took over the membership job years back, you and I were instantly on a roll because you also began helping with the newsletter. You started the column, *Getting To Know You*, and the *We Wish You A Happy Birthday* box for the Stoprail, knowing people loved seeing their names there. I know everyone loves your organ and piano programs and your great sense of humour. You were more help to me with the Stoprail than I can tell you, always full of encouragement. It's great when you tell others that they are awesome! Here's hoping you are on the mend and know we will have good times again. Cheers! Beverly Fizzell



From Keith Miller:

Thank you for always mailing the organ bulletin to me. Please find enclosed some money to purchase stamps to send my bulletin. Thank you again as I appreciate it. Respectfully yours, Keith

Marketplace

Rates

Have something to sell or buy? To place your ad, call Beverly Fizzell at 602-243-9546 or e-mail information to beverlyfz2@cox.net. She can also help you write your ad. Send by the 20th for next month's Stoprail.

Business Card one year \$90.00 one month \$10.00
Member Card one year \$70.00 one month \$6.00
Classified Ads one issue \$10.00 or free to members
Add a photo to your ad - \$5.00

Note from Bill Irwin:

MERRY CHRISTMAS..HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Warmest wishes at Christmas and may the New Year of 2011, bring you Good Health, Happiness, Peace and Prosperity.

Dear Friends:

This is the best and quickest way I can send you Holiday Greetings and let you know that at this wonderful Holiday

time, I am thinking of you and am grateful for your friendship and support through the years. It would be preferable to send you a private, well done, unique Christmas card, but the word "busy" is an understatement.

The right hand "carpel tunnel syndrome surgery" went well, as did the removal of two cataracts.

Thanks to Keith Mardak, CEO of Hal Leonard Music, the #1 music publisher in the world, my years of compiling examples of the playing of some of the greatest Jazz and Pop pianists, has resulted in a music book titled "Learn From The Piano Masters of Pops..Blues..Jazz" which is now being distributed by Hal Leonard Music.

Another "Thank you!" goes to Grant Neal, Head of Sceptre Promotions, in England, Publisher of the Organ & Keyboard Cavalcade magazine and the Director of the worlds biggest organ and keyboard festivals...The Organ and Keyboard Cavalcade Festivals...for publishing my articles and inviting me to appear in the Festivals. Want more information? E-mail: www.keyboard-cavalcade.co.uk At the Festivals, you can see, hear and meet international keyboard artists, including several of the top USA performers. Your friend, "Bill" Irwin

You can put your business card on this page for a whole year for \$70.00

We wish you a Happy Birthday!



Birthday time! A slice of cake goes out to our January birthday cake eaters -Adrian Phillips III, John Bittner, Arnie Dale, Virg Howard, Bob Mackie, Barb Mignery, Steve Schlesing, Don Stith, Diane Whipple, Lyn Larsen, Chris Gorsuch, Hassell

Moores and Don Story. Blow out those candles and have a good time! If we missed your birthday, let us know.

We want to wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** when your special day comes. Let us know the month and day, and we will be happy to put it in the Stoprail.



Al Davis - playing Mesa Organ Stop at our Christmas Party (1976 to 1979 ???)..