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Phoenix College meeting in September

Meeting is September 19th at 2:30 pm in the Bulpitt Auditorium. Progress is being made on the Wurlitzer and it should be playing well for this meeting. All nine ranks should be playing by then, and the last rank, the Oboe Horn is being finished. If there is no artist scheduled by then, we will have open console following the meeting. Phoenix College is on the northeast corner of 15th Avenue and Thomas. Park in the lot on the corner near the buildings, and go straight east down the sidewalk between the Admissions building and the Hannelly/Cafeteria building. You will run right into the Bulpitt Auditorium.

2011 Election

Election will be upon us before you know it: There are several current board members who are not going to run for office for 2011. If you would like to know what each office entails, there is that section of the bylaws on page 4.

President
Vice President - Program Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Member at large

Positions to be appointed by the President are: Newsletter Editor, Membership person and Crew Chief. You don't have to solo in holding any position. Appoint a committee to help you! Step up to the plate and make a difference! Or if you know someone who you think might handle the job, talk to them about running and offer to serve on their committee. They might not have thought of themselves as holding an office.

Election Timeline:

September - Nomination committee will be appointed
October - Candidates announced and ballots sent out.
November - Election results announced
A new year, new places, new people, new ideas - Who knows where a fresh board will take us in the new year!

Fundraising

We are very short of general funds right now. If you have an idea about what we can do to remedy this situation let Bill Carr know, or bring your ideas to the next meeting. A donation would be accepted!
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Just do it!

Consider volunteering your time and efforts to head up or serve as members of a committee to explore possibilities for future fundraisers and events.

Ask yourself these questions:

What can I do to do to make our club more fun?
Is there something I can do to ensure participation by me and my fellow members in events?
What can I do to make our club better?
Can I get to know other members better?
Just go ahead and do it!

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First Christian Church Meeting

Bobby Freeman was a big hit on the Wurlitzer! He said this is his very first concert on a real pipe organ. He played a great medley of music from one of his favorite movies, *The Wizard Of Oz*, which put us in a great mood! He continued with *I Get A Kick*

Out Of You, Spanish Eyes, 76 Trombones, Beer Barrel Polka and Honky Tonk Train. It is plain to see that he enjoys the fast stuff. He followed these pieces with patriotic songs, *Amazing Grace, America and God Bless America*. Of course we got the ball game tunes.

He was joined by Johnny Sharp on both the piano and accordion. Tom had repaired his accordion earlier when a button got stuck. Before it was repaired, it sounded like the Muppets skit where Animal had swallowed an accordion and as he breathed in and out, chords played from his throat. Johnny and Bobby traded around and each played on all three instruments. Bobby gave out a few tickets to the Diamondbacks game for the next Sunday.

The ice cream and the toppings were a great hit on this hot afternoon. It was served by Cheri Carr and Hassell Moores. It was a great afternoon of fun with these two artists, and we hope to hear them again. Thanks, guys!



A Wink And A Smile- Johnny and Bobby's duet. See their song played at:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/sharereceivedwelcome.sfly?fid=52fc41a9f9a4020c&sid=8IasnDdo2bscy>

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2010-II Calendar of Events

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

Saturday September 11 - 2:30 pm Board Meeting call Bill 623-694-1746

Monday September 13 - 90th Anniversary event at Phoenix College

Sunday September 19 - 2:30 Meeting at Phoenix College

Sunday October 17 - 1:15 pm - Organ Stop Pizza buffet

Saturday October 30 - Silent Saturdays Film at Orpheum

Sunday November 7 - 2:30 pm - VOTS 35th Anniversary party Phx College

Saturday November 20 - Silent Film at Orpheum

Sunday December 1 - 2:30 - Xmas Party at Desert Edge - Tim Versluys

Saturday February 2 -2011- Silent Film at Orpheum

Saturday April 9 - 2011 - Silent Film at Orpheum

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Anniversary party is being planned

Old timers are encouraged to share stories, photographs etc. from our past at our November event. Dig through your stuff before then and help make this a memorable event.

Come to a Board Meeting

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings. Next one is Saturday September 11th at 2:30. Call Bill for info 623-694-1746
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Phoenix College Organ to be used at their anniversary celebration

Ellen Brown is going to play the Wurlitzer at the 90th Anniversary celebration. She has been an instructor at Phoenix College since 1999, teaching piano, organ, and music theory

We need to get some things finished and in top shape before their program. If you can work on the organ at Phoenix College, contact Bill Carr at 623-694-1746 or billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net for the work schedule and to let him know you are coming.

Johnny Sharp

Well, the big event is drawing near! October 10, 2010. And I am brushing up for the challenge of 4 organists at one event. This 2 part video, will answer the question that east coast skaters' are asking.... "WHO IS THIS GUY?" Pass these links to all of your skating friends. It's a bit of music, and skating history you may find interesting! ALL SKATE!

Keep on rollin'!

JohnnySharp/ROLLERrewind

Justin LaVoie on Summer Camp

They just keep getting better! The 2010 ATOS Summer Youth Camp in Phoenix, Arizona was yet another tremendously educational and fun musical experience. The instructional skills of Jonas Nordwall, Donna Parker, and Jelani Eddington once again aided thirteen eager campers in their musical growth. The sessions on ensemble playing, music theory, and the business of music held at the Phillips residence were particularly helpful for young organists. Charlie Balogh and Lyn Larsen, the camp's talented guest instructors, provided diverse seminars ranging from MIDI sequencing to Jesse Crawford's musical stylings.

Of course, numerous magnificent instruments in the Phoenix area were thoroughly enjoyed during open console, including the Midmer-Losh at the Phillips residence, and the Wurlitzer's at Organ Stop Pizza and the Orpheum Theatre. Last but not least, the hospitality displayed by the Valley of the Sun Chapter made the campers feel welcome and comfortable, even in the 115-degree heat! The chapter's wonderful members served us great homemade meals, ice cream, and even featured each camp student at their chapter social!

Once again, ATOS has succeeded in presenting a fresh, enriching experience for the aspiring theatre organists of tomorrow.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq8sxxkvjtH8> JAMBOREE 2010 PART ONE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV1AwR-kVLc> JAMBOREE 2010 PART TWO

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

Nancy Resech and Norma Campbell said they read the Stoprail front to back every month and love it.

I guess everybody is happy.
No letters from anyone this month. b



Theatre Historical Society Conclave in Indianapolis - from Karl Warner

I belong to the Theatre Historical Society (THS) whose purpose is to document, preserve, and restore America's theatres, movie palaces, auditoriums, and opera houses. Each summer we meet in a different area to visit these historic theatres. Upon entering the theatre we are generally given a brief history by the manager or owner, and then turned loose to visit and photograph every nook and cranny including stage, dressing rooms, projection booths, lobbies, balconies, concession stands, etc. This year we are in the "Hoosier Heartland", traveling 1,300 miles by bus over the period of a week, and visiting 33 sites in Indiana and Northern Kentucky and one theatre in Illinois.

If a theatre has an organ it is usually made available to us, and this year we enjoyed several such installations. The Indiana Theatre in Terre Haute has a 3/11 Wurlitzer currently being restored; and the Fischer Theatre in Danville, Illinois, has a 3/10 Barton in the same situation. At the Long Center in Lafayette there is a 3/21 Wurlitzer and at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis there is a 3/24 Wurlitzer now used with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. At the Walker Theatre, also in Indianapolis, a 3/21 Wurlitzer is being installed. The Elco Theatre (formerly Warner) has removed their 2/11 Kimball during renovation, but plan to reinstall it. The famous Embassy Theatre in Ft. Wayne has the original 4/16 Page and the house organist presented a program while we toured the facility. The Paramount in Anderson has their 3/12 original Page while the Kentucky Theatre in Lexington is re-installing their original 3/14 Wurlitzer.

If you would like further information on THS, please visit their web site at:

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/~angell/thsa/welcome2.html> Next year's conclave will be in Grand Rapids, MI, and we will tour theatres around the state but not including Detroit where we held a previous conclave. Karl Warner

Board Member duties - from the bylaws

Section 3.4 – President

Subject to approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the chapter. He or she shall preside at all meeting of the members and of the Directors, shall appoint all committees, and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.5 – Vice President

In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President and in so acting shall have all powers of the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President may be the Program Chairman and select meeting locations.

Section 3.6 – Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, shall keep the seal of the Chapter and affix it to such papers and instruments as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make service of such notices as may be necessary or proper, shall supervise the keeping of the records of the Chapter, and shall have other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.7 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds of the Chapter and deposit them with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, shall disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, shall render to the President and Directors, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer, and of the financial condition of the Chapter, and shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will obtain a second signature from an appointed member of the Board of Directors on all expenditures (checks) in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more. The Treasurer shall make and present a budget of expenses and income each year for adoption by membership vote at the January meeting. The Board of Directors will ensure that the Treasurer is bonded.

Section 3.8 – Statutory Agent

1. The Statuary Agent shall act on all matters required by federal, state and local agencies in regard to the incorporation of this Chapter, as approved by the Executive Committee and/or membership.
2. The Statutory Agent shall compile all necessary reports of the Chapter for federal, state and local agencies in sufficient time for Executive Committee approval and submission, to be within the time frame of those government agencies.
3. The Statutory Agent shall keep and maintain all permanent documents relating to Chapter activities. Those documents shall include, but not be limited to approved original minutes of Chapter and Board of Directors meetings, original copy of the Bylaws, incoming and outgoing correspondence, one copy of each month's newsletter, all pertinent documents pertaining to Chapter owned instruments and Chapter maintained instruments, public relations material and in general, maintain all Chapter files in close coordination with the Chapter Secretary. All the aforementioned shall be made available for examination by the membership.

VOTS/ATOS Board Meeting Minutes

The VOTS/ATOS board meeting was held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Glendale Cascade Mobile Home Park clubhouse. Attending were Bill Carr, Hassel Moores, Madeline LiVolsi, Pete Knobloch, Warren Bechhoefer, Don Reasor, Beverly Fizzell and Tom Fizzell. Absent were Adrian Phillips and Ed Benoit. The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

Secretary: The secretary read the minutes from the July 17, 2010 board meeting. Tom moved to accept the minutes as read, second by Hassell. The motion passed.

Treasurer: In Adrian's absence, Bill gave the treasurer's report. We currently have \$111.81 in checking, \$240.79 in the money market account, and \$1016.29 in savings, for a total of available funds of \$1368.89. An invoice has been turned into the national ATOS for reimbursement of the rental fee for the Orpheum when used by the ATOS youth camp. Adrian and Bill cosigned a check for \$1000 to pay the balance owed to the lawyer regarding the contract with the city for our use of the Orpheum.

Bill wants to see a listing of all chapter funds, including special donations earmarked for other things. Adrian will let us know exactly how much is in each fund. We still owe Bill Keller \$237 for Desert Winds embroidered items.

Bill made some clarification regarding the bylaws. They do not say anything about needing board approval for large expenditures. They do say that an expense over \$500 does require two signatures on the check.

Adrian will complete his 2010 term, but will not run again for treasurer.

Bill thanked Beverly for including his president's article in the newsletter.

Program: Hassel presented the meeting plans for the remainder of the year: August 14, First Christian Church, Bobby Freeman and an ice cream social; September 19, Phoenix College, artist to be announced; October 17, Organ Stop Pizza; November 7, Phoenix College, annual membership meeting; December 11, Desert Ridge RV Park, Tim Versluys.

On September 13, Phoenix College will be celebrating their 90th anniversary. Ellen Brown will play the organ between scheduled speakers.

For our November meeting, to celebrate the chapter's 35th anniversary, Bill would like to have a variety of musicians to do a fun stage show.

Crew Chief: Tom said nothing is happening at the Orpheum or FCC.

Bill said that PC is moving along slow but sure. We're on dead note patrol. Problems with the switch stack and stop tabs have been fixed. Bill will send out weekly reminders to people he knows will help with the work.

Membership: Nothing new to announce

Newsletter: Beverly mentioned the 35th anniversary year of the chapter and said that we should have a party.

Old Business: Madeline mentioned national's youth protection policy. Bill explained a little more about it and why it is necessary.

Silent Saturdays: Bill is waiting for Ron Rhode to give him movie titles so that we can start promotions. We have a sponsorship from Gateway. Don Hall has suggested that we try to do themed things -- for example, a Rin Tin Tin film paired with the Phoenix Police Department Canine Unit -- or maybe have a skit by a theatre group relating to the film. Bill is still trying to get a percentage off of the non-profit rental fee.

New Business: Bill handed out a list of survey questions to get us thinking about how we could make our club better for all of our members -- improve harmony, raise money, make the club fun. He said we need communication between board members -- everyone should know what's going on. Beverly suggested that we should put the questions in the Stop Rail and ask members what they think we could do to make the club fun. Bill suggested we start by sitting with people that we don't usually sit with at meetings. At regular chapter meetings, we need to ask people if they have any questions or comments regarding the board meeting minutes as printed in the Stop Rail.

The next board meeting will be September 11, 2010 at Phoenix College.

Don moved to adjourn, second by Pete. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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		

Member Ken Resech in the hospital

Long time member Ken Resech is in the Veterans Hospital in Tucson awaiting open heart surgery. There is no other information available at this time.

Allen GW4 for sale Bob Grommes, of Fountain Hills, has moved to the Chicago area. His Allen GW4 is up for sale. The organ is in pristine shape in the standard cherry finish with 16 matching tone cabinets and an extra unfinished B20 subwoofer. All the HR series cabinets have the optional diffusers and speaker grilles and Allen wall mount hardware. The organ also has an Allen Smart Recorder and an Updyke digital toy counter. The home is also available for sale. Serious interested buyers should call Bob direct at 480-540-6317 or email him at bob.grommes@gmail.com for price and additional details. Bob can make arrangements with a local friend to show the organ to serious buyers.

We wish you a Happy Birthday!



Birthday time! A slice of cake goes out to our September birthday cake eaters - Ken Resech, Bob Arnold, Jon Gunther, D. L. Hoots, Lon Vanderveer, Jeff Johnson, Don Reasor, Madeline LiVolsi, Edwin Rogers, John Weber, Mychael Alyn, David Ulate, Bill Irwin, John Sheak. 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 tickled to put it in the Stoprail. Let Ed Benoit know 623-327-1437 e-mail WurliTzer@q.com

Frank Garrett Shanklin

died at home in Menauhant on July 27, 2010. He was born August 5, 1930 in Arlington, MA. In 1997, he decided to attempt a life-long dream with the design and construction of an acoustically dynamic hall with a spectacular restored Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ from the silent movie era of the roaring twenties. The historically significant Console once graced the stage of the Boston Metropolitan Theater (now called The Wang Center). In 1999, his dream was realized when the Shanklin Music Hall, dedicated to the preservation and presentation of a piece of "Americana", opened its doors to the public. World renowned theater organists have pleased and entertained countless audiences of all ages ever since. In celebration of Garrett's life, there was a memorial service at the Shanklin Music Hall. He was an avid seaman from the age of 14, sailing and racing his Knockabout on Cape Cod, where for the last 25 years, he could be found at the helm of his 33 foot Bristol "Tradewinds. Spring and fall brought out the 1913 Stanley Steam car or the 1913 Silver Ghost. Many antique car tours throughout this country were enjoyed. Winters would find him avidly tackling the ski slopes of New Hampshire and Colorado.



Cecil Whitmire

led the transformation of downtown's Alabama Theatre from a struggling movie palace into a successful performing arts center. Mr. Whitmire, a fixture at the front door of the theater died in Tennessee last weekend. He began a three-decade love affair with the Alabama in 1976, when he moved to Birmingham from Knoxville. The Alabama was still a movie theater, and Mr. Whitmire would play the Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ before shows, entertaining audiences with classic tunes, nearly always including "Stars Fell on Alabama." In 1986, Mr. Whitmire led a grassroots effort to save the Alabama from bankruptcy and became president of Birmingham Landmarks Inc., which bought the Alabama, renovated it and turned it into a major performing arts venue for movies, concerts, theater, dance and private events. It was a rare night at the Alabama when Mr. Whitmire wasn't standing outside the box office on the Alabama Walk of Fame -- a sidewalk of stars dedicated to Alabama luminaries. Louise Beard said it was clear how much Mr. Whitmire loved his job. The people who worked for him and volunteered also loved that theater, but it started with Cecil," she said. "He was always there, always involved."

