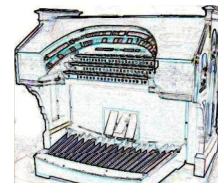


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JUNE MEETING

**Our Regular June Meeting will be held in
THE COURTROOM THEATRE
at
The McKinney Performing Arts Center
111 N. Tennessee—McKinney, TX 75069
at 2:30 PM on Sunday June 22, 2008**

**With Father's Day changing our schedule for the June meeting, this
will be our opportunity for an open console meeting.**

SO!!!

**Bring your music and enjoy playing the chapters
Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ.**

**Even your President will try a tune or two.
After he plays, you will be able to say:**

Heck, even I can play better than that!

Here's your chance to try a Wurlitzer.

Go for it!

**There will be a business meeting starting at 2:30 PM that shouldn't
last too long. Then the fun can begin!**

Refreshments will be provided by the Chapter.

From the President

It has been a couple of months since our last meeting and much has happened.

First off, the chapter was able to move its' 3/16 Robert-Morton to a new storage location under control of the chapter. The chapters 2/5 Wurlitzer and the two Electronic organs were also moved to the same secure storage.

Second, our venue chairman has located a semi-permanent location that is being donated at no cost to the chapter for storage until the organs can be installed in public venues. This is not an indefinite storage, but should suffice until the pending Kid-Key installation in Sherman, Texas can be finalized.

Third, the Toy Counter from the 2/5 Wurlitzer is being prepared for installation in the McKinney 3/16 Wurlitzer. It is hoped that it will be in operation for our September Fall Concert as well as for Phantom of the Opera to be preformed in October.

Fourth, the Traveling Organ is proceeding on schedule. The basic wiring is complete and we have ordered the necessary STOP TABS to complete the Stop Rail. The Sound Engine (computer) is currently at Artisan Instruments for loading of the voices. We expect to have this instrument available for its planned use in mid July.

From the Secretary's desk By Alan Cavitt

Hello to all! I hope that all Mothers and Fathers had a great holiday with their families. To often we take our parents for granted, which is a sad mistake to make. Please call them more often than you currently do. Your call will 'make-their-day!'

Thank you to all members and friends of the chapter for your donations to the education program fund. The project is progressing but more donations are still needed to complete the project. We still have the need for an enclosed cargo trailer which will transport the instrument to and from the various schools. If anyone knows of a used 5' X 8' or 6' X 10'/12' enclosed cargo trailer for sale, please let us know.

Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

As the summer approaches, please remember to keep plenty of fluids available to drink. Even though water and fire are bad for theatre organs, they still need humidity for good health. As the temperatures rise, we may forget to keep water handy to drink and become dehydrated. We don't need an unwanted trip to the hospital for anyone.

See you at the Console!

Don

Al

From the Venue Search Chairman

Recently, there may have been some apprehension on the part of some members concerning the future and availability of the Chapter's pipe and electronic organ assets.

After negotiations over a several month period with the property management company where, at that time, the Chapter's assets were stored, we were permitted to remove our property, including our Robert-Morton, to a rental storage facility. The assets are now totally under Chapter management control although there are currently storage rental fees to be considered.

We are happy to report that a dependable party currently has under construction a steel building and is offering storage space for the Chapter's assets at no charge (in-kind donation). The facility under construction is hoped and planned to be completed in time to move the Chapter property so that no further rental charges will be expended. This means the Chapter will have ready access to its property.

Ken Brown



Flooding - Cedar Rapids Iowa Theatres

Here is a very brief update as to the unknown but highly speculated flood damage to the theatres and their organs.

The Cedar Rapids Paramount theatre and its **3 / 1 2 W u r l i t z e r** : As of 6:20pm Central time conversation with the theatre Management was that sandbags were breached at 7:00 this morning with water pouring in all doors. It is believed that the water level is a few feet higher than the stage. This means blower, lift, lift motor, cable, and console are waterlogged. I am told the earliest anyone - including theatre management will have access to the building will be at least six days from now. We are assuming the worst at this venue.

The Iowa Theatre and its **3 / 1 4 R h i n e s t o n e B a r t o n** . I was unable to reach anyone at the Iowa Theatre but looking at the aerial views it appears the Iowa theatre is also having water as the building is surrounded on all sides by water that looks to be at least a foot deep. The flooding would affect the console obviously but everything else "should" be safe.

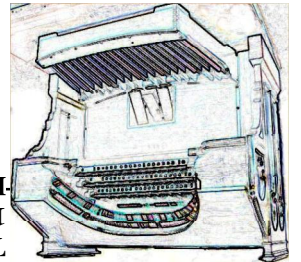
Thanks to all for notes and calls of concerns. I am guessing we will have a very intense summer of organ work ahead of us.

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Next Meeting: The June Meeting will be on June 22nd at the McKinney Performing Arts Center at 2:30 PM.

Directions: Take North Central (US 75) North to Virginia/Louisiana Exit in McKinney. Go East on Louisiana to Tennessee. MPAC will be on your left. It occupies the entire square. The entrance is on the East side.

