

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

PICNIC AND OPEN CONSOLE



JUNE 2008

WHO: ORGAN LOVERS

WHAT: PICNIC
POT-LUCK

WHEN: SUNDAY,
JUNE 8

1:00 -4:00PM

Pete reports that all speaking voices, percussions and toys have been installed and are playing. They are working on air leaks, tonal and cosmetic improvements. But, essentially what they have now is what it will finally sound like. Pete exclaims "I love it".



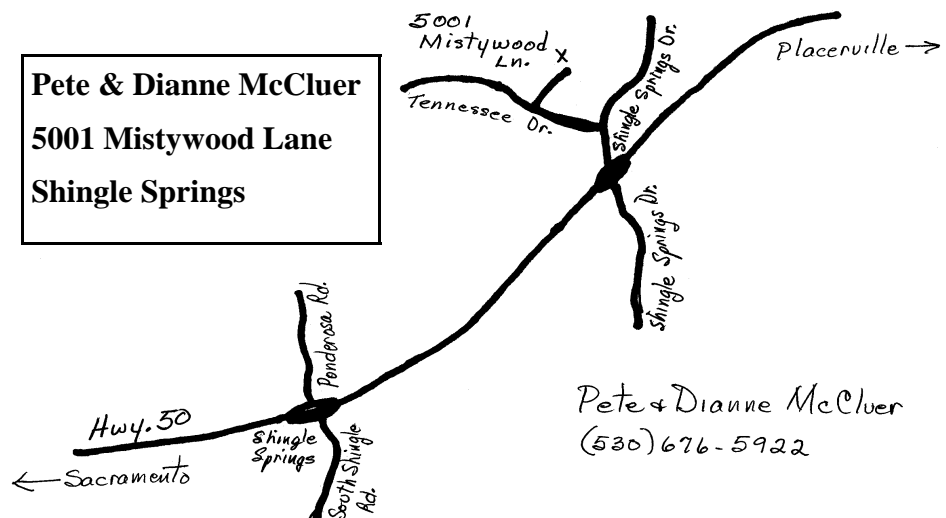
Please bring a main dish plus a salad or desert to share, your own plate and eating utensils. Drinks and napkins will be provided.

We will eat at 1:30 P.M.

Following lunch, the console will be open to those who wish to play a song.



Pete & Dianne McCluer
5001 Mistywood Lane
Shingle Springs



Pete & Dianne McCluer
(530) 676-5922



Bert Kuntz Farewell Concert



Where: Towe Auto Museum
When: Sunday, June 22 2:00PM

Bert Kuntz is a popular Sacramento theatre organist and a member of Sierra Chapter, ATOS. He was a staff organist at Arden Pizza & Pipes and has played Sunday Pops Concerts at the Towe Auto Museum since 1994.

Bert has retired and will be moving away from California. In honor of his long service to the community, the Towe Auto Museum is proud to present Bert Kuntz in his final farewell concert.

ATOS Convention Deadline Extension

Due to the late arrival of THEATRE ORGAN, the official Journal of ATOS, we are extending two important deadline dates. First, the deadline for early registration for the ATOS Convention in Indianapolis is now extended until **June 1, 2008. One can still receive the cheaper registration fee up until June 1, 2008.** The hotel deadline remains the same, but the registration deadline for savings is now June 1.

Second, we are also extending the deadline date for returning the ATOS Survey which is included in The Journal. **The international deadline date of June 10, 2008 is now the deadline date for the postmark for returning all of the surveys.**

We urge our membership to complete the surveys and mail them immediately.

ATOS apologizes for the delays in delivering the May-June issues of The Journal. Issues beyond our control with our shipper and with the U.S. Postal Service created a problem in the on-time delivery. We shall continue to make every effort to deliver on time, which has been one of the highest priorities for Editor Jeff Weiler.

Ken Double
President, ATOS



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — CAROL ZERBO



This just in:

Nancy Fricke emailed me that **Eric** has definitely de-

ecided on **North Carolina's music program** so he will be attending in the fall. Sierra Chapter is **PROUD!**



Eric Fricke

Congrats Eric and best of luck to you!



Hi Y'all --- I'm in Atlanta visiting my family. Unfortunately, nothing is going on at the Atlanta Fox so "Mighty Mo" isn't playing but we're planning a trip to Knoxville, TN to hear the restored Wurlitzer in the Tennessee Theatre. My favorite aunt has arranged a backstage tour after the concert and house organist Dr. Bill Snyder

said I could play the organ. He is most kind to offer but -- that's so not gonna happen! Then, on to Chicago to the Hopeful Heart fundraiser at Sanfilippo's and, hopefully, back to Sacramento on the 8th in time to make Pete and Dianne McCluer's picnic.

The Picnic is always great fun. Just bring your favorite dish and dessert to share and a couple of songs you'd like to try out on a genuine pipe organ. I understand some of our friends from NorCal will come again. It's always a pleasure to see them and, if they can make the trip to Shingle Springs, surely so can we!

Speaking of trips, Dave Sauer and I had a train adventure! I just love going to Berkeley to hear NorCal's beautiful pipe organ but, to me, getting there is definitely not half the fun. The ever resourceful Mr. Sauer discovered that AmTrak's Capitol Corridor and the Richmond Bart Station are in the same place. So we took the 12:10 train to Richmond, caught the 1:40 Bart to the 2nd Berkeley station, walked approximately 3 blocks to the theatre and stood in the lobby at 2:03.

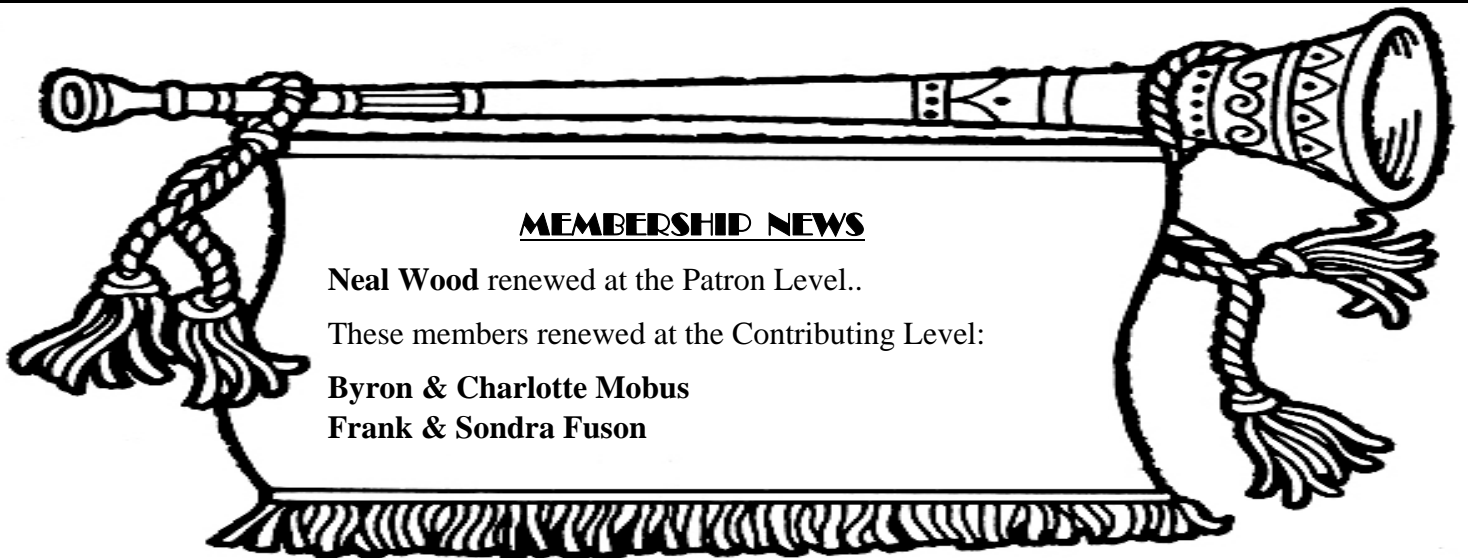
Ken Double started the concert at 2:30. Then, you just retrace your steps to get back home. The cost was \$35.00 round trip. The biggest challenge might be the 3 block walk to the theatre but, for me, this was certainly the most relaxing way to get to Berkeley. The only thing passing by was the scenery and little

chance of being cut off by something bigger or faster or crazier than the locomotive. And, of course, the concert was great! Ken Double played both consoles (I still think the Centre console sounds better -- grin), sang, told jokes, and shared some items of interest regarding ATOS. This was a good teaser for the convention in July. I hope you all have your reservations, flying is getting quite pricey.

We ran our last silent film for the summer on May 16th. Got out just in time. It was 102 that Friday but, surprisingly, pretty comfortable in the Towe. The film was "Speedy", starring Harold Lloyd -- cute and well accompanied by Dave Hooper. We start up again in September and I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Well, gotta go walk around the lake at my brother's house before the humidity sets in. Y'all stay cool and I'll see you soon.

Carol Z

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Neal Wood renewed at the Patron Level..

These members renewed at the Contributing Level:

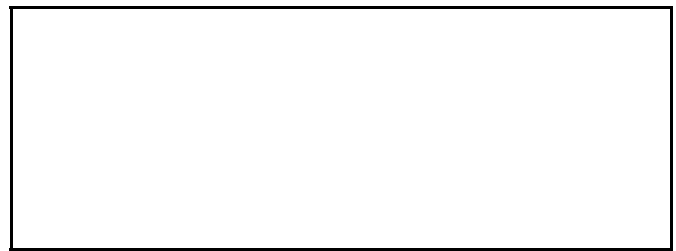
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SIERRA CHAPTER EVENTS

Annual Pot Luck and Open Console

Sunday June 8th
1:00 PM

**Pete & Dianne
McCluer's home
in Shingle Springs**

TOWE EVENTS

Towe Auto Museum
2200 Front Street
916-442-6802

Sunday June 22
2:00 PM

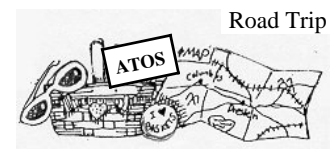
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Museum Admission
\$7/Adults
\$6/Senior
\$3/Students K-12

NOR-CAL TOS EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre

No public events for June



ATOS Annual Convention

Indianapolis Indiana

July 4 - 8

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Sierra Chapter ATOS

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