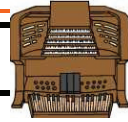


# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

OPEN HOUSE / OPEN CONSOLES



JUNE 2009

SUNDAY,  
JUNE 7TH

HOME of  
WENDELL JACOB

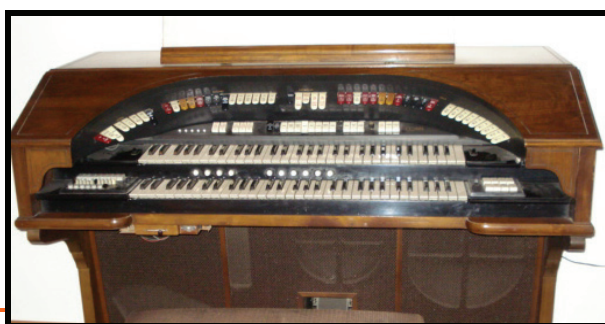
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DAVIS, CA



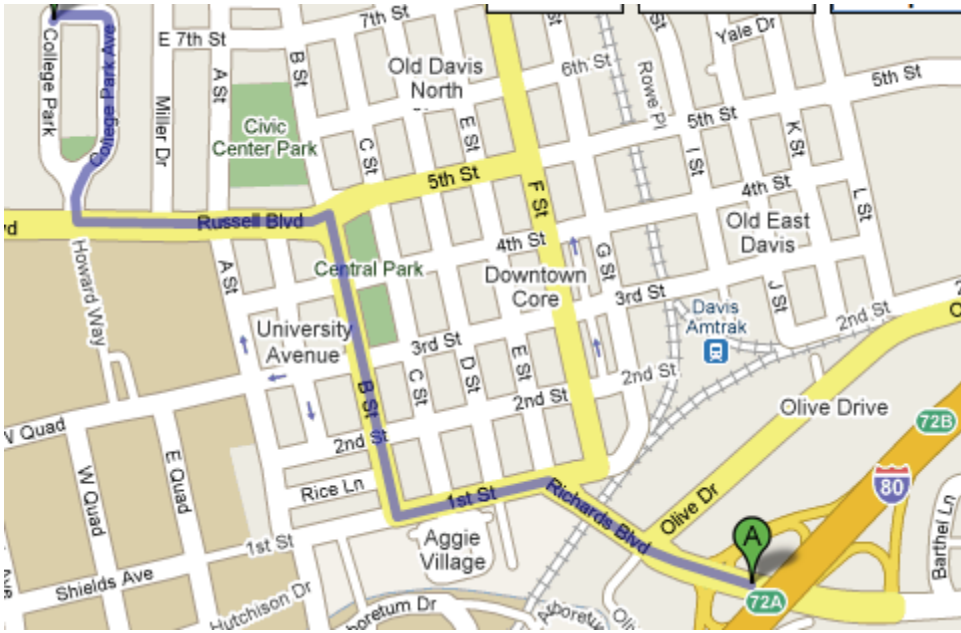
Long time Sierra Chapter member Wendell Jacob has invited members to an *Open House* which celebrates the completion (are they ever really completed?) of a several year music room project. Among the instruments available for your enjoyment are a working Calliope, a Wurlitzer Band Organ, a Ragtime Piano, a Conn Theatre Organ (once owned by Everett Nourse), a Hammond B-3 complete with Leslie Speaker and an Antique Reed Organ.

The centerpiece of the room is the Moller 3 Manual, 14 Rank Pipe Organ, from the fabulous San Francisco Fox Theatre Lobby, lovingly installed by Dave Moreno. Being a Lobby organ, this instrument lends itself well to a home installation, and is very easy on the ears. In fact, Wendell will most obligingly give you a tour on the catwalk through the chambers while the organ is playing and your ears will be just fine.

**This is a venue NOT to be missed.** Enjoy the cache' of the twin rows of majestic trees shading the street to his Tudor home in an historic and prestigious area of Davis.



**Come any time between 3:00PM and 5:00PM.** Bring snacks or finger foods to share. If you play, bring your favorite tunes and show off your talent on any of these instruments.



1. Take I-80 to Davis and exit at Richards Blvd (exit 72B if coming from Sacramento)
2. Immediately merge left into the traffic lane that goes into the tunnel.
3. Turn left on 1st street.
4. Turn right on B Street and continue for four blocks.
5. Turn left on Russell Blvd and continue for two blocks.
6. Turn right on College Park Ave.
7. Wendell's home (#48) is in the far Northwest Corner of this Oval Street.
8. Park either in Wendell's driveway, or anywhere on College Park. There are no parking restrictions on Sundays.

## Sierra Chapter Music Library



***We NEED volunteers*** to assist in updating our extensive "Sheet Music and Book Library." No experience is necessary for music book or sheet music re-pairing and filing. Volunteers who have had computer experience are also needed for inputting and cataloging. Our library staff will begin training volunteers in mid-June and early July, 2009.

Our intent is to create a music library where members can search and physically check out or borrow from the repertoire of piano-organ music books, sheet music and reference materials.

Eventually, the Music Library's collection will be available through our Chapter's website.

**Contact Alice Kutzer at: 916-687-7542 or Jim Leach at 916-797-9125 for more information about the volunteer program. Please, we NEED your help to make our "Music Library" a success.**

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO

It is 11:00AM on Saturday after a wonderful Silent Movie Night at CAM, aka California Automobile Museum, with Jerry Nagano on the Wurlitzer and Buster Keaton on the screen. We had a large audience, many first-timers and all enjoyed themselves. Just a whole lot of fun!



As I write, I am privileged to be listening to a semi-local and very talented artist playing the Allen 324. **Greg de Santis** journeys from his home in Santa Rosa one or two Saturdays a month to practice. Y'all may remember he played for Hot August Pipes last August and can be seen and heard on our YouTube site. He will be "playing people in" for our picnic/open console at **Pete McCluer's on August 15**. The party starts at 10:30AM with potluck lunch and open console to follow. It is my great hope that Greg will soon

feel comfortable enough to join the list of organists available for concerts here and in the Bay area. He is that good!!

While I'm on the subject of picnic/open consoles, remember **August 23rd at Ron Bingaman's in Grass Valley**. Same format as Pete's, details will be in the July Spiel. I must say we are blessed to have so many different organs in our area whose owners are willing to share.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. We have been offered the opportunity to see and hear an organ from the halcyon days of the SF FOX, thanks to Wendell Jacob's love of all things mechanically musical and the Herculean efforts of Dave Moreno. The lobby Moller from the Fox is alive and playing in Wendell Jacob's music room in Davis. Sierra Chapter members have been invited to a sort of premier party for the newly finished music room. The hours are **3 to 5**

**on Sunday, June 7th**. Bring finger foods of your choice and enjoy all the wondrous toys coexisting there.



I would be remiss if I didn't put an encouraging word or several in here for attending the ATOS Convention in Cleveland. Yes, times are tough but if you are an organ-lover and haven't made vacation plans yet, please consider supporting the efforts of our colleagues in the middle of the country. It is no small feat to put one of these conventions together and, possibly, the fate of future Conventions hangs on the success of this one. The Treasures of the Western Reserve looks to be a very entertaining week and I hope you will include this in your summer schedule.

See y'all on the 7th,

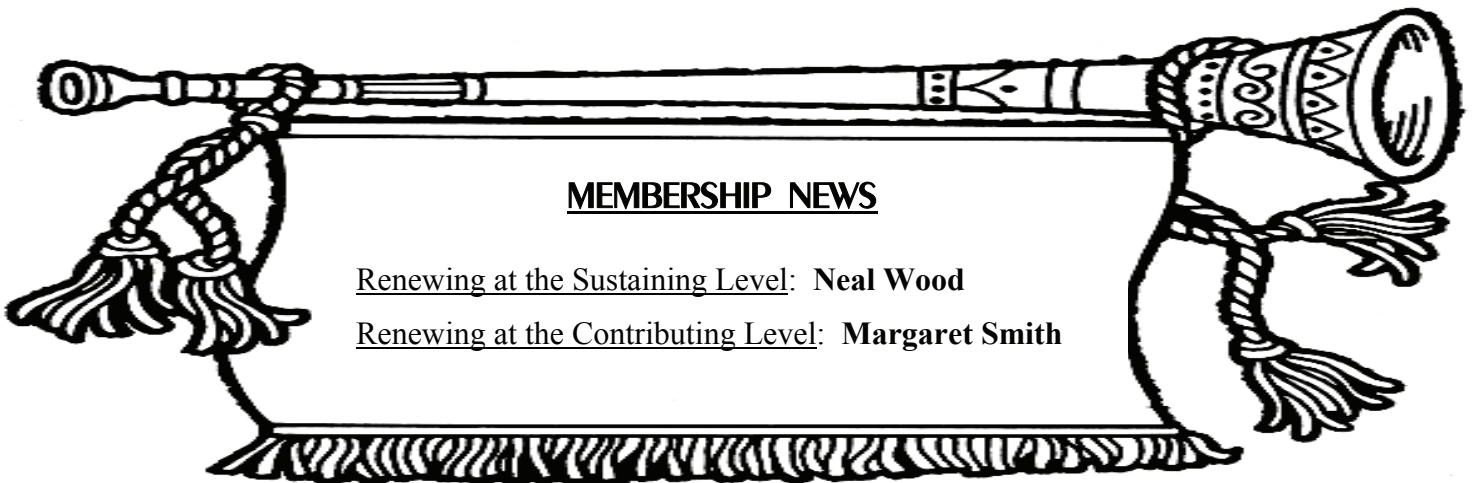
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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Sustaining Level: Neal Wood

Renewing at the Contributing Level: Margaret Smith

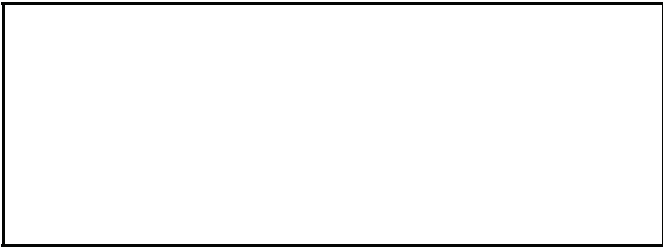




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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS**

**SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT**

Home of Wendell Jacob  
48 College Park  
Davis, CA

**Sunday June 7**  
**3:00PM - 5:00PM**

*Open House / Open Console*

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See map and  
directions on page 2



Wendell's phone:  
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**ATOS NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Cleveland, Ohio



**July 1 -  
July 5**

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**14 World Class Organists**

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**SIERRA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday June 20**  
**10:00AM**

Home of Carol Zerbo

**STOCKTON FOX EVENT**

Bob Hope Theatre  
242 E. Main  
Stockton, CA

**Friday June 19 - 6:30 PM**  
*The Man Who Knew Too Much*  
Featuring **Tom Thompson**  
On the Mighty Morton

The Chapter was organized in 1968 as a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of California and is recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. It was organized for the purpose of preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music. Membership in the local Chapter also encourages membership in the National Organization, American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS.) [www.atos.org](http://www.atos.org)