

The Newsletter Voice of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

Highlights:

- * Catoe Social on **July 20th.**
- * Tivoli Theatre, Downers Grove
- * **Doors 9:30**
- * **Begins at 10:00**
- * Ron Newman at the console
- * Bring Treats to share and your music to play during open console

CATOE Social on July 20th.

The next CATOE social will be held on **Saturday July 20th** at the Tivoli Theatre in downtown Downers Grove

Providing entertainment for the day will be **Ron Newman!** Don't forget some tasty treats to share with your fellow enthusiasts and also bring your music so you can give the Mighty Wurlitzer a try!

atre in East Chicago Indiana. The organ was purchased by CATOE and relocated to Main Township High School. When the school was scheduled to close in 1992, CATOE moved the organ to the Tivoli Theatre. Willis and Shirley Johnson commissioned an artist to provide the artwork that now graces the console.



CATOE greatly appreciates all that the Johnson family does to support the use of our Mighty Wurlitzer.

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The 3/10 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ was originally installed in the Indiana The-

Directions to the Tivoli Theatre

The Tivoli Theatre located at: **5021 Highland Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60515 Phone: 630-968-0219.** It is one block east of Main Street on Highland Avenue. Main street is Lemont Road when coming from

the south suburbs, and is easily reached from I-55 (Stevenson) on the south, Ogden Avenue on the north, and east of Route 53 and the I-355 North/South Toll. Please invite all of your neighbors, friends, and

family members to attend.



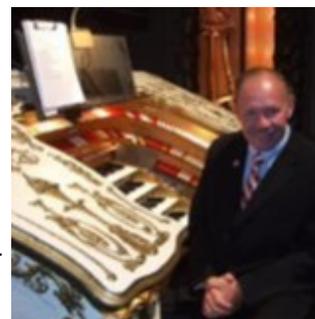
Ron Newman

Ron Newman, was born into a musical family. Not only were his mom and dad both professional organists; but, both grandmothers played the piano in their younger years, as well.

Ron started playing the organ (by "ear") at the age of 7, by learning the songs that his parents played, and also by listening to the radio in the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

He also played for Mass on both land and at sea,

having served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971. After his Navy years, he returned home and played the organ at his home parish in Aurora, IL for thirty years and also played at the Arcada Theater in St. Charles from 1984 to 2004. His first exposure to the pipe organ was in 1966 when he got to play the Wurlitzer organ which was at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. For the past 19 years, Ron has been entertaining



people at nursing homes and retirement centers around the greater Chicagoland area. Not being a "flashy" performer, he allows the music to speak for itself; and people seem to appreciate being able to recognize every song he plays.

From the President.... David Rhodes

Hello and Happy Summer! In June, while things continued as normal here in Chicago, I got to spend two weeks visiting our Theatre Organ friends in the UK! Ross McNeillie, Cameron Lloyd and Steve Tovey, who head up the Cannon Chase Organ Society, invited me over to experience some of their Wurlitzers and Compton's. I got to see and play 5 Wurlitzers and 5 Compton's; it was very interesting to see

some of the later Wurlitzers (as late as 1939), whereas here in Chicago, I'm used to dealing with instruments from 1921-28, for the most part.

One great honor that I had was being asked to play the 3/13 Wurlitzer (designed by Horace Finch) in the Blackpool Winter Gardens Opera House as part of the Theatre Organ Club's 75th Anniversary concert.

The highlight of my trip

was getting the VERY rare opportunity to get to play the World Famous 3/14 Wurlitzer in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom! I got to spend well over an hour playing the very same organ that Reginald Dixon presided over for more than 30 years. And no, I wasn't at all afraid to use the infamous 'Quint & Tierce' couplers. :) I also got the chance to play the EMI Studios

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From the editor

We had a great social in May with Mark at Downers Grove. Can't wait for the next one at DGNHS. Hope to see you all at the July Social with **Ron Newman** and at the August with **Joel Gary** at Beggars — and thanks to **Glenn Tallar** for helping us arrange the social.



Remember to tell a friend, neighbor and/or your relatives about CATOE. Feel free to bring them to one of our upcoming socials and let them experience what we all enjoy so much.



I hope you like the new format of the newsletter. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts and/or suggestions. Send me an email to CATOE_61@att.net or catch me at the next social!



Enjoyed the console artistry of **Carl DeSanti** at Beggars Pizza. He was filling in for **Glenn Tallar** who was out "coasting" in California. Also there was **Sam Yacono** and **Jeff Chelini**.



May Social Review

We were very fortunate to have Mark Noller as our artist for the day. He provided us with a wonderful program of songs that brought back many memories for those in attendance. Mark has been involved in the Chicagoland organ scene for many

years playing at various venues like the Music Box and several area churches. After Mark's well deserved encore, we adjourned for treats and enjoyed those who had a go at the Wurlitzer during open console. As you know, this was our first social at Downers

Grove North High School in many years. It was so great to get back in the auditorium to hear (and play) the Mighty Wurlitzer. Hats off to the work crew too as the organ sounded wonderful.



From the President *(continued from page 2)*

Compton; the only other American to have played it other than Fats Waller. Special thanks again to my friends across the pond, and hope to see you again soon!

Pictured at right Damon Williets, David Rhodes, David Ivory, Cameron Lloyd and Joe Marsh at the 3/13 Wurlitzer



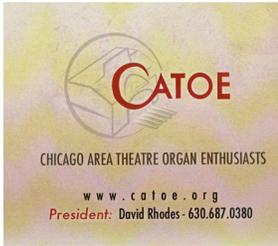
CATOE in the Past

What was happening in CATOE.....

July 2008 Social with JATOE at the Rialto featuring Steve Eaklor

July 2009 Social with Dairyland featuring Kay McAbee

July 2011 Social at the Pickwick with John Bryant.



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The Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts are committed through performances and educational efforts to help the public understand and appreciate how remarkable these organs truly are. It is also why we are committed to their preservation.

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What's Up in the Area?

CATOE will have it's next **Social at Beggars Pizza on Saturday August 17th** with **Joel Gary!** More on that next month. If you can't wait to hear the Mighty Barton, head over to the pizza parlor located at 3524 Ridge Road in Lansing and hear Glenn Tallar play each Tuesday and Friday nights from 6:00—9:00 pm.

David Rhodes and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop by, say "hi" and enjoy a great movie at the Tivoli.

Our sister chapter, JATOE has a couple of socials planned for July and August according to Vice President **Don Walker**. On Sunday July 21st they will have

Timothy Duckworth performing on the Barton Grande and on Sunday August 18th, **Stan Zimmerman** will grace the bench. For both socials, use the stage door on Scott Street. Doors at 1:30 and program begins at 2:00.

Orbit Skate Center in Palatine features **Carl DeSanti** on Tuesday Mornings from 10—Noon or Thursday Nights starting from 7:00—10:00 pm. If you are in Aurora, stop in at the Aurora Skate Center on Monday nights and skate to **Frank Pellico** (www.skateaurora.com) from 7:30—10:30 pm. Frank of course is the organist for the **Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks**.