



The Pine Piper



Newsletter of The Pine Tree Chapter of The American Theatre Organ Society

January/February 2008

Greetings, and Happy New Year to everyone in The Pine Tree Chapter! We've had a busy winter, as was voted on at the November meeting, we have begun to re-leather all of the pneumatics in the organ. Our Chapter Technician, Jim Martin has been putting in some long weekend days, along with our dedicated members.

Officer's Reports

Chapter Technician: Wow! With the exception of a few remaining gaskets, we were able to complete the releathering of the last 300 chest pneumatics. Yesterday was indeed a day to remember. We will meet next Saturday (Feb 2) to clean the inside of the wind chest and complete the few remaining gaskets.

Please think about meeting on either Sunday February 17 or 24, 2008 to begin installing the pneumatics back into the wind chest. 4 People are needed all day.

Many thanks for all the help and excellent craftsmanship! Jim

Sat Feb 2 (6 needed) - clean wind chest; remaining gaskets

1. Jim- all day
2. Pete- all day
3. David- all day
4. Everett- all day
5. Dwight- all day w/ compressor
6. Stewart- all day

If you are able to assist , please contact Jim at jwm@surfglobal.net

The Work Party Photos

Courtesy of Pete Haskell:



Left photo from left: Jim Martin, Chapter Technician, cutting felt. Dwight Burkard, Chapter President, Mark Carlson, Newsletter Editor, David Shaw, and Cheri Carlson. Right Photo: The crew gluing twill tape to the pneumatics.

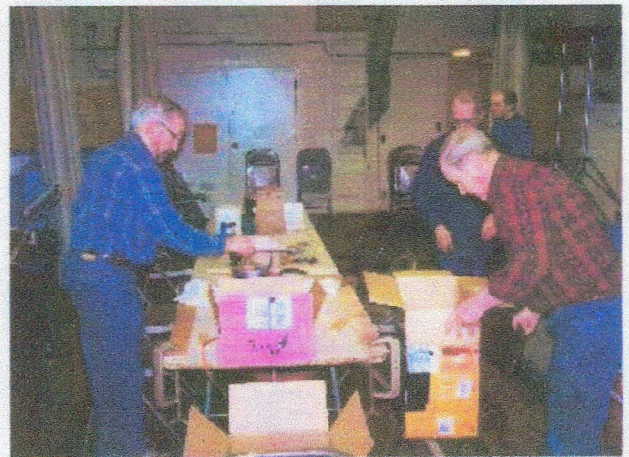


From Your Editor:

Top Left: Our tools, and guide pneumatics laid out.

Lower Left: A box of pneumatics ready to be releathered.

Lower Right: The crew preparing the glue, and pneumatics.



Some Thoughts

I have been toying with the idea of making the newsletter available via our chapter website. It was talked about during one of the work sessions. I think it could generate some interest in our organization. Dwight pointed out, that we might not want to put "sensitive" club information (treasury balances, etc.) for the general public. It's an idea we can all think about, and discuss in April, if need be.

Can the website be updated? Some changing content might be nice.

If anyone's interested in a full sized picture of the console, in the upper right hand corner of the newsletter, let me know at

PineTreeChapterATOS@roadrunner.com. I can size for a computer desktop.

Upcoming Events

The Friends of the Kotschmar Organ
Valentine's, and Valentino, w/Dennis James

The Friends of the Kotschmar Organ (FOKO) will present the classic silent film "It" featuring Clara Bow, Hollywood's "it" girl of the 1920s. A hit sensation, the romantic comedy "It" will be accompanied on the Kotschmar Organ by guest organist Dennis James, Friday, February 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Portland's Merrill Auditorium. Admission is a suggested \$12 per adult, anyone under 21 free.

This annual Valentine Celebration will benefit Hearts for Hearing, whose mission is to maximize the abilities of children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen and talk for a lifetime.

On The Web

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipV--2fhIw> This is a young man, of about 11, at the console. We need more young people taking an interest in Theatre Organ.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT2IjcMdobQ> Dave Calendine at the former Chicago Stadium Barton.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y48383AcMEM> Another Dave Calendine, with Johnny Kash playing Allen Theatre, and Classical Organs.