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### **NEWSLETTER**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!** The JULY meeting has changed from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, still at 2:00 PM. It is at the home of Mary Lou Ammann, but hosted by George and Nancy Neimeyer. Earlier calendars said the date would be the 19<sup>th</sup>, but Neimeyer's son picked that date to be married! His folks NEED to be at the wedding! So we are meeting a week earlier.

From the Missouri side, go east on I-55/I-70 to the US Hwy 40 exit toward St. Jacob and Highland. Do watch the speed limits, but take Hwy 40 to the stop light at Illinois Hwy 143. Turn left past the CVS and Hardee's, and left on Sportsman Road. Crest the hill slowly, being sure there is no traffic behind you, and slowly make a tight turn into the driveway on your right. It's probably a good 30 to 40 minutes from downtown. Illinois 143 also comes south from I-70, but it's a longer trip from downtown St. Louis. AND there is a lot of construction on that stretch of I-70.

We've talked about one person/couple hosting a meeting at someone else's home or another venue with an organ. This is a good example of how it works. If you want to host a meeting, give this some thought!

Be sure you have tickets to Jack Moelmann and Friends at the Fabulous Fox theatre in August. There is a long article about it later in this issue. This is a chance to hear some well known and very talented people playing the 4/36 Wurlitzer. We had a list of people who have asked to be notified if and when the big organ might be used so they could be in the theatre to hear it. We took care of that list, but please spread the word, because there are more who have expressed the desire to hear that instrument, but we have no way of contacting them. We don't know if parking will cost, but CD's will be sold before the program, at the intermission, and perhaps afterward as well.

This is the first newsletter since the beginning of May. Normally the June picnic is early enough to make it difficult to get the Shutter Chatter out in time. This year we probably could have gotten it out. However, it does give us as newsletter writers a break. This May/June time frame was a bit crazy as Dee's Mom was in and out of the hospital, rehab, her apartment,

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and a nursing home. It meant many hours for Dee to be sitting with her, talking to medical personnel, making arrangements and losing sleep. As we write this, Mom is doing fairly well, and we're hoping it stays this way!

There have been others kept busy with medical issues for themselves or family members. George Neimeyer and Jim Ryan both recently dealt with kidney stones. There are others who have asked not to be mentioned by name, but still need your thoughts and prayers. I hope we all get healthy soon!

Party on the Pipes, otherwise known as POP, was also in the month of May. We had just over 60 participants, with not quite a third from SLTOS and the rest from out of town. Of the out-of-towners, about 1/3 were new this year while the rest were people who had come previously. It's always a joy to see those folks again, and everyone becomes a member of the POP Family. This year was another absolute success. The guest artist was Dave Wickerham, and the overall thought and opinion was why didn't we know about this organist years ago? He truly blew the group away! He has a wonderful, warm and friendly personality, and was just part of the gang in between concerts. Dave was an absolute delight! If organ CD's are on your gift list, add Dave Wickerham to the list of artists! Jim and Dee.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING!

Please look for things stressed in **Bold**, Underlined, *italics* or highlighted with **color**. They are trying to draw your attention to an unusual situation.

<b>Upcoming Events</b>	Please note that all of the upcoming months are currently listed. In order to host a meeting, please contact: <b>Dave Stephens</b> <b>314-800-7541</b>
<b>SLTOS MEETINGS and SPONSORED EVENTS ARE IN BOLD TYPE.</b> <b>Guests are welcome</b>	
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, hosted by George and Nancy Neimeyer at the home of Mary Lou Ammann. NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!</b>	
<b>Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, A Monday, at the Fabulous FOX, hosted by Al Haker</b>	

Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2:00pm at the Fabulous Fox, Jack Moelmann's " Those Were the Days"
<b>Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Jim and Dee Ryan's home</b>
<b>Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Dave and JoAnn Bartz's home, with Richard Rogers at the console.</b>
<b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Rich and Pam Masching's home</b>
<b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, A SATURDAY, Holiday Party, Jack Moelmann's home</b>

## *THOSE WERE THE DAYS*

Starring **Jack Moelmann and Friends** at the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ!

The date is **Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at 2:00 PM.** Tickets are **\$25.00** for general seating, and **\$35.00** for the mezzanine, the front rows of the lower section of the balcony. Those seats are the best for hearing the creative sounds of the 4/36 Wurlitzer organ original to the theatre.

We will hear Jack Moelmann, Lew Williams, and Walt Strony, and I wouldn't be surprised if there were some surprises as well. For tickets call MetroTix at 3147-534-1111 or 1-800-293-5949.

**St. Louis Fox Theatre**  
**527 N. Grand Blvd (Grand and Washington)**

Tickets available at the Fox Box Office  
531 N. Grand (next door to the front of the theatre)  
Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available on-line & by phone through MetroTix, but there is an added service charge.

On-line: [www.MetroTix.com](http://www.MetroTix.com)

Under select event, block 1, enter "pipe organ" and that takes you to the page of the event and then click on more information. To order/charge by phone:

(314) 534-1111 (800) 293-5949

As a service, and to avoid paying the service charge, Jack will get your tickets from the Fox Theatre Box Office when he is there playing the organ for tours using the following procedure:

(1) Provide Jack with your ticket requirements (general admission or mezzanine, there are no assigned seats) and put cash or check made out to Jack Moelmann

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in a self-addressed stamped envelope and give it to him or mail it to him at: Jack Moelmann 1015 Matthew Drive O'Fallon, Illinois 62269.

(2) When he gets the tickets on his next visit to the Fox he will mail them to you in the envelope which you provided or whatever personal arrangements are made.

(3) There can be no refunds or exchanges. If you have any questions, give Jack a call at (618) 632-8455. Whatever you do, please don't wait until the last minute. Tickets will also be available at the Box Office up through the day of the show.

### AUGUST SLTOS MEETING.

Our August meeting will be at the Fox Theatre on **MONDAY, August 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm.** Jack Moelmann will do a program and then it will be open console for anyone. So bring your music. Jack will help with the registrations. This will be a warm up for Jack's program the following Sunday, August 23. Park on the north side and behind the Fox building and go in the stage door. I know this is a little ahead of time, but it will help you plan for the summer. Hope to see all of you there.

Al Haker

**The Annual SLTOS Party On The Pipes,** also known as POP, was a resounding success. Scheduling it in the middle of May this year rather than in March as in the past turned out to be well received, and enabled attendees to travel lighter rather than pack for cold weather. Not only was POP well attended by our regular POP family, but several newcomers were welcomed as well. Al Haker and his crew had the instruments at all the venues in tip top shape for all the talented artists who played concerts. Of special note is POP 2015 featured organist, Dave Wickerham, who amazed and thrilled everyone with his artistry not only for his scheduled concerts, but also on instruments at other venues during open console. In addition, John Ledwon, although not a featured artist, attended and played. This is just a little of what made POP 2015 spectacular, and caused some to say this was the best POP ever!

### **SLTOS picnic at Wallace Dittrich's**

In June the weather was a bit warm for the annual SLTOS picnic at Wallace Dittrich's home near downtown St. Louis. Although the weather had been rather rainy for a few days before, the sun was out making for a very

enjoyable day of food, music, and friendship. Wally's very large multi-car garage served to shade and cover attendees who were cooled by several strategically placed fans. Many walked to the back of the yard which is at the top of a bluff overlooking the Mississippi river. It's a great spot to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of watching the river flow by with strings of barges being pushed up and down the river by tow boats large and small. A Hammond Organ was on loan from Midwest Music, and was enjoyed by those who wanted to play and listen.

Gary Broyles



**Dave Wickerham at the Fabulous St. Louis Fox**



**Picnic host - Wallace Dittich with longtime friend, Brother Luke**