



# Newsletter

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## SEPTEMBER CHAPTER ACTIVITY

It's hard to believe another AGO year has begun. Hopefully, everyone survived our long, hot summer. Now, perhaps we can breath a little easier and enjoy cooler weather.

In the last few months, we have had several new people join the chapter. One of these new members is Richard Adams. (See background information inside.) For this month's chapter meeting, we will meet at Richard's home at 1014 E. 850 N., Orem, on Saturday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. to see the antique organs he is restoring-- and he has quite a few!

We will also have a potluck desert or finger food get-together. Please bring something nummy to share. The chapter will furnish the drink and utensils, etc. It will fun to get acquainted. We especially welcome all the new people and those who we haven't seen for a while.

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Some of the activities for the upcoming year are:

**September 20 (Saturday)** - Opening social at Richard Adams' home. (See above)

**October** - Organ crawl at the Provo Tabernacle.

**November 14 (Friday)** - Bring your favorite Christmas music to either play or show the group. It would be helpful to bring new items you have discovered to expand everyone's repertoire. Be looking now for something you'd like to share. More details later.

**December** - Christmas concert.

**January** - TBA

**February** - Conducting skills

**March** - Annual Super Saturday

**April** - Member recital

**May** - Closing social

## A Word About Dues

As you have noticed, this month you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, instead of the usual e-mail notice. The reason for this is that Lella needs to have all the dues turned in **before September 27** in order to get the national portion mailed to them by the end of the month. We thought we'd better send out a membership form, as a reminder and to make sure everyone receives a copy, especially for those who don't want their subscription to the *American Organist* magazine to expire.

Please see the enclosed membership form for details, fill it out, and send it to Lella with your check ASAP, if you haven't already paid your dues for this year. If you have paid for the year, as they say, "Kindly disregard this notice."

Next month and thereafter, a PDF file of the newsletter will be e-mailed to you and will also be placed on the chapter website, for those who can't receive attachments. Please make sure DeeAnn Stone has your e-mail address, and let her know if you can't receive attachments.

If you don't have e-mail, a hard copy will be mailed to you. Just let DeeAnn know. As a suggestion, if you don't have the internet, you can access the chapter website at your nearest public library.

If you don't have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the chapter website and click on the icon to download it for free, so that you can view PDF files.

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## Recitals, etc.

BYU organ master classes, for those who are interested, are on Tuesdays this year, 5-7 p.m. in either Don Cook's or Doug Bush's office.

**September 6 (Saturday) and September 9 (Tuesday)** - Samuel Kummer, organist, cantor, and director of church music at the City Church of St. Martins in Kirchheim, Germany will present organ recitals in Salt

Lake City and Logan. He will be the featured organist on the Temple Square Concert Series in the Tabernacle on September 6 at 7:30 p.m. and at Utah State University, Logan, in the Kent Concert Hall, Chase Fine Arts Center, Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m.

**September 19 (Friday)** - Dr. Douglas E. Bush - All-Bach recital, at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall, BYU

**September 26 (Friday)** - Salt Lake Chapter recital - Dr. Douglas E. Bush will play at the home of Janet Redenbaugh, 522 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Phone: 575-8600

**October 1 (Wednesday)** - Hungarian organist, Andras Viragh, will play a recital at 7:30 in the Madsen Recital Hall at BYU.

**November 7-8** - UMTA Conference, Brigham Young University. For more information: Cheryl Norman at 801-756-3112

**November 25 (Tuesday)** - Salt Lake Chapter's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Hymns

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## The Tenth Annual Eccles Organ Festival

Sunday Evenings at 8 :00 pm

**September 7** - Paul Jacobs, The Juilliard School, New York City. Bach, Handel, Brahms, Reger (Hallelujah! Gott zu loben)

**September 21** - Ken Cowan, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey

**October 5** - Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet, Notre-Dame-des-Champs, Paris, France

**October 19** - Jeremy Filsell, Royal Academy of Music, London, England

**November 2** - Richard Elliot, The Salt Lake Tabernacle Organist

*All performances are free of charge and open to the public. Please call 328-8941 for more concert information.*

## Background Information about Richard Adams

First of all, Richard says that he is not an organist, but his wife Patty can almost play with pedals. They have lived in Orem for the last 23 years, and have sung with the Utah Baroque Ensemble for over 10 years.

Richard got interested in organs rather young. Growing up in Phoenix, he used to play around with the pipe organs in the old second ward and third ward buildings (along with the player piano in the "cultural" hall).

Then on his mission in Oklahoma, he and Eldon Ives went exploring the organ loft at the Wichita, Kansas Stake Center. That impressed Eldon enough that he later went to work for Schoenstein's in San Francisco. Now, he has a woodworking shop in Orem, and only dabbles in organ building (when Richard need his help). Richard had hopes of getting a Flentrop kit cabinet organ back then, but never did.

Then about 15 years ago, Richard learned about reed organs and got one--then another, and another. These were easy to get going, but hard to move. Then about 7 years ago, Richard told Eldon to be on the lookout for an organ. Eldon told him that BYU had just sold off three Wicks practice organs. Too bad.

Eldon then offered Richard the old (1948) Möller he had gotten from Mike Ohman, which they had removed and packed up from the old Christian Science church, er, reading room, in Provo, when it was sold to the theater group. The pipework was pristine and so was the case. He sold it to Richard and loaded it into Richard's garage.

Richard had to completely rewire it (he and Mike could not get the wires through the floor). Richard gave Eldon the old white manufacturer blower and got a new Ventus,

which Eldon helped Richard enclose in the pipe box.

Then a couple of years ago, Richard got his second pipe organ, a little one manual modern baroque chamber organ with a pull-down pedal, from an unknown builder in Germany, through Florida. It is still a work in progress, although it is playable now.

After getting all these "children," he and his wife decided it was time to build a room to house them all, so last summer they added an "organ room" behind their garage. It has a very high ceiling, and . . . you will just have to come and see it.

Richard is looking to get a nicer, taller, cooler house organ--a tracker with a cool case. In the mean time, he and his wife just go to the Eccles Organ Festival concerts, tape the Tab Choir, and eat at Organ Stop Pizza whenever they go to Phoenix.

Richard recently saw Eldon's set of pipes which he still builds for Schoenstein's, as they were ready for shipping. Then on a subsequent business trip to San Francisco, he visited Schoenstein's and saw the same pipes finished by them, all ready to go. The company really appreciates his workmanship.

Richard said not to ask him about his harpsichord kit that he has and is planning on finishing before he turns 30. ☺

This sounds like we have our own "Hoopernacle" right here in Utah Valley. So, bring your own shoes and music and have fun playing all these organs!

**Pipedreams**

**KBYU-FM**

*Sundays at 9:00*

[www.kbyufm.org](http://www.kbyufm.org)

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**September 7 - Southern Comfort.** A sampler of recent instruments by Goulding & Wood, Fish and Randall Dyer & Associates in South Carolina, Florida and Virginia

**September 14 - Saved by Grace** – Bill Chouinard delights in the vintage sounds of a 108-rank Casavant organ from 1927 renewed at St. Andrew's Lutheran in Mahtomedi, MN.

**September 21 - Swann Song** – after sixty years as a church musician, Frederick Swann is hanging up his organ shoes

**September 28 - The Organ at Home** – just a “pipe dream” for most, some fortunate individuals have found room in their residences for the “king of instruments.”

## Website Links

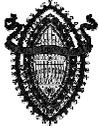
*Utah Valley Chapter Website:*  
[www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter](http://www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter)

*Resources for LDS Organists:*  
[www.geocities.com/ddstone48](http://www.geocities.com/ddstone48)

*National AGO Website:*  
[www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org)

*Los Angeles National Convention Website:*  
[www.laago.org/AGO2004.htm](http://www.laago.org/AGO2004.htm)

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