

Meet Your Member: Bill Gresham

Many members of the COAA have met and talked to F.W. (Bill) Gresham at band organ rallies. Bill shows and plays his royal blue circus-style wagon and red Tangley Calliope. "Gresham Greater Shows" is displayed across its top.

Bill has been associated with model railroads and model circus building for many years. He tells a good story and has shown his displays on many occasions. Once he helped rebuild a fellow model builder's "set-up," which included a 1" scale model of the White House.



Bill with his Tangley Calliope and circus wagon.

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So Bill can now say he "worked on the home of the U.S. President."

Bill has had his calliope mounted in the Circus Hall of Fame's wagon unit and in the Peru (Indiana) circus parade. This was pulled by a team of horses.

Bill and his wife, Helen, live in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Hope Rider

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2008 Organ Rally Dates			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
COAA Rally #1	Lake Winnepausauka Chattanooga, TN	Ron & Glynn Keisler 803-356-4545	May 24 - 26, 2008
COAA Rally #2	Marietta, Ohio	Sylvia Caporale 740-373-4262	June 14 - 15, 2008
COAA Rally #3	Knoebels Amusement Park Elysburg, PA	Ted Guillaum 615-226-5098	June 28 - 29, 2008
Mid-Am Rally (MBSI)	Roscoe Village Coshocton, OH	Myron Duffield 740-992-4197	July 18 - 19, 2008
COAA Rally #4	Olcott Beach Amusement Park Olcott, NY	Dan Wilke 716-825-7266	July 26 - 27, 2008
COAA Rally #5	COAA/AMICA Rally Leavenworth, WA	Bill Mote bandjrest@worldnet.att.net	Aug 15 - 17, 2008
COAA Rally #6	Dutch Village Holland, Michigan	Joe Nelis 616-396-1475	Aug. 23 - 24, 2008
COAA Rally #7	Riverside Park Findlay, Ohio	Terry Haughawout 419-454-3671	Sept. 12 - 14, 2008