

Meet Your Member

I became interested in organ music and the workings of pipe organs at an early age listening to an old majestic radio in our dairy barn while doing chores. I couldn't wait for the Hillsdale county fair in the fall to go listen to the merry-go-round organ. Once in a while the Gooding Amusement Co. would bring their Big "Ruth" organ. After I got married I went to on to other things like restoring old cars and making a living to support my family.



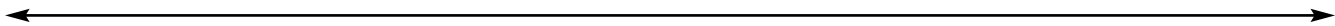
Jerry and Helen Jordon at a COAA rally last year.

bit by the bug. On our way home I told Helen that I had a rank of loud flute pipes and would build us a calliope and have it playing by the next spring rally, which I did. We both look forward to the rallies in the summer and we have met a lot of nice people and made friends with alot of them. We also got to go to Germany which we never thought we'd get to do. It was a wonderful experience.

Well, one day an organ builder friend ask me to go to an organ rally at Cross Road Village in Flint, Michigan, where I got hooked on band organ music. So the next day I took my wife, Helen, to Angola, Indiana and she got hooked on the happiest music on earth. The next year Helen and I went to North Tonawanda, New York, to a rally and we really got

The interest in the outdoor organ has carried into me making a band organ, a street organ and even an imitation "monkey" organ. I am flattered that there have been several orders for the latter.

Keep those band organs playing because it is the Happiest Music on Earth.



COAA Web Site

Check out www.carouselorganassociation.org for the latest information about rallies, membership and COAA items for sale. Vice-president Larry Kern has taken over responsibility for the page and has done an outstanding job. This is a good site to refer your friends who are considering membership in the COAA.

2005 Organ Rally Dates			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mid-Am (MBSI)	Sandusky, OH	Marge Waters (330-334-1344)	July 7 - 9, 2005
COAA Rally #2	Midway Park Jamestown, NY	Dan Wilke (716-825-7266)	July 15 - 17, 2005
COAA Rally #3	St. Joseph, MI	James Partrick (269-429-1306)	Aug. 26 - 28, 2005
COAA Rally #4	Findlay, OH	Terry Haughawout (419-454-3671)	Sept. 9 - 11, 2005