

### Meet Your Member

Our (David and Anne) first real contact with organ grinding music came about when my son, Bob, asked me to attend an open house with him and Cathy at Bud and B Bronsons (Dundee, MI) in the early 1980s. It was love at first sight. Bob had become interested in organs and the music upon meeting Darold Rice in the early 1970s. He traveled with Darold and helped with his organ.



Bob and Cathy, Anne and Dave Cantine pose in Holland at this year's rally.

Bob attended his first organ rally at Stagecoach Stop in Irish Hills, MI (July, 1978) and, of course, has been involved with mechanical music ever since. About that same time Bob and Cathy married and both have enjoyed organ music. A few years later they bought their first

organ, an Alan Pell book-operated street organ, in 1986 and since, even more small organs.

It also must be mentioned that along with conventional organs Bob has also made up some "mock" organ that he brings to rallies and enjoys - the *RatFin* and the *Ding-A-Ling*.

David has been to as many rallies as he could attend, and after a marriage in the early 1990s to Anne, they began

the "organ rally life." It didn't take them long to determine that they would be happier playing the music instead of just watching so in 1998, they bought their 31-note Alan Pell organ. And of course, they have no regrets.

### COAA Web Site

Check out [www.carouselorganassociation.org](http://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.

<b>2004 Organ Rally Information</b>			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
COAA Rally #1	Knoebels Grove, Pennsylvania	Tim Wagner	Early June, 2004
COAA Rally #2	Dutch Village Holland, Michigan	Terry Haughwout 419-454-3671	June 22, 2004
Mid-Am Rally M.B.S.I.	County Fairgrounds Medina, Ohio	Ed & Carol Kraus 330-239-1794	July 9-10, 2004
COAA Rally #3	Crossroads Village Flint, Michigan	Carl & Sharon Curtis 734-428-0159	Late July, 2004
COAA Rally #4	Sugarcreek, Ohio	Ed & Carol Ditto 330-343-7697	Mid August, 2004
COAA Rally #5	Franklin Pennsylvania	Lynn Zilmer 814-432-8350	Mid September, 2004