

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

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The Rocky Mountain Chapter had a quiet year with only two chapter meetings. Our April, 2008 meeting was at Chris Finger Pianos in Niwot, CO. We were treated to a concert via the recently restored 1895 Steinway model A-1, 6'2" grand piano fitted with the Wayne Stahnke LX Live Performance player system. Chris treated us to an in-depth tour of their facilities and shop. Following the meeting we had dinner at a nearby Italian restaurant followed by an evening of pedal pumping. (Larry Emmons reported the event and it is published in the June/July 2008 Bulletin).

Unfortunately our planned August Band Organ Rally was canceled due to the cancellation of the Englewood (CO) Days event. (But it looks now that it will be an event for us in August 2009!)

We are quite proud of our chapter VP, Ken Hodge, who hosted a presentation at the Parker CO Library on "History of the Belgium Street Organ" on Nov. 1, 2008. Ken then gave a Street Organ concert for the Denver Rescue Mission Christmas Party. He followed that with a presentation at the VINTAGE VOLTAGE EXPO in Denver titled "Monkeying Around with Microchips" where his microchip equipped Alan Pell Harmonette 20 pipe Monkey Organ performed for the audience. Ken makes sure he has AMICA brochures available at his presentations.

Our second meeting and Holiday party was on November 15, 2008 in Denver at the facility housing the Bill and Rosanna Harris collection of Orchestrions, Dance Organs, Fairground Organs etc. After a tasty meal the business meeting commenced. (Please see Art Reblitz report in the Jan/Feb 2009 Bulletin). Discussion during the meeting led to a major change in how the chapter operates. This is best summarized by quoting Art Reblitz' write up published in the Bulletin and repeated here:

"In our business meeting, our main discussion was a new leadership plan for our chapter. With a relatively small chapter, and with our members spread over several states straddling the Continental Divide, we have a difficult time finding enough volunteers to fill the officer positions each year. It is too much work for one person or even four officers to handle all the responsibility of planning, organizing