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Next Crawl: Saturday, July 22, 2006

“FOREIGN ORGANS ON HARFORD ROAD” (BALTIMORE)

10:00 AM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

8808 Harford Road • Parkville, MD 21234 (410) 665-1234

1973 Detlef Kleuker Pipe Organ

2 manuals, 21 stops, 33 ranks

Directions:

From Virginia

I-495 Capital Beltway toward I-66/Rockville (crossing into Maryland). Merge onto I-95 North via Exit 27 toward Baltimore/New York (portions toll). Merge onto I-695 West Baltimore Beltway Outer Loop via Exit 64B on the left toward Towson. Take Exit 31A Harford Road/MD 147 South. Travel south on Harford Road passing St. Ursula School on the right and immediately turn onto Niefield and park behind St. John's Lutheran Church. Enter church via the back door of the church.

From Western Maryland

I-70 East toward Hagerstown. Merge onto I-695 North Baltimore Beltway Inner Loop via 91B on the left toward I-95 New York/Towson. Take Exit 31A Harford Road/MD 147 South and follow Harford Road directions above.

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Dues due in October: \$14, mailed to Secretary-Treasurer (Checks payable to Hilbus Chapter, OHS)

11:30 AM

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

7701 Harford Road • Parkville, MD 21234 (410) 444-5171

1963 E. F. Walcker & Cie Pipe Organ

2 manuals, 16 stops

From St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church parking lot turn right onto Harford Road and continue southwest on Harford Road for 1.4 miles. On the left is St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Parking is available on Harford Road.

12:30 PM

Lunch at Valentino's Restaurant

6627 Harford Road

From St. Luke's Lutheran Church continue southwest on Harford Road. Restaurant is on left at the corner of Harford Road and Northern Parkway.

1:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

3615 Harford Road 21218 (410) 235-5136

1953 Casavant Frères Pipe Organ

2 manuals, 26 ranks

From Valentino's Restaurant travel 2.62 miles southwest on Harford Road toward Fleetwood Avenue. Church is on the left. (Harford Road and Chesterfield Road). Parking is behind the church or on Harford Road.



The 2006 Convention in Saratoga Springs was well-attended by Hilbus Chapter members. Below is a photograph of many of them, taken during the cruise on Lake George – one of the times when rain didn't dampen the spirits! By now you've received the excellent Organ Atlas with photos of the organs we visited; we hope to have some personal "reviews" in a future newsletter.



photo by Paul Birckner

I want to thank those present at the May annual meeting for their generous gift of appreciation. My wife and I will enjoy a fine dinner to celebrate my retirement as newsletter editor.

– Sincerely, Paul Birckner

The May meeting and program was held at the home of Paul and Barb Bircckner. Their lovely home features a two-story music room, complete with two decorative organ pipes crafted from stained glass (see picture at right.) Following a pot luck lunch the Annual Meeting of the Chapter and Election of Officers for the coming year was held. Officers for the coming year are Carl Schwartz, Chair, Kevin Clemens, Vice-Chair, and Barb Bircckner, Treasurer. Reports on upcoming events were made and comments were offered regarding the 35th Anniversary celebration this year. It was pointed out that the chapter may be closer to 36 years old but that news will not deter a celebration.



Following the meal and business portion of the meeting, master organ builder Xavier Wilhelmy of Staunton, Virginia presented comments on his extensive work on Paul Bircckner's E. F. Walcker organ. Among the work performed was a rebuilding of the wind system to eliminate instability, a restructuring of the action, and revoicing; Paul also carried out some phases of this project.

The excellent outcome was in evidence when this instrument was heard in a brief program for two organs presented by members Thom Robertson playing the Walcker and Bill Parsons playing Paul's one manual and pedal Detlef Kleuker organ. The selections heard were Antonio Soler's "Concerto in G" (1st movement) and "Sonata III in C" by Giuseppe Busi (1808-1870). Thom and Bill played elegantly and their selections demonstrated the organs well.

This writer played the Walcker organ prior to the rebuild and found the organ much improved. Mr. Wilhelmy has brought out some poetic qualities in the voices of this little neo-baroque organ that impart the charming quality that such an instrument should possess. (Submitted by Carl Schwartz)



Xavier Wilhelmy with the two organs; Walcker (left), Kleuker (right)

Photos this page by Christopher Schwartz



1970 E. F. WALCKER

Manual I, 61 notes

Gedackt 8', Nachthorn 4', Harfenprinzipal 2'

Manual II, 61 notes

Rohrfloete 8', Quintade 4', Quinte 1 1/3', Siffloete 1'

Pedal, 32 notes

Subbass 16', Gemshorn 4'

1972 DETLEF KLEUKER

(Instrument was installed in 1973 at farmhouse in Oxon Hill)

Manual I, 56 notes divided between tenor a and a#

Gedackt 8', Rohrfloete 4', Quinte 2 2/3', Prinzipal 2',

Mixture 3f 1'

Pedal, 30 notes

Subbass 16'

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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FUTURE CRAWLS AND OTHER DATES

August 26 - This crawl will feature an Estey tubular at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Collington, MD, a recent Casavant at St. Matthew's UMC, Bowie, and the afternoon organ recitals at Christ Church, Port Republic. Carolyn Booth and Carl Schwartz will be among the performers that day. Other activities at the church's "Tournament Day" festival include a Jousting Tournament and a delicious Ham, Crab and Chicken supper held in the air-conditioned parish hall. For planning purposes the church is located on Broomes' Island Road just south of Port Republic, which is about 45 minutes south of the Beltway via MD Route 4. Details will be available in the August newsletter.

September 23 - Paul Roeder will be arranging a tour of organs in the Cumberland, Maryland area. This is a great time of year for a drive to the mountains of Western Maryland so plan ahead! If you need a ride let us know.

October 22 (Sunday) - Put the 4:00 PM AGO *PipeSpectacular* concert at Washington National Cathedral on your list of "must do" items. This event is co-sponsored by all three local AGO chapters.

October 28 -

HILBUS CHAPTER 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will gather for a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, West Virginia at 1:00 PM; advance reservations and menu selection will be required for the meal. Following lunch at the inn we will visit Trinity Episcopal Church where the chapter will sponsor an organ recital on the historic George Stevens instrument visited last season. This program will be open to the public. The day's events will be over by early evening for a safe drive home.



WASHINGTON, DC OHS CONVENTION REPORT

The OHS Conventions Committee reported at the Annual Meeting in Cohoes, New York that it has received with interest an initial Hilbus Chapter proposal for a Washington, DC area convention. A possible date for this convention may be 2011 according to some informal feedback we have received.

The exploratory committee for the chapter consists of Thom Robertson and Carl Schwartz (co-chairs), Paul Birckner, David Storey, and Tom Scheck. The formulation of the initial proposal has taken shape in the course of a number of meetings over the past year. The focus will be on organs in DC and surrounding areas, excluding those places visited during the 1991 Baltimore Convention. With that limitation in mind, and restricted listings of organs dated later than the 1960's, we have amassed a database of over 80 organs to consider!

The planning and operation of a convention involves a local committee working with the OHS Conventions Committee. The process is highly organized and operates under OHS guidelines and procedures. Not all conventions have the added benefit of an active local chapter to support and facilitate the event. We are truly fortunate to have this advantage.



ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER

In the near future, we hope to be able to electronically deliver this newsletter to all of you who have e-mail. You'll receive the news in a more timely fashion than delivery by the United States Postal Service; you'll also be able to view photographs in full color! There will also be a direct link to the newsletter on the chapter's web page.

Please make sure that the Secretary has your e-mail address if you wish to participate. It will also be helpful when we produce another Roster in the early fall.



A thirty-one page list of solo organ music published in 2005 is available via e-mail. While this bibliography should not be considered as comprehensive, it identifies a number of important publications. Where information is available, entries are accompanied with an indication of publisher, extent, edition number and contents. A free copy may be had by sending a message to <william.parsons5@verizon.net> with a subject line reading "Solo Organ 2005." The material is in Microsoft Word format.