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## An Organ Crawl in Arlington, Virginia

### Saturday, September 27, 2008

Thanks to Tom Scheck for arranging this day

**10:00**

#### Clarendon United Methodist Church

606 N. Irving Street, Arlington, VA 22201

1967 3-manual Schlicker (electric action)

Harold Gleason was the consultant for this organ

Directions to Clarendon United Methodist

**From points north and east:** Find your way to US 50W (New York Ave NE toward Washington) (via MD 295S from Baltimore). From US 50W, take I-395S and go 4.2 mi. Merge onto Washington Blvd (VA 27W) via Exit 8A toward Ridge Rd and go 2.6 mi. Turn left onto N Pershing Dr and go 0.3 mi. Turn right onto N Irving St and go 0.1 mi.

**From points south:** From I-95N, keep right via Exit 170A-B toward Washington/I-495/Tysons Corner and go 0.7 mi. Merge onto I-395 N via Exit 170A on the left toward Washington and go 8.1 mi. Merge onto Washington Blvd via Exit 8A toward VA244/Columbia Pike/Ft Myer and go 2.1 mi. Turn left onto N Pershing Dr and go 0.3 mi. Turn right onto N Irving St and go 0.1 mi.

**From points west (US 50E):** Turn left onto N Irving St and go 0.6 mi.

**From points west (I-66E):** Take the VA237/Fairfax Dr exit, Exit 71, toward VA120/Glebe Rd and go 1.5 mi. (N Fairfax Dr becomes VA237/10<sup>th</sup> St N) Turn right onto N Irving St and go 0.3 mi.

**From points northwest:** Take I-270 Spur S to I-495S, Capital Beltway. Take the Geo Wash Mem Pkwy exit, Exit 43-44 toward VA193/Washington/Georgetown Pike and go 0.4 mi. Take the Geo Wash Mem Pkwy exit, Exit 43, toward Washington and go 0.6 mi. Merge onto George Washington Memorial Pkwy S and go 8.7 mi. Merge onto Arlington Blvd/US50W toward Rosslyn and go 1.7 mi. Turn slight right onto N Pershing Dr and go 0.7 mi. Turn right onto N Irving St and go 0.1 mi.

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

**11:00**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

3313 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201

1993 2-manual, 24-rank Visser-Rowland with coupler manual (tracker)

Directions from Clarendon United Methodist Church to Faith Lutheran Church

Start out going south on N Irving St toward 6<sup>th</sup> St N and go 0.6 mi. Turn right onto Arlington Blvd/US50W and go 0.1 mi.

Directions from Faith Lutheran Church to Calvary United Methodist Church and Lunch

Start out going west on Arlington Blvd/US50W and go 0.2 mi. Take the Glebe Rd ramp and go 0.1 mi. Turn left onto VA120S/N Glebe Rd. and go less than 0.1 mi. Take the US50E ramp and go 0.1 mi. Turn right onto US50E/Arlington Blvd and go 0.9 mi. Merge onto Washington Blvd/VA27S toward I-395/Pentagon and go 1.0 mi. Take the I-395S ramp toward Ridge Rd/Richmond and go 0.2 mi. Take the S Arl Ridge Rd ramp and go 0.3 mi. Turn right onto S Arlington Ridge Rd and go 0.5 mi. Turn left onto 23<sup>rd</sup> St S and go 0.6 mi. Restaurant area begins one block beyond the church.

**12:00**

**Lunch at any of the many restaurants  
in the vicinity of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between Eads and Fern Streets**

**1:30**

**Calvary United Methodist Church**

2315 S. Grant St., Arlington, VA 22202

3-manual Schantz (electric action)

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**October 25 Hilbus Crawl to Cumberland, Maryland**

Many chapter members who attended last year's organ crawl to Cumberland, Maryland saw the historic Western Maryland Scenic Railroad at its station in downtown Cumberland. Much interest was generated among members to take a train ride from Cumberland to Frostburg and back. So we have arranged the crawl to include the train ride. It is necessary for you to call the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad and make a reservation immediately. Saturday, October 25 is the height of the fall foliage and the 11:30 a.m. train ride will fill up quickly.

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad travels from downtown Cumberland to Frostburg leaving the station at 11:30 a.m. and returning at around 3:00 p.m. There is a 1 1/2 hour layover in Frostburg where one can walk to area restaurants for lunch and/or shopping. Paul Roeder who is hosting the crawl is working on seeing and playing a pipe organ close to the train station

When calling to make a reservation let the clerk know that you are with the Hilbus Chapter of the Organ Historical Society. You will get the \$23.00 rate. Normally the rate is \$25.00 A child's rate is \$11.00 and senior citizens rate is \$23.00. You are asked to be at the station before 11:00 a.m.

The telephone number is 1-800-872-4650 - Extension 105. The website is <[trainmaster@wmsr.com](mailto:trainmaster@wmsr.com)>

Make the reservation now because beginning in October, Saturday, October 25 will fill up quickly because of the fall foliage.

## August 2008 Severna Park Organ Crawl

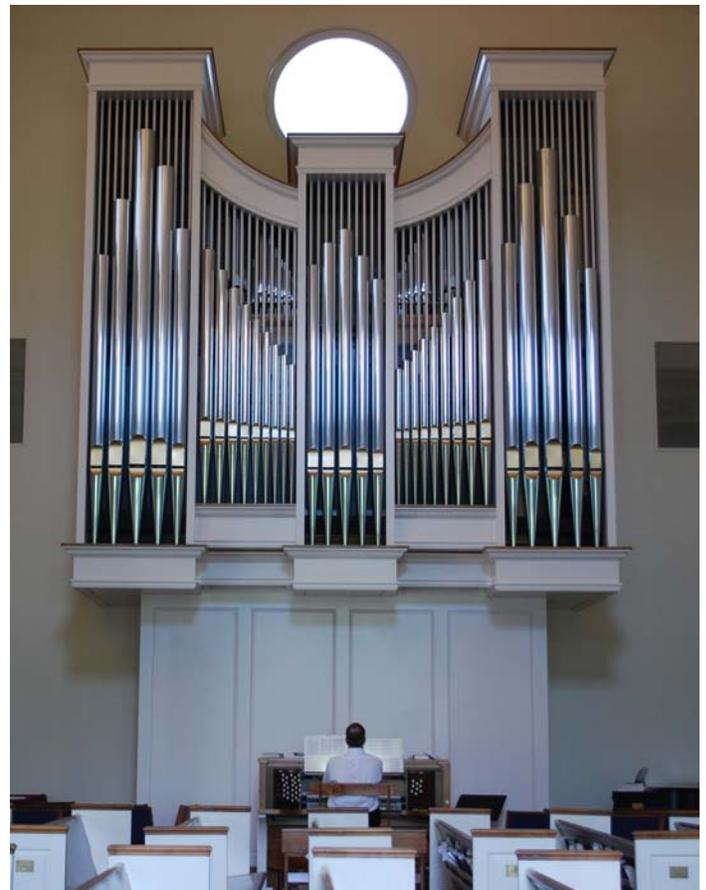
Report submitted by Kevin M. Clemens

Photos by Gordon Biscomb

On a bright and sunny day members of the Hilbus Chapter from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia traveled to Severna Park, Maryland to sample some of the pipe organs in this area of Anne Arundel County. The crawl began at the Episcopal Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Choir members and the interim organist-choirmaster, David Beatty, welcomed us as we entered the church. I demonstrated the new 2008 Schantz Pipe Organ since I did a partial recital on the organ in the spring for the Annapolis AGO Chapter. The pipe organ replaced a 1972 Allen Organ, which actually died before the Schantz, was completed and the grand piano was used for a few months. When interviewing candidates for the full-time position of organist-choirmaster in the summer of 2006 the parishioners realized they would not find a good candidate unless they replaced the Allen Organ with a pipe organ. Thus a pipe organ fund was started and the money was raised very quickly. Adam Koch was hired as the organist-choirmaster in July of 2006. He submitted his resignation this past spring only playing the instrument for a few months. The church is now in the process of interviewing candidates. I was surprised to hear the same comments from OHS members as I heard from AGO members who attended recent recitals at the church. The consensus is that the instrument is not finished. That more tonal finishing is needed is the most heard comment.

2'	Gemshorn	61 pipes
1-3/5'	Tierce	61 pipes
2'	Plein Jeu III	183 pipes
8'	Trumpet	73 pipes
8'	Oboe	61 pipes
4'	Clarion	
	Tremulant	
Pedal:	[unenclosed]	
32'	Resultant	32 notes
16'	Principal	56 pipes
16'	Subbass	44 pipes
16'	Rohrbourdon	[Swell]
8'	Octave	
8'	Subbass	
4'	Choral Bass	
16'	Double Trumpet	12 pipes
8'	Trumpet	[Swell]
4'	Clarion	[Swell]

### Standard Couplers



The Schantz Organ Case and Console

Great:	[unenclosed]	
8'	Principal	61 pipes
8'	Spitzflote	61 pipes
4'	Octave	61 pipes
2'	Super Octave	61 pipes
2'	Mixture IV	244 pipes
8'	Trumpet	[Swell]
Swell:	[enclosed]	
16'	Rohrbourdon	73 pipes
8'	Viola de Gambe	61 pipes
8'	Voix Celeste TC	49 pipes
8'	Rohrflote	
4'	Principal	61 pipes
4'	Koppelflote	61 pipes
2-2/3'	Nazard	61 pipes

After visiting the Schantz chapter members drove to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pastor Tim Beal met members as we entered the church. In 1985 the church signed a contract with Rieger Orgelbau for a new two manual and pedal instrument of 37 ranks - 28 stops. The pipe organ was installed in the front of the church. The action was tracker with electric stop action. In 2006 the church built a new sanctuary to accommodate the growing population of Severna Park. R.A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc. was hired to move the Rieger Pipe Organ into the rear choir loft and expand the instrument to three manual and pedal and added digital stops. Also a floating antiphonal division of digital stops was added and located in the front of the church. Various Hilbus Chapter members played the instrument and comments were mixed in regards to the additions and electrification of the action. A custom three manual drawknob console now controls the organ. I wish I had played the instrument prior to 2006. I would have liked to make a comparison between the original 1985 installation and the 2006 rebuild. Unfortunately, I was not aware of this tracker in Severna Park.

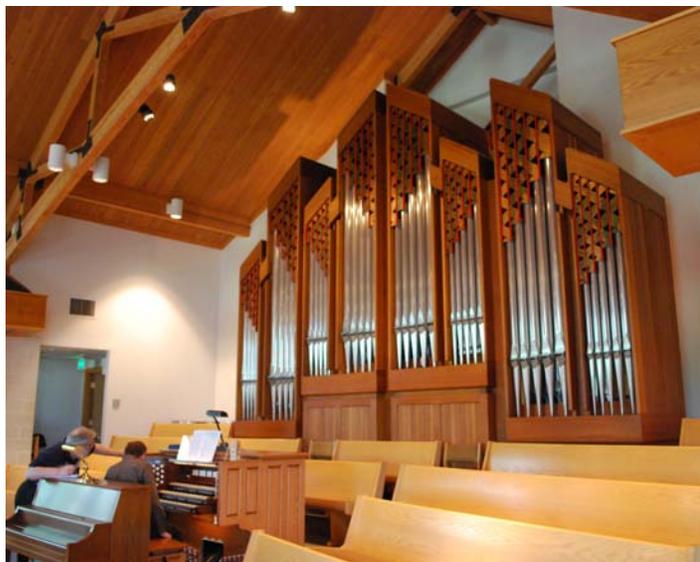
### Original 1985 Rieger Specification

Hauptwerk Manual I		
16'	Bourdon	61 pipes
8'	Principal	61 pipes
8'	Spitzflote	61 pipes
4'	Octav	61 pipes
4'	Nachthorn	61 pipes
2-2/3'	Sesquialtera	122 pipes
2'	Superoctave	61 pipes
1-1/3'	Larigot	61 pipes
1-1/3'	Mixture IV	244 pipes
8	Trompete	61 pipes

Schwellwerk ManualIII [enclosed]		
8'	Gedeckt	61 pipes
8'	Gamba	61 pipes
8'	Voix Celeste	49 pipes
4'	Prestant	61 pipes
4'	Rhohrflote	61 pipes
2-2/3'	Nazard	61 pipes
2'	Gemshorn	61 pipes
1-3/5'	Tierce	61 pipes
1'	Scharff III	183 pipes
16'	Rankett	61 pipes
8'	Hautbois	61 pipes
	Tremulant	

Pedal [unenclosed]		
16'	Subbass	32 pipes
8'	Principal	32 pipes
8'	Gedeckt	32 pipes
4'	Choralbass	32 pipes
2'	Rauschfiefe IV	128 pipes
16'	Fagott	32 pipes
8'	Trompete	32 pipes

Couplers      II / I      I / P      II / P  
 Zimbelstern



The Rieger Organ with Digital Console

Raymond Wiedner served as organist / music director for the last 15 years at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. In June he moved to Lynchburg, Virginia to become organist / music director of the First Presbyterian Church. The position of organist / music director is now open.



“Chapter Members at Prayer”

After a delicious lunch at the Woodfire Tavern of Severna Park members drove a short distance to the Church of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic. The cruciform church building was built in 1963 and an unknown electric organ served the church for 20 years. In 1984 the church signed a contract with the Wicks Pipe Organ Company of Highland, Illinois and Opus 5990 was built in the factory. Installation and voicing was done by local organ builder the late Robert Wyant assisted by Bard Wickkiser. The skill of Bob in voicing is why this instrument sounds well in the large church. The two manual and pedal have the Wicks' "Eye-Line" console with the couplers in the stop jambs in the English manner. The update to the organ has been a Peterson solid-state combination action. There are now 32 levels of memory. Both 16-foot reeds are full length and the 16' Principal façade pipes are flamed copper. Many chapter members commented that this was their favorite instrument of the day. In 2011 the instrument will be rebuilt with the renovation of the church building with a new three manual console and pipe additions.

Pedal: [unenclosed]

32'	Resultant	32 notes
16'	Principal	56 pipes
16'	Subbass	32 pipes
16'	Lieblich Gedeckt	32 pipes
8'	Octave	
8'	Holzgedeckt	[Great]
4'	Choral Bass	
16'	Contra Trompette	12 pipes
16'	Contra Fagot	[Swell]
8'	Trompette	[Great]
4'	Krummhorn	[Great]
	Great to Pedal 8'	
	Swell to Pedal 8'	
	Swell to Pedal	

Swell: [enclosed]

8'	Rohrflute	61 pipes
8'	Viola Pomposa	61 pipes
8'	Viola Celeste	61 pipes
4'	Octave	61 pipes
4'	Harmonic Flute	61 pipes
2'	Block Flote	61 pipes
2-2/3'	Sesquialtera	122 pipes
2-2/3'	Plein Jeu III-IV	232 pipes
16'	Contra Fagot	85 pipes
8'	Fagot	
4'	Clarion	
	Tremblant	
	Swell to Swell 16'	
	Swell Unison Off	
	Swell to Swell 4'	

Great: [unenclosed]

8'	Principal	61 pipes
8'	Holzgedeckt	73 pipes
8'	Viola Pomposa	[Swell]
8'	Viola Celeste	[Swell]
4'	Octave	61 pipes
4'	Klein Gedeckt	
2'	Super Octave	61 pipes
2'	Mixture III-IV	232 pipes
8'	Trompette Harmonique	61 pipes
8'	Krummhorn	61 pipes
	Chimes	
	Cymbelstern	
	Tremblant Doux	
	Swell to Great 16'	
	Swell to Great 8'	
	Swell to Great 4'	

Opposite: The Wicks Organ Facade



## Barbara Owen to Address Northern Virginia Chapter American Guild of Organists

Barbara Owen will speak on the History of the Organ in North America on Tuesday evening, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The location will be St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. The public is invited.



Group Photo of Hilbus Members at the 2008 National Convention in Seattle, Washington  
Check our website for more Crawl and Convention photos!

### AGO DC Area “Year of the Organ” Organ Spectacular Events



**Friday October, 18, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Raymond and Elizabeth Chenault  
The Legendary Chenault Organ Duo**

National City Christian Church  
5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington DC 20005  
Tickets: \$20 adults. \$10 students,  
Children under 18 free



**Saturday, October 18, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.**

**The Sights and Sounds of the Pipe Organ  
Mary Mozelle, Presenter**

National Presbyterian Church  
4101 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016  
Free Admission



**Sunday, October 19, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.**

**PipeSpectacular IX**

**L’Orgue Liturgique et Symphonique**

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC, 20017  
Free Admission