

CLOSING CHORD

Kenneth Gallwey

Long-time member of Puget Sound Chapter Ken Gallwey died in his sleep December 31, 1988. He was born December 4, 1912, in Detroit, Michigan. Memorial services were held on January 7 in Edmonds, Washington.

He was employed as an electronics engineer for Lockheed, and retired from Boeing several years ago.

Ken was a very popular and active member. He and Bill Exner were the principal technicians who maintained the chapter organ in the Haller Lake Improvement Club in Seattle. He was always there when anyone wanted to use the organ for practice or for the club activities. He played very well himself. Ken was organist for his Masonic Lodge and for Eastern Star.

He taught navigation for the U.S. Power Squadron in Edmonds, and memorials may be made to that organization: U.S. Power Squadron Education Memorial Fund, 1109 9th Avenue South, Edmonds, WA 98020.

He is survived by his wife, Katie, and a sister in Sacramento, California. Ken will be sorely missed by all the members of Puget Sound Chapter.

Dean Robinson

Dean Robinson, a theatre organist when very young, who never lost his enthusiasm for the instrument, died January 7 of cancer in Clifton Springs, New York. He was 72.

Born in Sodus, New York, he was accompanying silent films in Fairport, New York at the Rivoli Theatre at 12, playing Saturday afternoon kid shows which featured cowboy stars Ken Maynard and Hoot Gibson. When Schine's Temple Theatre in Fairport opened, Dean worked as relief organist until the advent of the talkies, but continued on for three years, playing exit music between shows.

He was employed by Eastman Kodak until wartime service in the South Pacific. After the conflict, he played a Hammond in the Buffalo area and for two years toured with the Cromwell Trio. Purchasing farm property in Himrod, New York about 1952, he converted a large barn into a theatre organ facility and installed the 3/11 Wurlitzer from Loew's State Theatre in Norfolk, Virginia. Named "CIPHER HILL," it was a mecca for theatre organ lovers for 20 years. Dean was featured at the Dresden (New York) Hotel and played concerts for area theatre organ clubs, two of which were for RTOS and he starred in two Silent Film Festivals for that occasion.

He is survived by his widow, Merle.
Lloyd E. Klos

Bill Vogel

Motor City's Redford mainstay, Bill Vogel, 75, passed away on January 13. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and daughters Vivian and Louise. As attested to by a message of the marquee of the Redford Theatre . . . Bill will be missed.

Bill was a long time member and a treasured friend within the Motor City family. Perhaps the most descriptive and accurate words that can be used to describe Bill are that he never, never slowed down. Motor City knew Bill and Helen as an extremely considerate, loving and helpful couple who were always on the go — pursuing a variety of interests at a pace that would continually amaze their friends.

Bill had several hobbies and even more interests too numerous to recount. Paramount were those of photography, aircraft, Big Band music, theatres, theatre organ, scouting, railroading, and travel. He was our chapter photographer because he loved photography and everyone was aware of the clarity and quality of the pictures he produced with his old Miranda 35 mm.

Bill retired years ago from his duties as a steel estimating engineer with Acorn Steel Company in Detroit. Although he liked his work, he would have preferred a job in the aircraft field to satisfy his love for aviation. He always would attend a Reno Air Race, an air show, or make a trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the big air show. He loved the Big Band music of the 20s and 30s. He pursued that love fervently, not only in enjoying that special band sound, but he could readily inform you of who and where the big bands played.

He never played the piano or the organ but took delight in learning more about the organ and the history of the movie houses in which they played. Helen and Bill were very active in Scouting and participated in camping jamborees both locally and nationally. They joined the Railroad Club several years ago and hated to miss a meeting. Their travel interests were also intense, from local organ crawl trips in Michigan and surrounding states,



regional and ATOS conventions and railroad trips. In recent years, they enjoyed considerable air travel from coast to coast visiting close friends and family.

Most important, however, is that Bill, along with Helen, not only kept active, but they never permitted that level of activity to deter their love for church activities, their children, and their grandchildren, along with their desire to help anyone who needed it.

Of all his activities his dedication to Motor City Chapter and the Redford Theatre has touched our lives very deeply. He served on several committees, attended all Board and Operating Committee meetings, seldom missed a work night, and was constantly concerned with the welfare of Motor City. While the listing of his activities is overwhelming, what will be missed most is the loss of his presence . . . the intangible marks that are left on our lives which have touched our hearts. With the realization that he will not be there laughing, joking, or just talking among us, a large void is left. We will miss you, Bill.

*Lovingly,
the members of Motor City TOS*

Fred H. Pillsbury

Fred H. Pillsbury of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away suddenly on December 3, 1988, at his winter home in Venice, Florida. We are very sad to lose our good friend and charter member.

Fred has always been an active member and benefactor of SLTOS and ATOS and was greatly admired by our organization for his expressions of love to the ATOS cause. He was also a person who was willing to put his money into saving and restoring numerous theatre pipe organs. He has owned and restored many instruments and donated many of them to worthy organizations. He purchased the Ambassador 4/24 Wurlitzer in 1979 to keep it from leaving St. Louis, and it was his fondest hope that the organ could be re-installed somewhere in St. Louis for the general public to-enjoy and to remember how it was in the days of the great movie palaces.

Fred was very much involved on the Board of the Allen Organ Company and was instrumental in acquiring the Computer Organ system for Allen. He also owned many Allen Organs over the years.

He has helped SLTOS for many years in the storage of our instrument and was always there to give his support and advice. SLTOS and ATOS owe Fred and Anne Pillsbury a great deal of THANKS.

Fred was a generous man whose presence will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Anne, his four daughters, 13 grandchildren, and two brothers.
Dale L. Boring