

Greetings! This is a last-minute email providing the schedule of events for the Fall Rally in Meridian. We have worked hard to come up with some interesting extra's, beginning with a supper/reception at Meridian's historic Dentzel Carousel located in Highland Park on Thursday, Halloween evening. For those staying at the Holiday Inn, we will have the Hotel Courtesy shuttle van on standby to transport folks to the Park. Ask at the lobby desk for more information. Tentatively, we will request the shuttle to be ready to go at 5:00 p.m.

THE RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 31 OCTOBER, 1-2 NOVEMBER

Thursday evening, (Halloween), 5:00-7:30 p.m. : Meal and Reception hosted by Roger Smith at the historic Dentzel Carousel located in Highland Park. Transportation from the hotel will be available.

7:30 p.m. until: For those who dare, everyone is invited to Roger Smith's historic Temple Theater to take the (in)famous "Haunted Temple Theater" Tour. Again, transportation from the Carousel, via the Temple Theater, will be via the Holiday Inn Courtesy shuttle. Anyone wishing to drive personal vehicles can follow behind, or one of your hosts will make sure you are escorted to these events. A thousand thanks to COAA member Roger Smith for his generosity. Anyone wishing to "dress up" for Halloween is highly encouraged to do so!

Friday, 1 November: Soule Steam Fest/Rail Fest & COAA Rally: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Placement of individual organs will be coordinated by your hosts on the Festival site. Plan to be ready to play when the event begins. We usually have a number of school groups touring on Friday.

5:00 p.m.: The evening meal will be a sit-down affair **just for COAA members and their guests** at Meridian's historic Weidmann's Restaurant, established in 1870, located on 22nd Avenue, just a few short blocks from the Festival. This (paid-for) meal takes the place of the meal for volunteer's held the previous two years at the train station.

7:00 p.m.: Roger Smith has graciously offered free admission to the Sucarnochee Review at the Temple Theater, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.meridiantempletheater.com for more information. Roger can provide you with much more information about this popular, live music event that features a variety of music and is recorded live for broadcast around the country and on the internet.

Saturday, 2 November: Soule Steam Fest/Rail Fest & COAA Rally continues. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (rally ends). Saturday evening is open.

Right now, weather on Friday may not be the best, but Saturday's forecast is outstanding. Hope that holds true! Saturday usually brings the largest local crowd, and with two special trains open for display one block over at the Amtrak Station where the RailFest will be in full swing, we can expect good attendance.

My co-hosts Roger Smith and Greg Hatcher and I look forward to welcoming you to Meridian!

Jean Orcutt

Rally Hostess