



The Burlingtone



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Montreal School Well Attended by GMC!!

Fifteen chapter members were in attendance at the Montreal Chapter's Great Northern Harmony School this past weekend. They were "CVQ" quartet (Charlie Cerutti, Neil Cerutti, Chuck Laufer, Brian Stone), "Grade A Fancy" quartet (Mo Cerutti, Bob Cauley, Ed Hutchinson, Eric Oberg) and Al Carpenter, Charlie Church, Michael Hermann, Steve Janes (school staff), Hershel Pesner, Neil Schell, and Jerry Walter. Our good friends "Charisma" also attended (Sally Boutin, Carol Hathaway, Pat Heise, Donna Kaynor). Ask any of these folks if they had a good time!

Steve Wheaton would like to survey our chapter members who did not attend the school this past weekend. His survey question is:

"I would like to survey those members who didn't attend from the nearby chapters as to why they didn't come. I don't want to know names only reasons so that, if there is something we can do to get more participation, we can make the school better."

To respond, Steve's e-mail address is:
st.wheaton@sympatico.ca

Singing Valentines

This week we begin our big push for selling Singing Valentines. Next Monday we will be delivering these wonderful surprises to people in their homes and workplaces, much to the delight of fellow workers and family.

This Tuesday, February 8th, a GMC quartet, consisting of D.Blouin, E. Bechtel, R. Cauley, and J. Huetz will be singing on WLFE in St. Albans at about 8AM, promoting the unique gift of a singing valentine. On Friday another quartet, composed of R. Clarke, R. Bunning, B. Baker, and T. F-Provost will be doing a morning spot on WVMT on the *Charlie and Ernie* talk show. Be sure to listen in.

If everyone sells two or three valentines, we should meet our goal, and have a lot of fun in the process.

What kind of sweethearts deserve Singing Valentines? These Valentines Day gifts are terrific for..

- ♥ Your wife
- ♥ Your girlfriend
- ♥ Your husband
- ♥ Your boyfriend
- ♥ Your mom
- ♥ That certain someone who doesn't know she has a secret admirer...

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Gentlemen over the past couple of years we have seen a marked improvement not just in our scores at contest, but in our learning rate on new songs. And I don't think that's a coincidence! The faster we learn the correct words and notes, the better we sing the song! And the rehearsal time saved can be applied to singing better not words and notes. A key to faster learning has been the excellent learning tapes and CDs available to you.

Now we seem to be in a relapse as we're stuck learning the new music and not seeing much progress week-to-week! Listen to your learning tapes and CDs!! I know that if you were, we'd be making more progress. And I don't mean just listen to it on your way to rehearsal on Tuesday nights! Ideally you should listen to some if not all of the songs every day. Look at your schedule and figure out times where you can listen to the tape. Make it a habit, part of your routine. By my count there are only 9 rehearsals until the Division contest!

Greg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 9-Farmers' Night-State House
Feb. 10-Show Committee-TBD
Feb. 14-Monday- Singing Valentines!!!
Feb. 25-27- VACSummit-Burlington
Mar. 18-20- NED Prelims, Warwick, R.I.
April 8-9- Mountain/Yankee Regional Division Contests, location-**BRATTLEBORO!**
May 6- 20 Week Club Banquet
May 27-28- GMC Annual Show
July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah
July 27- Package Show in Essex Jct.

Aug. 12-13- Harmony College Northeast
Aug. 13-Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out
Aug. 27-Burlington Expos Game-Raffle only, no anthem--
Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD!!

VACS Weekend Ahead

For those of you who have checked into the vermontvocals.org/vacs web site, you will note that there is an exciting a cappella weekend planned, and one that we are participating in. For instance, the Friday evening show will feature *The UVM Top Cats, The UVM Cat's Meow, The UVM Hit Paws, and the St. Michael's College Sleepless Knights.*

Saturday there will be workshops all day in such topics as Vocal Placement, Musical Improvisation, Vocal Percussion, Solo Delivery, and many more. The GMC hosts the evening show and will sing before each half.

The acts we will introduce will be *The House Jacks, All About Buford, Syncopation, Sons of Pitches.*(Don Pierce take note)

The Sunday show at 2PM will be the National Championship of High School A Cappella. Tickets for each event are \$20 or \$50 for the weekend. Those willing to volunteer to help will be entitled to free tickets. Contact Joe Antonioli at: jantonio@uvm.edu

Marketing & PR Notes-

Gents, since I will be out of state for over 2 months, the Marketing & PR position will need someone to step in and take over. If some individual(s) would do so, they would be responsible for sending press releases to various media about such upcoming things as the VACS on 2/25-27; the Division contest (See PR, p.3)

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in April, and any singouts we may be involved in.

In addition, I will be looking for men willing to make personal contact with their local papers, so that when we have a notice go out, we can hand deliver it as well, and talk to the people involved with the publication.

It helps to develop a personal relationship with these people so that they can associate a face with a name and organization. They can also suggest ways to improve our PR and that kind of feedback is always helpful. This job really requires a group of people to perform it effectively, and that is my goal by the end of the year. By having input from several people making contact with the media out there, we can do a better pr and marketing job for the Chorus. See me if interested.

J. Huetz

Membership Corner -

Last Tuesday we welcomed Allen Banbury, Lance Brown (third week) , and John O'Donnell (fourth week).

Welcome guys - we hope that you'll be back again this week. If you've got questions, just ask! We're here to help you. And Chapter members, remember every Tuesday night is guest night. Who can you bring next week? Those of you who are singing valentine quartets please ask Jerry Huetz for a few of his promotional brochures. They are real handy if (and only if) someone expresses and interest in BBS singing.

C.Church

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Chorus Manager News---

This Wednesday evening, February 9th, we will be performing at the Statehouse in Montpelier for "**Farmer's Night**". Warm-up will be at 6:30 p.m (dressed) in/near the Cedar Creek Room with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m. The performance uniform will be the same as the Fall Contest and First Night - black shirt, white straight tie, paisley vest, black tux trousers, and black socks/shoes. Those missing uniform parts/pieces should see Tif Crowll. Chittenden County members have the opportunity to car pool - it has been suggested that they assemble at 5:45 p.m. at the Richmond Park and Ride. And we can always use more singers - please avail yourself of the sign-up list at rehearsal. Our performance will be an hour in length - there will be plenty of time after the sing-out for possible chapter committee meetings and/or "refreshments" at a local establishment.

A new sign-up list will start circulating on Tuesday evening for the Chorus' performance on Saturday, February 26th at the **Vermont A Cappella Summit** (a.k.a. VACS). For a view of the whole exciting weekend, please look at the following URL:

<http://www.vermontvocals.org/vacs/>

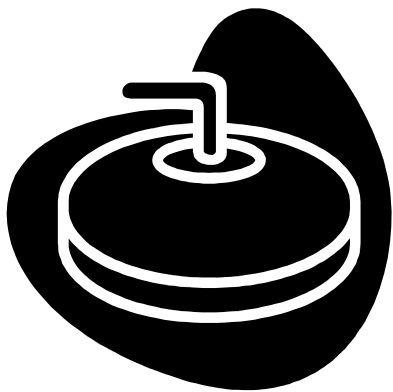
The chorus will be the opening act for both halves of the Saturday evening show and will provide an emcee for the evening. We'll most likely be singing three tunes in each act. Another great part of the evening however, is that our chorus members will get into the session free and get to hear four top notch a cappella singing groups.

C.Church

**BARBERSHOP
HARMONY SOCIETY**

Harmonizers Needed!

Reid Allen is requesting everyone to bring in their Jan-Feb *Harmonizer* issue so that he can distribute them to some college prospects he has lined up. Please give Reid your support here as he works to increase the membership of the Chorus, and raise public awareness of the **Green Mountain Chorus** in Vermont.



Curling Anyone??

March 5th is almost a month away, yet the opportunity to have another excursion to Quebec province and engage in the unique sport of curling on that date is available. All those who have taken advantage of Bob and Denise Grevatt's hospitality the past 2 years know what a good time it is. We need to know all those who will make the trip. Bob suggests that the start time might be "14:00 or 15:00 hours" to allow ample time for all to participate before having to return to go home. It would also allow for establishment of a more structured game, i.e. teams and

competition. A sign up List will be passed around—either sign up or e-mail Bob of your intent to go, ASAP!!
Thanks--

20 WEEK CLUB WINNERS-

Week 1-#44-Steve Walter
Week 2-#122-Lisa Maddock
Week 3-#139-Bob Marshall
Week 4-#193-Pat Heise
Week 5-#211-Adam Socinski
Week 6-#191-Karen Dubie
Week 7-#002-Sandy Venditti

Tentative Song List for Farmer's Night:

Sitting on Top of the World
Way Down Yonder in New Orleans
Basin Street
Muskrat Ramble
Darkness On The Delta
[Quartet 1]
South Rampart Street Parade
Alexanders Rag Time Band
When the Saints Go Marching In
[Quartet 2]
The Lion Sleeps Tonight
Bye Bye Love
Hello Mary Lou
[Quartet 3? & 4?]
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Hush
God Bless America