



The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947
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MAY IS ANNUAL SHOW TIME FOR GMC



SATURDAY EVENING POST PERFORMS
AT THE ANNUAL SHOW MAY 27, 28 ALONG WITH THE
GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS AND LOCAL QUARTETS

5/5/2005

Halifax NED Contest Update

The Burlington Green Mountain Chorus, having been “nosed” out and finished in a virtual three way dead heat at the recent division competition in Brattleboro on April 10th, will be primed and ready to leap ahead of our Mtn. Division Harmony Chorus rivals at the next competition. A large contingent of singers has signed up and indicated they will be headed out to Halifax, N.S for the NED competition which takes place on Sat. Oct 1.

An entire New Renaissance Comfort Class Car with 50 wide reclining seats (pillows and blankets provided) has been reserved on Train #14 VIA RAILCANADA leaving downtown Montreal’s Gare Central Station on Weds. Sept. 28th at 6:30 PM and arriving in downtown Halifax 4 PM (NS time) the next day. The price quoted for our group is \$264.56CA (about \$211 US) for adults 18-59. Seniors get an additional discount and the rate is \$239.25CA (about \$191 US) for those turning 60 or over by the travel date (Sept. 28, 2005)

The group price reflects a discount of 44% off the regular train fare, and travel is flexible as to the return date for those who wish to stay and explore Halifax or Nova Scotia by (rented) auto. The planned return date is Sunday Oct. 2nd leaving Halifax at 12:35 PM (their time) and arriving in Montreal at approx. 8AM on Monday.

Three (3) first class (double) bedrooms have been reserved for those who wish to upgrade to these private room

accommodations. One double room has been taken already, and two double rooms remain available until August. If you are interested in one of these, see Mike H. for price and availability (about \$900CA for double room for 2 with Sr. discount). We will need to make payment in August to secure the group rate and reservations. The number of Canadian dollars will not change, but the US dollar will fluctuate, and the price may vary slightly.

Approx. 45 individuals (including spouses and Sig. O’s) have indicated they would travel by train. A few members will fly, and a car or two will attempt to drive there. (Please plan on an overnight for safety.)

There is still space available for several more people on the train. Once we have the final number, I will contact other groups to see if any additional Harmony Society members wish to join us at this group rate.

Meals are priced reasonably and will be ordered in advance and will be served in our private car (trays on seat backs). The menus at the time will be available later and we will place our food orders with VIA in advance to be assured of getting exactly what we want. (Trains carry only a limited amount of food.). The choices will be limited, but should meet our needs.

While Montreal is only 95 miles from Burlington, it may be worthwhile to charter a bus on Weds. afternoon to save on 5 days of parking fees in Montreal, possible speeding tickets, and other travel costs (bail bondsmen for DWI??). I have looked at local bus charters and the cost is between \$15-20pp each way, depending on how many we put on the bus. This option needs to be chosen

soon if there are enough members to sign up, due to limited bus availability on those dates. A sign up sheet will be passed around the next few weeks for the bus option. Also, I will need to know the names of each person going for the VIA tickets. Please indicate if/how you plan to go to Halifax, the name of your guest or your spouse if coming, and if either or both of you will be 60 years old by 9/28/05.

Room reservations will be handled by Dan Blouin. We have not yet received final info. from our hosts/NED on where groups will be housed and costs. Some of you, I know, have gone ahead and booked your rooms already. If you are not satisfied with the offerings provided by the NED hosts, please tell them, as they are always looking for feedback to improve what they do at these events. There is much more information on-line from VIA and Halifax tourist web sites. See:

www.halifaxinfo.com and
www.viarail.ca

In Memoriam---

Please be aware that John Marriott, past bulletin editor (*The Overtone*) and long time member of the Green Mountain Chorus has passed away in Phoenix, AZ. Date and time not known, but it appears to have been sometime in April. His son Duncan is handling arrangements.

Show Ad Sales Need Boost—Everyone Sells at Least One!!!

Our advertising sales for the Show program are lagging and need a *boost*. Please make every effort to obtain at least ONE ad per person for the program. When you ask someone to support you and the Chorus, you are showing pride in your hobby. You yourself have been asked on numerous occasions to support one group or another and you often do. Ad Sales Brochures will be handed out to everyone at rehearsal next week. Thanks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6- **20 Week Club Banquet**
May 27-28- **GMC Annual Show**
July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah
July 20-(Wed.)-Vermont Expos-Anthem only
July 27- **Package Show in Essex Jct.**
Aug. 12-13- **Harmony College Northeast**
Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out(??)**
Aug. 24(Wed.)-**Burlington Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!!**
Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD!!



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