

The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947
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Chorus Manager Notes

MESSAGE #1--

There will be NO rehearsal on Tuesday of this week, 8/2/05, as the GMC will be performing the National Anthem at the Expos game at Centennial Field in Burlington. Warm-up will be at 6:30 p.m. sharp behind the right field bleachers. Don't pay to get in - merely tell the gate attendant that you're with the chorus and will be singing the National anthem. Uniform will be the green short sleeve shirts, khaki trousers, black belt and black shoes/socks. Game time is at 7:00. We'll be staying at the game after we sing.

MESSAGE #2--

Package Show on Saturday, 8/6/05. The GMC will be performing a paid Package Show on Saturday evening in the Pratt Hall in the village of Montgomery (not Montgomery Center as previously reported). The show is being sponsored by the Montgomery Historical Society. Pratt Hall is a wonderful old, small former church. While the audience won't be anywhere near as large as last week in EJ, we will be real close to them and should be able to establish a great rapport. 18 singers are signed up; we need 7 more singers to get a better representative chorus sound. In particular, more Leads and Basses are needed. The sign-up list will be circulating at the ball game on Tuesday evening.

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UCANSING2 Launches-



Just as the Discovery Space Shuttle rose from its launch pad last Tuesday, our UCANSING2 membership program is in launch mode. Considering the enormous thrust it takes to lift the shuttle and its apparatus into orbit, we face a similar task in lifting this Chorus to new membership heights. The principle of INERTIA is that a body at rest tends to stay at rest; a body in motion tends to stay in motion. I would suggest that the Green Mountain Chorus is at rest, membership-wise, and it will take a concerted effort to get this ship moving in the right direction, but once moving it will take less effort to continue the trend. As Greg suggested last week, NOW is the time to start targeting prospects to come to Guest Night on September 13th. We owe it to ourselves to make this our main focus for 2005-6 and beyond. Once we establish a rhythm for this guest night and new member thing, it will become second nature to ask people to join us in song.



Ethan Allen Tower Centennial Celebration

On Saturday, August 13th, the Green Mountain Chorus will open the Ethan Allen Tower Centennial Celebration with the *National Anthem*, at 11:45AM. A parade of 40 units including Fife and Drum corps, Shriners, Antique Cars and Clowns, Burlington Police and Fire Color Guards and Vehicles, Boy Scouts, Expos Champ, Little Leaguers, Dr. Jazz and the Dixieland Jazz Band and more will arrive at the Park prior to the ceremony. Dignitaries such as Mayor Clavelle, Gov. James Douglas, Maj. Gen. Martha Rainville, Wayne Gross, Director of Parks and Recreation, will be in attendance. The Chorus will sing the *Anthem* and close the proceedings with *God Bless America* at approximately 1PM.

Parking for Chorus members will be arranged by Reid Allen at the Elks Club which is basically across the street from the Park. Warm up will take place around 11AM possibly at the Elks or at the Park itself. Uniform will be the green shirts, khaki pants, black shoes/socks/belt.

The GMC is mentioned on the Tower Poster, and all publicity for the event.

Thanks to Reid Allen for setting this up—SIGN UP NOW SO WE HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT.

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The techie call is at 5:30 p.m. Chorus warm-up will start at 6:00 p.m. with show time at 7:30 p.m. We'll stop the warm-up at 7:00ish to dress across the green. The uniform will be the usual - black shirt, white straight tie, black tux trousers, paisley vest and black stage shoes. Directions: 1) from the Burlington area – leave Interstate I-89 at exit 19 in St. Albans, turn right onto VT Route 104, this route will merge shortly into VT Route 105. Take VT 105 east for approximately 20 miles through Enosburg Falls to East Berkshire. Turn right in East Berkshire onto VT Route 118 south. Take 118 south approximately 7 miles to the village of Montgomery. As you head into the village, you will see a large Inn called the Black Lantern. Pratt Hall is directly across the street and is an old white church. Directions: 2) from central Vermont – take VT Route 100 north from Waterbury to Eden. Take a left in Eden onto VT Route 118 north and go through Belvidere Center and Montgomery Center to the village of Montgomery. Look for the Black lantern Inn. Pratt Hall is directly across the street.

Across the green from Pratt Hall is a Methodist Church where arrangements have been made for changing and final warm-up. Please sign-up on Tuesday. See you all there! And how about working with your Learning Tape this week to refresh the tunes in your gourd?

MESSAGE #3:

Calling all “techies”. The contract for above Package Show in Montgomery requires that the GMC provide lighting. Your acting Technical Director is looking for assistance in loading, transporting, and setting up lighting. See Charlie Church is you can help a tad.

MESSAGE #4: (from the Music Team) 8/6/ Package Show Song List/Order:

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I'm Sittin' On Top Of The World
Jolson Medley
When The Red Red Robin.....
Me And My Shadow
You Made Me Love You
What'll I Do (Dreamers)
California Here I Come (GAF)
Little Pal
Darkness On The Delta
If You Knew Susie (GAF)
Alexander's Rag Time Band

News from Steve

Lacombe--

Hi Charlie,

We're hangin' in there. Candy is now zipping around in a power wheelchair (her driving hasn't changed), which gives her more independence. She's actually quite good with it already, and she even got to take a trip to a local bowling alley to test-drive a new bowling apparatus for wheelchairs.

AMF Headquarters is only about 2 miles from our house, and after seeing Candy use the IKAN product, they have decided to endorse it for use at all of their facilities. Apparently it is already approved for professional bowling (see website:

<http://www.ikansportsfoundation.org/bowling/>).

Candy had some x-rays done last week, and everything looks normal. The Halo is scheduled to come off right around the time she is released from the hospital (September 1st). I'm working feverishly to try to get an addition built in time for her return home, but I'm afraid it won't be finished in time. Still working out the design and trying to get enough financing to get the materials I need to at

least frame it and make it weather tight.

I did two coast-to-coast runs in as many weeks recently for work, which has unfortunately put me further behind on everything else.

I've arranged for a pickup quartet from The Virginians to come sing for Candy on Friday afternoon - she doesn't know anything about it, so I hope she's surprised.

Not sure if there's anything you can do at the moment - there's a million things that need to be done, but unfortunately most of them are things that I have to do myself. It's really overwhelming, but I have to keep plugging away.

Thanks for thinking of us, and say hi to the gang for me. I'll try keep you up to date as best I can.

Best regards,

Steve

Essex Package Show

Wows 'Em!!—

On Wednesday, July 27th, at the Champlain Fairgrounds in Essex, the Chorus performed before a packed audience of about 450 people in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. It was a blue ribbon audience for sure, not only in size, but in enthusiasm. The GMC put on an outstanding show, including the quartets **The Dreamers**, **Charisma**, and **High Voltage**, much to the delight of the audience of National Camper Travelers. This contingent of the NCT was spending a week in Vermont and engaged the services of the

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Chorus to entertain them. Needless to say, it would be nice to have this group to perform before year after year. Thanks to Al Carpenter for setting up this show—the Chorus really appreciates it.

BBS Festival in New Hampshire-

The Granite Statesmen and The Alton

Centennial Rotary Club are actively preparing the launch the 51st Annual "Winnepesaukee Harmony on the Lake Music Festival" on August 19-21. Many of you folks will know it as the former Alton Bay Barbershop Jamboree.

We have made sure to keep all of the good qualities of the event, but have improved it in many ways to guarantee this barbershop harmony festival can prosper for another 50 years.

The Early Bird Registration Offer has been extended to August 4th. Sign up now and get a FREE event T-shirt.

Quartets and choruses, male and female, are welcome to participate in performances all weekend and there is plenty of tag singing, woodshedding and singing the old songs to satisfy even the most fanatical barbershop singers. You can even form a quartet on the spot and get your chance in the limelight.

More info about the festival is available at [_www.granitestatesmen.org_](http://www.granitestatesmen.org) (<http://www.granitestatesmen.org>) and you can even register on-line.

In addition to a fun, relaxing barbershop weekend by the bay in scenic New Hampshire and a great Saturday night show in a brand new air conditioned auditorium, we have added:

Three Alton Bay cruises aboard the Winnepesaukee Belle, an old Mississippi river style paddle wheeler complete with barbershop entertainment

A Friday and Saturday night afterglow

The Second Annual Ron Dubray Memorial Two Tags and Joke Contest—and much, much more.

This festival is truly a celebration of the joy of singing barbershop and is participatory in nature. We hope you will consider joining us for a weekend of singing and fun. Lodging and registration info is all available on line or drop us a line to learn more.

In Harmony,

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CALENDAR

Aug. 2-Tues.-Vermont Expos Game
Aug. 6-**Package Show Montgomery, Vt.**
Aug. 12-13- Harmony College Northeast
Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out**
Aug. 24-(Wed.) Vermont Expos Game-
Raffle & Anthem!!
Sept. 6-**Early Bird Singout**-Burlington
Marketplace
Sept. 10(Sat.)-**Karen Rourke**-Retreat
Chittick Auditorium -Waterbury State
Complex
**Sept. 13-Guest Night!!-National
Campaign-UCANSING2**
Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in
Halifax, Nova Scotia —PLAN AHEAD !