

# The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947  
We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, Vermont-Call 879-3105

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## Chorus Manager News-Item #1-:

Package Show on Wednesday. The GMC will be performing a paid Package Show on Wednesday evening in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Fairgrounds in Essex Junction. The show is part of the entertainment to be offered this week to the Masonic Family Camping Club, who have invaded the fairgrounds for the week. They are 600 strong!

Warm-up will start at 6:00 p.m. with show time at 7:30 p.m. - join us in progress at the warm-up if work commitments hold you up. We'll stop the warm-up at 7:00ish to dress. The uniform will be the usual - black shirt, white straight tie, black tux trousers, paisley vest and black stage shoes. Directions - enter the Fairgrounds from Route 15 in Essex Junction at Gate B. This is the gate closest to Burlington and is across the street from Dunkin Donuts and Champ Car Wash. Very shortly after entering gate B, on your right you'll see a real small pond with a fountain in it. The building immediately after the pond is the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Park on the grass across the road from the Pavilion. We'll be dressing in the McEwing Room inside the Pavilion. Don't fret if the weather is hot - the hall is air conditioned. The sign-up list has 21 singers with a pretty good section balance but we can still more use singers in all sections. Please sign-up on Tuesday. (See **Chorus**, p.2)

## UCANSING2 Campaign-

We are still on target for a September 13<sup>th</sup> Guest Night, so please keep working on your prospects for that evening. It may take several visits to the Chorus rehearsals to convince people to join, but this will be the start of an ongoing Membership effort we know is so critical to our future success.

The upcoming package shows and Expos singouts present Membership recruitment opportunities. We need everyone's help with these efforts. The Chorus brochure will be available for a handout. We are hopeful of getting 'business cards' in everyone's hands to leave with prospects, and some way to get names and phone numbers. At the Expos games we want to have a Membership table that interested men can come to and possibly sing a tag, or just watch a quartet perform, with maybe a plug from the announcer of our presence. We have GMC water bottles to hand out for souvenirs, and possibly Society bumper stickers.

We are open to all suggestions, but realize that this effort is everyone's not just the PR and Membership guys.

Remember: We sing great harmony.

(Chorus, cont'd.)

**Item #2-** (from the Music Team)

7/27 Package Show Song List/Order:

Sittin' On Top of the World

Jolson Medley

Red Red Robin.....

Me and My Shadow

You Made Me Love You

Little Pal

Darkness On The Delta

Alexander's Rag Time Band

Rockabye Your Baby .....

Charisma

Way Down Yonder in New Orleans

Basin Street Blues

High Voltage

The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Hello Mary Lou

God Bless America

**Item #3-**

Our newsletter schedule has for quite sometime been listing a sing-out this Friday night at the Boy Scout camp in Eden. However, the sign-up list only has 10 singers, one tenor, and lots of "No's". The Music Team decided last week that if the sign-up list didn't improve measurably and tenor section balance improve, that the sing-out would revert to Grade A Fancy quartet. So no pressure will be applied here - we have a "Plan B" ready to go. But if you were planning to go and forgot to sign-up, please do so before the break on Tuesday.

**Item #4-**

There will be NO rehearsal next Tuesday, 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.

**Item #5-**

At the end of next week, Saturday, 8/6/05, there will be a Package Show in Montgomery, VT. The sign-up list for this paid performance is quite low - singers are required from all sections. PLEASE sign-up this Tuesday - your fine voice is needed!

## **Halifax Is Just Around the Corner-**

**-letter to Dan Graves, Rutland Chorus**

Dear Dan,

Here is the site for the upcoming Harmony Society Northeastern District Convention:- <http://www.hhe2005.ca>

(Note: Rutland is considered one of 65 or so chorus chapters in the NE District (NED) which covers the New England States, part of NY and all of Eastern Canada and the Maritimes.

The GMC chorus members and their wives/S.O.'s will be traveling to Halifax, N.S by train from Montreal Canada, leaving on Weds. Sept 28 at 6:30 PM and arriving back in Montreal on Monday morning, Oct. 3rd at 8 AM. About 41 members have signed up for the train, and the rest are flying or driving. We have reserved an entire new Renaissance Rail Car on the VIA RAIL train, and have about 9 or 10 seats still available at the discounted group rate (\$204 for those over 60, and \$225 for those under age 60). (This is 44% off the regular fare.)

The trip is a big one for us, and, in addition to driving to Montreal (95 miles from Burlington), will take about 20 hours each way on the trains(See **Halifax**, p.3)

(Halifax, cont'd.).

(Reclining wide seats, and blankets and pillows provided.) Meals are available a la carte and will be ordered in advance from a limited, but varied menu. (Don't worry, It's Much better than airline food!)

You and any of your group members and friends are invited to join us for an adventure and fun-filled time. This is an opportunity to immerse members in the fun and philosophy of the Harmony Society. Traveling with a group of GMC singers is a great experience, and is an opportunity to get to know your fellow VT singers. Rooms are available nearby at reasonable hotel rates.

Let me know by e-mail or call me if anyone would like to join the GMC on our trip to Halifax and the convention. You have until about August 20th to decide and reserve your seat. (I need to finalize the passenger list one month in advance) The tickets are refundable if you can't go, and you can change the date of the return reservation

at no additional charge. (Several of our members are taking extra days to explore NS and nearby PEI. There is a return train to Montreal every day except Tuesdays.)

Please forward this information to your e-mail list and have anyone interested e-mail me. The remaining seats will be filled first come, first served.

Yours in Song,  
Michael Hermann, Bass Section leader,  
GMC and Halifax Trip Coordinator.

## **BOY SCOUT SINGOUT NEEDS HELP!!**

**by Bob Cauley, VP, Young Men In Harmony**

Now, how can anyone resist a great barbecue chicken feast following a half hour or so of fun singing, followed by a nice campfire down by the lake on a mid-summer evening?? Well, that's the venue this coming Friday, 29 July at the Boy Scout Camp at Mt. Norris in Eden Mills. And, wives/family members are also invited. They get the full fare for only \$7 each. (Chorus members get fed gratis).

I stopped by the camp a week ago Friday and they are really looking forward to our arrival. The location is superb, but I was really surprised by how many people there were...**250** plus! And the camp director, said we can expect at least that many on the 29th.

So, check your calendars and get ready for a fun, relaxing evening next Friday. The signup sheet will be circulating again at rehearsal this Tuesday and a handout with directions to the camp will be provided. Warmups start at 5:30PM at the building with the "Climbing Wall" sign, just off the parking lot to the left. (That is also where family members get/pay for their meal tickets) Uniform is green short sleeve shirt, kakhi pants, black shoes and socks.

This is perhaps one of the best ways to introduce some of the younger set to the great sounds of our close harmony, and hopefully we may get to see some of them in a YMIH program down the road. (See **Scouts**, p.4)

(Scouts, cont'd.)  
So, let's give this  
one a good effort, because the  
camp director has  
already indicated a willingness  
to have us back next  
year! **Editor's Note:** This singout is  
contingent upon a good sign-up by this  
Tuesday so that the Chorus is well  
represented, and if a director is  
available.

## **Karen Rourke Retreat Set-**

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Chorus  
will have a retreat with Karen Rourke  
coaching us in preparation for District  
Competition in Halifax. Site and times  
to be firmed up, but please put it in your  
calendar—the Music Team decided to  
take this one and only date Karen had  
available and make use of her expertise  
just prior to contest. She knows the  
Chorus well and can fine tune our  
singing—let's get the words and notes  
and presentation down pat and make full  
use of her talents.

## **CALENDAR**

July 27- **Package Show in Essex Jct.**  
July 29-Boy Scout Camp Singout-Eden,  
Vt. -(If sign up is adequate)  
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. 10(Sat.)-Karen Rourke  
Retreat!!(TBD)  
**Sept. 13-Guest Night!!-National  
Campaign-UCANSING2**  
Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in  
Halifax, Nova Scotia —PLAN AHEAD !

## **Burlington Vermont Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Director's Mini Minutes**

The Board of Director's Meeting for the  
Green Mountain Chorus was held on  
**Wednesday 13 July 2005** at Shaw's Market in  
Williston beginning at 7:36 PM and  
adjourning at 9:36 PM

Secretary's Report was presented by Dave  
Stonecliffe, reviewed and approved.

Public Relations – We discussed the  
UCANSING2 program and how it can be  
implemented it in our chapter. Unfortunately  
there are some chapters nationwide who are  
not participating. The burden and  
responsibility will fall on the local chapters.  
We need to have more positive exposure for  
the Chorus. We discussed various ways of  
promoting the barbershop craft in front of the  
public and conditions we need to be  
successful. Next month's meeting will be  
devoted to the UCANSING2 program and  
membership. Anyone interested in  
contributing their time and talent in the area  
of PR and Marketing are welcome.

Treasurer's Report - A written report was  
presented and discussed by Jerry Walter  
detailing Income and Expenses by quarters,  
by Budget and Year to Date totals. A separate  
Show 2005 report is still forthcoming, and we  
are still looking for a final accounting on the  
Singing Valentine's program from the Echoes.  
We thank Jerry for his work in producing the  
report, and we thank Al Carpenter for a fine  
Chapter audit.

Music Committee – There was a discussion on  
the Fall Retreat scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>  
with Karen Rourke. Date still to be  
confirmed. A Music Team meeting was  
coming up to finalize 2006 Show selections; a  
decision was still pending on Fall contest  
songs.

Quartet Report – was presented by the  
Quartet VP, Charlie Cerutti. Charlie is now  
back as VP, and is ready to take on the  
challenge of introducing more quartetting at  
rehearsals. (See BOD, p.4)

**(BOD, Cont'd.)**

**Program Report** – was presented by email.

There will be an open mike program and new picture gallery on the chapter WEB site.

**Booking Report** – was presented by Al Carpenter covering a Package Show at the Essex Fair Grounds, the Vermont Expos, a Package Show in Montgomery, First Night in Rutland and possible publicity opportunities. Al Carpenter reminded the Board that he is done 31 December 2005 and would like to have an understudy by fall as booking agent.

**Halifax** – Discussion of registration of all participants for the Contest—Jerry Walter to handle.

**Show Chair-** We are open for suggestions for the annual Show Chairman for 2006.

**Submitted by-** Dave Stonecliffe  
Secretary