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The Fall Convention

As seen and attended by Rex Pierson

Larry and I left Delta about 10 a.m. Friday morning destined for Midway, Utah for the RMD convention. This was the first convention where the RMD combined Quartet and Chorus competition for the purpose of selecting the Quartet and the Chorus to represent our district at the National convention. I think everyone was pleased with the new format for our conventions! It was a great event with 18 quartets (each singing 2 songs) and 11 choruses (each 2 songs) competing and being scored by a panel of judges. The judges were efficient and didn't let things slow down between the competing quartets or choruses. Needless to say, Larry and I heard some excellent singing! Several of the choruses had as few as 14 men on stage....then there was Denver Sound Of The Rockies (champions) that had about 80 of their men plus an extravagant "Pirate" stage set...can hardly believe the show they put on....they had to rent a truck to bring their props, of course, every member and the director were dressed in some sort of Pirate costume!

The convention was held at the Zermatt Resort, perched upon a mountain overlooking the entire Midway/Heber City valley. It was a very good venue for all of the activities. The Zermatt is a complex of hotel rooms and rental condos (mainly for ski season). The main Hotel hosted all of the Barbershoppers (and a lot of wives). There were

conference rooms for breakfast(s) and the Afterglow. An "all events" room hosted all of the competitions. The venue worked out very well. It is a big place (several buildings) and I think Larry and I got lost a couple of times but then finally learned where we were going...and then it was time to leave!!

We had some "down-time" on Saturday afternoon so we drove back into Midway and Heber City. What a beautiful area! So many (old & new) buildings that carry the "Alpine or Bavarian" theme and architecture...it really tied everything from the Zermatt to the gas stations, churches and even the Subway shop to that "Alpine" feeling!! Very, very nice. Nearly felt like I was in Switzerland again or Austria or Bavarian Germany!!

I saw a lot of old B.S. friends (yes, you can take that however you want) and it's encouraging to see the number of young members the society is beginning to attract!! It was interesting to learn that our RMD is one of the most progressive districts in the society!

Coming home on Sunday, we had rain the entire trip until we got to the Colorado state line. The hardest (and it was hard rain) was all of I-70,-- prior to that the entire morning was a wonderfully nice, gentle rain!

Loved every minute of it....life is good....maybe that's because we have music and good friends in our lives!

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My people skills are just fine, its my tolerance of Idiots that needs work.

Splinters from the Board

Notice: These are NOT the official minutes and merely present a tongue in cheek observation of our Board Meetings. Official minutes can be found on our website.



For those of you who actually plan things and put stuff on a calendar, here is something to satisfy your need to do so. According to Program VP Cooper, the historical Ridgway Park Memorial Day singout will not be held on the Memorial Day weekend because some group of astronomers have become enamored with the full moon and have reserved the overlook so they can look over it. Or something like that. No matter, we are scheduled to sing on May 30. Mark your calendar and make yourself a note. It will be here before you know it.

The 2015 Show and how are things going was a topic of interest. In case you are also interested, here is some for you. An excellent quartet, probably one of the best around, is tentatively scheduled to sing on both our Friday and Saturday shows. They are Ta-Da SATURDAY EVENING POST. Every member of this quartet holds a GOLD MEDAL from competing and winning International quartet competition. The Afterglow was also discussed, mainly the desire/need of exotic vs. plain food for the late evening revelers. No decision but the mood definitely leaned toward SubWay sandwiches over a more elaborate cuisine.

Vern Dockter has agreed to gather and submit CARA points for our Chapter to allow us to compete again for Plateau honors and the resulting financial award attached. Thanks Vern. We appreciate your time and effort.

Those of us who have been around and had the privilege to attend one of more previous COTS events are excited that the current LA (Leadership Academy) will, this year only, be replaced by an official COTS (Chapter Officer Training Seminar) in Denver, all at a conference hotel, all under one roof. Big wigs will be imported from Nashville and other important places to impart their rare knowledge to those of us who may need it. Because some of us are so 'pumped' by this, we voted to send 2 officers, on the Chapter dime, to this event. They are John Taylor and Larry Cooper. They will be leaving for the session toward the end of November. We sure hope it will be worth it.

Lots of discussion about the legality of copying music, how to identify it until the ordered copies arrive, and what should be done about those guys who keep taking music even though they have it at home. Some of the suggestions made were just plain mean.

Congratulations and welcome to new 2015 board member, John Thrasher. Just to get his feet wet, he attended this meeting and hopefully the rest.

FLASH!!

The esteemed Show Committee has announced the theme for our April Show. It will be a show of various and different songs rather than limited to songs of only one theme. The final name was selected to represent that concept and to provide special recognition to the State of Colorado for it's recent legalization of marijuana. The show title may be POT pourri. To further give credence to that title, a special HASH-tag for Face Book may be prepared.

#getting high with music

No, not really

You're only old as you feel. I feel kinda wrinkled

ELECTIONS

As it usually happens every year at this time, the chapter members were requested to railroad unsuspecting members to serve as officers of the Board of Directors. This year President Taylor opted for a highly sophisticated procedure intended to meet all the various necessary Robert's Rules requirements, thus by using a formal prepared ballot system which allowed each member to borrow a pencil and make an X next to the only candidates who is running for each office. The logic, and it is darn good, was to provide some silly member or some member with some enemies to have his name 'written in' so he could also be voted on, but if his name is only written on one ballot how do the others know? Just one of the mysteries of how people win elections. Since it was as the end of our regular practice and we were tired, member Dan Baer succumbed to a fit of common sense and moved officially that the slate of candidates be accepted as proposed. Following the rousing huzzas from confused members a vote of some type pretty much put the whole thing to rest and those whose names were on the fancy ballots were elected without further ado. Amidst sighs of relief from those fearing their names being written in, a stampede to cookies, coffee, and wonderful venison summer sausage (killed and mashed together by Carl Schultz) followed. Then we went home

Congratulations to those whose names were never mentioned. They will do a fine job. They have to. .

I have a condition that renders me unable to go on a diet. I get hungry.

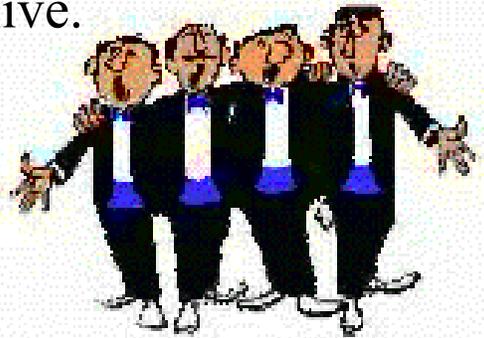


Bob Brethouwer

Nov. 6

*We don't stop singing because we get old,
we get old because we stop singing.*

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.



Chapter Quartets

FOURMATA

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ROCKY ROAD

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Notice we have the most CARA points of anyone. Thanks to the hard work of CARA guys John Reick, Dennis Olmstead, and John Taylor. It is not an easy job. And thanks to ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN

2013 CARA Plateau Winners

Congratulations to the following chapters and their CARA Coordinators for participating in the 2013 Rocky Mountain District Chapter Activity Recognition Awards program.

Plateau I	DENVER MILE HIGH	WINNER	3050 POINTS
Plateau II	SALT LAKE CITY	WINNER	2154 POINTS
Plateau III	MONTROSE	WINNER	3234 POINTS
	DENVER NORTH METRO		972 POINTS
	RAPID CITY, SD		226 POINTS
Plateau IV	PUEBLO	WINNER	1557 POINTS
	COLORADO SPRINGS METRO		785 POINTS

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Quartet & Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet & Chorus Convention

Rocky Mountain District, Seniors Quartet Finals, Midway, Utah, September 19, 2014

Contest Legend: 3=Rocky Mountain District International Preliminary Seniors Qt (DR/Score), 4=Rocky Mountain District Seniors Quartet

	Song	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
1 Saturday Evening Post (3,4)	<i>Tin Roof Blues</i>	156	167	154			957	79.8
	<i>That's A Plenty</i>	160	165	155				
2 ABQ (3,4)	<i>Wait 'Til The Song Shines Nellie</i>	131	126	116			754	62.8
	<i>They Wrote 'Em In The Good Old Days</i>	134	132	115				
3 Rocky Mountain High (3,4)	<i>The Moment I Saw Your Eyes</i>	123	120	117			711	59.3
	<i>Sweet Georgia Brown</i>	120	120	111				
4 Rio Bravo (3,4)	<i>The Gang That Sang "Heart Of My Heart"</i>	111	119	107			673	56.1
	<i>I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)</i>	113	118	105				

Saturday Evening Post qualifies to represent the Rocky Mountain District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest next January. Saturday Evening Post is the District Seniors Quartet Champion.

A Funny Thing Happened on my way to the Fall Convention

All for the best, sea Sutton

Attending the Fall Convention had been rattling around in my creaking brain for sometime. The location and venue were certainly appealing and a good road trip is one of my favorite things. No decision was made, but the possibility of attending came up at a regular practice. Coop sort of said "If you are really going, I might go with you." OK, with that impetus I made a room reservation and put it on my credit card. Then other conflicts raised their ugly heads, little things like a grand daughter cross

country race on Friday. A call to Coop about canceling the room resulted in both of us looking for another attendee. Coop was now committed. A couple of names were fielded with one being a vague possibility. Then it came down to "If you can't go, I'll go." At the last minute Rex succumbed to the temptation (Coop really wanted Rex to go and take his Caddy) and it happened. The plus side is that both Rex and Coop are the mainstays of the 2015 Show Committee and had an excellent opportunity to filter the competing quartets in quest of our Guest Foursome and plan the show.

As it turned out the grand daughter race was not attended but an excellent road trip to some other place did happen. Rex and Coop did their thing and have some great Show ideas. Who will pay for the room is still under consideration. Confusion is what it is.

KARMA is a wonderful thing.

