

FROM THE EDGE

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From the President

Bob Cutlipp

Hey all you varmints! It's time to git ready for our show down. Let's jump on our success with the **4th of July Parade, THIRD PLACE OVERALL**, and give these people here in the White Mountains a really great performance. I remember when I was in sports in high school that the coach would remind us that as much as anything the game was mental. At rehearsal last night we, mostly the leads, made some mental errors. We ALL need to make sure our head is in each song as we sing and we know where we are on every verse and chorus. We have the potential to have just as good a show as we did last year - all we need to do is to make it happen.



It's not an individual sport where winning or losing depends upon one person like tennis or racquetball or pool or other singular sports. *WE ARE A TEAM AND WE NEED A TEAM EFFORT*. I know you will give your best as I will give my best as well. I am really looking forward to this performance and how we will bring joy to the lives of those who come to hear us. So, all you whipper snappers, let's ride.

Bob Cutlipp/Judge Roy Bean



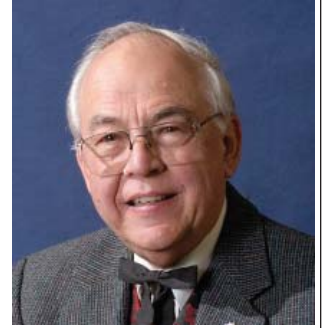
Photo by:
Jackie Dockendorf

From the Director - Show Chairman

The show is fast approaching, and it is going to be a great show. To ensure that, however, we need some things from you. I discussed some of them last Tuesday night, but I know how it goes. There is an old adage, "Tell 'em, tell 'em again, and tell 'em once more!" So here goes.

- Speakers; memorize your lines, so they are second nature. Be comfortable with them. Know where they are in the script.
- When speaking, project your lines to the last row of the auditorium. Speak slowly, and enunciate your words.
- Develop a character, and become that character during the show.
- Those are not risers, it is a hillside, so don't get all lined up. Have a partner or two to be talking to, silently.
- Know what your responsibility is with regard to helping with the staging, and moving props when needed.
- As a performer, do not applaud the quartets, except during the Saloon scene, where you are part of the audience, i.e, for Over Time and 4 Ever 4.
- [During our performance at Venture In, the chorus applauded the quartets. In the future, please do not do this, as you are an extension of the performers. It is unprofessional to do so. Just stand there and smile.]
- Be disciplined on stage. When **Alan Beste** and **Alan Johnson** are acting out the two songs, only watch them when it is appropriate in the lyrics. Roving eyes are seen by the audience, believe me, and are a distraction. This goes even double when we are in riser formation. Eyes on the director except when told otherwise.
- Complete the memorization of your music. If you have a weak song, spend time with it with your CD. Be confident. I am hearing lots of places where we are not sure of pickups and words. It is your responsibility.
- We need to improve our facial expressions. This

Doc Dockendorf



is your responsibility, also. I am serious, that you need to spend time at home in front of your mirror. Exercise your faces, so you can see how it feels to smile with your eyes, while forming proper vowel formations. Otherwise, we will continue to hear from our audience, like we did at Venture In on Monday, that we are not emoting, that we have a sour look on our faces. We are having fun, so why not look like we are? I can't tell you how important this is.

- Costumes; we want you to look like you have been out on the range. We saw most of the costumes a few weeks ago, and they are looking really good. Don't wash them between now and the show, and wear them so they look wrinkled and smelly dirty.
- Drink lots of water during the show week. Protect your voices by staying hydrated. Keep a bottle of water with you. Pee white, sing right!

Schedule for the show week (Please prioritize your schedule so that you can make all of these rehearsals) :

- * Tuesday, July 12 - Regular rehearsal
- * Wednesday, July 13 - Technical rehearsal at BRHS, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Be there on time, and be patient, as we set the stage, and block out the show with the auditorium manager
- * Friday, July 15 - This is a dress rehearsal for the first half, except we will not use makeup. Bring your full cowboy costume. We will run the first half twice. We expect that the Over Time Quartet will visit us this evening, to meet us and will most likely sing a song for us, with a bit of encouragement.
- * Saturday, July 16 (Show time):
 - + Be at the auditorium by 12:00 PM, to warm up, make up, and dress. We will have some time on stage to work on any rough spots.

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+ 2:00 PM -Curtain

+ 4:00 - 5:30 PM - We will have our between show meal at the Village Deli

+ 6:00 PM - Report back to the auditorium, to refresh makeup and dress for evening show

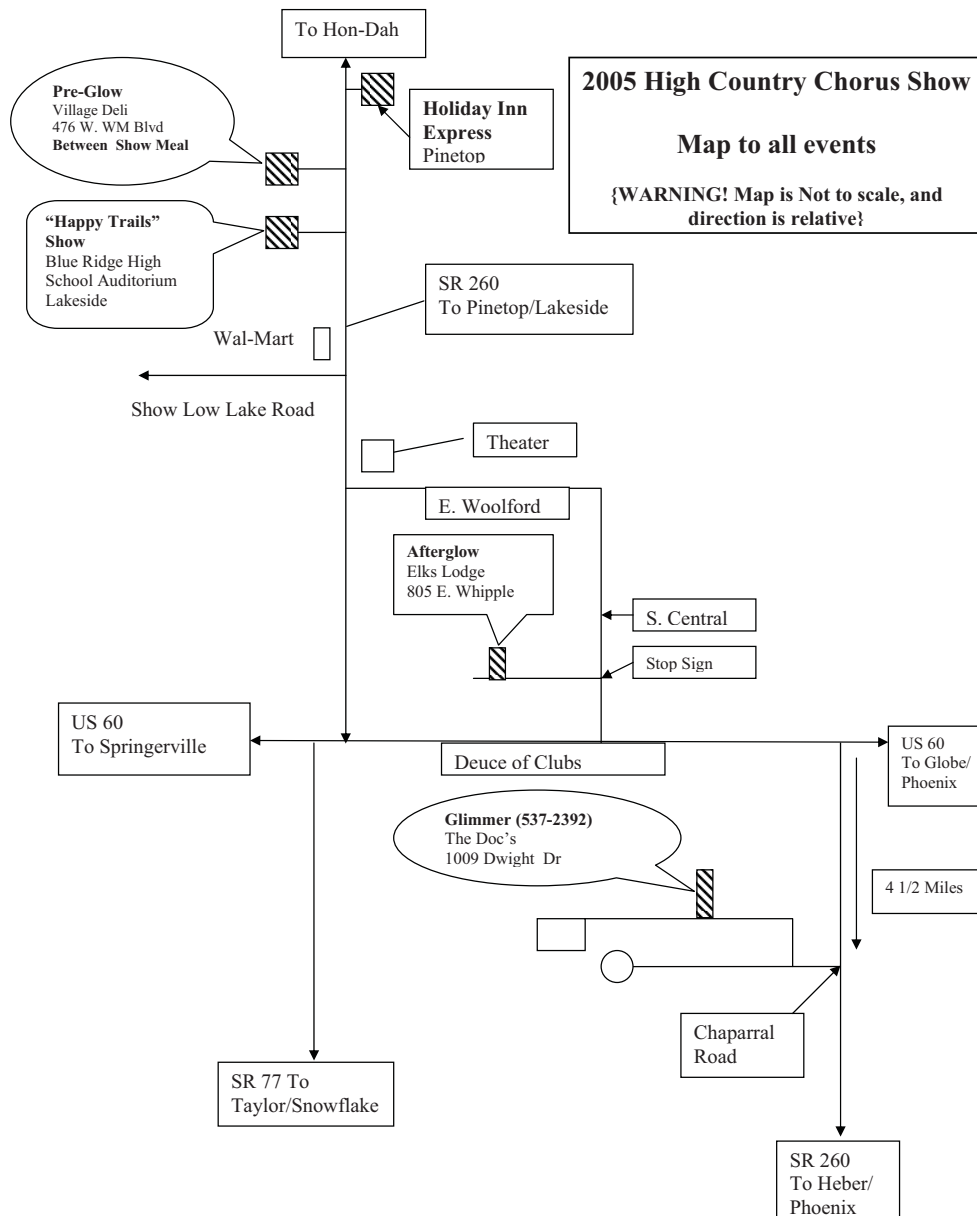
+ 9:30 PM - Afterglow at the Elks club. This is the cast party, and all the quartets will be there to perform for the cast. See **Bob Koons** for tickets, and **let him know how many guests you will bring.**

* Sunday, July 17 - The Glimmer will be held

once again at the home of **Doc** and **Jackie**. A full breakfast will be served, and your choice of Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, or juice. Coffee will also be served, and we will sing all the religious songs we know to have an outdoor service of music. **Let me know how many will be there by Tuesday, July 12th.**

Finally, sell tickets to the show. We want to have a sold out auditorium, for both shows. Remember the audience reaction from last year, and how much fun we had. Let's do it again. Have fun!!!!!!

Doc



Show Program Ad Sales Alan Johnson

Hey, I'm really getting excited about the show coming up! I think we're really going to have a good time with it. I know I have to remember to just loosen up a bit, don't be so nervous, and on top of all that, remember what the first words are to all the songs we're singing! Each week we practice running through the program is helping me cement more and more of how it's happening and what it is we all need to do. Our performance at Venture Inn helped shake the jitters out for me. I know when we first started singing I felt pretty tense, but slowly came around to having a good time.



I've sent off all the ads to the printer in Holbrook, so it won't be long until we get our programs back. Thanks so much to each of you who solicited the different businesses. We collected a total of **\$2315.00!** Maybe we can talk Doc into getting us some blue suede shoes to go with our tux's!

And a good joke to sign off with...A golfer was way behind in a championship game when he hit his ball into the rough. Bending to retrieve it, he came face to face with a leprechaun." Want some help with your game" asked the leprechaun? "That would be great!" said the golfer. "Okay" said the leprechaun, "But for every time I help you, you'll lose one year of your sex life." The golfer agreed and won the game. Getting into his car, he found the leprechaun sitting on his dashboard with a pad and pencil in his hand. "I helped you ten times", said the leprechaun. "That's ten years!" "Now what's your name?"

"Father O'Malley!"

Alan

June / July Performances

Venture In, June 27, 2005



Crook's Trail Quartet

Show Low Parade, July 4, 2005



NOW IS THE TIME!

If ever there was a time to invite the guys you were thinking may be a good addition to our group, it is now!

You have two major things to augment getting your “prospect” to join us:

First, get them to the show.

Second, bring them to the open house.

Get them to come to our show on the 16th. Have they told you they enjoy singing? Have they said that they “might” like to come and see us “sometime?” Well, for the weekend of July 16th, our show is the premier event! I might suggest (strongly) that you **NOT** give a ticket away on this. If they pay nothing for the show, then the show will have *no value*, and they probably will not come. Make sure that they purchase a ticket for themselves AND for their special other, as well as other members of their family / close friends. This way that special other will encourage (?nag?) them to get involved, as will their family and friends.

Then, encourage them to come to the open house on July 26th, at our regular Tuesday meeting place. Give good directions to the church, or even pick them up and bring them. Tell them that it will only be 15 to 30 minutes. Make sure they bring that “special other.” This way she can see up close those she saw having fun on the stage. And she will understand better what we are all about, that is having (good, honest, clean) fun. Again, as in all of our situations, he will have the support of his special other.

Dan Lewis, Membership VP

If you really look at our group, you will see a broadly diversified group of men, having a great time; *supported and encouraged by their “special other.”*

Please note that we, as men, think we are doing barbershop because we want to. BUT, if we did not have the support from home, would we be doing it?????

The key here is to get that “special other” of your prospect involved – and we will have a new member.

Dan

1.) Carry your cards



2.) Pass them out



It's Great to be a Barbershopper!

Calendar of Events			
Date		Time	Comments / Location
July 9, 2005	Performance at Overgaard	12:30 PM	County Park, Gazebo
July 12, 2005	Music Committee Meeting	06:00 PM	Practice Hall
July 13, 2005	Technical Rehearsal	07:00 PM	Blue Ridge High School
July 15, 2005	Dress Rehearsal, first half	07:00 PM	Blue Ridge High School
July 16, 2005	2005 Barbershop Harmony Show	2 PM & 7 PM	Blue Ridge High School
	Afterglow	010:00 PM	Elks Lodge
July 17, 2005	Glimmer	9:00 AM	At the Doc's
July 19, 2005	Chapter Board Meeting	05:30 PM	Practice Hall
July 21, 2005	August Newsletter Articles Due		Editor's Deadline
July 26, 2005	"Guest Night"	07:00 PM	Practice Hall
July 31 - Aug. 7, 05	Harmony College		Ohio State University Campus
Aug. 9, 2005	Music Committee Meeting	06:00 PM	Practice Hall
Aug. 16, 2005	Chapter Board Meeting	05:30 PM	Practice Hall
Aug. 26 - 27, 05	Division 5 "Summer Bash"		Grace Inn, Ahwatukee
Sept. 10, 2005	Road Clean-Up	8:30 AM	Behind WME Theater
Sept. 10, 2005	Octoberfest Party	06:00 PM	At the Doc's

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