

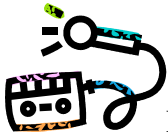
CAVEMAN CHORUS NEWS

August 10, 2006



The Editor's apologies for being late with the newsletter. ME and I have been in Lexington visiting our daughter, who is starting a new job with Southside Church of Christ - Campus Work.

Practice



Practice went well Thursday. We had a good turnout, as you can see in the picture above. We taped most everyone.

Performances/Gigs

Future performances are as follows:

Cancelled - Cambridge Market, BG, September 7, (tux pants with silver tie and vest)

Southern States Coop meeting, **High School Auditorium, Scottsville**, September 14, (full tux with silver tie and vest)

Cambridge Market, BG, September 23, (tux pants with silver tie and vest)

District Contest, Muncie, Indiana, September 29- October 1 (full tux)

Caveman Chorus 33rd Annual Show, Capitol Theatre, December 9

Fall Contest



Our songs are “**Look me up when you’re in Dixie**” and “**Where the Southern Roses Grow**” at the contest in Muncie this fall.

The Diatribe

By Fred Ganter, M&P VP

The chorus made some real strides of improvement August 12th at Bowling Green High auditorium at the coaching session with **Mark Hale**.

I felt we were 20-30% better at the close of the session around 4:30 p.m. Our **unison within sections** was stressed by Mark, and though we still have a way to go to reach an "A" level, we do have an improved unison within sections today.

Mark also stressed the use of slightly different vowel sounds on a good bit of our lyrics, and even asked us to virtually eliminate the "ih" sound (as, for instance, in the word "little,") and replace it with a vowel that would sound "almost" like a pure "ee."

"Dixie" would change, "almost," to "**Deex-see**" in this new approach. Obviously if some of us change and some of us forget, **MUD** will be the result.

The very first word of our "up" tune, in Hale's parlance, should shade toward

"OHN" (our way).

It definitely will take some time to arrive at a point where all of us can make these new sounds without having to "think about" doing it.

As Mark said, the goal should be that no one has to "think" their way through a song, rather, our "default" position should be so ingrained in the new method that no real "thought" is required - you just sing and the correct sounds pop out of your mouth!

As I said, it will take a while for the chorus to absorb all of this, but we're going to work on the new "language," as it were, in the time we have left before the contest September 30th in Muncie.

Look for more section rehearsal in the coming weeks.

Head Count

I'm still not sure just how many people we'll have on the risers at Muncie - we have several new bodies but we seem to have lost a few as well.

I can count up to 12 guys in the Lead section:

- 1) Jason Draper (not officially a member yet)
- 2) Rich Hornbeak
- 3) Billie Hurt
- 4) Bob Jones
- 5) Mike Jones
- 6) Phil Kinser
- 7) David Mahaney
- 8) Shaun Murphy
- 9) Michael O'brien (not a member yet)
- 10) Pete Pezza
- 11) Jack Stoess
- 12) David White

I'm sure that both Jason and Michael will join the chapter soon, so we should have 12 leads in Muncie, a full four more than we had at the spring contest in Columbus.

The number of baritones and tenors is also substantial, but there are a few question marks:

- 1) Brad Caffey
- 2) Joel Guyer (not a member yet)
- 3) Josh Givens

- 4) Bob Hughes
- 5) Vic Lovejoy (not a member yet)
- 6) Josh O'brien (not a member yet)
- 7) Matt Nelson (not a member yet)
- 8) Jamie Poff
- 9) Lindle Pogue
- 10) Chad Reagan
- 11) Mike Wheeley (not a member yet)

As you can see, fully five of the men who sing bari or tenor aren't actually members of the chapter as yet. How 'bout it guys?

I know that some of the guys **ARE** going to be on the "dotted line" soon, but we don't actually know about some of the others.

All I can say is that we need **EVERYONE** with us in Muncie. Anyone who has a financial problem can talk with any of us on the Board of Directors - the Chapter has a **fund to help with this exact problem!**

The bass section looks like this:

- 1) Joe Bandy
- 2) George Coker
- 3) Bill Collins
- 4) Ron Crittenden
- 5) Fred Ganter
- 6) Erick Hollander
- 7) Jack Jacobsen (don't know his plans)
- 8) Paul Maglinger
- 9) Matt Martin (missing for awhile)
- 10) Brian Rich
- 11) Lowell Shank
- 12) Adam Wheeley (not a member yet)
- 13) Stan Zimmerman

For health reasons, Bruce Wallace and Bill Hoagland are unfortunately unable to go to Muncie (I assume Bill isn't feeling well and Bruce has vocal fold problems).

So, we have an "IFFY" number of guys going to contest - my guess is **33** (counting Greg), but it's just a guess, we could have a few more or less.

I urge everyone who may be on less than solid ground in regard to chapter membership to either take care of it now or see me (or someone else on the Board) about the possibility of assisting you in that regard!

Website



If you have questions on how to use it (not the info, but the site), call **Josh Givens**

Hotel Reservation Forms for the Fall Contest are available through Cardinal District at www.cardinaldistrict.org/fall_2006.htm . (To use this link, hold down "ctrl" key and click.) You can get on their website through the Caveman website link also. Everyone is responsible for making their own reservations for the hotel. The contest registration form needs to be filled out and given to **Bob Hughes** along with a check.

Special Stuff

There will be a Board meeting at Lowell Shank's home Sunday afternoon, August 20, at 2:00 PM. Anyone who wants to come and see what your Board is doing is welcome.

Don't forget that you have to be a member in order to perform in the contest.

Send your news to **Mike Jones** at mjones685@insightbb.com. You can also give me information at practice. Write it down, and I have a good chance of remembering it. Don't, and there is a very good probability that I won't think of it again until the next time I see you.