

CAVEMAN CHORUS NEWS

August 3, 2006



Practice

The Diatribe

By Fred Ganter, M&P VP

We had what I thought was the best rehearsal of at least the past few months, August 3rd, as preps continue for the contest in Muncie September 30th. When **David White** came into the church around 9:00 (football practice at Monroe County HS delayed him, but how many of us would drive about 65 miles to sing with the chorus for a-half hour followed by about an hour of quartet singing?), he was the **33rd guy to set foot on the risers!** So strength had a lot to do with what I thought is a sound that is continuing to improve. In addition to **Dave**, **Chad Reagan** was back in the baritone section following "maternity leave" to assist his wife **Beth** and son, **Michael Cameron Dutch**, and **Jamie Poff** was back in the tenor section following two months of work in his home town of Berea. Also, **Jeff Jones**, a real barber from Bowling Green, was back for the second straight week (he's still a guest but we're hoping!), as was **Mike Burdette**, an ex-Caveman and Thoroughbred now living on Lake Cumberland near Russell Springs. **Jack Jacobsen** is back in the bass section after

missing about five months due to wife **Marie's** illness, which now appears to be better. Regretfully, we will not have the services of bass **Bruce Wallace** for the next few months - he's been told by his doctor to "rest his voice" by not using it to sing for awhile. **Bruce** and wife **Joyce** are leaving very soon for an extended vacation that will include Alaska and Canada. **Jerry Noland** of Bowling Green was a guest of **Mike Jones** Thursday, singing in the bass section. Lead **David Mahaney** was back at chapter meeting with the good news that his feet, which had been severely swollen and extremely sensitive to touch, were much better after advice on the Internet led to an application of baking soda that apparently worked! **Jason Drapper** was also back, hopefully soon to be a member. (end FG)

This practice we started having sectional practices. Greg says we will continue having them to help us for contest.



Basses and Baritones practicing



Leads and Tenors critiquing

Performances/Gigs

Future performances are as follows:

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)

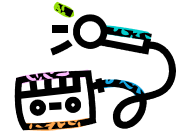
District Contest, Muncie, Indiana, September 29- October 1 (full tux)

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. Remember this coming Thursday we are recording our voices to see how we are doing. Those who have them, don’t forget to bring your recorders.



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MARK HALE DAY MOVED!

As I guess a lot of you have heard by now, a wedding at Greenwood Park Church has required us to move our Mark Hale coaching session August 12th. As I write this on August 5th, I don't know if we have made the necessary arrangements for the all-day coaching and potluck to follow as yet. But **we will make those arrangements**, and you'll hear about them at least by Thursday, August 10th. Wherever we wind up, the schedule still is unchanged:

8:30 am -Coffee & doughnuts

9:00 - 1st session with MH

noon - LUNCH BREAK

1:30 - 2nd session with MH

4:30- "Wind Down" period

5:15- **POTLUCK SUPPER**

(WE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO BRING TWO DISHES AT THIS WEEK'S MEETING)

Of course it is vital that we all be present for the coaching by Mark. He can help us a lot **IF WE ARE READY AND WILLING TO TAKE WHAT HE OFFERS US!**

Some may say that we're spending an inordinate amount of time working on two songs for a contest. But you probably wouldn't be having such thoughts if you'd been present when the chorus performed so well at Columbus and pulled off a win - it made the work worth while and it gave us a tremendous shot in the arm" to attempt some "bigger and better" goals. To me, at least, successful contest efforts really offer big prizes for choruses energetic enough to keep "plowing" uphill for the improved performance values that lay on the horizon.

SEE YOU THURSDAY!

Thoughts from your president



By **Lowell Shank**

A key to the success of a chapter bulletin is contributions from the chapter officers. I have been negligent in doing my part (Mike has reminded me), but hope that Mike can count on regular contributions from the other officers. **Fred**, how about a report from the Music Committee next week?

I want to thank Mike for accepting the role of Bulletin Editor. As a former chapter bulletin editor, I know how much work he does to get the bulletin prepared and sent out. Now that he and **Josh Givens** are posting the bulletin on the chapter web site, everyone should be able to download it. I urge you to print your own copy so you can refer to it, especially for the dates of upcoming events.

Much emphasis has been placed recently on preparation for contest. We are even spending chapter money to have coach **Mark Hale** come all the way from California to help us. Why do we go to contest, especially when we know we have little chance of winning? The extra work will make us a better chorus, not only on the two contest numbers, but on all our numbers. We must remember to perform all our numbers as we do our contest numbers.

Thank you for attending the International Convention in INDY (for those who went). It was a great idea to order a block of tickets so the **Cavemen** could sit together.

Another opportunity for seeing barbershop at its best is at the Buckeye Invitational held in Columbus, Ohio, a five hour drive from BG, on August 17-20. Check out the web page on www.buckeyeinvitational.org for complete details. I am going up on Thursday and have room for 6 passengers. I will return on Sunday in time for the Board meeting at my house on the 20th.

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

Remember – You have to be a paid up member in order to participate in the contest.

It's time to be thinking about advertising for the Annual Show. This is our primary fund raiser.

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.