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HUNTERDON Harmonizers

Barbershop Chorus



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HUNTERDON HARMONIZER SUMMER 2001 SCHEDULE

make sure to confirm your commitment to performances (sign-up sheets)

Tues	July 10	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Tues	July 17	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Tues	July 24	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sat	July 28	Elks Dinner Show	Elks	TBA
Tues	July 31	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sat	Aug 4	COACHING SESSION	Elks	TBA
Tues	Aug 7	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sun	Aug 12	Barbershop Baseball BASH	Somerset	afternoon
Tues	Aug 14	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sat	Aug 18	Seafood Festival	Canceled	
Tues	Aug 21	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sun	Aug 26	ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC	Deer Path Park	11 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tues	Aug 28	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Tues	Sept 4	5-Chapters @ Princeton	TBA	
Tues	Sept 11	Chapter Rehearsal/Meeting	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Sat-Sun	Sept 15-16	17th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR	Flemington	TBA
Tues	Sept 18	Guest Night (rehearsal/meeting)	Elks	7:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat	Oct 5-6	Mid-Atlantic District Convention	Wildwood, NJ	

IN SEARCH OF OUR CRAFT— IN SALISBURY, MD

by Don Reckenbeil, Director

The Harmony College East 3-day weekend on June 14-17 was an experience worth living again (and again). This was our first chorus trip to this annual event staged by the Society since 1994. I think all agreed that it was certainly “worth the trip” (the food was much more spectacular than Dunkin Doughnuts!)

Those who arrived at Salisbury State College on Thursday evening were able to enjoy some general sessions of woodshedding and sight-singing and got a jump-start on the weekend. On Friday two of our Harmonizer quartets—**Voice Activation** and **Harmony Square**—spent the day (each with 3 different top-notch coaches) getting enough input on how to get better to last a lifetime (or at least until next year). Other Harmonizers attended sessions on music theory where for many the “light bulb went on” as they began to understand the circle of fifths and why barbershop harmony works the way it does. Our

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



A round of applause for the 2001 Convention Webcast hosted by **Rich Taylor** and Phil Barr! What a marathon and what a great experience to be listening to the greatest singing in the world right at home! The sound was great and the real-time commentary in the chat rooms (WOW! ... CRASH THAT TAG!) didn't cut into the flow of sound. It was neat to hear the on-line interviews with the contestants, especially the one with BSQ (collecting a donation for Al's dancing lessons?). Also interesting was the background info on the special guests (the Russian kids were stellar!) and general info on the goings-on in Nashville. Yes, there were a few audio hiccups and a couple of “buffer” breaks when the servers went down, but not enough to detract from the overall experience. The overall experience was phenomenal! Now if only we had VIDEO! Maybe next year? Anyway, we hope to learn more about how this was put together from Rich Taylor, who was one of the guiding forces in streaming the 2001 Convention to

DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT CHORUS COMMITMENT ...

by Rusty Williams

We've recently had a run of weak communication and are currently scrambling to support a July 28 Dinner Show at the Elks. Not only will this job help pay our rent, but a poor showing could create a serious rift between our organizations. This is one of those jobs that—if at all possible—deserves an extraordinary effort to support.

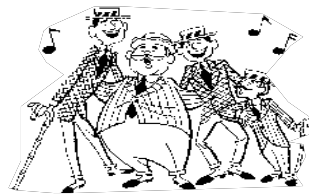
The board will be addressing “how we blew it” and will surely consider the following:

- The event was not listed on the annual planning guide.
- The event was not in the bulletin (not communicated to editor).
- The event IS on the website (way to go Warren!).
- There were no sign-up sheets for the event.

What's good is that all of these issues are fixable and we can start right now. Here's what's listed for the next three months (meetings excluded) and their source.

DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
July 28	Elks Dinner Show	Website
Aug 4	Saturday Coaching 9-3	Planning Guide
	Saturday Coaching 7:30	Website
Aug 12	Barbershop Baseball BASH	Web/Bulletin
Aug 18	Seafood Festival	Website
Aug 26	Annual Chapter Picnic	Web/Plan/ Bulletin
Sept 4	5-Chapters @ Princeton	(We were invited in June...Board?)
Sept 15-16	Craft Fair/Show	Web/Plan/ Bulletin
Oct 5-6	M-AD Convention (Wildwood)	Web/Plan/ Mid-L-Antics

I respectfully request that we determine which of these we're doing and make sure our calendars are coordinated and accurate. Most importantly, get the sign-up sheets out now, so if there are any problems we have time to rally. Our board does a great job of planning, but it's the chapter (each one of us) that makes the final commitment decision. Sign-up sheets work, so get 'em out early.



QUARTET NEWS . . .

HARMONY SQUARE

by Warren Lieuallen

On April 7, Harmony Square gave their own unique rendition of *Gladiator* by performing before a group of 45 lions. Luckily, no one was injured during this event since it was a celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Hecktown/Lower Nazareth Lions' Club!

We arrived just as their dinner was finishing (it's always smarter to play with lions *after* they've eaten!) and started things off right with a rousing rendition of *On the Sunny Side of the Street*. After a brief introduction we performed our contest packages—the first public appearance of both the revised chorus and our two quartet numbers! I think *Lovin' My Baby Online* was the biggest hit, causing laughter at several spots and earning a large groan for our atrocious “Intel” pun.

We also sang *The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane* and I was pleased to see at least one fellow who knew this song—you could just tell from his expression that he knew the punch line at the end!

In My Room and *As Time Goes By* filled out our package, giving the audience a wide range of music to enjoy. Based on the smiles on the audience's faces I think it's safe to say that a good time was had by all.

Believe it or not, on July 4, we delivered a SINGING VALENTINE! The young lady was on the telephone with the valentine's sender while we were singing! There may be a proposal in the works here. Cupid strikes again!!

VOICE ACTIVATION

by Rusty Williams

Since the last edition of IN TUNE we did a little singing at the Old Mill Inn, in Morristown, to honor a retiree from the Morristown School System. This lady is still too active to be “*Home on the Range*,” so we kept the program up and running with *Brand New Automobile* and *Chordbusters*, as well as a few more. We're really up since the Salisbury coaching session and working on repertoire additions.

IN SEARCH OF OUR CRAFT ... (continued)

youths from around the region allowing them to begin developing their own network of singers. This culminated on Saturday evening when they presented *In the Still of the Night* and *Lida Rose* to 600 other enthusiastic students and faculty alike! Wow!!!

The highlight for the **Hunterdon Harmonizers** came on Saturday when we experienced expert coaching for 6 full hours on our contest set. Our first coach was Kraft on craft, **Hal Kraft**, renowned director of the Harrisburg, PA chapter, who helped us to pronounce our sounds consistently and redesigned some of our less-than-smooth phrasings. Everyone enjoyed Hal's antics and respected his vast knowledge which he shared so freely. Our next coach was the infamous **Bob Mucha**. With the chorus returning a bit late from lunch and Bob waiting patiently for us to get organized, he was probably thinking that we were not the most serious group. Wrong! In 90 minutes Bob cajoled, reprimanded, warned, encouraged, taught, and proved to us that we could learn to become much better singers than we usually allow ourselves to be. "You can be an A-Level Chorus!" he announced to us at the end of the session. "Just continue to get good help." "Yes sir, Bob, we will!" Our final session was with the wife of Gary Parker of Dealers Choice fame, **Ruth Ann Parker**. Ruth Ann is not only a Sweet Ad International Quartet Champion, but she is also a Master Director within the **Sweet Adelines** Organization. Her message to us also involved improving our sound and getting it more forward. "Think of the sound coming out of the eyes." Sure wish Ruth Ann could be with us every week to model the technique!

Best of all, the **Hunterdon Harmonizers** performed our contest set to a wildly enthusiastic Saturday night crowd. They knew they were in for a treat when the chorus appeared in its vast array of "occupation" costumes and they adored the creative package of *Lovin' My Baby Online* and *Phone Medley*. Several people told me that we were the HIT of the show and many requested copies of the material. That, I believe, is the ultimate compliment.

I am extremely encouraged at the level of participation—we had over 80% attendance at this event. We plan to do this again as a chapter in 2003! Please book it on your calendars NOW so that we can attend with 100% of us and grow even more together as we "continue the journey!"

APPLAUSE!

Don't miss APPLAUSE! — the Harmonizers' a capella radio show — every Thursday from 7-10 p.m. on WDVR 89.7 FM and on the web at www.wdvr.org!

 **BARBERSHOP BASEBALL BASH**

Watch the Somerset Patriots and the Lehigh Valley Black Diamonds fill in the blank spaces while 15 Barbershop Chapters blanket the stands with Harmony. This game will have more than 4 basses and hundreds of tags featuring the largest and best Star Spangled Banner ever with the massed choruses joining forces to start the game! Great affordable family entertainment (they deserve a day out!) with good seats guaranteed. Then, an AFTERGLOW to round out the day (location TBA). GAME DAY: Sunday, August 12, 2:05 p.m. Game Ticket: \$7.50, Afterglow Ticket: \$5.00. Sign up at the chapter meeting, and get ready for the BIG BASH!

ANNUAL BSBBQ AT DEER PATH PARK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 26, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., for our Annual Chapter Picnic at Deer Path Park (north of Flemington). It's a great day to get together with our barbershoppers and their families and have some fun! The park has easy access with great (and clean) facilities. We have a pavilion all to ourselves: well covered, two dual BBQ pits (no waiting), electrical hookups, horseshoe pits, a baseball field, and room to sing, play volleyball, or just hang out. Here's what you can do to help:



- **Sign up at practice.** The sooner we get a count, the better the preps will be.
- **We need a "Sports Chairman"** to make sure volleyball, shoes, games, etc. are set up.
- The chapter will provide meats, condiments, ice, chips, sodas, paper goods, etc. BYOB. Sign-up to bring salads or desserts.
- If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, call **Rusty Williams** at 908-782-7551



CRAFT FAIR NEWS

Bob Thomas has been busy as co-chairman of the Hunterdon Harmonizers' 17th Annual Craft Fair despite his back problems and surgery (hope you're feeling better, Bob!). Applications were mailed out in April and he has been tending to the returns and funds coming in since then. Permits are in place and music man Jon Kovara is signed up for the two days. If anyone knows any arts and craft people who would be interested in a table at our fair, have them call Bob or **Ted Maginnis**. Also, we're looking for some more quartets and a capella singing groups who would like to entertain during the day!

This year's Craft Fair will be held the weekend of September 15-16 in Flemington. Mark your calendars!

It's Great to be a Barbershopper in Hunterdon County!

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