

# "Har-Mo-Notes"

Kokomo, IN, Men of Note Weekly Electronic Bulletin  
Meeting Night Program for April 12, 2010



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*The mission of the Kokomo Chapter is to promote, encourage, preserve and sing the barbershop style of music; and lead the cause of supporting and encouraging vocal music in our schools and community. (Adopted 5/08/06)*

**Attendance for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** 19 singers: 1 tenor, 8 leads, 3 baritones, 7 basses including Mark Williams & Royce Challmers



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SPEBSQSA/BHS – April 11<sup>th</sup>; Marty Ridoux – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Did I read that sign right?** In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT. Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is National Quartet Day in the USA**

**Program**

**7:00** Warm-up, Polecat Songs, "Gospel Medley"

**7:20** "Back in the Saddle"; "Deep in the Heart of Texas"; "Don't Fence Me In"; "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle."

**8:30** Break and Business (Let's keep break & business to 15 minutes, please!)

**8:43** Ninety second member info time

**8:45** "Home on the Range"; "Oklahoma"; "Ragtime Cowboy Joe"; "Gold Mine in the Sky"; "Happy Trails".

**9:15** Quartetting on Polecat and/or show songs

**9:30** KTWWS

*Reminder that next week's songs to be off-music are "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle".*

## Chapter News

**President's Note:** I am very pleased to hear how well the Men of Note are learning their show music. It is now time to put our imaginations to work and find ways to visualize the show scenes during and between each song. See yourselves spreading out bed rolls; giving your horses buckets of feed and water; taking off your shoes and rubbing your stinky feet; taking your tin pan dish to "Cookie" for your dinner and finding a spot on the stage to sit and eat your food. How about writing a letter, or washing your face; reading a book, or playing a hand of cards with your buddies. These are all simple little activities that we can all do during the narrations between songs, to bring the show to life. This is what entertaining is all about and it will motivate you to sell tickets to hundreds of your friends and neighbors!! I hope to see you at the convention this weekend! *Colin*

**Director's Note:** We need to resolve the conflict of board meeting and sing-out on May 10th. Maybe we could move the board meeting to the next Monday? Also we need a list of props for the show and who is supplying them.

**Editor's note:** To better inform and prepare the membership for the coming week, I am planning to release the current issue of Har-Mo-Notes each **Friday**. Please submit articles and materials by **Wednesday AM**. Again, all submissions are appreciated.

Thanks, *Ted*

**Happy Birthday, Society!**



Some say it was an accident, some say it was fate. Either way (or perhaps both) the movement we now enjoy as the Barbershop Harmony Society (aka. Society for The Preservation of Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America [SPEBSQSA]) can be credited to a meeting in Tulsa organized by Owen Clifton Cash on April 11, 1938. Society Historian, Grady Kerr, has captured the [Society's history](#) perfectly in his article featured on the Society's website.

A note from your CEO:

Dear Barbershoppers,

This Sunday, National Quartet Day in the USA, marks the 72nd Anniversary of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. We're 72, but we'll never act our age, I hope. We'll sing at the drop of a hat (I just did that last night to an unsuspecting, but appreciative group in a local "establishment") and keep alive the wonderful wholesome craft of woodshedding.

What are YOU planning? At the very least, find three other guys and sing one for O.C.

Thanks, and Happy Birthday!

*Ed Watson*



**Bring a guest next Monday!**

**Business Calendar**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>** – Cardinal District Spring Convention in Fort Wayne

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 PM

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Monday – Music Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 PM

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – Guest Night

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – Music Committee meeting @ 6:00 PM

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – BOD meeting @ 6:00 PM

**PERFORMANCE CALENDAR**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Monday – “How the West was Sung” performance @ North Woods Village; WU @ 6:30; sing @ 7:00PM It is the beginning of National Nursing Home Week.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday – MoN Annual Show “How the West was Sung” (Set up 8:00 A.M.; two shows: 2:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Clean up immediately after second show)

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday – MoN singing with the Kokomo Park Band

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**THE FUTURE OF BARBERSHOP**

*Keep your eyes peeled and your ears open*

I helped coach a young Matt Heckert when he was playing Little League Baseball. Later, after two years had passed and Matt was in the seventh grade I heard that he had won the best male voice in the seventh grade. Not only that, but he had the most charming personality I had ever seen in one so young.

That led me to ask his mother if I could invite him to sing with the Men of Note. His mother said he would probably be very excited, and he was.

The first night he came to sing with us he started out as a baritone but soon realized that the pitch was too high for him. He walked over to the other side of the chorus where the basses are and has been there for the last four years. Because of his singing ability and that charming personality Matt has endeared himself to everyone in the Men of Note. Now Matt is a junior at the Lewis Cass High School in Walton, Indiana

During his four year career with the Men of Note of Kokomo, Indiana, and a registered member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Matt has attended three Cardinal District Harmony Explosion Camps, sung or acted in three spring shows, four summer park shows and juggled weekly practices along with football, wrestling and, track while maintaining straight A's throughout his academic career.

Since the seventh grade Matt has garnered a total of twenty-one medals at the District and Indiana State School Music Association contests. In 2010 he received gold for a solo, two for singing bass in a quartet and a silver for choir. Don't you think that is enough for one high school student?

Not for Matt; His senior year he plans on doing four or five songs at the ISSMA contest next year. After graduation he is planning on pursuing a Music Education Degree from Butler University in Indianapolis or Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. His long term plan is to be the best Barbershopper he can be. The Men of Note know he can do it.

*Submitted by Bill Doyel*

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**Groaner:** *The police caught a burglar last night after he broke into a bathroom window, stood on a set of scales, and gave himself a weigh.*