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Utterings
from
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This skimpy issue of Troubadour is the result of your editor becoming so involved with his job of keeping the wheels of the Chrysler Corporation turning, that there were not enough hours left in the day or night to make the trips, phone calls, etc. needed to produce the type of publication that benefits a district. Your editor also observes that many others must have found themselves in the same situation. I don't know about you, but I, for one, am thankful that I am not a turkey. Seriously, during this busy time of year for me, I will appreciate all the help I can get in my efforts to put out a presentable publication. Copy deadline for the next issue is December 3.

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One man who did find time to do a bit of work was Ted Verwey, Windsor Chapter, who presented to Troubadour a "delegate's eye view" of the recent meeting held in Battle Creek. It follows:

"The key note speaker was R. A. "Reedie" Wright, International President elect. Some of the highlights:

Society is not in favor of high prices charged by some quartets. Services should not be for the money but for pride. Of course quartets should not be out of pocket.

Vice presidents reported on their respective zones.

District Secretary, Louis Harrington, asked for bids for the Spring Convention in 1966. Fall Convention will be in Holland, Michigan. He stated this is his 15th report as District Secretary and 2 years District President.

Bill Hansen, International Board Member for Michigan District asked if there were any questions on his report as it was printed in the last Troubadour. He stated the lack of public relations has been in apathy. The ever occurring question of the limit of 25 members to retain the charter was again brought up to our International Board Member. As usual the same limit for smaller towns than for larger cities was expressed as being unfair. The opinion was voiced again from the floor that smaller towns should be given a break.

President Al Burgess pointed out and asked for correction if wrong, that the motion, directed to International at a previous House of Delegates Meeting, to lower the 25 member limit, had been defeated. However it is within any chapter's or member's right to make any protest or recommendation through their International Board Member. (Bill Hansen has on more than one occasion taken up this matter at the International Board Meeting without success.) He stated his feeling that someday we may come to this, also, that this is his personal feelings. In reply Reedie Wright stated that statistics had proved that a less than 25 member limit is not successful, in view of the fact that statistics also bear out an approximate regular attendance of 60% of the membership. A membership of 25 is required to obtain a charter.

Committee reports: Achievement awards: Ted Verwey, chairman reported the total points of the top five chapters in each division as follows: Gold Division (50 or more members): Jackson 955, Dearborn 945, Muskegon 650, Grand Rapids 465 and Oakland County 425. Silver Division (under 50 members): Battle Creek 745, Saginaw 465, Greenville 420, Wayne 420 and Windsor 375.

Public Relations: Bill Hansen, chairman: There has been too much negative thinking on this highly important phase. Definition: Public relations is selling one's self or one's product to the public. It is the answer to our membership problem. We will have to sell ourselves or stay status quo or lower. He urged members to come up with simple ideas to sell our product to the public and to forward them to him. Recognition will be made for worthwhile ideas. Bill Hansen again emphasized that if we don't sell ourselves and our Society we have had it. He asked visitor Hugh Ingraham, International Director of public relations, if he wished to say something.

Hugh said that public relations begins at chapter level and added his definition of public relations as: "Doing something worthwhile and telling people about it."

Don Funk, President of Lansing chapter, advised that the best public image of Society is conveyed by the second or revised Logopedics film and suggested chapters to arrange for a showing to other community service organizations in their localities. While on his feet Don Funk added the remark that the House of Delegates only meets twice a year and we should not hurry the meetings to a

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close before business at hand has been taken care of. He added that this is the place to air your chapter's and your own feelings and gripes.

Area counselor award of the year 1964 in the form of a plaque was presented to Bob Tracy, Mackinaw City, (areas 7,8 and 9.)

Al Meyer, Redford chapter, asked the perennial question: "What about integration?" Reddie Wright answered as follows: "Local option at chapter level." Subject closed.

District President Al Burgess brought up the most important item of business on the agenda: The proposed society wide liability and property damage insurance policy to go into effect, upon a majority vote in the House of Delegates Meeting of the 15 districts, on January 1, 1966.

Bill Favinger, Detroit #1, asked if anybody had seen a sample copy of the policy to find out all the clauses and warranties contained therein. District Secretary Louis Harrington stated that he had requested such a copy from Barry Best, International Executive Director, who informed him that no copy was available. Someone stated, since a considerable amount of money in premiums is involved, much more information should be supplied. To bring to the effect that the issue be tabled until a copy of the policy is made available for further study. Motion was seconded and carried.

Chase Sanborn, Pontiac, was of the opinion that this action would have the results of a no vote. Therefore, when votes of the 14 other districts are tabulated after November 15, being the date of the last district convention, the issue could be defeated or become law, without the chapter's in the Michigan District being able to make their wishes known. The motion by Chase Sanborn instructing the District Board to obtain a specimen copy of the policy within thirty days and twenty days after receipt of same, a mail-vote of chapter delegates sent to District Secretary Harrington to be undertaken, carried after being seconded by Gerrit VerVeer. To make the mail poll legal a quorum of 30% of chapter delegate's votes will be required before a decision can be made.

Chase Sanborn, chairman of nominating committee presented the slate of 1966 district officers, which is contained in last issue of Troubadour. Complete slate elected on motion by Bill Favinger, duly seconded and carried.

President Elect, Reddie Wright, presented District President Elect, Eric Schultz, with the District President's Pin. Some of his remarks included these gems: "Think of ways to do something, instead of thinking it can't be done" and "Have I done everything to help my chapter and my new District Board that I could have done?"

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Lansing Elects Reese Olger Chapter President

On October 23 an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed an evening of laughter and song as the Lansing chapter presented the following parade: Those rollicking, fun-loving Harmony Hounds, the Young-Uns, who captured all the young hearts and most of the older ones, Lansing's own Merri-Men, the Banjo-Tainers and last but far from least, the sweet close harmony of the Auto Towners. During the intermission a community sing was directed by Bob Johnson, from International Headquarters, who was in town for the chorus director's school.

In appreciation for the many extra hours we spent getting ready for the show, on November 1 we treated our gals to a ladies night, complete with dinner and dancing. During the evening, the chapter chorus serenaded the ladies.

In the past year we have moved our meeting place to

the Moose Hall (second floor), 115 East Grand River Ave., Lansing. Our regular meetings are still the first and third Monday of each month, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Our newly elected officers for 1966 are as follows: President, Reese E. Olger; executive vice president, John Hamilton; secretary, Robert Myers; treasurer, Leslie Collins; membership co-chairmen, Al Thelen and Herman Schmitt; program chairman, Stew Sigourney.

We are now pleasantly looking forward to our November 15 meeting, when we will be hosting the Jackson and Alma chapters. We are sure this will prove to be a real chord-ringing night.

reporter: reese olger

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McTaggart To Head Windsor During 1966

It all started on October 28, 1965 when Bob Johnson, the music director of our society, delivered a terrific talk and demonstration on the construction of the "barbershop chord". His slides and approach on the subject, heard by nearly one hundred ardent barbershoppers, were right to the point. We, in Windsor, are attempting to learn by his methods. How about you?

This month of November was out of this world. We first invaded Oakland County on the 5th. Then Pontiac joined us in Windsor on the 12th. Still with not enough barbershopping, we took in Canada Night on the 19th. Again this was a fabulous show. To end our month of harmony we were graced by the presence of the great Dearborn chorus. It was a great night with the two latest albums, the quartet and chorus champs of 1965, being raffled-off. The proceeds of this gathering was donated to the community centre, where our chorus practices.

Our election of officers was held and the following were elected to carry Windsor's banner next year:

President, Doran McTaggart; 1st vice president, Larry Dale; 2nd vice president, Art French; recording secretary, George Foreman; corresponding secretary, Stan DuFour; treasurer, Andy McCort; sergeant of arms, Don Grandchamp and Dick MacIntosh; delegate, Ted VerWay and alternate delegate, Bill Strong.

Remember Windsor now meets every second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Drop In Tavern.

reporter: larry dale

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Oakland County Ladies Night December 3

Our December meeting, Friday the 3rd, will be similar to our regular meetings except that wives or girlfriends are invited. Featured will be the Smithtonians and Esprit de Chords with a possibility that our own Strawhatters can all be in town and amaze us again with their novelty act. Come on out on the first Friday and woodshed one or two with us...we always have a good time.

Our man of many talents, Dick Liddicoatt, is directing our chorus with enthusiasm and watch out for us next spring. We take on our usual rigorous carolling tour just before Christmas and visitors are always welcome to share our bus trip and be rewarded with that inner glow of accomplishment. Call any OCC member for the details if you don't get them at our December 3 meeting.

reporter: bob mueller

Bill Shannon Elected Flint President

October 8, 9 and 10 the district convention and contest was attended by Mike and Bea Schied, Ray and Nola Goodall, Les and Irene Lang, Ron Gillies, Ron Sawdon and Dwight Hammer. Our congratulations to the 4-Fits, real troopers and entertainers and the Port City Chorus, who also had some very good competition. The attendance left something to be desired but what they lacked in quantity they sure made up in enthusiasm. Between events there was woodshedding all over the place and some pretty good groups.

On October 15 Flint journeyed to Saginaw for the Half Vast contest. Competing were choruses from Gratiot County, Milford and Saginaw. Congratulations to Gratiot County, winner of the trophy. A real nice lunch was served and everyone enjoyed a lot of harmony and fun. These area affairs sure help to pep up the members and we should have more of them.

October 16 we attended the Milford Sweet Adelines show and saw the debut of two new quartets, the Sweet Adeline's Four-Tune-Cookies and the barbershopper's Reminisce-Sirs, consisting of Tom Rafferty, Bob Marshall, John Zinikas and Gordon Limberg. These boys are all seasoned showmen and should do all right.

October 26 the Boston convention film was shown to Saginaw, Holly-Fenton, Pontiac and Flint chapter members. The attendance totaled 68. This was followed by a live program of some pick-up quartets and topped off by the Saginaw Cross Towners and Delta Aires. A nice sloppy joe luncheon was served and everyone had a ball.

Mike Schied and this reporter accepted an invitation on October 29 to join the Pontiac chapter on their mystery bus trip, which terminated at the Toledo, Ohio chapter meeting. Seven Michigan chapters were represented and seven Ohio chapters, so there was a full house of harmony. We took the Resonaires of Pontiac and the Sunn Setters of Utica-Rochester and special guest quartets from Michigan were the Trebleshooters and the Close Chorders. Boy...what a wonderful evening. Coming events are chorus practice and regular programs, Holly-Fenton show, installation of officers on Ladies Night January 22 and lots of harmony.

Election results for Flint are: Bill Shannon, president; Les Lang, vice president membership; Meil Norman, vice president program; Gerard Wrice, secretary; Mike Schied, treasurer; Lloyd Brown, Adam Hohn and Ron Gillies, as directors.

reporter: les lang

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Greenville President Dr. S.L. Anderson

The October elections will put the following in office on January 1, 1965: Dr. S. L. Anderson, president; Arnie Staffen, program vice president; Norm Wood, membership vice president; Elmer Katterjohn, secretary; Orrin Wood, treasurer and board members, Jack Wood, Lloyd Swierenga and Keith Neitzel.

Chorus director, Fran Jones, and Tom Venus attended the chorus director's school at East Lansing and returned home with nothing but praises for the tactics of Bob Johnson.

Two new members have been added to our roster since the last publication. Karlton Geiger, a bass from Smyrna and Roger Schalnat, a baritone from Trufant. Chapter membership is now 39.

Recent "Men of Note" winners in the Greenville chapter are: Chuck Harrison, Arnie Staffen, Bob Hansen, Norm

Finkbeiner, Frank Mattison and Francis Jones.

The chorus made its first appearance in the new Greenville Armory on Saturday, November 6. The occasion was a banquet honoring Greenville's Lila Albrecht as the new state president of the Rebecca Lodge.

Congratulations to the Muskegon Port City Chorus and director Webb for their fine showing at the Regional Chorus Contest. As you know, Muskegon was responsible for getting Greenville started in the business of "barbershopping" five years ago. It pleases us to see a "big brother" make good. We'll be cheering for you in Chicago.

Ionia has done it again. Their Hobo Wing Ding was a rousing success. Especially entertaining were the Rafter Ringers and the Great Lakes Chorus...directed by Bart Tillett?

The Rafter Ringers, from Grand Rapids, dropped in on us a couple of weeks ago. They're singing great. They have never sounded better. Why not give them a try at your next ladies or guest night? We plan to.

Sure wish you would stop and pay us a visit next time you're in the Greenville area. We meet every Monday at 8 p.m. above our sponsors, the Commercial State Savings Bank. Please accept the invitation...you'll be glad you did and so will we.

reporter: bob hansen

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Pontiac Now Meets In Amvet Hall

Our mystery bus trip of October 29 resulted in a real harmonious blast. Joining us on the chartered bus were also members from the Flint, Utica-Rochester, Redford and Oakland County Chapters. When we arrived in the mystery city of Toledo, Ohio, we were met by some 400 members from the Detroit, Milford and Monroe, Michigan chapters and six Johnny Appleseed District chapters. Tom Needham of Wayne served as emcee for the program. Michigan quartets entertaining the audience were the Resonaires of Pontiac, Trebleshooters of Detroit and our new second place District winners from Metropolitan Detroit, the Close Chorders.

The Pontiac chapter announces a change in our regular meeting hall to the Amvets Hall, 570 Oakland Ave. (Business U.S. 10) in Pontiac. We welcome visitors to come and harmonize with us in our new location.

Our program vice president, Clif Douglas, who engineered our mystery trip has advised that we will be visiting the Windsor, Canada chapter on November 12.

reporter: chase sanborn

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We, of central Michigan, enjoyed an exceptionally successful show. Everything went off without a hitch. From the proceeds we donated \$100.00 to our local retarded children's association. We also presented the Institute of Logopedics with \$150.00.

Now that the show is over, our Doug Devine has resigned. We gratefully thank Doug for the past two years, during which time we have made great strides in harmony. Doug's schedule is a busy one but we know he will still feel the itch to come sing with us Monday nights.

Saginaw fulfilled a promise and had a ball doing it. Several months ago, when they won the Half Vast Trophy at Sault Saint Marie, they promised to give it away within six months. We took it home, even though the Milford chapter gave us some anxious moments. Good for you Milford. Better luck next time. We'll let all you eager chapters know when this gem of a trophy can be yours, if you turn out in number and make like a blender.

We are looking forward to the evening of November 15, when our chapter plans a trip to Lansing to really harmonize in number.

reporter: grant colthorp

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Brooks To Head Kalamazoo Chapter

Twenty-five Kalamazoo chapter members, along with the Niles and Michigan City, Indiana chapters, joined the Benton Harbor (Fruitbelt) chapter at the Chorditorium on Friday night, October 29. The occasion was Benton Harbor's annual smelt fry. This was Kalamazoo's first trip down and all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. A night we won't forget for a long time with Bill Hansen and the Fruitbelt chorus, Rudy Hart and the Michigan City chorus and some fine quartet singing. Thank you Fruitbelt Chapter for the invite.

The Kalamazoo Chapter is proud to announce the 1966 chapter officers: President, George Brooks; administrative vice president, Rey Peterson; program vice president, Harry Kampe; secretary-treasurer, Bill West; board members, Hugh Klukowski, Dave Schmidtke and Paul Weeldreyer. With an administration like this our chapter is bound to improve in every respect. Good luck and happy barber-shopping in 1966.

Our chapter also wishes to announce that Burt Szabo has taken over as chorus director of the Kalamazoo chorus. We feel very fortunate in having a person of Burt's caliber as our director. Our chorus has begun to grow since our reorganization in September, and have high hopes of rapid growth and success during the coming year.

Kalamazoo's 24th annual "Serenade of Quartets" is scheduled for February 12, 1966. General chairman, George Brooks, announces quite a talent line-up. The Imposters, the Dignitaries, the Roadrunners, the Harmony Hounds and the Banjo Tainers. Hope to see you in Kalamazoo come February.

reporter: jim sell

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Copy Deadline December 3

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INTERNATIONAL

News



WILLIAM HANSEN

During the many years I have served the Michigan District in various capacities, I have often been asked, in effect: "What is happening to our district?" These questions have been posed by interested barbershoppers who expressed concern over the apparent lack of spirit and, more lately, a decline in membership.

If there is a lack of spirit in the Michigan District, and I firmly believe this to be true, there are many underlying reasons. My analysis of the situation has convinced me that attitudes of indifference and selfishness are primarily responsible for any decline of our district.

If we are to have a successful district we must have a membership which is ready and willing to do whatever is necessary to cooperate and maintain solidarity. There should be no room for the member who could care less about his own chapter, the district, or the Society as a whole. Refusal of membership to this type of individual will result in chapters having members who are genuinely interested in the future of barbershopping.

Selfishness, as applied to our situation, is entailed with the attitude of some barbershoppers toward their fellow-members. I have seen too many instances wherein barbershoppers, during chapter and district functions, have openly ignored others. There are also those barbershoppers who indicate by their actions that they have no desire to associate with those outside their own cliques. Such attitudes certainly do not foster a sense of fellowship which is supposed to be one of the prime attractions of our Society. Webster defines fellowship as: 1. companionship. 2. a mutual sharing. If we accept Webster (and most people do) it would seem that many of our members fall short of what is expected.

In connection with the attitude of selfishness, it might be well for quartets to evaluate themselves in terms of service to chapters and the district versus monetary gain. I do not advocate free quartets; however, I honestly believe that quartets should be as tolerant as possible when their assistance will benefit those who are deserving.

There are those who will argue that the majority of our members do not fall into the categories described above. I'm inclined to agree; however, I also realize that a small minority can spoil it for the majority.

The wholehearted application of the Golden Rule by our entire membership will work wonders for our district. When do we start?

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Copy Deadline December 3

IMPORTANT: All address changes should be given to your chapter secretary. Make sure your chapter secretary forwards this info to International (source of our mailing labels). THEN you can be sure the Troubadour will be mailed to the correct address.



Detroit Looking For Lost Trophy

The Battle Creek Convention is all past history and we at Detroit # 1 would like to congratulate the Port City Chorus of Muskegon on winning the honors in Battle Creek. Fellas, we love you and our hearts and voices will be with you in Chicago. Most of us at Detroit # 1 plan to be in the audience and when those curtains open you'll know who we are rooting for... "Good luck".

We would also like to thank the Battle Creek chapter for all of their efforts for S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. during the past year.

Plans are under way for our big yearly "Battle of the Quarters" with the Grosse Pointe Chapter on the third Friday in December. The two chapters vie for a huge shaving mug, which the victorious chapter keeps for all the next year.

We seem, however, to have lost knowledge as to the whereabouts of said trophy. We, at Detroit, won it last year and feel that someone in error walked off with it. So please...who ever you are...Please return the trophy.

A large group from Detroit attended the gathering sponsored by Windsor Chapter on the new H.E.P. method of learning songs. Bob Johnson, of our international staff, is not only a great barbershopper, but he can also explain to you in understandable language what it takes to make those chords ring.

reporter: john wearing



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

LOUIS R. HARRINGTON

Bob Johnson's recent chorus directors' school and visitations to our district proved both inspiring and informative to those privileged to attend. Plans and arrangements are already underway for his return visit in 1966. It is expected that he will conduct the chorus directors' school next October and will conduct musical schools October 24-27. Our members can derive great benefits from these sessions with the Society's musical director.

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The Chapter Officers' Training School has been deferred to a later date so that proper arrangements can be made and adequate notice sent to all new officers. Full details will be forthcoming. The chapters are responding nicely with list of newly elected officers reports but there are still 11 unreported.

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As their administrative terms approach an end, chapter officers are cautioned to be sure that all outstanding obligations are paid so that newly elected officers will not be burdened with old debts.

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The following chapters have changed their meeting places: Wayne now meets at Wildwood Hall, 37609 Ford Road, first and third Fridays. Windsor meets at Drop-In Tavern Banquet Room, 3990 Tecumseh Road second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p.m. Pontiac meets at AmVets Hall, 570 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, third Fridays.



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THE FEMININE OBSERVER



ELLEN HARRINGTON

Lansing's parade was well attended and very diversified with entertainment by the Auto Towners, Merri-Men, Harmony Hounds, Lansing chorus, Young-Uns and the Banjo-Tainers, attracting out-of-townners Bob Johnson from Keno-sha, Clint Bostick, Al Rehkop, Carl Dahlke and Messrs. and Mesdames Glenn Van Tassell, Chet Oonk, Ed Nealer and Wendell Derby. Others enjoying the event were Gordon Washburn, Tony Stornant, Monty Bates, Reese Olger, John Hamilton, Doug Stephens, Howard Hawkins, Dale Bulock, Frank Brown and many more.

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Detroit's 26th annual parade was a sell-out, and the well paced show was ably emceed by Duncan Hannah featuring the current International champions, the Renegades, the incomparable Schmitt Brothers, the Southern Aristocrats, the Trebleshooters, the 4 Fits and the Detroit Motor City chorus. Seen in the capacity crowd were Clarence Wenman, E. A. Vande Zande, Roger Knapp, Mike Arnone, Carl Restivo, Marv Burke, Russ Seely, Ray McCalpin, Stan Salter, Bill Butler, Bob Hickey, Cliff Jorgenson, Dave Russell, William Smith, Bud Dubrul, Al Maier and Bud Dashiell.

Others included Messrs. and Mesdames Eric Schultz, Cecil Craig, George Dyar, Warner Dyar, R. J. Schied, Frank Tritle, Tom Needham, Jerry Reid, Wally Joure, Clyde Centers, Bert Escott, John Wearing, Marv McClary, Duane Mosier, Ernest Dossin, Dr. Sherman Faunce, John Baker, Robert Montgomery, Doran McTaggart, C. D. Sanborn, Bert West, Art Schulze, Matt Calderwood, George Acree, William Amperser, Ron DuMonthier, Wayne Kniffen, William Wickstrom, Ed McCarthy, Bob Mulligan, Bob Winters, Bob Whitledge, Pat Ryan, Ralph Schirmer, Nick Zito, Lowell Thomas, Otto Vogel, Dunc Wallace, William Favinger, Willaim Warner, Thurman Holliday, Don Ferguson and many more.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Touzeau of Dearborn on the birth of their son.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lloyd Teller of Dearborn and his bride, the former Mary Martin.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob Stone of Dearborn who was hospitalized.

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Coming Events

Requests for parade date clearance and sanction fee payments should be sent to District secretary, Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Building, Detroit 26.

- November 27, 1965 Holly-Fenton Parade
- January 22, 1966 Pontiac Parade
- February 5, 1966 Monroe Parade
- February 18, 1966 Kalamazoo Parade
- February 12, 1966 Dearborn Parade
- March 5, 1966 Wayne Parade
- March 12, 1966 Greenville Parade
- April 2, 1966 Flint Parade
- April 16, 1966 Jackson 25th Anniversary Parade
- April 23, 1966 Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
- April 29-May 1, 1966 International Preliminaries (tentative)
- June 4, 1966 Utica-Rochester Parade
- September 24, 1966 Gratiot County Parade
- September 30-Oct. 2, 1966 District Contest and Convention, Holland
- November 5, 1966 Detroit Chapter Parade
- February 11, 1967 Kalamazoo Parade
- April 8, 1967 Great Lakes Invitational, Grand Rapids
- April 14-16, 1967 International Preliminaries (tentative)
- October 13-15, 1967 District contest and convention (tentative)
- April 26-28, 1968 International Preliminaries (tentative)
- October 18-20, 1968 District contest and convention (tentative)

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