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Think Spring!

Convention April 22-24; Harmony Round-Up May 20-22

Detroit-Oakland, convention hosts, assure "Better & More in 94"

by Bill Wickstrom, Host Chapter Coordinator

The Detroit-Oakland Chapter extends a welcoming hand to all barbershoppers, to the Pioneer District Spring Convention. "Previous host chapters Lansing and Gratiot County set a successful upward course for us to follow," says Chapter President Tom Uicker, "and we intend to continue the trend to ensure 'Better and More in 94'."

District Convention Chairman Mike Cirritto assures all there'll be plenty to see, hear and do, including quartet and chorus contests, chorditorium, massed sing, woodshedding, barbershop shop, Heartspring raffle, fashion show, capitol tours and socializing with old friends.

If you are a regular at conventions, you need only to be told where and when and we're sure you'll be there. But if you haven't been to a district convention recently, now is the time to get back. We'll be working to make your visit one of the most exciting and fun packed harmony week-ends of the year. And as the president of another DOC says, "You have our word on it!"

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Harmony Round-Up offers expanded list of classes plus R&R

Classes available at Harmony Round-up on MSU Campus in May will include instruction for successful chapter bulletins and chapter public relations. 18 holes of golf as well as Euchre and Cribbage tournaments will be available for early arrivals, on Friday afternoon.

DME Fred Kienitz also reported there will be "longer R&R in between," instruction and "more fun type activities throughout the weekend."

International faculty include Jim Casey, Tom Gentil, Ev Nau, Dave Labar, Burt Szabo, Jay Hawkins, Dale Fettick, Randy Chisol and Paul Gilmar.

Pioneer District instructors are; Al Fisk, Bruce Evans, Jim Stephens, Jason Fox, Tom Uicker as well as Fred and Joan Kienitz.

A total of seventeen regular and mini-classes, along with class descriptions and instructor credentials are listed in the goldenrod insert in the middle of this *Troubadour*.

Page four of the insert lists full registration instructions, price combinations as well as individual and quartet registration forms.

Fred Kienitz urges early registration and advises there

will be a late fee of \$10.00 per registrant for all registrations made after April 30. There are special prices available for those able to commute to the Harmony Round-Up.

HARMONY ROUND-UP

Full details and registration form in center, 4 page (goldenrod) insert in this issue.

Convention registration and hotel reservation forms for April convention, in this issue!

President Seely lists proposed district revamp! See Page Four!

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RUSSELL SEELY

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ROGER LEWIS

New Years' resolutions are, traditionally, made to be broken. For me, my ever-increasing waistline supports that "made-to-fail" tradition. And let's face it, most resolutions are tough to maintain since we all have a tendency "to aim to high" which makes it easier to rationalize our failures as inevitable.

So, what in the wide world of barbershop does this have to do with us, you ask? Well, how 'bout a resolution that really is attainable? It would go something like this: I resolve to introduce just one (1) young man, 30 years or younger, to the greatest male singing fraternity in the world - SPEBSQSA - in 1994!

That doesn't sound like a tough challenge, does it? Can't you just imagine what an influx of excitement that young man would bring to your chapter? Ironically, a survey professionally conducted for our society indicated, much to my surprise, the younger members were more than satisfied with our music. Add to that the fact that once bitten, these younger guys become productive, long term members.

I remember quite clearly the Pollard boys, the Slamkas' the Gougeons as well as my own son when they were introduced to our harmony by their Proud Poppa's when they were darn near babies. They, plus many other sons or grandsons came, stayed, and produced. Oh! In case you haven't looked, Mike Slamka will be directing *City Lights* in Pittsburgh and Jim Polard has returned as Grand Rapids director. Get the picture? Shucks, even I was a "son" of as well as a "little brother of" a barbershopper. If it sounds like I'm a firm supporter of Youth Outreach, you're right. More later on our plans, but make your resolve to bring a kid.

The setting for our recent COTS was even better than we had hoped. The Kellog family's summer/lake home was just about perfect for our school. The original home has been expanded with classrooms and dorm rooms and a banquet hall. Add to that a Gull Lake setting plus a class A menu - prime rib on Saturday
Please see Seely, page 4.

This seems to be an article of "anticipation," as lots will happen from the time I write it until you read it. As I write I'm preparing to leave for Kansas City for a Convention Management meeting, where we'll select the sites for the 1998, '99 and 2000 International Conventions for presentation to the Executive Committee and Board at Mid-winter in Sarasota.

Also on the agenda for the International Board: A motion is to be made to allow non-member (female) directors; To streamline the board from it's current 25 members, which is considered unwieldy, and much more in the line of normal business. Next issue, I'll have lots to report. Meanwhile, I'd like to call your attention to the article immediately below, about the **Quartet Jamboree** at our April convention.

**Quartet Jamboree!! Friday, April 22,
11 PM at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel!!**

QUARTETS! Here's a new opportunity to show off your wares. Friday evening, after the Semi-finals at the school, we'll hold a "Quartet Jamboree" in the ballroom at the Sheraton. It's open to all registered quartets, competing or not.

The time allotted to each quartet will depend on the number registered to sing. That could be as little as 8 minutes, or up to a half-hour, (if only 4 sign up).

We have 60+ registered quartets in the district, yet we typically have only 15 or so competing. Some of you other 45 quartets may never consider competing, yet perform regularly in your community and chapter. Here's an opportunity to sing at a convention, without judges, for a very appreciative crowd, (the best in the world) and to sing what you like to sing, (within the bounds of ethics).

Interested? Call or write Roger Lewis, 20125 12 Mile Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49017 (616) 965-5714.

THE EXECUTIVE PITCH

by our Executive V.P.
LARRY PARKER

Tiger Day, 1994

Mark it on the calendar! Sunday, June 19, 1994 - The World Champion Toronto Blue Jays vs the Detroit Tigers. Game time is 1:15 p.m.

The Tigers raised their prices on individual tickets, but fear not, our ticket costs remain the same at \$9.50.

Complete information concerning ticket sales, songs to be sung and other pertinent information will be sent to each chapter president in late February. In the meantime, lets all make plans to attend this great day.

EasyDues Auto-Draft

(Excerpt from COTS manual)

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Think about this new program. It might be the best thing to help with the shock of paying bills.

Talking Barbershop!

(From Membership VP Manual)

On a typical day, you meet dozens of people. you go to work and deal with co-workers, suppliers, customers. On the way home, you stop to buy a loaf of bread, stop to fill up the car, pick up the dry cleaning. *Every man you meet in the course of a day is a potential barbershop member.*

While you may not include such men in your circle of close friends, they are men and consequently, new member prospects. And they are usually the forgotten prospects. We shouldn't limit ourselves to just friends and acquaintances. Widen your horizons to include the broad spectrum of our community life.

Seely, from page 3

night, thank you - a good, not great attendance, an enthusiastic, if not travel wearied, fog bound faculty, reduced costs to the chapter and you have all the ingredients for a successful school. We've reserved it for next year and I recommend you send your officers. They won't be disappointed.

Divisional regrouping planned.

Amidst the many considerations on the district boards agenda, the following divisional regrouping will be submitted to the House of Delegates for approval.

<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>
Pontiac	Lansing	Holland
Rochester	Jackson	Benton Harbor
Macomb	Battle Creek	Grand Rapids
Milford	Kalamazoo	Muskegon
Detroit/Oakland	*Coldwater	
Grosse Pointe	*dissolved	
<u>Division IV</u>	<u>Division V</u>	<u>Division VI</u>
Alpena	Saginaw	Huron Valley
Cadillac	Swan Valley	Metro Detroit
Boyne City	Flint	Monroe
Sault Ste. Marie	Gratiot Cty.	Monroe North
Traverse City	Port Huron	Wayne
		Windsor

You'll note we are proposing an additional division to better serve all of our chapters. We are also soliciting names rather than numbers for the divisions. Div. IV might be the Norsemen, Div. VI, Can-Am? Got ideas - write!

Finally, a personal thank you for excellent service to a life long friend, another "son-of" and fellow chapter member, Dale Barber who has produced, printed, mailed and generally nurtured the *Troubadour* for the past dozen years or so. Economy plus geographic accessibility for our editor has moved your board to avail the services of Dobb Printing. Sometimes it ain't fun to be "da boss!"


PROTY entries due March 1

Do you think you're a good PR officer? Have you had some good experiences in promoting your chapter and barbershopping?

Tell us.

Write a summary of what you did, what the results were and why you're proud of it. No minimum or maximum length; whatever it takes to help us decide you're worthy of recognition. Enclose any backup material you have, like information used in planning the activity, outlines, reports,

ADD-A-LINE



by **Jim Styer**
DISTRICT COMMUNICATION OFFICER

internal communications, letters, news releases, clips, tapes posters, programs, brochures hand-outs and ads.

That's your entry in Pioneer District's Public Relations Officer of the Year Contest.

Mail as soon as possible. Deadline: March 1.

The award will be presented at the spring convention.

Our district winner will be entered in the international PROTY contest, which requires entrants to be PROBE members.

Judges for the international award will consider your efforts and the results in chapter activity, membership, and a community awareness of barbershopping. Media coverage will be an indicator, but not a sole determinant.

Judges will consider the cover letter, supporting material, one-time PR projects, a year around PR program and involvement in marketing and community outreach. More points will be given entries that include a multiple of these.

The cover letter should summarize the work, its intent, how it was carried out and results. It should also include information on chapter size and resources and on area media to the extent that it affected your work and results.

Also include your name, address, phone number, chapter and title and a brief summary of your barbershop and PR experience that may be used for publicity.

Mail you entry to Jim Styer, Director of Communications, 72 Allison Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017-1828. If you have questions or need help, call 616-965-6456 late afternoons or Sundays.

Coldwater sings final song

From *The Riser*, Battle Creek,
by Ben Jerzyk

It was time for the fat lady to sing. Or in this case, fat men, thin men and men young and old ... to sing a swan song of Christmas carols.

Yours truly had the somewhat sad experience of joining the *Twin Valley Chorus* of the Coldwater in its last public performance, caroling at retirement homes on Tuesday evening, December 14, 1993.

The Coldwater Chapter has ceased to exist.

The Pioneer District informed the chapter that, due to lack of members, it was time to turn out the lights. They tried to keep the fire burning. But alas, the last of the glowing embers were not enough to keep the flames flickering.

It was in 1979, under Don Burrill's presidency, the Battle Creek Chapter had the honor of sponsoring the Coldwater Chapter.

Our own chorus and chapter quartets have enjoyed singing on their shows at the classic old Tibbets Opera House. The late Dick Spear was director of the *Twin Valley Chorus* for a while and other Battle Creek Chapter members, from time to time, went south to lend their support, talent and expertise.

But it has been a challenge in recent years, in the Coldwater area, to find enough men to commit their time and talents.

Yet it was a joy, despite the sad occasion, to be a part of the little chorus that got together for just one more last hurrah.

I nearly shed a tear when chapter member Bob Huntley told each audience that this would be the last official time together for the *Twin Valley Chorus*. The chorus had been performing at some of the Coldwater retirement complexes for more than 10 years.

When we sang several carols, somehow the atmosphere was just a little more joyous, at least on many faces, as we sang our last goodbye, wishing everyone "Merry Christmas."

We ended the evening at the Big Boy for some food and more singing, then departed our separate ways.

As Huntley so poignantly said in his farewell, "On behalf of all the members who have sang with the Coldwater Chapter, thanks for the memories."

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Successful conventions offering more

by Mike Cirritto, Director of Conventions

After a banner fall convention, there is general agreement that the first two conventions in Lansing were quite successful. If you were part of the near record crowd and record number of competing choruses, you are aware of the great success. If you were not part of it, we hope to see you in April when Detroit-Oakland Chapter assures us of "More in '94!"

The "more," *new this time*, includes;

***Capitol tours** - Saturday morning. Motor coaches will leave the Sheraton at 9 A.M. and return at 11 A.M. Will provided a tour of the refurbished capitol building. Includes complimentary coffee at ladies hospitality room. Package price \$5.00. Tickets at registration. Limited to first 100 people. Park in any Sheraton lot.

***Quartet Jamboree** - Friday night, 11 P.M. Any registered quartet may sing at the convention, competing or not. See Roger Lewis' article on page 3.

***Buffet dinners**, for barbershoppers, will be provided at a nominal price in one of the Sheraton Ballrooms, Friday & Saturday evenings.

The highly popular and successful trolley service and auditorium concession stand will be continued.

Convention site vote

The House of Delegates will vote on a convention site beginning in 1966. Bids have been received from Lansing, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

The district board has found the Grand Rapids bid too expensive.

To help us plan conventions, please complete the questionnaire on page 19 in this issue.

Chapters eligible for sales tax exempt purchases

by R. Stanley Williams, District Treasurer

The State of Michigan has issued a sales tax exempt certificate to the Pioneer District Association of Chapters. Your chapter can save the 4% tax on all purchases by using this form with accompanying cover letter. The state no longer issues tax exempt numbers.

For copies of the certificate and cover letter, contact Stan Williams by phone or mail, at the number or address on page 2 of each *Troub.*

HOTEL RESERVATION PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 22 -24, 1994

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Number in order of preference.

Sheraton Lansing Hotel (\$67 flat) _____
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Center (\$62- 1 bed/\$66-2 beds) _____

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or \$65 flat with breakfast)

Hampton Inn (\$45 Flat) _____

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS:

SPECIAL REQUESTS? _____

Credit Card AE ___ MC ___ VI ___

The Convention/Visitors bureau is not
responsible for room rates.

Number _____

Exp. Date _____

Ed Notes: — One of the many bulletins received here recently advised, "If you have to recruit, you're doing something wrong." Well, maybe. The statement makes a potentially valid point and is of value if it only makes us think; to consider why we recruit.

If recruitment in certain instances, in some chapters, is an ongoing means of replacing drop-outs as the message seems to infer, then something is very wrong and chapters caught in that trap ought to look first to retention. If however we eagerly invite others to join us in the thrill of barbershopping, in a successful chapter, the practice is very worthwhile and can only lead to positive growth. Obviously, to expose a man to the world of barbershop, we must first extend an invitation and get him to a meeting.

What happens next? What will your guest encounter? Will he have a good time among sociable people? Will he meet several or all of the chapter members and have an opportunity to get acquainted. Or will a brief exchange of names of two people he will stand between on the risers be deemed sufficient to stuff him in that slot for the evening?

We were discussing this with a chapter officer sometime ago and he remarked that we must not show a guest "special" treatment that does not represent regular practice, or he will be disappointed on subsequent visits. Absolutely correct!

So, is recruitment more important than retention? We must not show members any special treatment either, huh? Just mount the troops on the risers and expect them to perform on command! No talking! No time for socializing or even for four men to sing a tag! With the present emphasis on chorus rehearsal, members sometimes belong to a chapter and sing in a chorus for a long-long time without *really getting to know* the people on the other end of the risers! And that is sad.

Another bulletin suggested that it is sometimes difficult after a hard day, to force yourself to attend a

barbershop meeting. But you owe it to the others — you have an *obligation* to be there, it was stated. Maybe — but we think not! If the meeting is all that it can be and ought to be, every member will be *eager* to be there. The meeting will offer revitalization and a renewal of the spirit after the hard day.

Perhaps we can amend the original message from the other bulletin. We might suggest that if your chapter is having a problem with member retention, sufficient recruitment for *consistent growth* will never be possible.

If members are eager to attend meetings, guests will be eager to return also, without any special treatment other than the "special" treatment afforded every member at each and every meeting!

1994 CONVENTION REGISTRATION
PIONEER DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 22 - 24, 1994
LANSING, MICHIGAN

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

REGISTRANT NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

COMPETING QUARTET? YES ___ NO ___

QUARTET NAME _____

COMPETING CHORUS? YES ___ NO ___

CHORUS NAME _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

VOICE PART: TENOR ___ LEAD ___ BARITONE ___ BASS ___

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LESLIE, MI 49251

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District '93 Heartspring Contributions Total \$27,238.76

Furniture City Chord Company Increased Their Donation Over Last Year, With \$1,684.00

Pioneer District Heartspring Summary, December 31, 1993

by Alex Willox, Heartspring Chairman

QUARTET CONTRIBUTIONS

FURNITURE CITY CHORD COMPANY	\$1,684.00	SUNNY SIDE	\$100.00
SIGNATURE	250.00	THE LAST GOODBYE	450.00
SMORGASCHORD	100.00	MODEL A FOUR	20.00
PICTURE THIS FOUR	110.00	GRAND TRAVELERS	20.00
BACKWARD GLANCE	100.00	TOTAL	2,299.00

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BATTLE CREEK				
BENTON HARBOR-ST. JOSEPH	427.00	29	14.72	BRONZE
BOYNE CITY	567.00	28	20.25	BRONZE
CADILLAC	200.00	23	8.70	
COLDWATER				
DETROIT-OAKLAND	2,185.00	84	26.01	SILVER
FLINT	40.00	33	1.21	
GRAND RAPIDS	2,506.00	89	28.15	SILVER
GRATIOT COUNTY	2,000.00	63	31.75	SILVER
GROSSE POINTE	1,025.00	90	11.39	BRONZE
HOLLAND	750.00	55	13.63	BRONZE
HURON VALLEY	423.00	44	9.61	
JACKSON	790.00	33	23.93	BRONZE
KALAMAZOO	1,187.00	53	22.39	BRONZE
LANSING	2,946.00	70	42.06	SILVER
MACOMB COUNTY	630.25	68	9.26	
MILFORD				
MONROE	380.00	27	14.07	BRONZE
MONROE NORTH	931.50	35	26.61	SILVER
MOTOR CITY METRO	2,250.00	90	25.00	SILVER
MUSKEGON				
PONTIAC	1,165.00	23	50.65	GOLD
PORT HURON				
ROCHESTER	500.00	48	10.42	BRONZE
SAGINAW BAY				
SAULT STE. MARIE	500.00	42	11.90	BRONZE
SWAN VALLEY	488.11	19	25.69	SILVER
TRAVERSE CITY	1,520.00	44	34.54	SILVER
WAYNE	1,684.00	56	30.07	SILVER
WINDSOR	500.00	48	10.42	BRONZE
PIONEER DISTRICT	820.00			
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>27,238.76</u>	<u>DISTRICT PER CAPITA</u>	<u>\$20.76</u>	

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1994 Pioneer District Harmony Round-Up

Regular Classes

6 - 8 Hours

100 Vocal Production Techniques -	Casey	104 Quartet Workshop -	Faculty
101 Fundamentals of Music -	Fisk	105 Chorus Workshop -	Faculty
102 Basic Arranging -	Szabo & Evans	106 Joe Barbershop Chorus -	Faculty
103 Apprentice Coaching -	Faculty	107 On With the Show -	Nau

Mini Classes

2 - 4 Hours

200 Tag Singing -	Fisk	205 Develop Sight Singing Skills -	Stephens
201 Gang Singing -	Fisk	206 Successful Chapter Bulletins -	Fox & Uicker
202 Fundamentals of Directing -	Faculty	207 "Can't Miss" Chapter P.R. -	J. Kienitz
203 Section Leader Workshop -	Faculty		
204 How's & Why's of Warm up -	Faculty		

208 Master of Ceremonies - F. Kienitz

Class Descriptions

100 Vocal Production Techniques - Jim Casey. This course teaches the singer how to become totally involved in producing good barbershop sounds. It combines all aspects of proper use of the articulators along with support resonance and breath management that combine to help the singer develop color and beauty in his voice. Jim's theory is that champions don't sing better, they sing smarter.

101 Fundamentals of Music - Al Fisk. This course is designed to teach the student how to identify various notes and their value. It teaches key signatures and how to identify the key in which the song is written. It touches on intervals and generally makes those dots on the paper more user friendly.

102 A&B Basics of Arranging - Burt Szabo & Bruce Evans. The class will give you a sound knowledge of basic barbershop arranging. You will learn to identify the musical elements critical to the preservation of the barbershop harmony art form. Be sure to designate (A) basic or (B) advanced on your registration form. With sufficient interest and registration, we will develop two classes.

103 Apprentice Coaching - Faculty. In this class you will be assigned to one of the quartet coaches while he is working with his assigned quartets. Thus, you will observe but not be involved in the coaching. Following the coaching session, the coach will advise the apprentice of the weakest parts of the groups performance and what he did to help the group improve. You may wish to take notes for comparison purposes. You may be assigned to alternate coaches for P.M. sessions.

104 Quartet Workshop - Faculty. This class is organized for quartets only; who want extensive coaching to help improve their performance package. Each coach will work on your problem areas first, moving toward your strengths as the session progresses. Please advise the coach of your areas of concern at the beginning of the session.

105 Chorus Workshop - Faculty. This class is for chapter choruses only. You must have a majority of your chorus in attendance and supply risers to accommodate all in attendance. You will be coached in all areas of your performance. Be prepared for a strenuous days work. See

reduced price schedule for choruses below. You will be expected to perform on the afterglow.

106 - Joe Barbershop Chorus - Faculty. This class is designed to give you the same basic instruction as in the Chorus Workshop. You will probably learn one or two new songs and prepare to sing on the Afterglow. Vocal and warm up techniques will be emphasized along with basic introduction to the new judging categories and how to use them to improve your chorus performance.

107 On With The Show - Ev Nau. The main focus will be show production. The class will encompass staging, sound, lighting, format, use of M.C., use of scripts, assigning chapter personnel, use of guest ensembles and all else pertinent to show production.

200 Tag Singing - Al Fisk. Al has a compilation of about 180 tags from which to choose. The class is designed for full enjoyment in a very relaxed atmosphere for instant gratification.

201 Gang Singing - Al Fisk. You will relax and enjoy singing with members of other district chapters. This is a fun class.

202 Fundamentals of Directing - Faculty. You will learn the basics of arm waving, identifying key signatures, the differences in conducting 4/4, 3/4, or 6/8 time; how to start and stop the chorus and the various nuances necessary to direct louder or softer singing.

203 Section Leader Workshops - Faculty. Learn the basics of teaching parts to chorus members to help you be a more effective section leader.

204 How's and Why's of Warm Up - Casey or Faculty. This class will help you get your whole body ready to sing. It will include posture, the "warm air" concept and breath management.

205 Develop Sight Singing Skills - Jim Stephens. This class will explain what all the black dots and all the rest of the marks on the sheet music means. You will learn basic skills to help you learn music faster. You will receive hand outs to refer to when back home.

206 Successful Chapter Bulletins - Fox and Uicker. These two gentlemen each edit a monthly chapter bulletin filled with interesting news and information. They will share their skill with you.

207 "Can't Miss" Public Relations - Joan Kienitz & special media guest. To be successful in business you must market your product. Radio, TV and newspapers are wonderful tools to use in advertising and not expensive if used properly.

This class will help you learn how to successfully utilize the media in promoting your chapter specifically or barbershopping in general.

208 Master of Ceremonies - Fred Kienitz. The International has just published a manual on this subject. We will use it as a guide for this class and you may take it home for future reference. The class will focus on the manner in which the M.C. controls the flow of entertainment.

Know Your Instructors

Jim Casey - Professional voice teacher, coach for *Vocal Majority*, 1992 International Champs, *Keepsake*, 1994 Sweet Adelines International Chorus and Quartet Champs. Society's #1 vocal production instructor.

Tom Gentil - International Judge, Director of International Chorus champs and Sweet Adeline chorus champs. Coach extraordinaire.

Ev Nau - International Field Representative, International Judge, show production expert, professional musician.

Dave Labar - Past International Field Representative, frontline director, coach, International quartet medalist.

Burt Szabo - Director of Music, International Field Representative, composer, arranger.

Jay Hawkins - International Champion Bass, Top 5 Medalist, former International Judge.

Dale Fettick - International top 5 medalist, coach, great tenor.

Randy Chisolm - Premier Society Lead Singer, Coach, International Top 5 Medalist.

Paul Gilmar - International Champion Bari, Top 5 Medalist, Coach.

Friday Night Opening Session, restructured for 94, will include a brief welcome, introduction of faculty and a keynote address by Ev Nau. A parade of all quartets registered will complete the opening session. Then we will go right into the first round of quartet coaching and some of the mini-classes. The class schedules will be in your registration envelopes you will receive on arrival.

General Sessions will be limited to the disbursement of information and warm ups. The rest of the sessions will be devoted to break-away or small groups gathering for woodshedding, tag singing or R&R.

Non-Barbershop Activities will feature a **Friday afternoon** golf scramble at the course on campus. That will kick off around 2 P.M. and will include a round of golf, a cart and a prize for the winners. The fee will be around \$32.00. A Euchre and Cribbage tournament will be held at the dorm beginning at 3 P.M. You will need to register for both events on your registration form. You will be notified of exact details prior to the weekend.

The Guest Quartet for the weekend will be the *Marquis* from Cincinnati and Louisville. These guys could very well be our next quartet champs.

Sunday A.M. Forum - All registered quartets will meet in a designated room after the general session on Sunday morning. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss what you expected from this weekend and what you received. Also, we would like some suggestions from the groups as to how you could be better served at future "Round-Ups."

Afterglow - All choruses and quartets registered will appear on the Saturday night Afterglow, to be held in the basement of our dorm at McDonel Hall.

- * You are responsible for your own Friday evening meal.
- * Select one from each series (100 and 200 classes) and an alternative from each.
- * Chorus Workshop singers (quartets too) may elect to audit any of the classes offered for one to four hours at any time during the day to avoid fatigue.
- * Special rates for chapter choruses are listed below. If you have any questions, call me at 810-655-8694.
- * Sunday morning classes followed by a short farewell to the faculty and will be over by 11:30 A.M. giving you plenty of time to get home.

Here are some possible price combinations

Full registration \$80.00 - includes 4 meals, lodging materials, all classes.

Commuter registration \$50.00 - includes 2 meals, materials, all classes (no breakfasts)

Chapter chorus member full registration \$60.00 - includes 4 meals, lodging, materials, all classes.

Chorus member commuter registration \$30.00* - includes 2 meals, materials, all classes (no breakfasts)

*Note: To qualify for chorus member prices, your chorus must attend for at least 4 hours of coaching.

Special notice for our Canadian Brothers paying by check or in Canadian currency;

Full Registration, add \$15.00 Full chorus registration, add \$10.00

Commuter registration, add \$10.00 Chorus commuters, add \$10.00

Late Registration

All prices listed will be honored through April 30, 1994. Registrations postmarked after this date will be subject to an additional \$10.00 late fee per registrant. Don't delay. Register promptly.

Notice: Chapter Boards - If members of your chapter bring back information from these classes, helpful to the growth of your chapter, you may wish to underwriting a part of their tuition cost for the program.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone() _____ Business Phone() _____

Note: Commuters may attend all sessions but lodging and breakfasts are not included. Chapter members attending with their chorus for chorus coaching should complete this form and give to chapter or chorus official for group processing.

List your class preferences below

1st choice regular class _____

2nd choice regular class _____

1st choice mini-class _____

2nd choice mini-class _____

Golf (18 Holes) _____ Euchre _____ Cribbage _____

QUARTET REGISTRATION FORM

Quartet name _____

Tenor _____ Chapter _____

Lead _____ Chapter _____

Bari _____ Chapter _____

Bass _____ Chapter _____

Contact Man _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone() _____ Business Phone() _____

Note: Commuters may attend all sessions but lodging and breakfast not included.

Full registration fee includes two nights lodging, fees, materials, all meals.

Smoker? Yes ___ No ___

Please check appropriate blank

Full Registration @ \$80 _____

Commuter Registration \$50 _____

Chorus Full Reg @ \$60 _____

Chorus Commuter @ \$30 _____

\$30 minimum deposit required

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

No deposit refunds after 5/6/94

Make check payable to Pioneer District and Mail to;

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Full registration includes two nights lodging, fees, materials, all meals for one quartet member.

Please enter the appropriate no.

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Minimum Deposit \$120 required

Amount enclosed: _____

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District directories shipped to chapters

by Jack Schneider, District Secretary

The 1994 district directories have been shipped UPS to each chapter president. Each chapter was allocated 10 plus one each for each district committee man and one for each quartet contact man, in each chapter. We have handled the distribution in this bulk shipment manner to better control costs. Please contact your chapter president for your copy of the directory. Additional copies are available from the district secretary at \$2.00 each to cover printing and mailing costs.

Every effort has been made to provide

correct information in the directory. However the information is not always totally legible on the carbonless forms or incomplete information is furnished. Further, many telephone area code changes have recently been made in the Detroit area. While we have attempted to properly change the area code for the residence numbers, we have now way of knowing the location of employment of the people listed in the directory. Please report any corrections or changes promptly. We will publish those corrections in the *Troubadour* and update the directory files for next year.

In reference to the large number of changes of area codes, we suggest you advise your chapter secretary of the corrected codes and that all be submitted to International office.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 1993 PIONEER DISTRICT, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

BOARD MEETING

Meetings of previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

The EVP report was removed from the consent calendar for further discussion. All other reports were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report indicated an updated balance of \$8,871.72.

The EVP Seely reported that the ADVP program is not working as intended; therefore, we are in the process of looking into expanding the divisions to 6 and adding another DVP. A vital part of the program would be the establishment of a liaison program with the chapters.

Old Business

Association of Past Champions - Jack Slamka has agreed to chair the committee.

Mike O'Donnell has accepted the position as DACJC.

1993 COTS will be held at the W. K. Kellogg Center on Gull Lake.

Dale Becker has accepted as appointment as District Historian.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Monroe Chapter be allowed to change their name to the Black Swamp Chapter.

A motion was made, seconded and defeated that we increase our advance registration price for district conventions to \$20.00 and late registration to \$25.00.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we increase the individual ticket prices for contests to \$10.00 each.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the DACJC pursue having the Past District Quartet Champions be eligible to perform on stage for the fall contest for the benefit of judging only. A motion was subsequently made, seconded and carried that rescinded that prior motion requesting that the DACJC have a proposal available for consideration at the spring convention.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we allocate up to \$400.00 to purchase a fax machine for the Troubadour editor.

Budget - A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed budget be accepted.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Nancy McDermott Ward and Dorothy McDermott presented Bob McDermott's 50 year history of the Pioneer District to President Lewis, thanks to much help from Fran Durham, Tom Uicker and Maria McClinchey.

Motion was made, supported and carried that the amended minutes of the April 1993 meeting be approved.

Consent Calendar Reports - The EVP report was pulled from the consent calendar. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the remaining reports be accepted as presented.

Awards were presented to John Bauer, John T. Gillespie, Larry King, Roger Lewis, Joel Mills and Mike O'Donnell for their contribution as judges under the prior judging system.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed budget be accepted. The budget incorporates the number of district directories printed be reduced and only 10 per chapter be distributed plus copies for district officers, committee chairmen, contact men for registered quartets and International. It also reduces the allowance for international competitors to \$50.00.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the by-laws be amended to provide for a term of 2 years for the district president and Executive vice president subject to approval of the International Laws and Regulations Chairman.

Election of 1994 Officers:

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the proposed slate of officers be elected.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that if International does not approve the 2 year terms retroactively, that the change become effective following the election of the 1995 officers.

Awards

A standing ovation was given to President Lewis and IBM O'Donnell for the outstanding job they did in their respective positions for the past 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Schneider
Pioneer District Secretary

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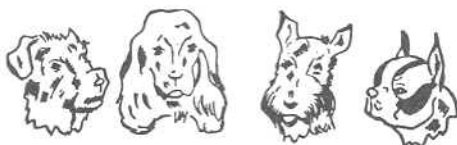
CHORUS		DISTRICT	SCORE
Dallas Metro, TX *	(12)	Southern	1108
Northbrook, IL *	(13)	Illinois	1085
Alexandria, VA *	(9)	Mid-Atlantic	1061
Phoenix, AZ *	(6)	Far Western	1040
Lombard, IL #	(10)	Illinois	1011
Bay Area Metro, CA #	(3)	Far Western	1003
St. Charles, MO *	(5)	Central States	1000
Columbus Buckeye, OH *	(8)	Johnny Appleseed	994
Motor City Metro, MI	(14)	Pioneer	990
Marietta, GA *	(11)	Dixie	987
Hilltop, MN *	(15)	Land-O-Lakes	985
Scarborough, Ontario *	(16)	Ontario, Canada	084
Bryn Mahr, PA		Mid-Atlantic	983
Kansas City, MO		Central States	997
Louisville, KY *	(20)	Cardinal	975
Denver Tech, CO *	(1)	Rocky Mountain	966
Manhattan, NY		Mid-Atlantic	966
Houston, TX		Southwestern	962
Dundalk, MD		Mid-Atlantic	957
Tampa, FL *	(2)	Sunshine	956
Stone Mountain, GA		Dixie	955
West Portland, OR *	(18)	Evergreen	946
Mason City, IA		Central States	944
Albuquerque, NM		Rocky Mountain	943
Shennango Valley, PA		Johnny Appleseed	941
San Diego, CA		Far Western	935
Inland Cities, CA		Far Western	925
Nashua, NH *	(7)	Northeastern	916
Providence, RI		Northeastern	911
Fresno, CA		Far Western	910
Research Triangle, NC		Dixie	906
Canton, OH		Johnny Appleseed	898
Salem, OR		Evergreen	895
Erie, PA *	(4)	SenecaLand	889
Rochester, NY		SenecaLand	886
Sacramento, CA		Far Western	885
Wasatch Front, CO		Rocky Mountain	884
Grand Rapids, MI		Pioneer	882
Tulsa, OK		Southwestern	882
Lansing, MI		Pioneer	881

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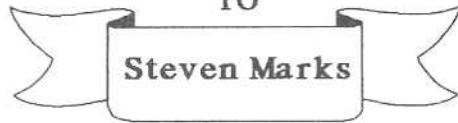
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PIONEER CHAPTERS IN ACTION



A TROUBADOUR SALUTE TO



Steven Marks

His was the first chapter copy received for this edition. *Early copy helps, a lot!* Steven writes for the Cadillac Chapter. Thanks too, to all contributors. There could be no *TROUB* without you! The next copy, photo, and advertising deadline is **March 15!**

Cadillac Chapter

by Steven Marks

Greetings from the Cadillac Chapter. Our chapter has been very busy since competition hosting a membership drive/Christmas Concert. We kicked off our drive by inviting the Gratiot County and Traverse City Chapters to Cadillac for an evening of Polecat, tag singing and Christmas music.

12 guests and over 80 barbershoppers enjoyed the festivities. We invited the guests to join us for the next 6 meetings to learn Christmas from the Yuletide Favorites book. There were four men driving from Grayling, a Big Rapids man who used to sing with the Saratoga, NY Chapter, and four local Cadillac men who joined us for the membership drive.

The concert was presented the first Saturday in December with 16 men on stage. Our audience was asked to donate food for admission.

We anticipate gaining at least one new member who has attended regularly and consider the drive and concert a success.

We are looking forward to a singout in Harrison in February, a re-visit to Grayling in May for the Crawford/Ausable School Command Performance Series, and of course, our annual show on May 21. The *Blue Ribbon Coalition*, *Full Chord Press* and the *Midstatesmen Chorus* will join the *Timbertones Sweet Adeline Chorus* and our *Coup De Ville* quartet, on our show.

Holland Chapter

by Art Lane

Officiating at our installation of officers January 4, immediate past district president Roger Lewis called for heroes to emerge from the ranks of Pioneer barbershoppers.

Heroes, he advised are men who start out as ordinary barbershop singers, become chapter

district, and International level,

Pointing to the new chapter officers he said, "These guys are the heroes of tomorrow."

Holland's future heroes include: President, Chuck Wilson; Music VP, Butch Lievense; Program VP, Jack Oonk; Treasurer, Dick Plaisted and board members Dale Bekker, Paul Bekker and Art Lane.



The Harmony Hounds

Dean Burrill, Roger Lewis, Dick Smith and Dorn Burrill

The *Harmony Hounds Quartet* highlighted the installation ceremony with a number of upbeat songs. With Roger at Lead, Dean Burrill sang tenor, Dorn Burrill, bari and Dick Smith, bass. The *Hounds* got a big hand from the Hollanders for bringing their act to town on a snowy night.

The *Windmill Chorus* helped the Christmas season in Holland with it's first Christmas Show. About 700 were on hand for songs and carols directed by Jack Oonk, Bill Mousel, Butch Lievense, Jim Colburn and Darrell VandeHoef.

Quartet interludes, verses from the Bible set to barbershop music by Mike Oonk, introduced parts of the program. The interlude quarteters included Mike Oonk, John Ozinga, Bill Mousel, Bill McAndrew, Butch Lievense and Fred Schutmaat. Several chapter quartets also entertained.

We are trying out new rehearsal quarters. We will meet through January and February at the old Federal School in Holland. The chorus meets in the gym and there is space in classrooms for sectional rehearsals. After practice, members may return to the chapter hall for more singing and fellowship.

Funeral services were held December 3 for Bart Tillitt, 73, a barbershop singer for 40 years, member of the 1963 district champion *Windmill Chorus* and a quartet coach in the Holland and Grand Rapids areas. A son, Kip, is a baritone in the Holland Chorus.

The Holland Chapter sang a loving goodbye at the services.



Clarkson High School Barbershop Ensemble
Grayce Warren, Director

Pontiac's "Merry Motor Men" share stage with young barbershop singers

by Bill Pascher, PR Officer, Pontiac Chapter

Clarkson High School barbershop singers joined the *Merry Motor Men* and the Waterford *Oakland Shores Sweet Adelines*, at the community sponsored, 7th annual charity "Christmas Capers", December 5. Canned foods for charity admitted the audience.

The Clarkson Ensemble of 35 boys were enthusiastically received by the audience of 400 for their mixture of glee club songs as well as their barbershop selections.

Grace Warren, Director of the ensemble, guided the early music training of Jon Territo, former director of the *Merry Motor Men*, who is now employed at Disney World. The director was earlier the compelling force behind student

Scott Turnbull, lead singer in the *Ivy League* quartet.

Ms. Warren has long been a promotor of barbershop harmony among her male students, working from tapes and sheet music offered as encouragement by the Pontiac Chapter. Pontiac Chapter President Roger Holm, with the chapter quartet, *Sunnyside*, also met with the high schoolers and furnished sheet music and VCR's from Kenosha.

The Christmas show was recorded on audio and VCR tapes for later use by cable channel 65 and promotions.

Al Fisk, District Chairman of the Youth Outreach program offered his "congratulations on your initiative and results."

A follow up meeting is planned to introduce the Clarkson High School barbershop singers to the fun and excitement of a Pontiac Chapter meeting.

Jackson Chapter

by Cris Davis

The Jackson Chapter lost it's oldest member when William "Bill" Boyden passed away on November 14, 1993 at age 86. He was a chapter member for almost 52 years and had served as chapter president and nearly every other office. His warm smile and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

If there is such a thing as being happy when one leaves this life, Bill chose the right occasion. He had enjoyed the barbershop show at Hillsdale College and was seated at the afterglow when he suffered an aneurysm. He died shortly after at the hospital. In passing, it is as though he placed the afghan on his davenport around him, and with a smile, lay down to listen to "The Good Old Songs."

Gratiot County Chapter

by James R. Hall

Our new board of directors led by President Mark Wilson is using some new ideas to keep us more informed and efficient. And Director Jeff Rayburn is introducing plenty of new music, neat vocal techniques and extra energy into our meetings, which pumps everyone up.

The *Midstatesmen* are being featured on four barbershop and Sweet Adeline shows in the next four months. We are looking forward to the fellowship and combined harmony those events will provide.

A special salute goes to member Ray Anspach who stepped off our board of directors after 8 diligent years of secretarial duty. Thanks Ray - Your shoes are tough to fill.

Please see Gratiot County, on next page

Gratiot County, continued

Finally, a tribute to member Rawleigh Gregory who passed away in December at the age of 83. He will be remembered for his stories, his handshake in the middle of "Down Our Way," and his numerous limericks, some of which were published in Society collections. God Bless you Rawleigh.

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

by Tom Uicker, Chapter President

This is always the busiest time of the year for the Detroit-Oakland Chapter, as we mix preparation for our annual February show with seasonal caroling. This year we brought joy to hundreds as we traveled the halls of Providence and Beaumont hospitals singing Christmas carols. I don't know how many Christmas times we've performed for the residents of the Arnold Home, including our chapter's most senior member, Ed Fach a 54 year Society member.

Our show is rapidly taking shape. I can't say we will have someone propose on stage this year, but we do have a thoroughly entertaining package. This year's featured quartets are *Jokers Wild* (1993 international silver medalist), *Full Chord Press*, (1993 Pioneer District Champs), and those biker comedians from Louisville -- *Expanded Sound*. Show dates are February 18 & 19. Check the December/January *Troubadour* for our show ad, or call ticket chairman Fred Peedle at (810) 258-9601.

We usually ease the pace after the show is over, but we can't afford to go too dormant since we are hosting the district convention this spring. Please join us in Lansing in April.

And, if you're in the area, stop by Starr Presbyterian Church some Monday night about 7:30 and join us in a song or two. And for goodness sake, don't miss our show, February 18 & 19.

Grosse Pointe Chapter

by Mike Sullivan

Just like the Duracell rabbit says: "Still Going," er; "Still Growing!" Grosse Pointe Chapter has exceeded the 100 member mark and the applications are still coming in. This makes it the largest chapter in the Pioneer District. Thanks is owed to the concerned effort of all the members and the board of directors.

In November the chorus performed a rousing rendition of our show package for the local executives of the *TV Guide* publication. We're still waiting for our picture on the cover.

If you can mix Miller beer and sumo wrestling like in the TV commercial, it was no surprise that

Barbershop mixed with classical music produced *Bach to Barbershop*. Some 60 members performed with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra in variations of George M. Cohen selections. Having an entire orchestra backing you sure beats the heck out of a pitchpipe, but of course it won't fit in your back pocket. It was truly a challenge to the chorus and the musicians. The concert was so popular, plans are being made to make it an annual event.

Congratulations to our Chapter President Mike Proffitt on his re-election, and to all the new board members. It's doers and innovators that make a chapter.

On our annual Christmas bus trip, 50 plus members visited 15 nursing homes in 12 hours and brought the true spirit of Christmas to those most in need. The frightening thing was that most of the residents knew the songs better than the chorus. Of course, most of them sang the songs when they were first popular on the music charts.

A week before Christmas, 3 hearty bands of singers, numbering about 20 each, embarked on a caroling venture to raise money for the Holly Ear Institute of St John's Hospital. In 2 hours over \$1600.00 was collected by doing nothing more than singing a couple of songs of the season and passing the hat. The annual Christmas party followed, with pizza, other refreshments and an unspeakable exchange of gifts.

Our chapter quartets stayed active in December. *Kingfish and the Mystic Knights* (Messina, Davidson, Miller and Kosmas) performed several sing-outs. The highlight of the season was their appearance at the Macomb Centre for the Performing Arts for the kids, for the kids charity show, sponsored by Dance LTD.

Grosse Pointe will host the Pioneer District convention in the fall. It will be a lot of work, but hopefully, one to remember. It doesn't hurt to have your chorus director wear the hat of the district president. Congratulations to Russ Seely from all the chapter members. What's next? Kenosha?

The Grosse Pointe show scheduled for April 8-9, is entitled "Always Leave 'em Laughing." The chorus will also perform on the Pontiac Chapter show in May. See you at the convention in April.

Lansing Chapter

by Bob Fox

December performances abounded at local public and private holiday celebrations, hospitals, retirement and nursing homes for Lansing's chorus and quartets. Performances by the *High Fibre Octaves*, *Harmony Seekers*, *Patch Chords* and *Crescendo* quartets added to the
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festive mood.

New officers and directors for 1994 are:

Marv Rhynard, President
 Dave Hundt, Membership VP
 Gordon Lind, Program VP
 Terry McDivitt, Music VP
 Larry Parker, Secretary -
 Treasurer
 Gary Morgan, Board
 Member
 Mike Cirritto, Board
 Member
 Jamie Carey, Music Director

Larry Wise, 9 year member, joined a select group of Lansing barbershoppers by being selected 1993 Barbershopper of the Year. Larry sings in two quartets, is a section leader, directs chorus warm-ups, is an avid "tag man," past treasurer and a real supporter of our Society. Way to go Larry!

At our annual meeting, President Marv Rhynard announced a special presidential citation which was presented to member Sparky Hayes. During Sparky's entire 16 years with the chapter, he has continually and diligently handled behind the scenes jobs to help further the goals and operations of the chapter. "He is always ready and willing to help with whatever needs to be done," said President Rhynard, "... and he does it with a smile." We salute you Sparky.

Preparations are well under way for our annual show to be held at the Wharton Center on the MSU Campus, March 5. The chorus will perform an original one act, (ten scenes) barbershop melodrama entitled "*Hang on the Bell, Nellie!*" Featured quartets will include the *Chiefs of Staff*, *Full Chord Press*, and *Crescendo*.

CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Other than singing, which factor(s) listed below do you consider to be important in your decision to attend district conventions? Please rank in order of importance from 1 - 10, 1 being the most important.

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_____ Hotel rates

_____ Auditorium

_____ Distance between facilities

_____ Availability/ variety of restaurants

_____ Availability/ variety of shopping

_____ Other amenities and planned activities

_____ Cost of convention registration

_____ Other, please specify

COMMENTS:

If you have not attended a district convention recently, what factors, other than personal, has kept or is keeping you away?

Your name and chapter is optional. Thanks for your input. Please mail to Mike Cirritto, Director of Conventions, 1714 Vassar Drive, Lansing, MI 48912 - Or send in with your registration form if you wish.

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The *Troub's* circulation list includes a number of non-member, paid subscribers. Several subscribers have stated the primary reason they subscribe is to get the list of chapter shows published on this page in each issue. Some of those wonderful fans drive a long, long way to attend Pioneer chapter's barbershop shows.

A new subscriber phoned a few days ago. It wasn't 'till after he hung up that we began wondering how the subscribers get all of the other information about a chapter show; like *where to send for tickets*, the time and place of the performance and all of the other important information about the show, after only reading the simple listing on this page.

Well now, it seems we ought to make it as easy as possible for those good people to order tickets, and hopefully add many more names to the list of those who drive to the shows and probably bring friends along. But we need your help to do that!

Your chapter's show ticket chairman's name and address along with all of the other relevant information about your annual show, placed in an effective, inexpensive ad in the *Troub* will make it easy for all of the wonderful fans, *subscribers and members*, in the great Pioneer District to order tickets for and attend *your* chapter show. Full details of *Troub* advertising is on page 2 of every issue.