



THE GROVE GANG

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**WE MUST HAVE
PEAKED TOO SOON**



Vern Roth, directed us in SWING DOWN CHARIOT at the evening show, after the Division III competition in Red Deer.

Heck, I thought we did great. It felt good, but then the other choruses must have improved a lot.

Many thanks to Directors, Jim, Robin and Vern for all their work and also for all the guys that did a great job singing. Sorry I didn't have a good photo during the competition as we are missing some of the gang who competed. Photo by Kathryn Cochrane

4- Why was barbershop harmony important to George Burns, Bing Crosby and Al Jolson? See page 4

See inside for more competition photos.

DIVISION THREE WINNERS



LEFT; THREE MONTHS AND CHANGE; MATHEW CHERRY, BILL SYKES, VERN ROTH AND ALAN McQUARRIE WON THE NOVICE QUARTET TROPHY



IT WAS A TIE, WITH BOTH TRADEMARK (LEFT) AND TIMELINE BELOW LEFT, HAVNG 400 POINTS, WITH THE TIE BROKEN BY THE SINGING AND MUSIC CATEGORY. THE TROPHY WENT TO TRADEMARK. GOOD JOB BY BOTH QUARTETS.





CLOSE ENCOUNTER, LEON BUCHAMER, KEITH SVEISON, CHRIS van der BARREN AND DOUG SPESLEY TOOK 3RD PLACE HONOURS.



RANDY NERBAS, HOWARD SAUMER AND JIM COCHRANE OF MAGNETIC NORTH TOOK 4TH



COLLAGE, A MIXED QUARTET FROM CALGARY, PUT ON A GREAT PERFORMANCE AT THE



WESTERN HOSPITALITY DID IT AGAIN TAKING CHORUS FIRST

OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:

<http://www.evg.org/GroveCity/>

Jim Wilde is our webmaster

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**The Grove City Chorus meets each
Wednesday night from 7.30 to 10 p.m. at
the Broxton Park School, 501 McLeod
Ave., Spruce Grove.**

**NOTE. DURING SUMMER CHECK
WITH ONE OF OUR EXEC BELOW**



Grove City Chorus Executive

President: Cal Wrathall 477-8105

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SECTION LEADERS

Lead, Gordon Schaber , Cliff Otto

Tenor: Cliff Goebel, Matthew Cherry

Bass: Alan McQuarrie, Frank Traviss

Baritone: Jim Wilde, Jim Cochrane



Quiz answer from page one

4- They began their show biz careers as professional barbershop quartet singers.



**MUSIC JUDGE
GARY BOLLES**



THE HAPPY FACE ON MUSIC JUDGE GARY BOLLES KIND OF TAKES YOUR MIND OFF THE SCORES. AL KNIGHT (top left centre) GETS A BIRTHDAY SERENADE DURING THE ABC WARM-UP . RANDY PETERS STEPPED IN TO AGAIN LEAD THE ABC CHORUS. This was taken at the Friday practice



“Never accept a drink from a urologist.” Erma Bombeck’s Father: from The 2,548 best things anybody ever said.

THE PREZ SEZ..FROM CAL.WRATHALL

“Enjoy your summer! We have worked together well this year and deserve collective and individually some time off.

I have managed to catch the last couple of evenings at Dick Baker’s for our new song rehearsals. Thanks to Dick for opening his home! Not only can he sing he knows how to work the CD player. The hospitality has been great. I notice guys staying longer than normal for a little chit chat after so that is a real bonus.

It has been excellent to hear the new songs and I think we have a super show package. My thanks to our Director’s and Laurence who chose a first class group of songs.

It feels so good to know that we have a plan for the show and we are right in step with the plan.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at our AGM August 27th at 7pm. A buffet style dinner is also on the agenda so don’t eat before you come. The costs will be covered by Grove City. This is really the kick off to our year and will set the tone. Llew has indicated he will get out the agenda in advance and we are now starting to prepare the agenda. If you have some matter that you would like to see on the agenda let me know. As always we will need a nominating committee to prepare our January new officer slate. Prior to coming to the annual meeting think about what role you might like to play in helping with this years events! A vibrant organization has lots of involvement and this will be a busy year. Come out to recognize our Barbershopper of the year!

See you next on August 13 as that is when I will be returning from a little motorcycle holiday. Thanks to Cliff Otto, I even have a tape to listen to our show songs on the bike. You will know that Barbershop will not be out of my thoughts!”

Stop the presses! Effective January 1, 2009, per the Society Board of Directors, there is a NEW YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PLAN. The plan is this: There is no longer a student classification from this point forward. We have a new Youth 1 category that includes all men ages 25 and younger. The three key highlights of the plan are:

- **Join the Society for \$10, period (the \$10 covers the processing and enrollment fee, and materials sent to the new member).**
- **Each subsequent year remains ½ regular member dues until the year in which he turns 26.**
- **There is no longer a “student” classification. All men over 25 years of age pay full membership dues.**

A COMPLIMENT???

Kathryn and I were at the folk fest this past weekend and met a friend of our daughter from Ft. Mac. She said, as she held her 2 year old twins, that she thinks of me a lot. “ We have a kids DVD movie that has four pigs who constantly enter the scene and sing as a barbershop quartet, Sweet Adeline” Hey I thought that was neat, until she added that one of the pigs reminded her of me. *Jim Cochrane*