

Sacred Harp Colorado

May 2008

Who We Are and What We Do

The Rocky Mountain Shape Note Singers exist to preserve and promote the music and the traditions of American shape note harmony along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. We sing principally from the 1991 Denson revision of the Sacred Harp (Red Book), but use some songs from the Cooper Book (Blue Book). From time to time we will sing from other traditional books such as the Missouri Harmony and Norembega Harmony depending upon the spirit and the occasion. We welcome any and all to join us at our monthly singings held in the cities along the Front Range. Loaner books are available for use or purchase. Our monthly singings are usually held to the schedule supplied at the end of this newsletter, but holidays or special circumstance may dictate that we move a singing date. If you are new to us, please contact one of our members listed below for current location, day/date and time of a singing in your area.

Editorially Speaking

Please forgive the poor effort this month. We have been incredibly busy over the last month as we begin to complete the house in La Junta – Painting walls, staining, doors, buying appliances, etc. No time for much other than work. Hope you are all well and singing lustily.

Looking Ahead

Camp Fasola (Denson Book) 27 June thru 4 July 2008 at Camp Lee in Anniston, AL. An old fashioned week long singing school in two parts. See the January 2008 on line issue for details.

2008 National Shape Note Gathering (various books) 10 – 12 July 2008 at the Ozark Folk Center, Mountain Home, AR. Look for more information concerning instructors and shape note books to be used in the coming months.

Sacred Harp Singing Convention (Denson Book) 26 – 27 July at Coker United Methodist Church, San Antonio, TX. This singing celebrates the 125th anniversary of Coker Methodist. More info contact: Mike Hinton at: 210/545-2245 or phnxmike@aol.com.

East Texas Convention 9 – 10 August (Cooper Book) Henderson Community Center, 302 Fair Park, Henderson, Texas. More info: Robert Vaughn, (903) 863-5379.

West Texas Singing 16 August (Denson Book) Crosbyton Primitive Baptist Church, 401 S. Emerald St., Crosbyton, Texas. More info: Kathy Taylor, (806) 789-2493.

Southwest Texas Convention Fall Session 30 - 31 August (Cooper Book) Location to be determined, Austin, Texas. More info: Alexa Gilmore, (512) 963-6932, or Gaylon Powell, (512) 249-8931.

Rocky Mountain Convention 27 – 28 September (Denson Book) Balloon Museum, Albuquerque, NM. Additional info to follow.

Where We Sing and How to Find Us

BOULDER Regular singings are 2nd Friday of each month 7-9 pm, at the home of Peter and Mary Lou Van Laanen. Contact Mary Lou for details at 303-447-9379 or e-mail her at ymarylou@indra.com

DENVER Sings weekly each Monday except the first Monday from 6:40 – 8:40PM at St. Andrew's Church, 2015 Glenarm Street or St. Mark's Orthodox, 1409 S. Vine when St. Andrew's is not available. This group also sings monthly on the fourth Sunday, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in one of these two locations. Bring a dollar as a contribution to the book fund. For the location of any specific singing, please contact Pat Dolan at 303-778-6297 or e-mail him at ruralplain@aol.com or Sharon Kermiet at skermiet@goodwilldenver.org.

COLORADO SPRINGS - Sings regularly on the 2nd Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Pikes Peak Primitive Baptist Church 12th and Pikes Peak on the Westside. Please bring a dollar donation to the book fund. Pete Mathewson is the contact at 719-469-5241 or e-mail him at 71mgbgt41@gmail.com.

FORT COLLINS - The singing is normally the first Monday of each month 7-8:30 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover Street. Contact Hill Grimmett for specifics at 970-231-1197 or e-mail him at hill@sacredharpcolorado.org

Sacred Harp On The Web

Our local websites are Sacred Harp Colorado at www.sacredharpcolorado.org and the Rocky Mountain Shapenote Singers at <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~dakspk>. The national web site is www.fasola.org

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