

# Longmont, Colorado's Barbershop Voice



Longs Peak Chorus  
Barbershop Harmony Society

February, 2011

Join Us Mondays at 7PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1303 S. Bross Lane

## Scrape the mud off your cowboy boots. Dust off your Stetson.

From Wikipedia

Listen once again to "Happy Trails" by Dale Evans Rogers, Roy's third wife. Do it at the Longmont barbershoppers' western extravaganza on May 7.

**Some trails are happy ones, Others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts, Here's a happy one for you.**

**Happy trails to you, until we meet again. Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.  
Who cares about the clouds when we're together? Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.  
Happy trails to you, 'till we meet again.**

### Roy Rogers Riders Club Rules:

1. Be neat and clean.
2. Be courteous and polite.
3. Always obey your parents.
4. Protect the weak and help them.
5. Be brave but never take chances.
6. Study hard and learn all you can.
7. Be kind to animals and take care of them.
8. Eat all your food and never waste any.
9. Love God and go to Sunday school regularly.
10. Always respect our flag and our country.

"Happy Trails" was the theme song for the 1940s and 1950s radio program and the 1950s television show starring Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Rogers, always sung over the end credits of the program. Happy Trails was released in 1952 as a 78 RPM and 45 RPM by Rogers and Evans with the Whippoorwills and Orchestra on RCA Victor Records. It was re-issued in 1957 as a 45 RPM record on RCA Victor/Bluebird.

In 1951, Foy Willing wrote a song titled "Happy Trails" for the Republic Pictures movie, "Spoilers of the Plains," starring Roy Rogers with Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage. Subsequently, the first three notes of Foy's song and the title were used by Dale Evans in writing her version of "Happy Trails" for both the original The Roy Rogers Show and the short-lived The Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Show,



which aired on ABC in 1962. Dale's is the version that is popularly played and sung today, albeit no credit being given to Foy Willing.

Dale Evans was the stage name of Lucille Wood Smith (October 31, 1912 – February 7, 2001), an American writer, movie star, and singer-songwriter. She was the third wife of singing cowboy Roy Rogers. Roy and his fellow western stars entertained many yet-to-be barbershoppers at the Saturday matinees during the forties and fifties.

## Hey, don't forget ....

February 12-14 Singing Valentines for your Gal

May 7 Longmont Show



The saloons on Main Street were popular with the northern Colorado cowpunchers on payday, according to these newspaper records of 1870.



# On the average, we're 69!

by Gil Norris

Thank goodness we're *not* just an average group of singers. But, if we look at our years of birth, we can do some interesting averaging of our ages.

For instance, from our oldest to our youngest singer, there's a stretch of 69 years. This comes from looking at the birth years of all those who are there at the meetings nearly every week.

What else can you find out? The most common decade for our members to be born in is the 1940s. Runner-up decade is the 1930s, followed by the 1950s.



The most common year to be born in is 1941, followed up by the popular years 1933, 1934 and 1948. *Congratulations to all 17 of you Longs Peak Choristers whose families welcomed you into one of those auspicious years.*

The most popular month for us to be born was August.

In case you were wondering what constitutes a middle aged singer here in Longmont, you guessed it ... it is 69 and the median birth year is 1941. Anyone born after that is *just a kid*.

Last question: what is the trend? Well, we're getting older, and if the trend continues *we will be a chorus of eighty-year-olds in the year 2021.*

# High Notes says, "Thank you, contributors."

by Gil Norris

We went all-electronic back in 2005. That made Harry Hoffman's job a lot easier and saved him the copying, stamping, post office side of getting the news out.

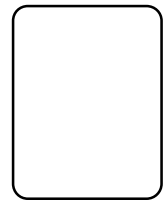
We published every month in 2010, though some months could have had fatter issues. Seventeen of us members (along with two members' wives) contributed an article (some wrote a whole lot more), so that we had a lively, varied cross section of personalities represented. We filled 932 column-inches with entertaining stories and photos in those twelve issues. That's 78 column-feet, *over a quarter of a football field!*

These are our writers for 2010: **Donna Bustamante, Gary Creech, Ed Fitzgerald, Bob Grigsby, Glenn Hayhurst, Mike Hemphill, JR Homan, Jim Hopper, Rich Krahl, Gene Melick, Joe Montante, Merle Moore, Brenden Moran, Gil Norris, Bill and Kay Sachs, Jim Schoemer, Dave Waddell and Norm Wingard.**

It's fun to see your point of view represented in print and read by some *pretty darn influential* barbershoppers. It's easy, too. Just e-mail it to the editor and that's it. We hope to see lots of new writers in 2011 and lots more news from the old guys. Since many barbershop wives became active in the chapter's finances, maybe we'll get to hear from them directly in

**One Tree, Colorado  
Little, bitty town  
real close to Longmont  
where western music  
and barbershopping  
are larnin' to just get along.  
Are you working at losing  
that awful eastern accent?**

high notes  
 c/o Gil Norris  
 3813 Stoney Drive  
 Lafayette, CO 80026

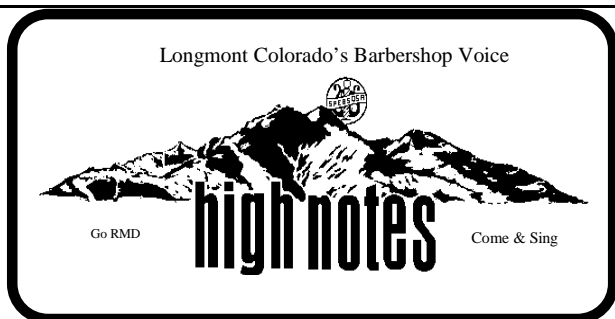


**It's Great to be a  
 Longmont Barbershopper**

Please deliver to:



Our mission: "We provide each member with enjoyable experiences through continuous improvement in our singing, performing, and entertaining in the barbershop style."



The High Notes is published monthly for the enjoyment of Longmont's barbershoppers and its content may be shared by fellow Barbershop Harmony Society (used to be SPEBSQSA) members. Please send your comments, material for inclusion and other chapter bulletins to the editor:

Gil Norris  
 3813 Stoney Drive  
 Lafayette, CO 80026  
 303-828-3142 (ghn@infionline.net)

**Longmont, Colorado Officers & Staff for 2011**

- President ..... Jim Hopper
- Executive Vice President..... Jack Gibbs
- VP of Music & Performance .....Mike Hemphill
- VP of Membership & Development ..... Bob Plass
- VP of Marketing ..... Dave Waddell
- Program VPs ..... Dick Kitchener & Larry Jones
- Secretary ..... Keith Watson
- Treasurer ..... Bob Reed
- Members at Large. Jim Schoemer & Gene Melick
- Service Project & Bonus Bux..... Gene Melick
- Bulletin Editor ..... Gil Norris
- Chorus Director ..... Chris Vaughn
- Asst. Directors ..... Jim Cole & Duane Bosveld
- Tenor Section Leader. ....Mike Hemphill
- Lead Section Leader. .... Jack Gibbs
- Baritone Section Leader ..... Jim Cole
- Bass Section Leader. .... James Curts
- Chorus Manager ..... Dave Waddell
- Music Librarian ..... Luke Lorenz
- Uniform Manager ..... Harry Hoffman
- Sunshine Chairman ..... Bob Grigsby
- Webmaster [www.harmonize.com/longmont](http://www.harmonize.com/longmont) ..... Paul West
- Show Chairman ..... Larry Jones
- YMIH Chairman ..... Ed Fitzgerald
- Singing Valentines Chairman ..... Rich Krahl