



The MVEer Monthly

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Interview with New Member Dylan Keegan

MVEer asks: You have a great lead voice, Dylan. How did you get started singing?



Dylan replies: My dad would play Johnny Cash songs in the car when I was a little kid. We'd sing along with gusto. I sang in elementary school, middle school, and in my High School choir. At MSOE, I was involved in two choirs and a punk/alternative band.



MVEer asks: Tell us more about your musical experience while at MSOE.

Dylan replies: I sang both in a mixed choir as tenor and a men's choir as lead. I



met **Matt Post** there, who directed us for several years. In my senior year, I was the mixed choir director at MSOE.

I also was in a five member band where I sang lead vocals and played guitar. We called our band, "**Backup Plan.**" The joke was that if engineering didn't work out for us, we had our



band as a *backup plan*. We played punk and alternative music.

MVEer asks: Have you any fun hobbies?

Dylan replies: Yes, I love jazz and swing dancing. Every Thursday I go social dancing at *Cream City Swing* (<https://www.ccswing.com/>). It is great fun.

MVEer comments: When **Mike Lietke** reads this, I expect he'll start thinking of some fun moves for you and the first row! So, I understand you've graduated from MSOE in engineering. What type of engineering was that and where are you working?

Dylan says: I work in Brookfield for **ProShip Inc.**, which creates multi-carrier parcel shipping software for manufacturers, retailers, and distributors

(<https://www.proshipinc.com/>). We don't ship packages directly, but our software helps to find the cheapest service for a given shipment, to generate labels and manifests, and to manage differences between carriers. So, I call myself a *software engineer*.



MVEer asks: Where are you from, Dylan? Please tell us a bit about your family.

Dylan replies: I am from Richland Center, the biggest town of about 5,000 in the Richland County. It is about one hour west of Madison in a highly agricultural area. I have one sister, **Katelyn**, 19, who is exactly four and half years younger than I am. My parents are **Anita** and **Patrick Keegan**, who are still in Richland Center.

MVEer says: Thank you, Dylan. We are so glad you've become a member with us. Your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm make us all better.



MVE September Calendar

Monday, September 3	NO Rehearsal	Labor Day
Saturday, September 8	National Anthem	Brewer's Stadium at 5:00 pm
Monday, September 10	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 15	Muskego Festival	Performance - See Below
Monday, September 17	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm
Sunday, September 23	MVE Picnic	3:30-7:30pm (see article).
Monday, September 24	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 25	MVE Board Meeting – all welcome 7pm @ St. Luke's	
Sunday, September 30	Coaching - Cy Wood	St. Luke's @ 4pm (see article)

National Anthem at the Brewers – Saturday, September 8

Wear your new **green** MVE logo shirts and black pants. Meet at the end of the bridge near the stadium at 5 pm.



Muskego Church Festival – Saturday. September 15.



Festival – MVE and Midnight Croon

When: Saturday, September 15, 5pm – 6pm

Where: Atonement Lutheran Church, S70W16244 Martin Dr, Muskego, WI 53150

<https://www.mapquest.com/us/wisconsin/atonement-lutheran-church-6871810>

Description: We will likely gather between 4 and 4:30 to prepare for our 5PM show time.

We are so happy to be joined by **Midnight Croon**! Join the **Croon Players Club** and reserve your CD from their upcoming CD in October.

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/midnight-croon/exciting-croon-announcement/2149505535264275/>

MVE Picnic – 22 acre park!

When: Sunday, September 23, 3:30pm – 7:30pm for you, family, and friends.

Where: **Community Center Park Pavilion** 6200 South 76th Street, Greendale

<https://gpr.greendale.k12.wi.us/community-center-park.html>

MVE Matching Game

Match the photo with a unique fact about them.

1. Plays a mean accordion.
2. Was drum major at UW-LaCrosse.
3. Avid Harmony Brigade participant.
4. Played in a punk band.

A



B



C



D



Answers

No Peeking until you tried: 1 is D, Tom Weber; 2 is A, Tom Rogina; 3 is B, Niel Johnson; and 4 is C, Dylan Keegan.

Secular Humor

A Care Bear in a Quartet?



Our Lead sings best in the bathtub, so we bring a bathtub to all of our gigs.

Divine Humor



Two Unanswered Questions

1. Why did God give man a seemingly infinite capacity to remember countless tags plus just one of the chapter chorus contest songs?
2. Why is it that the three other guys in my quartet always have the uncanny ability, without any apparent signals between them, simultaneously to go sharp?

Performance Coaching

by Cy Wood – Sun. Sept
30 at 4pm

[http://www.mrcywood.com/
about/](http://www.mrcywood.com/about/)

On Sunday, September 30 at 4PM, come ready to give storytelling through song a work out. We are led by acclaimed performance coach **Cy Wood**.



Some info on his phenomenal bio: Cy currently works as an educator in the Cincinnati area, teaching musical theater to students at Butler Tech. He recently moved to Ohio after living and working in New York City for nearly a decade. While in NYC, Cy worked as a professional actor, producer, special events coordinator, and creative director. Some shows that he has been involved with include current and past Broadway, Off-Broadway, Special Events and National Tours namely: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Reunion, Bombshell in Concert, Kinky Boots, Pippin, After Midnight, Peter and the Starcatcher, Evita, RENT, Flashdance, Murder for Two, and Triassic Park to name a few. As a professional actor, Cy has performed across the world in many Broadway and Disney Productions including Annie, Oklahoma!, Cats, She Loves Me, Sunset Boulevard, Into The Woods, The Diamond Horseshoe Review (Disney), and Big Band Beat (Disney). Cy holds a BFA from Brigham Young University where he graduated with a Music, Dance and Theater degree with an emphasis in Music Education.

Lifelong barbershopper: Cy grew up as a third-generation barbershopper. He and his three brothers love to sing the old songs whenever they are together. His mother sang barbershop with her sisters, as did *her* father with his brothers. Growing up, the family's car trips were filled with the whole family harmonizing down the roads of Idaho. The in-laws of the Wood family know that they must sing the melody of *Happy Birthday*, lest the melody be M.I.A.

(Photo of the Wood Brothers, Cy with a beard.)

