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The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

Monday, August 16, 2010

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In Other News

Showboat Came To Town

This is the last song for our 'Crusing Down The River' Show' and will also be one of our contest songs.

We are using the 'Fast Learning Method' with this song and our goal is to be off the sheet music by August 16th. Click here to view the description of the method.

Calendar

Next Sing Out - Thursday, August 26, 6:30 PM, Lookouts Baseball Stadium, Dress is knit shirt and Kahki pants.

Janice Owens' Funeral

Several members attended Janice's funeral. It was emotional and daughter Kelly very nicely summarized her mother's life. Red was Janeice's favorite color and several ladies wore red. Atearful Lamar said a few words and thanked people.

Tonight's Meeting Script

7:00 The Old Songs and Chuck's warm-up exercizes that will help us sing Showboat better including Rhythm and Timing, Stretches - getting the whole body ready to work, Breathing exercises - without proper breath support, tone (pitch and vowel) will 'sag', Pitch matching and harmonizing - using a constant pitch on the keyboard to hear and adjust harmonies, Tone matching and harmonizing - getting a volunteer to produce a tone to match tones to sing 'within the sound', Listening (woodshedding) exercise - listening to a song and harmonizing to it to understand chord structure.

7:20 More work on Showboat. .

7:35 Circle singing. This week Chuck is Visual Coach with Dave Fleury as watcher and Wilbur is Audio Coach with Gary as listener. Next week we need some new blood, and these are jobs we all will do at some time or another. See Wilbur to voluntter.

7:45 To the risers. Two weeks ago we spent some time on BBS refreshing us on the new arrangement. Tonight we return the risers for a short time to make sure we've got it..

8:00 Wilbur leads Announcements followed by short break.

8:15 Quarteting.

8:30 To the Risers to work on show songs. Two weeks ago both Crusing Down the River and Shenandoah sounded good and we did not have to work much on them.

8:50 Back to chairs to work on Showboat. We need to be off the sheet music by August 23, so do your homework

9:25 Two weeks ago, Dave Rack got the Gandy for getting the Ruby Falls Sing Out. Last Monday he passed it to Marcellus for taking the Show Ticket Chairman job. Marcellus will pass it to....

9:30 Sing Keep the Whole World Singing

9:35 Music Leadership teams gathers to write script for next Monday

Recruit Men for Christmas Chorus

It is time to recruit men for the Christmas Chorus. Our goal is still 100 men on stage, and we are slowly growing to that number. Let's do it this year!! Wally

Sell Show Tickets

So far members have taken 285 tickets for the Annual Show. We need to sell alot more to make this show a success. I've got plenty more, so come and see me. Marcellus.

Sell Show Ads

A significant part of our income for the year comes from the sale of ads for the Annual Show Program. This year's show promises to be one of the best in recent memory making it easy to sell both tickets and ads. Guys we need the money. Do your part. Barry

Board/MLT Wants Your Feedback

The Board and the Music Leadership Team want to know what you think of the new meeting format. Contact any of them with you criticism and/or suggestions.

From Your Editor

This newsletter is my first redesign of our Weekly Newsletter. I'm still learning the design tools, so expect changes in what you see in this issue. Also let me know of what you would like to see in this newsletter, and I'll try and make it happen. Thanks, Steve Wixson

Clyde Roger's Funeral

Clyde Roger's funeral was held in the Peeple's Funeral Home in Rocky Face, GA. Twenty-two members of the Choo Choo Chorus attended and sang Clyde's favorite song, Caroline, followed a few moments later with 'Nearer My God to Thee.' There were many a tearful eye in those of us who attended. Clyde will be missed.