The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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• Script for Monsday's Meeting • Scout Flag Day and Memorial Day Sing Outs • From the Crowe's Nest • More on Shenandoah • Birthdays & Anniversaries	Memb team 6:45 - 6:58 15 min, Wally & Crew, Greet Guests, Sign in, Name tag, Music Folder, Vocal Range check, Set up Chairs and Risers Program VP 6:58 - 7:02 4 min, Dave White Gather Singers, Open Meeting, Introduce Director for KTWWS, Director - Paul

Calendar

MLT meeting, Monday, 5:30 at Wally's

Alexian Grove, June 23

Lookouts Baseball Game, July 7

Monteagle Assembly Owners Meeting, July 22, Monteagle, TN

Dixie Fall Convention, Sept 30-Oct 2.

Birthdays

2 - Gary Fisher
10 - Tanya Fleury
18 - Erby Erwin
21 - Barbara Keegan

Anniversaries

.4 - Johnny & Sally Jackson
5 - Steve & Janet Wixson
18 - Fred and Judy Jesse
22 - Art & Debbie Southerlin
24 - Lebron & Margie Brock

Please let Steve Wixson know if your birthday and/or anniversary is not being listed in the newsletter.

More on Shenandoah

In addition to Pat Crowe's article last week, I found an old set of 78 RPM records I had as a kid (probably in the 40's). It is a set of recordings of sea chanteys and Shenandoah is one of them. It is identified as a capstan chantey, and presumably sung while weighing anchor. It is interesting to note that the singer used the words we know, but used the words "weigh hey" (presumably the spelling) where we sing "away" before the words "I'm bound away". The river is pronounced Missourah perhaps to rhyme with Shenandoah. People in Missouri still call it Missourah, so you will know that when you go to the convention there.
Fred

lead KTWWS, Introduce Membership VP.

Membership VP -Wally, Introduce guests (Briefly), Introduce Warm up Director. Warm up 7:02 - 7:17 15 min, Director - PauCircle Sing Warm Up, Learn 4th Verse of National Anthem,7:17 - 7:34 17 min, Director - Chuck

Sectional/Fast Method, 7:34 - 8:04 30 min, Give A Little Whistle, Circle Sing 8:04 - 8:19 15 min, Paul, Give A Little Whistle.

Annouc. 8:19 - 8:22 3 min, Dave White, Guest Introductions - Wally, Break 8:22 - 8:25 3 min.

Sectional 8:25 - 8:35 10min, When She Loved Me, Circle sing 8:35 - 8:45 10 min, Paul, When She Loved Me

Quartet Coaching 8:45 - 8:55 10 min, Sit on Risers Hello Mary Lou, Risers/sing 8:55 - 9:05 10 min, Director - PauHello Mary Lou, Visual Coach - Gary Fisher, Watcher - Pat Crowe.

Risers/sing 9:05 - 9:22 17 min, Chuck Caroline. Emcee - Marcellus Scott, Cast coach - Rich Ptacin, Audio Coach - Cameron Druyor, Listener - Chet Tschetter.

Closing 9:22 - 9:30 8 min, Craft, Gandy Dancer & KTWWS, Meeting Evaluator - Dave Rack

Scout & Memorial Day Sing Outs

On Saturday, May 28th, we again sang the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America* at the Scout Flag Day Ceremony with Chuck Wilson directing. The top photograph is from the 2010 Ceremony, and was printed in the Harmonizer magazine (on this Memorial weekend we also remember the late Clyde Rogers shown in the back row on the right.) The lower photograph shows part of the more than 41,000 flags placed by the scouts following the ceremony. Impressive.

Last Monday, twenty of us gathered again for the Memorial Day Ceremony (there will be a photograph from this event next week.) An inspiring ceremony and speech followed by the chorus singing a good rendition of *God Bless America* again directed by Chuck Wilson.

Chuck had this to say, "Gentlemen, I was greatly honored to be able to lead the chorus this weekend at the National Cemetery. I thought you sang well and were good representatives of the Barbershop genre. My deepest gratitude to all who participated."

From the Crowe's Nest

Looking at those tombstones, I found this under the headline of Patriotism: "Patriotism is easy to understand in the United States. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country." Calvin Coolidge.

Another couple pertaining to our chorus. Persistence: Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than the unsuccessful man with talent. The genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of education

		derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race - Calvin Cooledge. Perseverance: Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance - Dr. Samuel Johnson. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time - Thomas Edison This may be fitting for Clyde. "Character. " It is not what he had, or even what he does which expresses the worth of a man, but what he is - Henri Frederic Amiel. Clyde, a diligent worker, who always to took up any challenge that would better the chorus. Every time we sing Caroline, it is a tribute to him. *Pat*

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