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Choo Choo Chorus

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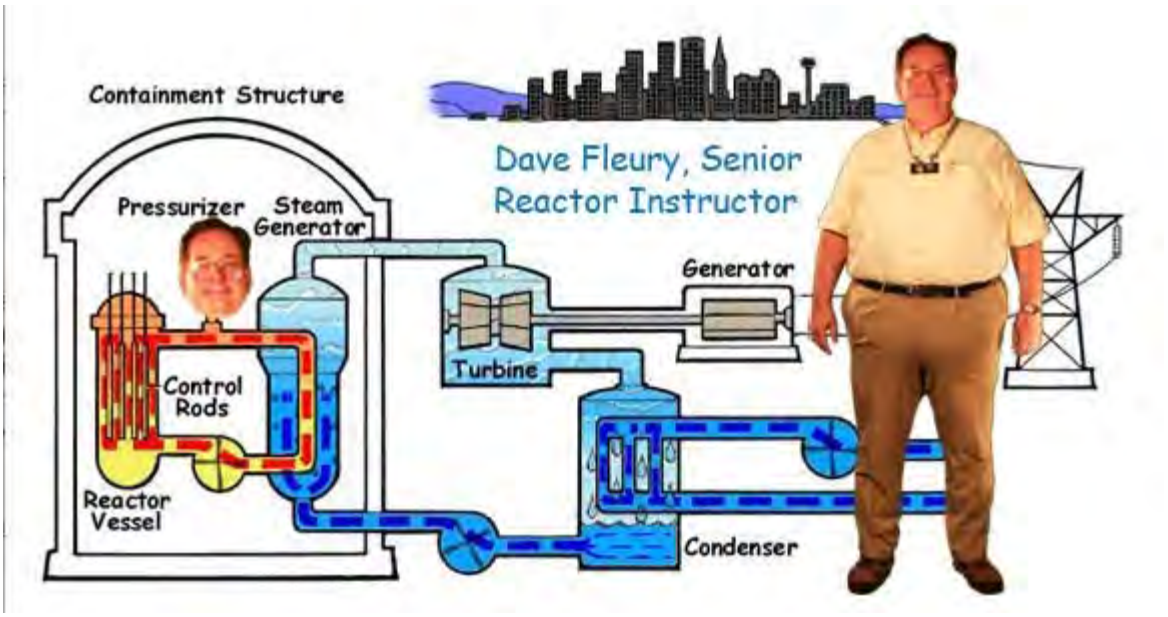

August 8, 2011

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Calendar

Ruby Falls, Saturday, August 6, Noon to 2 PM. Assemble at 11:15 AM, Dress Casual. Cold water provided.

Board Meeting, Monday, August 8, 5 PM at Wally's

Annual Awards Banquet, Friday, August 12, Wally's in East Ridge, 6:30 PM.

Lookouts Baseball Game, August 16.

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Dixie Fall Convention, Sept 30-Oct 2. We host.

Help Plan our

Script for Monday's Meeting

Memb team 6:45 - 6:58, Wally & Crew Greet Guests, Sign in, Name tag, Music Folder, Vocal Range check, Set up Chairs and Risers

Program VP 6:58 - 7:02, Dave White Gather Singers, Open Meeting, Introduce Director for KTWWS, Director - Chuck lead KTWWS, Introduce Membership VP, Membership VP -Wally Introduce guests (Briefly), Introduce Warm up Director

Warm up 7:02 - 7:17, Director - Paul Warm Up, Chairs / sing polecat 7:32 - 7:47, Director - Chuck Sweet and Lovely, Circle sing (Shotgun Style?7:47 - 8:02, Director - Paul Dream is a Wish.

Chairs / Learn Tag 8:02 - 8:12, Director - Chuck, Chairs / sing 8:12 - 8:27, Director - Paul When you Wish upon a Star

Announc. 8:27 - 8:30, Moderator - Dave White, Guest Introductions - Wally, Break 8:30 - 8:33.

Sectional 8:33 - 8:43, When She Loved Me - Before Bridge, Risers/recording/evaluation8:43 - 8:53, Director - Paul When She Loved Me, Octet 8:53 - 9:03, Director - Paul When She Loved Me

Risers/sing 9:03 - 9:13, Director - Chuck Ga on my Mind, Visual Coach - Fred, Watcher - Grady, Risers/sing 9:13 - 9:23, Director - Paul God Bless America, Audio Coach - Johnny, Listener - Beau.

Meetings

Since we started using the CACM format, Paul, Chuck and I have met with the meeting evaluator for each meeting immediately after each meeting. In this time we discuss the meeting we just had, what we can do to improve it, and decide on a rough outline for the next weeks script. I can speak for Paul and Chuck as well as myself when I say we would love to have some or all of you come to these meetings. It would be of great benefit to the chorus for more leaders and members to get involved with these evaluations and planning sessions. If you can't do it every week maybe you could do it occcasionally. Anything you can do will be appreciated. Thanks for the good work you are already doing.
Lebron

Summary of Last Meeting

Chuck opened the meeting with the jazz version of KTWWS. Paul led warm up with DOW, last week's new exercise and two tags.

Chuck worked on Dream. We broke into sectionals to work on the bridge in WSLM. We regrouped to continue working on it.

Dave White lead announcements. Dave Rack reminded us of the Ruby Falls Sing out. He will bring lots of water. We will sing for 20 minutes and rest in air conditioning for 10 minutes, then repeat until 1:50 PM. Lebron noted there will be a Board meeting on Monday. He noted the evaluation held after each meeting (see left column.) Fred welcomed Rich as a new member and presented him with his membership certificate.

We worked on *You tell me Your Dreams* in a circle sing. We then went to the risers and worked on CDTR, Caroline with Rich acting as our Caroline, SSB-both verses, HML, Showboat and one more time thru WSLM which could be a Contest song.

Closing 9:23 - 9:30, Craft, Gandy Dancer & KTWWS, Meeting Evaluator - Dave White

Profile of a Member

Dave Fleury was born on March 25. 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended the Univeristy of Maryland for undergraduate and post graduate studies. He served in the Navy and has worked for General Electric and Georgia Power. He is currently a Senior Reactor Technology Instructor with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He and Tanya were married on December 29, 1984. Here in his own words;

One of the fondest memories of my dad was because of the funny looking sticker we had on our old Chevy station wagon. It had a barber pole, a lyre and the letters SPEBSQSA across it. When I would ask my dad what that meant he would retort so fast that I almost couldn't make out some of the words, and then pronounce it as one long word. I remember him talking about the year he and his quartet drove to Ohio to sing in the national championships. They thought that they were pretty good and figured, "Why not give it a try?" After signing up and paying their entry fees they went in to hear some of the quartets sing. The first quartet they got to hear was the Buffalo Bills. At this point they looked at each other and said, "What the Hell are we doing here?" Well, my father's love of singing didn't fade, but his involvement in SPEBSQSA did.

I became involved with barbershop when Tanya found a tiny article in the Sunday paper saying that on Monday night the Chattanooga Choo Choo Barbershop Chorus was gearing up for their annual Christmas show and that all male members of the community were welcome to come and sing with them to help raise money for charity. She showed it to me saying, "Your daddy used to sing Barbershop. I think you would enjoy this."

Well, I attended that meeting in October of 2007 and the rest is history. I really LOVE doing singouts. Especially, when we do the National Anthem at a ballgame, the Special Olympics, or the swearing-in ceremony for naturalized citizens. But, my proudest moments have been when someone thought that my voice was good enough to invite me to join their quartet, "The Chattanooguys." And when two weeks ago, when Paul asked me to be part of the quartet that would sing the National Anthem at the Special Olympics swimming meet.

I never got to sing any barbershop in a quartet with my dad, but I'm pretty sure that he would have been proud of me. And that he is looking down and smiling at me knowing that he taught me well.

Next week we will record it so we all can hear it. Chet passed the Gandy to Wilbur, and we closed with KTWWS.		

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