The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Chorus Banquet, May 27, 6:30 PM, Wally's in East Ridge. CANCELLED.

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 28 at National Cemetery, assemble at 7:30am

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at National Cemetery. We will sing GBA.

Alexian Grove, June 23

Lookouts Baseball Game, July 7

Monteagle Assembly Owners Meeting, July 22, Monteagle, TN

Disney Show, August 27th

No Meeting Tonight

There is no meeting tonight, but two important sing outs, Scout Flag Day and Memorial Day. Annual Banquet postponed.

Summary of Last Meeting

Paul opened the meeting with the jazz version of KTWWS, and we warmed up in a circle. Lots of tuning exercises plus MWIR.

He passed out *When You Wish Upon a Star* and we started on the tag and then the verse for 40 minutes. We went to the riser and sang RONR.

Dave White lead announcements. Awards Banquet for Friday, May 27th has been cancelled, and will held later in the year. We have two sing outs this weekend.

After a very short break, we worked on WSLM and Dream for 20 minutes. We went to the risers and worked on Showboat with Chuck directing, Steve Wixson as Emcee, Paul as Cast Coach, Johnny as Vocal Coach and David Calleo as watcher.

We worked on the National Anthem and GBA. Wendell passed the Gandy to Tom and we closed with KTWWS.

MLT Meeting Summary

The Disney show has been postponed til next April. The reasons cited: no show chairman, not enough time to learn the songs, no chance to get schools groups involved in august, and pressure of getting ready for fall contest. To soften the economic impact we will sell ads for the Christmas show.

We also decided to enforce the Riser Ready rule. When we

Dixie Fall Convention, Sept 30-Oct 2.

From Dave Rack

The Boy Scout Flag Ceremony at The National Cemetery on Saturday, May 28th. Warm up begins at 7:30AM with the ceremony at 8:00AM.- Patriotic Outfit. We sing "The National Anthem" and "God Bless America".

Just as important is The Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by The Chattanooga Area Veteran's Council on Monday, May 30th. This is also at The National Cemetary. We have been asked to sing "God Bless America" after the keynote speech. Warm up at 10:30AM. Ceremony to begin at 11:00AM. Patriotic outfit.

We need a good turnout at both events. Thank You. Dave Rack

Thanks for Posing

A big thanks to everyone for posing for the above photograph. You will see individuals inn future newsletters when I don't have a group or other photo to use. *Steve Wixson*

Note From Fred

Just returned from Kansas City and my granddaughter's wedding. Very nice ceremony and location in a rose garden. If any guys in the chapter are planning to go to the convention in Kansas City, please be advised that considerable downtown road construction is taking place and may likely delay your arrival at the venue if you are lodging away from the site. Thought I would pass it along. *Fred*

are in the chairs we are working on the song (notes and words) and when we are on the risers we are working on polish and stage presence. If you are not able to sing most of any song we are working on (by your own determination) or if you need the sheet music then please stand off the risers and listen and learn. Again, any concerns talk to a team member or a director. *Chuck*

From the Prez

We have been working on When She Loved Me and A Dream is a Wish long enough to know the words and notes and should be ready to polish them. If any don't know these 2 songs by now, please put in the extra work to catch up. Since we have no meeting on 5/30 we have two weeks to do this. I am sure no one wants to be the one who holds the chorus back. We sometimes get complaints when we work the same song over and over for months. The way to avoid that is for everyone to come to the meetings prepared. We have been making good progress, let's not fall back into our old habits.

From the Crowe's Nest

I didn't think Shenandoah made one think of cowboys as was suggested at a recent meeting. Checked it out, and guess what?

The main stem of the Shenandoah River is formed when it's North fork and it's South fork conveys at Front Royal, Virginia. Then the Shenandoah flows 57 miles until it empties in to the Potomac River at Harper's Ferry W. VA.

A remote section of the legendary Shenandoah River meanders along the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Skyline drive in the Heart of the historic Shenandoah Valley.

Now I can only assume that the fellow in the song was longing for the Shenandoah, and was a river boat worker, maybe a cowboy, as they crossed the Missouri.

The Missouri River, formed near the town of Three Forks by the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallaton rivers, flowing 2565 miles from it's source in the Rocky mountains through 7 States to join the Mississippi River 27 miles north of St. Louis, MO. It It spends 783 miles through Montana before crossing in to North Dakota.

I believe Shenandoah was the background music in a Gary Cooper movie, where he portrayed a Quaker in the Shenandoah Valley as the Union Forces Marched through the area.

On Monday, I wondered how many of us knew where the Shenandoah was? *Pat*

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