The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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

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

Note from Music Leadership VP

Script for Monday's Meeting

Your Newsletter Editor went out of town, so there is no published script for Monday.

Summary of Last Meeting

Paul opened the meeting with the jazz version of KTWWS. We circled around the room and Chuck lead warm up exercises. Paul taught the tag "In the Valley where the Southern Roses Grow."

We broke into sectionals to work on 8 measures of WLSM. We reassembled and worked on it in a circle for 15 minutes. We went to the risers and worked on the entire song for another 15 minutes.

We worked on Dream for 17 minutes in a circle with Wilbur directing and Paul and Chuck as coaches.

We went to the risers and sang SSB. We worked on HML in three breakout groups, then went to the risers to solidify it.

We then worked on Showboat with Rich as Emcee, Fred as Cast Coach and Wendell as listener. Rich's second try at introducing Showboat was cool. Erby passed the Gandy to Rich for that good job and we closed with the regular version of KTWWS.

Naturalization Ceremony

Thursday, May 5th, the Choo Choo Chorus had the privilege, nay, the Honor of singing the National Anthem downtown at the Federal Courthouse for the swearing in of our new citizens. The morning session had 49 and the afternoon 50 being

In the last two weeks the chorus' improvements are obvious to those who are standing out front. One of the best ways to keep it up is homework! I still challenge you to spend one hour each on WSLM and ADIAW before the next meeting. Good work, guys! *Chuck Wilson*		naturalized with hundreds of well wishers in attendance. We, as a chorus, had 12 members with Paul directing. Chuck Fleishman (our newest Congressman) was in attendance and after the oath made a short but inspiring speech. The chorus then, in mass, went to the eatery that now occupies the site of the original Krystal for lunch. But before we could leave the courthouse we had to sing for the security guards in the lobby. The afternoon session was led by Chuck. The Congressman was not present, so the judge made some truly moving comments to the citizens and crowd. He expounded upon the fact that as citizens they now had "The Freedom to worship in the religion of their choice. The Freedom to travel this great nation unabated. The Freedom to . . ." It was quite obvious that the judge had performed this speech many times and it truly was inspirational. It made me proud to be an American. After the session was over we were informed that they would definitely like to have us back for the swearing in ceremony this coming October. If you were not able to attend this time I highly recommend that you join us in October. It was really moving and touched my inner core. The above photograph of us waiting to sing was taken by a member of the Nancy Ward Chapter of the DAR. *David Fleury*

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