The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Calendar

Monteagle Assembly Owners Meeting, Friday, July 22, Monteagle, TN, gather 7:15 CDT (8:15 our time), sing at 8 PM CDT (9 PM our time.) Directions below. Dress Casual.

Ruby Falls, Saturday, August 6, Noon to 2 PM. Assemble at 11:30 AM (The dates for this and the Awards banquet were switched in the last newsletter.)

Annual Awards Banquet, Friday, August 12, Wally's in East Ridge, 6:30 PM. (Note the corrected date.)

Script for Monday's Meeting

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 - Chuck
lead KTWWS, Introduce Membership VP, Membership VP - Wally, Introduce guests (Briefly), Introduce Warm up Director

Warm up 7:02 - 7:17 15 min, Director - Paul Circle Sing Warm Up. Chairs / sing 7:32 - 7:49 17 min, Director - Paul Wish upon a Star. Circle Sing 7:49 - 8:06 17 min, Director - Chuck When She Loved Me, Coach - Paul, Coach - Wilbur

Mini-group 8:06 - 8:21 10 min, Dream is a Wish, Chairs / sing 8:21 - 8:31 15 min, Director - Paul Dream is a Wish,

Annouc. 8:31 - 8:35 4 min, Moderator - Dave White, Guest Introductions - Wally, Break 8:35 - 8:41 6 min

Quartet Coaching 8:41 - 8:51 10min, Sit on Risers Down Our Way, Risers/sing 8:51 - 8:59 8 min, Director - Chuck Down Our Way, Audio Coach - Paul, Listener - Charlie

Risers/sing 8:59 - 9:07 8 min, Director - Paul Ga on my Mind, Visual Coach - Tom, Watcher - Marcellus, 9:07 - 9:15 8 min, Director - Chuck River of no Return, Audio Coach - Fred, Listener - Chet, 9:15 - 9:23 8 min, Director - Paul Caroline

Lookouts Baseball Game, August 16.

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

Dinner Plans for Monteagle Sing Out

I have reserved at room at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse for Friday, 5 PM CDT (6 PM our time). We are in the Arizona Room. You can order up a steak if you like, or do a buffet, or just a soup and salad – there are lots of choices, and reasonably priced. Again, it is at Exit 155 off of I24 Westbound. *Beau*

Directions to Monteagle Sing Out

Address: 1 Assembly Ave, Monteagle, TN 37356. Take I-24 West to Exit 134 (marked Sewanee/Monteagle.) Turn right at bottom of ramp onto Highway 41A and go 0.4 miles. Turn left onto Assembly Ave (across from Richies Food Market.) Stop at Guard Gate and ask for the Chapel. We will warm up in the Women's Club Building next to the Chapel. They do not allow motorcycles, motor scooters or campers. *Dave Rack* 423-402-1490

Monteagle Sing Out Song List (in order with Introducer)

National Anthem (w/v4) - Paul
Cruising Down The River - Paul
Shenandoah - Marcellus
SCENIC CITY SOUND (2) - Paul
Nearer My God To Thee - Paul
Caroline - Paul
Georgia On My Mind - Beau
River Of No Return - Paul
Showboat Came To Town - Tom
ROCK CITY 4 (2 songs)- Paul
Hello Mary Lou - Gary
When She Loved Me - Rich
God Bless America - Paul
Closing 9:23 - 9:30 7 min, Craft, Gandy Dancer & KTWWS, Meeting Evaluator - Gary

Summary of the Last Meeting

Dave White called us to order with a 4 tone whistle. Chuck led us in the jazz version of KTWWS. Paul led warm up.

We worked on about half of our Monteagle song list until announcements led by Dave White. Rack went over details of the Monteagle sing out. Beau organize a Western Sizzlin' dinner on our way (see left panel.) Dave reminded us of the Awards Banquet. Fred passed our renewals to Frank for 9 years and Pat for 21.

After the break we work on the remaining Monteagle song (see list in order with Introducers on left.) Brooks passed the Gandy to Fred and we closed with KTWWS.

Profile of a Member

I recall seeing a Barbershop Quartet on television a couple of times when I was growing up and I was always mesmerized when I did. I had no idea there was a Barbershop Society, much less a local chapter in the area.

I met Wayne Pruitt through his acquaintance with my sister and brother-in-law. He sold me tickets to a show and invited me to come to a meeting. Wild horses could not have kept me from that meeting. It was everything I hoped for. The sound of the harmony of a group of all male voices was great and something I had never heard before. Paul and Dan Bruns auditioned me and had me sing a tag with them.

When I joined I was not cocky but I thought I was a fairly good singer. I could read music and sing more than one part in church choir and quartets. It took me about 2 meetings with the Choo Choo Chorus to realize I knew nearly nothing about singing and I was a very poor singer if I could claim to be one at all. Wilbur took me under his wing, as he has so many of us in the bass section, and taught me the basics of good technique.

After I had been a member for a while I was asked to serve as an officer. First as a board member at large, then as Membership VP, and later as President. From the beginning I accepted these jobs for one reason and only one reason. Now that I had found barbershop singing I wanted to do everything I could to make sure it did not fade away. That is my motivation today.

[Lebron was born in Chicamauga, Ga on Aug 29, 1950. He is a veteranarian who owns his business.]

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