The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Sum-R-Fun Quartet

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Calendar

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 26, National Cemetery, 8:30 AM

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, National Cemetery, 10:30 AM.

50th Anniversary Party, Friday, June 1, 5:30 PM, at the Colonnade in Ringgold

Annual Show, *Fifty Year Parade of Harmony*, Saturday, June 9, 7:30 PM at GPS

Dixie Harmony Weekend July 20-21, Huntsville, AL

Ruby Falls, July 28 (**Date change**)

Dixie Fall Convention, September 28-30, Tunica, MS.

Sweet Adelines 50th Anniversary Show, October 6.

Sell Tickets & Ads

Gary has tickets to sell for the 50th show. Please take at least ten tickets at $15 each. Children 12 and under are free and do not need a ticket. I will take cash or check.

Dave Fleury noted that we've sold enought ads to pay for printing the 50th program, and the rest will help pay for show and party expenses or go to fund this year's budget.

Online Archive

Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up
7:15 Paul - Hello Mary Lou
7:30 Paul - Circle - Welcome Back to Dixieland
7:45 Paul - Minstrel Montage
8:00 Paul - Dream is a Wish
8:10 Chuck - When You Wish Upon a Star
8:20 Dave White - Announcements & break
8:30 Quarteting - If available
8:40 Risers - Ten Feet Off the Ground & Chat Choo Choo
9:00 Paul/Chuck - Shenandoah & Simple Melody
9:23 Paul - Craft
9:28 Gandy and KTWWS

Last Meeting Highlights

[This section is now titled Highlights and no longer includes information that can be found in last week's script.]

Wilbur gave a 50th update. Paul remarked about our good sing out performance at Garden Plaza and the great audience interaction. Steve Wixson summarized his progress on selling 50th ads. Fred gave Brandon his membership certificate and Paul his Man of Note. Paul's craft was on intervals with some vocal exercises. Tom passed the Gandy to Chuck.

Sum-R-Fun Quartet

In the fall of 1974 when someone said, "Hey, would you like to sing in a quartet"?, four guys said "I'll give it a try" to each other. That's when Sound Impression was formed with Bruce Koepcke - lead, Jack Lane - tenor, Tony Songer - bass and Charlie Stanbery - baritone.

That lasted through the spring district contest of 1974 (where we placed 3rd) when Bruce had an employment transfer out of state. Robert Smith them joined the remaining three and they became know as Sum-R-Fun (pronounced "summer fun"). Jack Lane then had to leave the group and was replaced by Bill Bice. Since then leads have been Tom Keegan, Larry Case and Danny McDowell who is the present lead.

Sum-R-Fun never won any contests, but had a lot of fun entertaining. Even though we are not active as a quartet, our love for barbershop harmony continues. Tony Songer and Bill Bice now sing in the Sound of Tennessee Chorus in Cleveland. From the left in the photograph are me, Tony Songer, Larry Case, and Bill Bice. *Charlie Stanbery*

[Sum-R-Fun performed on our 2008 Annual Show as well as at the afterglow.]

Garden Plaza Sing Out

About 20 guys showed up for the Garden Plaza sing out. We mostly sang our show tunes and the Chattanooguys sang two songs. We sang to a full house audience who demanded an encore - which was God Bless America. Audry Gist won one of 5 door prizes. We spent a lot of time talking to the people after the sing out and while enjoying desserts and punch. Former member Leroy Hobbs was in the audience and an informal afterglow broke out with him singing.