The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Singing Valentine Photo No. 2

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Calendar

Spring Contest, March 8-9, Gadsden, AL. Dress is tux with purple accessories. Enter Matrix at

MLT Meeting, Monday, March 11, 5:40 PM, All Saints

Naturalization Ceremonies, Thursday, April 4, 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM, US District Court

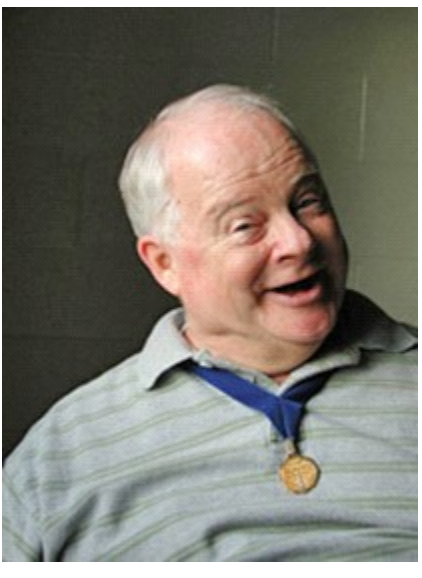
Summer Cookout, June 29

Annual Show, August 17, GPS, Lunch Break is guest quartet.

Fall Contest, October 4-5, Chattanooga, we are host.

Christmas Show, Thursday, December 19, Tivoli

Christmas Party, December 15 (tentative)



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Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Sweet and Lovely
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:45 Paul - Discuss the Contest
8:00 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - DaveW, Bill, Chuck, Wilbur
8:40 Risers - Don G's - My Wild Irish Rose + Repertoire
9:00 Go Home Early

Highlights of Last Meeting

32 Guys showed up. SteveG led announcements, and gave Basses a good grade for riser etiquette. Cameron introduced our four guests and we sang them a welcome. Marcellus again asked for SV money and yard signs be turned in.

The quartet of Paul, SteveG, Brandon & Gene sang Wait Til the Sun Shines, Nelly. We works on our contest set and finished by running thru it three times. Chet for Frank passed the Gandy to Fleury. We closed with KTWWS.

Director's Contest Message

Contest is this weekend and it's a big time for us. The main thing to remember (other than all the words and notes and vowels and emotions and faces and pickups and cutoffs) is to enjoy the CONVENTION. You will see people from other chapters that you only get to see once or twice a year. Make some new friends. Grab three guys and sing a polecat or tag. This is a chance to spend time with 200 or 300 of your closest friends, most of whom you don't know yet. Barbershoppers (and wives) are some of the best people I know - I love spending time with them. The three hours we spend together for contest is just a small part of the weekend. Be sure you get the most out of the rest of it.

One last item - for those three hours YOU'RE MINE! Be ready to focus on our best performance in quite a while. *Paul*

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

Fred King (1935-2008), photograph in left column, was an amazing teacher, woodshedder, composer, arranger, director, judge, and performer, among other things. Freddie started singing barbershop in high school near Baltimore. He earned his first International gold medal with The Oriole Four in 1970 in Atlantic City and followed it up with another gold medal by directing The Chorus of the Chesapeake to gold the next year in New Orleans. You may remember seeing his name on the cover of The Harmonizer recently along with Mike Rowe's picture. Freddie may be the only man so far to compete on the international stage in six different decades and he was in the first father/son finalist quartet (1986). He composed over 300 songs and arranged over 500. I can't really begin to summarize this man's life in a couple of paragraphs, so please read this newsletter full of memories of Freddie: http://dundalk.org/o/Charivari/chiv-fred.pdf He was massively influential in the barbershop world and hilarious to boot. I'm sad that I never got to meet him. Did any of you have the chance? *Wally*

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The top photograph shows the SV Quartet of Wendal, Brandon, Rich and Erby singing to Rich's wife Sheila.