The Weekly Newsletter of the
Choo Choo Chorus

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Naturalization Ceremonies, Thursday, April 4, 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM, US District Court. Arrive 10 AM and 1 PM, Meet 3rd Floor Conference room. You pass thru security screening and cell phones are not allowed. Patriotic uniform

Special Olympic Track and Field, Saturday, April 20, 9:30, McCallie

Scout Flag Day, Saturday, May 25, National Cemetery, Arrive 7:15 PM for 8 PM program, Patriotic uniform

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, National Cemetery, 10:15, Patriotic uniform

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)

Contest Photo Arrived

If youoirdered a copy of the photo taken at Gadsden Spring Convention, please bring a $20 bill or check for same to Monday night Rehearsal. *Gary*

Online Archive

Script for Monday Meeting

7:00 Paul leads warm up plus Polecat
7:15 Chuck - Wild Irish Rose
7:30 Paul - Celebrate Harmony
7:45 Paul - Armed Forces Medley
8:00 Paul - Focus session on vowels and overtones
8:20 Announcements & break
8:30 Four on the Floor - Wally, Cameron, Rich, Marcellus
8:40 Risers - God Bless America
8:50 Risers - Shenandoah
9:00 Risers - When She Loved Me
9:10 Risers - How's Every Little Thing
9:20 Risers - Armed Forces Medley
9:28 Gandy Dancer Award and KTWWS

Highlights of Last Meeting

The bridge for the closing reprise of *Celebrate Harmony* is KTWWS and Paul worked cleaning up the chords. Gary noted that Contest photos are here and price is $20. Rich went over the details of Naturalization Sing Out. Fred passed out renewals to Bill (19 years), Benny (22), Dave Collings (28), Fred (28), and Paul (39).

After the break, RC4 sang *Brand New Day.* Wendal passed the Gandy to Josh. We closed with an in tune KTWWS.

Director's Comments

You continue to amaze me with the sound we can make when we pay attention to the details – you know, the little things like vowels and pitches and duration and breathing… We can be Most Improved again this fall, but it will take a constant effort to be the best we can be EVERY TIME WE SING. The good news is that every thing we do to get better also makes us more entertaining on our shows and performances – no wasted efforts here. There's all kinds of things I could say, but basically it boils down to this: the better YOU sing, the better WE sound! Be part of the great ENSEMBLE sound! *Paul*

Barbershop Term of the Week (BTOW)

This week I want to cover Harmony University, the Society's biggest educational activity. It is held every July/August on the campus of Missouri Western State University In St. Joseph, Missouri, 40 minutes north of Kansas City's airport. Students arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave the following Sunday morning after a big show on Saturday evening. Prices for food, lodging, and classes start at $490 if you register early enough in the year. Harmony University is made up of Harmony College, Directors College, and Quartet College. There are also special tracks and discounts for youth (25 and under) and music educators. You can attend solo, as a quartet, or as a chorus. They offer over 70 different classes throughout the week on every barbershop-related topic you can imagine. You can learn to direct, arrange, write, coach, produce, record, webcast, and even cope with stage fright. You can FINALLY learn what chromatically altered seventh chords are! But seriously, I would go every year if I had the time and funds. I have only heard good things about it and you can ask one of several of our guys about it if you are curious. I know that at least Paul, Chuck, and David White have been. Even going just once will probably change your barbershop experience for the rest of your life. More info at http://www.barbershop.org/education/harmony-university.html