
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

July 2002

Summer 2002 Continues...

Summer is officially here according to the calendar, but it seems as though it started a few weeks ago, when we kicked off our fireman's parades. I would like to thank everyone who attended the New Windsor and Taneytown parades as well as the concert in Mt. Airy. I know that the audience at Mt. Airy enjoyed our music very much. And of course, the biggest job of the year, which we all look forward to at the beach, far to the East, is now a memory. I wish time would not travel as fast as it does, because it seems as though as soon as you unpack the car, you are packing it back up again. Our week in Ocean City is the fastest of the year unfortunately. But I just need to say this, WOW! What a great sounding and looking group this year. On parade day, we had 67 members on the street. We had 50 musicians, 14 in the Color Guard, 2 Banner carriers and the Drum Major. Is that fabulous or what? I cannot begin to thank you all for a job very well done. And obviously, I am not the only one that thinks so, as we won Best Appearing Senior Band, again. It only seems to get better, year after year, and it is only because of the dedicated and great members of this organization. The Color Guard got Honorable mention in the category of Fire / Rescue Color guard. I will have to look into that further as they also had a separate category for Nonfire / Rescue Color Guard. I am not quite s



Bud, the "Babe Magnet" after our concert at Ocean City.

sure what is going on with that. I haven't talked to anyone yet since I just got the results off of their website, but as I see it they had them in the wrong category. Nonetheless, all definitely had a fun time, and I can't wait until next year. I need to put special thanks into big brother, or I should say "older" brother, for pulling the equipment trailer with his truck. The Carroll County Fireman's Association was very generous as they allowed us to use their Hazmat Spill trailer for the week. A big thank you goes out to them. Also a special thanks to Sandy, for another job well done with the concert and just all that she does for getting us prepared. And as I mentioned earlier, a big thank you to everyone who attended, because of you, this group is only getting better. When the times of community bands are depleting, we are getting stronger. That tells you something, huh?

We have some July jobs to talk about, as next month will be a busy one for us. First off, the Manchester parade will be on Wednesday the 3rd starting at 7 p.m. We will lineup in the alley directly behind the fire hall. On Thursday the 4th, the bus will leave the band hall at 8:45 a.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT TIME CHANGE as I moved up the departure time. The old schedule will say 9 a.m. but please be there so that we can leave by 8:45 a.m. The Kingsville parade will start at 10:50 a.m. and the Catonsville parade will start at 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided in Catonsville for us. On Saturday the 6th, the bus will leave for Havre De grace at 11:30 a.m. That parade starts at 2 p.m. On Tuesday July the 9th, we will be in Winfield for their parade, which starts at 7 p.m. It will lineup in front of the Hardware store on Salem Bottom Road & Route 26. PLEASE NOTE THIS NEXT CHANGE, the Thurmont parade will be on Thursday July 11th. Yes, Thursday and it will start at 6:30 p.m. From Westminster take Uniontown Road up to Keymar. Go straight onto Rt. 77 into Thurmont, where the parade will lineup on the street to your left just after the school. This next job is a NEW one, which we just received. It is a concert on Saturday July 13th starting at 4 p.m. We are playing for a fundraiser picnic for Dave Brauning who is running for County Commissioner. The directions to get to this event is to take Route 26 West from Route 97 past Winfield Fire hall to Woodbine Road, or you can take Route 27 from Westminster to Taylorsville and take Route 26 east to Woodbine Road. Go South on Woodbine until you get to Fannie Dorsey Road. The concert will be at 1150 Fannie Dorsey Road. Dave would like us to play for 2 hours if possible, with breaks in between of course, and he also requested us to come casual. How about we wear our green polo shirts with whatever pants you want for this one. Also our families are invited, as they will have food provided such as Fried Chicken, burgers and hot dogs. The following job will be the Fire

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Expo parade in Baltimore City, on Sunday the 21st. The bus will leave the band hall at 7:30a.m. We should return by 11:45 a.m. On Thursday July 25th, we will head to Mt. Airy for their parade starting at 7 p.m. This parade lines up at the Elementary school on Main Street in Mt. Airy. That's it for now – see you soon! Greg

Director's Corner

Hi everyone! Believe it or not, I really don't have a lot to say this month. OC was AWESOME and the Thurmont concert went well with a record 33 members playing. Just keep up the great work and we'll continue to grow in numbers and improve our musicality.

Thanks to Greg for again organizing the "minor" details of accommodations for the OC trip!

There are alot of July performances - please help with as many as you can.

Thanks for supporting this GREAT BAND!
Sandy



Above is a photo of the band returning from the opening ceremonies at the Ocean City convention center. This is one of over 700 pictures taken at the beach! The video should be ready for our 4th of July bus trip. Jim Mayola