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# The Westminster Municipal Band

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WMB News

June 2003

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## May rain, June Sun!

I want to begin by thanking everyone who participated in the May events. We had great turnouts for each engagement. We also had our fair share of rainouts, as the rain didn't know when to quit. I was sorry to see the Memorial Day parade in Westminster got called, as we would have had a fabulous sound. I always look forward to that parade each year since we always have the most members performing that morning. I was happy that they recognized us at the Armory memorial service the way they did, because we do work hard during the off season to get prepared, and you all deserve a great deal of credit for your outstanding dedication to this organization. We started out the weekend festivities with a great concert at the Valley, where Sandy heard many wonderful comments on our performance. We had about 42 in attendance there and we had 41 for the rain free parade in Taneytown. In Columbia on Sunday we had a great group of 40 some attend that parade. In Union Bridge on Wednesday, 49 attended, where we lead off their parade. Thanks again to all of you for coming out in the busy month of May.

We have some early June events to talk about, the first being on Wednesday the 4th in New Windsor. We are to meet behind the old Middle school on Route 75 in town at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. start time. On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to Mt. Airy for their concert, as we



Performing in the armory on Memorial Day.

will kick off their summer concert series in the park. **The Mt. Airy concert will start at 6:15 p.m.** Take Route 27 from Westminster to Mt. Airy and follow that until the Twin Arch Road traffic signal. Turn right and follow that about 1 mile until you see the round pavilion on your left. The concert is from 6:15 to 8 p.m. On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be in Taneytown for their parade, which starts at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the intersection of Trevanion Road and Route 140. Take Route 140 West from Westminster to the circle where you will turn right and continue on 140 until you come to the Sheets Store in town. We will be meeting directly beside that location on your left.

Of course after the Taneytown parade will be our annual trip east bound and down to Ocean City. I believe that you know the drill by now, get your uniform cleaned and pressed and your

shoes shined as we will be representing the City of Westminster and Carroll County in front of the entire State of Maryland. This is a fun time for us and we do deserve it as we work hard all year for this trip. You all should know when your check in dates are, check in time will be 3:00 p.m. I will have a schedule of events for you at the desk when you register so please look out for that. The events will basically be the same as always. The opening will be Monday morning and the parade will be Wednesday at 1:00 p, m The parade will be for PRIZE money and we will be competing for first place, so please keep that in mind as we should do the best as we can do for that event. Let's all hope for sunny weather.

When we return from the Ocean, we will head to Thurmont for their concert on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That concert starts at 6:00 p.m. For directions from Westminster, take Route 140 to 31 and turn left onto 31 past the McDaniel College's golf course. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic signal turn right onto Uniontown road. And follow that straight into Thurmont, as it will turn into Route 77 halfway up the road. Proceed straight thought Thurmont until you see the round pavilion on your left halfway through town On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will go to River Valley ranch for their concert starting at 8:00 p.m.

Some early July jobs will be the Manchester parade on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:00 pomp Take Route 27 from Westminster to Manchester and we will meet directly behind the fire hall. Than on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>, the bus will leave the band hall at 9:00 a.m. for Kingsville and Catonsville. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to Havre De Grace, the bus will leave at 11:30 a.m.

Willie Myers was at the concert at the Valley and he looks great and he says that he is slowly making progress on his recovery. Let's all hope that he makes a full recovery. I had Eric Utermahlen's daughter all lined up to carry the wreath in the Westminster parade but the weather

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did not cooperate, so she has the job for next year. Joan Magnant and Scott Stansbury made their marching debut in Columbia Pa. and they did a great job.

I will see you all in June as the count down to the ocean begins. Thanks again to all for your participation.

Greg

## Director's Corner

**H**ey gang! The first big push of the season is over and what a great sound we have!! The concert at Pleasant Valley was on of the best we've ever had and I received some of the most complimentary comments from spectators! There is a gentleman who lives in Virginia who makes it a point to attend this strawberry festival and we are a big part of the reason why. This is quite a compliment since he was a Sergeant Major in the United States Army Band.

Memorial Day started out somewhat disappointing as we did not march the parade but we had a great showing for the indoor Memorial Service at the Armory and as usual looked sharp and sounded good. The service was especially meaningful this year because of all that is happening in the world. I have received a photo plaque from Mayor Kevin Dehoff and Caroline Babylon that I will see gets hung in the band hall commemorating this day! Thank you to them!

Greg has all of our upcoming jobs listed over the next month but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at home (410-857-0344), cell phone (443-375-2926), or work (410-848-5034, ext. 3008).

Thanks for all your hard work so far!!

Looking to the east . . . .

Sandy

## WMB 2003 SCHEDULE

Wednesday June 4	New Windsor parade	7:00 p.m.
Sunday June 8	Mt. Airy concert	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday June 11	Taneytown parade	7:00 p.m.
June 16 – 18	Ocean City convention	
Sunday June 22	Thurmont concert	6:00 p.m.
Saturday June 28	River Valley Ranch concert	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday July 2	Manchester parade	7:00 p.m.
Friday July 4	Kingsville parade Catonsville parade	Bus leaves 9:00 a.m.
Saturday July 5	Havre De Grace parade	Bus leaves 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday July 8	Winfield parade	7:00 p.m.
Thursday July 24	Mt. Airy parade	7:00 p.m.
Sunday July 27	Fire Expo parade	Bus leaves 7:30 a.m.
Sunday August 24	Belle Grove Square concert	6:00 p.m.
Saturday September 6	Thurmont concert (Cotactin High School)	6:00 p.m.
Sunday September 14	Timber Ridge concert	2:30 P.M.
Sunday September 17	Westminster Fallfest parade	3:00 p.m.

\*NOTE TIME CHANGE