



Membership Newsletter

August 2005

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Rehearsals:

- Finished until October.
- Refreshments last Monday of the Month during rehearsal season.

*Remember:
If the snow
emergency plan is in
effect for any Monday
evening, rehearsals
will be cancelled .*

Current News

The busy month of July is now behind us as the summer picks up speed. I want to thank everyone that attended the 10 events that we had last month. July is always a very busy month for us, and we had great attendances. Typically the week of the Winfield and Thurmont parades are tough for us, but we ended up having about 35 in attendance for both events, which is outstanding. The Pennsylvania Ave. block party turned out pretty well, as we had about 25 or so there for that short notice event. The City officials appreciated us being there on short notice tremendously. Also, I heard some great comments during our Fourth parades, in which we had some great turnouts as well. I do appreciate everyone's participation during that special holiday weekend.

Upcoming this month, we have several jobs to talk about. Our first date to keep in mind will be on Sunday the 14th. At 1:00 p.m., we will meet in

Dutterers Park in Westminster for the Local Hero's day concert. The park is located directly behind Dutterers Florist on Pennsylvania Avenue. Also that evening, we will proceed to Mt. Airy for their summer concert series in the pavilion. This concert will start at 6:15 p.m. The pavilion is located along the parade route. Sandy will give you more details on these events as well as our big concert at the square.

Just a reminder about the concert uniform and that is the shirts. I noticed in Thurmont that a few of us elected to not have the long sleeve shirt on. The concert uniform is to have the long sleeve shirt that we discussed thoroughly this past rehearsal season. Anyone that does not have one, please contact Larry Myers to get the details on how to get one. It diminishes our appearance when 97% of the members have the shirt on and 2 or 3 don't. I know that the shirts are warm, as are

our coats during parades, but as I said, we discussed this in length, and it was voted on by the membership to go with the long sleeve button down shirt. For those that don't have the shirts, please fix that problem before the next concert.

On Wednesday the 17th, we will travel to Hampstead for their parade starting at 7:00 p.m. This parade always starts behind the Auction barn on the old road. Our month ends with the annual Belle Grove Square concert on Sunday the 28th, starting at 6:00 p.m. If it would be inclement weather, the concert will happen in St. Paul's church on the corner across from the square. Again, the proper concert uniform is **REQUIRED**.

As of this time, we only have one event in September, which is the Fallfest parade. Note that this year's parade will start at 4:00 p.m. instead of 3. I will give you more details in next month's news.

That's it for now, see you in August. Greg

Members Corner

This month, one of our percussion members will be going abroad, as he will enter a branch of our Armed Forces, the Navy, Jake Smith. We want to wish him well and good luck, and hope that he has a wonderful

experience, and hope that he returns safely. If you all get the chance, send a farewell message to him. Jake started out as one of our banner carriers and he then graduated into our

percussion section, where he did a great job.

Attention:

Remember to wear the correct concert shirt.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Director's Message

August appears to be our concert month with three of them happening. Greg has mentioned all of them with time and place.

At Dutterer's Park, we will begin at 1:00. If it goes as last year, there will be a short program with us playing the National Anthem. At approximately 1:15 or so, we will play a concert until about 2:00 p.m.

Mt. Airy's concert will begin at 6:15 p.m. We will play for 45 minutes and then take a 15 minute break. We will then play another 45 minute set finishing about 8:00 p.m. I confirmed the time with Oscar Baker at Mt. Airy's parade, therefore the change to the schedule. The concert takes place at the town park which we marched past during the parade. Directions: Take Rt. 27 to the intersection of Twin Arch Rd. & Park

Ave. (where the carnival grounds are.) Turn right on Park Avenue and proceed about ¼ mile to the park on the left. We have usually played in the gazebo but after looking at the growing shrubbery around it, I believe we will set-up in front of it this year.

Belle Grove Square Concert: I figure we will continue with tradition and march to the park. The audience really likes it. So therefore, the Color Guard will join with us to present the colors for the evening. **WEAR FULL UNIFORM!!!** Start time is 5:55 p.m. so please arrive no later than 5:30 so we can get our concert set-up done and get to the parking lot to begin the march. Last year we were light on percussion so it would be a help to have plenty of you attend even if you are not playing the concert portion of the night. Also, Channel 19 will be

there taping the concert for the local viewing audience so let's have a great showing of the membership.

AND speaking of Channel 19, I met with Marion Ware and a couple other gentlemen last Tues., July 19th about producing a 30 minute documentary on the band. (their idea) This fall things will be happening to get this together for a spring showing. Stay tuned for more details.

AND tune in WTTR AM 1470 on Saturday, August 27 between 9-10 a.m. There will be a 10 minute interview aired about the band and more specifically the Belle Grove Square concert to be held on Sunday.

If you have any questions, please let me know!

See ya on the 14th!
Sandy

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www.westminsterband.com

Upcoming Events

July 31	Parade - Baltimore Fire Expo	Bus leaves 7:30 AM
August 14	Concert - Westminster Local Heroes Day	1:00 PM
August 14	Concert - Mt Airy NEW TIME	6:15 PM
August 17	Parade - Hampstead FD	7:00 PM
August 28	Concert - Belle Grove Square - Color Guard	6:00 PM
September 18	Parade - Westminster FallFest NEW TIME	4:00 PM Meet Bandhall 3:30
October 8	Parade - Perryville	Bus Leaves 7:30 AM

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