



Membership Newsletter

July 2006

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

The month of June has ended and the busy month of July is looming ahead. I want to thank everyone that participated in the June events, as they were a success. We started out the month at the Farm Museum, where we played for a handful of people. I guess the weather had a lot to do with it. We ended the day at Timber Ridge where we had a much larger crowd to listen. Both parades in New Windsor and Taneytown went off without complication, and we barely escaped the downpour in Taneytown.

I heard many compliments from the firemen as we had a great turnout for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Annapolis. They are thinking of making that an annual event in some capacity. Our trip to the big OC was another great year. I personally want to thank everyone for your patience as many of us didn't get to his or her room until 2 hours past check-in time. The hotel management also told me that we are the highlight of the year for them, as they love when we come down there. They also expressed their gratitude and they were sorry about the check in situation, they even had the management cleaning rooms on Saturday since the seniors made another grand exit. My daughter's room was not trashed though, just to make the record straight. But they wanted me to tell you that they do appreciate our patience that day.

The events went well, as we didn't have to wait for any long period of time for any event. We did receive our \$2400.00 check for the events

that we participated in and the Color Guard won 2nd place in the parade for a non-fire service color guard. I have not heard as of yet what place we received in the parade. I will let you know. The weather was great and we had an awful lot of fun. I can't wait until next year. I want to also thank the members that attended the concert at River Valley Ranch, as we had to take it indoors for that one. I didn't know that they had an indoor facility until we got there. Next year we will know that it is rain or shine.

This coming month is the busiest of the year as the 4th has us running into many directions. We will start in Havre De Grace for their parade on Sunday the 2nd. The bus will leave at 11:30 a.m., for the 2 p.m. start time and return by 5 p.m. On Monday the 3rd, we will be in Manchester for their parade starting at 7 p.m. After the parade, please proceed to Chris Crofoot's place for a little get together which is located next to the carnival grounds. On Tuesday the 4th, the bus will leave for Kingsville at 9:15 a.m. This parade starts at 11 a.m. We will then proceed to Catonsville, where we will have lunch at the Knights of Columbus. This parade starts at 3 p.m. This is always a huge event for us as there is a huge crowd that lines the street. Please do what you can do to make this one. This year the band truck crew will be in attendance with our 1947 panel truck following the

band in the parade. A little extra added addition this year. We should return by 4:20 p.m.

The following week we will participate in the Winfield parade. This year it will be on Thursday the 13th. The parade chairman told me that they moved the parade because of the construction at their firehouse. The project was supposed to be completed by their carnival, but no dice. I explained to him that we turned down Thurmont to participate for them and they were greatly appreciative of that. He explained to me that next year, they will move the parade back to Tuesday night, so that we can again proceed back to Thurmont. This parade starts at the corner of Salem Bottom and Old Liberty Roads.

On Sunday the 16th, we will be in Thurmont for their concert starting at 6 p.m. We will end the month with a parade in Mt. Airy on Thursday the 27th. This parade starts at the school just down from the fire hall, at 7 p.m. We will end the month of July with the Fire Expo parade in Baltimore on July 30th. The bus will leave for this one at 7:30 a.m. The parade starts at 9 a.m. and return time is 10:40 a.m.

That's it for now! Thank you and keep up the great work.
Greg

Attention:

Busy July 4th Schedule. Need everyone to make a great showing in several major jobs.

Percussion Training 101:



Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

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Members Corner

I would like to welcome Jonathon Carl to the clarinet section. Also I would like to congratulate Richard Garner, from our trumpet section, on his high school graduation with the class of 2006 at Francis Scott Key High School. He graduated with my daughter Jessica this year. Great job.

Also a reminder that we did order the license plate brackets with our logo, so we will have them by mid July.

A quick order was placed for T-shirts and Polo Shirts by those at the ocean who let me know they needed them. If you missed or didn't hear about this order while there or were here at home, I just want to let you know that another order will be put together in the fall. Anticipated shipment is July 3rd.

Channel 19 DVD's – Ocean City went by and Sandy still needs a lot of \$5.00 payments. Please see her on July 4th so she

can get this order in. Thanks!

Hmmm..... A picture is worth a thousand words



Director's Message

Thanks to all of you that were able to make the trek eastward. It was a great time and all events flowed smoothly. When we finished the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning, both Leonard King (convention organizer) and Tom Mattingly (he's the one I communicate with during the ceremony) made a point to give us a thumb's up and thank you. Ron Siarnicki, (convention organizer) was pleased as well. We will be working out the little glitches like the hallway for the Parade of Candidates on Monday afternoon. Our concern with that arrangement was made known. We made a great showing all the way around and your efforts were much appreciated by all!

The Thurmont concert is scheduled for Sunday, July 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will play for about 75 minutes or so. Please plan

to arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. We will be throwing in a couple Sousa marches that we haven't done a lot of rehearsal on at the request on Mr. Wireman. I will be making a trip to Thurmont on July 13th midday for a radio taping with town historian George Wireman about the band that will air on the local Thurmont station on Saturday morning the 15th.

That's all for me!

Sandy



Making our way down the Streets of OC for the Convention Parade in fine form as always.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
July 2	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
July 3	Parade - Manchester FD	7:00 PM
July 4	Parade - Kingsville/Catonsville	Bus Leaves 9:15 AM
July 13 THURS.	Parade - Winfield FD	7:00 PM
July 16	Concert - Thurmont	6:00 PM
July 27 THURS.	Parade - Mt. Airy FD	7:00 PM
July 30	Parade - Fire Expo	Bus Leaves 7:30 AM
August 13	Concert - Mt Airy	6:15 PM
August 27	Concert - Bell Grove Square	6:00 PM

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