



Membership Newsletter

August 2006

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

We are midway through the summer heat and the busy time of our season is once again behind us. I want to thank everyone that came out during the holiday. We had some great numbers once again in attendance. We started the month in Havre De Grace with a great band. The chairperson of the parade sent me an email thanking us for a job well done despite the heat. On the third, we visited Manchester in front of a nice crowd. I want to thank Chris Crowfoot for throwing the party together afterwards. The cold beverages and the snacks hit the spot. The following day, we went to Kingsville and Catonsville for the holiday celebration. Catonsville parade has a tremendous crowd watching and as I said before, where can you go and get a great lunch in an air conditioned room and then go right to the parade front and lead the 2 hour parade off. The remainder of the bands in the parade gets a boxed lunch at the parade line-up area. We are the only group that gets that

special treatment thanks to Mike at the Knights of Columbus. He makes the salads the night before and all the beverages are on the house, plus we get paid for doing the parade. I will make sure that he gets an official band shirt for his efforts. The following week, we went to Winfield for their parade on a new night. They did say that they will be moving back to their regular Tuesday night next year. Then on Sunday the 16th, we were in Thurmont for their concert at the park. Mr. Wireman has told me that they would like us in Walkersville on September the 23rd, for a concert at the train Museum. After the concert, the band is invited to take a train ride. I will bring this up at the Fire Expo parade. On Thursday the 27th, we visited Mt. Airy for their parade with about 32 in attendance. We got finished before the storms entered the area. This is tough parade because of the hills involved, but they

have a great crowd watching.

In August we will have a two week break before our concert in Mt. Airy. The night of the 13th, we will be playing in the park on Park Ave. Take Route 27 to the intersection of Twin Arch, where the carnival grounds are, and take a right. The park will be about a mile on your left. We will start at 6:15 p.m.

The Hampstead parade will be on Saturday the 19th at 5 p.m. Please note the new day and time. They moved it to a Saturday, to try to get a better crowd and to try to alleviate traffic. It will form at the regular spot at the corner of Mott Ave and Black Rock Rd. Then on Sunday the 27th, it is our annual Belle Grove Square concert starting at 6 p.m.

In September, our first gig will be on Sunday the 17th. It will be the annual Westminster Fallfest parade starting at 4 p.m. (new time). More details will follow next month.

That's it for now,
see you on the street.

Greg

Attention:

Hampstead
Parade on a
Saturday at 5 PM

Remember:

Check the
Website for the
complete schedule

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Greg Wantz

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Members Corner

Also in August, a 50th wedding anniversary will be celebrated by Jim & Joan Wantz, or to me, Mom & Dad. 50 years ago on the 12th, they were married. They are still going strong and still very committed to each other as well as this organization. Congratulations to them.

Earl Lambert went through some surgery and he is home recuperating. Also,

please keep Eric Utermahlen and his family in your prayers and thoughts, as Eric lost his mother, who was 91.



Director's Message

Welcome to August!!

You know summer is over when August is here even though the calendar says it's not over until September 21.

The biggie for us this month is the Belle Grove Square (corner of Green & Bond St.) mini-parade and concert. We will again meet at 5:30 to prepare for the march from the church. We need parade drummers for this part of the concert. Last year we were really short and it doesn't make a good showing. Now granted, it's a short march, but the community likes this

little difference and they are the people we want to please. The Color Guard will be with us as well for the presentation of the colors during the National Anthem. So, you will need parade and concert uniform.

If the weather is threatening for the evening, the concert will move to St. Paul's United Church of Christ which is next to Belle Grove Square. We will not march but the Color Guard will still present the colors.

Mark your calendars for rehearsals to begin again on October 2 at 7:30 p.m. We will continue with the 90 minute rehearsal followed by our business meeting

See you in Mt. Airy on the 13th! (Bring bug spray – seriously.)

Sandy

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
August 13	Concert - Mt Airy	6:15 PM
August 19 SAT.	Parade - Hampstead	5:00 PM
August 27	Concert - Bell Grove Square	6:00 PM
September 17	Parade - Westminster Fallfest	4:00 PM
September 23	Concert - Walkersville	1:00 PM
October 28	Parade - Millersville PA	Bus Leaves 6:30 AM

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