



# Membership Newsletter

April 2008

## Current News

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### Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals resumed on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

The spring season has arrived, as the first three months of the New Year is a distant memory. I would like to thank everyone that participated in our first 2 parades of the season in Baltimore, as we had great turnouts for each event. The St. Pats parade was a little chilly as we waited for our #57 spot in the lineup. In the Greek Independence day parade, we were #60 in that lineup, and each time we had around 50 members participating.

During this month, we of course will be having our weekly rehearsals, but we will also have a special event in Easton. On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading east bound for a 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade in downtown Easton. The bus will be departing Westminster at 12 noon for the 3:00 p.m. parade. **This is a special event for the Easton fire company, as they will be celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> year of continuous volunteer fire service.** There will be a huge amount of onlookers for this event, so we need to make sure that we represent the City as we normally do. In other words, we need to have a great turnout as we are also receiving \$1500.00 for the job. The parade starts at 3 p.m. at Idlewild Park, just off of Route 50. There will be a total of 10 bands including us and also our old Delaware competitors, the Smyrna

Band. There will also be some high school bands and the Mummies from Philadelphia. Closing the 2-hour parade will be the Budweiser Clydesdales. The parade route is 1 mile long. After the parade, there will be a block party at the fire station at Aurora Park, with lots of food and beverage while the Great Train Robbery Band plays. The parade chairman said that we are a huge favorite and they can't wait to hear us. They always enjoy our performances at the ocean every year. It sounds like a great deal of fun, so please make arrangements to join us. We will hang around for a little while afterwards, so our return time will depend on that. We are also starting to get the calendar booked, so please eye up the schedule that is attached.

The deadline for Ocean City has come and gone so if you have not yet contacted me on this, please do so now. The date for the fireman's convention is June 16 – 18. We are also getting a clothing order together, so if you would like to get some band clothing, please turn in the form with your money by the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

In the month of May, we will have several jobs, but on Memorial Day, the 26<sup>th</sup>, we be taking a group photo in the morning. Our last group shot was in 2000, so we figured that it

was time again to have it done. I am working out the details and will let you know next month. The photo will be taken before the Westminster parade, which starts at 10 a.m., so I am thinking right now that we will be meeting by 8 a.m. or so to get this accomplished.

I would like to welcome 3 new members to our roster. Cathi & Darryl Whitcomb are from Reisterstown. Cathi will be in our percussion section and Darryl will be joining the ranks of our Great Color guard. Also, Bernie Harmon has also joined the ranks of our percussion section. It is great to have all of you.

We have also created a new position for the band and that is Historian. Earl Lambert has graciously agreed to head this committee, so that we can keep better tract of our history. If you have any old photos or stories, please make sure that Earl gets them.

Just a reminder that the Sax's & Baritones have cleanup on Monday and the percussion and basses have it next month. That's it for now, see you at rehearsal.



**Attention:**

**Ocean City reservations Past due as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Next Job for the new season:**

**Easton 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**April Cleanup first Monday is Sax's and Baritones.**

**Remember:**

Check the Website for the complete schedule

**Members Corner**

Notice the Group Photo on the schedule. Location most likely the old Armory, but will be confirmed.

Notice the time that day. Photo at 8:00 AM giving us time to finish and get set for the parade at the band hall by 9:15.



A Few photos from the season so far.



**Director's Message**

The rehearsal season is winding down with just 4 more Monday nights to go. We will be finalizing our concert music for the summer so please, if you plan to join us for concerts, please make an effort to get to some of these last rehearsals.

Please make sure your music folders are in good order as well. We had some problems last year with some folders missing parts. If some of your sections folders have not been used by anyone, please take the initiative to go through and make sure what is needed is there.

I have an e-mail sent to the coordinator of the MSFA Opening Ceremony so I am waiting for a response from him concerning our participation. I will be letting you know the status of that as soon as I know.

That's all for this month. See you at rehearsal. Sandy



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## Upcoming Events

### 2008 BAND SCHEULE

April 19	Parade - Easton 300th Anniversary	Bus Leaves 12:00 PM
May 17	Concert - Pleasant Valley Ice Cream Social	4:00 PM
May 25	Parade - Columbia PA	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 26	Band Group Photo	Photo at 8:00 AM
	Parade - Westminster	10:00 AM
June 7	Parade - Lancaster Cty Firemen's Convention	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
June 16-18	MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD	Various TBA that week
June 28	Concert - River Valley Ranch	7-9PM
June 29	Concert - Thurmont	6 PM
July 4	Parade - Kingsville	Bus Leaves 9:00 AM
	Parade - Catonsville	
July 5	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM

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