



Membership Newsletter

May 2008

Current News

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Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals finished for the summer.

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

This month begins the busy parade and concert season, which followed another rehearsal season that recently just ended. I want to thank everyone that came out to rehearsal during the past 7 months. I believe that our concerts will sound great again and the parade marches do also. Speaking of concerts, we will start our month off with the traditional Strawberry Social at the Pleasant Valley Fire Dept. on Saturday the 17th. We will play from 4 until 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. As we have done in the past, we will play till about 5:15, and then take a break. The dinner will be provided to all band members that are present. There will also be the traditional ice cream with strawberries available also for a small cost. For those newcomers, take Route 140 West from Westminster and turn right onto Hughes Shop road. Follow that until the stop sign and then turn left, which will run you right into the fire hall. Please arrive by 3:30 p.m.

The parades will kick off with a Sunday trip on the 25th to Columbia Pa. The bus will depart the band hall at 11:30 a.m. for the 2 p.m. parade. We should return by no later than 5 p.m.

The following day will be the Westminster Memorial day parade, but preceding the parade will be our photo shoot. The band photo will be taken at the

Westminster fitness center on Longwell Avenue on the front steps. This was also known as the old Armory. Please arrive at the fitness center by 8:00 a.m., so that we can get everybody assembled. We will then have to meet at the band hall for the trip to the beginning of the parade. We will be departing the hall at 9:30 a.m. For the afternoon, it looks as though we will not have anything to do this year. I was informed that Taneytown would not be having a parade because of the street construction. That will be the first time in many, many years; I am thinking 50 years or better, that we will only have one gig on Memorial Day. So, enjoy your afternoon.

On Wednesday the 28th, we will travel to Union Bridge for their fireman's parade. The parade will kickoff at 7 p.m. at the corner of Route 75 and Main St. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Some early June jobs will be the ice cream social at Timber Ridge on Sunday the 1st. We will play from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Timber Ridge is located in Westminster off of Stoner Avenue. From the band hall, go to Main Street and head East to Center Street. Take a right on Center and follow that to Stoner Ave and take a left. Timber Ridge will be on your left.

On Wednesday the

4th, it will be time for the New Windsor parade starting at 7 p.m. We will be lining up in front of the fire hall. From Westminster, take Route 31 directly into New Windsor.

On Saturday the 7th, we will be going to Strasburg Pa. for the Lancaster County fireman's parade. The bus will be leaving the hall at 11:30 a.m. for this parade. We should again return by 5 p.m.

In other news, the uniform man will be at the band hall on Monday the 12th for those members that were measured earlier in the year and they do not fit. Please be at the hall by 6:30 p.m., so that he can get these figured out.

I would like to welcome Elizabeth Crofoot into the clarinet section. Yes that's right, she is the daughter of Chris.

That's it for now, just a reminder that rehearsals are over and will resume in October.

Attention:

Ocean City payments due by May 30th.

Next Job for the 2008 season:

PV Ice Cream Social on 5/17.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

Notice the Group Photo on the schedule. Location will be the old Armory. 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.



Happy Mother's Day!

Director's Message

Hello!

It's hard to believe the summer performance season is here, but it is! Thanks to all who faithfully attended the fall/winter rehearsals. You've done a great job in preparations.

As always, Greg has highlighted the first big push of jobs for the next 6 weeks. Please mark your calendars or paste the schedule to your refrigerator.

One thing that I would like to remind everyone is that you are always needed. We sometimes hear, "Do you need

me?" The answer is always yes- no matter how big the venue or how big the pay. We need each of you for all that we do.

See you at the Valley!
Sandy



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Upcoming Events

2008 BAND SCHEULE

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 Longwell Ave Armory	Photo at 8:00 AM
	Parade - Westminster	10:00 AM
May 28	Parade - Union Bridge	7:00 PM
June 1	Concert - Timber Ridge	2:30 PM
June 4	Parade - New Windsor	7:00 PM
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	6:00 PM

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