



Membership Newsletter

June 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.*

May closed with a bang as we had a tremendous group for the Westminster Memorial Day parade. Our 50 musicians in uniform sounded outstanding and the band front consisting of a total of 17 including our 2 banner carriers and Drum Major finished off a fabulous parade. I cannot thank everyone enough for your time and dedication to this strong growing establishment. I also want to thank Kiley Alcorn for doing a great job in getting the wreath to the cemetery. If you are wondering, she is the daughter of John, who played the Bass Drum in the parade. The photo beforehand went well also, as the group was taken on the old Armory steps. I will notify you when the proofs are available. The Columbia parade went well also, as we had around 50 for that one. The weather could not have been better. I would also like to thank everyone that participated in the Pleasant Valley concert. Another job well done.

We have several jobs this month, starting with the Timber Ridge concert on Sunday the 1st at 2:30 p.m. This facility is located on Bishop Street off of Stoner Ave in Westminster, right below the Carroll Hospital Center. On Wednesday the 4th, we will be in New Windsor for their 7 p.m. parade. Take Route 31 from Westminster to New Windsor, and the parade will

line up at the old middle school. Our next parade will be in Taneytown on Wednesday the 11th starting at 7 p.m. This parade will lineup at the corner of East Baltimore St and Trevanion Rd. at the State bank. The following week is Ocean City week. Please don't forget your green polo shirts and tee shirts. We will be wearing them throughout the week. A schedule of events will be at the front desk when you check in. Please have your uniforms in great shape, such as getting them cleaned for this one.

When we return from the beach, the weekend of the 28th will be very popular for us. On Saturday the 28th, it is River Valley Ranch. The concert will start at 7 p.m. This ranch is located on Grave Run Rd. outside of Hampstead. Contact me for directions. The following day, Sunday the 29th, it will be our annual concert in Thurmont, starting at 6 p.m. Take Route 77 from Keymar and you will run directly into the park on your left in Thurmont.

I forgot to mention about the parade on the 7th of June in Strasburg, PA. We took a poll during our Memorial Day parades, and our attendance for that one was going to be extremely light because of graduations and other things. **We decided to cancel instead of going with 15 or so**

members. So, that will be missing from our schedule.

An early July job will be the Manchester parade on Tuesday the 1st. This parade will start at 7 p.m. directly behind the firehouse. And than of course the 4th jobs will follow, with the bus leaving on Friday the 4th at 9 a.m. and on Saturday the 5th at 11:30 a.m.

We need to keep our thoughts and prayers with William Myers, our member in our clarinet section. Willie will be going through some extensive tests to alleviate fluid buildup on his brain and spine. We will keep you posted on his condition.

Please keep in mind for our concerts that the short sleeve shirts will be the norm unless you are told otherwise. We all should have purchased a short sleeve shirt for this. I noticed at the Valley, we were once again in many different sleeve lengths. We talked about this extensively last season, and we all agreed to go with the short sleeves. Please adhere with the uniform dress code.

A parade in Delaware could be on the horizon. Please pencil in your calendars now, September 13th. This is not yet official, but very close. Bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.

Greg

Attention:

OCEAN CITY just 2 weeks away.

Next Job for the 2008 season:

New Windsor Carnival parade on June 4th.

Taneytown Carnival parade on June 11th.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

Congratulations to all our 2008 Graduates and their families.



Our Capitol Heights friends are already warming the Pizza for our Boardwalk stroll



Columbia PA photos courtesy D/L Mylerly.

Director's Message

Our 2008 performance season is officially underway! Pat yourselves on the back for a great concert at Pleasant Valley and a spectacular Memorial Day weekend at Columbia and certainly Westminster. I had quite a few people tell me that they couldn't believe how big we were on Monday morning. **Sixty-seven** is quite a turnout but let's shoot for 75 in 2009!

And since I am writing this after Union Bridge, wow, what a turnout! We had almost 50 at that parade!

All the jobs for OC and the MSFA convention will be pretty much the same as in the past. All music needed for the various jobs will be included on the hand-out Greg will prepare. We will also send it out by e-mail

prior to leaving as well.

Our July 4th parades aren't too far away and I'd like to ask/remind you to always keep *Armed Forces Medley* in your flip folder. Throw #56 (*Marine's March*) in there as well behind another street march. We should be prepared to play those for that holiday.

Greg reminded you of a few early July jobs and I would like to further remind you about the *God & Country Service* at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 6th. There is a time change – so mark your calendars for a 10:00 a.m. start. Trinity is located south of Westminster on Deer Park Road. Take Rt. 32 south out of Westminster, cross Rt. 97 and go past Bullock's. About 3/4 mile, turn left on Deer Park Road. Travel another 1/2 mile to the picnic grove on the left. (The church is on your right.) Contact me with questions. This is rain or shine.

That's all for me!
Sandy



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Upcoming Events

2008 BAND SCHEULE

June 4	Parade - New Windsor	7:00 PM
June 7	Parade - Lancaster Cty CANCELLED For Us	
June 11	Parade - Taneytown	7:00 PM
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
July 1	Parade - Manchester	7:00PM
July 4	Parade - Kingsville	Bus Leaves 9:00 AM
	Parade - Catonsville 3PM	
July 5	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
July 6	Concert - Trinity Lutheran Service	10 AM
July 27	Parade - Baltimore Fire Expo	Bus Leaves 7:30 AM
August 10	Concert - Mt Airy	6:15 PM
August 24	Concert - Bell Grove Square	6:15 PM
September 13	Parade - Dover Delaware Firemen's Convention	TBA Job NOT Confirmed yet
TBA	Member Christmas Party - Am. Legion	6:30 PM

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