



Membership Newsletter

July 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.*

We have returned from our annual vacation at the beach and as always, the time really went fast. I want to thank all of the members that participated this year, as we had another outstanding performance, in which we captured first place in the parade with 39 musicians, 9 in the Color guard, 1 drum major, and 2 banner carriers.

Let's talk a bit on our award winning Color Guard. They started the season out with a first place finish in the Columbia Memorial Day parade, and they kept it up with another first place finish in the Ocean City parade in the non-fire service category. These guys and gal are really great stuff.

I should mention that my wife Karen has joined the ranks of the Color Guard, and she loves it. Her position as banner carrier has been filled by Karen Griesmyer and she and Jennifer Mora have been doing an excellent job out front.

The days at the ocean prior to the parade were great, as we had fantastic weather. I can't remember a better day for the parade than we had this year. Our friends from Capital Heights had the pizza and beer waiting for us again after the parade. Bob and his gang are great, and we really appreciate their hard work. The opening ceremonies went

well also, as we sounded great with no miscues.

I also want to thank everyone that participated in the New Windsor and Taneytown parade early in June. I surely hope that we have these parades continue, but I am pretty sure that we will not be in Taneytown for a while, as they will be starting the street construction soon. Our first gig of the month, the Timber Ridge concert, went very well. We once again played indoors since the rains came before we arrived there.

The month of July is our busiest month out of the whole year. We will start out in Manchester on Tuesday the 1st. This parade forms directly behind the fire hall in the alley and moves promptly at 7:00 with us leading.

Two parades on the 4th follow with the bus leaving at 9 a.m. for the Kingsville parade. After the 11 a.m. parade, the bus will move to Catonsville for the 3 p.m. parade. Lunch will be provided for us at the Knights of Columbus.

The following day, the bus will depart at 11:30 a.m. for the Havre De Grace parade that starts at 2 p.m. We should return by 5:30 at the latest for both of these days. Also on the 6th, we will be at Trinity Lutheran church for a short concert. Sandy will have more details for you on this.

The following week,

we will be in Winfield on Wednesday (yes, Wednesday!) the 9th at 7 p.m. This parade starts at the Ace hardware Store on Salem Bottom Road, just off of Rt. 26.

The following evening we will travel to Thurmont for their parade which steps off at 6:30 p.m. Note the time on this one. For those that don't know, take Uniontown Road from Westminster and follow it all the way connecting to Route 77 (crossing Rt. 194) in Keymar then continuing straight into Thurmont. The parade forms on Blue Ridge Ave. which will be on your left.

The Mt. Airy parade follows on Thursday the 24th at 7 p.m. This parade forms at the Elementary school on Main St. in Mt. Airy. Take Route 27 from Westminster and then turn right onto Main Street.

The month ends with a parade in Baltimore for the Fire Expo. The bus will depart at 7:30 a.m. for the 9 am start. We should return by no later than 11 a.m.

Yes, a total of 9 jobs for the month.

I would like to welcome Mark Gabrielle into the ranks of the percussion section. Mark has much experience as he played with other Drum and Bugle Corps throughout his career. Welcome Mark.

That's it for now, see you soon

Greg

Attention:

Next Job for the 2008 season:

Manchester Carnival parade on July 1st.

July 4th and 5th are big days for us with much visibility so we NEED your participation.

Remember these jobs are what pay for the Fun at the Beach.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

A few OC 2008 memories:



Look out Steve



Our Hosts on the Boardwalk!



Future Drummer for sure



Longest travelled for a Job.



Watch the Website for more photos from Beach Week.

Director's Message

Hello all!

Welcome to the month of July!

Thanks to all who could make the Ocean City trip. As Greg said, all went well and the weather couldn't have been any better. The Opening Ceremony went well even with the changes that were known and unknown. This year turned out to have the most changes in the script than I have encountered over the last couple of years. But the good thing is that all changes were communicated to me so we could adjust with minimal notice by audience. The concert was a fun one as well. I'm glad we could accommodate most of the requests.

Greg outlined all the jobs for July and asked me to talk about the job at Trinity Lutheran Church on 7/6/08. We will be accompanying the

congregational singing for the "God and Country Service" and will play a few other songs after the service is over. We will be playing what is in our folders. Start time is at 10:00 a.m. so please arrive between 9:30 -9:45 a.m.. We will be paid \$275 for this – it's pretty easy money for what we are doing but we still need all the parts covered. A picnic lunch will follow the service. You and your families are invited to stay. The church is at 833 Deer Park Road. (Rt. 32 south of Westminster, cross Rt. 97 then turn left on Deer Park Rd. ½ mile to picnic grove on the left.) If it's raining, we will be inside.

That's all I have for now. See you on the 1st!

Sandy



The 4th of July is a big weekend for us!

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www.westminsterband.com

Upcoming Events

2008 BAND SCHEULE

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 9 WED.	Parade - Winfield FD NOTE THE DAY OF WEEK	7:00 PM
July 10 Thurs.	Parade - Thurmont - Note Earlier Time	6:30 PM
July 24	Parade - Mt Airy	7:00 PM
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 - Fireman's Conv.	TBA Job NOT confirmed yet
TBA	Member Christmas Party - Am. Legion	6:30 PM

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