



# Membership Newsletter

August 2008

## Current News

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### *Rehearsals:*

- Rehearsals resume on October 7th.

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

I want to begin by thanking everyone for a great turnout for our busiest month of the year. We had great turnouts over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. Your continued support for this organization amazes me. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 2 empty seats on our 56-passenger bus. It was truly a great weekend. Towards the end of the month, our attendance declined which is to be expected because of vacations and other things. I believe that our lowest turnout was in Thurmont where we still had 30 in the ranks, which is great. As time continues to move towards fall, we still have some late summer jobs on the horizon.

The month of August holds 3 gigs and the first is the Mt. Airy concert on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This concert begins at 6:15 p.m. and is held in the pavilion along Main St. From Westminster, take Route 27 south towards Mt. Airy and turn right at Twin Arch

Road. The park will be about 1/2 mile on your left. The Hampstead Fireman's parade will follow on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. This parade has a weird start time of 5:00 p.m. The parade will start from the old road behind Snyder's Auction. The month will wrap up with our annual Belle Grove concert on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. This park is located at the corner of Bond Street and Green Street.

Earlier, we had talked about maybe attending a parade in Dover, Delaware on September 13th. Unfortunately, we will **NOT** be going. The Five Points Fire Company elected to go with a more local band, I guess to save on the funds. In talking with the Five Points contact, he explained that they would try this band and would keep us in mind for next year. So, we did extract that one from our schedule.

The photo that was taken during Memorial Day has been returned to the photographer for a closer look. We noticed that there was several glare spots in some aspects of the photo. He explained that he would work on getting it perfected. We should have something for you to look at in the fall.

Again I want to thank you all for your participation this past busy month. We had 9 engagements for the month with great turnouts. Fantastic. I will see you in August.

Greg

**Attention:**

**Next Job for the 2008 season:**

**Mt. Airy Concert**

**One more Carnival in Carroll County, so let's make sure we give a good show to the folks in Hampstead.**

**Remember:**

Check the Website for the complete schedule

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Greg Wantz

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[www.westminsterband.com](http://www.westminsterband.com)

**Members Corner**

I do have some sad news to report. Secretary Chris Crofoot has resigned from his position and from the band. He has turned in his and his daughter Elizabeth's uniform. He explained that he was undergoing some personal conflicts and that he would no longer be able to devote his time to this organization. I want to personally thank Chris for all of his hard work in the past and wish him the very

best and hope that all goes well. Chris did a great job in the Secretary position and his talent will be missed. In his absence, our Assistant Secretary Mike Buffington will continue on as Assistant and Lisa Deveaux graciously stepped in to fulfill the term of secretary. Mike explained that he would help out when necessary but also didn't have the time to focus on it fully. From July 4<sup>th</sup>.



**Director's Message**

Hello!

Now that Ocean City and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July are over, we are settling into the unofficial final month of summer. Greg mentioned the three jobs on the schedule for this month – quite a change from the nine of July.

Greg asked me to go over the Belle Grove Square Concert on August 24<sup>th</sup>. As in year's past, we will enter the park by marching from the adjacent Brethren church parking lot.

**PLEASE COME IN FULL UNIFORM!** The

Color Guard will be with us to present the colors for the National Anthem and then we will be seated to play the rest of the concert. Please arrive by 5:30 to get everything set up. Our audience really enjoys this part of the concert and I have been told many times seeing us come up the street is the best part! And it will be with our amazing Color Guard leading the way! We will finish no later than 7:15.

That's all I have for right now. Start thinking about rehearsals starting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sandy

## Upcoming Events

### 2008 BAND SCHEULE

August 10	Concert - Mt Airy	6:15 PM
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Parade - Hampstead SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
August 24	Concert - Bell Grove Square	6:15 PM
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Parade - Dover CANCELLED for Us</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Parade - Westminster Fallfest</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Concert - Westminster Fallfest</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Rehearsals resume</b>	
<b>October TBA</b>	<b>Parade - Westminster Halloween</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
TBA	Member Christmas Party - Am. Legion	6:30 PM

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