

# CROSSROADS OF AMERICA

## SCOUT BAND NEWS

July/August/September 2009

### **BAND PICNIC AUGUST 9 WAS A BIG SUCCESS**

The band's annual picnic and "unofficial" kickoff of the new season was held Sunday, August 9 at Camp Belzer's Center for Volunteer Training.

During the picnic we held the annual Belzer Band Booster Club (BBBC) elections, Crew 559 elected their new youth leadership for the year, and the youth had their auction (using their band bucks) with the highlight being the auctioning of an all expense paid 2010 tour which Tim Smith received with the winning bid of \$170,000.00 band bucks! In addition, back by popular demand was the band's Cake Auction which raised over \$400.00. This has been a fun event in the past, and helps with the band's general fund for routine expenses, and YES DOUG, bought the carrot cake for \$50.00!

At the close of the business meeting and auction, youth and adult awards for band participation were presented and the awards will culminate with the presentation of the Good Scout Award presented Suzanne Dinger by the youth's membership; the Harvey U. Gill Award to Zachary Dinger, and the F.O. Belzer Award to Keith Hartzog.

Thanks to Ben Cockrum who served as Nominating Chair. The BBBC Officers for 2009 – 2010 are: Bill Schofield, President; Patty Smith, Vice President of Administration; Bob Wiker, Vice President of Program; Carol Wiker, Recording Secretary; Mary Jane Smock, Corresponding Secretary; Keith Hartzog, Treasurer; Shirley Wiker, Ways and Means; Howard Foster, Director; Dana Hanson, Equipment and Property; Cheryl Cockrum and Suzanne Dinger, Publicity; Deb Estes and John Valdez, Historians.

Youth officers elected for Crew 559 were: Zachary Dinger, President; Mark Cockrum, Vice President of Administration and Ian Gibson, Vice President of Program.

### **FIRST REHEARSAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

The first rehearsal of the "new" year will be Sunday, September 13 at St. Lawrence Catholic School Cafeteria.

The rehearsal will start at 2:00 P.M. and conclude at 3:45 P.M. Even if you haven't been around for a while, or you've been fighting the grind of marching season, come on by and relax and have fun getting acquainted or reacquainted with the Scout Band! **Alumni are ALWAYS welcome to come by and sit in!**

## **BAND TO PERFORM AUGUST 22**

The band has been asked to participate in the ceremonies for President Harrison's birthday on August 22. We have provided this service for the last several years, and the Crown Hill Foundation looks forward to us returning this year.

The ceremony will take place at the gravesite of President Harrison which is located in Crown Hill Cemetery. If you enter either the 38<sup>th</sup> Street or 34<sup>th</sup> Street entrance — follow the white / yellow road markings to the memorial. The grave is located south of 38<sup>th</sup> Street — watch for the band truck.

Report time is 10:00 A.M. We will play from 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.. There is a short program after we play and we should be done by noon. We need to make sure that we have a "respectable" band to do this performance so, please try and make this event. Any questions, call Bob Wiker at (317) 752-2957

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- August 9      Band Picnic and Awards Ceremony 2:00 PM at Camp Belzer – eat at 5 PM
- August 12     Dixieland to play at Northeast District Kickoff – 6:30 PM at Camp Belzer Contact Debbie Wheat (317) 336-0305
- August 13     FULL Band to play at Pioneer District Kickoff 6:30 PM at Camp Belzer
- August 14     Colts Preseason Game at Lucas Oil Stadium – report time 4:30 PM
- August 19     BBBC Board Meeting 7 PM
- August 20     Colts Preseason Game at Lucas Oil Stadium – report time 4:00 PM
- August 22     FULL Band at President's Harrison's Gravesite to celebrate his birthday. Report by 10 AM – Play from 10:30 – 11:00 (Crown Hill Cemetery)
- Sept. 13      2 PM First rehearsal of the 'new' program year – St. Lawrence Catholic School Cafeteria
- Sept. 13      Colts Home Opener – report time 9:00 AM
- Sept. 19      Kenny Chesney Concert at Lucas Oil Stadium – report time 12 noon
- Sept. 20      1 PM Dixieland Rehearsal / Crew Meeting  
                  2 PM Full Band rehearsal
- Sept. 26      7 PM Perform at Rushville Town Square to kick-off Scouting's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Sept. 27      1 PM Band Performance at St. Lawrence Fall Festival
- Sept. 30      7 PM BBBC Board Meeting

## 2009 American Heritage Tour recap

We left on time and in beautiful weather on Sat. It doesn't take long for everyone to stake out their own personal space for the coming week on the bus. By the time we hit the interstate the blankets and pillows were in use and games and books started. Next to come were the snacks and the movies. Gary the bus driver got us to Hawks Nest State Park it is not a place I would have liked to drive a bus to. He had lots of back and forth and up and down tight mountain roads to navigate. At the park we enjoyed a Birds of Prey Program up close and personal, very cool ride down and up in tram cars to get to the river and play with the puppy. The high point was the jet boat ride to see the New River Gorge Bridge. We had a fun boat driver who had us laughing, getting wet, and for some pushing river rafters down the water. We ate overlooking the breathtaking view of the gorge and river.

The next day we were up and on the way early (we will see this as a pattern for the rest of the week, and yes parents of our teens on the trip even yours were up and ready to go by 6:30 AM) Went to the Original Jamestown site, lots of history to soak up and saw them make hand blown glass vases. Then on the ferry we went, to cross the James River and play our first concert at Camp Lions. Started out with a small crowd, but by half way into it we had a huge group, lots of fun! Monday, up early again we were on our way to Yorktown. As you looked over the Battlefield, standing at the cannons and saw the flags of the different troops in that battle. It brought home what it took to be free. We left Yorktown on the way to Wright Bros. Memorial. To go there you go get on a bridge, get to the middle of the bay where there is a rock island. At the island they made a tunnel to go under part of the bay so big ships could cross the water without a huge tall bridge. You come up

upon another small rock island and get on another bridge to get to the other side. It was very cool, but for the fact there was a wreck in the tunnel and as we sat on the bridge for an hour the air conditioner on the bus quite working, bummer! We made it to the Wright Brothers National Memorial in a rain storm and walked thru the Visitor Center and saw the replica of their famous plane. Because of the rain we did not go outside to look at the Memorial at that time. We checked into the hotel and Gary the bus driver and his company had made arrangements for him to get a new bus for us and a local bus driver to take us around the rest of the day and on Tues. Since there was still rain around the area they moved the concert at Festival Park inside and we played in candle light.

On Tuesday we went to the Fort Raleigh "Lost Colony" site. Learned a few words of an old language and one of our group had art work done on his arm. We then went to the Elizabethan gardens for a concert and tour. Someone in the audience said she read in the paper of the band playing at the gardens and she came to hear us because her grandson told her he had heard the band at the World Jamboree in London. They gave us a wonderful tour of the gardens and a history lesson on their "Virginia Dare" statue; just ask anyone who was on the tour about it. Since we spent longer at the garden then planned and would have had little time at Cape Hatteras. Sandy the bus driver took us to a Seafood restaurant where you could look at the boats coming into harbor or watching a video of what was brought in that morning from the fishing boats and it being packed to ship to stores. We then went to Jockey Hill a popular Park for hang gliding and wind surfing. For the more adventurous, they ran down the hill more than once. We then went to see the Wright Bros. Memorial That we missed in the rain. A group photo was taken on the Wright Flyer.

Left the Outer Banks and headed to Mount Vernon where we played on the Lawn of the great house due, to the long wait to tour the house we had to leave without seeing it. We moved on to Ford's Theatre in Washington DC. The Theatre has just reopened after being closed for major remodeling, if you saw it in the past you need to go back and see it again. It was well worth the long wait for it to reopen.

On Thursday we hit the Mall in Washington. It was hot! We broke into groups to visit the many Memorials along the Mall. The newest the National WWII memorial is breathtaking to view. Everyone had stories to tell of what they saw. Gary picked us up to go to Alexandria VA. to sit in the Washington family box at the famous Christ Church. It was also was the Church for the Robert. E. Lee family later on. We found out on the way to the Washington National ball game it had been 97 degrees while we were in the city. The Cubs won the game that night. GO CUBS!! After the game Gary drove around DC and let us see downtown and the monuments under the lights!

Friday we were up and on our way to Pittsburgh PA for the final day of sightseeing. Pittsburgh was a great city to tour on the Gateway Clipper boat. You could see all the different architecture in the city because it is surrounded by three different rivers. They have more bridges than any other city in the world except Venice. Our last concert was at Camp Freedom. We had over 500 scouts come and all had a great time. Ready for next years trip.

## Lucas Oil Stadium 2009 - 2010 SEASON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REPORT TIME</u>	<u>EVENT TIME</u>	
8/14/09	<b>FRI</b>	COLTS vs VIKINGS	3:30 PM	7:30 PM	
8/20/09	<b>THURS</b>	COLTS vs EAGLES	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	
9/13/09	SUN	COLTS vs JAGUARS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
9/19/09	SAT	KENNY CHESNEY	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	
10/3/09	SAT	CIRCLE CITY CLASSIC	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	
10/4/09	SUN	COLTS vs SEAHAWKS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
11/1/09	SUN	COLTS vs 49ERS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
11/8/09	SUN	COLTS vs TEXANS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
11/15/09	SUN	COLTS vs PATRIOTS	4:00 PM	8:20 PM	<b>NIGHT GAME</b>
12/6/2009**	SUN	COLTS vs TITANS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
12/13/2009**	SUN	COLTS vs BRONCOS	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	
12/27/2009**	SUN	COLTS vs JETS	12:00 PM	4:15 PM	<b>LATE GAME</b>
??		PLAYOFFS	TBA	TBA	
1/?/10	SAT	MONSTER TRUCK	TBA	TBA	
2/?/10	SAT	SUPERCROSS	TBA	TBA	
4/3/10	SAT	NCAA MEN's FINAL FOUR	TBA	TBA	
4/5/10	MON	NCAA MEN's FINAL FOUR	TBA	TBA	

**\*\* MEANS THE GAME IS SUBJECT TO FLEX SCHEDULING**

Questions or changes in your commitment please call:

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