# CROSSROADS OF AMERICA SCOUT BAND NEWS

***April/May/June 2009***

**Calendar**

**April**

**5** REHEARSAL AT SLCS 2PM

**12 NO REHEARSAL EASTER**

19 TIM SMITH- EAGLE COURT OF HONOR AT SLCS 1:30pm

26 JOEY KURUCZ- EAGLE COURT OF HONOR AT ST. MALACHY SCHOOL GYM BROWNSBURG, IN. 1:45 PM

29 BBBC BOARD MEETING

***MAY***

2 6AM MINI MARATHON PERFORMANCE

3 2 PM REHEARSAL AT SLCS

**10 NO REHEARSAL MOTHERS DAY**

17 1PM DIXIELAND BAND REHEARSAL

17 2PM REHEARSAL AT SLCS MARCHING PRACTICE --- dress accordingly

20 7PM BBBC BOARD MEETING

***MAY [continued]***

22-25 500 RACE WEEKEND AT BELZER

31 2PM REHEARSAL AT SLCS

31 ALL HERRAN TOUR SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS DUE TO MR.BILL BY THIS DATE !!!!

**JUNE**

7 2PM REHEARSAL AT SLCS

14 2PM REHEARSAL AT SLCS TOUR SHAKEDOWN

18 11AM COOKOUT ON THE CIRCLE—DIXIELAND BAND ONLY

**21 NO REHEARSAL FATHERS DAY**

24 7PM BBBC BOARD MEETING

27 10AM GREENWOOD PARADE --- DIXIELAND BAND ONLY

28 2PM CONCERT AT INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

SLCS---ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Yahoo groups**

Try out this new way to get the latest information about the band. You can go to the band website- www.scoutband.com – click **under** the waving hand **on** the Yahoo groups sign. If you are not a member yet, follow the easy directions to sign up. If you have trouble getting on or signing in please contact Mr. Bill at 317-542-8057.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

In April the band will be performing at two Eagle Court Of Honors. The first one is on the 19th for Tim Smith. He is a trumpet player and has been playing with the band for 4 years. It will be held at ST. Lawrence Catholic School. Band members need to be there at 1:30. The second is for Joey Kurucz is on the 26th. It is held at St. Malachy School in Brownsburg IN. Arrive by 1:45 PM to set up. Court of Honor is at 2:30 PM. The school is located behind the OLD St. Malachy Church. Go to North side of Gym. From Indianapolis the best routes are I-74 west to SR 267 exit. Proceed south (a right turn at the bottom of the exit ramp), continue approximately 1/2 mile. St. Malachy will be on the right side of road. OR Take 56th Street west to Brownsburg where it ends at SR 267. Make a left turn on SR 267 and precede approximately 2 blocks...the church will be on the right side. This is Joeys first year playing with the band, he plays baritone. The band is very proud to play for these members who are receiving the highest award earned in Scouting, congratulations Tim and Joey!!

**Mini Marathon**

The start of the month of May for the band is the Mini Marathon. In years past we are on the start line and play continuously while every runner and walker goes by. This year the starting line will not be across the street from Victory Field, it is a huge hole due to construction. We will pass on where we will be playing when we get the information from the race coordinators. Due to the closing of the roads that morning we are still planning on being at the start line where ever that is at 6am.

**500 weekend at Camp Belzer**

It is that time of year again, when we open our doors and welcome Scouts from near and far to join the Band in the greatest spectacle in racing the “Indianapolis 500”. Race day is Sunday May 24TH .Come and join us anytime from Friday evening through clean-up on Monday. We should be done and checked out by 12:00 noon on Monday. Many scouts will be coming from around the council as well as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin to march around the legendary track, sit with a sack lunch and watch the race. Any band members and or their families are welcome and encouraged to come and camp with us as we host other scouts for this fun weekend. You can arrive anytime after 5:00 pm on Friday to put up your tent - dinner on your own. Saturday there will be a fabulous breakfast cooked and served by Bob Wiker and his crew, lunch is on your own. Saturday evening’s meal is a pitch-in as we will have about 200 scouts to feed. During Saturday, activities will be varied, lots of fun and a little bit of work if you are in the mood. After supper there will be a practice march with everyone there who will be going to the track.

On Sunday, if you are not spending Saturday night you will need to be at Camp Belzer by **4:30 AM** in uniform, as time is short when we get to the track – bring a change of clothes for after marching around the track. Donuts, juice, milk and coffee will be available prior to our leaving the camp by 5:00 am. Belzer will be the **only** pick up and return point for the race. **No personal vehicles are allowed to travel with the buses and truck in the escorted caravan.** Buses will return to Camp Belzer after the race is over. In the past we have arrived around 5:00-5:30pm. Dinner Sunday will be on your own.

Cost is **$20.00 per person** which covers the cost of the buses for the race, a box lunch at the track and the weekend meals at Belzer. Keith Hartzog, BBBC Treasurer will be available Saturday during the pitch-in dinner to collect funds and issue tickets for you to board the bus on Sunday. **You will not get on the bus if you do not have a ticket!** Each person will receive a race ticket, box lunch and a track souvenir (once we finish marching at the track).

A permission slip **must** be filled out for all participants and turned in **PRIOR** to boarding the bus on Sunday. If you are **not** returning with the band we must have a **signed** statement from your parent/guardian or you will not be permitted to leave by yourself. The person who you will be meeting you will have to meet you at the buses by the turn 4 area gate 9A after we finish performing.

Remember you MUST ALWAYS HAVE A BUDDY WITH YOU WHEN LEAVING THE BUS PARKING AREA OF THE TRACK. NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOUR BUDDY.

**Calling all cooks**

The Saturday night meal is open to all band members and their families as well as all the other scouts who will be going to the race. Even if you are not planning to camp or go to the race you are more than welcome to come and enjoy a great meal and fun times. As we will be feeding over 200 people we ask everyone to bring a dish to share. It could be anything from a dessert, side dish, vegetable or fruit dish. Contact Suzanne Dinger at 317-823-1710 for pitch-in items you will be planning on bringing so we don’t have 20 people bringing brownies.

For any questions about general activities for the 500 race weekend contact Bill Schofield at 317-542-8057. If you are an out of town guest please call Bob Wiker at 317-356-9678.

**Dixieland Band**

**Cookout on the Circle** the annual Council event will be Thursday, June 18th – Dixieland to play from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM.

**Greenwood Freedom Festival Parade** will be Saturday, June 27th. Report time is 10:00 AM. The Dixieland Band will ride a float as they have done the last several years, and possibly play somewhere in the festival after the parade.

For more information or to offer your services (particularly need trumpet[s] on the June 18th and 27th dates) call Debbie Wheat at 317-541-0598

**Music boxes**

Ben Cockrum one of our Property Mangers for the BBBC has came up with a better idea for the ongoing problem for the storage of the sheet music. The tall upright wheeled boxes that we now have are hard to move, dump when ever pushed from place to place, hard to load and unload on the truck and running out of room for new music. Ben has come up with a new system that will solve all of the problems. The new boxes are made and ready to be assembled. That will be one of the activities to do on race weekend. To help offset the cost of the boxes we are looking for individuals, groups, family and or alumnus would like to sponsor one or more boxes for $25.00 apiece. There will be a total of 8 boxes made.

The **Herran Tour Scholarship** has again been offered by Ed Herran, who with his children, Erica, Nick and Andrew was active with the band for many years and went on many tours. Ed relocated to the East coast and stays in touch with the band through this newsletter. Remembering all the great experiences they had, Ed has again offered a $1,000.00 scholarship to be used at the BBBC Board’s discretion to assist a YOUTH member or members the opportunity to go on tour. The youth member must attend rehearsals on a regular basis, show leadership with other members of the band or their section, and have a willingness to make a commitment to the band for a long period of time.

The Board decided that the entire $1,000.00 would be used for individual scholarships. The individual[s] and the amount of the scholarship will be determined by the BBBC and the number of applications received. If you are interested, please complete an application [available at rehearsals, and in the “files – 2009 Tour Section” of the Yahoo Groups] and submit to Bill Schofield; 5423 Mark Lane; Indianapolis, IN 46226. Applications must be in by June 1st so the BBBC Board can make final determination as to the recipient [s] prior to the Tour Shakedown.

The BBBC thanks Ed for his generous contribution and continual support. Ed has been thanked “initially”, but formal thanks will be sent when the recipients have been identified so they can offer their personal thanks.

**BBBC NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Anyone who would like to serve on the BBBC Nominating Committee to establish a slate of Officers and Directors for 2009 – 2010. Or if you would like to indicate your interest on serving on the board, please contact Bill Schofield at 317-542-8057.

**HARVEY GILL AWARD**

The annual award nominations are due by the June 24 BBBC Board Meeting. The Harvey Gill Award recognizes an outstanding youth member and the F.O. Belzer Award recognizes an outstanding adult member. Applications are available at rehearsals or online.