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90TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR IN 2007 TO TAKE THE BAND TO LONDON, ENGLAND

After much discussion at recent BBBC board meetings, and a full discussion at the annual picnic in August, the consensus among the members is that the BEST way to celebrate the Band's 90th anniversary and Scouting's 100th anniversary is to visit London, England during the World Jamboree in 2007. So our 2007 Tour will be to London, England from July 28 - August 4, 2007.

The established cost per person will be \$2,500 with payments spaced out over the next ten months. This cost may be reduced if we are able to secure some grants, gifts or other sponsorships to help defray the per person expense.

We will "cap" the number of participants at fifty (50) with first consideration given to playing members of the band. Once fifty applications have been received with deposits, a waiting list will be established. Applications will be available at rehearsals, as well as being made available on the band's website at www.scoutband.com in a PDF format.

There will be several special money earning projects made available to members throughout the

year to earn money to pay for this once in a lifetime opportunity. During discussions, this issue was addressed positively by the membership that they would find a way to make this happen -- even those families that have "multiple" members in the band.

We will keep everyone updated on the planning of this event by means of the newsletter, rehearsal announcements or other "bulletins" throughout the year. A tour of this magnitude will take extra efforts on everyone's part to keep communications flowing back and forth.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out an application as soon as possible and turn it in with the required deposit. It is also suggested that once your application is in, you begin the process of obtaining a passport if you do not already have one as this process can take several weeks / months.

If you have questions, call Bill Schofield at 317-542-8057.

Watch future issues of the Newsletter and updates on the website as the plans come together to make this grand 90th anniversary event a reality!

REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 10

The band's rehearsals will start back on Sunday, September 10. Anderson rehearsals, under Chris Taylor's direction, will start at 1:00 PM at Highland High School. [There could be some modifications as the year progresses due to renovations at the high school this year.]

Indianapolis rehearsals, under Howard Foster, Janet Foster and Bob Wiker's direction, will start at 2:00 PM at St. Lawrence Catholic School Cafeteria at 46th Street and Shadeland Avenue.

Rehearsals will be held every Sunday afternoon at these times -- we know you might not be able to make them all -- but make as many as you can -- it helps you as you practice your instrument and it helps us have a full band!

CAROLINA / GEORGIA TOUR A SUCCESS

The reviews are in (or still coming in) and it appears we can claim a successful 2006 tour through the Carolinas and Georgia. Everyone worked together as a great team this year and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, accommodations (except in Tybee Island) and the concerts.

From the evaluations that have been returned it's a close call between Biltmore Estate and the USS Yorktown as the "best" highlight of the eight days. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this a very enjoyable tour.

If you haven't been to the website to view the pictures Tom has posted -- it is definitely worth the time to relive each and every day of the trip. Thanks Tom for another great job on the website!

BBBC ELECTS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL PICNIC

As part of the annual business meeting of the Belzer Scout Band Booster Club, officers and directors were elected for the 2006 - 2007 program year. Cheryl Cockrum served as the Chair of the nominating committee and provided the slate to the general membership. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was elected as presented. Your officers / directors for the next year are:

Bill Schofield, President
Myron Reynolds, 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
Dana Hanson, Property
Cheryl Cockrum and Doug Whitcomb, Publicity
Deb Estes and John Valdez, Historian
Howard Foster, Band Director

In addition to the election of Officers and Directors for the Board, the Crew elected their officers for the program year 2006 -2007. The new officers for Crew 559 are:

Scott Fleshood, President
Chris Estes, Vice President of Administration
Pat Miller, Vice President of Program

The BBBC Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7PM at Schofield's house [5423 Mark Lane] and the meetings are open to any member of the Booster Club.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISED

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Belzer Scout Band Booster Club were presented at the annual picnic for modifications prior to our filing for 501c(3) status with the IRS. Major changes that were made include the work the Booster Club performs to help band members financially with tour scholarships as well as providing a learning environment at rehearsals to assist young players learn their instrument.

In addition, the position of Vice President of Administration was added and references to Explorer Post were changed to Venture Crew. The fiscal year was also redefined to reflect a calendar year.

The membership at the picnic accepted the changes and to have the presentation at the picnic as the first review and then authorized the Board to have the second reading and acceptance of the changes at the next regular Board meeting so the process would not be delayed.

BAND HUT CLEANED

During our weekend at Camp Belzer for the 500 weekend, a few "hearty" souls decided to tackle a HUGE job that had been put off for many years - cleaning of the Craig Band Hut! Everything was emptied out and gone through -- and all was going well until we reached the deepest - darkest corner when we discovered termites had been very busy over the years.

What started as a simple chore turned into an all day affair and saw several of the old patrol boxes being demolished and thrown away as well as other damaged articles. We moved the drums, memorabilia and other "critical" items to a storage unit so the hut could be treated. We attempted to do this ourselves, but after checking in only one month's time the critters had returned in LARGE numbers!

At this point the professionals were called in and Circle City Pest Control treated the building with a guarantee and a reasonable yearly follow-up treatment plan.

On Saturday, August 5 a dedicated crew came back and spent the day painting the walls, retrieving the items from the paid storage unit and placed everything back in the hut in a neat and organized manner.

As of this writing, there is no evidence of new infestation - this will be monitored on a regular basis so we don't end up with another major problem years from now. Thanks to all who helped with this project - particularly after it became more than we planned!

BAND EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE WHEAT FAMILY

As this newsletter was being prepared, we learned of the passing of Larry Wheat's father -- Robert Wheat. The calling is Saturday, September 9 at 9 AM with the funeral at 11 AM at Young-Nichols Funeral Home in Tipton, IN.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Larry and the grandchildren who have been involved with the band -- Lewis Wheat, Larry II, Laura (Penley), Christy Baldwin, Brad and Eric Linerode.

STAY TUNED FOR CHANGES AT ANDERSON REHEARSAL LOCATION

Chris Taylor has given us a "heads up" that the renovations at Highland High School in Anderson this next year could affect our Anderson band's rehearsal schedule.

According to Chris the renovations affecting the band area will start around November and continue through the Spring Break period. We will keep you posted at rehearsals and via newsletter what we will do to work around the renovation schedule.

DOMES ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING

The 2006 - 2007 Colts season is under way and we can use YOUR help staffing the multiple stands we operate during the year. We have two pre-season games done and in both cases, it was a scramble at the last minute to make sure we met our contract with the number of people to staff our stands.

Anyone who is 16 years or older can work and earn money that goes into your "personal" account to be used for band tours, or other scouting activities. Many parents find that this is a good way to help send their youth member on the band's trips and activities. And we now have several youth members who have reached the "magic" 16 years old criteria and are beginning to earn money themselves.

A sheet with the game schedule is available at rehearsals and you can request to be added to the email notice that goes out prior to each event. If you would like to help please contact Shirley Wiker at 317-752-0220 or Bill Schofield at 317-542-8057. We need to supply our list of workers to the dome by the Wednesday prior to the game. We are going to particularly need folks for the Monday night game that is scheduled on December 18 -- since it will not be over until after midnight.

PIE SALES AROUND THE CORNER

One of the band's other money earning projects is just around the corner - selling of fresh fruit pies. Order sheets will be available at the beginning of October for you to contact friends, relatives, teachers, etc. to see if they would like to buy a fresh 9" fruit or cream pie. They will sell for \$10.00 each this year - you will earn \$4.00 for every pie you sell and the band earns \$1.00 for the general fund. Sheets will need to be turned in at rehearsals on November 5.

Pies can be picked up on Saturday, November 18 in time for you to deliver back to your customer before Thanksgiving on November 23rd. All monies are due to be turned in at the rehearsals on December 3. If you have questions, please call Shirley Wiker at 317-752-0220 or Sylvia Schofield at 317-542-8057.

DIXIELAND BAND

The Harvey U. Gill Memorial Dixieland Band is a small unit within the Crossroads Band. The Dixieland Band performs at many functions like District Dinners, Pack Blue and Golds, etc.

The music is challenging so it is aimed at more experienced players who want to broaden their abilities. Instrumentation consists of clarinets, saxophones (all types), trumpets, trombones, baritones, tuba / sousaphone and percussion. Dixieland practices the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Indy location at 1 PM. Call Debbie Wheat for more information 317-541-0598.

BAND TO PLAY AT CUB FUN DAY OCTOBER 7

The band has been asked to perform at the Cub Fun Day at Camp Belzer on Saturday, October 7. (This is the same event we participated in at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway the last two years.)

We will be playing at the Campfire Arena beginning at 10:30 AM. Please arrive by 10:00 AM so you can get uniformed and ready to go at 10:30. We will play for approximately an hour -- as some of us will need to report downtown for the Circle City Classic at the Dome.

If enough instrumentation can be arranged, the Dixieland Band might play a couple more times during the day's event. If you are available for Dixieland, please contact Debbie Wheat at 317-541-0598.

We will make arrangements for band members to be able to park at Camp Belzer since arrangements are being made for off-site parking for participants that day.

Further updates on this event will be handled at rehearsals and via *Calling Post*.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL PICNIC

During the annual picnic August 13, the band's special awards were presented. **Ben Cockrum** was selected by the youth members of the band to receive their annual *Good Scout Award*.

Chris Estes was awarded the Harvey U. Gill Award recognizing an outstanding youth member of the band. Chris was recognized for the leadership he has displayed over his four year tenure with the band and his willingness to work dome events after he turned sixteen to help pay his own way. Chris is well on his way to Scouting's highest honor -- that of Eagle Scout.

Janet Foster was recognized with the F.O. Belzer Award recognizing an outstanding adult member of the band. Janet has been active in the band for 20+ years and has participated regularly at rehearsals, concerts, tours and money earning activities even though she doesn't have a child in the band! She is always helping wherever and whenever needed always encouraging the younger members to do their best and works through the challenges with them.

CAN YOUR GROUP USE CALLING POST?

If your church, school or scout unit can use the Calling Post method of getting the word out - use our reference number and we will have 50 calls added to our balance.

It's easy, inexpensive and reliable. Go to www.callingpost.org for information. If you sign up use referral code 317-542-8057.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1 3:30 PM **Colts Preseason Game**
10 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at St. Lawrence Catholic
School Cafeteria ****SLCS used on future
dates - Indianapolis**
17 9 AM **Colts Home Game**
17 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
24 9 AM **Colts Home Game**
24 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
27 7 PM BBBC Board Meeting

OCTOBER

1 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
7 10 AM Cub Event at Camp Belzer
7 1 PM **CIRCLE CITY CLASSIC AT DOME**
8 9 AM **Colts Home Game**
8 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
15 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS

Anderson

2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
PIE SHEETS DISTRIBUTED
12 Noon **Colts Home Game**
1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS Anderson
2PM Rehearsal at SLCS – Indianapolis
25 7PM BBBC Board Meeting
29 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS – Indianapolis

NOVEMBER

5 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS – Indianapolis
PIE SHEETS TURNED IN
9 AM **Colts Home Game**
12 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
12 2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
18 **PIES PICKED UP FOR DELIVERY**
19 1 PM Rehearsal at Highland HS
Anderson
2 PM Rehearsal at SLCS - Indianapolis
26 9 AM **Colts Home Game**
26 **NO REHEARSAL**
29 7 PM BBBC Board Meeting

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www.scoutband.com

Or call:

317-542-8057

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