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A Nice Little July 4-Pack

By Chris Sortino

Well, the month of July was very interesting for the Alumni Corps. I don't remember the last time we had 4 drill shows on 4 consecutive weekends.

The first one was the Grand Prix followed by the Reading Buccaneers show in Landisville, PA and an all Alumni Corps show in Milton, PA the week after that, and finishing with the Williamsport, PA show sponsored jointly by the Williamsport High School Band Association and Fusion Core.

Nothing personal, but I've had enough of Pennsylvania for a while.

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Caballeros Alumni Corps To Be Featured At Mangione Tribute

By Chris Sortino

The Caballeros Alumni Corps will be the featured corps at the DCA Chuck Mangione Tribute on Friday evening, September 1st, at 8:00 p.m. in the Rochester Convention Center.

It will take place central to the I&E and Mini-Corps competitions. The event will be free of charge.

The Alumni corps will be playing several Mangione songs as arranged by our own Larry Kerchner.

In addition to the tribute, this will be a charity event. A portion of the proceeds from the

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The day of the Grand Prix started off with on and off showers at our practice field for most of the afternoon. After a while, it made no sense to stay there in the rain so off to the stadium we all went.

The first thing we saw was the competing corps practicing on the field. After that, it was the usual things, running into and talking with old friends. The Grand Prix show is always good for that. Grabbing something to eat and taking a shower usually round out the pre contest routine.

The horn line and drum line warmed up about a half hour before we went on. We stepped off around 9:30.

After our performance, which was pretty good for the first one of the year in front drum corps fans, we had the announcer read the names of the alumni who marched with us and have passed away since the last Grand Prix.

Also, we played "Hallelujah" in honor of our former director, Paul Bongiovi, who passed away earlier this year. While the horn line played the tribute, the color guard released white balloons into the night sky.

Moving on to Landisville. One word to describe the day - "HOT." Between that and the rising humidity, the day was very, very uncomfortable. The corps had an ensemble with Larry Kerchner and John Smith, took a short break and went onto the practice field.

We performed another good show but better than the week before. You could really hear and see the progress.

The only problem was the announcer never announced us. So Ty was waiting and waiting until finally he said "the he** with this" and started our show. The second part of this problem was, he announced us after we

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.....Tribute

sale of a shirt commemorating Chuck Mangione and DCA will be donated to local charities.

Drum corps broadcaster Steve Rondinaro will feature a video presentation as part of the tribute.

The video will feature many corps performing Chuck Mangione's music over the years.

The World Drum Corps Hall Of Fame will also be making a special presentation as part of the event.

In addition, Chuck Mangione and family WILL be at this event.

All in all, this should be a spectacular evening celebrating a spectacular composer.



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finished the 1st of our three concert songs and a lot of the audience got up and left because they thought we were done.

You can't make this stuff up. Well, off to Milton.

Another hot day in Pennsylvania. Unique show! Instead of the usual DCA corps all around us, this was an all alumni show. Buccaneers, Blessed Sacrament, Hanover Lancers, Skyliners and ourselves.

Our plan was to have ensemble with Larry and John and then go on the field to clean up a few drill things, run through the show once and relax until the pre-show warm-up.

All the corps had an assigned field time for both rehearsal and the show. That's when the trouble started. All participating corps received an information

packet listing show location, field assignments and times. It appeared that the Skyliners and us were assigned the same field times. As we went over to the field, there they were. After several minutes of heated discussion with the director and assistant drum major for Sky and the show sponsor, Sky was allowed 10 more minutes on the field and we were given another half hour to complete what we had to do. Problem solved, right?

After going back to the hotel for a shower and a beverage, we returned to the show location to warm up. All hell was breaking loose. Our printed instructions were to go on last at 8:00. Skyliners instructions said the same thing. After negotiating with the show sponsor, we went on next to last at 8:00. We got what we wanted and I guess Sky got what they wanted. Everybody's happy!

Unfortunately, many of the crowd left due to the "Compromised" 45 minute intermission before we went on but the remaining drum corps fans seemed to like what we put on the field. We did the best job of the year that night and the audience responded. Getting better every week.

Finally, the last of the July shows was Williamsport.

Same deal as last year, rehearsing on one of the parking lots and getting rained on at the end. One difference, we were even better than Milton. The Corps looked and sounded so good marching onto the field all the way to the last note. The crowd really appreciated what we put out there.

We have a beautiful show this year. We have a way to go yet, but we are on our way.

It was quite an interesting month. It was a nice little July 4-Pack of performances. Now to enjoy some time off.

July Birthdays

Heidi Stites
 Edie Duncan
 Andy Grilk
 Gloria Pennell
 Wayne Kubacki
 Mike Winfield
 Tom Harris
 John Garno
 John "Duke" Terreri
 Ron Lawson
 Kathy Natoli
 Ellen Rinaldo-Stout

Remember When

Forty Six Years Ago
 July 31, 1977

Dream Contest

1	Caballeros	90.85
2	Sunrisers	90.20
3	Skyliners	84.95
4	Matadors	83.75
5	Hurricanes	74.95

Trivia Answer

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Q: What song did the Caballeros play for a color presentation in 1972?

A: Theme from the movie "Patton."

Trivia Question

How many rifles did the Caballeros carry in 1977?

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August Birthdays

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 Rick Gathen
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Alumni

Association Dues for 2023 are now due.

Please give the \$10 dues to Larry Mastroberardino or Greg McNeff, or mail to: Greg McNeff

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 Hawthorne, NJ
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Saturday, July 8 *

Grand Prix
Field Exhibition
Clifton

Saturday, July 15 *

Field Exhibition
Landisville, PA

Saturday, July 22 *

Field Exhibition
Milton, PA

Saturday, July 29 *

Field Exhibition
Williamsport, PA

Saturday, August 19 *

Drill & Music
Rehearsal
11:00-2:00
Lake Hopatcong H.S.

Friday, September 1 *

Mangione Tribute
Stage Show
Rochester, NY

Saturday, September 2 *

Music Rehearsal
Rochester, NY

Alumni 2023 Schedule

Sunday, September 3 *

Alumni Spectacular
Field Exhibition
Rochester, NY

Sunday, September 3 *

DCA Finals
Field Exhibition
Rochester, NY

Sunday, September 24 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00

Lake Hopatcong Elk's

Sunday, October 15 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00

Lake Hopatcong Elk's

Sunday, October 29 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5:00

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Sunday, November 5 *

Veterans Day Parade
Clifton

Sunday, November 12 *

Music Rehearsal
12:30-5:00
Post 199

Friday, November 17 *

Bus Leaves For
Plymouth From
Hawthorne Pool

Saturday, November 18 *

Parade
Plymouth, MA

Saturday, November 18 *

Stage Show
Plymouth, MA

Sunday, November 19 *

Bus Returns From
Plymouth, MA To
Hawthorne

Saturday, December 2 *

Final Rehearsal
11:00-3:30
Post 199





Pics From The Past



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3.5" x 4.25"

HALF NOTES...

It was great to see **Carole Del Monte**, wife of the late Caballeros star and one of the Alumni Corps' founders, **George Del Monte** at the Grand Prix this year. You're looking great and loved catching up.....enjoyed talking to old buddy **Mike DelCorsano** of St. Lucy's Cadetsgreat to see Alumni Corps' Communication Director **Steve Racowski** at Clifton.....really liked Caballeros show so far this year. It should be even better when they polish up the second half.....I was feeling doubtful seeing the Buccaneers clear plastic raincoats walking onto the field, but I must say, with the shimmering lights' reflection, they sold it to the crowd and the judges..... I know I'm old school but is it me? With few exceptions, you can't tell what corps is which just looking at the uniforms. Sorry, costumes.....that's all for now!

Semi-Funny Jokes...

An old man thought his wife was going deaf, so he came up behind her and said, "Can you hear me sweetheart?" No reply. He came closer and said it again. He put his mouth up to her ear and yelled, "Can you hear me now, honey?" "For the third time, yes!"

Sometime age brings wisdom. Other times it comes alone.

One college student said to another, "My professor talks to himself. Does yours?" "Yes," the other student replied, "but he doesn't realize it. He thinks we're listening."

A woman was driving to work when she hit a pig. She was going to drive away, but she thought better of it and called the police. "Thanks for calling us," the dispatcher said, "but don't go anywhere. It's illegal to hit livestock in this state. That's a \$300 ticket. The woman hung up, got in the car and drove away. But when she got to work, a police officer was waiting with a \$300 ticket. "How did you find me?" she exclaimed. "The pig squealed."



HELP WANTED!

The Alumni Corps has openings in ALL SECTIONS, especially Contra and sopranos in the Horn line, Color Guard and openings for Bass and Double Tenor in the Drum Line.



Articles for the OLE!

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