

The Adelphi Community Band

Adelphi, Ohio
Established 1880



Newsletter



April 12, 2022

Thanks to all who were able to attend practice on Monday. It was great to see all of you.

It was a good night of practice, and you guys are obviously getting more comfortable with the newer songs. And you are clearly doing a good job of picking up on my own style of directing.

Things went really well. It was a good night.

UNIFORMS AND STUFF FOR 2022:

UNIFORM:

Reminder, our uniform for all year will be white top and black bottoms. Or, as close as you can get to that.

We will NOT be wearing the military style uniform (*jacket, striped pants, hat, tie*) any more. If you need a jacket or rain coat for comfort, wear whatever you have. Hopefully something dark, but wear whatever you already have that will keep you both dry and warm. The same with hats, if you are a hat wearer like me.

CHAIRS:

You will never need to bring your own chairs to a performance. This may sound odd, but John Mathew plays in a community band where the musicians pretty much always have to bring their own chairs, too, in addition to everything they need, if they are playing outside.

For both the Adelphi and Hallsville Memorial Day observances, however, I will be bringing the band chairs for us to use. Any help would be appreciated setting them up and stacking them back into my truck afterwards both days.

SCHEDULE

For those of you who have been around for awhile, there is a lot of information below that you maybe already know.

However, in 2022 we are in the fortunate position to have several musicians who have **not** played at some of these places with us. The information below is what **I** would want to know if I was one of those "new" musicians.

MAY 2022

A). CONFIRMED PRACTICE: Monday May 16, 2022, 7:30 PM

B). CONFIRMED PRACTICE: Monday May 23, 2022, 7:30 PM

Calvary UM Church
427 S Washington Street
Circleville, Ohio
Use the back door off the alley with the ramp

Always bring:

1. Your music (*I do not carry spares*)
2. Your own music stand (*always bring your own music stand to every practice and performance*)
3. A music light if you think you will need it
4. a pencil....*never underestimate the power of a pencil*

As you check your music well before May 16, please let me know as soon as possible if you are missing anything so that I can print replacements.

All of this practice music is from Folder # 4.

A). SEPARATE MUSIC:

1. Anchors Aweigh
(*arranged by Paul Yoder, with the name in the upper LEFT corner. Check that you have THIS arrangement since we have several different arrangements of this song in different keys in our library, and I have found more than one arrangement had been placed in some of the other Folder 4 books.*)
2. Thunderer
3. Washington Post
4. Colonel Bogey
5. Stars and Stripes Forever
6. Officer of the Day

B). KING BOOK:

- 493: Aviation Tournament
444: Canton Aero Club

The sound files, and some copies of the individual instrumental parts for the above songs, can be found at:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/manilla-folder--4.html>

C). AMERICANA BOOK:

Note: the numbers listed below are the numbers of the songs, NOT the page numbers the songs are on, since many pages have multiple songs on them.

Do not let this list intimidate you, Most of these songs are just a few measures long.

AMERICANA BOOK:

SONG #-SONG TITLE:

1. Star Spangled Banner (*Note: This is the version we will be doing all year and is concert Ab*)
3. America the Beautiful
4. Hail Columbia

5. Columbia the Gem of the Ocean
6. America (*My Country Tis of Thee*)
8. Battle Hymn of the Republic

9. God of Our Fathers
10. Finlandia
11. Marines Hymn

52. Crusaders Hymn (*Fairest Lord Jesus*)
53. Abide with Me
54. Now the Day is Over

55. Onward Christian Soldiers
56. Nearer My God to Thee
57. Lead Kindly Light

58. Rock of Ages
60. My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The sound files for these specific song arrangements from the Americana Book can be found at the bottom of page:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/manila-folder--1.html>

Sometime after Memorial Day, a list will be sent out telling you what songs from Folder 4 you will move over into Folder 1 and what songs you can discard as you wish. From that point on we will only ever deal with one folder and will make probably some annual adjustments to it as we want by adding some music and temporarily setting some aside.

After May, no more scheduled practices till September.

TENTATIVE: SUNDAY May 29, Adelphi Green Summit Cemetery.

In 2021 we played at 1:30 for a 2:00 service. And then played a song or so, plus Taps, during the service. Specifically, it is **this** cemetery, as most people would be surprised to know just how many cemeteries there are in Adelphi.

I should have more details by at least the May practices.

The cemetery is on 180 just west of Adelphi about ½ mile. The cemetery is on the north side of the road and it is a large cemetery so it is impossible to miss.

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We have played for this observance for years. If you have not seen this at other Memorial Day observances, the VFW reads the names of all the veterans buried there. It is a very stirring part of the ceremony.

Be aware, there were no porta-potties at the cemetery last year. Every year that becomes more important to me to know.

There is a flag pole in the center of the cemetery just inside the main gate. We will set up the chairs close to the flagpole.

There will be lots of grass parking along the road just outside the main gate, plus inside the cemetery by the main gate. You can access more parking by entering the second entrance, which is next to the house just west of the main gate. The odds are that, whenever you get there, you will already see people gathering at the flagpole.

If you use Google Maps or GPS, it looks like an address for the Adelphi Green Summit cemetery is: 11086-11162 OH-180, Laurelville, OH 43135

This is a link to Google Maps for Green Summit Cemetery:
<https://www.google.com/maps/@39.4659574,-82.7529909,16z?hl=en>

**CONFIRMED: MONDAY May 30, 2022 Memorial Day
10:30 AM at the Hallsville Cemetery**

We play at 10:30 for an 11:00 service. Then we will play for @ 10 minutes or so in the middle of the program. The whole thing should be done by Noon, or so. I just talked with our contact for this event. They are going to run it like they did in 2021 and hold the entire observance at the Hallsville Cemetery.

Be aware, there were no porta-potties at the cemetery last year. Every year that becomes more important to me to know.

The Hallsville cemetery is on 180 on the west side of Hallsville at the corner of Walnut Creek Road. The cemetery is on the south side of the road. It is hard to miss.

There is a large monument in the center of the cemetery, and we will set chairs up there. Whenever you get there you will probably already find people hanging out by the monument so it won't be hard to find.

There will be parking in the grassy area at the entrance to the cemetery. But, if you want to park closer and save a few steps, as you drive on up closer to the monument there is a large grassy area on the left that you can park at.

If you use Google Maps or GPS, it looks like an address for the Hallsville cemetery is: 6462 OH-180, Kingston, OH 45644

JUNE 2022

At this point, we do not have anything for June this year.

JULY 2022:

CONFIRMED (*kind of*): Monday July 4th, 11:00 Parade Ashville July 4th Festival

I have already been in contact with them, and it looks like we may only do a parade, and NOT also that short concert afterwards. The reason is that they are expanding their Arts and Crafts area, and that would probably prevent us from pulling the band wagon into what had been our concert area. They did not give me a formal offer to play, yet, but I expect that shortly.

NOTE:

Historically, the band wagon has been parked at the intersection of East Main Street and Park Street, just down the road from the Village Chapel Church, 30 Viking Way, Ashville, Ohio

Link to Google Maps for the usual location of the band wagon:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ashville,+OH+43103/@39.7140922,-82.9472674,287m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x883878863f2b27e7:0x38ef9607140d4eea!8m2!3d39.7156186!4d-82.9529584?hl=en>

Is there interest to meet the wagon at the Village Chapel Church at a specific time so that people can park there and meet the trailer there so they don't have to walk as far? It will have to be early enough so that the wagon can get into line for the parade. And then it will leave right after the parade and after dropping us off at the Chapel. We will discuss.

<http://ashville4thofjuly.com/>

CONFIRMED: Lancaster Festival

Concert Saturday July 23 at the Fairgrounds, 11:00 to 11:45

This is the "Family Fun Day" at the Fairgrounds for the Lancaster Festival. There is an admission charge to get onto the Fairgrounds. They do not ever give out admission passes. However, all you have to do is tell them at the gate that you are with the band and they have always let us (*and everyone in the car*) through with no problem.

I would recommend going into the Fairgrounds at the main gate at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Broad Street.

Google Maps for Main Gate:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lancaster,+OH+43130/@39.7241139,-82.602307,287m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x88478a5e4f80f267:0x136dd5d79e3b4de5!8m2!3d39.7136754!4d-82.5993294?hl=en>

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The stage for us will be on the carny side of the Grandstand and NOT on the track side. You can't miss it. They probably won't let you park close to the stage, but they will send you to the main parking lot on the grounds. However, they have a fleet of golf carts running the parking lot all the time taking people to the grounds. And they will take you directly to the stage. The stage is a temp stage, but is a nice one under large shade trees and with a tarp roof and PA equipment. There are aluminum bleachers under an awning for the audience.

You need to allow yourself enough time to navigate past the street traffic to even get onto the Fairgrounds to start with, let alone to park, get your gear out, and then be shuttled to the stage with all your equipment in order to set up comfortably before the performance time.

AUGUST 2022:

CONFIRMED: ROSS COUNTY FAIR:

Sunday August 7, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM (1 day ONLY)

Gate passes will be needed for Sunday. I will let you know when I get them so that I can get them to you in a timely manner. Last year they came about 30 days out.

We will sit in the Grandstand bleachers on the far right side as you face the track. Recommended that you bring a seat cushion. Also, the Bennett Fish Stand is outside the Grandstand at the main gate.

Mmmm...fish sandwiches...Ed Bennett, one of the generations of Bennett's who have run the fish stand, was a musician in the band for many years. One of his daughters who now helps run the stand was also a majorette for the band for many years.

I should have some parking information for you shortly, but be prepared to walk a little bit to get to the Grandstand.

<http://rosscountyfair.com/>

OCTOBER 2022:

TENTATIVE: LAURELVILLE FIREMAN'S OLD TIME FESTIVAL

Saturday October 1, 2022, 4:30 PM Concert and 6:00 parade

This year, the Festival has been moved **FROM** June in 2021 **TO** Wednesday September 28 to Saturday October 1, 2022.

They will bring us chairs to set up right next to the bank and on the sidewalk instead of on the stage. The bank is right on one of the corners at the center of town across from the gas station. The stage is always in the sun across the street from the bank, and next to the bank is always in the shade. We prefer the shade. After the concert, we have always been able to pull the band wagon up close to the bank in order to load up for the parade from there.

CONFIRMED: Fairfield County Fair Harness Races

Thursday October 13, 2022 1:30 PM

If you bring someone with you, the Fairfield County Grandstand is one of the nicest ones in this area to sit in. There is a huge cement pad at ground level in front of the Grandstand where the public walks through. We will set up on the left hand side of that pad as you face the race track.

We will be receiving “Infield Stickers” which are not only a parking pass to be able to park inside the race track, but is also basically our Admission Pass to the grounds for everyone in the car.

Just like for the Lancaster Festival in July, I recommend that you want to enter the Fairgrounds at the main gate at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Broad Street. After you enter and are greeted by lots of people dealing with tickets, just tell them all that you are playing in the band at 1:30. Then just keep straight and you will be next to the racetrack on your right in just a couple hundred yards or so. Follow the track and you will see an entrance to cross over and get inside the track. Once inside the track , keep driving down the hill (*the inside of the race track is NOT flat*) and back up the other side where they will have people to help you find a parking space. Again, leave yourself enough time to get onto the grounds , grab a drink, and have enough time to get set up.

As soon as I receive the “Infield Stickers”, I will let you know so that I can distribute them to you.

<https://www.fairfieldcountyfair.org/>

TENTATIVE: Circleville Pumpkin Show

A). Friday October 21, 8:00 Parade

B). Saturday October 22, 6:30 concert and 8:00 parade

The 6:30 PM concert on Saturday night has been done while sitting on the band wagon. We will stay in our usual configuration on the wagon, and I will move to the front of the wagon to direct. Trying to do something else where all the musicians try to turn their chairs and music stands around to face some other way has never worked well.

Our band wagon for both nights has historically been placed next to Community Church at the corner of Pickaway and Main Street. You need to be aware that, on either night the people directing the parade may want us at some time to move the band wagon closer to the intersection of Pickaway and Franklin in order to get us in line. So, if you have already dropped off your stuff at the wagon and go to grab a drink or something, the band wagon may not be in the same spot when you get back. In recent years, we have had the privilege of being one of the very first units in both parades.

NOTE:

The Pumpkin Show parades are currently the only ones we do after dark. Regardless of how well Circleville has their streets lit, it is not good enough for you to always read your music even it is on your instrument lyre and just a couple inches from your face. You will want any type of music light so that you can see the music. It can be a small flashlight that you tape to a clamp and only costs a couple bucks or so, or something more formal. But you WILL want a music stand light!

BAND “GO-BAG”:

As I have talked with some of the musicians who have just recently come to play with us, I have some recommendations for you, in case you have not already thought of them. You will absolutely benefit by having some type of “Go Bag” that you can just pick up whenever you have a band engagement, no matter what band you are in.

Mine is always with me, even if I am on the band wagon. Mostly it contains things that I have realized by hard lessons that I **always** want with me. Mine contains:

1. Poncho:

I much prefer these to rain coats. Get one as long as possible and make sure the sides snap or something so that you don't fly away in the wind like a kite. . Mine will almost touch the ground when I am standing. Rain coats are OK if you are always standing, but they gap when you sit down and you pants still get wet. I can't tell you how many times I have been with various bands, and when it starts to rain, you hear the usual conversations of “I have a great rain coat/poncho, but I left it in the car!” And if it starts raining when we are on the far side of your car on the parade route, trying to hop off the band wagon and get back to it really isn't going to work. On a case by case basis, the band will still play if it sprinkles, but I don't plan to be out in a downpour, either.

2. Band aids: Things happen

3. Hand Sanitizer: I don't plan to get sick when I am eating my well deserved fish sandwich.

4. Extra valve oil

5. An extra garbage bag for when I have to sit on dusty or rusty things.

6. My music stand

7. Over the years, I have built various trays and holders to fit on my music stand for things like trumpet mutes, my tuner, pencils, bottle of water, etc. If I sit this stuff on the ground, I have no problem kicking them over or accidentally stepping on them.

8. Clothespins

9. And the “go-bag” gives me room to carry specialty items when needed, like a seat cushion for grandstand harness races, a jacket and gloves and other gear “just n case”, and so on.

Not a magical concept and not a magical list of items, but I went for several years without being this prepared, and I much prefer to always having these comfort items with me.

WORK STILL TO BE DONE:

My appreciation to you for everything you all have done, especially these last 12 months. .

You have weathered through a lot of changes in the operation of the band as some existing band methods have been either adjusted or cast aside entirely, and brand new things tried. The phrase that I try to follow as we try different things is that **I want to give the musicians the tools to succeed.** Which in turn should help the band to succeed. Yes, you will hear me say that phrase often. It is important to me.

These “tools” may involve doing something physical, like copying music for everyone so that everyone has their own copies to keep, and practice, and mark up as needed....like I do for my own music. Or it

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may be something less tangible like trying to remember that none of you can read my mind and then spending time to explain how I plan to start a song, end a song, and what I plan to do in between.

There wasn't anything wrong with how the band operated previously for parts of 3 different centuries and almost 15 decades, and it obviously worked for those times and for those people. But looking back, it is hard to believe that a lot of us survived with as little information as "*The parade starts at 10:00 in Greenfield on Saturday.*"

That's why the band schedules and newsletters now will always be much more than just telling you a date and time and general location for performances and practices. For people like me, and especially in trying to be as helpful as we can for the newer musicians, that's just not enough info.

I want to know: Where can I park?...Where is the nearest fish sandwich stand?...How long will it take me to get to the performance site once I am even on the grounds?...How will traffic be routed?..."Seriously, is that the only porta-pottie?"...and so on. And now, this information also includes something as important the play lists for each performance and practice.

As you think of more things that we can do to help the musicians (*and the band*) succeed, please let me know.

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