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The Cowbell



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On the Road Again

After a great trip to Waldorf, Maryland on June 28th to see our 'Stormers play the Blue Crabs, the Booster Club is looking forward to another road trip to Camden, on July 25th. The trip is sold out - as was the Blue Crabs trip - and it's sure to be fun for Barnstormers Boosters and non-member fans as well. What's so great about a road trip? First, it's a chance to see the team on the road, knowing that hearing our cowbells and raucous shouts of each batter's name will help our team feel a little of that "home field advantage" while in enemy territory. It's also fun to hang out with friends, old and new, as we all make the best of a long drive by playing games, sharing snacks and good-natured baseball gossip, and looking forward to hearing "Play Ball!" in another stadium.

Knowing, too, that nobody's "house" is as great as ours, and our mascot, Cylo, makes the rest of the carpeted characters pale by comparison, helps make the excursion, no matter what the score of the game, a winner. ★

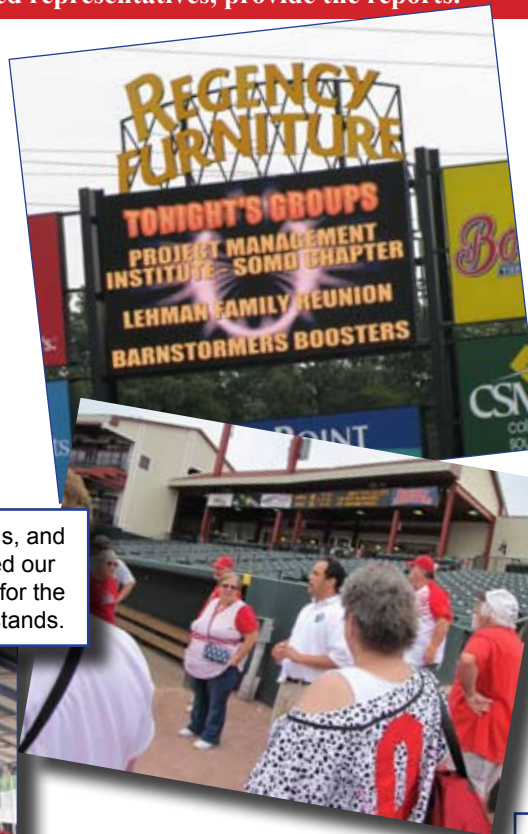
Committee Reports

Each edition of the newsletter highlights a variety of committees and their activities, depending on what's going on that month. The Committee Chairs, or their designated representatives, provide the reports.

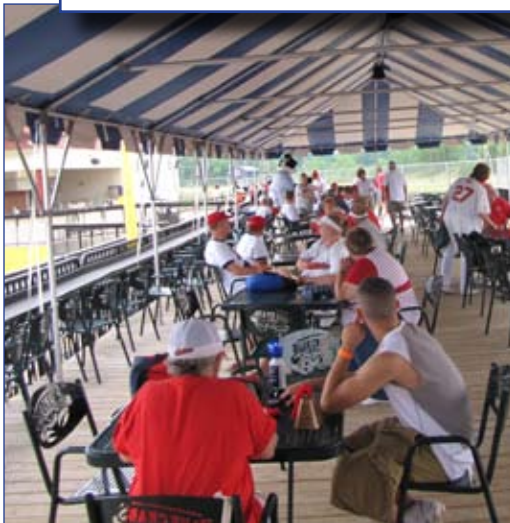
Activities

Greetings from the Activities Committee! The June 28th bus trip to Southern Maryland was a huge success. We met in at the Stadium parking lot behind the Turkey Hill sign. The bus departed Clipper Magazine Stadium about 9:10 am and arrived at Regency Furniture Stadium about 12:15 pm.

On the ride down, everyone had the opportunity to do a baseball word search, word scramble, and play a few games of bingo.



Regency Furniture Stadium welcomed us, and gave us a tour of the facility. We enjoyed our picnic lunch, and then had fun cheering for the 'Stormers from the picnic area and the stands.



After the entertainment, the bus was buzzing with baseball talk and current events. Upon arrival, everyone assembled in front of the bus for a group photo. We were then taken on a tour of the Stadium which included a visit to the Legends Club, their party suite / business meeting area. We were told that a family of a local high school baseball coach rented the Legends Club for his funeral.

We then toured the picnic area, bumper boats, and batting cage. We got to see the back and the front of the manual scoreboard. We then went out onto the field to visit the home dugout and learn about their press box and suites.



The Blue Crabs' mascot, Pinch, reacts (as did some SOMD fans) to our loud chanting of each batter's name as our boys came up to the plate. We made our presence known.

Our picnic included hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and banana pudding. They

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even had veggie burgers that they would make upon request. After eating, some people stayed in the picnic area to enjoy the game, while others went over to the seats that were provided for us behind the Barnstormers dugout to watch the game.

We were all hopeful when we had a 4 nothing lead over the Blue Crabs, even through we eventually lost 9 to 6. Our Barnstormers knew we were there backing them with our loud cheering and cowbell ringing. The bus ride home was filled with small talk and a recap of games past and present. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit Regency Furniture Stadium, we recommend that you do. The stadium is quaint. It reminds you of the Maryland area. The staff at this stadium was friendly and accommodating.

On July 25th, the Booster Club will be taking their first evening bus trip to see the 'Stormers play the Camden Riversharks. This bus trip is now closed. At the June 9th Board of directors meeting there was a drawing for free tickets for this bus trip. All members of the club were included in the drawing. The winners of the drawing were Bill Bair and Cindy Geib. Each received 2 tickets on the bus trip.

Our third Field of Dreams opportunity will take place on September 8th. Please see Vicki Sauders or sign up at the Booster Club table so that we know how many Boosters will be taking the field that night with our players. The deadline to order tickets for the September 13th York game is July 27th. Calendars for all club events can be found on the club website. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the table to pick up the information.

The Activities Committee would love to hear your ideas for future events. If you would like us to check into something, just let us know. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Activities Committee

Membership

As of June 16th, we have 89 memberships and 120 members. John Enright was the June winner of a free individual membership.

The Booster Club will have a table at the stadium on the following dates: July 3rd, July 19th and July 30th. Please stop by and say hello. If you haven't picked up your

membership card you may do so at the table. We would love for some volunteers to help work the tables at the stadium. If you have time, please see Vicki Sauders.

Wes Kurtz,
for the Membership Committee

Finance

The Finance Committee is happy to report that new and renewal membership fees and money from purchases of Booster Club gear and sign-ups for bus trips, etc... are being deposited regularly.

If you'd like to know more about our financial activities, check out the website – you'll find links to all meeting minutes, which you can review online to find out exactly how much money has been taken in and how much has gone out to cover expenses.

You can send questions to info@barnstormersboosters.org, and they'll be forwarded to me for a timely response.

Deb Heisey,
Finance Committee Chair

Governing Documents

The Governing Documents Committee is currently working on a detailed Conflicts of Interest Policy regarding officers, directors, committee chairs and committee members. The purpose of this document is to encourage and require full disclosure of any conflicts, potential conflicts and/or what could be perceived as a conflict.

For example: LBBBC is considering retaining the services of Smith Advertising and the owner of Smith Advertising happens to be the spouse of an officer, director, committee chair or committee member, that person would be required to disclose that fact. Another example would be if we partner with XYZ Charity for a fundraising event to benefit that charity. If an officer, director, committee chair or committee member sat on XYZ Charity's Board of Directors, we would require that that fact be disclosed.

These are just two of the many conflicts that can come up in the course of transacting business, forming partnerships and working with outside entities.

Once the Governing Documents Committee has completed its initial draft of the Conflicts of Interest Policy, it will be distributed to the LBBBC Board for review and comment. Necessary revisions will be made and it will then be presented

to the general membership for their review and comments. Another draft will be done and then it will go back to the Board for approval. It will then be presented to the general membership for their approval. If anyone would like to assist the Co-Chairs of the Governing Documents Committee with this project, they can contact Cindy Geib and Debbie Heisey by sending an email to info@lancastrbarnstormers.com.

Cindy Geib,
Governing Documents
Committee Co-Chair

Website & Communications

Summertime is both our busiest time (because it's baseball season) and also the time we least want more work to do. I don't know about you, but I have a strong desire to take the day off just about every day in the summer.

That said, it's also an interesting time for publishing *The Cowbell* and updating the website, because there's more stuff going on and it mostly involves fun things to do – away games, picnics, Field of Dreams opportunities, and so on.

With that in mind, please feel free to send us some of your reports and thoughts on these activities – on games that made an impression on you (a great player performance, a really horrendous umpire call, an amusing error – by the other team, of course), giveaways at the games you really liked, any promotions, events, etc... that you enjoyed. Your topics don't have to be Booster Club-related, and even if you have some constructive criticism, that's great, too. Everybody's voice needs to be included.

So see you all at the ballpark, on the website pages, and here in *The Cowbell*. And don't forget to check out our Facebook page (follow the link from our website, or search for "Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club" at Facebook).

We've got 34 fans of the page so far (hey, fans, write something on the wall!) and would love to see all of our LBBBC members become fans and post their comments, thoughts, etc... It's a great way to add your voice to our online presence, and it's easy to do. Drop me a line if you have questions about it (help@limehat.com).

Laurie Fuller,
Website & Communications
Committees Chair



At our destination in Waldorf, Maryland, the Booster Club's Road Trip attendees gather for a group photo.



**Booster Club
Members
BIRTHDAY LIST!**

July

- Kelley Breniser
- Mae Emenheiser
- Samuel Goss
- Debra Heisey
- Sandy Keyes
- Gerald Kipphorn II
- Terri Kurtz
- Kenneth Miller
- Katelyn Misal
- Shirley Mummaw
- Kennard Paules

We thank Mindy Reed, Club Secretary, for assisting the Membership Committee in providing the Birthday list/s.

Meetings!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for the rest of 2009 – please retain this for reference, so you never miss a chance to attend a meeting and get involved! We look forward to seeing a strong turnout at General meetings, and hope more members will volunteer for committees.

General Meetings

- July 17
- September 22
- November 17 (Elections)

Board Meetings

- July 7
- August 11
- September 15
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

**All meetings will
be held at Clipper
Stadium, and
begin at 6:30 pm.**



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