

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 2 Number 3

The Stormin' Season Begins

It's May, and we've got a few fun-filled weeks of baseball under our belts. The Booster Club has served two meals to the team, filled the snack basket, filled a bus with fans to go watch the 'Stormers play in Somerset on May 23rd, and so much more is in the works. It's going to be a great summer.

That said, the Booster Club could do even more fun and helpful stuff if more of the members got involved. Please come to our **May 20th General Meeting**, where you'll find out about all sorts of ways to support the team, help individual players, and keep all our Booster activities going strong. It's up to ALL of us, every member - and all the new members we hope we'll see join us this season - to make it happen.

Look for us on the field on Tuesdays, to high-five the team onto the field, and in several Field of Dreams and First Pitch opportunities, too. That could be YOU out there, on the field, having a great time with your fellow Barnstormers' fans. It's fun, it costs very little to join the club, and other than bus trips, it's free to participate. As for the season, we're about to start a long homestand after the boys were away for over a week. We've missed them, and are looking forward to several nights of Stormin' Red! Hope to see you there! ★

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 & Membership

Greetings from your Membership and Activities Committees!

This year we have three bus trips planned. We will be going to Somerset on May 23rd and Camden on June 26th. Reservations are now closed for the Somerset trip. Payment and reservations for the Camden bus trip must be received by May 21st.

Our first over night bus trip will be in the fall. We will be visiting Howe Cavern and the National Baseball Hall of Fame on October 9th and 10th. Visit the club website for reservation forms and complete

details on all of these trips. We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming activities.

We would like to remind everyone that it is time to renew your Booster Club membership. The renewal form is available on the Club website. Eleanor Harnish was the winner of the free membership at the Fan Fest Club table

Wes Kurtz, for the Membership / Activities Committees



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Charitable

The Charitable Committee facilitates the support of several organizations, with two of them, we just “transfer” something on to an organization that will support others.

While our Barnstormers are in town for the summer, they like to keep in touch with their friends and family back home. The men and women serving our country like to keep in touch too. The Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign enables the soldier to do so. They will accept your used cell phones through a company called ReCellular who pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for the used phones.

The organization, in turn, furnishes phone calling cards to soldiers to enable them to stay in touch with those at home. Pick up a mailer at one of our tables on the concourse and send in those old phones that are taking up space in a drawer and are not in use.

There is a web address on the mailer that will supply you with instructions to wipe the phone clean so you don't have to worry about your information

being picked up by others.

Another organization that LBBBC supports is the Orioles Advocates Cardboard to Leather program. Many children in underdeveloped countries do not have the opportunity that the boys of summer have here in the United States. They begin playing baseball with sticks, tape balls and cardboard gloves. The Orioles Advocates collects new and used equipment and uniforms and distributes them in countries such as Venezuela and Nicaragua.

The Advocates will be in Lancaster in late July to collect any equipment we are able to collect. We don't need to wait until July to start our collection date...start now! If you have equipment lying around that is no longer being used or you are a person that goes to yard sales and have the means to purchase items, please share what you can.

Also, if you have contact with little leagues or school teams, please pass the information along. We would like to make this an even bigger collection than 2009 (and our collection filled a box truck)!

Mindy Reed, for the Charitable Committee

A Word from Our President

May is here and the season is underway. I want to say “THANK YOU” to all Club members for the OUTSTANDING JOB working together in the Club's activities this past month, starting with a very successful Sub Sale. Next, the players were fed well with the Taste of Lancaster theme meal on Thursday of spring training. We also had very good participation at the club table on Saturday during FanFest.

FanFest was cut short without a baseball game, but the ‘Stormers did make the bats crack and the balls fly having batting practice for the fans. Also, thanks to the Barnstormers staff for their help throughout the year. To our members and fans, thanks for filling a bus to go to a Somerset Game and make sure you sign up for the trip to Camden.

I also want to welcome all the new members who joined the club at this year. I look forward to meeting everyone and am asking you to introduce yourself to me. Also, welcome back to the members renewing their membership. Remember everyone, this is your Club, so please feel free to participate in any and all projects the Club does to support the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Team.★

Thank You...

Jim Reed



Meetings!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for 2010 – 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.

2010 Board Meetings:

- June 7 (this is a Monday)
- July 13
- August 10
- September 7
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

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

... and then because our 2010 term for Officers and Board members actually goes into March, we have dates through March of 2011:

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8

2010 General Meetings:

- May 20 (this is a Thursday)
- July 20
- September 21
- November 16
- ... and then for 2011:
- January 18
- March 15



May Birthdays

Frank Greenwood

Charles Miller

Virgina Smith

Dale Stewart

Valerie Stewart



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

Please be sure to submit your articles, photos, etc... for the June edition of *The Cowbell* by June 1st at the latest. Send it by email to laurie@limehat.com.



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PLAY BALL! The Booster Club high-fived the team onto the field on Tuesday, May 4th, and was the Field of Dreams team on May 5th.

May 2010: The Season's Underway!

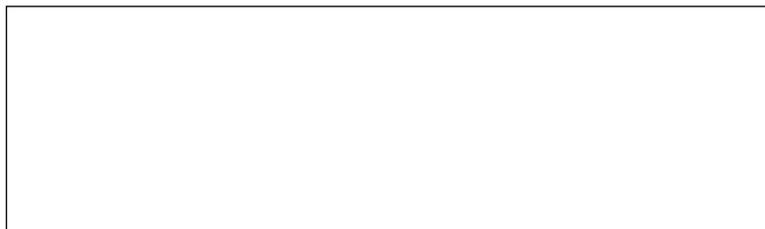
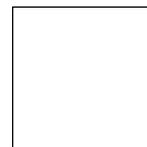
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