



Downbeat Times

Monuments, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and a drive through Zion National Park.

My son is the keyboard player and does some arranging for "Enter the Night" at the Stardust in Las Vegas. He also acquired a new 23 foot sport boat to play with on Lake Mead...we did that!, enjoyed that!...even drove right up to Hoover Dam where the water is over 400 feet deep.

My 7 year old grandson and I renewed our special relationship, where I am to lose all games and contests, serve as practice target for his Karate practice, and generally do whatever he wants whenever he wants....very satisfying for me. He also has a brand new golden retriever puppy, with needle puppy teeth, that was determined to check my blood type and did.

The 5400 mile round trip was refreshing and invigorating and my travelling companion, Patrick O'Henry, wire hair terrier extraordinaire, was glad to get home and into his own chair.

Thanks to Fred Perino (trumpet) and David Bomstein (clarinet) for covering my tunes at rehearsals.

Barbara Parker Trumpet Recital

Barbara Parker, trumpet player and charter member of the band, reached a personal goal last month – she played a recital of classics, popular tunes, and hymns. Even a little ragtime. A large crowd of friends and supporters stayed after the recital for a reception hosted by Barbara's sisters.

Barbara has been taking lessons from Anthony Pasquarelli and prepared for the recital for well over a year. She practiced nearly two hours every night – after

working a full day at Carnegie Mellon University. She's also a charter member of the Pittsburgh Zoo volunteers – another time-consuming activity.

She said that performing was particularly difficult because she is an introvert. It embarrassed her, she said, when she heard the applause.

Rehearsals stay at Bethel

The parking lot at Upper St. Clair high school will not be ready before the end of November, and possibly not till the beginning of the new year. So it looks like we will continue to rehearse at the Bethel Park high school a few more weeks.

Sign up for e-mail notices

Dean has been sending updates, announcements, directions to concerts, and other tidbits via e-mail. If you'd like to receive these, be sure to give him your e-mail address. His address is deanstreater@worldnet.att.net

Relax after rehearsals

After most rehearsals, band members gather at the South Park Eat 'n' Park restaurant for conversation and a bite to eat. Come if you can. Check with the directors to confirm plans.

Dean's column

Dean Streater

I'm back from a great three week trip west and a nice long visit with my son's family in Boulder City Nevada. Along the way I had the fortune of hearing two former students in music performances. One, a bass player with swing band "Night Flight", a division of the Air Force "Band of Flight" stationed at Wright-Patterson in Dayton; the other a French Horn player in a contemporary music recital at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where he is professor of horn and theory. I also had dinner with Mieke Bruggeman, our CBS X-alto sax player who was recently assigned to the Band of Flight.

On the way out I did the tourist thing with stops at the Navajo National

Concert schedule (downbeat time)

Thursday, November 11, we play for the Bethel Park Gold Card Club in the new community center at 3:00 (tentative)

Friday, November 19, we do the same program for the Resurrection Church in Brookline at 7:30.

Thursday, January 20 we play for the Christian Mothers at St. Valentines Church in Bethel Park at 7:45.

Holiday performances will undoubtedly be added to our schedule. Watch for announcements.

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Rehearsals

Mondays 7:30-9:30 Bethel Park High School