



Truck Loading Etiquette

Tony Gutierrez, 2007 Band Director

Every year I write about what I call "Truck Loading Etiquette". This term describes how we as an organization load and unload the LGB&D truck for our out-of-town gigs. When we purchased the truck in 2004, our team of TruckMeisters carefully designed and installed shelving to make maximum use of storage space while insuring that our equipment was stored to minimize damage. In short - every piece of equipment has its place.

For out-of-town gigs, our designated truck driver will usually arrive at the departure site at least one half hour before departure time. Musicians with instruments are responsible for loading and securing their own instruments. The truck driver is responsible for LGB&D equipment only and making sure all equipment is properly secure before departure. The truck driver is not responsible for damage of personal equipment. If for some reason a personal instrument is damaged while in the truck, the LGB&D may reimburse the member for repairs.

Once at a job, every performer is responsible for helping unload the truck. The truck driver is responsible for selecting which equipment gets unloaded first such as music stands, music, lights, LGB&D banner, LGB&D standard, audio equipment, drums, instruments, and dance props. Everyone is asked to help move equipment to and from the performance site as quickly as possible to insure that we are setup and ready to perform at the contracted time.

When it comes to helping set up audio equipment, ask if you can help first. Mike cables are sensitive to abuse by twisting. Our audio people appreciate the help.

Once the performance is done, all members should tear-down equipment as quickly as possible and move equipment back to the truck. The truck driver should be waiting at the loading location to help load and secure equipment. The faster we can load the truck, the sooner we can get home. Members who don't help are noticed by the remaining members.

What ever happen to those performances?

Kay McEwen, 2007 Business Manager

There has been a lot of questions about some of the jobs which we have done in the past that are not on the schedule this year.

One is **Waldhorn** – due to there being only 4 weekends in October this year and the date of the Winston-Salem job and the Raleigh Oktoberfest, we were unable to schedule a weekend for the job in Waldhorn. We have talked and they are definitely hoping we will be able to return to the first and second weekend next year.

The other job of interest was the **Porter's Neck** job near Wilmington. Unfortunately, they made the decision early this year to have their Oktoberfest every other year – they are still very much interested in having us back.

This has been an exciting time with 6 new jobs this fall – hopefully some of these will develop into worthwhile and interesting jobs in the future. Scheduling problems occur and we work to include as many of our regular customers as we can, but there has also been a lot of comments about doing something different. Hopefully, we will have an enjoyable and exciting Fall Season with our old and our new customers.

Thanks for all the support that I have received from the members of the band and dance group. It has made being your Business Manager again this year very worthwhile. I know that I will really miss the excitement of working with the customers for so many months before we actually get to their fests. Over the many months, they become very good friends.

LGB&D 2007 Fall Kick-off Party

Where: Coachman's Trail Club-house and pool, [11504 Coachmans Way, Raleigh, NC](#).

When: September 3, 2007 from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Who: All LGB&D members, family, and quests.

Food: Bring your favorite appetizer, side or dessert. LGB&D is providing fixings for deli sandwiches and subs.

Drinks: LGB&D is providing bier and soft drinks.

RSVP: Signup on the LGB&D website.

For more information, contact Catherine Sisson csls@mindspring.com

My First Time Play with the LGB&D

By Dr. Howard Oaks MD.

The last time I played a euphonium in public was August, 1977, with an army band in Stuttgart. It is fun to be playing again. Thanks to Doug and Tony for gathering Tracht for me to borrow.

Thanks to Phillip and Connie for all the last second tips about repeats and signs.

Thanks to Kay for checking about every hour to make sure I was having fun.

'Meide den Kummer und meide den Schmerz, Dann ist das Leben ein Scherz(o).

New Performance!

Who: Hospice of Wake County.

When: Sunday afternoon Oct 14, 2007

Where: Bullock NC.
Sign-ups available soon.

My First Experience Playing with the LGB&D

By Philip Hren, New Member

The best part about my first time playing with the LGB&D was the great rapport between the audience and the band. The guest of honor, Elizabeth Helijchen, and her friends loved hearing the German songs, so that made it even more fun to play for them. Doug W. and Dave A. did a great job in introducing the songs, and the dancers kept the crowd involved. I was impressed with the sense of tradition I felt from hearing the long-time members talk about the history of the band. The hardest part of playing is going to be keeping track of all the DS's, DC's, and repeat signs, plus keeping my lip in shape for four-hour gigs! All in all, it was a lot of fun, and I look forward to the next gig with anticipation.

Kindergruppe Practice Change

Joyce Loring, LGB&D Kindergruppe

The LGB&D Kindergruppe practices will begin on:

Monday, September 10th

6:45pm - 7:15pm

St. Francis of Assisi (Cafeteria), [11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh NC.](#)

We will plan to have practice for four weeks, ending on October 1st, followed by a performance on:

Saturday, October 6th

5:00pm - 10:00pm

St. Raphael's Church (Oktoberfest)

5801 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh

Performance time to be announced, likely around 7:30pm

My plan is to have only the four practices prior to the St. Raphael fest this fall. If we have a larger attendance than expected and the children wish to continue, we will keep that option available. I am always open to suggestions and comments and welcome your input regarding this group. Please call me at 872-7432 or send email.

I am looking forward to working with your children again and hope to see some new faces on Monday, September 10th! :-) EVERYONE WELCOME For more information call Joyce Loring, 872-7432

LGB&D Fall Kickoff Party

When: Mon Sep 3rd, 4—7 PM

Where: TBA

Who: All members and guests.
RSVP Catherine Sisson
csls@mindspring.com

2007 Holiday Party

When: Sat, December 8th

Where: TBA

Who: All members and guests.
If you would like to help with the party, email Catherine Sisson
csls@mindspring.com

Band Practice Every Tuesday

Band practice is Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, and will continue every Tuesday until the end of October in the Western Blvd Presbyterian Church Cafeteria, [4900 Kaplan Drive Raleigh NC.](#)

Dance Practice Begins August 27th!!!

Dance practice begins Monday August 27 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm and every Monday until the end of October in the St. Francis School Cafeteria, St. Francis Catholic Church, [11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh NC.](#)

Next LGB&D Board Meeting

When: Sun, November 4th

Where: Tony & Teri's Home

Who: Board of Directors and all interested members.

If you'd like to see the inner workings of the LGB&D, email teresa.gutierrez@earthlink.net

2008 Germany Trip

When: June 26—July 7, 2008

Where: [Kiedrich, Germany](#) and [Gleichamberg, Germany](#) home of the

[Die Gleichberg Musikanten.](#)

Who: All interested members and guests. So far we have 17 members sign-up. Visit the [2008 Germany trip page](#) for details.



Band members play Saturday night at the 2006 Manteo Oktoberfest.



View of Crystal Lake at "The Cabin" near Walhalla SC.

