

*Dr. Charles R. Jackson*



The Cobb New Horizons Band was formed in September, 2005 (as the East Cobb New Horizons Band), with 18 musicians under the direction of Ms. Marla Feeney. Mr. George Broom assumed the music director position in August, 2007 until March, 2016. We welcomed Dr. Charles Jackson as music director starting April, 2016. The band has grown to over 60 members..

In addition to the Cobb New Horizons concert band, we have an affiliate group known as the Memory Lane Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Carl Merwin is the director of the jazz ensemble, which plays at various senior adult, church, community and other events.

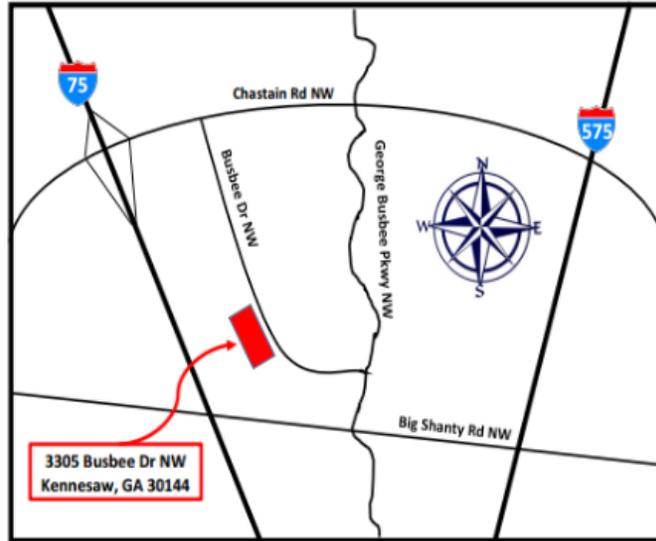
*Carl Merwin*



**Rehearsals: Every Monday, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, following the Jazz Ensemble rehearsal.**

**Rehearsal Location**

**Kennesaw State University Marching Band Building  
3305 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA**



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**Cobb New Horizons  
Band**

**(formerly East Cobb New Horizons Band)**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BAND**

The Cobb New Horizons Band offers senior adults, with musical instrument experience, the opportunity to join an actively performing concert band.

The band is a member of the New Horizons International Music Association. This international association has over 170 member groups throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland.

**BACKGROUND OF NEW HORIZONS**

The first New Horizons group was started in Rochester, New York in 1999. Behind every great idea, movement or event, there usually stands one person who provides the inspiration, the guiding light and the driving force for making it happen. Such is the case with this movement, founded by Roy Ernst, Ph.D. His leadership and untiring work are directly responsible for the many New Horizons bands, orchestras and other musical ensembles in existence today.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We want to answer all of your questions. Perhaps the following will be a good start. If you still have unanswered questions, please visit our website at

<http://cobbnewhorizonsband.com>  
or contact our membership chairperson at  
[membership@ecnhb.com](mailto:membership@ecnhb.com).

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### Where does the band rehearse?

Please refer to the map insert on the back panel. If you want to come and observe a rehearsal, please check our website

<http://cobbnewhorizonsband.com>

to verify our current rehearsal location.

### When does the band rehearse?

We begin rehearsal promptly at 11:00 on Monday morning and dismiss at 1:00, with a break in the middle of the rehearsal time.

### What if I cannot attend regularly?

Regular attendance is very important as we prepare for performances and improve our skills. However, everyone has many other things going on in life and cannot always attend every rehearsal. All of us miss on occasion, but we keep our section leaders and our director informed.

### How often does the band perform?

Performances are, on average, scheduled for one per month. During certain seasons, this will vary. A good way to see the schedule of venues is to visit the "Schedule" page on our website. It shows the current year schedule and you can look at previous years' schedules to get a good answer to your question.

### What if I have not played for years?

Many of our members have been in the same situation, putting an instrument aside in some cases for decades. Although the band does require musical experience, when first starting back, everyone in the band understands the challenge of rebuilding physical stamina and technique.

### Are band dues required?

Each member does pay monthly dues of \$15. If you come to try out the band, your first month's dues are waived. Dues help the band to pay our director and to purchase music and equipment.

### Is there a cost for the music?

Music is made available to members at no extra charge.

### Is there a uniform for performances?

Yes. The band wears a black golf shirt with the Cobb New Horizons Band logo, khaki pants, a black belt, black shoes and black socks. Shirts are available in both men and ladies' sizes. There is a \$25 cost for the shirt.

### Do I need additional equipment other than instrument?

Yes. Each band member supplies his own music stand. Most use the Peak SMS-20 black portable music stand with carrying case. It is available from various music stores. One can be ordered online from Woodwind & Brasswind ([www.wwbw.com](http://www.wwbw.com)) or by calling 1-800-348-5003. Those stands are a little over \$30 plus shipping.

### How is the band governed?

The band members, annually, elect the officers of the band which make up the executive committee. The committee meets monthly to discuss matters of band business.

We thank you for having an interest in the Cobb New Horizons Band. We invite you to consider becoming a part of our family of musicians. Please visit with us for several rehearsals and get acquainted with a great group of folks. You may ask any of our members the questions you might still have. Or visit our website at:

<http://cobbnewhorizonsband.com>

If you want to talk personally to someone, please email our Membership Chairperson,  
[membership@ecnhb.com](mailto:membership@ecnhb.com).



"Passing the baton to a new generation"  
George Broom - thank you for sharing your talents for 9 wonderful years! We will miss you!