

DCAT Hall Of Fame 2009

Induction of Dave Cook

by Don Gill



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Presenter *DCAT President* *Inductee*

I'm pleased to have been asked to speak on behalf the next inductee into the DCAT Hall of Fame.

He is one of the founding members of our organization - that is, before it became DCAT. After a fun weekend at GAS 1994 in Cambridge, hosted by Preston Scout House (the first time we had ever attended a GAS), six members got together on many occasions at my home to talk about putting together our own organization and this inductee was a big part in getting us off the ground. If you don't know who I'm referring to, it is none other than Dave Cook.

Dave marched with the Brantford Belltones Drum Corps, Ambassadors Drum Corps. He also marched with Preston Scout House many years ago when he was a cute little guy with great legs, which I'm told was a prerequisite, as they all wore short

shorts back then. Dave was a drummer, and most of you know how us horn players felt about them.

Dave started the newsletter for DCAT in the first/second year and it was called "The DCAT Purrerspective". He has, over a period of 15 years, spent many hours putting together this newsletter 3 or 4 times a year with pictures, using his style of humour for the articles which we have all enjoyed so much. He also put together the programs for GAS and the "Love of Music" concerts.

Dave also set up our web page and keeps it updated.

He is the only member of DCAT who is still on the Executive from of the original Executive, and being part of this Executive for so long myself, I know that is quite a feat. As Dave can tell you, those early years of meetings at times became marathon meetings.

One thing some of you don't know is that DC not only stands for Dave Cook but also Directionally Challenged. One GAS when his GPS system named Karen was not with him, he and Dave Wood (whom he was rooming with and obviously just as challenged) roamed the hotel for an hour looking for the breakfast room. If you ever see Dave at any GAS just have a look at his left hand and you will see written very neatly and very darkly in ball point ink is his room number, sort of like a mom pinning a note on her child before an excursion.

Dave is a quiet, unassuming, loyal guy who has a great sense of humour, and has been a great addition to our organization. Congratulations Dave and thank you for all your good work.
