

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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April 2010 Meeting

Sunday April 11th, 2010

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52nd St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
	Slow Jam
2:00-3:00	Performance Hour
3:00-4:00	Big Band practice
4:00-5:00	Sharing Circle



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This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

Hello everyone!

I am really excited about the progress your Eagle Creek Festival Committee is making. It will be a two-day event and things are lining up very well. I will leave the details and reporting to your Committee.

Your Board has approved the Bryan Bowers performance at the September Meeting. Bryan is a nationally known auto harpist and will be giving us a performance and a workshop! This will be exciting for everyone to have some training from one of the best is fantastic. Don't miss this one!

At the last three meetings you have noticed that Mike Raab, Music Coordinator, has been taking us through the new song included in the monthly newsletter and selecting other music, which we don't play on a regular basis. This really helps us expand our repertoire, and I find it exciting to play a piece from our songbook that hasn't been played for a long time. We really appreciate Mike's musical leadership and "exploration".

We have an excellent Board of Directors who are devoted to improving our Society and growing our mission. Please do not hesitate to approach any board member with constructive ideas you have concerning membership, meeting structure, performances, etc.

In closing, I repeat my call to members that if you have been absent from the monthly meetings and performances please come back and join us. We

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Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

"Where are you going to, my pretty fair maid,
Red rosy cheeks and coal-black hair?"
"I'm going autoharping, kind sir," she answered
me,
"For autoharping makes the maidens fair."
And the gents will go autoharping too.

All of the Happy Harpers will go autoharping on
Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 PM. We will meet at the
home of Janis Lewman who lives at 133 W US
Highway 52 near Fountaintown. Janis can be
reached at jnamwell@hughes.net or (317)
861-6972 for directions. And, yes, as always, you
too are welcome to come autoharping with us.

Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Welcome new members: Ruth Gray family, Linda
Henson, Carol Wood, Justin & Carter Fite, Eddie
Hennig, and Connie Epperson.

Lew Mastin has taken the better part of a year,
with great effort, to add mountain dulcimer
tabbing to our Main Songbook. Two copies have
been made and are available at \$35 each if you are
interested.

Thanks to all who are renewing membership and
paying the dues. As always, it is a privilege and
pleasure to serve you, and to participate in and
promote this musical fellowship.

Account status for March 2010: The checking
balance, as of this writing, is \$3813.83 (an
increase from last month) and our savings balance
is \$2674.04 (the same as last month because the
March statement is not yet available).

Membership Status: Family memberships are at
109 compared with 103 a year ago; seven
memberships are up for renewal in April 2010.
Several members face imminent inactivation
because of dues nonpayment; we are making a
concerted effort to reach affected members before
discontinuing their memberships.

Membership Dues: Annual household

membership dues remain at just \$20/year. If your
membership is due or past due please send a check
to CIFM&MDS, P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN
46206-1503, or catch me at the next meeting. I'm
always happy to take your money.

Songbooks: The Main Songbook is available to
all members in good standing for \$25 each.
Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook,
but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available
as a separate supplement for \$5 each. See me at
the meeting if you are in need of either of these
songbooks.

Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGS) meeting dates
for April will be slightly different. We will not
meet on the 14th. We will meet on the 21st and
the 28th. This change is made to accommodate
the concert and Workshop on Monday the 19th.
Regular meeting dates will resume in May on the
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Robin Run
Village. Come join us.

Blue River Folk Festival

The eighth Blue River Folk Music Festival will be
held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Town and
Country Christian Church in Shelbyville.
Workshops will begin at 9:00 AM, and the day
concludes with a concert at 6:30 PM. The cost for
the full day of workshops and concert is \$25 if
you pre-register, and \$30 the day of the festival.
Admission after 3:30 is \$10, and includes the
concert. Food is available.

On Friday evening (May 21) there will be a
welcome party/jam session at the church, all are
invited at no cost. Information available
at: www.blueriverfolkfest.com or
e-mail to: renee@blueriverfolkfest.com or call
Renee Moore at 317/392-3608.

Eagle Creek Folk Fest Tidbits

Resistration forms and the Festival Flyer on both
on our website, so you can print them from there.
**Registration deadline for Big Band as well as
individual/group performers is APRIL 30th.**
This deadline is firm, please sign up early so as to
not miss out.

Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

The Spring weather, blossoming trees, and flowers always buoy my spirit, as I am sure it does yours. I hope this month's performance theme of "Down 'n' Out" songs doesn't ruin our good mood!

We will be playing at the Riley Wranglers Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 1st, 12:30 - 1:30pm, which is now less than a month away.

Our own personal schedules can start getting busy, and practice hours for the Eagle Creek Folk Festival (June 12 & 13) are precious few, both for the Big Band and for the individual/small group performances. All of us would probably benefit from taking the whole songbook "to the woodshed." I look forward to seeing you soon.

Eagle Creek Folk Festival Angels

How can you help get the Society get the word out about the festival without leaving the comfort of my home?

Media: Always dreamed of meeting local celebrities? Volunteers needed to contact local TV and radio stations with info about festival. List of contacts, press release and flyers provided, postage reimbursed.

Newspapers: Volunteers needed to submit press releases to local newspapers with info about festival. Press release and list of newspapers provided, postage reimbursed.

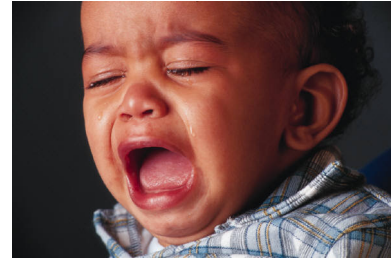
Music Stores: Can you address envelopes or make a quick trip to your local music store? Volunteers needed to send or take flyers to various area music stores to post on their bulletin board. Flyers, list of music stores provided, postage reimbursed.

Flyers: Do you like to lick envelopes or send email? Volunteers needed to send flyers to other music societies, such as Dayton and Louisville. Flyers and contact list provided (email included, postage reimbursed for the USPS flyers.

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need our members to lend their skills, helping the Society to be successful and to meet our mission obligation of educating and perpetuating traditional American music.

April's Theme



Down 'n Out Songs

How can I get a cool Eagle Creek Folk Fest VOLUNTEER badge with my name on it? Sign up for one of these daredevil opportunities on festival day!

Big Band Performances: Sign up and perform at one of 4 Big Band performances; an early one and a late one on both Saturday and Sunday (early Sunday is a gospel set).

Information Table:

Take a shift at the information table. Hand out Society brochures to the public, discuss membership perks, and talk about your Society membership experiences. Use your magnetic personality to attract the public, and hand out free magnets!

Set Up Crew: (arrive at 10:00 AM) Assist with erecting workshop covers, hang signs, get donuts and juice (bring your own caffeine), help sound crew with non-technical setup and make friends with the geese.

Tear Down Crew: (after last performance) take down workshop covers, take down signs, and help sound crew with any non-technical tear down. Make sure to say goodbye to the geese and wave at the deer as you leave the park

ECFF Performance Copyright Policy

Your Board requests that Society members participating in the Eagle Creek Festival only perform music meeting one of the following criteria:

1. You believe the song is in the public domain (for example, before October 1923).
2. You are performing your own music.
3. You are performing copyrighted music, but have privately obtained permission of the copyright owner.
4. You are performing copyrighted music written by an ASCAP member (we have an ASCAP license agreement). Questions about a specific work can be answered by accessing the ASCAP CLEARANCE EXPRESS on its website: www.ascap.com or placing a call to 1-800-95-ASCAP).

Note: The Society no longer has a Music Performance Agreement with BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.).

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The Board is still looking for an individual to fill the post of Member-at-Large. Please consider offering your services.

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