

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## July 2008 Meeting

Sunday, July 13th, 2008

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52<sup>nd</sup> St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting Slow Jam led by Myra
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Performance Hour</b>
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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## EAGLE CREEK FESTIVAL UPDATE

by Ruth Slates

The Society's Annual Eagle Creek Festival was held on Saturday June 21st at the Marina stage. The cover was on the stage and ready for use (with a few minor touches still needed) it was a wonderful sight to see!

There were a few anxious moments as Society members arriving at the park early for set up came to face runners and bikers competing in a Triathlon event, but the park personnel were receptive to our needs and quick to respond. They allowed us to drive along the route between the participants. I want to thank everyone who came early and helped in setting up the stage, workshop and food areas.

We had a full day of music and workshops planned, and the ever-present and 'better when they're not planned' jams around the meadow behind the stage and boat house.

The Big Band continued the tradition of opening the show, and some awards and recognitions were given at the end of the set. Thanks to Randy Klees, Myra Dworski, Marion Joven, Dan Reneau, Bill Griffin, Tom Harleman, Carla Slates and Cathy Platt for holding workshops during the festival.

There were many people who performed during the day, and it was especially exciting to see young performers on the stage as members of the Society. Now some special words for the DOGS, Gary Kaiser and those who stuck around to be part of the Big Band set that closes the festival – you're all to be commended for being in the line of horizontal rain!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tarps were unfurled, canopies were bent and tried to jump in the lake...oh yeah, and Dan Reneau making those of us under the shelter with the instruments laugh by singing 'It Ain't Gonna Rain No More' during the deluge. I'm sorry that the groups I listed weren't able to perform your sets. Thanks for braving the storm and helping tear down at the end of a long and joyful day!

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## *The Happy Harpers*

By Christine Reneau

All God's critters have a place in the choir, so in July, the Happy Harpers are going to the animal fair (the birds and the beasts are there), and we are going to the zoo, zoo, zoo too --at least in song. How about you? You can come too. Just grab an autoharp and head on over to the home of Debbie and Joe Hanson (who really do have quite a menagerie) at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 27, 2008. Debbie and Joe live at 140 S. Boehning St. in Indianapolis. They can be reached at (317) 897-1021 or willow249@comcast.net for directions. Please remember to be kind to your web-footed friends -- and the furry ones, and the scaly ones, and the feathery ones, and the . .

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### July's Musical Theme

#### POLITICS



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### News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

Hattie and Ron Hunt host dulcimers on the 4th Monday of each month. Hattie and Ron live at 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis. Their phone number is 888-9561. Call if you need directions.

The slow jam will be led by Myra Dworski this month. The slow jam gives our members an opportunity to learn songs that are played by the Big Band at gigs. Learning the songs and getting up to speed is very important to the Society. Gigs provide the opportunity for the Society to meet its goals of perpetuating folk music and introducing it to new audiences. Gigs are also the primary fundraising effort by the Society and are absolutely necessary to us, so that we may underwrite our annual folk festival, as well as present performances and workshops by outside sources. So, go to the slow jam, get familiar with

the music and play with the Big Band at as many gigs as possible.

No workshop is scheduled this month. If you would like some help on your instrument, seek a resource person for that instrument. We have some very capable people to help you. Resource people; make it a goal to be more available to the membership. It's great to help people to further their knowledge about their instrument.

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGS) will not meet in July. Meetings will resume in August. Players set aside the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7 PM to meet at Robin Run village on 62nd street on Indy's northwest side. Learn to play great music from one of the country's greatest dulcimer artists, Tull Glazener.

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### *Folk Fest Lost & Found*

Here is the start of the list of items abandoned by their owners...since they may have had the sense to 'come in out of the rain'!

White binder w Society songbook

white hand towel

Sunglasses

Tuner in yellow/black case

Tan round wide brimmed hat with beaded band

Let us know if you are missing such items

Ruth Slates, Eagle Creek Folk Fest Chairperson

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### New "Sale Table" Policy

As a service to our members, your Board will make available a table in the hallway at the 52nd Street end of the building as a "Sale Table".

The policy for the "Sale Table" is as follows:

1. Sales are restricted to member-produced CDs
2. There will not be a limit on the number of times a member can sell CDs.
3. Participants are solely responsible for all moneys, sales and take down of the table.
4. Sales will occur during normal meeting hours with the following exceptions:
  - a. No sales at the December meeting.
  - b. No sales at any meeting where there is a guest artist.
5. No sign up will be necessary.

## Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

What a great Eagle Creek Festival! It really ended with a splash. So much for humor. Thanks to all who played, helped with workshops, setup and tear down and food.

We have plenty of things going on for the rest of the year:

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> is our Speedway Library gig. There are only a handful of people signed up and we need more. Contact me or Myra Dworski to sign up to play.

Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> we are playing the church service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It is their Folk Sunday. We'd like to have a good showing for our "host" church, and need more folks for this gig also. The service starts at 10:30AM so please be there by 10AM.

Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a gig at Bentley Commons near Shelbyville Rd and Stop 11. We play at 7PM, please arrive by 6PM. Rain date will be Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, with appropriate warning.

September brings us our annual Crestwood Village gigs.

The schedule is as follows

Crestwood East Sept 6<sup>th</sup>  
Crestwood South Sept 13<sup>th</sup>  
Crestwood West Sept 20<sup>th</sup>  
Crestwood North Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

All the dates are Saturdays, and we begin playing at noon.

On Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> we also have a 3PM gig at the Plainfield Library.

We have already booked the Mooresville Library Old Fashion Christmas, on December 6<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

So as far as upcoming Big Band gigs go, it's like the end of the Eagle Creek Festival.... "When it rains it pours"

See you at the meeting!

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### **Weight-watchers meeting**

No one signed up for snacks for the July meeting!

Being part of the festival committee is a lot of fun, and work. We need all of our members to take a look at how you can help keep the festival going. The Eagle Creek Committee would like to hear your suggestions from a member's and/or performer's perspectives. Please send an email, grab one of us to talk or put ideas in the suggestion box at the next meeting. Please help us improve and continue to grow our annual event.

Also, we all want to thank Alvie Shrader and his crew for a great sounding blend through the PA ...and for pulling the plug on the power before taking cover with the performers on stage!!

### ***Your 2008 Festival Committee:***

*Ruth Slates - Chairperson*

*Cathy Platt*

*Phil Slates*

*Carla Slates*

## The Treasurer's Report

By Sanda Gruber

I was not at the annual ECFF, so my summary is simply that I enjoyed a nice family reunion at my folks place. As for the meetings, I do hope to be there for the future meetings (unless work goofs again and schedules me on our meeting day).

Here are the current numbers: Savings approx. \$2652, checking approx. \$2725, last years household membership was 101 yet this year is 108.

Renewing dues still remains at \$20 per household, songbooks are still only \$20 per packet, and ask me about fidders songpacks. If you are renewing, PLEASE make your checks out to CIFMMDS and give at the meeting or send to our PO Box.

I wish to thank Cathy Platt for her assistance during my absence in June. (and anyone else that helped with treasury items). Now that I am healing pretty well from my surgical adventure in June, I might just play along with others during practice. If anyone is interested in a free drumming circle to either play in or hear about, contact me at sgruber@mw.net I am in contact with 4 different groups. They are fun and open to the public. Want to buy or sell a drum? Email me.

## Gary Kiser Performance Schedule

Mooreville Library,  
 Saturday October 25th, 1pm.  
 Speedway Library, TBA  
 (call 243-8959 for information)



2008 In Concert with Nature Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM	
Date	Group
	<b>Eagle Creek Park</b>
	<b>Marina Stage</b>
	<b>Free with paid admission to park</b>
	<b>Bring your lawn chair and snacks!</b>
9 July	Tim Grimm
16 July	Front Porch Swing
23 July	Witch Hazel Valley People
30 July	Buckdancers Choice
6 August	Slates Family Band
13 August	Mandolindy

## Dulsoc Musical Resource People as of 2008

Name	Instrument
Dan and Christine Reneau	Autoharp
Sharon Day	Hammered Dulcimer
Jonny Goodall	Clawhammer Banjo
Mario Joven	Guitar
Jerry Chapman	Mandolin
James Todd	Mandolin
Lewis Mastin	Mountain Dulcimer
Glenda Hubbard	Mountain Dulcimer
Myra Dworski	Fiddle, Mt. Dulcimer

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