

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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June 2010 Regular Newsletter

Eagle Creek Folk Festival Wrap up
Normal meetings at;

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



This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

Hello Everyone!

What a Festival! I think Dave Slates summed up the Eagle Creek Festival perfectly – FANTASTIC!! We really lucked-out with the weather, too. I personally had great fun and we had terrific performers. We are especially fortunate to have had Tim Grimm and Jan Lucas, Tull Glazener and Molly McCormick, Geoff Davis, Dimitri Alano with the Ramblin' Rovers, and the Brown County Dulcimer Society. Our own membership groups were terrific performers as well.

I am deeply proud of the accomplishments of your Eagle Music Festival Committee, they have worked since January to make this one of the most successful and fun-filled festivals ever. Thank you Phil and Carla Slates, Ruth and Dave Slates, Tom Harleman, Gary Rogers, Susie Kraeszic and Cathy Platt. There are so many other people to thank who volunteered with set-up and teardown, workshops, signage, stage management and more. I will leave that to your Committee to report because I don't want to leave anyone out. Again, thanks to everyone for a terrific Festival, you should be very proud.

If you have been absent from the monthly meetings and performances please come back and revive the fun and music enjoyment you have been missing, and bring a friend to join too! We need our members to lend their skills to be successful and to meet our mission obligation of educating

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Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

One suspects the Happy Harpers are pleased (dare I say "happy") with their outstanding performance at the Eagle Creek Folk Festival. As a group, and as players in the various Big Band sets, our autoharpists gave it their all. No doubt they are recuperating from these efforts, and will have more news in the July Issue.

Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Welcome back Dianne Kafka.

Thanks to all who are renewing memberships. Because our regular monthly meeting has been replaced by the Eagle Creek Festival, I have tried to contact each of you with June membership renewals by either email or letter.

Account status ending May 2010 (or starting June, depending on your perspective): The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3565.38 (a decrease from last month) and our savings balance is \$2677.36 (essentially the same as last month). For this year-to-date, we have had a net operating loss of about \$269.86; however we have \$40.46 more in the treasury than last year at the same time. So, the treasury fluctuation appears to be consistent with past experience.

Membership Status: We had 5 membership renewals, 1 reinstatement, and 2 placed on inactive status in May. Family memberships are at 97 compared with 99 a year ago.

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. Lew Mastin has added mountain dulcimer tabbing to our Main Songbook; copies of the Mountain Dulcimer Tabbed Songbook are available for \$35 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.

As always, it is a privilege and pleasure to serve you and promote our musical fellowship.

Dulcimer News from Lew

Free Mt. Dulcimer Album Download; Posted by: "David Duckslammer" Awhile back John Blosser put his album, Coyote Dulcimer, into the public domain and I made a website for people to download it. If you haven't heard this you're in for a real treat. Duckslammer.com

Music at the Eagle Creek Park Marina

Enjoy the sound of "Jazz on the point" featuring Owl Studios artists, and the "In Concert with Nature" series featuring acoustic music favorites. Grab the family, dinner, blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a relaxing evening. The concerts are free with park entry \$5/vehicle.

In Concert with Nature

Concerts start at 6:30p

June

9th - Brains Behind PA

23rd - Acoustic Catfish

July

7th - Sarah Grain

21st - Circle City Blue Grass

August

4th - Blackberry Jam

18th - Deep Fried Acoustiblaster

Jazz on the Point

Concerts start at 6:30pm

June

2nd - Everett Greene

16th - Mike Clark

30th - Bossa Rio

July

14th - Cynthia Lane

28th - Rob Dixon & Triology

August

11th - Pharaz Whitted

25th - Frank Glover

Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

What a month! Thanks to everyone who played at the Midwest Mandolin Festival! The weather at that time of day wasn't exactly welcoming to the audience, so I'm not sure if our performance advertised the ECFF like we hoped it would. We had a great time playing at Frank and Connie's 25th anniversary party the next day! Thanks to the other set leaders for the ECFF. Top notch job, as expected.

So what's next, you ask? **July** activity is light. We will perform at the **Speedway Library**, July 10th, 7pm. I am also setting up an opportunity for a small group of players to accompany the organist of **Christ Lutheran Church** during a Sunday service (tentatively scheduled for July 18th) showcasing American music/hymns. It is located in Irvington, on the east side of Indy. Please contact me promptly if you would like to volunteer (496-2962).

August is PACKED. **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** (our gracious hosts each monthly meeting) is having a Sunday service/picnic at Broad Ripple Park on the 1st; **Crestwood Villages** are having their Old Fashioned Days each Saturday at noon (yes, last year they were in September); and we play at the **State Fair** this year on Sunday the 22nd, from 1-3pm. We'll use this two hour opportunity to mix in some of our society-based solo and group acts as much as y'all are interested.

Take a breather from the Festival, but be ready to tune-up soon! I appreciate each of you for your talents, devotion, and patience. Thanks!

Gary Kiser Gigs

Gary will be performing his guitar and vocals-based folk music at the following location:

Thursday, July 22nd

Artsgarden (corner of Washington & Illinois)
12:15 pm, free.

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and perpetuating traditional American music.

Eagle Creek-Great music, fond memories

There will be a more formal wrap up article for the July newsletter, however, it could be said that this year's festival may have topped them all. Two days of excellent weather, great music, fun workshops, and good attendance rewarded the Society for its efforts.



Lew Mastin was awarded the "Arpeggio" award for service above-and-beyond to the Society. Kim Wade and George & Betsy Wilson were honored as "30 Year Members".

Our ever-increasing list of sponsors should be thanked as well:

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Of course, and big hand to everyone who participated; musicians, stage managers, committee leaders and members, the set-up & tear-down crew, workshop managers, and more. Look for more in next month's issue.



BLUEGRASS IN THE GARDEN

At Arthur's Music

Bluegrass Jam

Saturdays:

June 5th, June 19th

July 10th, July 24th

Aug 7th, Aug 21st

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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