

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## March 2010 Meeting

Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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
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 have received two recent inquiries that are some evidence of our Society's presence and influence in central Indiana. We received an invitation from Joanne D. Phillips, owner of a recording studio on the NE side of Indianapolis. Joanne reserves 10 hours a month for recording non-profit groups as a way of helping out organizations such as ours.

Joanne said she really enjoys dulcimer music and would like to work with our Society to create a CD for our website. She noticed we have a theme for our monthly meetings and suggested that having a theme for the CD would be helpful. In fact, she says, it's not too early to think about recording a Christmas CD during the summer! This is a totally free project, but a courtesy listing on our website would be nice. We will discuss this further and hopefully we can take advantage of Joanne's generous invitation.

I also received a note from Bryan Bowers – a nationally known autoharpist. He would like to perform at our September meeting and he said he had performed for our Society at a meeting a few years ago. Perhaps some of you recall that. I have tentatively agreed and will discuss this with the board for approval and an appropriate honorarium for Bryan's performance.

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 need our members to lend their skills to be

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## Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

Has the long winter left you feeling a bit blue, dispirited, and down in the dumps? Well a good healthy dose of fun with the Happy Harpers could be just the thing to get you back in a sunny mood.

The Happy Harpers are a congenial group that welcomes all who have an interest in autoharps. Our next meeting will be hosted by John Seest, at 5212 N. Capitol in Indianapolis. We will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 28. John can be reached at (317) 251-7789 or [jseest@jseest.cnc.net](mailto:jseest@jseest.cnc.net) for directions. Spending a little time with us could have you feeling on top of the world once again.

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## Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Many thanks to Chuck Morgan and Steve Kessinger for stepping up and filling in for the absent treasurer at the February meeting.

Our focus for the month has been Federal and State tax form compliance; for those of you who are detail minded that would be Indiana NP-20, IT-25AR, and IRS 990N forms.

Since a lot of members are a little shy on dues, I will have a list available at the meetings for your perusal. I apologize for being absent from the last meeting. As always, it is a privilege and pleasure to serve you, and to promote and participate in this musical fellowship.

Account status for February 2010: The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3694.62 (essentially unchanged from last month) and our savings balance is \$2674.04 (minor increase).

Membership Status: Family memberships are at 107 compared with 109 a year ago; three memberships are up for renewal in March 2010. Twenty-three (23) memberships have not been renewed in the past few months and are in jeopardy of being dropped.

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.

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## Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGS) continues it's meetings in 2010, at Robin Run Village on W. 62nd St. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Meetings are for all skill levels of mountain dulcimer players. We are led by Tull Glazener. Come join us on Wednesday evenings.

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## 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. Instructors include: Cathy Barton, Gary Gallier, Karen Mueller, Dave Para, Myra Dworski, Martha Richard, and Mark Wade. Workshops will begin at 9:00 AM, and the day's events will conclude with a concert beginning at 6:30 PM. The cost for the full day of workshops and the evening concert is \$25 for those who pre-register and \$30 if registering the day of the festival. Admission after 3:30 is only \$10, and that includes the evening concert. There will be food for purchase on site.

On Friday evening (May 21) there will be a welcome party/jam session at the church. All are invited to join us on Friday evening - there is no cost. Detailed information, including workshop descriptions and the registration form, are available at the festival's website: [www.blueriverfolkfest.com](http://www.blueriverfolkfest.com). You mail e-mail questions to: [renee@blueriverfolkfest.com](mailto:renee@blueriverfolkfest.com) or call Renee Moore at 317/392-3608. Hope you can join us May 22.

## Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

Thank you to everyone who showed up and played for the Ohio Valley Gathering, Feb. 27th in Lexington. Our instrumentation was well balanced and diverse. Many of you also had great performances in your smaller groups. It was a fine production of the Louisville Dulcimer Society, which is already planning on the next OVG in Indianapolis, March 24-25, 2011.

Given the 'gambling' theme, this month, I think it's appropriate to try the newer songs. Be ready to practice some of the latest songs of the month at the Big Band practice.

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### **Bean Blossom Foundation Announces April 17, 2010 Benefit Concert in Franklin, Indiana**

The Bean Blossom Jamboree Foundation has announced the details of the upcoming BBJF Bluegrass Benefit Concert to be held April 17, 2010 from 3:00 pm - 10:00 p.m. at the Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin, IN. The concert includes performances by acclaimed bluegrass veteran and Rounder Recording artist, Charlie Sizemore with his band; Jett's Creek, a national touring act; plus local favorites, New Harmony, Birch Creek, and Sugar Creek. Tickets are: \$20, \$10 (ages 6-12) and free (under 6 yrs) and can be purchased in advance or the day of the show at the Artcraft Theatre.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Bean Blossom Jamboree Foundation a non profit foundation formed to purchase the Bill Monroe Music Park located in Bean Blossom, IN and preserve the park's music festivals and traditions.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Franklin, IN 46131  
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successful and to meet our mission obligation of educating and perpetuating traditional American music.

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

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## ***March's Theme***



### **Gambling Songs**

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#### ***Put it on your Calendar CIFM&MDS Eagle Creek Folk Festival in June***

The Eagle Creek Committee has met several times so far this year, and is making plans for this year's event.

We are going to try a 2-day event this year, June 12-13. It will be at the Eagle Creek Marina stage. Though there will be more days, the hours will be shorter.

More details will follow, along with opportunities to assist, sign-ups for performances, and more. "Don't touch that dial"!

## Musical Themes for 2010

March: Gambling

April: Down and Out

May: Fair Maids

June: Waltzes

July: Travelers

August: Spirituals

September: Animals

October: Revenge

November: Memories

December: Holiday Party

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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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