

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## May 2008 Meeting

Sunday, May 11, 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 =
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Performance Hour</b>
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice Dulcimer Workshop
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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## A Message from our President

By Phil Slates

M is for the Music

O is for the Others with whom we play

T is for Tradition

H is for making "Hey"

E is for the Excitement

R is for Rewards we receive every day!

A very heartfelt Thank You to all Mothers, near and far!

### EAGLE CREEK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your ECFF Committee is now in full-steam-ahead mode as we head toward our annual big event. Elsewhere in this newsletter will be the sign up forms for Big Band, solo and group acts, and workshop resources, as well as the many other functions that are necessary to have a successful festival. I encourage you to look over the forms, and see where you can assist your Society.

There will be some special presentations this year, along with the usual assortment of good music and companionship. The Committee has put together a 4-pronged advertising approach, and has partnered with the Central Indiana Mandolin Society (Mandolindy) to get the word out on both events. The Fourth Annual Midwest Mandolin Festival is Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and our Big Band is scheduled to play. Then comes our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Creek Folk Festival on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Both events will be held on the Marina Stage. If you have any suggestions for placement of our event flyers, or want to help with the distribution, please let us know,

By the time you read this, our Big Band will have

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**News from Lew**  
**By Lew Mastin**

Workshop for May-Extremely Basic Mountain Dulcimer by Lew Mastin:

This is for those people who have had a thought at one time or another that they would like to learn more about the Mountain Dulcimer, maybe even learn to play one. I'll help you get acquainted with the instrument and hopefully give you enough information that creates a desire on your part to learn to play the MD. We have several dulcimers available for you to use for this workshop.

**Dulcimer Only Group (Dogs)**

Meets with Tull Glazener at Robin Run Village on West 62nd street in Indianapolis on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Tull's teaching is for all levels of mountain Dulcimer players. This is a real treat to learn from one the country's most skilled mountain dulcimer players.

**Resource people**

Autoharp	Dan & Christine Reneau
Hammered Dulcimer	Sharon Day
Banjo	Jonny Goodall
Guitar	Mario Joven
Mandolin	Jerry Chapman & James Todd
Mountain Dulcimer	Myra Dworski, Lew Mastin , & Glenda Hubbard
Fiddle	Myra Dworski
Ukulele	Susie Kraeszig



**Drumming up some interest**

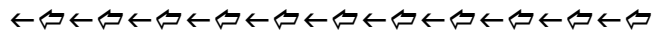
Another priceless tidbit for those interested in drumming/percussion...if you wish to know where to go for local drumming circles (for free), email Sandra the Treasurer.

**Happy Harpers**

By Christine Reneau

The Happy Harpers (and their autoharps) can be found in a very public place in May. We will be playing for the Irvington Farmers Market at Ellenberger Park on Sunday, May 18 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Ellenberger Park is located at 5301 E. St. Clair St. in Indianapolis. The contact person for this event is Karen Sechrist who can be reached at [gpsihart@comcast.net](mailto:gpsihart@comcast.net) or (317) 915-1092 for information.

Also, there will be no Happy Harpers meeting in June. It was originally scheduled for June 22, and we decided that we did not need a meeting on the day after Eagle Creek.



**Mandolin Workshop**

**By Jerry Chapman**

Folks, blues mandolin icon Rich DelGrosso will be teaching a mandolin workshop on June 8 at the Indiana History Center. He is coming to Indy to perform at the Midwest Mandolin Festival (June 7), also at the Yank Rachell Tribute CD Release Party the following day. He is not charging for either of these events, but hopes to make up his expenses with revenues from the workshop. Please help us support him and encourage him to come in the future by attending his workshop, and/or telling every mandolin player you know about it. You can see him for FREE at the Fourth Annual Midwest Mandolin Festival on June 7; there is an admission charge for the Yank Tribute, all proceeds going to Yank's Granddaughter Sheena Rachell, who is faced with serious medical and financial challenges.

Workshop info: [http://www.mandolin dy.com/DelGrosso \\_workshop\\_ 2008](http://www.mandolin dy.com/DelGrosso _workshop_ 2008)

Midwest Mandolin Festival info: <http://www.mandolin dy.com/MMF1& 2>

## Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

I want everyone to know that I have recovered from carpal surgery enough to play again. You don't realize how much you miss something until it's taken away.

Well, we are into May now, so let's rev our engines and get on track for the Eagle Creek Folk Festival. I need people to sign up to play the two Big Band sets. The Big Band will begin and end the festival.

I hope to have the set leaders picked by the meeting so we can run through their sets. We will also do the same in June since the meeting is before the festival.

We are also scheduled to play at The Midwest Mandolin Festival again this year, set for June 7th. I think we play around 6pm, but will confirm with Jerry Chapman. I will put out a sign up sheet for both festivals.

That's all for this month, so just keep practicing (even the new songs from the book) and I will see you at the meeting.

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May's Musical Theme (really, this time)

### RIVERS



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### Hammered Dulcimer Workshop

Thursday May 15, 6:30, Beg. To Int. Hammered Dulcimer with our own Randi Klees.  
Instruments are available for those without one.  
Call 812-988-1180 for cost and location

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played its first gig of 2008, in Greenfield. Hopefully we will get an update at the meeting as to how it went. I'll give a grateful thank you to all who attended to promote our Society. As with many things that are related to the economy, the public's entertainment dollar shrivels up when times get tough, so we will need everyone's assistance in securing gigs for our Big Band. Pass your suggestions and contact information along.

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### The Treasurer's Report

By Sanda Gruber

Happy Mothers Day! Whether you are celebrating the taking care of young humans, domesticated animals, or growing plants and such, lets all take time to appreciate and thank our Mother and Mother Earth for all they provide for us.

As our membership provides for our continued musical growth, here are the figures on financial standings: (all figures are rounded off to the nearest dollar as of the end of April) Savings has \$2649, Checking has \$2827, and our household membership is at 102 (compared to last year same month at 107).

Just a reminder: If you need to renew your dues, they are still only \$20 per household. Once you are over 3 months past due, you will be moved from the current roster to the "past member" roster, and will not get the newsletter until you become a current paid member.

Been a while since you looked at your songbook? In case you are missing too many songs, you can purchase a songbook for \$20 (or less if you need a fiddle pack).

Wonder if your membership is due for renewal, or need your name badge adjusted, or have a songbook question? Email Sandra at [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net) for answers. Also, if you decide to get the newsletter via email only instead of usps, let Sandra and Ruth know to update our records and help save our group money.

## *Gary Kiser Performance Schedule*

Our own Gary Kiser will be performing on guitar and vocals at the following locations:

Artsgarden, corner of Illinois & Washington Sts., Indianapolis, IN, Friday May 9th, 12:15pm

Mooresville Library, (see above for address), Saturday October 25th, 1pm.

Speedway Library, TBA  
(call 243-8959 for information)

Come out and hear an excellent guitar player pick from his repertoire of folk, gospel, instrumental and blues music, and support a fellow Society member!



Have your performance announced in the next newsletter, contact the editor.

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These folks are here to serve YOU, the members of the Society. Please share your thoughts, ideas, energy, and enthusiasm!



