

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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May 2011 Meeting

Sunday, May 8, 2011

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
	Slow Jam Session
2:00 – 3:00	Performance Hour
3:00 – 4:00	<i>Big Band Folk Fest</i>
	<i>Set Lists review</i>
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

May is here, and our Eagle Creek Folk Festival is next month! I can't believe that half of the year is almost gone. We have just a few weeks to finalize the details for the festival, and we need each of you to help out.

In the past, we have relied on the fact that even though members did not sign up in advance, someone always offered to help, and we were able to get by. While we always appreciate it when someone steps up to help, I have to share with you that some of the gray hairs I've received have been the result of not knowing if things were going to go well.

We have so many great opportunities to help out for just a short while throughout the schedule of the festival, and those key players who help out every year need to know that they can leave for an hour or so to enjoy the performers on stage or take a workshop.

While the schedule is not yet finalized, we are looking to set aside a block of stage time for performers that either are young people, or have musical talents that are geared for young people (younger than 15 years). Please give of your talents and time so that the festival can be successful.

I want to remind everyone of something announced at the April meeting regarding entrance to the park. We will NOT be asking that the park let our members in for free this year. The Parks Department is facing some steep budget cuts.

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The Treasurer's Report
By George McCord

Please welcome back member Chuck Mills. We now have both ASCAP & BMI performance licenses.

Account status for April 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):
\$2800.66 checking balance (less than last month).
\$2689.53 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).
(\$935.36) less in the treasury than last year at the same time.
(\$679.34) operating loss this year to date.
(\$1011.27) operating loss the past rolling year.
Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover about 12.5 months of expenses.

Membership Status: We had 4 renewals, 1 reinstatement, and lost 2 memberships in April 2011. Family memberships are at 102 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. Copies of the Main Songbook with Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin 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 any of these songbooks.

Thanks for Jean Vance's assistance at the meetings. It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

May Performance Theme

Nature



Good Luck Charm Concert – Friday the 13th
Hogeye Navy and The Indianapolis Ceili Band

When: Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, 615 W. 43rd St. Indianapolis, IN
Tickets: \$10 at the door

Two of Indy's best traditional Irish/Celtic bands, Hogeye Navy and The Indianapolis Ceili Band will be bringing you an evening of music, fun, and dancing. Don't miss this opportunity to see BOTH bands in the same evening! As a very special treat, Ken Gall, a member of the Indianapolis Traditional Music & Dance Group, will be calling for Contra dancing!

BIER Brewery, one of the newest microbreweries in Indiana, will be providing a selection of fine craft beer. Light snacks and other beverages also available; and feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. Concert venue is non-smoking and family friendly.

This concert is being presented by friends and fans of Hogeye Navy as fundraiser to help send the band on a trip to Ireland in June! Contact Joanne & Joe Smiddie-Brush at Jsmiddiebrush@comcast.net or Mac Bellner macbellner@yahoo.com with any questions.

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37" ANNUAL EAGLE cREEK
Eagle Creek Marina Stage

Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 2011 from 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Tell your friends, bring your family, put it on your Facebook page, just get the word out. If you'd like to help with promoting the festival, contact Myrna Gray or Susie Kraeszig.



Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab
Music Coordinator

Set leaders for the Eagle Creek Folk Festival are:

Sat am Dan Reneau
Sat pm Mike Raab

Sun am Dave Slates
Sun pm Phil Slates

Set list for Saturday June 11, 2011 EVENING big band performance:

Old Joe Clark (A)
Cripple Creek (D)
Froggie Went A Courtin' (D)
Down in the Valley (D)
There Is A Tavern in the Town (G)
All The Good Times (D)
In The Sweet By And By (D)
Darling Nellie Gray (G)
Turkey in the Straw (G)
Cluck Old Hen (G)
Who Will Sing One Song For Me (A)
Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad (D)
Westphalia Waltz

According to memory, at last year's May meeting, performance hour was used to allow the set leaders time to run through any songs they think needed practice. The set leaders this year can address those needs during the big band practice, *and I would like to have a regular performance hour.*

This year's schedule is starting to fill out:
Hoosier Hills Fiber Arts Festival, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin IN, Saturday, June 4, noon
Eagle Creek Folk Festival, June 11-12
Heartland Apiary Society Conference, Vincennes University, Vincennes IN, Thursday, July 7.
Crestwood Village Old-Fashioned Days, August 6 (East), August 13 (North), August 20 (West), August 27 (South)
Bethlehem Lutheran picnic, Broad Ripple Park, Sunday, August 7
Cumberland Arts Festival, August 20 (same day as Crestwood West). Anyone interested in playing please contact me for more info.

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We've partnered with them for years, and they have allowed our members entrance during the festival. In an effort to support the Parks Department, we will not be requesting that of them this year. The entry fee is \$5.00 per car, per day. Please car pool so that you can save money, and help save gas, too! See, and hear, you there!

News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group invites all mountain dulcimer players to meet with us at Robin Run Village on West 62nd St in Indianapolis on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Currently we are working on music for the Eagle Creek Festival. All skill levels are welcome.

I have a few copies of the Dogs performance at the gathering. Please see me if you want one. While they last!

FESTIVAL ANGELS/SUPPORT SERVICES
ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH DAYS OF THE
FESTIVAL

Please consider volunteering. No need to be there both days, and even all day/one day. Some of these opportunities are of a very short duration:

Setup Crew (AM)
Cleanup Crew (PM)
Society Information Table (shifts throughout the day)
Food and Drink
Workshop Instructor: (indicate type of workshop)
Workshop Leader: (will help oversee some of the workshops on days of the festival)
Dining Fly or picnic table tarp availability: volunteer your large tent or dining fly, help setup and teardown, that's it!!!
Stage managers/roadies: Assist with getting performers on/off stage, moving microphones, shifts throughout the day.
Workshop manager: facilitate workshop leaders, make sure workshops start on time, daily shifts.

For Sale

15/14 hammered dulcimer from Mountain Made Music. Accessories included. Asking \$350. Contact Shelley Van Antwerp - 317-284-5323 days, 317-357-8495 evenings, or via email; shelley@bcibenefits.com

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Eagle Creek Folk Festival – Kids Day

Sunday, June 12 will be a special day at our Folk Fest. Besides being the ad hoc membership meeting for the month, we will have some workshops and stage performances aimed at introducing folk music to youngsters in a fun and entertaining way.

If you have a knack with kids, and want to help with either the workshops or performance, let it be known. You will be an intregal part in “promoting folk music” to the coming generations.

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