

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## November 2008 Meeting

Sunday November 9th, 2008

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

1:00 – 2:00	Annual Business Meeting
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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## A Message from the President

by Phil Slates

Féile Shamhna (Happy Halloween), Happy Thanksgiving, and more merriment and mirth as we enter the holiday season, and prepare for the New Year ahead. The end is in sight, but we have more to do to get there.

A big Thanks to Eric Fricke for organizing a Folk Worship service for our brave veterans (see "Dave's Doodlings" for more info).

A hearty handshake to Music Coordinator Dave Slates for handling the many tasks thrust upon that position (yes we're going to get him some help). The Big Band has played, and played well, at many gigs this year, and Dave is already lining up opportunities for us in the year 2009.

The November meeting is our annual Business meeting, a chance for us all to have some input into the leaders and direction of our Society (see Page 2). I can't thank the members of the current Board of Directors enough for all their hard work, dedication, and selfless donation of time. It has been my distinct pleasure to be surrounded by such good people, working for a common goal.

Also mentioned on Page 2 is a "straw poll" regarding the idea of altering the Society's title to better reflect our mission statement. For purposes of our not-for-profit status, we would technically remain the Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society, but in everyday communications, we might alter that to "Indiana Folk Music Society", or whatever the membership

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## The Happy Harpers

By Christine Reneau

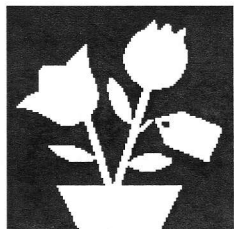
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Well, okay, maybe not quite yet. (At least, let's hope not!) However, it should begin to SOUND like it on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> when the Happy Harpers start to get into a holiday mood. We will meet at the home of Judy Doss at 2:00 PM. Judy lives at 4614 Susy Lane in Indianapolis, and she can be reached at [judyldv@att.net](mailto:judyldv@att.net) or 317-244-6208 for directions.

Get out those autoharps and get ready to dust off some old seasonal favorites and perhaps learn a couple of new holiday tunes too. Anyone with an interest in autoharps is always welcome. We really are a happy and friendly bunch of folks -- sometimes, even jolly -- ho, ho, ho

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### November's Musical Theme

#### *Flora and Fauna*



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### News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group meets at Robin Run Village on West 62nd Street in Indianapolis each 2nd and 4th Wednesday night at 7 PM. The group primarily plays musical arrangements by Tull Glazener. This is more ensemble playing than you normally see with Mountain Dulcimers involved in . All skill levels will enjoy!

Ron & Hattie Hunt host a dulcimer jam on the 4th Monday of each month at their home. Their address is 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis. If you need directions, or want to let Hattie know that you will be there, call Hattie at 888- 9561.

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## Annual Business Meeting

This upcoming Society meeting, Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, is our Annual Business Meeting. The format will be slightly different than usual, in that the 1 to 2PM time slot usually reserved for the "slow jam" will feature election of Board Officers and other official business. The remainder of the meeting format will be the same, with "Performance Hour", "Big Band Practice" and "Sharing Circle" at their normal times.

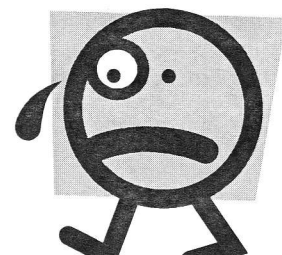
The Nominating Committee has been diligently seeking members interested in serving the Society as the Board of Directors. It has been something of a struggle this year, as many folks are loaded with the time demands of modern life. So far, the slate of officers is; Dave Wensits for Treasurer, Amy Raab for Secretary, Dave Slates for Music Coordinator, and Gary Rogers for Member at Large. That leaves the President and Vice-President offices open. Anyone interested in serving the Society in these roles should contact Dan Reneau (see Page 4 for contact info). Nominations for these and any of the offices will be taken from the floor prior to the election.

Along with the elections, there will be a "straw poll" regarding the possibility of altering the Society's title, so as to reflect our mission statement accurately. This is not a final vote, just an indication if there is enough interest for the Board to pursue this issue. Be sure to attend!

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### November Snacks

Perhaps this would be better titled "the lack of snack". We haven't had anyone sign up for snacks for the upcoming meeting, so it may be a "weight watcher's" meeting. If anyone is interested, please let one of us know.



## Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates  
Music Coordinator

This months meeting is very important. This is your chance to have a say in the direction of our Society, by voting on our slate for Board of Directors. You can also nominate from the floor or have someone nominate you. Please take an active part in our election.

A reminder to those who signed up; member Eric Fricke is leading us in a folk worship service at the VA Hospital on Sunday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank Eric for arranging and leading this outreach to our veterans who have given so much for our country. Eric can be reached at 268-492-0264 or [fabfifanfrick@aol.com](mailto:fabfifanfrick@aol.com).

We have our annual Mooresville Library performance on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. The library is located at 220 W Harrison St in Mooresville. There will be a sign up sheet at the upcoming meeting. In preparation for the Mooresville gig we will be working on Christmas music at the November meeting.

This is a great time of year to spread joy and happiness through our music, and our friendship. See you at the meeting.

### Acoustic Open Mic Changes Venue

Effective immediately, there is no longer an open stage at Barley Island on Sunday nights. The good news is that the Old Towne Ale House in Fishers, beginning this Sunday, November 2nd, will begin featuring a weekly Acoustic Music Open Stage! The folks there are on fire about this new open stage and want you to know they are live music oriented.

Here are the details:

Sundays 6-10:30 pm. Begins Sunday, 11/02/08!  
The Acoustic Music Open Stage.

Old Town Ale House, 8657 E. 116th St.  
Fishers, IN 46038, 317-841-0800.

Sign-up is at 6:00 sharp.

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agrees to. Of course, if there is not enough interest or consensus, the idea can be dropped. Another "straw poll", possibly in the December issue of the newsletter, will try to find out how our membership likes to receive their information; phone, email, website, newsletter, etc.

### The Treasurer's Report

By Sandra Gruber

Welcome to Fall. As the temperatures fall and we give thanks for having indoor meetings (some of the outdoor drum groups end due to falling degrees), let's check the numbers to see where they fall.

Our checking account is like Indian Summer , with warm trends at \$3229. Our savings account is also warm at \$2657. Our household membership, however, is like Fall, it's now down to 98 compared to 108 this time last year. Don't forget to give the treasurer your dues to keep our group warm and singing (or playing).

If you know of someone that wants to join our group, its still only \$20 for membership and songbooks are also at \$20. Speaking of new folks lets welcome Linda Darr, Mark Corneluous, and Susan McGuire to our group. Also, I wish to thank those who were kind enough to pay their dues this month. I don't like to drop members when their dues lapse past a few months, so please pay promptly to continue getting your newsletter and to support our Society.

Do you want your newsletter via US Mail or email? Please let us know, since we are trying to have the majority of them sent via email to reduce our expenses. We also want updates on your name badge, roster info (address, email, phone, etc) so let us know if there are any changes in any of them!

If you want indoor drum circle information, email Sandra at [sgruber@mw.net](mailto:sgruber@mw.net) , and if you have any drums for sale or want a drum, let me know.

**An Evening of Dylan in the Heartland**

Hoping you can join some of Indiana's finest singer-songwriters and musicians in an evening of the songs by the great lyricist BOB DYLAN. Come hear the blurred boundaries of Hoosier artists in Americana music.

"Hoosier Dylan" with GORDON BONHAM, JENNIE DEVOE, TIM GRIMM, STELLA AND JANE, THE WHITE LIGHTNING BOYS, JASON WILBER and special guest NORBERT KRAPP (Indiana's Poet laureate)

Friday, Nov. 7, THE CRUMP THEATER  
425 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Columbus, IN  
8 pm Concert, 7 pm doors open

Tickets \$15 advance/\$18 at door (\$10 tickets for teens at the door)  
Tickets call 812-376-3465, online at:  
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