

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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October 2011 Meeting

Sunday, October 9, 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	Big Band Practice
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

As we near the end of the calendar year, we should take a chance to look back and marvel at all that we have accomplished; and begin to plot and plan for what we want to see occur next year!

We've:

- expanded our circle of gigs by playing in Vincennes (Heartland Apiary Society Conference), as well as Riley Wranglers Arts and Crafts Fair, Hoosier Hills Fiber Arts Festival, Crestwood Village Old-Fashioned Days (each Saturday in August), Bethlehem Lutheran picnic, Broad Ripple Park, Civil War Heritage days, Speedway Library, and the Ice Cream Churn Off at the Indiana State Fair (I may have mistakenly omitted a few here)
- had a great presence at the Ohio Valley Gathering that the Louisville Dulcimer Society held in Indianapolis earlier this year
- repeated our performance at the Riley Day in Greenfield this month (10/8 for those that can make it)
- produced a monthly radio show on WITT 91.9
- had some great guest performers
- received a great boost of \$ and enthusiasm from Mandolindy
- received some really good workshop information (Rick Thum's handout for figuring out keys is even in this percussionist's files)

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This month's song theme: "Dance or Dancing"

The Treasurer's Report
By George McCord

Account status for September 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$3848.32 checking balance (significantly more than last month).

\$2695.06 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$867.13 more in the treasury compared with last year at the same time.

\$278.46 operating gain this year to date.

\$778.19 operating gain over the past rolling year.

Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover about 15 months worth of expenses.

Membership Status: We had no new members, 10 renewals, no reinstatements, and lost no memberships in September 2011. Family memberships are at 108 compared with 101 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 to Jean Vance for assisting with treasury services at the September meeting.

It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

October Performance Theme

Dance or Dancing



Carolina Chocolate Drops at Purdue

The Fiddler's Gathering folks passed this along:
Carolina Chocolate Drops
October 20 / 7:30 pm / Loeb Playhouse
General public: \$26 / Student: \$19

The Carolina Chocolate Drops take Appalachian folk and stir it into the modern-day melting pot with a dash of soul and sass. This African-American string/jug band uses tradition as its guide to honor the rich musical heritage of the string band. Yet, classic string bands absorbed other music influences, and it's no different for the "Drops." The ragtime, banjo music, country, and popular music that were folded into Piedmont blues of the Carolinas are still part of their recipe, yet the Drops sweeten things with remakes of songs by Tom Waits and the 2001 R&B hit "Hit 'Em Up Style."

For more information go online to www.convocations.org or call the campus box office at 1-800-914-SHOW.

Indy Folk Series presents Ennis Clare

OCT. 15: ENNIS CLARE

www.ennisclareband.com

A high-energy, traditional Irish band delivering rousing Celtic tunes on strings, flute, pipes, accordion and more. Stomp your feet and sing along to old Irish tunes and contemporary numbers. It's beguillin', begorra! The band features CIFM&MDS member Mario Joven on bass, banjo, and other instruments.

Indy Folk Series www.indyfolkseries.org

UII (Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, 615 W. 43rd St.)

www.uui.org

\$10 (12 and under free)

Coffee, snacks and wine available--and highly recommended. Check out the rest of the IFS season on the website.



Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab
Music Coordinator

I'm truly thankful. I know, it's only October and the 'official' Thanksgiving Day isn't for another month-and-a-half.

Of course, we're encouraged to be thankful in all circumstances, not just one day a year. This time of year, though, I'm thankful for getting through the summer performance season in one piece. I can take a nice, deep breath now. We may have a couple more gigs before we ring in 2012, but we can look back at the big events of the summer: ECFF, HAS Conference in Vincennes (mostly, I remember the white-knuckled 5-hour round trip in the 15 passenger van), the Crestwood gigs, and the State Fair (Wabash Cannonball during the storm).

We finished off the summer with a pleasant time on the Benton House lawn, playing to the passers-by and the classic car owners. Later that week, barely into autumn, our dulcet melodies aided the lunchtime digestion of the attendees of the Allisonville Meadows Alzheimer's Benefit. Lew and Tom and others talked at length with some folks whose curiosity about the instruments and our group got the better of them. Ruth and her percussion set found a fan club (many under 4 ft. tall) eagerly waiting to talk with her and play the cymbals. Our performance at the Riley Festival at 2 p.m., October 8th, will be our last, for a little while, unless you count the performance hour at our meeting the following day. Bring your jigs, hornpipes, waltzes, and other traditional old-time dance tunes to play for us all!

If you feel you've been missing some of the gigs due to a lack of proper, timely communication from myself, you aren't a member of the Yahoo! DulSoc bulletin board, and you would like to receive a postcard or phone call informing you of the upcoming gigs, please let me know at the meeting or drop me line c/o the CIFM & MDS mailing address:

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- been well-represented by the Happy Harpers and DOGs in their performances as part of the Society and we've just completed the third quarter of the year!

There is so much more to do and enjoy, and we need your talents. If you'd like to be part of the Board of Directors, please be sure to let someone on the board know before the October meeting. I asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee in last month's newsletter and meeting, but so far have no volunteers. For those of you who know me, this will come as no surprise; I will begin drafting committee members at the October meeting (not showing up will not give you immunity to the draft) so that we can conduct the election at the November 2011 meeting.

Please think about volunteering for either the Nominating Committee, or serving on the Board. If you can't make one of those commitments, we'll be relying on you to continue to support us by coming to meetings, attending gigs and volunteering for our projects. Some of you who have never served as an officer are the ones we rely on to get us through the year. Thanks to everyone for doing all that they can do to help!

Happy Harpers Happenings

By Christine Reneau

In October, the Happy Harpers will be dishing out a heaping helping of Hoosier Hospitality. We will be providing the refreshments for the October CIFM&MDS meeting. In addition, the Happy Harpers song theme for October will be "hospitality". That theme will be explored at the next Happy Harpers meeting, which will be hosted by "Mr. Hospitality" himself; our own John Seest. John lives at 5212 N. Capitol in Indianapolis. We will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 23. John can be reached at (317) 251-7789 or jaseest@att.net for directions. If you have a fondness for autoharps, you are welcome to come and enjoy the Happy Harpers own brand of congeniality and entertainment.

Mario Joven's Upcoming Gigs

October 14: with Ennis Clare at the Claddagh on 96th Street just East of Keystone.

October 15: with Ennis Clare at the Indy Folk Series (www.indyfolkseries.org)

October 29: solo at the Binford Market.

News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGs) meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Robin Run Village on West 62nd Street in Indianapolis. Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to come join us.

We will be playing some of the music we have not played in a while. If you have something you want to play that is new to the current group, just bring enough copies to share and lets have Fun.

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