

# Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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## September 2010 Meeting

Sunday September 12th, 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	Guest Performance
3:00-4:00	w/ Bryan Bowers
4:00-5:00	Sharing Circle



## This Month's Message from the President

By Chuck Morgan

The Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society is proud to have a performance by Bryan Bowers at the Society Meeting on September 12, 2010. Bryan's performance will begin at 2 o'clock.

Bower's creativity and talent have won him induction into Frets Magazine's First Gallery of the Greats after five years of winning the stringed instrument, open category of the magazine's readers poll. This distinction put Bowers along side other luminaries, such as Chet Atkins, David Grisman, Stephan Grappelli, Itzhak Perlman, Tony Rice, Rob Wasserman and Mark O'Connor, recognized for their personal accomplishments. In 1993, Bryan was inducted into the Autoharp Hall of Fame to stand only with Maybelle Carter, Kilby Snow, and Sara Carter.

From his rather unglamorous beginning as a street singer, Bryan Bowers has become a major artist on the traditional music circuit. He has redefined the autoharp and is also well known as a singer-songwriter. Bryan has a dynamic outgoing personality and an uncanny ability to enchant a crowd in practically any situation. His towering six foot four inch frame can be wild and zany on stage while playing a song like 'Dixie' and five minutes later he can have the same audience singing 'Will The Circle Be Unbroken' in quiet reverence and delight.

For nearly three decades, Bryan Bowers has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. He presents instrumental virtuosity

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## Happy Harper's Happenings

By Christine Reneau

The Talmud says: "Live well. It is the greatest revenge." However I suspect that most of the tunes the Happy Harpers will be singing in September fit better with Robert F. Kennedy's "Don't get mad, get even." On Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 PM the Happy Harpers will be singing about "just desserts" and "poetic justice". We will be meeting at the home of Linda McGlothlin who lives in Indianapolis at 6367 N. Parker Ave. Linda can be reached at (317) 257-6350 or [mcglothlinl@stlukesumc.com](mailto:mcglothlinl@stlukesumc.com) for directions.

Know anyone who "has it coming" or deserves "payback"? Well, our tunes won't just be about "someone done someone wrong"; ours will be more in line with "one of these days these boots are gonna walk all over you!" Even when singing songs of vengeance, the Happy Harpers are a congenial bunch, so all are welcome to come and join in on our fun -- and, oh, yes, live well too.

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## Treasurer's Report

By George McCord

Please welcome new members Sharon O'Connell and Bob McColgin.

Hats off to the members who have lead and participated in the several performances over the last month or two. Thanks as well to our webmaster, Barry Levitt, who has been grappling with the challenging web service renewals.

We appreciate Dave Wensits, last year's treasurer and previous officer of CIFM&MDS, remaining available for consultation as we wend our way through this year.

There are many unsung (pardon the pun) contributors to our society, but I would like to recognize the efforts of Phil Slates, our Newsletter editor and publisher. Good job.

Account status ending August 2010 (prior to reconciliation): The checking balance, as of this writing, is \$3312.45 (increased from last month)

and our savings balance is \$2680.68 (essentially the same as last month). For this year-to-date, we have had a net operating loss of about \$436.92 (less than last month); we have \$612.51 more in the treasury than last year at the same time. However, there may yet be outstanding bills from the Eagle Creek Festival to be satisfied.

**Membership Status:** We had 2 new members, 9 renewals, and lost 2 members in August. Family memberships are at 102 compared with 103 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.

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

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## Dulcimer News from Lew

The Dulcimer Only Group will resume its regular schedule in September. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday (Sept 8) and the 4th Wednesday (Sept 22). ☐ Meetings are at Robin Run Village on West 62nd street. Meetings are generally held in the Community Room.

All Mountain Dulcimer players are welcome. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are encouraged to participate. Tull Glazener arranges the music we play. If you are new, or have started playing with us recently, a copy of Tull's arrangements are available on Disk. Contact me if you need a copy;  
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## Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab

What a whirlwind August we've had! Amidst the withering midsummer heat and record dry August we played six gigs! The **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Picnic**(1) at Broad Ripple Park, the four **Crestwood Village Old Fashioned Days**(2,3,4,6) noontime concerts, and on the last day of the **State Fair, the Ice Cream Crank-Off**(5) at the Pioneer Village Opera House were very well-attended by our players and audiences alike!

Many thanks to the following performers:

George Babbitt(5), Barb Bailie(5), Bill Griffin(2,5), John Jenkins(5), Steve Kessinger(2,3,4,5,6), Bill Kissling(2,3,4,5,6), Randi Klees(4,5), Suzy Kraeszig(1,5), Janis Lewman(1), Tom Martz(5), Lew Mastin(5), George McCord(1,5), Linda McGlothlin(5), Laura Mendelsohn(4,5), Chuck Mills(5), Chuck Morgan(2,3,4,5), Sharon O'Connell(3,5), John Platt(all), Cathy Platt(1,2,3,5,6), Nathaniel Raab(4), Dan and Christine Reneau(1,3,4,5,6), Gary Rogers(2,3,4), Karen Rogers(2), Sam Ross(4,5,6), Marianne Ross(6), Karen Sechrist(1,2), John Seest(1), Dave Silk(6), Dave and Ruth Slates(3,4,5,6), Phil and Carla Slates(1,5), Frank Tardy(1), Connie Morley(1), Kim Wade(3,5,6), Mary Jane Weathers(6), Dave Wensits(3), George and Betsy Wilson(5), Carol Woods(2,3,4,5,6)

Special thanks to Dan Reneau for leading the CW South gig, and covering for me at the start of the CW West gig while I was delayed.

**September** will be a month of rest with regard to gigs. In fact, the schedule for the rest of the year, *at this time*, is open; yet, there will likely be a holiday season gig or two to play. Enjoy our special guest performer, **Bryan Bowers**, this month, and prepare your best songs for the performance hours in October (*Revenge*) and November (*Memories*).

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combined with warmth, eloquence, expression and professionalism.

"To call Bryan Bowers' performance simply a 'concert' would be inadequate if not inaccurate ... (it) could better be described as an experience!"

□ -Desert News

"Bowers is widely regarded as the leading virtuoso on the autoharp... Bowers also has distinct gifts as a singer and songwriter."

-People Magazine

"...This man makes more music from an Autoharp than you can imagine from a 12-string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory."

-The Washington Times

See you all there!

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### **New Christy Minstrels in Indy!**

The Mansion is hosting The New Christy Minstrels this fall at for dinner and a show. I thought that this concert could possibly be of interest to the CIFM&MDS members. As many of you are no doubt aware, CIFM&MDS member Greg O'Haver has been a recent addition to the band.

We would be willing to talk with your members about doing a group discount for parties of 20 or more, so if that is something you would be interested in, please let me know. If you have any questions at all, please call!

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## Ya'll invited to Kissling-Fest 2010

Bill Kissling invites the Dulsoc members and families to his annual weenie roast on 10/02/10 at 5:00 PM.

Bring your chairs and your music instruments and eat and play. Bring a side dish to share but everything else will be provided.

This is at 6292 Spring Lake Rd. Mooresville, IN, just off of Kitchen Rd. and Rt.144. Phone # 317-831-3816

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