

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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September 2008 Meeting

Sunday September 14th, 2008

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

1:00 – 2:00	Board Meeting
	Slow Jam
2:00 – 3:00	Performance Hour
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice
	Set Leader Workshop
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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. A Message from the President

by Phil Slates

With the State Fair behind us, and the kids all back in school, it is time to look forward toward the Fall and the upcoming holiday seasons. Plus, we have many Big Band gig dates to prepare for, as this is appearing to be our busy season as well. Check out "Dave's Doodlings" for opportunities to play with your fellow Society members.

Speaking of playing with the Big Band:

One of our ongoing challenges within the Society is trying to have enough Big Band set leaders, so that when we do have a "full schedule" we do not burn out a small handful of leaders. It is also well within our mission to enhance the education of more of our membership. Toward that end, Vice-President Lew Mastin has asked Dan Reneau to teach a Set Leader workshop at this September meeting (see Lew's column). I have attended Dan's workshop in the past, and it is both instructive and entertaining. I hope that many of you will attend, and consider becoming a set leader. If we spread the fun around to a larger group of people, it will not become a chore for a small handful. That, in turn, will allow us to commit to an even larger schedule of gigs, which as everyone who has read my column knows, is the financial life-blood of our organization.

Finally, I'll switch hats here a minute, and speak as your newsletter editor. The Society newsletter is not only a great way to learn about Society activities, but it could be a valuable tool to inform our membership about activities of individual members. So if you or a group you are in have an

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The Happy Harpers

By Christine Reneau

In September the Happy Harpers will be singing about our glorious bounty of fruits and veggies whether they be Indiana bananas or Jerusalem artichokes. That could include songs about anything from avocados to zucchinis and everything in between -- such as kumquats, persimmons, rhubarb, kohlrabies, rutabagas, okra, or maybe even spaghetti squash. Grab an autoharp and come sing with us at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 28. 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 mcglathlinl@stlukesumc.com for directions.

By the way, Indiana bananas are also known as pawpaws. You know -- "pickin' up pawpaws, put 'em in your pocket, way down yonder in the pawpaw patch".

September's Musical Theme

Professions



News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

Set Leader Workshop

Dan Reneau will be conducting the workshop at the September meeting. He will be instructing on how to lead a gig, jam, set or whatever. Dan has graciously given his time to lead many of the gigs we have had in the past few years. His experience and knowledge has led to many fun and successful gigs for our Society. Come to the workshop and see what a set leader does and how you can

contribute more to your organization.

The Dulcimer Only Group did not meet in August as Tull had other commitments. The group meets at Robin Run Village (just off West 62nd street) each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Tull sends email announcements of each meeting to those who have given him their email addresses. If you are not receiving these messages, and want to be informed, give either myself or Tull your address.

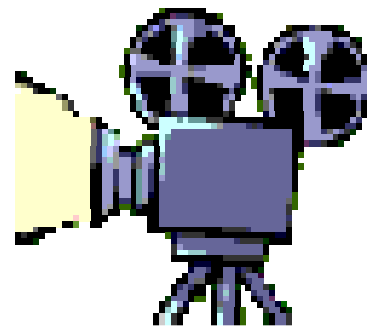
The 4th Monday night of each month Ron And Hattie Hunt host Dulcimers at their home for an evening of fun dulcimer jamming. Their address is 8403 Parish Lane, Indianapolis. Call Hattie if you need directions., Her phone number is 888-9561.

You Bring the Popcorn!

For something truly different during the September meeting, we'll draw down the shades, darken the lights, and sit back for an enjoyable moment of video nostalgia, as we present the CIFM&MDS Big Band on the Big Screen.

Music Director Dave Slates was able to capture a good portion of the Big Band set at this year's Eagle Creek Folk Fest on video. Member-at-large John Seest has secured the necessary projection equipment, and our meeting hall is already equipped with a pull down screen, so it will be "on with the show".

We'll take an early break from the Performance Hour, grab some quick snacks, then settle back in to see and hear ourselves. Then we'll return "to the normally scheduled program now in progress".



Dave's Doodlings

By Dave Slates
Music Coordinator

This is Crestwood Village month, by meeting time we will have played two if the gigs.

On the 20th we play the Westside Crestwood at noon, and then we head to Plainfield to play at the Plainfield Library at 3PM. With this much traveling, and the cost of gas, I might suggest we use the chat room to set up carpooling.

On the 27th we play Crestwood north, the last of the Crestwood's.

I want to thank Dan Reneau and Sam Ross for stepping up and being set leaders for these gigs. When you see them, please give them a pat on the back and a big thanks!

I just booked a gig for October the 11th. It is the Spotlight on Nursing race we played last year. It will be at Buggs Temple again this year. We play at an early 9:15 AM. I will have a sign up sheet and directions at the meeting.

I will get all these gigs on the calendar on the chat room. We are always looking for suggestions for places to play, and in need of volunteers' to be set leaders. You can talk with me or any other board member with you ideas.

Let's keep playin' and having fun.

Crestwood West Sept 20th
230 Welcome Way West Dr

On September 20th we also have a 3PM gig at the Plainfield Library at 1120 Stafford Rd Plainfield IN 46168

Crestwood North Sept 27th
9225 Garrison Dr

We have already booked the Mooresville Library Old Fashion Christmas, on December 6th. More details to follow.

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upcoming performance, or you know about some folk music activities that would be of interest to our membership (workshops, festivals, etc), just drop me a line or give me a call, and I'd be happy to include it (space permitting) in the newsletter. (trainphil2002@yahoo.com or 255-8415).

The Treasurer's Report

By Sanda Gruber

Due to these busy times, I am going to cut to the chase on my column. Our financial standing shows \$2655 in savings, \$2190 in checking, and current membership at 105 households compared to 107 last year.

If you need to change any items in our roster, [name badges](#), email vs usps for newsletters, or any other information, please send me the info at sgruber@mw.net or call [726-0369](tel:726-0369). I keep the lists, and Ruth sends out the newsletters. Need to renew your membership? Either pay \$20 to CIFMMDS via the P.O. Box, or hand it in at our next meeting (after 2pm). Need a songbook? See me at the meeting for one of 3 versions available.

We do not supply membership cards for members, so please wear your [name badge](#) to ID yourself at meetings.

Are you a percussionist/drummer? Want to know where the drum circles are? Contact me for information on local groups.

Have a good one, and see you at the meeting!

Thanks for Signing Up for Snacks!

We appreciate Phil & Carla Slates for signing up for the September meeting snacks!

Society members have also stepped forward for the month of October, so all we need is someone to take on November, and we will be set for snacks for 2008. Of course, we will have our big food-fest in December.

Gary Kiser Performance Schedule

Speedway Library
Saturday, September 27th
2pm, free admission
(call 243-8959 for information)

Mooresville Library,
Saturday October 25th, 1pm.



Mandofest Videos Online

Videos of each of the performers from the Fourth Annual Midwest Mandolin Festival, held June 7, 2008, at [Eagle Creek Park](#), are now available free online. To see them go to www.mandolindy.com. It was a great time, and included some of the best regional music talent and national acts Rich DelGrosso and Andra Faye ([Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women](#)). Check out the CIFM&MDS Big Band music too!

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