

# THE CENTRAL INDIANA FOLK MUSIC & MOUNTAIN DULCIMER SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER

### August 2016 Meeting

Sunday, August 14, 2016, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

52nd & Central, Indianapolis, IN

1:00 - 2:00 - Slow Jam & Board Meeting

2:00 - 3:00 - Performance Hour

3:00 - 4:00 - Big Band Practice and/or Workshops

4:00 - 5:00 - Sharing Circle

### 2016 Board Members

President: Mary Sanders	<a href="mailto:MLSAND123@aol.com">MLSAND123@aol.com</a>
Vice President: Howard Detamore	<a href="mailto:howde1948@hotmail.com">howde1948@hotmail.com</a>
Secretary: Steve Arbuckle	<a href="mailto:sarbuckle288@gmail.com">sarbuckle288@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer: Barry Levitt	<a href="mailto:balcpg@gmail.com">balcpg@gmail.com</a>
Music Coordinator: Cathy Platt	<a href="mailto:cpplatt@comcast.net">cpplatt@comcast.net</a> 317-485-5010
Member-at-Large: Connie Temm	<a href="mailto:ctemm@iupui.edu">ctemm@iupui.edu</a>
Past President: Dave Tucker	<a href="mailto:dtucker@vinu.edu">dtucker@vinu.edu</a>
Newsletter Editor: Susie Kraeszig	<a href="mailto:susankay49@sbcglobal.net">susankay49@sbcglobal.net</a>
Webmaster: Myrna Gray	<a href="mailto:myrna.gray@gmail.com">myrna.gray@gmail.com</a>
Eagle Creek Folk Fest Chair: Morgan Sanders-Jackson	<a href="mailto:amusingcalliope@gmail.com">amusingcalliope@gmail.com</a>

### August Musical Theme

"Outlaws"

#### SLOW JAM

THE SLOW JAM AT 1:00 WILL BE LED BY DAVE SLATES IN THE BIG ROOM. WE HAD A GREAT GROUP AT THE JULY MEETING! FUN!

#### SHARING CIRCLE

THE SHARING CIRCLE BEGINS AT 4:00. IT IS A GOOD PLACE TO "GET YOUR FEET WET" BEFORE CONSIDERING PLAYING AT PERFORMANCE HOUR. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR MUSIC IN A SMALL CIRCLE OF MUSICIANS WITH LESS STRESS THAN PERFORMANCE HOUR.

### SNACKS AT THE AUGUST MEETING

provided by the Ukulele Ladies  
and anyone else who would like to contribute. THANK YOU!

## AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MARY SANDERS

We are more than half way through 2016, a time to reflect on where we have been and a time to look forward to where we are heading. We have had a few losses this year; Gerry Grey passed away and Bill Kissling moved back to Arizona (and appears to be having a great time!). Eagle Creek Folk Festival expanded its reach and some new faces and activities appeared on that horizon. Maybe for the first time, the Festival had a lot of expenditures, but also paid for itself, and in the process, bought the Society a bunch of new wooden signs and a big performance tent. Our revenue is down, but Cathy Platt, our music coordinator, has scheduled a number of upcoming gigs that should add to our financial picture (and that are fun to participate in, so please sign up for them). We are excited and pleased to have several new members!

In regard to our monthly meetings, Dave Slates will be offering a mandolin workshop during the September, October and November meetings, Gary Reiter will be offering a guitar workshop during our November meeting, and Allie Burbrink will be performing and offering a workshop during our October meeting (stayed tuned for some schedule rearranging for the October meeting).

We have rescheduled our **Town Hall/Barbecue/Jam** meeting for **Sunday, October 2**, in the pursuit of cooler weather (but will hold then, rain or shine, heat or snow), and hope that everyone will consider coming.

We have accomplished lot, but as an organization, we have a ways to go. We need to follow our mandated outreach to share our love of music and educate those around us about the music we love. We need to increase our visibility as an organization and reach out and welcome interested persons and new members. Financially, we need to increase our revenue and find more ways to raise the donations that support us. We need to reach across the aisle and find the commonalities between us all ... be we players of banjo, ukulele, autoharp, dulcimer, guitar, recorder, fiddle, washboard, or any of the many other instruments that provide us with the means to express ourselves. Each and every one of us can, and needs to, participate in helping our Society grow and blossom. No one of us can do this alone. Take a moment and think about what you can contribute in terms of your time, creativity, wisdom, and musicality!

### How to Join the DuISoc Yahoo Group

*(to the best of my knowledge)*

Click on or type in your Browser:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DuISoc/>

That should take you to the Yahoo sign-in page. If you already have an account, you will go right to it. If you don't have an account, they walk you through how to create one. Your application will then be approved by our administrator and you will receive an email. Then you can check out all the messages and files that have been posted and you will receive an email when a new message is posted. You can also reply to those messages through this site and join Groups. Please note that if you post a message, it will not "send" right away. It may take 24 hours. I don't know why this is, but If you have been having trouble joining this group, you are not the only one!

### Resource Volunteers Needed

Howard Detamore, VP, has been successful in finding folks to volunteer as Resource Persons at the Society meetings! We have Dave Slates for mandolin, Mary Sanders on ukulele, Dan and Chris Reneau on autoharp, Dave Wensits on guitar, Steve Kessinger on bass, John Platt on fiddle and Howard himself on banjo. Janet Lewman and Sharon Day are available to help newcomers with dulcimer, both mountain and hammered. Sometimes folks come to the Folk Society meeting interested in learning a new instrument and needing a little guidance. It does not take much time to do this. It is very helpful to just look at their instrument, help them tune it, maybe show them a chord or two. A point in the right direction goes a long way. Please contact Howard Detamore, our vice president, at [howde1948@hotmail.com](mailto:howde1948@hotmail.com) if you can help with this. And thanks to those who have volunteered!

## July Notes from your Music Coordinator

Cathy Platt

[cpplatt@comcast.net](mailto:cpplatt@comcast.net); phone: 317-485-5010

Our Mighty Mini Band (MMB) was in fine form at the last minute gig for the Hamilton Trace Reserve in July. Thanks to all who helped out! Signup sheets and info for the next few gigs will be available at the August Society meeting.

**Sat., August 20, 11 am, New Castle Library Heritage Days.** Setup at 10:30 am. This is a new date and event for us, but it will be in the library's lovely auditorium. It's one of the best venues we play. We will be carpooling.

**Sun., August 21, 1-3 pm, Indiana State Fair.** Setup at 12:30 pm. We will take a break about half way through the set. What can I say? Cotton Candy and Fried Ice Cream. Oh Boy!

**Wed., September 7, 7:15 pm, Franklin United Community Hoedown.** Setup at 6:30 pm. This was one of our best audiences last year. They plan to have about 150-200 folks again. This time it is inside. We will be carpooling.

**Sat., Sept. 17, 11 am-12 pm, Allisonville Meadows Nursing Home Hog Roast.** Setup at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided. We will be outside in a large tent and will have a sound system.

**Sat., Dec. 3, 11 am-12 pm, Mooresville Library Victorian Christmas.** Setup 10:30 am. Plan to join us at Gray's Cafeteria nearby after the performance if you can.

**Thurs, Dec. 15, 7-8 pm, Westminster Village Christmas Party, Lafayette.** Setup 6:30pm. This group is super excited to hear us! Like the Mooresville Library this will be ½ Christmas music and ½ folk music.

## Money Bag\$ By Barry Levitt – August 2016

We welcome new members Karen Black, Susan Garrity and Katherine Nagy.

Account status for July 2016 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$ 4,779.21 => Checking balance (less than one year ago).

\$ 1,375.00 => Net Gig income over the past rolling year (\$875 below prior 12 months)

\$ 1,775.00 => Dues income over the past rolling year (\$125 above prior period)

\$ 6,458.73 => Total expenses over the past twelve months (\$2,919.30 above prior 12 months)

\$ -331.14 => Operating loss for the past twelve months (\$1,538.80 below prior 12 months)

Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover about 9 months of expenses.

**Membership Status:** In July we had three new members, seven renewals, no reinstatements, and no dropped members. Total memberships stand at 75, vs 69 one year ago.

**Membership Dues:** Annual individual and family membership dues are \$25/year. The immediate family, living at the same address, of an individual member may be included in a family membership. 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 the treasurer at the next meeting. We are always happy to take your money.

**Songbooks:** Printed (on paper) versions of the songbooks are still available while supplies last. Songbooks will also be available in electronic format on flash drive (memory stick). Printed versions of the Main Songbook with or without the Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin are available to all members in good standing for \$30 each. Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is available as a separate printed supplement for \$5 each. Songbooks will also be available in electronic format (flash drive) for \$10 each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of any of these songbooks.

**Jean Vance** has been a great help providing treasury service assistance at our CIFM&MDS meetings the last several years.

### Metamora, Indiana, Grist Mill Jam

Some of our members hear tell of a good jam held in Metamora, Indiana, at the Grist Mill. It is hosted by the Metamora Song Farmers and is held the first Sunday of the month from April through September from 1:00 - 4:00. It is an all-inclusive slow jam featuring old time traditional songs that everyone enjoys and is led by Larry Wayt, who you might have met at the Eagle Creek Folk Fest this year. Information can be found at [www.metamorampa.org/songfarmers](http://www.metamorampa.org/songfarmers).

Thanks to all who helped out at the Sertoma Booth at the Morgan County Fair! These include: Mary Sanders, Howard Detamore, Gary and Marie Reiter, Gary and Karen Rogers, Mike Raab, Cathy Platt and Susie Kraeszig, [did I miss anyone?] The Sertoma Club donated \$300 plus \$2/hr/person worked to the Society for our work.

Also a big thank you to the Ukulele Ladies for providing the refreshments at the August meeting. We are in need of a provider for September.

Photography for the directory will continue at the next meeting. So if you haven't had your picture taken, come with your best smile.

Your Member-at-Large,  
Connie Temm

**N**OTE TO MEMBERS: Email delivery of newsletters results in substantial savings to CIFM&MDS and keeps you even more up-to-date on Society news. If you are receiving your newsletter through the mail, consider opting for email delivery instead. Email Susie Kraeszig at [susankay49@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankay49@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to change your delivery options.

### Ukulele Ladies

The Ukulele Ladies are a welcoming group of women who want to play the uke. We are a group of all skill levels. We meet at Betsy Wilson's on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, and Mary Sanders' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. If you'd like to join us, send me an email and you will be set up with our Yahoo group to receive meeting reminders, music and other info. If you'd like to learn how to play, get in touch! Contact Cathy Platt, [cpplatt@comcast.net](mailto:cpplatt@comcast.net); phone: 317-485-5010.

### The Dulcimer Only Group (AKA DOGs)

The Dulcimer Only Group is a group of dulcimer players who play the Appalachian mountain dulcimer. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Robin Run Village, 5354 West 62nd Street, at 7 P.M. They are led by Tull Glazener and work on his arrangements for the mountain dulcimer. Please contact Susie Kraeszig for more information at [susankay49@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankay49@sbcglobal.net).

### Happy Harpers Happenings

Happy Harpers is a group for autoharp players of all skill levels. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at members' houses. We have a Yahoo group which you can join that has music and our calendar. If you have any questions about the group, please call Cathy Platt at 317-485-5010 or email: [cpplatt@comcast.net](mailto:cpplatt@comcast.net)



August Musical Theme of the Month  
"Outlaws"

**July Performance Hour Performers**

*Theme of the Month was "Waterways"*

Dianne Kafka	"The River"
Gary Reiter	"Outfit"
Katherine Nagy	"Gypsy Lady"
Tom & George	"Mississippi Sawyer"
George Heavilin	"Long Hot Summer Days"
Sugar Cream Pie	"Song To The Siren"
Nathaniel Raab	"When the River Meets the Sea"
Susie Kraeszig	"The Winding Stream"
Biscuits & Bagels	"Erie Canal"
Dan Reneau	"Coming Into Port"

**Eagle Creek Folk Festival 2016 Pictures are uploaded to Flickr! Check them out!**

**Dave Wensit's Flickr Page:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/29471731@N06/albums/72157670476016776>

**Susie Kraeszig's Flickr Page:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/susankay49/albums/72157670491871445>

A copy of the **Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society Procedures, By-Laws, and Standing Rules** will be available for review at the information table during our meeting for anyone interested in learning more about our committees and by-laws.

**Town Hall Barbecue and Jam**

The Town Hall Barbecue and Jam has been rescheduled for **Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Connie Temm's house**. We will meet rain or shine, heat or snow. All Dulcimer Society members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Mary Sanders at [mlsand123@aol.com](mailto:mlsand123@aol.com) or Connie Temm at [ctemm@iupui](mailto:ctemm@iupui). Directions and requests for food and drink will follow in September.

**Welcome New Members!**

Karen Black  
Susan and Kate Garrity  
Karen Steilberger  
Katherine Nagy