

Keepin' Tabs

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Next Gathering: July 1st – The Paint Creek Jerry Stephens and Mary St Clair Memorial Picnic!

Where: Annette Richards has agreed to welcome us to her house again this year – thanks Annette!

She's at 136 Cherokee Road, Pontiac, MI 48341, (248) 334-9214. Cherokee runs North and South between Voorhies and M59 (West Huron), a few blocks East of Telegraph. Her house is at the corner of Cherokee and Menomonee.

What to Bring: Paint Creek provides all paper goods, condiments and bottled water. You should bring your own meat or other entrée to grill, a pot luck dish (see below), and feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. Also, bring your instruments – and a lawn chair is a pretty good idea for when you're outdoors.

Now for the pot luck dish – to help ensure some variety at dinner, we're asking everyone with last names starting with A-G to bring a snack, appetizer or salad. For last names H-Z, please bring a desert or after dinner treat. Of course, if you have a special dish that you'd like to bring, please do!

When: The fun begins at 3:30. We'll start off with jamming, probably indoors and out. The grill will be fired up starting around 4:00 or so and available as long as needed. Then it's back to jamming and visiting until dusk.

What about the circles? Participants in our typical circles, native flute, banjo, fiddle, etc. are encouraged to bring their instruments to the picnic and bless the scene with lots of music. And don't forget your Rise Up books for sing-alongs.

Host: Annette Richards

Song Swap Theme: You are free to pick!

Phil Neumann Memorial Gathering:

Sunday, July 16th, Independence Oaks County Park,

9501 Sashabaw Rd., Clarkston, MI.

We will be at the Lake Point shelter

(near the boat rental and Crooked Lake).

Entrance fee will be prepaid. Just tell the person

at the entrance that you are there for the

Phil Neumann Memorial Gathering.

A note from the Prez:

Well I've gotta' say I was pretty impressed with our presenter's spoon playing, and teaching abilities! From the applause, it seems everyone else was too. And to think so

many of us were able to learn most of the techniques in less than an hour – pretty cool! For those who were not able to attend, you missed a great experience.

We held elections and the results are in:

President	Jeff Despard
Vice President *	A big fat zero! – gonna' be a sad year with no presentations A
Secretary	Joan Johnson
Treasurer	Phyllis Isabel
Membership	Caylyn Mather
Webmaster	Andy Mather
Member at Large	Pete Hartung
Member at Large	Maggie Ferguson
Member at Large	Paul Jacques

Please dig deep again and re-consider running for VP (arranges for our monthly presentations). Without a folklore presentation, we lose out on a big part of our purpose as a Folklore Society. Don't be shy or nervous. There's lots historical info on past contacts and presentations and Theresa and Jack have offered to support the new VP while they get their "sea legs."

Remember; Next gathering is the Paint Creek Picnic at Annette's!

Note: It was particularly awesome about three years ago when many of our longtime and former members came to the "reunion" picnic, when we all socialized, jammed and sang like crazy! I hope many of you can join us again this year.

Board Meetings are a Big Time: Our next scheduled meeting isn't scheduled. We'll let you know.

Where the Creek Flows: Dedicated to PCFS members' events.

Live! From the Living Room Acoustic Showcase is on summer vacation. Between tending Daffodils and experimenting with straw bale gardening Maggie is also gathering our next season's acts. See you in September, for more information, go to oldfrontporch.com.

To submit all your upcoming gigs and events, email the editor at Thunderisle@yahoo.com.

Ridin' Drag: To be honest friends, I do not know if the corn is knee high, but we are sure fire knockin' on the Fourth of July's door. Lord it gets loud. Soon enough our cat, and maybe me too, will slip under the bed to minimize the effect of amateurs with their fireworks. With all of the tents popping up on every corner, celebrating the free market and selling pyrotechnic paraphernalia I wonder; what would John Adams think? Or Abigail, how approving do you think the former first lady would be of random apocalyptic explosions as a method of embracing civil liberty, representative government, our flag and the republic for which it stands? Next door?

Now I don't want to make any assumptions, neighbors, but I do struggle with the idea of James Madison, Dolly and George Washington wandering about lobbing M80s into folk's backyards. On the other hand, after all these years of ridin' drag, I might have grown...prudish. You decide. Meanwhile I'm going to celebrate the holiday with a walk to consider the progress of this year's sweetcorn crop. I'll have a report at the picnic, see you there.

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