

# Keepin' Tabs

*The Newsletter of the Paint Creek Folklore Society*

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Distributed via email to members and friends of PCFS.

A PDF file is attached to the message for those who wish to print it out.

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, August 6, 2022**

Live Gathering at River Woods Park in Auburn Hills

<https://goo.gl/maps/i9edhJZuK623PKsg7>

5-7 pm Instrumental Jam led by Glen and Judi M

6-7 pm Autoharp Circle led by Pete H

6-7 pm Clawhammer Banjo Circle led by Larry M

6-7 pm Beginners Finger Style Guitar led by Kevin T

6-7 pm Native American Flute Circle led by Sharon H

7:15 pm-dusk Song Swap Gathering

Song Swap Theme - *Peace*

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## The President's Post

Some history for you: On April 18, 1939, Gene Autrey recorded a Ray Whitley song. Ray had written the piece for a film titled, *Border G-Man*. In the movie he sings along with the Six Bar Cowboys. Later he recorded the tune on the Decca Label joined by the Ray Whitley Rangers.

Gene Autrey took a shine to the number. He and Ray sat down together and revised a few phrases and next thing you know Gene earned himself co-writer royalties to what became the theme song for Gene Autrey's Melody Ranch. Aired over the CBS Radio Network, you know the song as, *Back in The Saddle Again*.

Just like the song says, I'm back in the presidential saddle again, privileged to serve Paint Creek. Privileged and grateful for the fine work Theresa's done to guide our herd across a turbulent time. My hat's off to her.

It'll take me awhile to get my feet straight in the stirrups, but I like what the Whitley song says:

*Back in the saddle again, out where a friend is a friend.*

We have good friends in Paint Creek. And amazing people on our board. I accepted the nomination to be president because of my faith in them and that friendship. In the belief that we'll do right by each other, and we'll grow stronger as vital musical contributors, carrying the folk process to Michigan and beyond.

Saddle up!

Jack F

2022-23 President

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## Next Gatherings at River Woods Park

Saturday, September 10 (Thumbfest is Saturday, September 3)

Saturday, October 1

We will return to University Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday December 3. And don't forget to mark your calendar for *Tin Whistle 2022*: Saturday, November 12!

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## 2022 Song Swap Themes

September—Other Names for Things

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## Membership Renewals Time!

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership for 2022-2023! Dues are due by September to be a member in good standing and avoid paying the \$10 monthly visitors fee! Pay now and have peace of mind for the whole next year.

Memberships cover September 2022-August 2022, and pay for some of our ongoing expenses for location rentals, presenters and snacks, when we have them.

- Kindly print and fill in the attached membership form. It's important to complete ALL information so we know all your information is up to date for the new directory.
- Return your form and check to Jeff Despard or Dan DeGasperis (our new Membership Co-chair).
- Dues are \$50 (single membership) or \$90 (family membership). Bring a check or cash to the August 6 or September 10 gathering or mail your check to Jeff at the new address on the attached form.

And, if you have a friend that might enjoy our Paint Creek experience, please bring them along on August 6 or to any future gathering.

See you soon!

Jeff D and Dan D

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## Tin Whistle Update

Well, to confirm, we're on for the Tin Whistle on Saturday, November 12!

- We have the main coordinator positions filled, but we will need many more volunteers to fill out the rest of the crew.
- **Right now, we need several folks to help Joan Johnson with publicity/advertising** - she needs a few folks in different geographic areas who can help update the list of current music stores and other venues who could potentially place ads and/or where we could post flyers. Contact Joan at [joan.rikka@gmail.com](mailto:joan.rikka@gmail.com)
- In September I'll be focusing more on filling the remaining needs for Set Up, Clean Up, Ticket Table, Kitchen, and Stage Manager.
- Maggie has been hard at work recruiting acts for the show. This year we will be showcasing acts from within the PCFS. (Acts to be announced at a slightly later date.) This will not only give us a great show, but also some additional flexibility in scheduling should more COVID concerns arise.

That's it for now.

Jeff D, Tin Whistle Chair

## Ridin' Drag

by Jack D. F.

Once upon a time, before the Silverdome existed, you could find me on horseback skirting the banks of Galloway Creek, or riding north across trails that belong to the southern portion of Bald Mountain Recreation Area.

Midsummer was always prime for watching dragonflies alight on your saddle horn. Of course, if a fly, be it dragon or deer attached itself to Ol' Dobbin's flank, you were in for a snappy tail lashing. In high summer a series of quick footfalls from anxious hooves signaled that someone was antsy; more than ready to leave the insects behind. A wise decision. The horse knew that turtles were nowhere to be seen at 2:00 PM on the last of July.

So I gave him his head and his steady, patient manner carried us to higher ground where the breeze freshened and bore off the bugs. Once there, the pony asked to halt, took his bearings and gazed down through the hardwoods for another view of the pool.

The pond isn't accessible by horse anymore, but my bike Muley, a reliable fellow from the folks at Trek, knows the way. Although the turtles will remain cool below the surface 'till September, dragonflies gladly embrace the mid-day sun. And if you're quiet and settle yourself, you might see a pair resting on Muley's saddle.

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## Events and Links

*If you know of events or links that may interest PCFS members – or if **you** are appearing somewhere, send information to [pcfs.kt@gmail.com](mailto:pcfs.kt@gmail.com)*

### Member Showcase

#### **Peter Stephenson**

August 10, 18, 24 and September 1: Classic blues and Americana at the Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters, Rochester

#### **Tara**

August 2 and 16, 6-8 pm, The Irish Tavern - Madison Heights  
August 14 and 28, 5-8 pm, O'Connor's Public House, Rochester

### **Lois Sprengnether Keel Presents Live Storytelling Events**

August 4, noon, "Storytelling Cruise Around the World", West Branch District Library. Info: 989-345-2235  
August 6, 10:00 am, North Oakland County Storytellers at the Wee Bairns area of Highland Games, Livonia.  
[highlandgames.com/wee-bairns](http://highlandgames.com/wee-bairns)

### **St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games**

August 5, Ceilidh: Metro Detroit's premier Scottish concert, a kick-off to the annual Highland Games. Celtic music by Ironwood, CrossBow, Pictus, and Stone Clover. [highlandgames.com/ceilidh/](http://highlandgames.com/ceilidh/)

### **Detroit Ukulele Club**

August 10 and 24, 7-8:30 pm: The club uses **Meetup.com** for event information, links to music, and RSVPs. They also have a Facebook page. All are welcome to join the Detroit Ukulele Club Meetup group and participate. Questions? Contact Jack Erickson [jackofallstrings@gmail.com](mailto:jackofallstrings@gmail.com)

## MOO Music (Virtual)

Saturday weekly MOO Folk Jam (Wisconsin), 4-5 pm on Zoom. [moomusic.org](http://moomusic.org) Contact Tony, [info@moomusic.org](mailto:info@moomusic.org).

## Open Mic Night, Starkweather Arts Center, Romeo

Fourth Friday of each month. 7PM, \$4, \$3 Starkweather members. Open to all, come to perform, come to enjoy! 219 N. Main, Romeo, MI 48065 [starkweatherarts.com](http://starkweatherarts.com)

## Open Mic Night, Shelby Township Community Center

Second Saturday of each month. 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30), Instrumental music, singing, or listening. \$3 at door, drinks and snacks provided. 14975 21 Mile Rd, Shelby Township. August theme: Seashore & Sumer. Contact Nan at [nan.drinkard@gmail.com](mailto:nan.drinkard@gmail.com)

## Michigan Storytelling

*MI Story* newsletter posted monthly, listing storytelling events around Michigan and virtual storytelling events around the world. [michiganstorytelling.org](http://michiganstorytelling.org)

## Ten Pound Fiddle Concerts

View the full schedule at [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org)

## ACTMAAD Calendar

The Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance online opportunities: [aactmad.org/calendar](http://aactmad.org/calendar)

## The Ark

The Ark is now open for in-person events, requiring proof of full vaccination and masking. See the full schedule at [theark.org](http://theark.org)

## CDSS: Online Events Calendar

This is a fantastic place to learn about traditional dance, music, song, and storytelling activities happening every week throughout North America...and beyond. Nearly all of the events that are listed are currently virtual. [cdss.org/community/events](http://cdss.org/community/events)

## Folk Alliance Livestream Concerts

Calendar of online concerts: [folk.org/livestreams/](http://folk.org/livestreams/), more on their main page.

## Facebook Links

**Huber Breese Music Online Concerts:** Look for videos on their Facebook page, [facebook.com/watch/HuberBreeseMusic/](https://www.facebook.com/watch/HuberBreeseMusic/)

**Jay Ungar and Molly Mason:** The Quiet Room is a live online music series that has been running each Wednesday at 8pm EDT since March of 2020. <https://www.facebook.com/jayandmolly/live>

**Meredith Axelrod & Craig Ventresco:** Jazz, blues and ragtime. Live every night at 8 pm Pacific time, 11 pm EDT, and videos are posted on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/meredithaxelrod>

**Michigan Folk music love:** Photos, videos, anything of MI folk music interest. [bit.ly/3r65V7G](https://bit.ly/3r65V7G).

**Country Dance and Song Society:** [facebook.com/cdss.org](https://www.facebook.com/cdss.org)

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**Oakland County Traditional Dance Society (OCTDS):** <https://www.facebook.com/OCTDS>

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