

THE FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

# FOLK NOTES

*Since 1985 contemporary, traditional, roots & alternative music  
September, 2010*

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ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES

*SOLAR DOGS*



*SOLAR DOGS at Shell Lumber Yard, Coconut Grove, Florida*

LUNA STAR CAFÉ, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010 – 8:00 P.M.  
775 NE 125<sup>TH</sup> Street, North Miami, FL 33125 305-799-7123  
Requested Contribution: \$10, members of any folk club \$7

## ***Solar Dogs***

It's so nice to see homegrown groups, especially when they combine some great talent. And Solar Dogs has gathered great performers to quickly create a legendary band which has become a denizen of Coconut Grove. Their recent performance in the lumber shed of Shell Lumber Company, complete with catered food and drinks served on tablecloths and an art show, certainly takes them and the genre to a new level. And, with the active careers and performance schedules of all of the members, we are fortunate every time they come together so we can hear them.

Solar Dogs are Zip Robertson, Eric Wagner, Steve Gaskell and Bill Kunz. The group has been together for almost a year and comes to us through the good work of our beloved Zip Robertson. One amazing ability Zip has, if you haven't already noticed, is his ability to become an instant sideman. We have had many acts appear at Luna Star who's work Zip has never heard. But, he quickly gets right into their music adding depth and character to each piece. He sings lead and harmony vocals, plays rhythm guitar and harmonica with the Solar Dogs. As a harp player, he frequently accompanies Miami favorite Valerie Wisecracker, and backs up Grant Peeples and Chance Gardner when they perform locally. A native of Kentucky Zip is a United States Administrative Law Judge for the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals.

Eric Wagner sings lead and harmony vocals, plays lead guitar and mandolin with the Solar Dogs. Much of the band's repertoire consists of original songs written by Eric. He also plays blues with Blue Man Grove and jazz/blues with Really Thick Milk Shakes. A native of Ohio, Eric teaches Clinical Psychology at Florida International University

Stephen Gaskell currently plays acoustic bass with Solar Dogs, The Wag Daddies, and Voodoo Cadillac and electric bass with The Funky Blue Tones, with occasional stints with local bluesmen such as Piano Bob and John Carey. Steve has played with other local blues groups over the years, such as Outa Da Blues, Robert Moore and Clifford Hawkins, including a 9 year run with national recording and touring artist Albert Castiglia. A native Floridian, Steve is a graduate of the University of Miami's renowned Frost School of Music. He is currently the Manager of Oracle Systems at Mas

Tec.

Bill Kunz plays fiddle and mandolin with the Solar Dogs. However, he is renowned for his instrumental stylings on open-tuned guitar, charango, sitar and other exotic stringed instruments. Although born and raised in North Carolina, Bill has been a part of the South Florida music scene for many years, and has accompanied countless other performers. Bill is retired as a 747 Captain for Delta Airlines, but continues to work as a pilot instructor for Boeing. Bill is on tour to fiddle venues throughout the country and we hope he can make it back in time for this show. Ain't much cell phone reception in Appalachia.

Here is a case where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, and the parts are great themselves. And with the wide range of genres they bring to the stage, you are never quite sure which one they will draw on: originals, blues, country, pop and folk. It's all good.

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## MONTHLY *SONG SWAP*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010 5 - 9 PM**

The Folk Club of South Florida's next Song Swap will take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 at ***Five Sisters...a spiritual journey***. 8805 SW 132 St., Miami FL 33176, 786-250-4170. Elizabeth Zosman, a long time supporter of folk music, will be our hostess. Her cell phone number is 305-970-4443  
Directions: From US 1 Southbound : Make Right at traffic light SW 132 ST, straight ahead 2 blks to "SHOPS BY THE FALLS" on right hand side, middle of strip center. (Ror GPS users type in 8801 SW 132 ST 33176).

Bring your contribution for a pot luck dinner, and if you are a musician, your musical instruments, and songs to sing. We thank Holly White for once again having made the Dice House available to us in August. The severe weather impacted the turnout but those who braved the flash flood warnings had a good time. If you would like to host a song swap, please contact me Linda Singer 305-667-4386. David and I will host the October 10<sup>th</sup> Song Swap in our home 5249 SW 71st Place, Miami, FL 33155-5607, (305) 667-4386.



Linda Singer and Jack Sklepowicz at a Song Swap

Song swap etiquette: If you are playing a song, you may tell the group whether you wish for others to join in or not. If you are singing or playing while another person is taking his/her turn, sing or play softer than the lead performer.

Song Swaps include a potluck supper. Please bring enough for six to eight people; veggies and vegan are appreciated but not mandatory. Everyone is welcome, performers or kibitzers, no matter. Play an instrument, sing a song, recite a poem, tell a story, dance or just listen; no rules, just do as you like when it is your turn.

Hope to see you all next month. Linda Singer

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***Contra Dance in Palmetto Bay  
Saturday, September 25, 2010***

The next Contra Dance in the series coordinated by Liz Warriner and sponsored by the Perrine Peters Methodist Church, 18301 South Dixie Highway, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157, will be held Saturday, Saturday, September 25, 2010. The evening will start at 7:30 for beginners with the main event from 8 to 11. Requested contribution is \$10. Beginning in October, the dance will be held on the third Saturday of the month.

If you have never tried contra dancing, this is your chance. Louis Dow will be calling to live music; you will not believe how smooth he can make a group dance. Come alone or with a group, no matter. We'll soon become one moving, twirling, sashaying, balancing, perspiring mass. Bring some snacks or drinks if you like; we do work up a sweat and an appetite. Call 786-242-0766 (305-803-7008 on dance night) for more information.

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## **PREZ SEZ      By Barry J. White**



Ronnie and Barry White at Marlin's batting practice

Talk about serendipity. It looks like Shell Lumber has a soul which is in touch with folk music. The Solar Dogs played a gig, Big Howl In The Wood, recently in the middle of the lumber stacks! How cool is that. And now we have them playing at our Acoustic Underground series on September 4. It just so happens that it was the management of Shell Lumber, which provided

the special wood for the benches which the Folk Club re-did at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Nature Center on Key Biscayne; the owner of Shell Lumber is on the board of the Nature Center. And, for another, link, yours truly has spent hours at Shell Lumber selecting wood for many projects. So, if a lumber yard can have a soul, the Supreme Court already says a corporation is person so why should it not have a soul, then certainly Shell Lumber has one, and it loves folk music . And thanks to Shell Lumber management for providing the venue. Let's hope it continues.

Last month we asked for volunteers to cover for Tony Thomas in preparing the monthly calendar while Tony and Dagmar treat Europe to their company. Well, we had two fine folks step forward. Dr. Bob and Vic Biver. Many thanks to them.

*L'Shana Tova*

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## September Calendar by Dr. Bob



**Dr. Bob, Experimental Ace Cub Reporter At Large**

## September Calendar by Dr. Bob

All events start at 8 p.m. unless time is given. Folk Club of South Florida events are in **bold**.

### **Monthly Events**

September 4. **Folk Club of South Florida's Acoustic Underground Concert** ..... Luna Star Cafe, the first Saturday of every month, 775 NE 125th St., N. Miami, 305-799-7123

September 5. South Florida Bluegrass Association Festival the 1st Sunday every month, 12:30-5pm Greynolds Park. Miami Gardens Dr. and NE 22 Ave. (305) 358-1800 / (888) 950-Blue  
sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com

September 11. Sing-Along/Raffle the 2nd Saturday every month. Prizes include free season ticket at the Labyrinth CafÈ at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale 3970 NW 21st Ave at. Info day of concert: 954-478-8637

September 12. Folk Club of South Florida **Song Swap** and Pot luck dinner At **Five Sisters**. 8805 SW 132 St., Miami Fl 33176, 786-250-4170. .... .  
Bring your instruments, your contribution to a pot luck dinner, and your friends.. Musicians and non-musicians welcome. For information email lcs\_folk@bellsouth.net.

September - NO SHOW. Chrytal Hartigan's Songwriter's Showcase. Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Due to a scheduling conflict at the Broward Center there will NOT be a September Show. Info call 954-462-0222

September 16. Can You Rock a Little Softer hosted by Raffa & Rainer at Sweat Records the 3rd Thursday every month, 5505 NE 2nd Ave \$5 cover.

September 24. Bluegrass Gospel Sing & Jam 4th Friday every month. 7:30pm 2400 South Pine Island Dr., Davie (954) 578-1359 or (954) 663-3568.

September 26. Broward Folk Club Jamming In The Park the 4th Sunday

every month. The Secret Woods, Julia Assembly Hall, Secret Woods Nature Center 2701 W State Rd. 84 Dania Beach 954-791-1030 2-5 pm hosted by Donald Rappaport

### **September Weekly and Biweekly Events**

Sundays John Brown's acoustic showcase, John Martin's, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.

Tuesdays Jim's jam, Luna Star CafÈ, 775 NE 125th St., N Miami, 5-7 p.m. 305-799-7123. Old-time jam, Elks Club, 700 NE 10th St., Pompano Beach, 7-10 p.m. Shauna Sweeney, Kingshead Pub, 2692 N. University Dr., Sunrise. Open Mic hosted by Michael Shivers, Stage84, 9118 SR 84, Davie, 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays: **Open Mic**: Open Mic Elks Club, . 6304 SW 78th St., South Miami.

Saturdays: Open Mic hosted by Jimmy Durkin Luna Star Cafe - 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 775 NE 125th St., N Miami 305-799-7123, sign up 7-9 pm; Dr. Bob's Hour of Acoustic Power - perform an original acoustic songs & get a free beer from 7-9pm, followed by traditional open mic without free beer from 9-11pm (originals only) - sign-up when you get there - house guitar available, The 11th Street Annex Cafe, 14 SW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale 954-767-8306.

And don't forget club director Michael Stock's Folk & Acoustic Music, broadcast every Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. over WLRN-FM, 91.3 MHz. You can call Michael at 305-995-2264 or write him at mstock@wlrn.org.

# THE FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC

Purpose: To foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music and other folk arts in South Florida by supporting and encouraging local talent and showcasing local and national folk performers. To increase public understanding of the rich variety, artistic value, cultural and historical significance, and continuing relevance of folk music. The Fok Club is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status and is a member of The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance. We proudly support Friends of Florida Folk and Miami radio station WLRN.

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## WEBSITE LINKS

Local folk music resources: [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)

Barker House Concert Series: [www.floridamusic.org](http://www.floridamusic.org)

North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance: [www.folk.org](http://www.folk.org)

South Florida Folk Festival: [www.southfloridafolkfest.com](http://www.southfloridafolkfest.com)

Palm Beach Folk Club: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pbfcchat>

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out membership info and mail your tax-deductible check made out to FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
10001 SW 12 Terrace  
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Annual membership entitles you to a special rate on concerts, a monthly newsletter and admission to our annual meeting

Individual \$20 – Family \$25 – Supporting \$35 – Sustaining \$75 – Sponsor \$125 – Benefactor \$250 – Pete Seeger Endowment Fund, above \$250

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September 4 – Luna Star Café – Solar Dogs - 8 PM  
September 12 – Song Swap in Kendall - 5-9 PM  
September 25 – Contra Dance – Palmetto Bay – 7:30 PM  
Every Thursday - Open Mic – Elks Lodge South Miami