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Notes from Along the County Line

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The **County Line Old Time Music Jam** meets on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM Central. The jam is held at **Sheffield Antiques Mall** in Collierville, TN, near the intersection of US Hwys. 57 and 72.

Jammers gathered on September 6, 2009, during Labor Day weekend, and while the numbers were down a bit, the spirit and the great music were there!

The jam is open to the public and all skill levels are welcome. Participants are seated in a circle, and someone suggests a tune and starts it. From that point, the song selection moves to the next person to the right or left. That player has the choice to select a song or pass. The group tries to keep it old-time, but occasionally a bluegrass or country song will slip in.

Old time music instruments are used and it is all-acoustic. The players use guitars, mandolins, banjos, fiddles, dulcimers, autoharps, ukuleles, Dobros®, and the upright bass.

Musicians who were in attendance at the jam: **Lee Cagle, Cecelia Chilton, Caroline Sanford, Mike Cannito, Hilary Scheel, Daniel Fleck**, and two wonderful brothers from Lowell, IN, **Justin and Jason Kunst. Nat J. Cagle** and this writer were there to lend support and encouragement.

The song selection: Bile 'em Cabbage Down, My Dixie Darlin', Desert Blues, Luray Women, Cripple Creek, Silver Dagger / Katie Dear, Blackberry Blossom, Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party, Sweet Bird, I'll Fly Away, O Sing to Me of Heaven, Railroading on the Great Divide, There'll be No Church Tonight, More Good Women Gone Wrong, Swallowtail Jig, I'm Leaving You This Lonesome Song, Tribulations, Shenandoah, Ashokan Farewell, and God Gave Noah the Rainbow Sign.

Next scheduled jam: Sunday, **October 4, 2009, at 2:00 PM Central**

Memphis Dulcimer Gathering & Folk Festival: Sept. 25-26, 2009, Second Baptist Church, 4860 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN ~ Contact info: Lee Cagle at www.LeeCagleDulcimers.com or (901)877-7763

Thanks to the owners and staff of Sheffield Antiques Mall in Collierville, TN, for the space and time for old-time string band music!

More information is available at:

Google...for the Carter Family, the Carter Family Fold, Hazel Dickens and Alice Gerrard. Also www.thecrookedroad.org for Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. Check out The Museum of Appalachia at www.museumofappalachia.com, too. The schedule for the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, AR, is at www.ozarkfolkcenter.com

Information about old-time string band music in Tennessee:

www.nashvilleoldtime.org (Nashville area) or www.fiddleandpick.com (Pegram, TN), or www.clemmerdulcimer.com (Townsend, TN)

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