



# ◆ Quarter Notes ◆

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Fall 2001

## Barn Dance Band

"Practice"

Saturdays: Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8

2:00-4:00 pm

Jones Family Music School,

Lombard, IL

630/916-1356.

All are welcome.

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**Barn Dance Party**  
**Sat., November 17 at 8:00 PM**  
*at the*  
**Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove**  
*Admission: \$4.00*

All are welcome at our No Experience Necessary Barn Dance! Kick up your heels to the old-time music provided by the All Volunteer String Band. Caller Marianne Mohrhusen will walk everyone through the steps of each dance. Fun for the entire family! Co-sponsored by the Two Way Street Coffee House.

**For information call 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823**  
*Future Barn Dance Party dates: Jan. 26 & March 23, 2002*

## Special Consensus

Bluegrass Band

Comes to Plank Road!

Concert & Workshop

Sat., October 20

*More information inside!*

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## Bluegrass Jam

4th Saturdays

2:00 to 4:00 PM at the home of  
Paul Vander Woode in LaGrange

708/354-3417

*All are welcome to come enjoy an afternoon of fun with this hard driving music, improving skills and being inspired to learn new songs and breaks!*

Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22

## Last Thursday: "It's Our Turn!"

The Last Thursday of each month

From 7:00-9:30 PM

At the Two Way Street Coffee House

1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL

More info inside!

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 27

For details, call 630/969-9720 or 630/968-5526

Or visit: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)

## Sing-A-Rounds

1st & 3rd Sat. each month  
from 2:00-4:00 PM

*Two Way Street Coffee House,  
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove.  
630/969-9720.*

*Sat: Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17,  
Dec. 1 & 15.*



Two special events with

## Special Consensus Bluegrass Band on Saturday Oct. 20

Co-sponsored by Two Way Street Coffee House & the Jones Family Music Studio

### A Bluegrass Workshop with Special Consensus

Sat. Oct. 20 from 2 to 4:30 PM \$25 fee

At the Jones Family Music Studio in Lombard.

The first hour will focus on individual instruments and the second hour will focus on playing as a band.

Reservations required. Call 630/889-9121.

Space is limited, so call today!

### Special Consensus in Concert

Sat. Oct. 20 at 8:00 PM

At the Two Way Street Coffee House

1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove.

Admission: **\$12 General/\$10 Members**

Call 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823

for more information.

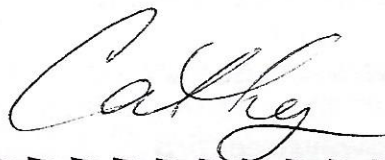
### Howdy Folks!

How fast the summer flew by! And what a beautiful summer, with great festival weather and music!

This fall, Plank Road has a great line-up of folk music activities. Our **Singarounds**, **Barn Dance Band "Practices"**, **Bluegrass Jams** and **Last Thursday** events all continue (see the front page or the Fall Events Listing for dates and information). Our first **Barn Dance Party** of the season is scheduled for *Saturday, November 17 at 8 PM* at the *Two Way Street Coffee House*. (The other Barn Dance Parties are scheduled for January 26, 2002 and March 23, 2002.) Also check our Fall Events Listing for our December activities.

Plank Road welcomes **Special Consensus Bluegrass Band** with two special events on **October 20**. In the afternoon, from *2:00 to 4:30 PM* we have scheduled a **Workshop with Special Consensus** at the *Jones Family Music Studio* in Lombard. The workshop will be in two parts. For the first half, we will divide up into four sections, each focusing on a different instrument (banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass). This part of the workshop will focus on how to build skills on your instrument to play with other instruments. For the second half, we will all meet together and talk about putting those skills together and playing as a band. I think this will be a unique opportunity to learn from these skilled and experienced musicians! Then, at *8:00 PM* at the *Two Way Street Coffee House* in *Downers Grove*, we will present **Special Consensus in Concert**. A great opportunity to enjoy the music of this world renown Bluegrass Band! Come meet these special people and talented musicians and be ready for a toe-tappin' good time!!

See you Down the Old Plank Road,





# Plank Road's Fall Events Listing

## OCTOBER

Saturday, October 6 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD SINGAROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks provided.*

Saturday, October 13 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356. *All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band music etiquette.*

Saturday, October 20 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD SINGAROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks provided.*

Saturday, October 20 from 2:00-4:30 PM. **BLUEGRASS MUSIC WORKSHOP with SPECIAL CONSENSUS BLUEGRASS BAND.** \$25.00 Fee Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL. *The first half of the workshop will be hands on banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass (sign -up for one instrument) and will look at preparing to play with other instruments. The second half will be combined and focus on playing together as a band. Advance registration is required. Space is limited, so call today! 630/889-9121.*

Saturday, October 20 at 8:00 PM. **SPECIAL CONSENSUS BLUEGRASS BAND IN CONCERT.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St, Downers Grove, IL. *Special Consensus has been presenting fine bluegrass music in Chicago and around the world for more than 25 years! Come join us for this special evening you will not want to miss! No advanced ticket sales. For more information, call 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823.*

Thursday, October 25 from 7:00-9:30 PM. **LAST THURSDAY: "IT'S OUR TURN!"**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *An unplugged open mike for high school and college age students. "Last Thursday" offers an opportunity for creative expression through music (unplugged), poetry and other performance arts. It's a great chance to share ideas and perform in one of the best acoustic venues in the Chicago area. We know there is a lot of talent out there in this age group. Doors open at 7:00 PM for signups, which are first come, first served. A sound system and microphones will be set up and waiting. For more information, call 630/969-9720 or visit: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org). Co-sponsored by Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Two Way Street Coffee House.*

Saturday, October 27 from 2:00-4:00 PM **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM.** At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. *Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!*

## NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 3 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD SINGAROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks provided.*

Saturday, November 10 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356. *All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band music etiquette.*

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Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PARTY!** \$4.00. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 708/442-0823 or 630/889-9121. *Join us for an evening of music*



## *Plank Road's Fall Events Listing, continued*

*and dancing. Fun for the entire family! The Plank Road All Volunteer String Band will provide music and caller Marianne Mohrhusen will walk you through all the dances at our No Experience Necessary Barn Dance. Musicians warm-up at 7:30 PM. Co-sponsored by the Two Way Street Coffee House.*

Saturday, November 24 from 2:00-4:00 PM **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM.** At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. *Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!*

Thursday, November 29 from 7:00-9:30 PM. **LAST THURSDAY: "IT'S OUR TURN!"**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *(See the October listing for details.)*

### **DECEMBER**

Saturday, December 1 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD SINGAROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks provided.*

Saturday, December 8 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356. *All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band music etiquette.*

Saturday, December 15 at 2:00-4:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD SINGAROUND.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks provided.*

Saturday, December 15 at 4:00-10:00 PM. **PLANK ROAD CHRISTMAS PARTY/OPEN HOUSE.** Jones Family Music School, Lombard. 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356. *All are welcome to join us for this annual Plank Road get together. Bring a dish or snack to share. We'll break for dinner around 6:15 pm. Bring your instruments, voices and join in the jam, or curl up by the fireplace and enjoy the music!*

**TBA (mid-December) PLANK ROAD CAROLING PARTY** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL. 630/889-9121. *Join us as we sing Christmas Carols in downtown Downers Grove. Meet at the Two Way Street Coffee House to warm up our voices. Books are provided. Dress warmly!*

Friday, December 21 **THE JONES FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *Enrich your Christmas season with this traditional program featuring Tom, Anne and Cathy Jones and their talented guest musicians. You'll want to sing along! See the Two Way Street Coffee House schedule for details*

Saturday, December 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM.** At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. *Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!*

Thursday, December 27 from 7:00-9:30 PM. **LAST THURSDAY: "IT'S OUR TURN!"**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *(See the October listing for details.)*

Friday, December 28. **PETE NORMAN'S POST CHRISTMAS BLUES FEST.** Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720. *This show is guaranteed to banish your post Christmas blues! Great songwriter Pete and his guests present folk, blues and fun songs. Guitar, fiddle, banjo and more! See the Two Way Street Coffee House schedule for details.*

**Plank Road General Information: 630/889-9121 or 708/442-0823**



## Plank Road has a new T-shirt!

The new design is a multi-colored logo on a black t-shirt. There are two shades of logo to choose from: blue/purple or yellow/orange. The shirts are 100% cotton and come in Medium, Large, Extra Large and 2x Large. We will have these shirts available at our fall Barn Dance and at the Special Consensus Concert, so come check them out.

Or, use the order form below.

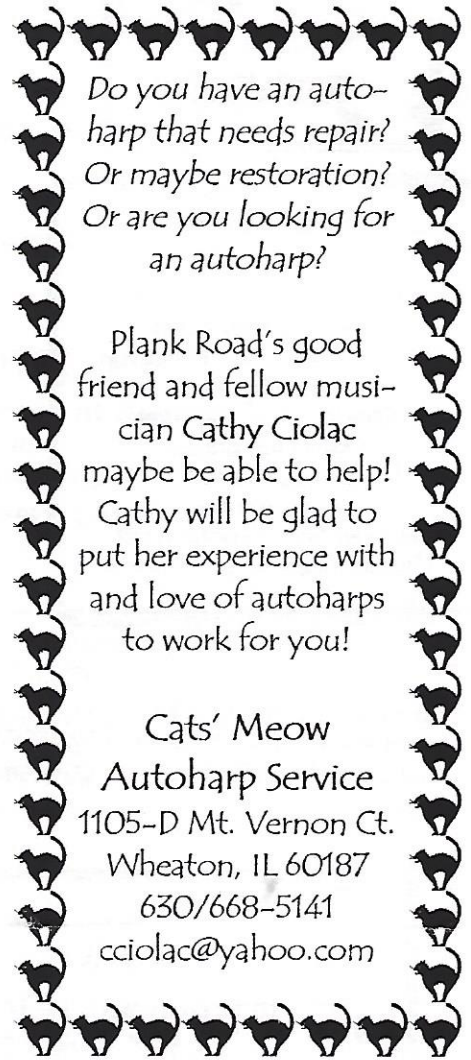
*Plank Road also has a new General Information brochure. If you would like copies to introduce others to and help spread the word about the Plank Road Folk Music Society, call 630/889-9121.*

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PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513

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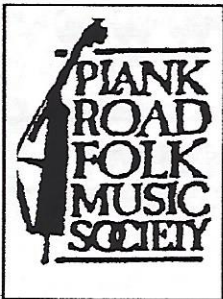
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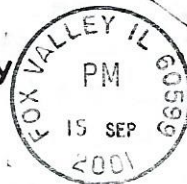
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# The Special Consensus Bluegrass Band



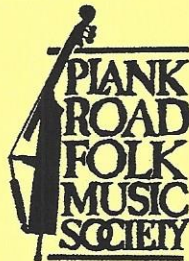
## WORKSHOP & CONCERT

OCT. 20 – 2:00PM TO 4:30PM

at the Jones Family Music Studio in Lombard, IL

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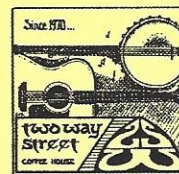
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OCT. 20 – 8:00PM

at the Two Way Street Coffee House  
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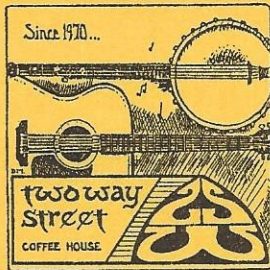
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### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday September 7 **JOSH RITTER** — 24-year-old singer-songwriter is packing venues across North America and in three tours to Ireland — *this year!* Hints of Dylan, Guthrie & Tom Waits. Opened for Gillian Welch, Carrie Newcomer, others.
- Friday September 14 **SEAN SMITH** — Singer-songwriter from Chattanooga TN, he's captivated fans all across the Southeast. Soulful, earthy, passionate, lyrical. He's opened for Jack Williams, Lucy Kaplansky, Don Conoscenti and others. With guitar.
- Friday September 21 **CHRIS McINTOSH & ALVIN McGOVERN** — Teachers at the Old Town School of Folk Music, they present popular and obscure folksongs of many eras. Sweet ballads to fun English music hall songs. Guitar and banjo.
- Friday September 28 **THE CANTRELLS** — Duo gets raves in clubs and festivals across North America. They're in Robert Redford's movie, *A River Runs Through It*. Bluegrass, western, Irish, originals; with guitar, fiddle & mandolin. 3 CDs.
- Friday October 5 **BUDDY TABOR** — Alaskan singer-songwriter blends outstanding lyrics with acoustic sounds of blues, folk and country. "A player and a poet," said the late Townes Van Zandt, for whom Tabor opened. Latest CD: *Writing on Stone*.
- Friday October 12 **DAVID CRAWFORD** — Powerful singer-songwriter-pianist with blues, folk, gospel and jazz influences. Soulful voice, imaginative piano, rich lyrics. His CD, *A Room of Green Rain*, was partly recorded live at the Two Way Street.
- Friday October 19 **JACK WILLIAMS** — From South Carolina, this outstanding and joyously reckless guitarist and singer-songwriter masterfully blends the contemporary with the traditional. "Best guitar player I ever heard." (Peter Yarrow)
- Friday October 26 **DAVID MASSENGILL** — Critically acclaimed master songwriter-storyteller whose songs have been recorded by Joan Baez, the Roches, Nanci Griffith and others. With mountain dulcimer. "Pure Brilliance." (Boston *Herald*)
- Friday November 2 **CLAIRE & AUDREY** — From our *LAST THURSDAY* open mikes comes this young, bright and intense duo. Excellent vocal harmonies enhance their emotional original songs, and some carefully chosen covers. With guitars.
- Friday November 9 **MARK ZEUS** — Founder of *The Chicago Songwriters Collective*, he now tours from Texas. Returning with strong and poetic songs, he addresses the human condition and social issues with humor and fresh insight. Guitar and mandolin.
- Friday November 16 **SHANK'S PONY** — Trio presents full-blooded old and new songs with guitars, fiddle, concertina, whistles, mandolin, and terrific vocal harmonies. Great originals, plus songs of Stan Rogers, Dougie MacLean and others. Fun!
- Friday November 23 **GREG TRAFIDLO** — Award-winning Virginia singer-songwriter-guitarist appearing on over 30 albums and in diverse venues: the US Capitol, Wrigley Field, Ireland and China. Folk, bluegrass & country with humor & warmth.
- Friday November 30 **TRICIA ALEXANDER with ALPHA STEWART Jr** — Singer, songwriter, performance poet, guitarist, harmonica and kazoo player, she blends swing, blues, wisdom and comedy. Alpha Stewart adds magical percussion.
- Friday December 7 **\*\* OPEN MIKE \*\*** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular we must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. **Open at 7:30** for signups — first come, first served. **Show starts 8:00.** For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
- Friday December 14 **JIM WEARNE** — Songs, stories and singalongs, mostly traditional, specializing in the lore of the Celtic land of Cornwall. Some serious, some hilariously funny! A unique and entertaining show. New CD, too! Guitar.
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Saturday October 20 8:00 pm \$12	Special Consensus Bluegrass Band — In Concert! This legendary band has redefined bluegrass! Co-sponsored with the Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Jones Family Music Studio. Also, workshops in the afternoon at the Jones Studio. Information: 630-889-9121.
October 6 & 20 November 3 & 17 December 1 & 15	Sing-Arounds — Our popular song circles where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. First and third Saturday afternoons of each month at 2:00 pm.
Thursdays October 25 Nov 29, Dec 27 7:00-9:30 pm	LAST THURSDAY: It's <i>OUR</i> Turn! — A monthly unplugged open mike for high school and college age students on the last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry and other performance arts — 10 minutes max. Doors open 7:00 for signups — first come, first served. More info on our website ( <a href="http://www.twowaystreet.org">www.twowaystreet.org</a> ) or phone 630-968-5526.

Watch *From the Coffee House* on DGTv, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 6, Mondays at 7:30 pm

Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:45. Doors open 7:30. \$3.00 donation requested (subject to change). Refreshments available. The *Two Way Street Coffee House* is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings, or visit us on the web at [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)