

APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

February

28 (Tuesday)
Paczki Day at National Bakery
13820 W. Greenfield Ave.
Brookfield, WI
6:00-10:00 a.m.

June

5-8 (Monday-Thursday)
Tulsa City-County Libraries

9-14 (Friday-Wednesday)
Albuquerque Public Libraries

10 (Saturday)
Children's Branch Library
200 W. Aztec Ave., Gallup, NM
2:30 PM

15 (Thursday)
Friona Public Library
109 W. 7th St., Friona, TX
10:00 AM

15 (Thursday)
Canyon Area Library
1501 3rd Ave., Canyon, TX
2:00 PM

19 (Monday)
Mason County Library
410 Post Hill Rd., Mason, TX
1:00 PM

20 (Tuesday)
Smithville Public Library
507 Main St., Smithville, TX
2:00 PM

21 (Wednesday)
Carl & Mary Welhausen Library
810 Front St., Yoakum, TX
2:00 PM

21 (Wednesday)
Shiner Public Library
115 E. Wolters 2nd St., Shiner, TX
5:00 PM

22 (Thursday)
Carnegie City-County Library
2810 Wilbarger St., Vernon, TX
10:30 AM

22 (Thursday)
Grapevine Public Library
1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, TX
7:00 PM

25 (Sunday)
Luther Memorial Chapel
3833 N. Maryland Ave.
Shorewood, WI
10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

30 (Friday)
Greendale Lions Festival
5798 Broad St., Greendale, WI
3:00-7:00 p.m.

THE Mike SCHNEIDER BAND NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING BACK ON 2016

I would say that the year 2016, more than anything, was a year of recovery from the previous two years. Thanks again to you for your support during those difficult times!

In their aftermath, I was very fortunate to put on more than 110 Pint Size Polkas programs at libraries in 10 states this past summer, and followed that up with my busiest Oktoberfest season to date with nearly 50 bookings in September and October, mostly with the Mike Schneider Band. My new van is really getting a work out. I've put on nearly 30,000 miles since I bought it in March. Whew!

I also celebrated National Polka Day on Tuesday, August 9 with the Live At Four news crew at WISC-TV in Madison. Full disclosure, after more than 20 years as a professional polka musician, I had no idea August 9 was National Polka Day! But, we had a good time celebrating nonetheless! You can see the clip at www.facebook.com/mikeschneiderband, then scroll down to my August postings.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

Sadly, the traditional dance business has really slowed down. Of particular note, I enjoyed nearly 20 years performing at the Essen Haus in Madison, but at this point am not booked there for future dates. I would like to thank them for their many years of past business. If you'd like to see my band back there or at any venue that supports quality polka music, please pass the good word along – thank you!

While conventional venues have faded a bit, I'm optimistic that my public and private

work during the festival and Oktoberfest seasons will continue to grow. The outlook for Pint Size Polkas is also looking extremely bright, with nearly 80 shows booked in seven states on the calendar already for this coming June, July and August. I'm hopeful we're just past the halfway point! You can get more details on my summer schedule by visiting www.pintsizepolkas.com, or www.mikeschneiderband.com for band appearances.

NEW CD FORTHCOMING

"Happy Polka Day!" will be the title of my forthcoming CD. I'm aiming to have it in to the disc manufacturer by next month, and perhaps release it then, as well. That would be very fitting considering it's National Polka Month! The new album will feature four new original tunes, plus numerous familiar songs that I've put my own special mark on – something I try to do with each new recording. Stay tuned to www.mikeschneiderband.com for samples and release information, hopefully by early next year! For previews, please visit www.facebook.com/mikeschneiderband. Happy Holidays in the meantime! ■



Mike with Karin Swanson, Mark Koehn, and Susan Siman of WISC-TV in Madison, WI.

