

APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

January

19 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

24 (Thursday)
Milwaukee Moose Lodge
5476 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI
1:00-4:00 PM Solo

February

8 (Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

March

9 & 29 (Saturday & Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

April

19 (Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

May

18 (Saturday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

August

16 (Friday)
Old German Beer Hall
1009 N. Old World 3rd St.
Milwaukee, WI
8:30-11:45 PM

25 (Sunday)
West Bend German Fest
S. 5th Ave., West Bend, WI
Times TBA

PINT SIZE POLKAS DATES

See Mike's schedule for *Pint Size Polkas* by visiting the Events page at www.pintsizepolkas.com.

THE Mike SCHNEIDER BAND NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING BACK ON 2018

The summer of 2018 was my very busiest to date, with 153 shows in 10 states. The vast majority of those bookings were at libraries with my Pint Size Polkas program. While the 10th anniversary of my first library program doesn't come around until next June, the summer of 2018 also marked my 10th summer doing Pint Size Polkas, and subsequently my 10th year making a full-time, family-supporting living playing polka music. I've said this many times before, but had someone told me 15 years ago that's what I'd be doing, I would have probably agreed with the conventional wisdom of the notion's improbability. But so very gratefully – to you for your support, to my wife, Heather, for the Pint Size Polkas idea – here we are 10 years later and I'm essentially living out the dream job of my childhood. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

There's lots to look forward to in 2019! For Pint Size Polkas, I'll be making return trips to libraries in CO, GA, IA, IL, MI, OK, TX, and WI, and also visiting new libraries in AL and FL – two states I'll be making my first professional visits to. Can't wait to get started!

For the Mike Schneider Band, we're scheduled for 10 performances at the Old German Beer Hall in Downtown Milwaukee in 2019. I'll also be back at the Milwaukee Moose Lodge in January, and am already booking up the busy months of August, September and October, including a return to West Bend German Fest on August 25. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

STEPPING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Even polka music can get techie! After more than a decade of faithful service, I've retired my old Roland sound module, along with my equalizer, reverb unit and mixer, in favor of a 16-channel audio interface and laptop capable of running my mixing software as well as my new software sound module. All of this was done in the hopes of preserving my back for years to come! My old rack weighed well over 100 pounds. The new equipment in the same rack feels like it weighs about half as much, and when my new rack is finished, everything should come in at or under 40 pounds. It's been quite the learning curve getting everything setup to my liking, but it's proven to be well worth the effort. The end result for you should be improved sound quality; for me, a less sore back in 2019! ■



Heather, Mike and the kids at the Grand Canyon during a 2018 family trip. You really must see it to believe it!