

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

UCDC

MAY 2007

3207 S. Dearing Rd, Spring Arbor, MI 49283

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

Notes from the Prez:

Wasn't that a great party? We want to thank Barb Borton, Marcia Fort and Sylvia Pow for all the decorations and favors, the collecting of white elephants and all the effort expended to bring our club to the notice of the Media.

Next, thank all of you for attending and participating! I heard many comments that we had more people at the meeting than ever before. The after-dinner performances illustrate what musicians we have in our group - thank you all for sharing your music with us. Thanks, also, to Jack Sowle for being the Emcee and Sandy Hlavacek for the "musical cake". I'd never had my picture taken with a cake before so that was an interesting experience.

May's meeting will wind up our club meetings until September. We'll do some planning for our campout and talk about summer play dates.

There are UCDC pens left over and they will be for sale at the May meeting.

Now I'd better take advantage of the break in the weather to get outside and work in the yard and enjoy spring! See you in May!!!!!!! Ann

PLANS FOR UCDC "MEMORY BOOK"

We had previously planned a revised "Anniversary Book" to commemorate the 25th Anniversary, but, there wasn't enough time to get it done. Plans are still in progress for the book. Anyone that would like to work on the project would be welcome. As a matter of fact - Barb Borton would like anyone that has pictures (or not) and would like to work on the book to meet with her before the May meeting to get the project organized. She will meet you at McDonalds in Spring Arbor at 11 a.m., May 12. If you can't make it on the 12th you can still be on the committee, there will be lots to do.

From the Vice-Prez:

Website Comments Please

This is it! We are finally "on line"! Please let us know how you like it, and if you have any ideas, please make sure you let us know.

Tune of the Month

Hope you all are working on Texalouisasippibama Rag. Once you learn it, put those chords in! That's what will really make it fun to play. If you don't know what I am talking about, ask me for a demo sometime.

This month we will be adding John Ryan's Polka. Many of you already play it, but it gets asked for now and then, so here it is. For those getting this newsletter on line, don't forget to check out the Tune of the Month button. You can print your music and hear what it sounds like. The ODPC website (<http://www.dulcimers.com>) has another version of this tune. Once you learn this one, you can then play the second part in the lower octave.

Looking forward to giving this workshop! I need the practice for the summer festivals

Take care.....Penny

SPRING ARBOR LEARNING FAIR!!!

THURSDAY, JULY 19TH 12:00- 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 20 10:00 - 5:00 PM.

THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE MAY MEETING, FOR MORE INFO CALL BARB BORTON, 517-783-2670

FOR SALE

Hammered Dulcimer (3 Octave),
hand made by John Kelly, Maple Leaf Music
Stool, Playing rack, 2 sets Mallets, Electronic tuner,
Call Carol Orsborn at 517-626-2401 for more Info

Mountain Dulcimer (Pecan Wood)
Heart shaped sound holes
Built by Wane F. May, Nov. 1979
#704 (#40403)

Case & Jean Ritchie Books
Call Polly Hagemann at 517-629-2370 for more info

A BIG, BIG, THANK YOU, TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS FOR DOOR PRIZES, AND TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED BLOW UP THE BALLOONS FOR DECORATIONS, AND HELPED SET UP THE TABLES AND TABLEWARE FOR OUR 25TH CELEBRATION. ALSO TO THOSE WHO BROUGHT FOOD FOR OUR DELICIOUS POT LUCK. THANKS FOR THE CAKE, IT WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND FIT IN WITH ALL THE DECORATIONS, AND WAS DELICIOUS TOO!!!! A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME AND TOOK PART IN OUR PARTY, IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST, IF NOT THE LARGEST CROWD WE HAVE EVER HAD. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST A BIG, BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO STAYED AND HELPED CLEAN UP AND CARRY OUT!!! FROM THE COMMITTEE,
1 Barb Borton , Marcia Fort, Sylvia Pow .

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

18 - Jim Naylor
22 - Don Steinke
24 - Shirley Love
31 - Chuck Mead

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May

02 - William & Hannah
Wright-
04 - Gerald & Roberta
Bartlett
12 - Mike & Denise Allman

Monday Night at Woodville

SPRING & SUMMER 2007 SCHEDULE

April 16 - Class, April 23 - Class, April 30 - Class

May 7- Class, May 14 - Class, May 21- Class, May 28 - **NO CLASS**

JUNE 4 - CLASS, JUNE 11 - CLASS, JUNE 19 - CLASS (TUESDAY) JUNE 26 - CLASS

JULY - **NO CLASS**, AUGUST- **NO CLASS**

SEPTEMBER 10 - CLASS (first class of fall)

*All level of Players welcome
COME JOIN THE FUN*

Background on your club treasurer.....

I've been a Mich. resident all my life, a former resident/graduate of Jonesville, & attended college earning an Assoc. Degree in Office Accounting. I worked for the Way Baking Co., State Employees Credit Union, & in 1977 ended up at an automotive factory; worked my way up to Purchasing Clerk, Buyer, Inventory Controller, & due to downsizing, lost my position in 2003 after 25 ½ years of service.

I live in Litchfield where Ed & I built a log house, moving in after our wedding (1985). We have a big lawn & two gardens. I'm back to canning/freezing/starting my own plants, crafts, & selling nutritional supplements. We enjoy living in the country & although the dog & horses are gone, we still have two cats & they never cease to amuse us.

Music has always been a part of my life, junior high/high school band (trumpet), 4-H & community bands after my school days, & playing hand bells for groups in Jonesville & Litchfield. I first heard the dulcimers at the Marshall Home Tours. Ten years later, in 1990, I ended up with an Uncle Carl's dulcimer. I saw Uncle Carl playing at the Grosvenor House Museum (Jonesville) & in 1987 he fixed me up with dulcimer #106.

I joined UCDC in 1992, acquired the bass in 1997 & along the way, taught myself to chord the guitar & mandolin. I'm also a member of the Thornapple Dulcimer Society, Michigan Fiddlers Assoc., & the "Home

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar!!

- Apr. 28** Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
Regular Club Meeting 1:00 - 4:30 PM
- Apr. 28** West Adrian Music Jam 6:30 PM at
West Adrian United Church of Christ
For more info call;
Marilyn at (517) 254-4828 or
Pennye at (517) 547-7448
- May 12** UCDC Regular Club Meeting at
Spring Arbor Senior Center.
Doors Open 12:30 PM
- May 19** West Adrian Music Jam 6:30 PM at
West Adrian United Church of Christ
For more info call;
Marilyn at (517) 254-4828 or
Pennye at (517) 547-7448
- May 26** Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
Regular Club Meeting 1:00 - 4:30 PM
- June 23-25** UCDC Annual Campout at Waffle Farm
Campground, Coldwater, MI
- July 19 & 20** (Play Date) Spring Arbor learning Fair
Spring Arbor University Campus.
Thurs. July 19 - 12:00 to 7:00 PM
Fri. July 20 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
For More Info Call Barb Borton at 517-783-2570
- July 19-22** ODPC Fun Fest
Ewart, MI
- Aug. 10** Michigan Fiddlers Convention
Hillsdale County Fairgrounds Gazebo
Set up 4:45 - Play from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Spun Strings". Our group enjoys promoting music/playing out at weddings/open houses/retirement & nursing homes, & various community events. We have a CD in the works and hope to finish it soon.

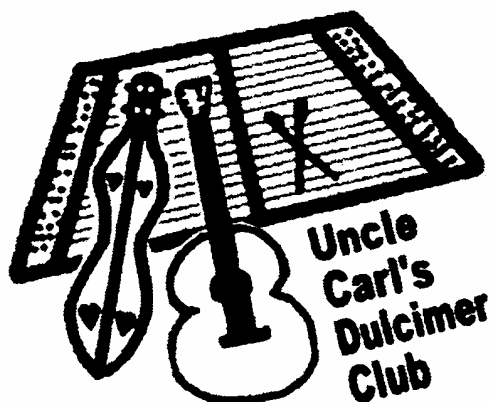
Music is a wonderful thing to have in your life, so if you have the chance to learn & play music, do it, stick with it & don't give up. The clubs & groups are great & will help you develop your talents. Last but not least, make it fun...that's what it's all about!

Wendy Conklin

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!!!!

25 years ago on April 28, 1982, Uncle Carl Hakes & Aunt Eva Hakes, Veanna Bordeaux, and Barbara Borton got together and planned the first meeting of Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club. Carl Hakes, had been a musician all his life and was also a carpenter by trade. He heard a dulcimer played at the Calhoun County Fair grounds and thought he could build one. He started building hammered dulcimers in 1973, and taught himself to play, by 1982 he had built many dulcimers and his niece, Barbara Borton purchased #9 in 1979. So, it was time they got their heads together and started planning when they would finally get a club organized and have monthly meetings. It was determined at this meeting that the club would be named Uncle Carl's Tri County Dulcimer Club. The name has since been shortened to Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club, as we have members from many other counties and out of state. The first regular meeting was held on May 22, 1982, at the home of Dean & Barb Borton, on Kimmel Road, south of Jackson. We sent out 26 letters and at our first meeting we had 26 people, 11 hammered dulcimers, one guitar, one harmonica, a mountain dulcimer and an auto harp. Everyone was enthused about the club, the music, and the dulcimer. So Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club was ready to play and play we did. With Uncle Carl leading the group, we played for many local businesses, organizations, schools and churches, and even played for a few square dances. Today, under the leadership of our elected officers, we are still playing at different functions, as The Conklin Museum, in Hanover. The Historic Blair Farm in Homer. The Jackson Friendly Home, The Spring Arbor Learning Fair, and downtown Jackson at The Bucky Harris Park, to mention a few. We are always looking for engagements, as we love to bring the "Sweet Tune" music to everyone. If you are interested in joining the club or are interested in having our club perform for your special occasion, please call 517-783-2670. Activities of the club today are much like they have been for the last 25 years. We meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Spring Arbor Senior Center, and have a slow jam then a workshop of a new tune, struggle thru a business meeting and back to an open jam for the remainder of the day. In June we have an annual "Club Camp Out" at a nearby camp ground and there is continuous music. In July and August we do not hold a regular meeting, but attend the many festivals here in Michigan. Come September we are all anxious to see old friends and hear and play the music at our regular monthly meeting. In April and December we have special meetings to celebrate the Holiday and our Anniversary. We have thru these 25 years, maintained a membership of between 70-100 family memberships, with members playing Hammered dulcimers, mountain dulcimers, guitars, banjo, violin, bass, and ukulele. On April 14, 2007, we will hold our 25th Anniversary at the Spring Arbor Senior Center, with Jamming at 2:00, a potluck dinner at 5:30 and a program at 7:00, with the members entertaining members & guests with new songs we have learned. Today the club have many groups that regularly play together, outside of Uncle Carl's Club. If you are interested in attending please call 783-2670. The club started and sponsored "The Southern Michigan Dulcimer Festival" for 15 years, from 1985 -1999, and brought in professional musicians to perform and do workshops, so members could expand their knowledge of the Dulcimer, as well as other instruments. The club have also produced two recordings and each have 24-27 songs, and are available on tape or CD. They are available at all of our play dates, as well as from the members. Our mission statement is the same today as it was when we started 25 years ago: Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club is a club for dulcimer players to get together, and enjoy the music of the Sweet Tune Instrument. The activities of the club are centered around the dulcimer to promote and encourage the joys of the music and playing of this instrument. To further our goal, we invite anyone to come to our meetings and performing dates to enjoy our music and fellowship. We, the members encourage anyone that is inclined toward making a little music, to get involved and get a dulcimer and enroll in our weekly Monday Night Class at Western School District Adult Education held at the Woodville Community School, on Catherine St., Jackson. All Stringed instruments are welcome. The past, present and future members of Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club will forever remember Uncle Carl and Aunt Eva, and be thankful that this musician/carpenter built his first dulcimer. Uncle Carl Hakes passed away in 1999, and Aunt Eva Hakes in 2004. They have touched our lives, and made a difference in our life. We need to remember as they did "to encourage and promote the music of the "Sweet Tune" instrument.

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Meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except June July and August from 12:30 to 4:30 at the Spring Arbor Senior Center, Spring Arbor, MI (behind McDonalds).

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Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club was formed in 1982 to promote dulcimer music. Today the club features the hammered dulcimer and the mountain dulcimer with a variety of other instruments including guitar, bass, mandolin, autoharp and the penny whistle. Members have the opportunity to learn new tunes, jam together, perform in public, attend meetings, receive the monthly newsletter and take part in festivals, workshops, potlucks and fun!



Membership dues are \$12.00 per year.

Everyone is welcome

Deadline for June Newsletter is May 22