

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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December 2007

## Notes from the Prez:

Hope that all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving!

"Turkey in the Straw" would have been the entertainment tune for the day, I believe.

Now we are reviewing and revamping the Holiday tunes that will brighten the month of December. I love all the old familiar songs of the season.

Please note the information about the Holiday party on December 8. I'm looking forward to the good food, good music and the chance to get to know more people. Music people are really a lot of fun to know.

We thought that it would be interesting to try a "TAG SALE" in January. How about bringing all those extra hammers, music books, CD's, musical instruments, etc., to the January meeting and we'll have a "musical tag sale". Anything related to music will be appropriate to sell. See you at the party!!!!!!!!!!!! Ann

## From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

It has been a wonderful year with all of our old tunes and some new ones. I am working on some ideas for a few new tunes for 2008. You can never know enough.....but then again.....so much music, so little time. Best idea is to play the ones you love and know enough of the ones you don't to get by in a jam, or just chord along. There will always be a tune or two that are not necessarily your favorite. If there is a tune you just have to present to the club, why not consider doing a workshop. I'm always up for a new tune too. Looking forward to continue playing with you and learning with you in the New Year!

Merry Christmas.....Penny

## "Jingle Bells", (James Lord Pierpont)

In the early 1800's a thriving sleigh bell industry arose in East Hampton, Connecticut. The bells produced here were sold throughout America and were very popular in the Northeast. In Medford, Massachusetts sleigh races became a popular winter entertainment. The spectacle of jingling bells and horses straining for speed over the snow inspired lively spectators and sometimes wagers. They also inspired a visitor from Savannah, Georgia, James Pierpont, who penned the song we would come to know as "Jingle Bells", although he called it "One Horse Open Sleigh". He first wrote the song in the early 1850's, and it captures a youthful spirit of joy with a hint of young love. After returning to Savannah and becoming a church choir director, he used the song in a youth program, and had it published in 1857. "Jingle Bells" was instantly popular and became a Christmas mainstay throughout America.

From: [http://transportationhistory.suite101.com/blog.cfm/the\\_history\\_of\\_jingle\\_bells](http://transportationhistory.suite101.com/blog.cfm/the_history_of_jingle_bells)  
That's it from me.....Penny

## Steel Magnolias - Spring Arbor College in the Prop Shop

Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1st; and 5, 6, and 8th at 8pm in the Prop Shop  
(on M-60 at the west end of campus).

The space is small, so you may want to call for reservations: (517)750-6500.

**Reminder**- UCDC dues are due running Jan-Dec 2008 at \$15.00 per family.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Send all newsletter items and e-mails to:  
1 Ted Malott e-mail [temalott@yahoo.com](mailto:temalott@yahoo.com)  
810 E. Golf Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49203

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY      HAPPY ANNIVERSRY**

Sue Clemet- 6th                      Lavern&Shirley Love-17th  
Bill Halsey- 17th  
Carol Harmon- 25th  
Sandi Hlavacek- 31st  
Jeanine Houk- 31st

**Monday Night at Woodville School**

**2007 SCHEDULE**  
**Every Monday night- 6:30**  
**All level of Players welcome**  
**COME JOIN THE FUN**



**Grosvenor House Museum**

Play List

Uncle Carl's Club has been invited again to play  
Christmas Music— December 1, 2007 - 2:00-3:00 PM  
(SET UP AT 1:45 PM)

Angels We Have Heard on High G  
Away in A Manger G  
Deck the Halls G  
Frosty The Snowman C  
God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman Em  
Go Tell It On A Mountain G  
Hark, The Herald Angels Sing G  
Jolly Old St. Nicholas G  
Jingle Bells G  
Jingle Bell Rock C  
Joy to the World D  
Oh Christmas Tree G  
O' Come All Ye Faithful G  
Rudolf C  
Silver Bells D  
Silent Night G  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas G  
We Three Kings G  
White Christmas C

Directions: US 12 to Jonesville. First light from the east,  
turn south (left) onto Maumee, go three blocks to Liberty, the House is on the east side of Maumee. Use side (Kitchen entrance) Dress in Holiday Attire (optional).  
Contact: Ann Johnson at 517-849-9182 or johnson-done@yahoo.com or Wendy Conklin at 517-542-2291 or weconklin@core.com for more information

**Upcoming Events**

**Please mark your calendar!!**

- Dec. 1** (Play date) Grosvenor House Museum  
See article at left (SET UP AT 1:45 PM)
- Dec 6** Play date- Vandercook Lake Seniors at the Vandercook Lake Methodist Church has been cancelled,
- Dec. 8** UCDC - HOLIDAY PARTY 2 P.M. - DOORS OPEN  
2:15 JAMMING BEGINS  
3:30 MEETING AND MORE JAMMING  
5:00 SET UP FOR POTLUCK, DINNER, THEN ENTERTAINMENT BY MEMBERS SEE P.3 FOR MORE INFO
- Dec. 29** 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*
- Dec. 15** Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society  
Bowen Mills- 12:00-4:30 X-mas party
- Dec 6&20** Silver Strings Dulcimer Society  
Good Hope Lutheran Church  
Garden City, Mi 7-9 pm
- Jan 12** **UCDC Regular meeting**  
**"MUSICAL TAG SALE"**



**3 Bob Tack dulcimers for sale.** I have been collecting Bob Tack dulcimers and now have 3 for sale. They are 11/12, and 12/12 dulcimers. Two are walnut, and one is light wood with a black soundboard. All are excellent quality and excellent sound. Bob Tacks tend to be loud and you can hear them in a jam.

One belonged to Corky who now plays professionally. All come with a case and a stand. Two are priced at \$475, and one is priced at \$650. Please call Paula Brawdy at 269 948 3099. I can email a picture to anyone who is seriously looking.

**For Sale -**

McSpaden mountain dulcimer, hard case, tuner. \$200 or best offer.  
Also, Mountain dulcimer by Tom Schwanke of Pittsfield, PA, soft case, other accessories. \$150 or best offer.  
Contact Pennye - 517-547-7448

**HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 8 - 2 p.m.**

CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.

BRING - your own place setting and beverage. (we provide coffee)

-A dish to pass and a serving utensil

-IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH THE LETTERS A-N, bring a salad or side dish.

-IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH THE LETTERS O-Z, bring a dessert.

-A \$5 wrapped gift if you want to join in the gift exchange

**Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club**

**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).**

President	Ann Wassell abwassell@frontiernet.net
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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 \$15.00 per year.

**Everyone is welcome**

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