

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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SEPTEMBER 2007

## Notes from the Prez:

Fall is here . . . Another year of Festivals, picnics and ball games are nearly over. It is time to gather inside with friends, turn up the furnace just a little, and make some good music. But first, take a look at the UPCOMING EVENTS in this newsletter. We need players for the next several weekends for various play dates. Come out and play with us. If you don't know all the tunes try a little chording. It's a good way to get started.

Speaking of chording, we had so many good classes at Midland! The Pentatonic Scale is very useful - Jeanine Houk and I were playing along with the evening jam with some tunes we didn't know - using the Pentatonic Scale and feeling as though we were contributing to the music.

Kendra Ward encouraged us to be more free in our music. For example, in a tune that you are bored with and play often - if there is a run up or down the scale, try playing it backwards as others play the run as it is written. It harmonizes and it works!

Pennye's class, on St. Basil's Hymn used the concept of playing the left hand against the right hand with vamps and bell tones. Jane Chevalier taught and provided written music for Winchester Cathedral incorporating several instruments. So many ways to enrich the music!

Only the weather dampened the Festival. The music goes on! See you Sept. 8 in Spring Arbor !!!!!!!!! Ann

**JAM PLANNED:** September 16th Sunday afternoon, I am inviting all players to come and have a Jam session and pork b.b.q dinner at the (no cost for the dinner) Sandstone Congregation Al Church. Time will be 4:30 PM until approx 6:00. This will be an outdoor function, weather providing.

We are getting geared up for the fall kickoff at our church. On November 2, at 7:00 pm we will have Rick Thum in for a concert. There will be a love offering during the concert time. Plan to come and bring the family, and have a great evening with all. Please let me know if you can come. I will tell the cook how many to plan on. **Pat Hesselgrave**

## Mosherville:

The Music for the Mosherville Square Dance was Great!! , and all 12 of us had a great time, especially with the Hokey, Pokey. Thanks to all, and special thanks to

Jack Sowle for bringing his PA System and getting it all set up. They wanted us to sign up for another square dance on September 1st, but everyone was celebrating the Labor Day Week-end, so we declined. We will be working with the Mosherville Grange and hoping to schedule another Square Dance with them soon.

**BarbB.**

## Tune of the Month

As the Monday Night Woodville Players have been working on a few tunes, I will add some of them to our tune list from time to time. For the month of September, I am adding Ragtime Annie. It is a very popular tune and many of us know it already. We will go over it during our workshop time at our first meeting. I will be publishing a new tune list next month and you will see that we are now up to three columns with plenty of space to add more tunes. Please go out of your way to ask for those tunes we don't normally play, I will !!! Take care.....Pennye

## I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream

What a fun time we had at the Arbor Manor Center in Spring Arbor. We played right out in the parking lot on a cool summer evening. We moved chairs up close so they could hear us. It was awesome to see all the families enjoy ice cream, pop corn, soda pop and cookies. The kids had their faces painted by a wild looking clown so there was something for everyone. Our music was enjoyed right until the end. It's wonderful to see the smiles on the older folks who don't get out to enjoy such activities. Hopefully, we can go back someday and do it again!

## Midland Dulcimer Festival

It was the 13th year of the Midland festival and one of the wettest ones that I can remember. It didn't dampen our music though because as soon as the raindrops stopped, the jamming began. We have a new camper to stay dry in now but there wasn't much chance to enjoy it until Sunday and Monday. Too many folks to see, workshops to take, and jamming. Even though this is a small festival, there is a lot offered to players of every level. Thursday, the 23rd, was National Ukulele Day so after the pot luck (yummy, yummy) there was a tribute played by a small group of "uke" players. As always, there will be pictures available on [www.dulcimers.com](http://www.dulcimers.com) One of the most unusual workshops was given by Pam Bowman. Maybe at one of our meetings we will all dampen our strings via "painters tape" and play "Yellow Bird". (Anyone willing to workshop it?)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Shirley Gilmore- 5th  
Mary Green- 6th  
Judy MacBeth- 22nd  
Terry Steinke- 27th

Bob & Sue Cemet- 17th  
Don & Marcia Fort- 11th

**Monday Night at Woodville**

**SUMMER 2007 SCHEDULE**

AUGUST- Every Tues. night during Aug.  
SEPTEMBER 10 - CLASS (first class of fall)

*All level of Players welcome*



**FLORA LIST SQUARE DANCE:**

*We now have another SQUARE DANCE, with CHARLIE SANFORD as the caller.*

*SEPTEMBER 14, 2007, @ FLORA LIST SCHOOL NORTH OF JACKSON.*

*7:00 TO 10:00 WEAR DARK SLACKS, OR SKIRTS, WHITE SHIRTS AND NEW BLUE VESTS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A UCDC VEST, STAND NEXT TO SOMEONE WHO DOES. SET UP AND SOUND CHECK AT 6:30. THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ON THE 8TH.*

**Upcoming Events**

**Please mark your calendar!!**

- Sept. 8 UCDC Regular meeting Spring Arbor Senior Center. Doors open at 12:30**
- Sept. 14 Flora List Square Dance- 7-10 pm**
- Sept. 15 (Play Date) Applefest in downtown Coldwater 1:00 - 3:00 PM (More Details to follow)**
- Sept. 16 Sandstone Jam & bar-b-q Sandstone (no cost for bbq) 4:30-6:00 RSVP For info contact Pat Hesselgrave 517-750-3472 or bus11ph@comcast.com**
- Sept. 22 Blair Farms—Homer, MI 1:00- 2:30 West on M-60 1 Mile east of Homer**
- Sept. 28 Hillsdale County Fair—senior day Hillsdale County Fairgrounds 2:30—3:30**
- Sept. 29 Adrian Jam- Kaiser Family 6:30 (\$5 donation)- Regular jam & Ice Cream Social 7:30 fir more info contact Penny- 517-547-7448 or Marilyn 517-254-4828**
- Sept. 29 Antique Organ fest Conklin Reed Organ Museum - Antique Organ and History Fall Festival, Hanover 1 pm**
- October 6 (Play Date) "Albion's A-Maizing Corn Harvest" (Saturday) In Victory Park on the Kalamazoo River 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. There will be antiques, farm equipment, etc.**
- Nov. 2 Rick Thum Concert - Sandstone Congregational Church 250 S. Sandstone Rd. Jackson, MI 7 PM For info contact Pat Hesselgrave 517-750-3472 or bus11ph@comcast.com**





Mosherville square dance



Arbor Manor

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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 November Newsletter is September 25**

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