

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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January 2008

Notes from the Prez:

I'm writing this during the first big snowstorm of this winter season. Those of you that go to warmer climates in the winter may be on to something. The snow is really beautiful here on the lake, however, and we are warm in the house.

I want to thank all of you that have helped Uncle Carl's Club to be what it is - thanks for all the attendance at the play dates last year; for the wonderful food at the potluck dinners; for new tunes and lessons; for the newsletter; and especially for the music. Hope the coming New Year will be a good one for all of you!

The new (2008) play list is in this issue of the Newsletter - make a copy for yourself and then let us know if you need any instruction for an unfamiliar tune via "Tune of the Month".

This month will begin a series highlighting newcomers to the Club. We hope to interview new members and print short bios about them so that we can all get to know them better. Our first interview was with Regis Proulx from Dexter, MI.

Don't forget the tag sale in January - bring money!!!!!! Ann

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT - REGIS PROULX

Regis lives in Dexter with his wife, Marie. He has 2 1/2 children (ask him to explain that) and several grandchildren. He retired from Detroit Edison in Ann Arbor. He and his wife spend 2 1/2 months in the winter in Florida near Ft. Myers.

He started playing the hammered dulcimer about a year ago after injuring his elbow and finding it difficult to play the fiddle. Since he could not find an instructor near Dexter he started teaching himself to play. A neighbor, Dianne Ballagh, started taking him to "Monday Night at Woodville", where he continued to learn more tunes.

Regis has a music background. He has played the fiddle all his life, also plays the mandolin, piano, and the accordion for the past 15 years. He states that his grandchildren have shown musical talent. His granddaughter plays the violin and grandson plays the piano.

Welcome to the Club, Regis!

From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

For January we are going to add "The Gale" to our list. I heard this tune many years ago at the Midland Dulcimer Festival and it is asked for at many jams. It is currently on the list for Subterranean Strings out of Saginaw and is asked for at the Thornapple Valley club meetings. I taught this tune at workshops a couple of summers ago and folks really liked. The tune is by Susan Conger and it was played for us by Homespun Strings at one time. Hope you enjoy it! Second part is sort of classical sounding and the patterns are really fun to play.....Penny

Jenny Lind Polka - History

September 11, 1850- Swedish soprano Jenny Lind was born. She was so popular that many dances were created in her honor: The "Jenny Lind Polka" and "Jenny Lind's Set of Waltz Quadrilles" are two such dances published in an 1858 dance manual.

Just for fun, look up Jenny Lind in Wikipedia to read her story! http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jenny_Lind

Wildwood Flower - History

"Wildwood Flower" is an American song, best known through performances and recordings by the Carter Family. However, the song predates them. The original title was "I'll Twine 'Mid the Ringlets". The song was written in 1860, with words by Maud Irving and music by Joseph Philbrick Webster (1819-1875). The tune was used by Woody Guthrie for the verses of his song "The Sinking of the Reuben James". Guthrie's song had a tune of his own devising on the chorus. Although originally a parlor song, the song had undergone quite a bit of the folk process by the time the Carter family recorded it.

The song has also become a standard instrumental piece for guitarists of all skill levels. In 1955, it was recorded as an instrumental that reached number 5 on the Country charts. In the 2005 film "Walk the Line", Reese Witherspoon, playing June Carter, sings "Wildwood Flower" while strumming her autoharp.

From: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSRY

Cindy Feigel-1st Jim&Janis Franklin -18th
Betty Groulx- 8th
Sharon McAuliffe- 10th
Bill Scheiber- 14th
Joe Shook- 3rd
Hannah Wright- 24th

Monday Night at Woodville School

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



PLAY DATE- FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AT REFLEC-
TIONS ON AIRPORT ROAD NEXT TO THE LIBRARY
(NEAR MEIJERS). REFLECTIONS IS A SENIOR CITI-
ZEN COMPLEX WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH
2008, 1:00 PM.

PLAY DATE- FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AT JACK-
SON MED FACILITY ON LANSING AVENUE. JACK-
SON MED FACILITY IS A NURSING HOME
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008, 10:00 TO 11:00

WEAR DARK SLACKS AND NEW BLUE VESTS WITH
WHITE SHIRTS. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, STAND
NEXT TO SOMEONE WHO DOES.)

??????CALL BARB 783 2670 WE WILL PLAY FROM
OUR REGULAR PLAY LIST.

A Big "THANK YOU" to all who helped with the
Christmas open house at the Jonesville Grosvenor
House Museum . I hope everyone took time to
tour the house and enjoyed the delicious home-
made refreshments. It has become an annual tra-
dition for the club to perform music at the house,
and a tour of the house, with its Victorian Christ-
mas theme, really sets the mood for the holi-
days.....Wendy Conklin & Ann Johnson

REMINDER: UCDC membership dues are
now due for 2008 at \$15.00 per family. Please
make checks out to Uncle Carl's Dulcimer
Club or U.C.D.C. and mail to Wendy Conklin,
7186 W. Sterling Rd. , Litchfield , MI 49252 .
Dues run January-December.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar!!

- Jan 3&17** Silver Strings Dulcimer Society
Good Hope Lutheran Church
Garden City, Mi 7-9 pm
- Jan.12** UCDC - Regular meeting - doors open
at 12:30 P.M. -"MUSICAL TAG SALE"
- Jan.16** Play Date- Jackson Sr. Citizen Complex
1:00 PM (see left column)
- Jan.26** Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
ODPC winter mtg. Maple Leaf Grange
Bowen Mills- 12:00-4:30
- Jan.26** 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
- Jan.30** Play Date- Jackson Medical Facility
10:00-11:00 AM (see left column)



UCDC -CLUB PERFORMANCE LIST 2008

<u>Title</u>	<u>Key Times</u>
SMALL WORLD	G 4
DOWN YONDER	G 4
OVER THE WATERFALL	D 3
TENNESSEE WALTZ	C 3
RED APPLE RAG	G 3
DANCING CLOWN	D 3
KATOUSHKA	Am(D) 6
JANUARY WALTZ	G 3
HEY POLKA	G 3
AMAZING GRACE	G 4
FESTIVAL RAG	G 3
JUST BECAUSE POLKA	C/D/G/C 4

SIMPLE GIFTS	D 3
TAMLIN	Em 3
FIVE FOOT TWO	C 3
IN THE GARDEN	G/C 2/1
TICK TOCK POLKA	G 3
I SAW THE LIGHT / I'LL FLY AWAY	G 3/3
MISSOURI	Em 3
ISLE OF CAPRI	G 3
MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER	D 3
MARCH OF ST. TIM'S	G 3
YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE	G 3
WHISKEY BEFORE BREAKFAST	D 3
UNDER THE DOUBLE EAGLE	G 3

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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!



Everyone is welcome

Membership dues are \$15.00 per year.
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