

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

March 2008

Notes from the Prez:

It's so beautiful outside today with the sunshine on fresh snow! Makes you want to sing and work on a new tune. Sometimes we get so caught up in life that the newness of anything isn't appreciated as much as it should be. "New" adventures bring excitement to the human experience.

Last month at the club jam we tried a new experience when we invited members to "start" the tunes that they requested. There were mixed feelings about this. Please don't feel intimidated if you haven't reached the point where starting a tune is for you. But, starting your tune at the speed you like to play is a good thing because you should then have some control over the speed and rhythm of your song. The issue of speed versus musicality came up at the last club jam and is a point well taken.

We can work together to increase our ability to start tunes as well as maintain the musicality of each piece. Believe me, I know it's difficult but we can do it.

I hope that all of you that are going to the Buckeye Festival will bring back some new tunes and that you have a very good time..... Ann

From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

History: From a World's Fair to Walt Disney World

It's A Small World traces its origins to the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. The attraction was built for the Pepsi-Cola Company's pavilion by WED Enterprises (which later became Walt Disney Imagineering), as a salute to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Artist and Imagineer Mary Blair, famous for her work on many Disney films and attractions, assisted with the design. Song writing brothers Richard and Robert Sherman wrote the famous (perhaps infamous?) theme song. With some of Disney's best creative minds at work, the attraction was destined to be-

come a hit. The fair closed in 1965, and the attraction was moved to Disneyland, where it continues to entertain today. When Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom opened in October, 1971, it was given its own version. From: <http://www.squidoo.com/wdwsmlworld>

Tune of the Month

This month I will be attending the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival. Hopefully, there will be a fun tune that I can bring back to share. Take the workshop time to play "Irish Washerwoman" and "Gary Owen" as a medley. Also pick some tunes off of the list that are never played to see how many can actually play them. You will then know which ones you need to learn or practice. See you in April.....Pennye

National Trail Dulcimer Festival

April 25-27, 2008

Springfield, Ohio

Will you be ready for a camping festival in April? If so, then here is one for you to think about.

We attended this for about three years when it first started, but haven't gone for the last five years. They have moved to a new camp facility and the festival has really grown. We are going to give it another try, so I will give you a report when we get back. Check out www.nationaltrauldulcimer.com for information or call Dean Yoesting at 937-845-0846 for a flyer.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Audrey Ackle- 1st

Mike Allman- 2nd

Judi Cole- 26th

Wendy Conklin- 31st

Jim Green-7th

Pat Hesselgrave- 16th

Tammy Hover- 25th

Sandy Johnson- 29th

Peg Kloock-5th

Lavern Love- 18th

Gerry Parker- 4th

Marc Pember- 21st

Beth Philo - 5th

Joan Weaver- 21st

HAPPY ANNIVERSRY

Bill&Vickie Halsey- 9th

Duain&Nancy Lockwood- 6th

Monday Night at Woodville School

2008 SCHEDULE

Every Monday night- 6:30

All level of Players welcome



UCDC Campout

June 27-29, 2008

Waffle Farm Campground - Coldwater, Michigan

Registration to camp at our July camp out must be sent to Kathy Culy by May 1, 2008.

Please mail with a \$25 deposit to: Kathy Culy, 625 N.Union City Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036 If you have any questions, you may contact her at 517-278-4853 or call Pennye Scheiber at 517-547-7448. Full itinerary in a future newsletter.

The registration is for the weekend (Friday and Saturday night) as we have a "group" registration. If you would like to come earlier or stay longer, please contact Waffle Farm to make those arrangements.

Anyone wishing to camp for only one night must make their reservation with Waffle Farm directly. Waffle Farm, 790 N. Union City Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036. Phone: 517-278-4315 or www.wafflefarm.com After Kathy receives your registration, she will mail you a brochure with all the information. When you arrive, you will have to pay for the full weekend. Rate is \$27.00 per night. On Sunday, Kathy will refund your \$25 deposit. There is a \$2 one day pass fee for those coming just for the day.

Watch the newsletter for a complete itinerary for the camp out. Pot luck supper on Saturday, pancake breakfast on Sunday! Yummy!

Come on out and have some fun, even if it's just for the day.

Check out the following location for your registration form

<http://www.unclecarls.org/sections/events/events.asp>

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar!!

Mar 6&20 Silver Strings Dulcimer Society
Good Hope Lutheran Church
Garden City, Mi 7-9 pm

Mar 8 UCDC - Regular meeting - (122 Starr Road , Spring Arbor, MI)
doors open at 12:30 P.M.

Mar 19 Play Date-Jackson Medical Facility 10:00

Mar 22 Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
Maple Leaf Grange
Regular meeting and jam

Mar 23 Play date- Wueens Community Center
Play 1-3:00 Dinner 11:45
(wear white shirt & blue vests)

Mar 29 West Adrian Music Jam 6:30 PM at
West Adrian United Church of Christ
4545 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian
For more info call;
Marilyn at (517) 254-4828 or
Pennye at (517) 547-7448



Shirts, Vests, Sweatshirts

Still taking orders for the above. Many folks added blue sweatshirts to their clothing collection. I will take orders until March 15 so that I can have the items available for the April meeting. Call Pennye at 517-547-7448 or write to pennyes@comcast.net

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.

The UCDC Membership List for 2008 needs to be completed by the March 8th club meeting. Please send dues, e-mail & address changes/updates, & birthday/ anniversary dates to: Wendy Conklin....7186 W. Sterling Rd. Litchfield , MI 49252

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT -
DALE AND JUDI COLE

Dale and Judi live just north of Jackson. They will have been married 46 years in September and have two sons. Dale continues to work at Dakins Yard and Garden as a part time employee. Judi is retired from Northwest Schools where she worked as an aide for 27 years.

When asked about his music background, Dale replied that when he was in the sixth grade in a one room schoolhouse a music program for all the children was started that lasted the full school year. Each child could choose an instrument and was taught to play with weekly lessons. His instrument choice was the guitar. When he was older he played in a local “rock” band called the “Catalinas” for a few years. Then he put the guitar away for 40 years and recently started playing last year when they joined Uncle Carl’s Club.

Judi had played the flute in band in high school and had also taken some piano lessons as a teen. She

started hammered dulcimer lessons in September, 2007, with the Monday Night group and Barb Borton, and hasn’t gained enough courage yet to join in the Jam. She loves the music.

Judi and Dale have known Jack Sowle for 38 years (but who is counting) and Judi bought her dulcimer from Jacks sister. They also know Ted Malott and Chuck Meade. They really enjoy the club and have met some really nice people. We’ve included their picture so that you can get to know them.

**Wel-
Judi
Dale!**



**come,
and**

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).

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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

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