

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

April 2009

Notes from the Prez:

Spring is finally here!! I hope!! At least the snow is melted and the lake is water, not ice.

In the spring thoughts turn to "play dates" and returning to play our music at various venues that are so enjoyable, such as the apple orchard and Albion Corn Fest. Sharing our music is about the best part of being in this group and we encourage everyone to get involved. You don't have to be the best to join in. Air hammering is allowed occasionally.

The Club Performance list has been updated for 2009 and is available on the Website. I will have copies available for those of you that receive your information by mail at the next couple of meetings.

The Club Play List (different list) is a compilation of all the tunes that the club plays at the meetings. We have an approved club list so that new players (and not so new) know that if they learn any of the tunes on the list that others will know them and will be able to play along. Penny has updated this list and it, too, is available for printing on the Website and copies will be at the meetings.

Now that the club has a binder machine available at the meetings you can bring the updated Play List and all the copies of the new tunes we had learned at workshops this past year and have all of it placed in your UCDC Music Book.

See you April 11. Ann

From the Vice Prez:

Tune of the Month

Welcome to Spring everyone. Now is the time to spruce up your music and start getting ready for our summer festivals. One of the sets added to our performance list is the Patriotic Medley. "You're a Grand Old Flag" has some sharps and naturals, so it's surely to be a strange pattern and will need practice to get them down good.

This month I am going to add "Puncheon Floor". This is a type of floor used in a log cabin.....

"The cabin with a puncheon floor was thought to be quite well finished; for all early structures did not have slab floors. The dirt for floor-surfacing was well tramped -- dampened if necessary -- and beaten with a maul or stomped until smooth and solid.".....Penny

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Just a reminder - since our April meeting falls the day before Easter (April 11), we will have a regular meeting and jam in April on the 11th, and postpone the Anniversary Party until the regular meeting date of May 9.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barb Borton- 15th
Shirley Brail -25th
Jim Brown- 2nd
Mary Jane Cookingham-23rd
Kathy Culy 30th
Everette Denning- 23rd
Dolores Dodes- 7th
Bonnie Love- 9th
Sharon Mead-- 15th
Jack Mullins- 7th

Bill Pohanka- 27th
Linda Porter- 17th
Iris Richardson- 5th
Larry Roper- 1st

HAPPY ANNIVERSRY

Marlin&Carol Harmon- 9th
Chuck&Sharon Mead- 4th

Attention UCDC members....If you want to order a UCDC name tag contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or weconklin@dmcibb.net. ThanksWendy

Practice with Pennye

3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Played slowly and then up to tempo. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net for more information.

Instruments for sale :

Jim Hudson 17/17/2, with stand,hammers, tuning wrench \$750— Lost Valley 15/16, with case, and hammers, tuning wrench \$750—Michael Kelly 15/16, with case, hammers, tuning wrench - \$650—Webster fully chromatic, octave tuned, can be 5th tuned, case, etc. - \$750 —Upright bass - beautiful curly wood - 3/4 - \$975—Call Paula Brawdy at 269 282 9912, or cell 616 240 0445 for more info!

Monday Night at Western School

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

For Info with BARB BORTON . 517- 783-2670

6:30-7:30 Beginners Class

6:30-7:30 Jamming

7:30-8:30 Advanced Class

Monday Night At Western Middle School- . Spring 'Break is March 27th thru April 3. School open April 6th. 2009

Monday Night At Western Middle School will hold classes starting April 6th and every Monday Night thereafter, thru the Western Middle School year.

Upcoming Events

Apr 11 Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club, Spring Arbor Senior Center - 12:-30 p.m.

Apr 12 Sunday, Queens Community Easter Dinner Corner Wisner & Morrell Streets in Jackson. 11:45 Sharp, register with Barb to Eat. (783-2670) 1:15 - 2:15 or 2:30 Play. Wear White shirts and New Blue Vests. If no Vest Wear a blue Shirt. We will play songs from the new list the Club just put out.

Apr 25 6:30 pm West Adrian Jam Contact Pennye Scheiber or Marilyn Mullins for information.

WE STILL NEED PLAYERS, CHECK THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE APRIL 11TH MEETING. ANY QUESTIONS CALL BARB 783-2670

May 22 Friday, Spring Arbor Seniors Spring Arbor Senior Center 12:15 - 1:00 Play from new list.

May 24 Sunday Civil War Reenactment Branch County Fair Grounds. 12:00 - 1:00 Play from new list. No lunch Wear Period Clothing.

June 6 Saturday , Coldwater Alumni Lunch, First Baptist Church, Coldwater 1:00 pm Play from new list No Lunch Wear New Blue Vests or Blue Shirt. Any questions call Kathy Culy 278-4853 (this is tentative, pending number of players)

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER CLUB- Meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City MI. President - Larry Roper Website is www.ssdociety.org. Silver Strings now has its own Club Channel on YouTube. Be sure to periodically check YouTube for newly added videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub>

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

This was the 18th festival and they are already collecting ideas for their 20th. I guess that I will go for the next two years just to say that I have attended 18 of them. This festival is the best for learning as you spend 2 days with one or two instructors. This year Timothy Seaman from Virginia (<http://www.timothyseaman.com>) and Bonnie Carol from California were the advanced teachers. Timothy was awesome as he played most melody on his left hand and backed himself up with his right hand. This class was different as he had a "system" you could use for all tunes. All that is needed is....."practice"! He also plays flute and dubs over his music. Tim writes music for the National Parks and most of his music is based around nature. Bonnie Carol has been in the dulcimer world for more than 25 years. She loves the slower tunes but can keep up with the best of them. She also writes and arranges tunes. Bonnie worked with us on chording and gave us some great tips on how to work better with them. As with all festivals, you take home so much, and the trick is taking the time to work with it and incorporate what you have learned into your own music.

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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The most favorite tune that Paula Brawdy and I brought back was Erev Shel Shoshanim (Evening of Roses). A delicate Israeli folk song that gives the open feeling of the desert at night while the scent of roses drifts on the cool air.....Now if I can only take Tim's backup methods and apply them.....WOW!
Take care.....Penny

REMINDER: UCDC 2009 Membership List will be finished by the April 11th meeting. Printed hard copies available upon request (Contact Wendy Conklin). E-mail copies will be sent automatically to members as a blind copy only. List will NOT be available on the WEB.

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.
Make checks out to Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

Mail to Wendy Conklin



Puncheon Floor

Tradition Old-Time Dance

The musical score for "Puncheon Floor" is written in treble clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The first staff begins with a G chord. The second staff includes chords D7, G, Am, and D7. The third staff features first and second endings, with chords G, D, A7, and D. The fourth staff contains chords D, A7, D, A7, D, A7, and D. The fifth staff includes chords D, A7, and a first ending with a D chord, followed by a second ending with chords D, D7, and into A.

Uncle Carl's Campout
June 26-28, 2009

Registration to camp must be sent to Kathy Culy by **May1, 2009**. A \$25.00 deposit to reserve a site should be mailed to Kathy Culy, 625 N. Union City Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036. Any questions call Kathy at 517-278-4853 or 517-279-9452 or e-mail at culys7w@verizon.net We have a group registration for 20 campsites for Friday and Saturday nights. If you are planning to come earlier or stay longer, please contact Waffle Farm directly. If you can only stay one night, you will be able to camp near us, but won't be included in the 20 reserved campsites and must contact Waffle Farm directly.

Waffle Farm, 790 N. Union City Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036. Phone: 517-278-4315 or on line at www.wafflefarm.com

Kathy will send a brochure as receipt of your deposit. When you arrive you will have to pay for the full weekend. The rate is \$27 per night, but on Sunday morning, Kathy will refund your \$25 deposit. There is a \$2 one day pass fee for those coming just for the day. Pot luck supper on Saturday and pancake breakfast on Sunday!! Keep watch in the newsletter for more info.

UCDC Campout Registration
June 26-28, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

No. of nights: _____

Enclosed is my \$25 deposit.

Mail to Kathy Culy
625 N. Union City Rd.
Coldwater, MI 49036

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Campout

With questions, call
*Janelle Pacic, (248) 437-5403 or
Carol Ann Matthews (734) 981-5675*

Send registration & payment to :
Myers Lake Campground, (at bottom of this form)

Check-in Fri. June 19TH Check-out June 21ST
To get all sites grouped close together,
You **MUST** specify you are with Silver Strings
Reservations are due by **MAY 15th, 2009**
Cabin (sleep 4-6) reserve by **MAY 1st**

Rates \$27 per night \$35 per night with A/C
(2 adults are included, each added is \$2 per night)
Cabin rental for non-campers (\$70 per night)_____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone & e-mail _____

Type & size of camper _____

Slide-outs? yes no

Air conditioner? . . yes no

adults (18+) _____ #children _____ # pets _____

Type of vehicle (1 per site) _____

Driver's License # _____

Late arrival or extended departure ? _____

Minimum deposit \$25

Full payment gets curbside check-in and no long line.

Payment.....CHECK . . . VISA . . . MC . . . DISCOVER

Account # _____ exp. Date _____

Sign _____

Make checks payable to – and send to:
Myers Lake UMC Campground
10575 Silver Lake Rd., Byron, MI.48418

The sites near the jam barn are ideal for people with mobility problems... you must request them. There will be a potluck dinner Friday at 5:30pm.



Get ready for camping at the
SSDS campout in June, and the
festival season to come.

For the convenience of those attending only Saturday,
SSDS will have a pancake breakfast 8:30-9:30 am and
catered dinner (**Adult \$10, Child \$5**) 5:30-6:30 pm. Send
reservations and check to:

Carol Ann Matthews,
42297 Wickfield Ct., Canton, MI. 48487

Breakfast. no yes.....(how many)
Dinner . . no . . . yes (Ad.....) (Ch.....) (how many)