

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

February 2009

Notes from the Prez:

February marks a new year for Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club. Election of officers, payment of dues for the year 2009, collection and sorting of pictures and memories of 2008 will be the focus at the February meeting. The opportunity to learn new music with friends and plan ahead for campouts and play dates will also play a major part of our activities for the months to come. If you took a group picture at the Christmas Party please bring it to share with the group. Other pictures of our outings are needed for the supplement picture pages in the memory book.

Our February meeting coincides with Valentine's Day. Let's have a party! Come dressed in your best "sweetheart" shirt. If you decide to bring a treat - try something that illustrates "hearts", etc., either sweets or appetizers. When you consider what tune you will request to play, think "love song" (while you're thinking, plan how you will start your tune). Of course all our tunes won't be "love songs" but, we love all our tunes. Let's celebrate!!!!!!!!!!!! Ann

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Due to the cancellation of the January meeting due to severe weather, election of officers has been postponed until February 14.

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers for 2009 and 2010: President - Ann Wassell; Vice-President - Penny Scheiber; Secretary - Sandy Johnson; and Treasurer - Wendy Conklin. Election of Officers will be at the general meeting, February, 2009. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time.

From the Vice Prez:

Tune of the Month

We will have the workshop on Willow Waltz in February and continue working on the Caribbean. The weather has kept us home a lot and so I was able to really work on these two tunes. Hope that you have too!

I was reading the Thornapple Newsletter (Paula Brawdy-editor) and here is a little something from it.

If you have high speed internet, you will want to go to www.youtube.com. Type in the search area hammered dulcimer. You will come up with hundreds of people playing the hammered dulcimer. There are even some free lessons. If you hear a song while out playing somewhere and want to hear it again in order to learn it, go to www.youtube.com and type in the name of the song. It almost always comes up. Sometimes it's a fiddle or another instrument, but you can usually hear the tune and it's free. Anyone can video themselves playing a tune and put it on "youtube". It's very interesting to listen to for a way to learn songs or just for fun!

Take care.....Penny

PLEASE NOTE: Send all newsletter items and e-mails to:
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barb Davis-14th
Janis Franklin-7th
Don Johnson- 2nd
Nancy King- 3rd

HAPPY ANNIVERSRY

James&Betty Groulx- 8th
Steve& Ramona Hadley-14th

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.

For Sale:

Dusty Strings 12/11 dulcimer Hard case, book, hammers, Korg tuner \$400.00 Contact Pennye or Mary Wood at 517-694-0303

Bob Clement is looking for a used Mountain Dulcimer. He wants something between \$100.00 - \$200.00. If you know of any please contact him at **rgolfer5@embarqmail.com**. If you have a picture, send it too.

Upcoming Events

Feb 14 Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club, Spring Arbor Senior Center - 12:-30 p.m.

Feb 28 6:30 pm West Adrian Jam Contact Pennye Scheiber or Marilyn Mullins for information.

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>

Monday Night at Western School

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

IF YOU ARE NEW CHECK WITH BARB BORTON FOR TIMES. 517- 783-2670

Monday Night jam and Class at Western Middle School on Dearing Road

6:30-7:30 Beginners Class

6:30-7:30 Jamming

7:30-8:30 Advanced Class To all

Monday Night Players at Western Middle School : Because I am having trouble with the snow and wind chill and cold weather this year in January and am also having some health problems as well.(high blood pressure)

I am suggesting we cancel Monday Night Jam & Class at western Middle School on January 26, 2009 as I cannot be there. The school is open and you can go there and jam every Monday Night, but I cannot make it every night. I am also suggesting that for the month of Feb we meet the 2nd and 4th Monday night. February 9th, 2009 and February 16th, 2009.

In case of a UCDC cancelation due to bad weather, be sure to check your e-mail often and folks without e-mail should call before traveling to the club meeting.

UCDC 2008 PICTURES

If you have pictures that would reflect the activities of the club and would like them to be featured in the "Additions to the Memory Book for 2008"), please send them to Pennyne so that the Memory Book Committee can review them and select the best! **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PICTURES IS THE FEBRUARY MEETING.** We will have the pages ready to add to the books for our Anniversary Party in the spring.

REMINDER: UCDC membership dues at \$15:00/family due January 2009. 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 Jan-09 thru Dec-09.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE - FEBRUARY

There will be a board meeting, including the building representative, at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 14, at the Pizza Place in Spring Arbor. Thanks, Ann

Hal Bain (our Life member) passed away Friday 16 January.

Sharon Mead had bypass surgery in October and surgery on a compressed nerve in the neck, after surgery she had much pain and not able to function hardly at all, eight days in the hospital she came home and continued declining, 1/14 she went to Tender Care nursing home in Marshall for inpatient rehab. She needs to strengthen and get thru the pain issues to function and improve; she has made some small improvements.

Yours prayers are most welcome.

Chuck Mead meadc11@verizon.net

Cindy Feigel is now out of the hospital and staying with her mother until she can be on her own again. She has physical therapy three times a week and Charlie spends weekends with her as he has gone back to work.

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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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