

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

January 2009

Notes from the Prez:

Holiday Greetings to all of you on the snowiest, coldest day of the season, so far (Dec. 19)! It's a good day to stay inside and learn a new tune. Maybe I'll take a look at "Caribbean" - it may make me think of warmer climates.

It's time to start thinking about Dulcimer Festivals in 2009. I have received the flyer for the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival which will be held March 11 thru the 15th. "Buckeye" is a really good Festival. It is held at a camp called Recreation Unlimited near Ashley, Ohio. You sleep in the bunkhouses (lower bunks, only), eat in the dining room and have lessons and music jams everywhere. Weather permitting there are hiking trails for exercise and beautiful scenery to enjoy. There are great performances each evening by the teaching staff. You can attend the whole Festival or just the weekend. For more information see www.geocities.com/buckeyedulcimer, or e-mail buckeye dulcimer@yahoo.com.

Happy New Year to all!!!! Ann

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers for 2009 and 2010: President - Ann Wassell; Vice-President - Pennye Scheiber; Secretary - Sandy Johnson; and Treasurer - Wendy

Conklin. Election of Officers will be at the general meeting, January 10, 2009. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time.

From the Vice Prez:

Tune of the Month

As we all begin to wind down after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's time to think of how we want to work with our music in 2009. At this time I am going to keep working on tunes from our list that we never play. For January we are going to do Willow Waltz by Les Raber. It is very much like Sophrina, but like you, I have to learn it too. That will be #1 priority for me when I can finally relax and have time to work out some hand patterns. Why not give it a try yourself. Maybe you can help me teach the workshop with ideas for patterns of your own. Looking forward to working with you. Take care.....Pennye

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cindy Feigel-1st
Frank Foote- 23rd
Betty Groulx- 8th
Sharon McAuliffe- 10th
Bill Scheiber- 14th
Joe Shook- 3rd
Hannah Wright- 24th

HAPPY ANNIVERSRY

Jim&Janis Franklin 18th
Linda Porter- 19th

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

Lost Valley Dulcimer - 15/16 size - with case - \$695
I have a gorgeous Lost Valley Dulcimer I am selling. It is in excellent condition, made in 1994 by Lost Valley. Lost Valley has made over 1400 instruments, all hand crafted. This one has good projection and tonequality. Email at pbrawdy@jasnetworks.net, or Call Paula Brawdy at 269-948 3099 or cell 616 240 0445.

Upcoming Events

Jan 10 Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club, Spring Arbor Senior Center - 12:-30 p.m.

Jan 31 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.

A big "THANK-YOU" to the folks who helped us out with the Jonesville Grosvenor House Christmas Gig. Wendy C. & Ann J

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 will start up for the New Year on January 12, 2009.

6:30-7:30 Beginners Class

6:30-7:30 Jamming

7:30-8:30 Advanced Class

Open to all players, and we invite anyone to join us for a fun evening of music, learning new tunes, and playing old tunes...Barb

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 on February 14 at 11:15 a.m. prior to the February Jam. The place for the meeting will be decided at the January meeting. Thanks, Ann

A big **"THANK YOU"** to 21 members of Uncle Carl's Club for turning out for the Queen's Church, of Jackson **"COMMUNITY DINNER"** on Christmas Day. We especially thank you, Dale for bringing and setting up the sound system. In addition to Dale, and his wife Judy, Tom & Suzie, Jack & Marilyn, Bob & Sandi, Larry & Janelle, Barb & Dean, Syd, Paula & Ruth, Regis, Marie & Deantey, Trinkka, Joan, & Pennyne. Thank you again for your support, and spending your Holiday for the enjoyment of others. And the Christmas Dinner they served was great too. B. Borton

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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.

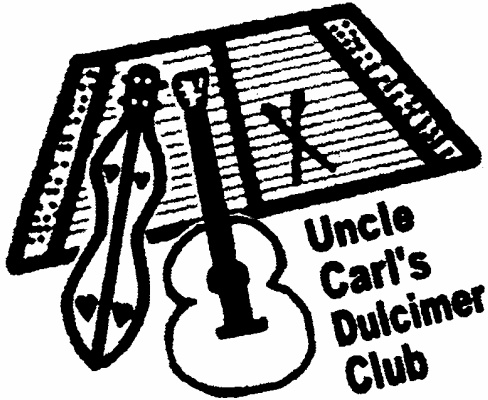
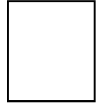
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Hello Everyone,

Happy Holidays to everyone. Cindy and I are grateful for the gifts of friendship and prayer that we have been blessed with. Cindy is doing very well in rehab. A lot has happened in the last 2 weeks. First of all, she had her feeding tube removed just over a week ago. The Drs. decided she was eating enough calories. She has to have a couple of shakes (carnation instant breakfast) a day along with her food to make sure she has enough calories. She was so happy and thrilled to have that tube taken out as it had really become bothersome to her.

She is pretty close to being able to walk on her own. When I take her to the bathroom, or from her bed to her chair. I just hold her arm lightly and she goes on her own. She can get to a standing position from her bed as it is higher than most chairs but I have to help out of her chair and the bathroom. They are working with her on it and I think by Christmas or shortly afterward, she will be able to get up out of the chair and walk on her own. Her legs are the strongest as they were not burned but were used to take skin for grafts. She took a long walk at Physical Therapy this morning. She walked a long hallway to the end and back with minimal help from the two therapists. It is so good to see her moving.

Cindy has been able to take a shower in the last few days instead of bed baths. She was so happy to be able to sit in the shower and really be able to get clean. She washes the best she can and the aide helps her the rest of the way. This was a good way for her to feel more normal. She doesn't require that much for dressing changes anymore except for a couple small open areas. So mostly dressing change now is rubbing a cocoa butter lotion on her skin to keep it moisturized. We have been trying to do it a couple times a day. It helps the skin moist so it stretches easier which is less painful and keeps the skin from tearing. She has wonderful therapists and we are glad for their knowledge and dedication.

She has four hours of therapy a day and that is enough to make her very tired at the end of the day. Physical Therapy concentrates on her legs and walking. They have her walking and some recumbent bikes that they use. They started with a walker but she has progressed so well that she has not used it very much. Occupational Therapy concentrates on her arms and shoulders. They do a lot of stretching to try to get her range of motion back. Her left arm is coming along and she is using that arm to eat and brush her teeth. Her right arm is very painful and she has very limited movement with it. She has a condition where she has some bony growths in her shoulder and elbow on her right side. She may have to have an operation to remove them at some point. The therapists are trying to do as much as they can. Her right arm will need the most work to get back to normal.

I will be spending Christmas Eve and Christmas with Cindy. It will be low key like Thanksgiving was but we will be grateful that we have each other. Cindy put it best when she said "I guess I am the Christmas present this year". I am off until the 5th of January so I will be able to spend a lot of time with Cindy. She will have therapy every day except Christmas Day and New Years Day. I am planning to bring her dulcimer up in the next couple of days so she can start working with it and they want to incorporate it as part of her therapy.

Cindy's birthday is New Years Day. We will be having a little birthday party for Cindy up here on the sixth floor in the dayroom for 2 pm to 3:30 pm on New Years Day. If anyone would like to come up and see Cindy for a few minutes you are welcome to come.

God bless all of you this Holiday Season and beyond. Cindy and I thank you again for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and gifts that have helped us through this time. We couldn't have received better Christmas gifts than that.

Love,
Charlie