

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

OCTOBER 2009

Notes from the Prez:

I'm looking forward to the October meeting because we will be learning the Beer Barrel Polka, which I love! A new polka will put some life into the clubs play list, for sure! Pennye puts great effort into keeping us all up-to-date on the latest music and also in keeping our music portfolio current and playable.

Jim Brown is our Resident Agent who maintains contact with the IRS and keeps the forms filled out that are needed for our club to maintain its non-profit status. The last mailing from the IRS stated that their requirements have changed and that each non-profit organization needs to have 3 Trustees that are non-elected on the Board.

How to do that? The Board agreed that the solution for this would be to have the positions filled by past Presidents (they were invited) and then by volunteers. Since all three positions are required by January, 2010, we invited Barb Borton to fill a 1 year position, Marcia Fort to fill a 2 year position and Alice Podczervinski volunteered for a 3 year term. Each year, in January, one Trustee will leave the board and another volunteer will start a 3 year term. Ideally, the outgoing President would take one of the positions so that someone would be on the board who knows the club history. Other volunteers will be needed in the years to come. The Board meets twice a year, usually in September and February.

We rely on volunteers - there are so many who do the various jobs and do them well! I invite newcomers to volunteer when the occasion arises, it is a good way to get to know others. Come and join us as we play out at various gigs - it is just plain fun!!!! ...**Ann**

From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

This month we will add Beer Barrel Polka. Barb Borton handed this music out at our campout because she had so many extra copies. It is a fun polka and recognizable by all. Don't forget to keep practicing the new tunes that were workshopped during the last year - Up the Buckhorn Way, Puncheon Floor, Pay de Haut, Willow Waltz, Bryson Hall Waltz, and Carribean.

Club Tune List

This is a list of tunes that is our official repertoire. There are many tunes that we have not played at our meetings

in almost two years or more. This month there is a revised tune list with 20 tunes removed leaving us with 115 tunes still on our list. Any tune that we would like back on the list will be workshopped so that all of our new members can learn them (which is 80% of us). If you feel you still want to request one of those tunes that were removed, that's OK, as those tunes will still be in your book. Our list is revised once a year so if you have any suggestions on how we can make it easier for new members to keep up with us, please don't hesitate to share your ideas. Make an extra copy to keep in your dulcimer/music bag, so you will always have a copy handy at our meetings.**Pennye**

Website Update ; Uncle Carl's website has another new photo gallery! Yes, you read this correctly, another one. The previous new one I recently told you about was hosted by FLICKR and was just so-so. This new gallery is really called a media gallery as it can host several different types of media—photos, sound files, videos, pdf's, documents, etc. and has many "bells and whistles". It is much easier to support from my standpoint and is quite user friendly for all of you who will be using it. And it is free to the club, thanks to the website administrator who hosts our website! I support several websites and will eventually implement this media gallery on all my websites.

If you like to take photos or videos, here is your chance to contribute to the club's website. We need more pictures of what we do. Most everyone has a digital camera nowadays and some of you may even have the latest and greatest video camera. No excuses anymore—just shoot!

Please contact me at karenturner@comcast.net if you have a contribution for the gallery now or in the future.

So where can you find this new gem? Go to www.unclecarls.org and click on photo gallery. If you want the direct link to bookmark in your browser, it is <http://www.unclecarls.org/GalleryServerPro/default.aspx> Be sure to check back periodically for new albums!....**Karen Turner**

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Glenn Brail -27th
Linda Brown- 22nd
Fern Denning- 29th
Sherry Dewey- 31st
Pat Dornton- 23rd
Don Fort- 14th
Jim Franklin-5th
Duain Lockwood- 20th
Marilyn Mullins- 25th
Barb Pohanka- 28th

Joe Weaver- 24th
Ann Wassell- 26th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Everette&Fern Denning- 27th
Jack&Marilyn Mullins- 16th
Marc&Ellen Pember-3rd
Don&Donna Playford- 3rd

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.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons

Accepting new students starting in September. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net.

REMINDER: UCDC membership dues at \$15:00/ family due January 2010. 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-2010 thru Dec-2010.

30th Annual Lenawee County Heritage Festival

I have been asked to invite UCDC members to play on Saturday October 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm for the Lenawee County Heritage Festival. If there are any members who would like to camp there is no charge. It is being held at the Farmer's Antique Tractor and Engine Association grounds on Forrister off of 223 about 6 miles north of Adrian. We will be playing in the gazebo. This festival is put on to promote the living history of the area so we are asked to dress old fashioned. Gals in long skirts, fellas can do black slacks and white shirts. Our repertoire will consist of tunes requested by round robin as in a jam session. Lunch tickets will be provided. Please contact Pennye Scheiber if you plan on attending.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1** Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR, at the Fairgrounds Gazebo Please contact Ann Wassell (abwassell@frontiernet.net)
- Oct. 3** Saturday - 1 - 3 p.m. Albion's A'Maizing Corn Harvest Festival, Victory Park on the Kalamazoo River. Take 99 north or south into Albion to River Road, turn east, keep to the right until you reach Victory Park entrance on the left, the Pavilion is straight ahead as you enter the park. Wear blue vests.
- Oct. 10** Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club -Spring Arbor Senior Center 12:-30 p.m.
- Oct. 17** Saturday October 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm Lenawee County Heritage Festival.(see article at left.)
- Oct. 31** MAUMEE STREET JAM/ADRIAN- at First Presbyterian Church 156 E. Maumee, Adrian If you have any questions, please call Jack or Marilyn Mullins 517 254 4828 or e-m marilyn-mullins@hotmail.com Pennye or Bill Scheiber 517 547 7448 or e-m pennyes@comcast.net
- Nov. 20** Fri., 1 - 2 p.m. Background music for Project Connect, a resource fair sponsored by the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. Will be held at the Salvation Army Building, 806 E. Pearl St., Jackson. Free lunch. Wear blue vests.
- Dec. 5** Grosvenor House Museum play date - Set up at 1:30....play 1:45-2:45.

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. www.sdsociety.org. Silver Strings on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub>

Monday Night Summer Schedule: JAM & CLASS- Monday Night Western Middle School Jam & Class held at Western Middle School,1400 South Dearing Road, Jx. 49203. Directions: Middle School Front Door & Turn Left. First and Second Classroom on the Right.

Diane Stevens' husband. (fiddle player & UCDC member) husband, Roger, had a stroke on Tues. the 15th. He is expected to recover fully but they discovered that he had a hole between the 2 upper chambers of his heart and they still don't know what will be done. He is in Alliance. Need some cards and prayers - thanks....Ann

FOUND:Man's Jacket: Was left at the Christmas Party Of UCDC. If you were at the party, please check your closet. This could be your coat. I will bring it to the October Meeting so you can claim it!!..Barb Borton

Nettle Lake Music Jam

Hosted by Nettle Lake United Brethren in Christ Church 18560 County Road 5-75 Montpelier, OH 43543

acoustic music jam

(dulcimers, guitars, banjo, bass, mandolin, whistle, accordion, fiddle, harmonica, etc)

2009-2010 Dates are:

First Saturday of the month 6:00pm

For more information:

Pastor Mike Wilder (419) 485-4112

wilder12613@localnet.com

Jack & Marilyn Mullins (517) 254-4828

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FOR SALE: 2000 Lowery Director ORGAN. Model # LC - 35 Full double keyboard, Octave pedals, Lots of Xtras. With Bench & Lamp. Measures 45" W - 42" H Price: \$ 5,000. Call Barb Borton 517-783-2670.

FOR SALE: Dusty Strings D-35 Hammered Dulcimer 16/15 1 year old, comes with case, extra strings, tuning handle, owners manual and stand. Paid \$950.00 for dulcimer and case at Elderly instruments. Asking \$ 675.00 Call Judi Cole 517-784-7653

A Day With Rick Thum!

Saturday, November 14
Rockford VFW Hall
4195 13 Mile Rd. NE
Rockford, MI 49341



Workshop 10 -12 p.m.
Practice Techniques: What Do the Pros Use?
Workshop 2-4 p.m.
Chords as Backup in Melody (Int.—Adv.)
\$25 per session, or \$45 for both

Group buffet lunch (separate cost)
at Amie's Restaurant

Evening concert at 7 p.m.

Tickets \$15

Jamming to follow

For more information, contact Jim Rathbun
Ducidude@gmail.com, or call 616-490-9103

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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