

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

February 2010

Notes from the Prez:

The days are getting longer!! I'm looking forward to classes and new music challenges at Buckeye Dulcimer Festival in Ashley, Ohio, March 10, 11, 12,13 & 14. You can go online to check out the classes and how to register.

Buckeye is a small venue which makes it so easy to follow along in the classes and absorb all the information. The evening entertainment is really first class, also.

Learning new tunes and new techniques really stretches each one of us musically. We need the interaction and encouragement of others in a class to push us to try harder and learn more.

Next month's meeting (Feb.) the club will be voting on a few minor changes in our By-Laws. It is a good thing (as Martha Stewart would say) to read the club By-Laws occasionally in order to have a sense of how the club is organized and run. Hope you have time to review the proposed changes before the meeting.

See you in February!!! Ann

From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

Wow, what a jam we had with ODPC. Those hammers were flying. For our February tune we will slow it down just a bit for a schottische. Monday night group played this tune for our Christmas party and I thought it would be good to add to our list. The tune is called **Ramsey Schottische**. This tune is an old time fiddle tune and listed in Les Raber's book "Come Dance With Me". The Schottische was popular in Victorian era ballrooms (part of the Bohemian "folk-dance" craze) and left its traces in folk music of many European countries. The schottische is considered to be a kind of slower polka and is of German origin. (from Wikipedia.org)

Take care.....Penny

ODPC Wins Award

For many years the Evert festival has attempted to beat their numbers each for most hammered dulcimers around the stage during a preshow. The most numbers counted were 302 about five years ago. This number was just a club number but not an "official" count by any organization. An application was submitted to Guinness but their criteria was not met. Last year World Record Academy was sent an application and the clubs attempt was accepted. There were "officially" 197 dulcimers for the preshow. This year an attempt will be made to beat that number for another award. Guinness will also be approached but for the "world's largest dulcimer band". At the winter ODPC meeting sponsored by Uncle Carl's Club, Penny Scheiber presented the award for 2009 to ODPC president, Gail Schwandt (see photo). View the preshow here. http://www.worldrecordsacademy.org/mass/most_hammered_dulcimers_on_stage-ODPC_Funfest_sets_world_record_90344.htm



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FEBR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Barb Davis-14th Steve & Ramona Hadley-14th
Janis Franklin-7th
Don Johnson- 2nd
Nancy King- 3rd
Kathie Campbell- 15th
Ward Rearick 5th
Lois Rearick 25th

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.

NOTICE - BOARD MEETING- There will be a Board Meeting prior to the February meeting at 11 a.m. at the usual Pizza Place. This includes the 3 new members of the board.

Upcoming Events

Feb 10 Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am Jackson County Medical Care Facility-524 Lansing Ave., Jackson wear Dark Slacks, white shirts, Blue Vests.

Feb 13 UCDC regular meeting Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club -Spring Arbor Senior Center—12:30- doors open

Feb 27 MAUMEE STREET JAM/ADRIAN- at First Presbyterian Church 156 E. Maumee, Adrian Questions- please call Jack or Marilyn Mullins 517 254 4828 or e-m marilynmullins@hotmail.com Pennye or Bill Scheiber 517 547 7448 or e-mail pennyes@comcast.net

Monday Night Western Schedule: JAM & CLASS- Monday Night Western Middle School Jam & Class held at Western Middle School, 1400 South Dearing Road, Jxn. 49203. Directions: Middle School Front Door & Turn Left. First and Second Classroom on the Right. If anyone is around and interested in Playing (weather permitting). I have talked to Tonya at Western Middle School and have reserved the two rooms for our Monday Night Music. February 8th and February 22, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00pm. They are open both nights. (weather permitting.) Also Starting Monday, March 1, 2010, we will resume our regular schedule til end of May when school is out for the summer.

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

Nettle Lake Music Jam

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

acoustic music jam

2009-2010 Dates are:

First Saturday of the month 6:00pm

For more information:

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Jack & Marilyn Mullins (517) 254-4828

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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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Mail to Wendy Conklin



Ramsey Schottische

The musical score for "Ramsey Schottische" consists of six staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes treble clefs, notes, rests, slurs, and repeat signs with first and second endings. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Am, D, and C. There are several triplet markings (3) and first/second ending markings (1. and 2.).

Replacing a String on your Hammered Dulcimer

Do you have the restringing phobia that I do? Are you challenged to change a string? Does it scare you!? I can answer yes to all three. I recently had several strings break on my Dusty Strings. I tried to replace one of them, and broke 6 replacement strings in the process. What was wrong?

I wrote to Dan Landrum on www.everythingdulcimer.com. He was so helpful and put a video on the site for me and others. So I watched it and tried again, and still had some trouble. How do you hold the looped end on while you are stringing it through the hole on the other side, and get it to wind without unwinding in the process! I ended up with a really sloppy coiled end that had the string winding on top of itself! Another try and the string wound up the pin, not down the pin as it should, also not good. Not neat, and guess what, it broke again!

I wrote to Dan again, and he put up Part 2 of restringing your dulcimer. I call it the “Restringing Hammered Dulcimers for Dummies” videos. Okay, I admit it, I qualify. So enough talk, how can you view this great Part I and Part II video? They can be found by going to www.everythingdulcimer.com Then click on JamSocial. On the right you will see Links to Instructional HD videos. And you will find Part I and then Part II. You have to scroll down a bit to find them. I now am a successful restringer!!! I Feel confident, well more confident than I did. I go back and look at the video before and during the replacement process!

He also has an interesting video he just posted on the angle of your dulcimer, playing flat or playing with an angle, sitting and standing. It's also very interesting to watch. I love this site in general. You can ask questions under the discussion section and get help with just about any hammered dulcimer issue you have. Also there is a mountain dulcimer chat area. Check it out, you will get hooked!

Paula Brawdy

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