

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

January 2010

## Notes from the Prez:

Thanks to all of you for making the Holiday Party a memorable one! From the delicious food, to the entertainment by members of the group, to the cooperative efforts of many to set-up for lunch and clean up - thank you!!! It was a lot of fun!

I especially want to thank Barb Pohanka for all she does. Because Barb opens and closes the building for us and is responsible for the cleanup we do, the club receives a special rate to use the building. Barb takes the responsibility personally and is usually seen taking out the trash and mopping up the floor. Please take the opportunity to thank Barb for what she does (and then offer to take out the trash). She does a great job, month after month, and deserves many thanks!!

Our January meeting date has been changed to the THIRD SATURDAY IN JANUARY, January 16, so that we may host the ODPC (Original Dulcimer Players Club) from Evart for their winter meeting, lunch and JAM. The schedule for the day will be:

1 - Doors open and coffee provided for the ODPC Board meeting at 10 a.m. in the back meeting room.

2 - POTLUCK LUNCH at 12:30 - We probably should arrive before noon to set up for lunch. There is a slight change in the list below (from Dec.) as to what dish to bring to the Feb. potluck.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH A - M -----  
BRING A SIDE DISH OR SALAD

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH N - Z -----  
- BRING A DESSERT

REMEMBER - Bring serving utensils, hot pads, if necessary, your own place setting of dishes, silverware and napkins and your own beverage (unless you drink coffee). Also, if you really like leftovers, bring a plastic bag or container to carry them home in.

3 - I will bring fresh sliced ham to replace the ham I took home in Dec.

4 - If possible, I would like to have a brief meeting about 12:15 to distribute and discuss the changes being presented in the By-Laws. The voting on the changes will occur at the February meeting.

5 - Meeting with ODPC at 1:30 followed by JAMMING.  
See you there!!!!!! Ann

## From the Vice Prez: Tune of the Month

Christmas time and such wonderful music. Hope you have been playing for family and friends. Next will be the New Year and a new tune or two. January is our combined meeting with ODPC so there will not be a new tune. I have a few ideas for February but if you have one you want to share be sure to contact me. I can always use help.

## Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

The new flyer for this festival held in March in Ohio each year has been sent out. It is their 19th year. You can find more information from their website at [www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com](http://www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com). Rick Thum, Tina Bergman, and DeeDee Tibbits are the headliners for the hammered dulcimer. This year they will also feature instructors for the mountain dulcimer, autoharp, clawhammer banjo, mandolin, and autoharp. Extended session starts on March 10 and there is a weekend package. This is one of the best festivals to really learn when you spend two days with an instructor. Give it a try! You won't be sorry. Pennye Scheiber can fill you in on all the details as she has attended this festival for 17 years.

Take care.....Pennye

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

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY    HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Cindy Feigel-1st                      Jim&Janis Franklin M/M 18th  
Frank Foote- 23rd                     Linda Porter- 19th  
Sharon McAuliffe- 10th  
Bill Scheiber- 14th  
Joe Shook- 3rd  
Hannah Wright- 24th

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

**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](mailto: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.

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**At the Queens Community Dinner** I lost a tan scarf, if anyone has seen it I will pick it up at the January meeting. It is like blanket material, and just plain tan, no identifying marks. Thanks for looking. Barb B.

**Also: Thanks** to all who played at the Queens Community Dinner on Christmas Day. All the reports I received were very favorable and they want us back for The Annual Easter Community Dinner on April 4, 2010. Mark it on your calendar. Barb B.

**Upcoming Events**

**Jan 16**    **NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR UCDC JANUARY MEETING.**  
JAN. 16 (THIRD SATURDAY) Spring Arbor Senior Center. Set up for potluck - 11:45 - 12:15, Brief meeting at 12:15 POTLUCK LUNCH AT 12:30, followed by meeting with ODPC and Jamming.

**Jan 29**    Senior lunch hour at the Spring Arbor Senior Center on Friday, January 29, from **12:15 to 1:15**. Please email Ann Wassell if you can make it at [abwassell@frontiernet.net](mailto:abwassell@frontiernet.net). **Wear the blue vests.**

**Jan. 30**    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- [marilynmullins@hotmail.com](mailto:marilynmullins@hotmail.com) Pennye or Bill Scheiber 517 547 7448 or e-m [pennyes@comcast.net](mailto:pennyes@comcast.net)

**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.

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**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. We will not be meeting for the month of January. Several people will be heading south and because the weather is so unpredictable, we have decided not to meet in January. Watch for the February Newsletter for more info.

**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](http://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:

Pastor Mike Wilder (419) 485-4112

[wilder12613@localnet.com](mailto:wilder12613@localnet.com)

Jack & Marilyn Mullins (517) 254-4828

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phone jack . I am asking \$100 for it. I bought it in  
July . I (Shirley )can be reached at 517-962-2650 in  
Jackson any day but Thursday

## BY-LAW CHANGES

The board has approved the minor changes in our By-Laws to reflect current practices and will now send it to the members for a vote. In early January you will receive an eMail with a description of the changes and a copy of the proposed new By-Laws. This complies with the By-Law guidelines that state that proposed changes must be presented a month before a vote. Copies of the old By-Laws will be available at the January meeting and at the February meeting where the membership will vote on the changes. To facilitate the vote I suggest you make yourself a copy of the new By-Laws to bring to the Feb. meeting. Thanks, Ann

## Cyber News

Uncle Carl's new photo gallery can be found at <http://www.unclecarls.org/GalleryServerPro/default.aspx>

or just click on the Uncle Carl's home page and then photo gallery. The photos from the Christmas party held on December 12<sup>th</sup> have just been posted. Also, be sure to check out Uncle Carls club channel on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/UncleCarlsClub>. Photos and videos of club events are always welcome!

Karen Turner-Webmaster

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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.

Make checks out to Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

Mail to Wendy Conklin



Our country's Bi-Centennial was the spark that led to the desire to preserve Jonesville's heritage. The Jonesville Heritage Association was organized in January of 1977 with the purpose of setting up a historical museum. After much investigation of homes in the area, the Association purchased this house from the Gamble family at the cost of \$50,000, plus \$12,325.00 which was the purchase price of some original Grosvenor furnishings and other items which were felt to belong with the house.

Ann Johnson and Wendy Conklin's father was Wayne Van Patten and he was one of the original members of the Heritage Association that purchased the house and turned it into a museum. For Wayne's many years of service as a member, on the board, and setting up the musical entertainment every year, the Library was dedicated in Wayne's Honor. Members of the Van Patten family helped decorate the Library for this year's Christmas open house.



Just a note to say "thank you" to everyone who helped us with the Grosvenor House Museum play date. ....Wendy & Ann

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