

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

May 2010

Notes from the Prez:

Spring is here!! The daffodils are blooming and my lettuce is out of the ground! We have one more meeting before summer begins. It is the time of year for garage sales, and, guess what, we are having a "MUSICAL GARAGE SALE" in May. Bring your music related items to the meeting and we will allow some time before the slow jam so that you can shop, sell and otherwise visit together. You know it's 'Springtime in the Rockies' when the 'Wildwood Flower' and the 'June Apple' bloom with the aid of 'You Are My Sunshine'. Let's play some of those old favorites and sing along in May. Can you think of any other Spring/Summer tunes to play? See you in May!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Ann

From the Vice Prez:

Campout Reservations Needed! Time is quickly moving and we need to have your reservation for the campout! Kathy Culy has held 16 spots for us this year and we have 8 campers already. A schedule of events will be in the next newsletter, but we definitely will have a pot luck supper, a workshop and lots of jamming. Day visitors are welcome as always. Contact Kathy Culy at 517-278-4853 or Penny Scheiber if you have any questions. The reservation form is available on the last two newsletters.

Tune of the Month

How many of you are "Headin' to Evart"? Hopefully you will have learned the tune well enough to play it

at our meeting. I debated about a new tune but decided to add Painters Polka to our list. Please ask for some of our new tunes during the jam before folks start forgetting them. Even after teaching a tune, if I don't play it, I lose it too. You can't believe what a month away from my instrument has done. Now it's time to practice, practice, practice. Want to join me?Penny



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MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Colgan- 9th
Shirley Love- 24th
Chuck Mead- 31st
Iszy Miller-3rd
Jim Naylor- 18th
Pamela Ogden- 22nd
Lois Rearick 25th
Don Steinke- 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike&Denise Allman-12th
Gerald&Roberta Bartlett- 4th
Robert&Kathie Campbell- 18th
Ed&Wendy Conklin- 4th
Hannah Wright- 2nd

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. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net.

Nettle Lake Music Jam

Nettle Lake United Brethren in Christ Church 18560 County Road 5-75 Montpelier, OH 43543 First Saturday of the month 6:00pm. For more information:

Pastor Mike Wilder (419) 485-4112

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Jack & Marilyn Mullins (517) 254-4828

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FOR SALE 16/15 chromatic Songbird Whippoorwill dulcimer. Lightweight - 13 lbs, mahogany soundboard (which is now getting rare as mahogany is getting very expensive). It sounds like a masterworks dulcimer. Comes with a nice professional case, and stand, and a pair of hammers all for \$650. Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445, or email at pbrawdy@jasnetworks.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DULCIMERS IN THE CORNFIELD! May 7-9, 2010 At the Famous Old Time Music Company 20322 US 33, Wapakoneta, OH 45895 www.fotmc.com

ACOUSTIC MUSIC FUNFEST July 15-18, 2010 Evart, Michigan <http://www.dulcimers.com/>

Upcoming Events

May 8 UCDC Regular meeting Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club -Musical Garage Sale- Spring Arbor Senior Center—12:30- doors open

May 22 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 marilyn-mullins@hotmail.com Pennye or Bill Scheiber 517 547 7448 or e-mail pennyes@comcast.net

June 25, 26 and 27 UCDC Campout at Waffle Farm Campground in Coldwater.

Sept. 25 Homer Historical Society, Blair Farm 1-2:30 p.m. -

Monday Night Western Schedule: JAM & CLASS- Monday Night Western Middle School held at Western Middle School,1400 South Dearing Road, Jxn. 49203. (Middle School Front Door & Turn Left. First and Second Classroom on the Right., regular schedule until 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. Click on links below to go to the club's website and YouTube Channel. <http://www.silverstrings.org> <http://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub>

SPRING ARBOR LEARNING FAIR 2010 Thursday, July 15, 12:00 noon- 7:00 pm Friday, July 16, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm There will be sign-up Sheets at the May Meeting.



Uncle Carl's Q&A CORNER

I would also like to thank everyone that responded to the question for the newsletter. April's question got quite a response at the monthly meeting! "How do you overcome stage-fright?"

Responses:

1. Focus on someone who smiles & play for them.
2. Wear a hat! As you get brave, slide the hat back further then later take it off.
3. Just be prepared! Practice & know your music.
4. Remember, "they" don't hear those 'alternative' notes...they hear the total package. Just don't cringe & breathe.
5. I haven't yet! But I try to sing the tune in my head & pretend I'm home practicing. K. Culy
6. I have not overcome it yet! Helen VanPatten
7. Drink a glass of wine.
8. Just do it and remember people watching can't do what you're doing or they'd be up there doing it!
9. It helps to tell people how nervous I feel.
10. 80% proof!
11. Practice & prayer!
12. You have to remember to breathe because you WILL be nervous. It helps me to be in a group vs. playing alone...safety in numbers! I also focus on one or two members in the group (for timing and lead changes) and don't look at the audience at first. It helps relieve the tension if you can joke with the audience. You just have to build up your confidence by playing more gigs. Everyone makes mistakes...just keep practicing! Wendy C.
13. You never get over it!

May's question: How do you tighten a loose dulcimer pin?

Please send questions & answer's to tamra-hover@yahoo



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HONORARY MEMBERS OF UCDC - 2010

BARB AND DEAN BORTON

Barb and Dean live in Jackson. Barb is the niece of Carl Hakes (Uncle Carl) and was one of the group that started the club. She grew up in a musical family. There was always music at their house. Father was a square dance caller and they all went to the dances. Their Grandpa played the violin and banjo, mother played the piano. Barb and four of her remaining brothers and sisters get together every Thursday afternoon to play music together. They still play family gigs. Barb has organized the Monday 'Knight' group in Jackson that gets together every Monday to jam together.

Dean is Barbs second husband. Her first husband was a fireman who at the age of 41 was killed in an auto accident on the way to put out a fire. They had two boys, one of which was killed in an auto accident the year after she and Dean were married. She and Dean met at a singles club in 1972. They will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary this year.

Barb played clarinet from 7th to the 12th grade in the band. She has tried the mountain dulcimer and plays the organ for her own enjoyment. Dean used to play the hammered dulcimer and learned 19 songs - but he didn't like to practice. He also played the mountain dulcimer for a while. Dean wrote the history of the hammered dulcimer as it appears in the Memory Book and Barb wrote the history of Uncle Carls Dulcimer Club. Dean was the clubs PR man for years.

Barbs favorite memory of the club is when the club was started in April, 1982 - Uncle Carl took his wife, Eva, and Veanna Bordeaux and Barb out to dinner at the Whistle Tree Restaurant in Homer for dinner where they planned together how the club would be. There would be a festival and campouts and gigs and a lot of special music and it all came true!

When asked if she had any words of advice for new players, Barb replied, "Keep a smile on your face and play a sweet tune".

SHIRLEY GILMORE

Shirley and Barb are sisters. There were originally 7 brothers and sisters and they all played an instrument. Their family group is called "Family Traditions" and the siblings in the Jackson area get together every Thursday afternoon to play.

Shirley lives in a senior complex in Jackson on the 6th floor - she calls it the penthouse. She has five children, among the grandchildren she has one that plays the guitar.

Shirley joined the club at the second meeting in 1982. She originally played the guitar then switched to a stand-up bass. Later on she went to an electric bass since it was lighter and easier to carry. She tried the hammered dulcimer but decided that instruments with 4 to 6 strings were easier to play than those with 80 strings!

Shirley recalls the fun she had at home with the music, going to square dances when her father call the dances, and sharing the music with family.

FRANK HESS

Frank joined the club in 1988. Currently he lives in Marshall, MI. Frank celebrated his 85th birthday on April 22, 2010. He is on oxygen 24/7 and has someone come in 4 days a week to help him out.

He belongs to an Executive Club that meets every morning for breakfast and for their annual Christmas dinner party he provides the background dulcimer music. He has always played the hammered dulcimer although he has tried the autoharp.

He and his wife, Betty, had three daughters, Rebecca (who plays the piano). Sarah(who plays the guitar) and Judith. He and Betty went to Evart every year and Frank still goes. He dedicated a bench at the Evart location in memory of his wife. Going to Evart is his favorite memory of playing the dulcimer. His advice to new players - practice, practice, practice!

When I called to talk to Frank the first time it triggered many more memories for him and he is currently writing it all down to share with us in future newsletters. It will be a walk back in time for all of us to read about his musical memories!

NEXT MONTH - Memories from Ron Ferry.

Painter's Polka

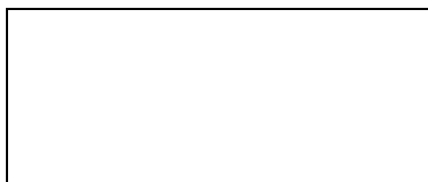
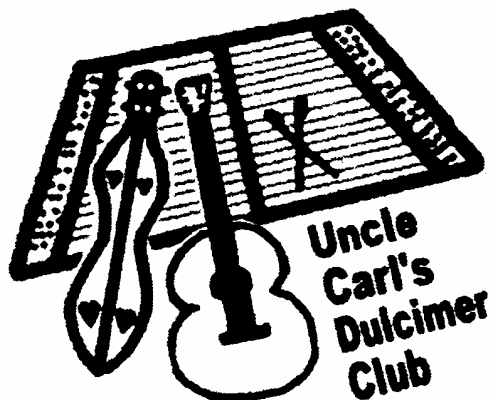
Traditional

The musical score for "Painter's Polka" is presented in four staves. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 2/4. The notation includes treble clefs, a repeat sign at the beginning of the third staff, and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the fourth staff. Chord annotations (D, A7, G) and hand pattern annotations (R) are placed above and below the notes. The first staff has a 'D' chord above the first measure and an 'R' below. The second staff has 'D' above the first measure, 'A7' above the fifth measure, and 'D' above the eighth measure, with an 'R' below the first measure. The third staff has a 'G' chord above the first measure, 'D' above the third measure, 'A' above the fifth measure, and 'D' above the eighth measure, with 'R R' below the first two measures and 'R R' below the third and fourth measures. The fourth staff has a 'G' chord above the first measure, 'D' above the third measure, 'A7' above the fifth measure, and 'D' above the eighth measure, with 'R R' below the first two measures and 'R R R' below the third, fourth, and fifth measures.

R = suggested hand pattern only

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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

