

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

JANUARY 2012

Notes from the Prez-

The holidays come and go so fast. We will soon be looking at 2012 as I write this. New Year's Eve is about ringing in the new but also remembering all of the good from the previous year. Many folks have had tough times but we wish everyone happiness and good health in the new year. Our club is looking to celebrate it's 30th anniversary, and it has had many good memories with more to come. Hopefully the weather will permit us to have all of our meetings as scheduled. Stay warm and cozy.....Penny

P.S. There will be a board meeting in January prior to our regular meeting and it's open to all members. It will be at Marco's Pizza on M60 in Spring Arbor at 11:15 am. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. Take care.....Penny

We Were a Hit!

Quincy Lights - Six club members played in the storefront of the Swallows Nest. Many of the shops were open as it was the town's Christmas open house. There was music piped all over town, a barbershop quartet, a live nativity at the local church. Folks were lined up in the Swallows Nest waiting for hot chocolate/coffee/capacino and cookies. While they were warming up, they enjoyed our music. What a fun night that was!

Grosvenor Mansion - This is one of our nicest places to play. The house was all decorated in an old fashioned way. Cookies and punch were offered and entertainment throughout the day. As always, there were many listeners, and many came just to hear our club perform. Twelve members shared the music on their various instruments. Jim Brown recorded the event and we hope it came out good enough so that we have an "Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club - Live at the Grosvenor Mansion".

Arbor North - This is one of the best audiences to play for. They are so appreciative of our music. It was a lovely afternoon for eight members to play all of our Christmas tunes. The most fun was that most all of the residents sang every song. Barb Borton brought song sheets so they could do that. Afterwards we enjoyed cake and ice cream. Just the beginning of our holiday "pounds".

Gallery 49 in Reading - Oh, my gosh. We didn't just play for folks strolling in and out of the gallery. We put on a "paid" concert. A couple of us had no idea until it was all over. The four of us (Sandy Johnson and Penny Scheiber on dulcimer, Wendy Conklin on bass and Ann Johnson autoharp and whistle) were under a spot light and folks sat for the whole hour and applauded after each tune. It was very different from what we expected especially when they shut the lights and our dulcimer strings disappeared. But, as always, we played our hearts out and it turned out to be a great evening for everyone.

30th Anniversary Party

April 14, 2012 - Gene Davis Banquet Hall

It was suggested that we have this event in May, but all facilities in Jackson were already booked as of last October. We will be looking for a committee to help put it all together. Please get involved to so that our party will be a success.

2011 Christmas Party

Thanks to all of our members for making our party a great success. We had wonderful food and great entertainment. I don't think we know what talent some of our members have because we only jam together. They are a great inspiration for us to continue to learn and improve.

Facebook

Our club now has it's open page on Facebook. As of now Penny Scheiber will be putting club news there, but anyone can post comments or news. Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Uncle-Carls-Dulcimer-Club/271348639577283>

PLEASE NOTE: Send all newsletter items to:
Ted Malott e-mail temalott@yahoo.com

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cindy Feigel-1st
Frank Foote- 23rd
Sharon McAuliffe- 10th
Bill Scheiber- 14th
Hannah Wright- 24th

HAPPY ANNIVERSERY

Jim & Janis Franklin

Upcoming Events

Arrive 1/2 hour before performance to set up

- Jan 7** **Nettle Lake Jam** -18560 County Rd 5-75
Montpelier, OH 43543 - 6PM
- Jan 14** **UCDC** -Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club -
Spring Arbor Senior Center - 12:30 - doors
open..
- Jan 28** **Maumee St. Jam- Adrian**

MONDAY KNIGHTS

BEAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3201 NOBLE, SPRING ARBOR, MI 49283
(off McCain Rd) 6:00TO 8:00 Monday Knights are on
winter vacation until March 5, 2012, weather permit-
ting.

ODPC Winter meeting

January 21, Saturday
Potluck at noon - bring a dish to pass
General meeting at 1 pm. - 1:45 pm
Jam from 2 - 5

Where:

Commission on Aging. 320 W. Woodlawn Avenue
Hastings, MI 49058. Phone: (269) 948-4856. It is easy
to find on the corner of M-43 & Woodlawn.

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 Pen-
nye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net for more
information.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons Accepting new stu-
dents. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or
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New price for club CDs - 2 for \$10, tapes 2 for \$5

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>

REMINDER: UCDC Membership Dues @ \$15/
family due Jan-2012. Please make checks out to Uncle
Carl's Dulcimer Club or UCDC and mail to Wendy
Conklin, 7186 W. Sterling Rd, Litchfield, MI 49252.
Dues run Jan 2012 thru Dec 2012.

UCDC Name Tag: to order, contact Wendy Conk-
lin 517-542-2291 or
weconklin@dmcibb.net

Workshop corner—

This month I am going to teach "Colemans March" It's a great little tune and not a hard one to learn. Many of our old tunes have a history behind them that is interesting to know:

Joe Coleman, a shoemaker, was accused of stabbing his wife to death near the town of Slate Fork, Adair County, Kentucky, as recorded in the Burkesville Herald Almanac for 1899. Convicted on circumstantial evidence and the testimony of his sister-in-law who was living with them at the time, Coleman was tried in nearby Cumberland County and sentenced to death. While being driven to the place of execution in a two-wheeled ox cart, Coleman sat on his coffin and played a tune that has come down as "Coleman's March." Coleman protested his innocence to the last, and there several stories exist of a man confessing, or of "an old lady confessing on her death-bed she had killed Coleman's wife." One account (in the Burkesville Almanac) gives that Coleman's relatives quickly recovered the body, somehow managed to revive him and put him on a steamboat down the Cumberland River to Nashville, from which point he disappeared into the West. Paula Brawdy

Photos and Videos

Please be sure to visit our website to see all the photos that have been submitted. . Please send all photos to Karen Turner at karen-turner@comcast.net. Videos will also be welcome Photo: <http://www.unclecarls.org/GalleryServerPro/default.aspx>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/user/UncleCarlsClub> Tune of the Month: <http://www.unclecarls.org/sections/tunes/tunes.asp>

Vests, shirts, etc

Pennyne would like to send an order in January, so if you would like a new shirt or need a vest, etc., please make sure Pennyne has your order by January 14, 2012.

Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

March 7 - 11, 2012

Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, OH

It's time to sign up for this fun festival. I have attended for 19 years and it's one of the best because of the intense workshops and a mini vacation. The extended package gives you two days with an instructor, additional weekend workshops, concerts, meals, sleeping facility and beautiful walking trails for only \$280. The weekend package is only \$170. There is no deal like it for this kind of festival. To find out more details visit www.buckeydulcimerfestival.com or contact me at pennyne@comcast.net.

Excerpt from DPN Article

Giving Yourself Permission to Play

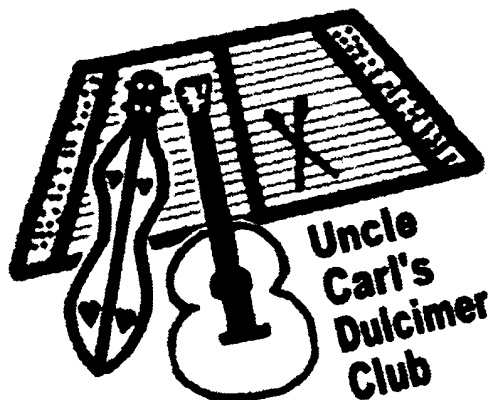
You'll never learn it all and there will always be someone better than you. Find a way to make a little music in your life and you'll always be glad you did. Share it with others and make some new friends. Always play with all the heart you can muster. Good music takes work, but if it ever becomes all work and no play, make some adjustments and get back to the fun.....The trick is to passionately do the best you can with what you have!

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club Meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except June July and August from 12:30 to 4:30 at the Spring Arbor Senior Center

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Want to learn at home? Try www.DulcimerSchool.com

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, fiddle, 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

