



Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

Website: <http://www.unclecarls.org>

December 2013

"This and That" from Julie

I am still flying high from our November meeting jam time! All I can say is WOW! What fun and how about all those tunes we played so well. Our slow jam was great and the tunes were the ones we hardly play at all. I'm just thankful that there was little grumbling (or at least I couldn't hear it). Thank you all for listening to my little pep talk on those constant 32. You know, those songs that are asked for ALL THE TIME! There were 21 new/old songs asked for and realistically the only song that needs extreme help was "Carl's Piece in A". Maybe we could take some time and go over it a couple of times at home and then try again at our next jam? Keep in mind that we have (roughly) 130 songs on our play list. 32 constant / 21 just asked forso that means we have about 75 more songs that we can go after and revisit :)

We have another tune to add to our list.....Mr. Gubbins Bicycle. My pattern works for me and HOPEFULLY a few more. It was brought to my attention that we could even tighten up that pattern more. Pennye re-worked it and put it in color copy mode. You can pick up a copy our next meeting or have one sent to you. Hopefully we'll all "get it" and ask for it in future jams.

Slow Jam tunes for December

Cuckoos Nest, Jump at the sun, Where the White Lillies Grow, Front Porch Waltz, Reunion, Click go the Shears , Puncheon Floor , Old Spinning Wheel, AND Carl's Piece in A.

Keep in mind that for our December meeting the doors will be open at 11:30 and our potluck is at 12. Doors will stay open till 5(ish)! Lots more time for jamming!!!! Check in this newsletter for what to bring. Our \$5 passing gift exchange will be a little different this year. If you bring a gift you will take a number from the hat. The gifts will then have #s placed on them. When your # is called, raise your hand and you will receive that gift. This idea will make it difficult to have it boy/girl, so something neutral would be nice. Remember, only those who bring a gift should participate. Let's make this a fun time!

I pretty much forgot to put out an entertainment sign up list at the last meeting so..... sign up when you get there first thing. Not sure just how many want to perform so have at least a couple of songs in mind but be flexible with it. We might have to shorten times if there are a lot of signees:) I'm looking forward to hearing it all!!!

See you there!!!!

P.S. Safe travels to all of our Snowbirds!



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by Paula Brawdy

Work-Corner

We had a great workshop in November taught by Julie Mester. Mr. Gubbins Bicycle is a bouncy little tune. Pennye will bring color copies to the December meeting showing where to play the pattern. This helps in a tune like this as it is all about the pattern. You need to figure out the pattern, memorize it, and then it will settle into place. This is a fun one to play on the dulcimer with its bouncy, bicycle like, pattern.

We will not have a workshop in December as we will be eating, and listening to groups, and then jamming! In January, Barb Borton has a tune for us to learn, so stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter!

If you have a special tune you would like the club to learn, let us know. You can teach the tune, or we can see if we can find someone to teach it for you. We are open to suggestions as always! Thanks.....

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS



Happy Birthday

6 Dave Dodge
6 Sue Clemet
20 Angela Stewart
20 Jasmine Stewart
21 Linda Ives
25 Carol Harmon
31 Jeanine Houk
31 Sandi Hlavacek



If you have never seen your name listed here, we may not have the information. See Wendy.

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

UCDC Membership Dues:

\$15/family. Please make checks out to UCDC and mail to Wendy Conklin, 7186 W. Sterling Rd., Litchfield, MI 49252. Covers January thru December 2014.

Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers for sale - Great collection of used hammered dulcimers for sale . Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445 .

Uncle Carl's 2013 Christmas Party

This year we will be arriving earlier in order to give us more time to jam after all of the festivities.

Doors open at 11:30 am

Pot Luck at 12:00, please bring your own tableware and favorite beverage.

A-O meat dish or salad; P-Z desert

Gift Exchange: If you want to participate, please bring a \$5 gift for anyone. See Julie's comments in her article on how it will work this year.

Entertainment: Our club members are invited to sign up to share some special music. Depending on how many we have, there will be a limit of 2-3 tunes.

Jamming until 5:00 pm—Christmas music would be great along with all of our other tunes.

Upcoming Events

Arrive 1/2 hour before performance to set up, blue vests.

Dec 7 Nettle Lake Jam, Montpelier, OH, Contact Terry Steinke for information 419-459-4436

Dec 2, 9, 16 Monday Knights - will start back up in March 2014

Dec 14 Uncle Carl's Christmas Party, Spring Arbor, 11:30 am—5:00 pm, see article

Dec 28 Maumee Street Jam, Adrian, Contact Marilyn Mullens for information 517-270-2554

UCDC Future Play Dates

Dec 6 Quincy Lights—Swallowtail Gift Shop, 1/2 block East of light, 5:30-7:00 Christmas list & attire

Dec 7 Grosvenor Mansion—2-3:00 pm arrive early Christmas list (attached) & attire.

Dec 25 Community Christmas Dinner—Queen's Catholic Church, need players contact Barb Borton—use Queen's playlist attached.

We Were a Hit !

It's always fun to get together and play for others or sometimes for ourselves. St. Anthony Church Bazaar in Hillsdale was kind of quiet by time we started playing. The busy time was in the morning but the workers sure enjoyed the lively music we played for them. Made their afternoon perfect. Thanks to our members who came to enjoy the afternoon.



Grosvenor House Museum

December 7, 2013

Play List

Angels We Have Heard on High - G
Away in A Manger - G
Deck the Halls - G
Frosty the Snowman - C
God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman - EM
Go Tell it on the Mountain - G
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing - G
Holly Berry - G
A Holly Jolly Christmas - C
Jolly Old St. Nicholas - G
Jingle Bells - G
Jingle Bell Rock - C
Joy to the World - D
Oh Christmas Tree - G
O' Come All Ye Faithful - G
Rudolf - C
Silver Bells - D
Silent Night G
We Three Kings - G
White Christmas - C
We Wish You a Merry Christmas - G



Florida Snowbirds

Rick Thum will be teaching his A – Z Three Day Workshop in Mt. Dora, Fl on February 10– 12, 2014, following the Mt. Dora Dulcimer and Autoharp Festival.

This is a chance to learn the theory and techniques of good playing in sequential order. One technique builds on the other. There will be two evening, learning jam sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a great investment of time and money.

Alumni of Rick's class can arrive on Day Two and stay for the, Alumni Only, on Day Four. Class size is limited to the first 25 students. \$175.00 for first timers; \$165.00 for Alumni. Register now at www.rthum.com.

Rick Thum and Stephen Seifert will be performing together on Sunday, February 9th, 2014, between the two events. The concert will be at 2:00 pm at Round Lake Christian Church, Mt. Dora, which is the same venue as the Mt. Dora Festival.

Make a dulcimer week of it and maximize the fun and learning!

Queen's Church Christmas

Community Dinner

Corner of Wisner & Morrell, Jackson,
December 25, 2013, Dinner at 11:45 am
Play at 1:00 pm until the drawing starts
Dress in dark slacks, white or blue shirts,
blue vests

Play List

Amazing Grace - G
Away in A Manger - G
Angels We Have Heard on High - G
Frosty the Snowman - C
Simple Gifts - D
Religious Medley #1 - G
Joy to the World - D
Manitoba Golden Boy - G
Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer - C
Deck the Halls - G
Patriotic Medley - G
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Em
Go Tell It on the Mountain - G
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - G
Holly, Jolly Christmas - C
Holly Berry - G
Let It Snow - G
Silver Bells - D
Jolly Old St. Nicholas - G
Jingle Bells - G
White Christmas - C
Oh, Christmas Tree - G
We Three Kings - G
Festival Rag - D
March of St. Tim's - G
Deck the Halls - G
Jingle Bell Rock - C
It's A Small, Small World - G
We Wish You a Merry Christmas - G
Silent Night - G



Extra Tunes: Tick Tock Polka, Steel Guitar Rag

In The Mood, Red Apple Rag, Beaumont Rag
Midnight on the Water, Dancing Clown,
Hey Polka, Battle Hymn of The Republic
God Bless America





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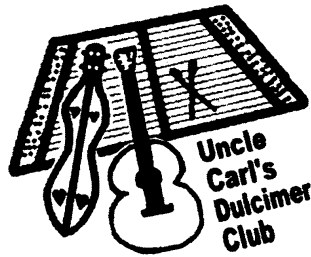
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