

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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October 2014



"This and That" from Julie

UCDC meets October 11, 2014

Wow! Wasn't this a beautiful weekend for a play date! Blair Farms went great! A real good turn out and you should have seen that turtle! Oh, ask me about it! The guy said it was 22 years old, completely tame and slept in his bed: - { Anyhow, the day ended with the Adrian Jam. Not a whole lot of players were there but it was fun for those who did.

There are clubs, events, playdates, get-togethers etc. that are just what you're looking for out there. Grab a friend and get moving! You'll never know which one you like more till you check them out! It all starts with the decision to get going! Who knows !

Can I ask you something? Nothing personal, just a little question that's been making me wonder about something. You know, how something so little can get SO big because you never get the answer you're looking for? Ok, my question is.....WHAT'S WITH THE "HOLE" IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM WHEN WE HAVE OUR CLUB MEETING? Is there some invisible barrier there? Poison gas? Too bright? Not bright enough? Too hot? Too cold? Just wondering. Maybe we should get a little more cozy at our next meeting and see what happens! We might be able to hear ourselves a little better. Let's try it and maybe we'll like it, ok?

Got problems with a song? Having a difficult time with a phrase or two? Want help? Just ask. There are lot of players out there who would just love the opportunity to help you out.

See you at the next meeting!



Workshop Corner, by Paula Brawdy

You are in for a fun ride with the tune of the month, Black Bottom Strut! From the research, we believe this tune is in the public domain. All of the sources say it goes way back, and many have recorded it over the years, Three Stripped Gears, Mike Seeger, New Lost City Ramblers, and others. It has been printed in the key of F in a well researched book, "Ragtime for Fiddles and Mandolins" by Stephen C. Parker. Stephen's widow says if he didn't say who wrote it, then there was no original source listed anywhere! We played it a lot this summer, and it is a catchy tune. Julie Mester will be our teacher!

Question of the Month:

Outside of Ewart or Midland or Kendallville.....

What is the farthest you've driven for a jam or play date?

Barb (along with Pat, Aloe, Carol, Ron and Shirley):

Homestead...abt. 250 miles ONE WAY!

Mary: Newberry.....about 350 miles ONE WAY!

Pat & George: Ocala to Zephyrhills....about 90 miles ONE WAY!

Bill: Wapokoneta...50+ miles ONE WAY!

Jack & Marilyn: Silver Strings.....about 125 miles ONE WAY!

Scott & Julie: Thornapple and Nettle Lake Ohio....80+miles each ONE WAY!

Tammy: Homer...40ish miles ONE WAY!

Jan: Lenawee County Fairgrounds,,,50-60 miles ONE WAY!

Jean: Club Meeting Spring Arbor.....50-60 miles ONE WAY!

Jeanine: Jackson 60+ miles ONE WAY!

Wendy: St Johns...about 1 1/2 hours EACH WAY!

Janice: Kendallville IN for an apple Festival but also to Buffalo New York to play at her brothers wedding!!!

Penny: Thornapple....2 hours Lansing.....1 1/2 hours EACH WAY!!

Marcia: Homer...25 miles ONE WAY!

HOW FAR HAVE "YOU" DRIVEN TO PLAY MUSIC ?



Christmas in November!

We have snowbirds among us, so we voted last month to hold our Christmas in November in order that they can be part of the fun.

Gift Exchange. Do you want to participate? If so, think about a \$5 gift you'd like to bring. There will be a sign up list so we know how many want to be a part of this. Happy hunting!

As always, the club will have coffee and tea for our potluck but would you like to have a punch bowl or 2 LTRs of pop too? Let's discuss this at the next meeting ok?

Let's also put in a discussion about the food.

Can't believe I'm talking about Christmas already :-/

Jam Inspiration!

Ever draw a "blank" when it's your turn? Have you ever "just knew" that you had THE perfect song for a jam and then when it's your turn you forgot it? Has everyone around you picked EACH AND EVERY SONG that YOU wanted to pick? Well, there's a quick fix for all that! It's as easy as

Making a list of songs you like to play! Yeah, that's it! Make a list of 15 or more songs you like and put it in your case! Then, when it's your turn to choose a song it's right there! No fuss, no muss:) And remember, if you learn a new song AND you really want to play it....add it to your list!

It's Garage Sale Time at Uncle Carl's!

Don't want it? Don't use it anymore? Need the extra \$\$\$? Bring your "stuff" to the next meeting. We can use up a table or two to display it all.

Looking for something? Bring your \$ and check out all the goodies



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

Happy Birthday

22 Linda Brown
23 Pat Dornton
24 Joan Weaver

26 Ann Wassell
28 Barb Pohanka



Happy Anniversary

3 Don & Donna Playford
16 Jack & Marilyn Mullins

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

Practice with Penny: 3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Christmas tunes also available. Call Penny at

517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons: Call Penny Scheiber at 517-547-7448 or pen-nyes@comcast.net.

UCDC Name Tag: to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or wconklin22@gmail.com

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 2015.

Hammered and Mountain Dulcimers for sale: Call Paula Brawdy at 616 240 0445 .



For Sale: Maple Valley Hammered Dulcimer made in Dewitt, MI. Includes dulcimer, adjustable stand, padded soft case, 3 sets of hammers. Asking \$1,000
Contact Mary Ann at 517-265-4438

Upcoming Events



UCDC Future Play Dates

Oct 5 West Adrian Church Concert, 4545 Wolf Creek, Adrian—1:00 pm

Oct 16 RidgeCrest Health Campus, 703 Robinson, Jackson—6:00 pm

Monthly

Nettle Lake Jam, Montpelier, OH

1st Saturday of every month

Contact Terry Steinke for info 419-459-4436

Maumee Street Jam, Adrian,

Last Saturday Sept-May.

Contact Marilyn Mullins at 517-270-2554

Get Well Wishes



We want to extend our get well wishes to members who are ill, having surgery or having other issues that they need our thoughts and prayers for.

This month we are sending out our get well wishes to Carol Harmon who is having open heart surgery.

Please get well.

Prayers for Suzie Whitehead who passed away peacefully on October 1, 2014.



Monday Knights

Monday, October 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bean Elementary School—Music Room

3201 Noble, Spring Arbor, Mi. 49283

Off King Road, between Dearing and Sandstone.

Everyone Welcome!!!

Contact: Barb Borton, 517-783-2670

Rick Thum Workshops and Concerts

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Good Hope Lutheran Church

28680 Cherry Hill

Garden City, MI

Black Bottom Strutt

Mandolin Rag
Recorded by
The Three Stripped Gears
in 1931

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From 2013 Dottie Decker workshop
UCDC 2014 workshop



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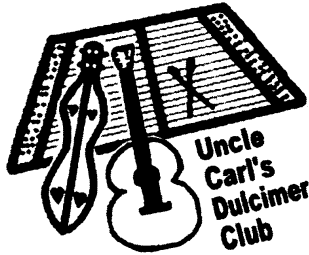
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