Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

Website: http://www.unclecarls.org May 2015



UCDC meets May 9, 2015

"This and That" from Julie

Summer is approaching! Thank goodness:) It's time to get that garden ready to plant. It's also about time to open all the windows in the house and "get the stink out", at least that's what my Grandma used to say. And let's not forget about setting in stone all those summer plans. There's one more UCDC meeting (the party) and then we're off till Sept. Do you have plans for the summer? Do you have the dates for all the activities this summer? Check out the newsletter for all these things! Never a dull moment.

Thanks Sharon for teaching our new club tune "Swinging on a Gate". A real fun tune. We will "pick-up-the-pace" once we get it "under our belt". As a matter of fact, we've got quite a few new songs that not all of us were around to learn. How about we make plans to go over those new tunes at our campout this summer?

Check out the newsletter for upcoming dates for the Silver Strings campout and other summer activities. Don't miss out because you forgot.

Remember to think of our members who are suffering through loss, illness and recovery.

See you at the party! Don't forget, the doors open at 11:30 and we eat at noon!

PS. Just bring your favorite dish to pass, your table service and beverage.

Workshop Corner by Christine Stewart

This month we will not have a workshop, instead we will be jammin' for the entire meeting. except for the time we're eating of course! Most of our members are wonderful cooks (whom am I kidding??? We're all great cooks!) and I look forward to ruining my diet with an excellent pot luck from Uncle Carl's members and friends.

Even though we are not having a workshop this month, we should continue to play, review, relearn the songs we have learned so far this year. There are so many songs in our repertoire it's hard to remember some of the new ones. Like:

Swinging on a Gate Contributing to the Delinquency of Am Dancing Bear

Karjalan Polka

Captain O'Kane Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle Dark Town Strutter's Ball Single Footin' Horse Hewlett

Bermudaful Black Bottom Strutt Riding On A Load Of Hay Frisco Waltz

So practice practice! and don't forget to request these during our jams!

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

Happy Birthday

22 Don Steinke 25 Kim Huston 27 Jean Sellers 31 Chuck Mead



Happy Anniversary

2 William & Hannah Wright4 Ed & Wendy Conklin18 Robert & Kathie Campbell

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

<u>UCDC Membership Dues:</u> \$15/family. Please make checks out to UCDC and mail to Wendy Conklin, 7186 W. Sterling Rd., Litchfield, MI 49252. Covers <u>January thru December 2015</u>.

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

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

<u>Practice with Pennye:</u> 3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Christmas tunes also available. Call Pennye Scheiber at 517-547-7448 or pennyescheiber70@gmail.com

Evart News

Rick Thum is doing his A to Z class again and still has room for you. Monday July 13 thru Wed. July 15. Over 20 hours of class time. \$175. Contact Rick at rthum@rthum.com or 314-406-0690 or go to his website www.rthum.com to sign up.

Queen's Community Dinner

We had over 350 people for dinner. In the midst of the chaos of serving dinner we were asked to play 2 waltzes. And we had 2 couples dance. It was touching.



Upcoming Events

UCDC Future Play Dates

April 30, Thursday Eve, Jackson Medical Facility, 524 Lansing Ave., Jackson, 7:00 pm Contact, Marcia Fort 782-3943

May 16, 1-4:00 pm, Grosvenor House Museum. Outside under a tent with sides.

July 30, Thursday, Lenawee County Fair Grounds Adrian, Mi, time TBD

August 27, Thursday, Quincy Music In The Park Quincy, 7:00pm

Monday Knights—Bean Elementary 6-8:00 Great place to get some practice in.

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Waffle Farm

THE CAMP PAGE

For those of you who are going to be there at Waffle Farm for the annual UCDC campout.....FANTASTIC! Kudos to the day campers too:) We really never talked about the campout at our meetings. Wonder why? We always have a potluck on Sat....it's still on! We always have a breakfast on Sun...ditto! We've talked about NOT having enough help but that's never been an issue. We WILL have our usual jams (times to be announced AT the camp), we WILL have a class to learn a new song (no idea what song yet), we WILL have a time to go over all the newer club tunes, we WILL have fun, we WILL be together in music and friendship, AND there WILL be a fun new game:) Yeah, we're going to get you up and moving. PRIZES! Does THAT peak your interest? Nothing too strenuous. Just fun. Also, we've ALWAYS had a Gospel Jam after breakfast on Sun. If this all sounds like a good time all you have to do is show up! Times, places WILL be posted at the campout. See you there:)

Invite from Silver Strings





Dear Friends,

The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society would like to invite your group to join us for our annual Campout at Meyers Lake Campground. This is a family friendly campground with many activities for every member of the family. Please join us for the entire weekend or come for the day.

Our club will be providing Saturdays breakfast as well as the meat and tableware for Saturday evenings pot luck. We will be providing pop and water all weekend as well as the coffee and tea. If you join us for dinner we are asking for a \$2.00 donation towards costs and that you bring a dish to share.

I have attached a copy of our flyer with all of the information needed to reserve your camp site now. Campsites with water and electricity are available as well as Cabins that can be rented through the Campground. We encourage you and the members of your group to make reservations directly with Myers lake at www.myerslake.org or by calling them at 810-266-4511.

We have several workshops and jams planned for everyone to enjoy. Friday and Saturday evening we will be jamming in the main barn. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at mmm31517@aol.com or call me at 734-347-2098.

We would love to have you and your members join us for a fun music filled weekend!

Maureen, Silver Strings

Camp Dates - June 12, 13, 14

Submission deadline for the next newsletter is May 20, 2015

Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome!



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