

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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

January 2016



"This and That" from Julie

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. Here's hoping for a positive New Year.

We will be having a special meeting in January to discuss the club's dues "situation". The club voted for an increase in the annual dues from \$15 per family to \$18 per person. Since that December meeting we have had many concerns brought up over that increase and I felt (along with the other members of the board) that the best thing for the club would be to revisit the dues. The last thing anyone wanted was to have members leave the club over the increase. Our goal is to increase our membership and keep the dulcimer alive.

I take full responsibility for the situation we are in. I (with support from the board members) started the conversation about increasing the dues and somehow got sidetracked. Once the ball got rolling and members responded positively to that conversation I allowed things to get off track of what the board had decided prior to this and now our club is divided over it. I hope we can get back on track and continue forward.

Please be patient while we work things out and bring forth a resolution that will be in favor of everyone. Thanks!

Officer Needed

Since this is an off year, we don't need to vote for any officers. But since Pennye is gone, we need to fill her position.

Julie will be looking for a volunteer or will have to appoint someone for 2016. Basically, Vice President is a position where you fill in for the President if she is gone. Let Julie know if you are interested.

Workshop Corner by Christine Stewart

No one stepped up this month to do a workshop sooo.... We will do a recap of recently learned tunes. This is actually a good thing as we have learned many tunes in the 4 years I have been a member and I'm not sure I can play all of them, so I think a month of remediation may be in order. Besides, with the Christmas holidays and New Years festivities, who has time to practice?

I am sorry I missed the Christmas party, a patient called at 11am and I had to run to Climax and encourage her and her husband that it was time to go to the hospital, due to respiratory failure. She was admitted and is still a patient there. Not a fun day for me. I hope you all had a much better time.

Jasmine received a new auto harp for Christmas. She seems to think that if you break a string or two, you need a new instrument. I will be working on that misnomer this year, but for now....Santa and Ebay were kind to her. Hope your Christmas was enjoyable and your New Year will be peaceful. See you all in January!



Tunes to brush up on: Bermudiful,   Blackbottom Strut, Riding on a Load of Hay, Frisco Waltz, Dancing Bear,   Swinging on a Gate, Washington Square, Viola's Schottische, Liberty (as a Watzl), Cello, Metsakukkia, Til We Meet Again.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

Happy Birthday



10 Sharon McAuliffe
14 Bill Scheiber
24 Hannah Wright

Happy Anniversary

No anniversaries this month!

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

UCDC Membership Dues: \$ TBD Please make checks out to UCDC and mail to Wendy Conklin, 7186 W. Sterling Rd., Litchfield, MI 49252. Covers January thru December 2016.

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

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

Practice with Pennye: 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

Monday Knights

At Bean Elementary
All meetings cancelled until March 2016 weather permitting.
Thanks to all...Barb Borton

We are having a board meeting in January at the Senior Center.

The township will open the Senior Center at 11:00 AM for us.

UCDC Board Meeting
January 9th (Saturday)

11:00 AM

Senior Center.....in the back room.

Thanks for your support.....Julie

Upcoming Events

UCDC Play Dates

January 7, 7:00 pm Jackson Medical, Lansing Ave. TBD

Do you know of a place that would love to have some music? Share the information with Jan Woodard so she can contact them. There is some place that would definitely like our "happy" music.



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Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

by Pennye Scheiber

Well, the winter doldrums will be starting soon so the first thing to look forward to is a dulcimer festival in March—the Buckeye Dulcimer Festival in Ashley, Ohio. This is one of the most exciting festivals that I have ever attended because I was able to take classes with only 12-15 folks in them. I know I have written about this festival before but there are many new members now so I want to share this information with you. When I first became a member of UCDC, I took four other members with me and we had so much fun that I attended for the next 19 years.



There are 2 packages – the weekend Friday to Sunday or the extended Wednesday to Sunday. The weekend package is like most festivals with one hour sessions to attend but the extended one gives you a chance to spend one whole day with one teacher. This year Jess Dickinson and Dan Landrum will be co-teaching intermediate/advanced HD and Phyllis Woods Brown will be doing past beginner/beginner. You will learn more than you have ever learned. Also you can't beat the price which includes dormitory style sleeping accommodations, all meals, classes, concerts, jamming, and friendship. Hope you can go! For more information (brochure and registration form), check out www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com. A complete bio of the teachers also posted. Other instruments offered are mountain dulcimer, autoharp and claw hammer banjo.

Tunes to Learn: Would you like one of these tunes to be on our club list? If so, let your workshop leader know or give her the name of another of your favorite traditional tune.



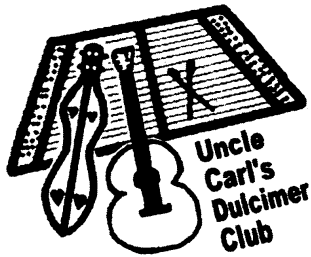
Ashgrove
Bellman's Jig
Blackberry Blossom
Black Velvet Waltz
Colored Aristocracy
Cripple Creek
Eight of January
Fanny Power
Fair Fiddler
Flowers of Edinburgh
Jimmie's Favorite Jig
Joys of Quebec
When You and I Were Young, Maggie
Mississippi Sawyer

Off to California
Old Grey Cat
Maiden's Prayer
Maurie's Wedding
Petronella
Sandy River Belle
Spotted Pony
Smash the Windows
Staten Island Hornpipe
Swallowtail Jig
Ten Strike
Yellow Rose of Texas





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