

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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

September 2016

Next meeting: September 10, 2016



WELCOME BACK



"This and That" from Julie

Well, it looks as though summer is coming to a close. We're just getting home from Midland and the page turns to September. The days are getting shorter, wow! Do I sound down in the dumps! I need to keep reminding myself that it's been a great summer for music!

Midland was another successful event. We learned lots of new tunes and even reworked old ones. We lost another row for camping to the horse crowd. The campers who couldn't fit in were shuttled out to the overflow beside the main building. There's still water and electricity and some even preferred to be out there. I believe someone said we had 160+ campers this year. Even though the campsites seemed closed in this year it made for some real nice jams. There were lots of "snaking" in-between the campsites to get to where you needed to be. I got to meet my neighbors who are really nice people that seemed very familiar. Seems we've met at the Nettle Lake & Reeding Jams. It's a small world.

The humidity this year has been the worst I have ever encountered. Even though it's been just over 8 years since I started playing I'm still amazed how the weather plays a vital part in good or bad sound. Sitting in jams we've all experienced that "sound" change (at least for HD players) when nightfall settles in. I remember one jam a while back where we all just looked at each other and made the same face....yuck! But this year seems different. Has anyone else had their dulcimer sound "dead"? Mine started at Ewart and continued at Midland. It only happens at night in the extreme humidity. Any other time it sounds perfectly fine. Michael Allen (one of our wonderful builders) told me it's the weather. The wood is really swelling up in this

humidity & quite possibly I need to have it re-strung. I'd love to have some feedback on this issue.

There also needs to be some feedback on what the club has in mind for this coming season. Are there tunes out there that we want to learn? Is there something that we're missing that needs to be addressed? It's a club ONLY when we come together as a group. If you have ideas why not pass them on and be heard. If you have a tune that you want to learn or teach, let our music person know.

Take a look at the upcoming events in the newsletter. Our playdate players sometimes are small in numbers. Please help out and sign up. It's hard to represent the club fully when there are only 1 or 2 players. We WILL have a current playlist on the website soon and keep this in mind. We can alter the list of songs at the playdates. We're NOT written in stone. It's always helpful to know the songs listed but if you show up to play we can always do some alterations of tunes.

How about we do a little "snack time" for our first club meeting? Nothing big, nothing extravagant, just finger foods. You know what they say, "bring food and they will come"? As always, coffee and tea provided.

See you in September!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

6 Mary Green 27 Terry Steinke
7 Virgie Buhler 28 Christine Stewart
9 Dale Cole
11 Robert Campbell
19 Scott Mester



Happy Anniversary

2 Ed & Rosemary Whelan
16 Rick & Tammy Hover
17 Bob & Sue Clemet
22 Dale & Judi Cole

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

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 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 plus 2 more 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

Upcoming Events

UCDC Play Dates

September 24 — Blair Farm, Homer, MI 1:00 to 2:30 pm, M60 west of Jackson

Future Play Dates

November 22—Addison Congregational Thanksgiving luncheon. Watch for information soon.



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MONDAY KNIGHTS:

September 12, 2016

6:00 to 8:00

Bean Elementary School, off King Road
to 3201 Noble St.

Spring Arbor, Mi 49283

All acoustical instruments welcome.

Bring new music for 12-15 players if you would like. We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Questions?????

Call Barb Borton 783-2670



**SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 10 AT OUR
FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON.**

Did You Know:

Some of our members live west of Jackson but never knew about these extra places to play. Of course, anyone can attend if you like driving the distance. Actually, some of our members do.

Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society
Maple Leaf Grange Hall, 7490 S M-66, Nashville, MI
Check their newsletter for more information
www.thornapplevalleydulcimer.org

Old Time Mountain Dulcimer Society, - 1st Saturday of every month
Bob's Barn, 1417 Johnson St., Lake Odessa, MI... 10—1 pm.
Call Bob for more info at [616 374 8205](tel:6163748205)

Mountain Dulcimer Jam— Hastings, MI
Every Tuesday night, 1716 N. Broadway, Hastings, MI
Church of the Nazarene, North Door
Check us out on Facebook under Mountain Dulcimer Jam—Hastings, MI
We meet from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm every Tuesday.
We primarily use Join the Jam 1, —by Stephen Seifert, and Let's Jam by David Haas
Call Paula Brawdy, 616.240.0445 or Call Sonnya Clinton 269 838 7100



Facebook Users

Wow there is so much information out there. If you are on Facebook, check out

Hammered Dulcimer Players.

It is open to the public. You can find out about workshops and even view tutorials. Meet some of the people in the dulcimer world that you didn't know about. They are all fantastic! LIKE the page and it will pop up each time there is a new post.



Hanover Historical Museum

Newsletter Editor Position Still Available

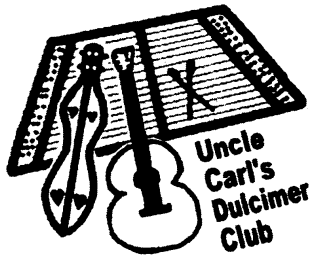
We are looking for someone to do our monthly newsletter. Let Julie know if you are interested or contact Penny (pennyescsheiber70@gmail.com or 517-547-7448). Please see the August newsletter for a full description of what the newsletter editor does. Computer experience necessary but you can choose your own program and set up.





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