

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club



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

May 2017

**Next meeting - May 13, 2017**



## "This and That" from Julie

Hard to believe that May is here and our last meeting has come and gone. I'm writing this BEFORE this has all happened so bear with me on this :)

May is our last meeting until Sept. There are many, many things happening all throughout the summer months. Lots of fun things to do, festivals to go to, camping to do, have you planned it all out? Mark your calendars, take the time to invest in yourself! Bring happiness to your life through friends and family. Be a mentor, teach a tune to someone or how about a group? Learn that tune you've been meaning to. Finish that project that's hanging around. Get your music folder(s) in order alphabetically. How about learning a new instrument? Those festivals are a great place to start. Grab a friend and trade instruments. Teach each other something! How about cleaning your instrument? Is it a little dusty? Take the time and DO SOMETHING!

Hope to see you all throughout the summer!

P.S. Don't forget our fun anniversary party in May. Doors open at 10:30 for slow jam, 12 noon pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass, table service, and your favorite beverage (coffee provided)

## Waffle Farm Camping Schedule

June 23-25(Friday - Sunday). We have spaces still available for camping. Just call the Waffle Farm and request one of the spaces. **517-278 4315**. Be patient, as they are not in full swing and are only in the office sporadically.

We will have tunes, yes tunes, to learn. Some are very exciting and just waiting to be UCDC tunes. We will have our usual pot-luck dinner Sat. night at 5. Bring a dish to pass. It's still pending whether we will have the breakfast Saturday or Sunday morning. Recommendations for this are welcome.

The Nitty Gritty of Scheduling is also pending; what time for jamming, learning new tunes, etc. Real excited about all of it!!!

## MEMBERS WANTED!

We need to add new members to our group!! How often do you talk about making music with friends? Is there anyone who might be interested in joining the club? Have you invited anyone 'new'? Can you think of a space where printed information about our club could be posted? Think about ways that we can try to 'promote' our club and be prepared to discuss those ideas at our May meeting.

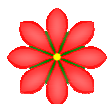


Home Spun Strings played for Barb Borton at Vista Grande. All members wish Barb a most speedy recovery and hope to see her at a meeting in the Fall.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday

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



### Happy Anniversary

4 Ed & Wendy Conklin  
18 Robert & Kathie Campbell



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 2017.

**UCDC Name Tag:** to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or [wconklin22@gmail.com](mailto:wconklin22@gmail.com)

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

**Practice with Penny:** 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 Penny Scheiber at 517-547-7448 or [pennyescheiber70@gmail.com](mailto:pennyescheiber70@gmail.com)

## Summer Events

Annual Mountain Dulcimer Immersive  
Interlochen, MI  
June 2 & 3, 2017  
HD, MD & Autoharp  
Silver Strings Myers Lake Campout  
June 9-11 2017  
(invite received)  
UCDC Waffle Farm Campout, Coldwater  
June 23-25, 2017  
Evert Funfest, Evert, Michigan  
July 13-15, 2017  
Michigan Fiddler's  
August 11-13, 2017  
Midland Folk Music Festival  
August 24-27, 2017



## Upcoming Events

**May 5th** Lansing Union Vets of the Civil War  
Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr.  
Set up in the lobby, play 7:00—8:00 pm  
**May 19**—Torrent Center, Jackson 10:30 am  
And 11:15 am (2 sets)

**May 20, 1-4:00 pm** with Back Porch String Band. All musicians are welcome to join in celebrating Grosvenor House Living History Event. Contact Ann Johnson 517-849-9182 or Wendy Conklin 517-610-3717.

### Future Play Dates

**Contact Jan Woodard—517-782-4396**

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## Music from the Civil War

During the American Civil War, music played a prominent role on both sides of the conflict, Union and Confederate. On the American Civil War battlefield, different instruments including bugles, drums, and fifes were played to issue marching orders or sometimes simply to boost the morale of one's fellow soldiers. Singing was also employed as a recreational activity, but also as a release from the inevitable tensions that come with fighting in a war, particularly a war in which the issue of freedom of a race is to be decided. In camp, music was a diversion away from the bloodshed, helping the soldiers deal with homesickness and boredom. Soldiers of both sides often engaged in recreation with musical instruments, and when the opposing armies were near each other, sometimes the bands from both sides of the conflict played against each other on the night before a battle.

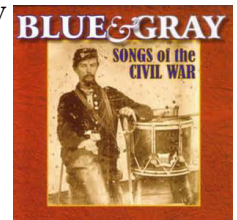
Each side had its particular favorite tunes, while some music was enjoyed by Northerners and Southerners alike, as exemplified by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln's love of "Dixie", the unofficial anthem of the Confederacy. To this day, many of the songs are sung when a patriotic piece is required.

The war was an impetus for the creation of many songs that became and remained wildly popular. The Civil War era also produced a great body of brass band pieces from both the North and South, as well as other military musical traditions like the bugle call, "Taps".

Many soldiers brought musical instruments from home to pass the time at camp. Banjos, fiddles, and guitars were particularly popular.

The song "Maryland, My Maryland" was popular with both sides, though the lyrics were slightly different. A popular ballad, "Aura Lee", would become the basis of the song "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley. Other songs written during the Civil War that you may recognize include: Amazing Grace; Lorena; When Johnny Comes Marching Home; Tenting on the Old Camp Ground; The Battle Hymn of the Republic; John Brown's Body; Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean; Carry Me Back to Old Virginy; The Girl I Left Behind; Goober Peas; Marching Through Georgia; Oh, Shenandoah; Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus; Turkey in the Straw; The Yellow Rose of Texas; and All the Pretty Little Horses. There were many, many more. It is believed that there were more songs written during the Civil War than during any other equivalent time period in American history.

For more information, Google "Civil War Music", or "Civil War Songs".



### **Rick Thum A—Z Hammered Dulcimer Class July 10-12, 2017 (Mon-Wed)**

This is a three day intensive training workshop for Hammered Dulcimer players of all levels looking to improve their skills.

**Location: Evart, Michigan, Evart United Methodist Church, 619 Cherry St.**

**Time of Class:** 9 to 12 noon and 1 to 4p.m. for three days and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for two nights. Open jam Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$175 for all three days. Alumni \$165

**Limited Seating-Pre-registration Required** to insure your place in the class.

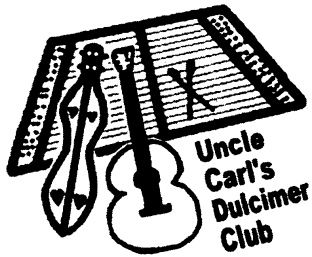
Contact Rick at 304-416-0690. Check his website for registration info. [www.rthum.com](http://www.rthum.com)

### **Slow Jam Tunes for May**

- Kentucky Waltz
- Mississippi Sawyer
- Flop Eared Mule
- Ashoken Farewell
- Soldier's Joy
- Bally Desmond #2
- Dancing Bear



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