

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club



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

August 2017

**Next Event—Midland Folk Festival August 24-27, 2017**

## "This and That" from Julie

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far. It's far from over! Lots of time left to get those chores done around the house, work in the yard and garden, relax and enjoy all that sunshine! There are jams to get to, check them out, don't get relaxed too much and forget all you've learned. Practice, practice, practice!

Pre Club Slow Jam is still on for Sept. Make sure you send Wendy a list of tunes you are working on so we can make a list. The "list" is helpful for those who are beginners and need extra time to practice up on those tunes to be prepared. One of those tunes WILL be Columbus Stockade Blues with a twist\*. (See below)

Just getting home from Evert. Had a great time, learned some new tunes and met up with friends to jam! There were some great musicians on stage yet again this year. If you haven't had the chance to get to Evert, make plans for next year! Midland is right around the corner. Plenty of camping space or hotels around. Always a nice time.

See you in September!



## **COLUMBUS STOCKADE BLUES with a twist !**

If you look at UCDC music, Columbus Stockade Blues is in G. It's been on our list, it gets asked for at our jams once in a while. Can you play it? Want a challenge? How about trying it in different keys! Try it in A, then D, then for a real challenge.....E minor! Or what about A minor!! Or, for those who want a real workout....F! How do you do those keys?.....take a look at the music and look at the 3rd note in the beginning. THAT is the "key" you're looking for. And where do you find that "key"? (For dulcimer players) Here's the secret; if the 3rd note is on a "mark", it's a major key. If it's NOT on a mark, it's a minor. Easy Peasy! For those who say it's too hard.....my 1st year students play it in ALL those keys and they say it's a marvelous way to work the instrument! Give it a try. We WILL be trying this out in the fall when our club resumes, just FYI.

*Thank You!*

I'd like to put in a huge "thank-you" to Julie for taking her time to run the increasingly popular slow jam before each club meeting. We're getting some participation that would likely not come for just the regular jam. In addition, thanks to all those who are willing to play songs a couple of times more slowly during the regular jam, for those who request it, before we go on to play it at the regular speed. I've heard many positive comments about both. Jan Woodard

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday

12 Gerald Bennett    23 Linda Osgood  
16 Ellen Pember    30 Paula Brawdy  
16 Penny Scheibder



### Happy Anniversary

1 Bill & Dianne Ballough  
20 Jim & Mary Green  
21 Marge & Karl Jacob  
29 Jerry & Peg Klook

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

## Upcoming Events

Jan Woodard—517-782-4396

### Future Play Dates

**Sept 17**—Tompkins Freedom Festival  
(see below for more information)

**Sept 23**—Blair Farm 1:00—2:30 pm Homer

**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.

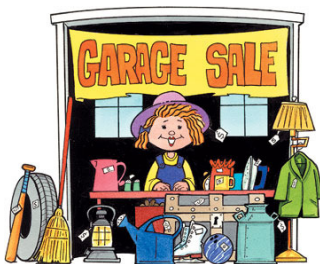
**UCDC Name Tag:** to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or [wconklin22@gmail.com](mailto:wconklin22@gmail.com)

**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 [pennyscheiber70@gmail.com](mailto:pennyscheiber70@gmail.com)

## September Meeting Garage Sale

Time to be thinking of musical items you might want to sell. Did you buy something new this summer at a festival and possibly now have two or too many. Why not bring it to the September meeting and see if someone else needs just what you have!



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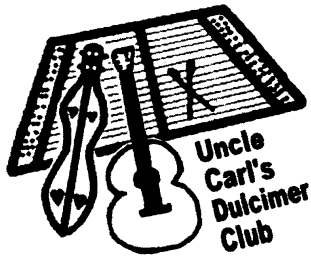
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