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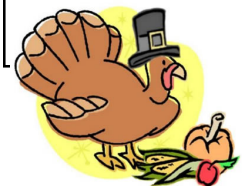

Website: http://www.unclecarls.org **November 2017**

Next Meeting—November 11, 2017

"This and That" from Julie

Well, summer is over and fall is in full bloom. Hopefully you've taken the time to prepare for the oncoming cold wet season. One of the things to do in that preparedness is to get that stack of tunes out you've been putting off and work on them. Rule of thumb; if the tune you're working on doesn't play out the way you think it should, check the key signature. Are you playing the right note? Are you playing it in the right key? I was working on a tune and had to contact another player about the issue with it "not sounding correct". Sure enough, the copy I had wasn't correct! The writer forgot to place the 2nd # in the key signature. It felt pretty good in that my "ear" told me that it wasn't right BUT, what about the tunes where it sounds good but I'm playing it wrong?

We win some, we lose some but we keep trying and that's what counts!

The slow jam was small in October and I'm hoping it was just a fluke. We had such great remarks on it last year. The few who were there had fun. Look in the newsletter for another slow jam feature for November.

It was SO nice to see Barb! We'd all like to thank Chuck for being her chauffeur and getting her to and from the jam. When asked if she had a request she quickly replied "Small World"!! Of course we all obliged. Barb was able to stay for a couple of hours before we tuckered her out with all our chatter. Keep up the hard work of therapy Barb, so you can come back to play!!

See you in November!!

ATTENTION PART-TIME PLAYERS!!

What is a part time player you ask? Well, a part time player is someone who plays "parts" of tunes. It's NOT because they don't like the tune, it's because they don't KNOW the entire tune. We all have those certain tunes you don't dare ask for and then groan & moan when someone else does! Here are some examples of those "part time tunes":

Grand Old Flag (measures 36 & 37)* As we play along, we're loud and together and then those 2 measures come along and we get soft and messy and then loud again (because we know that part)!
Alabama Jubilee (measures 21 & 22) see above*
Far Away (measures 14 & 15) ugh!
Mountainbelle Schottische (when transitioning from A-B-C parts, just different keys)
Silver & Gold Two Step (measure 17 - ending, all upper notes)
Under the Double Eagle (part B)

These are just SOME of the part time tunes we have on our list. Can you think of any? Bring your ideas to the slow jam and we can work on them. We can go over & over & over those "part-time" areas and solidify your hammering patterns!!

If you compile a list of "part-time tunes", how about sharing it with us beforehand so we can all be prepared. Send it on to Wendy and then she can share it with the club.

(NOTE from Pennye: Most of the time (if you are a pattern player) all you have to do is fix your pattern, and it all falls into place.)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

1 Nancy Noyes
3 Linda Ives
13 Joanne Mackler
16 Marlin Harmon
19 George Dornton
19 Nancy Lockwood
27 Sylvia Pow
30 Ed Whelan

Happy Anniversary

9 John & Sharon McAuliffe
12 Jim & Linda Brown

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

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Tune of the Month

The tune of the month for November comes to us from Judi Morningstar's "Ruffwater" tune book. Emma's Pride—in the key of D.

According to Judi - no one is sure where the tune originated - but, was regularly played and enjoyed by their group, so, she included it in her book. It's a fairly easy tune to learn and fun to play - so, I hope you will enjoy it as much as others have!

And the best answer was.....

In answering the request for each tune to be given a "Halloween" name at the October jam, THE best answer by far was from Terry Steinke.

Her tune was "5 Foot 2 Feet Under". Awesome!

Upcoming Events

Jan Woodard—517-782-4396

Nov 14—Gene Davis Banquet Hall, South Francis Jackson, 12:30—1:30 for senior luncheon
Nov 21—The Grand in Jackson, Robinson and McCain, 6-7:00 pm
Coming in December—
Quincy Lights, Grosvenor Museum

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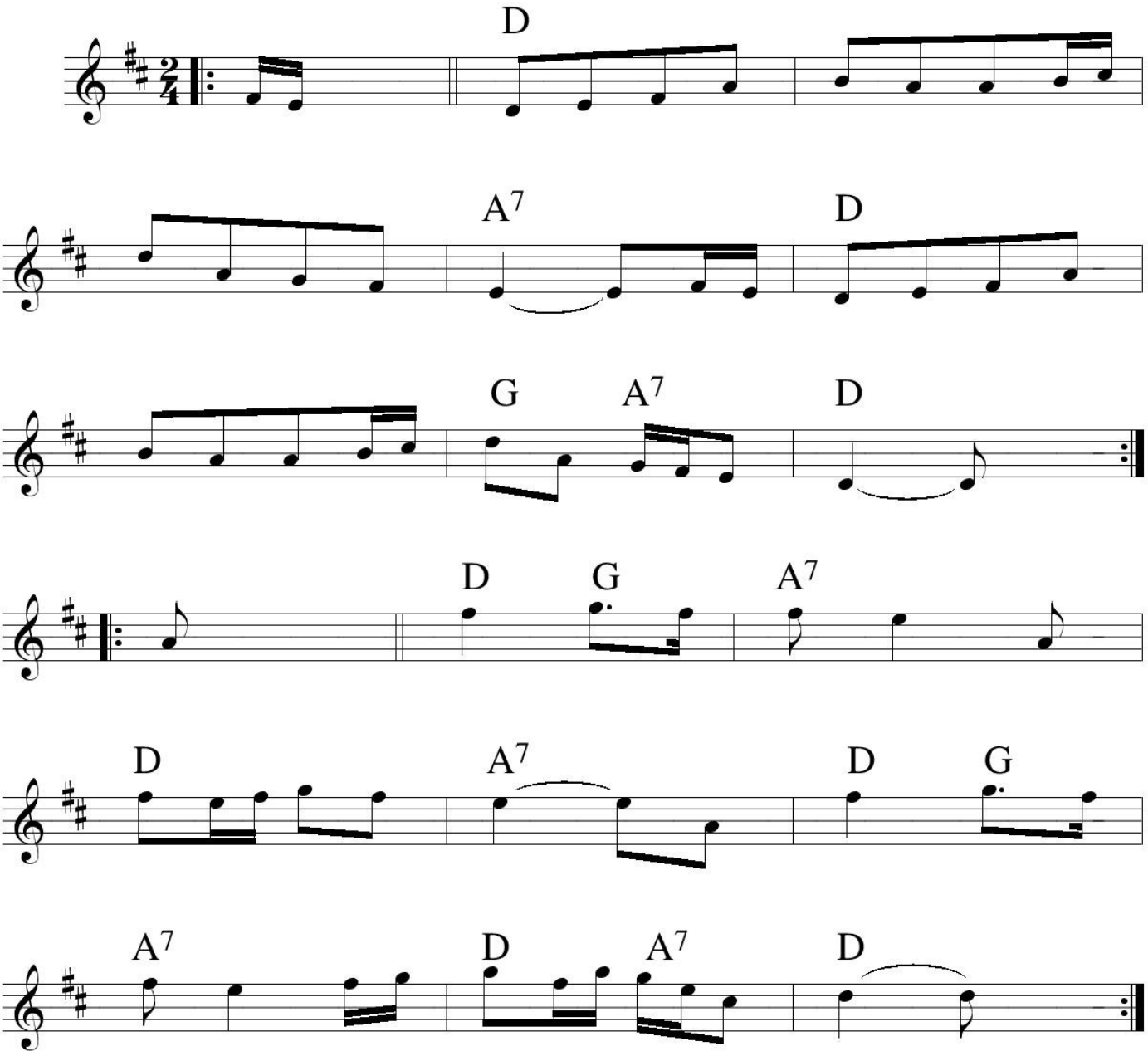

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