

UCDC June 2014 Newsletter (Tune of the Month is on the Web)

THIS AND THAT from Julie

Well, now that our last meeting (till fall) is done, we'll just have to meet up at one or more of the jams/parties/campouts/festivals or get together that are happening all summer long. We take time for our gardens, our family, our friends and our neighbors. Take the time for music too. Keep up on all the new stuff we have learned this past year. Looking forward to meeting up this summer and seeing what new music is out there.

Wow, did we ever have a big change in the weather! Isn't it wonderful:) Just in time too! Scott and I just got back from our first camp-out for the year in Lake Port and it sure was nice. UCDC Waffle Farm will be awesome! JUNE 27-28-29 in Coldwater. Haven't got the response from our club members that we have had in the past, but there are still spaces available near our group as of today, so if you plan on camping, call the campground for your spot as Kathy has already turned in our number (15). Camp-out schedule below:

FRIDAY NIGHT JAM 7-11pm

SAT 10:30AM workshop tune, "Bermudaful" by Walt Michael
1:30 jam

5:00 POTLUCK
7-11 JAM

SUN 9:30 BREAKFAST.....GOSPEL SING afterwards

This is the tentative schedule for our camp-out.

So, bring yourself out to the campground whether you're camping over-night or just day camping. A good time is guaranteed!

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S :

9TH Mary Colgan
22nd Ed Conklin
23rd Donna Playford
26th Bob Clemet
26th Marcia Fort
30th Roger Davis
30th Steve Hadley

JUNE ANNIVERSARY'S :

10th Robert & Audrey Ackley
15th Don & Kathy Falls
24th Don & Ann Johnson
28th George & Pat Dornton
29th Bill & Barb Pohanka

Workshop corner by Paula Brawdy

A successful year of workshops!

Another new tune is coming your way at the Uncle Carl's Camp-out.

Those who come to the workshop will get a color copy.

Anyone wishing a color copy by e-mail will have to request one as we're not putting the color copy online.....

Pennye will be teaching a tune called "Bermudaful by Walt Michael.

Walt Michael's musical life has spanned 40 years and taken him from the coal camps of Appalachia to the White House to the Closing Ceremonies of the 13th Olympic Winter Games. He has been instrumental in reviving the hammered dulcimer in his part of the US. He also is director and founder of the Common Ground on the Hill Festival. You can read all about him on his website: www.waltmichael.com

What to do over the summer? Besides going to festivals and other fun stuff?

Take a few newer tunes and play them every day for a few weeks.

Instead of playing the entire tune over and over, work on the areas in the tune that cause you trouble and get them down. Then play the tune.

Just a couple of times a day playing the tune over a period of a couple of days or weeks, will commit it to your muscle memory. The objective being to memorize the tune and not look at the sheet music. Each day progressively look at the music less and less until you have it committed to memory....20 minutes a day will greatly improve your playing ability, and your memory of tunes!

Evert Pre-Show tune list

Golden Slippers D2x, G2x

Down Yonder G3x with a tag

Westphalia Waltz G2x

Five Foot Two C3x with a tag

Prairie Flower G3x

Spider on the Bedpost D3x

Soldier's Joy D3x

Redwing G3x

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ODPC Funfest....Evert, July 17-20th...go to: dulcimers.com/festival.html

On Thursday night Evert will be featuring clubs. We will have someone sign us up for stage that night so check with our members to see if you can get the tunes we will be playing.

Hopefully, we can get them to you before Evert. Time: TBD

Summer Mountain Dulcimer 3 day workshop - with Stephen Seifert

Stephen Seifert, mountain dulcimer teacher and performer, is coming to Evert again this summer. He will be teaching a morning session for beginners - intermediate. And an afternoon session for intermediate to advanced students. You can sign up for one session or both! You can always improve your skills in the morning class. Brush up on your strum, chords, and generally make sure you have solid beginning skills that help you improve your playing. He will gear in on the basics! The afternoon session will be geared to those who are past beginner, and are looking to learn the techniques and skills that make you a great player. He will be teaching tunes and techniques during this session.

Where is it?

Evert, Michigan at the High School. The high school is 1/2 block out the back gate of the Osceola County Fairgrounds. It's air conditioned too! You can camp at the fairgrounds and walk to the class.

When is it?

3 days immediately preceding the ODPC Hammered Dulcimer Funfest! July 14, 15, 16th. The morning session will run from 8 - 11 am. The afternoon session will run from Noon - 3 pm.

How much does it cost and how do I enroll?

The cost of the morning or afternoon session is \$85 for 3 days - 9 hours of teaching. In addition we plan to have some evening jams for the group on the fairgrounds! Sign up for both sessions and get a discount -\$160. Sign up early and make a deposit of 1/2 the cost to hold your spot.

We plan to be full! Go to www.stephenseifert.com

Please feel free to call me with questions - Paula Brawdy, [616 240 0445](tel:6162400445)