

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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

September 2014



"This and That" from Julie

It's been a while since we've had a talk huh? Seems this summer has been a long time coming and now look! Fall is just around the corner! There's been a full summer of music and events. Although Midland was just this last week it's now just a memory. A fond memory of friends, music and laughter. I've got a song floating around in my head that I don't have a name to. When we get together I'm hoping someone will have the answer to my question! Isn't that just how it is? We get together, play all sorts of melodies and darned if we can't remember them all! It's a real good tune too! It's one I'd like the club to learn. Our club meeting is just around the corner. I'll get my answer soon I hope.

We won't be learning a new tune this month. I thought it a good idea to catch up on all those songs we learned before the summer started. Check out the club tunes to practice listed in this newsletter.

Please keep in mind those who have suffered through loss or illness. Our little club is like family. Don't let the opportunity go by to express how you feel. It doesn't have to be in words. Just a warm smile, a soft touch on the arm, a smile or card will do. See you in September!

UCDC meets September 13, 2014



Question of the month

While jamming in a group (it doesn't matter how big or small) how do you keep an even tempo without a bass?

Mary: "Whether or not there's a bass, you need to listen to what the group is doing. Listen and pay attention"!

Sid: "Look up. Look around. Listen to those around you. Practice at home. Get more proficient. Focus. Feel the music"!

Paula: "If it gets "too" not together...stop playing. See what the group is doing".

Scott: "You don't! It's unrealistic. It's a live thing. It's gonna go where it's gonna go"!

Dale: "Get a heavy guitar player. Chords bring out the rhythm. Some are too serious about " looking" at the sheet music"!

George: "Yell out "SLOW DOWN"! "TOO FAST"!"

Ernie: "Sit closer together. Get friendly"!

Kathy: "I wish I had one"!

Lynn: "Stop playing. See who else knows that it's out of control and has that bemused look on their face"!

Freeman: "Get a strong guitar player"!

Sharon: "Use a lot of tact because NO ONE believes they're the problem"!

Linda: "It's the directors problem. Stop playing".

Penny: "Play softer so you can hear the one next to you"!

Sharon: "The loudest dulcimer wins"!

What's YOUR suggestion?

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

Happy Birthday

5 Shirley Gilmore (90) 28 Bill Noyes
6 Mary Green 28 Christine Stewart
9 Dale Cole
19 Scott Mester
27 Terry Steinke



Happy Anniversary

17 Bob & Sue Clemet
22 Dale & Judi Cole

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

Practice with Penny: 3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Christmas tunes also available.

Call Penny at

517-547-7448 or penny@comcast.net.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons: Call Penny Scheiber at 517-547-7448 or penny@comcast.net.

UCDC Name Tag: to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or wconklin22@gmail.com

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 2015.

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

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of our members who played at the following performances throughout the summer.

Spring Arbor Senior Center, Jackson Medical, Vista Grande Villa, Lenawee County Fair, Durham Park Festival, Thompson House Museum. Looking forward to seeing many of you during our Fall performances.

Upcoming Events

UCDC Future Play Dates

Sep 12 Arbor North, 3000 Kingsbrooke Dr. off of Springbrook, 2:00 pm

Sep 18 Jackson Medical, Lansing Ave., 7:00 pm

Sep 20 Tompkins Historical Society—10138 Tompkins Rd., Rives Junction off of 50 north of Jackson 1:45 to 3:00 pm. Lunch ticket provided.

Sep 27 Blair Farm, just east of Homer on M60, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Monthly

Nettle Lake Jam, Montpelier, OH

1st Saturday of every month

Contact Terry Steinke for info 419-459-4436

September 14 they will be holding their first Gospel Jam which may become a monthly item.

Maumee Street Jam, Adrian, Last Saturday Sept-May. Contact Marilyn Mullins at 517-270-2554

Monday Knights

First Meeting!!!

Monday, September 8th, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bean Elementary School—Music Room

3201 Noble, Spring Arbor, Mi. 49283

Off King Road, between Dearing and Sandstone. Bring your new music!!!

We will play them and then decide.

Everyone Welcome!!!

Contact: Barb Borton, 517-783-2670



SLOW JAM TUNES TO PRACTICE FOR SEPTEMBERS MEETING

Reunion

Captain O'Kane

Mr. Gubbin's Bicycle

Darktown Strutter's Ball

Sarah Armstrong/Single Footin' Horse

Hewlett

Bermudaful

Take just a few minutes to tune your instrument and brush up on these tunes before you arrive at the meeting. Be prepared to play .

Featured in Workshops and Concert
Rick Thum



Saturday November 15, 2014

- 9:00 - 10:30AM Workshop #1 BEGINNERS \$25 We will explore the basics and more depending on the level and needs of participants.
- 11:00 - 1:00PM Workshop #2 ALL LEVELS \$30 Applying chords. We will learn how to use the chords. Lots of hands on playing.
- 1:00 - 2:00PM Lunch
- 2:00 - 4:00PM Workshop #3 ALL LEVELS \$30 A quick and easy way to find embellishments. How to know what to add and when.
- If taking more than one workshop, take \$5.00 off of each*

6:00 - 7:30PM CONCERT \$12
If registered in a workshop concert \$6.00

7:30 - 9:30 OPEN JAMMING *There will be an all day running jam session in a different room for those not choosing the workshops.*

Location
Good Hope Lutheran Church
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Garden City, MI 48135

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Feature length film based on the
Christmas Truce of 1914.

Is a docudrama based on the Christmas Truce of 1914. Common soldiers call a truce only to meet each other in No Man's Land. This heartfelt film is in pre-production and will be filmed in January-March 2013. It will be released prior to the 100 year anniversary in December 2014.



Have you wondered what ever happened after our recording of Amazing Grace? Many of you have questioned this. So now we know for sure. Check out some trailers at <http://cinemastarproductions.com/pox/>



Never too early to start planning
for the next festival.

ARE YOU PRACTICING AT
HOME?

One sure way to improve your playing is by keeping your instrument out in plain sight! If it takes too much effort to haul it out, you're apt NOT to! Sit down and play all those songs you enjoy but ALSO practice those that need work. Work on those "hard spots" one measure at a time. Simplify it. Make it fun! Practice makes perfect.

Best of the Midwest

24th Annual
BUCKEYE DULCIMER FESTIVAL
March 4 - 8, 2015

GREAT INSTRUCTORS

EXCITING WORKSHOPS

Mountain Dulcimer
Louise Ziegler
Jan Hammond
Janita Baker
Larry Conger

Hammered Dulcimer
Joyce Harrison
Chris Steiner
Jess Dickinson
Ruth Smith

Ukulele
Steve Smith

Band-it!
Joe Steiner

Autoharp
Rick Fitzgerald

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Saturday Instructors
Phyllis Davis, Ricki Spicer,
Doug Daegle, Mary-Jo Ward,
Gary Sager, and more

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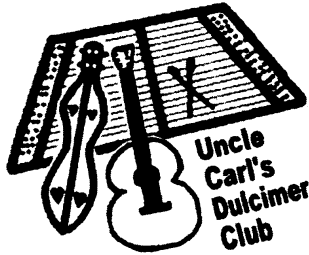
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