

# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club



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

September 2017

Next Meeting—September 9, 2017



## "This and That" from Julie

September already? UCDC meetings have started? Where did the summer go? Don't worry, there's still plenty of time to get in more outside jamming, camping and fun before that dreaded cold sets in.

Midland was a great success! Plenty of jams to be a part of, many, many classes to take for all sorts of ordinary (and some unordinary) instruments. I was blessed to be asked to teach again this year and I do say BLESSED because it comes back 10 fold! It's a great feeling to share with others and see in their faces that they "GOT IT"! If anyone gets the opportunity to teach, do it! It's an awesome experience. I'd like to add that Mary and Paula were the talk of the Festival! Their jams were F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C!! Their campsite area was THE place to be if you wanted to play lively tunes and keep up on all the new tunes out there! Thanks Mary and Paula!!

I'm looking forward to our first PCSJ (pre club slow jam). Remember, the doors open at 10:30. Get there, set up quickly so we'll have plenty of time to play! Wendy will send out the tune list soon (once I get it together). We'll take the time to go over the new tune of the month also. Don't worry, it's a fun, easier tune. You'll catch on quick!

See you soon!!



### \*TEACHERS WANTED/NEEDED

We've got plenty of players who could use a "pick me up" in their skills. Are YOU the one they need to help out? If you're willing to teach player(s) or even teach a tune, let us know! Why does it just have to be the VIP's? I know there are those out there who HAVE the abilities and the WANT to teach just maybe not the inspiration or avenue. Let THIS be your inspiration for furthering not just your own skills, but others also.

### \*GARAGE SALE

Got something to sell? Trade? Give away? Bring it to the meeting. Make sure you put your name on it and \$. We can have these as many times as we like.



### \*SNACK TIME!

Bring a snack to share for break time. Finger food is best, less messy and easy to handle but it's your choice! We love homemade goodies no matter what!



### \*COFFEE HOUR!

If you're a coffee drinker, you know the importance of it especially if it's good and hot! Don't forget to "feed the kitty" with all that pocket change. Every penny adds up. Are you a coffee creamer aficionado? Bring some in to share!



**DON'T FORGET—PLAYERS ALWAYS NEEDED!**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday

6 Mary Green            19 Scott Mester  
7 Virgie Buhler        27 Terry Steinke  
9 Dale Cole             28 Bill Noys  
11 Robert Clemet



### Happy Anniversary

2 Ed & Rosemary Whelan  
16 Rick & Tammy Hover  
17 Bob & Sue Clemet  
22 Dale & Judy Cole



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

## Upcoming Events

Jan Woodard—517-782-4396

**Sept 17**—Tompkins Freedom Festival (see below)

**Sept 23**—Blair Farm 1:00—2:30 pm Homer on M60

### Future Play Dates

**Nov 14**—Gene Davis Banquet Hall, South Francis Jackson, 12:30—1:30 for senior luncheon (see below)

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

### **Tompkins Historical Society Freedom Festival**

Sept 17th, 10138 Tompkins Rd, Rives Junction, Jackson, MI in Tompkins Center  
We will play at 1:00 pm in the red barn.

### **Senior's Luncheon**

Nov. 14 at 12:30

A large group would be nice, as there are 250 people or more that they serve. They take up a collection from the diners .

**Maumee Street Jam** at the Presbyterian Church on Maumee in Adrian dates changed to **second Saturday** of each month September thru May.

**Nettle Lake Jam** remains at the first Saturday of the month all year round.

### **BOARD MEMBERS 2017**

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## • UCDC REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

- 10:30 am - Doors Open / Pre Club Slow Jam
- 12:30 - 2:00 pm - New Tune and/or Jamming  
(Players pick speed)
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm - Short Break for Coffee
- 2:15 - Business Meeting
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Regular Jam (Club Tunes  
(Players pick speed)
- 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Open Jam  
(If enough know the tunes)



### Slow Jam Tunes

Black Cat Schottische  
Chinese Breakdown  
Harvest Home  
John Ryan's Polka  
Nail That Catfish to a Tree  
North Carolina Breakdown  
Over the Waterfall  
Reunion  
Snake River Reel  
Spotted Pony  
The Girl I Left Behind  
Westphalia Waltz



## TUNE OF THE MONTH

September's tune is "Louis Beaudoin's Reel in D". We know another tune he wrote - "Eddies Reel". Jim McKinney's arrangement of this 'Reel in D' was taught at the Michigan Fiddlers Convention in 2014 by Loretta McKinney. A few of us have been enjoying this tune since then.



It is a 'crooked tune'... A crooked tune is a musical piece, which deviates from the standard number of beats for that style of tune (reel, hornpipe, polka). Crooked tunes may add or drop notes, disrupting the usual rhythm. This creates a tune not 'suitable' for a dance tune, but, gives us something fun to play that doesn't necessarily 'follow the rules'!

Louis Beaudoin was born in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1921 and died in Burlington, Vermont in 1980. His father had played fiddle for local weddings and events and Louis began playing when he was 15 years old. Louis played for square dancing at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. on the eve of President Jimmy Carter's inauguration.

In the liner notes to the 1973 Philo LP recording, *La Famille Beaudoin*, Louis Beaudoin did not take credit for composing Reel in D, but he also could not credit the tune to any particular source. It was just something he picked up during many years of fiddling. This simplified version, by Jim McKinney, of Louis Beaudoin's Reel in D is fun and easy to play. Louis' recorded version is considerably more crooked and fascinating to listen to.

For the 'brave of heart' - a truer transcription of the recording can be found at Donna Hebert's website, *Fiddling DeMystified*, <http://fiddlingdemystified.com/blog/louis-beaudoin-tunes/> . If you take a look, you'll understand why we are teaching a \*simplified, yet fun\* arrangement!

# Louis Beaudoin's Reel in D

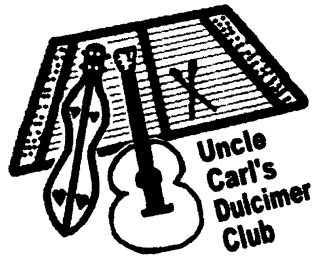
Louis Beaudoin 1921-1980

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a D major chord and contains the first four measures. The second staff continues with D and A7 chords, followed by a first ending bracketed section with a '1.' marking and a second ending with a '2.' marking. The third staff features D, G, and A7 chords, with the first two measures containing block chords. The fourth staff concludes with D, G, and A7 chords, also featuring block chords in the first two measures. The piece ends with a final D major chord.

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Arrangement by Jim McKinney  
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