



# Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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

March 2015

**UCDC meets March 14, 2015**

## "This and That" from Julie

Talk about hearty folks! With the absolute awful weather we still had 16 show up for February's meeting! Whiteouts, icy roads, drifts, wind chill.....John and Sharon made it from Ann Arbor and Sharon told me she kept hoping that it wasn't cancelled before they got there! Look at the lengths we go for music:) We didn't have a "regular" meeting with secretary/treasurer information but we played and had fun! We even played a few songs that weren't on our list.....possible new songs on the horizon!

For those that weren't there, we'll go over Dancing Bear again soon. It's so nice to have that song as part of our play list. I've heard it in so many jams and thought it was about time we had it. I do love a MINOR tune: - )

And speaking of tunes, we now have a new MUSIC COORDINATOR! Christine Stewart has agreed to take over for Paula who has recently resigned. Funny thing, when I offered the position to Christine she told me that after she read the newsletter about the opening, she thought about

offering herself for the position! Christine has lots of music in her and I can't wait to see what she has to offer the club.

Missing any sheet music from the club? We've got quite a few new songs on our list over the past year and now's the time to get it in order! Make a list and bring it to the next meeting. We'll "pool" our lists and get copies. A good way to keep up to speed at a jam is to have your music in alphabetical order to make it easier to find. Take the time to get organized. You'll be glad you did.

Do we want to have a party for the club anniversary? Pot luck? Give it some thought. We'll discuss it at the next meeting.

We have our camping dates for Waffle Farm set. Look in the newsletter for information. The sooner we get our names on the list.....)

We have some members who are going through so many things. Either illness, injury or caregiving issues. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Take care.....see you in March!



Thanks to Barb Borton for 3 years as a Trustee and welcome to Scott Mester who will take her place.

**Submission deadline for the next newsletter is March 20, 2015**

## Workshop Corner by Christine Stewart

I am excited to be the new workshop leader! Thank you for your support, in advance!

This month we will have a double hitter. Because of the minimal turn out for last month's meeting, we will recap "Dancing Bear" a fun easy tune taught by Julie. Since it won't take long to learn (or relearn) it, we will also learn "Contributing to the Delinquency of Am" a song written by Kelly Keiser of the Keiser Family band and Ben Catt Of Squirrel's Nest fame. It is a fun song that usually starts slow and gradually picks up as it repeats. Because of the complexities of playing with a large group as we do, I would recommend picking a medium speed and sticking with it throughout.

You can hear it played by the Keiser family here: <http://youtu.be/5DxXdqthm-c>



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

### Happy Birthday

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Audrey Ackley | 17 Sharon Polarczyk |
| 4 Gerry Parker  | 21 Marc Pember      |
| 5 Peg Klook     | 21 Joe Weaver       |
| 7 Jim Green     | 25 Tammy Hover      |
| 9 Jan Woodard   | 26 Judi Cole        |
| 16 Pat Wollet   | 31 Wendy Conklin    |



### Happy Anniversary

6 Duain & Nancy Lockwood  
11 Dave & Virgie Buhler

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

**Practice with Pennye:** 3 CD set 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

**UCDC Name Tag:** to order, contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or [wconklin22@gmail.com](mailto: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 49752. Covers January thru December 2015.

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

## Upcoming Events

### UCDC Future Play Dates

**March—Everyone just keeping warm and waiting for Spring!**



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## Monday Knights

The Monday Knights first meeting of the year will be Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Bean Elementary School off King Road. Everyone welcome!!!! ???? Call Barb Borton, 783-2670

## Monthly

### **Thornapple Dulcimer Club**

4th Saturday 12-4 Maple Leaf Grange Hall  
Nashville, MI

### **Maumee Street Jam, Adrian,**

Last Saturday Sept-May. 6-11:00 pm  
Contact Marilyn Mullins at 517-270-2554

### **Nettle Lake Jam, Montpelier, OH**

1st Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm

# Snowbird News



We're going to two jams a week at other parks. There are jams every day at parks in the Rio Grande Valley, but two will do us. We are sort of a novelty here, as we are the only two hammered dulcimers in this area. We know of 6 or 8 that get together near McAllen, 40 miles west of here. After a jam, some of the people come to view the instrument, as they've never seen or heard one before, and they say they really enjoyed it. The music played is mostly country western, but, evidently we play along well enough that the groups welcome us. There are a lot of guitar players, banjos and mandolins - some really great singers. That's talent in these older folks. One of our players used to be in Bob Wills Country Western Band. We played a couple songs at our parks Valentine Dinner. Enjoying our time here, but, will be great to get back to the club this spring. Jeanine Houk and Terry Steinke



## Florida State Fair—Cracker Country Village

Marilyn and Jack Mullins, Jack and Sharon Sowle, Penny Scheiber and friends .

**Cracker Country (an outdoor living history museum) features thirteen original buildings dating from 1870-1912. These buildings were moved to their present location from throughout the state, then restored and furnished with antiques of the period.**

**Demonstrations include blacksmithing, spinning, making traditional "Florida Cracker" Cow Whips, woodcarving, open fire cooking, storytelling, sewing, soap making and old tool demonstrations just as was done 100 years ago.**



## Copyright Information

Any music older than 1945 can be used, unless you are using a rewritten version that is newer. The law for copyrighted music was anything newer than 50 years but it was changed to 70 years. "The legislation – known as "Cliff's law" after its most high-profile campaigner – extends copyright on music recordings from 50 years to 70 years." They tried to make it 90 years but it fell through. Criminal penalties for first-time offenders can be as high as five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Music older than 70 years then falls into the Public Domain category.

What does this all mean for our club? We should not make copies or redo pieces of copyrighted music without permission from the song writer or by obtaining a license for the use of copyrighted material. If a piece of music is in a published book, it should not be copied and distributed, but can be used if each individual has a copy of that book. Just so you know, this is the law! Our club has always tried to follow these rules by obtaining permission before using or posting a tune. If you are concerned about a piece of music, please inquire as to how we are able to use it. All tunes workshopped in the last 10 (approx.) years that fell under copyright have received permission from the composer or have been researched enough to find that it was OK to use.



**UCDC 2015 Campout**  
**June 26, 27, and 28**  
**Waffle Farms**  
**Coldwater, Michigan**



Time to start thinking about summer and getting your registration in for our campout. We will be located in the same area we have been in for the last several years across from the big pavilion . This is where our workshop, jamming and pot luck supper will be. You should plan on getting your reservation to Kathy Culy no later than May 1. We have just so many sights reserved and want to make sure you get your spot. If you plan to camp longer than Friday and Saturday night, you will have to make those plans with Waffle Farm at 517-278-4315. Check out their website at [www.wafflefarm.com](http://www.wafflefarm.com)

Please fill in the form below and send in with a \$25.00 deposit to Kathy. When you arrive at the campground, they will have your name and see that you have already made a deposit so you would just have to pay the balance. We will plan on a jam Friday evening at 7:00 pm, workshop Saturday morning at 10:30 am, afternoon jam about 1 or 2:00 pm, pot luck supper at 5:00 pm, Saturday evening jam at 7:00 pm. Sunday morning breakfast. Please contact Julie and let her know you could help. If enough folks stay after breakfast, we can have a gospel sing. That has been really fun for the last few years.

We will have a firm schedule by next month.



UCDC Campout Registration (\$25.00 deposit)

Send to : Kathy Culy, 625 N. Union City Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036 (517-278-4853)

Name:

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Address

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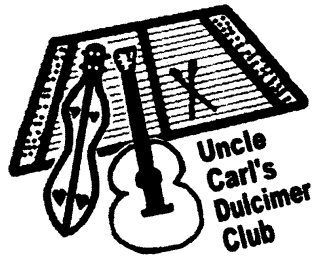
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Ben Catt and Kelly Kaiser





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