



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

The grass on our lawns are starting to turn green once again. The buds On the trees are starting to bulge. This means additional yard work to catch up on. Our snowbirds will be arriving back soon, along with the familiar robins. Easter is just around the corner, and it's nearly time to switch our clocks ahead one hour. Construction barrels are starting to crop up around Southeast Michigan. SSDS member's are talking about camping and the coming music festivals. This must surely mean Spring has finally arrived!

Happy Easter Everyone! George

YOU CAN BANK ON THIS treasurer

April is here and tax season is upon us again. The only other sure thing is death, as the old saying goes. The Corporate tax form 1120 has been submitted to the IRS. We netted \$1545 for the year and owed \$231 in federal tax. Work is under way to change our tax status from a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to a 501 c7 tax exempted organization (membership club). I need to locate some past documents to submit, along with an extensive questionnaire / application. This should lessen our future taxes and reporting.

The music festival season is upon us. Buckeye is over. I was told there is a National Trail Dulcimer Festival near Springfield Ohio April 28 thru 30th. I hope to have further information at the April meetings.

Happy hammering, plucking, strumming. Happy Spring!
Bob

May you recognize your blessings, and find personal peace during this season of Passover and Easter.
Bob & Sandi Hlavacek

V. P. PROGRAMS

Well we again had a very successful Variety night with Bob Niemczewski hosting it. Thanks so much for all of you who preformed. It sure was great entertainment, and great refreshments too ! What did you think of eating during the entertainment ? We thought it was a great idea. We would appreciate any feedback you have on this.

Don't forget our campout June 16, 17, 18 , 2006. (Father's Day weekend). We would like to see a really good turnout this year. Marlin

Rick Thum will be offering a "Hammered Dulcimer Intensive Training Workshop" in Ewart, MI, July 10-12, 2006. The intensive 3 day training workshop will be for all levels--beginning, intermediate and advanced students. Location: Ewart Free Methodist Church, 6151 95th Avenue, Ewart, MI. It will be held in the Church Hall directly across the road on the west end of the Fairgrounds and within walking distance to the Fairgrounds. Cost: \$145.00.LIMITED SEATING! PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY BEFORE JULY 1st to insure your place in the class.

For an enrollment form, contact:
http://www.ssdociety.org/forum_images/events/rick_thum_workshop_06.pdf

BE A DEER

If you have not registered your birthday or anniversary on the big calendar at the business table, please do it, or send it to the Soundboard so we can help you celebrate. Thanks !



V. P. BUSINESS

Hi Everyone:

Along with all of the usual signs of spring, we are starting to pick up on our group bookings. Here's what's on our calendar for April and May.

- April 20-Belleville Senior Ctr, Belleville . . 8:30-10:00am
- April 20 -Oakwood Rehab Center, Dearborn, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- April 25 -Living Longer & Loving It III (fundraiser for Chronic Illness), Laurel Manor, Livonia, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- May 4....Farmington Hills Police Volunteer Recognition, Farmington Hills, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- May 26..Eastern Star Installation, Hazel Park, 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Won't you consider joining us for an upcoming performance? It is a great opportunity to improve your group playing skills, get to know your fellow club members on a different level, and have fun, too.

Some groups request a limited number of players. Anyone interested in playing must sign up in advance. If you need to cancel, please let me know as soon as possible so that someone else may take your place.

Referrals for prospective playdates are always welcome. Just have them call me, and I'll take it from there. In the meantime, be sure to check each issue of your newsletter for future play dates, or listen for announcements at our meetings.

Now a few reminders about protocol for play dates.

- 1) Players must arrive 1/2 hour before our scheduled performance time. We need that time to get set up, stow our bags, etc., and then get our minds and energy focused on our performance. It is very disruptive to those who arrive on time to either have to wait to set up, or to re-set up to accommodate late arrivals.
- 2) Please be sure to observe the dress code. If you're unsure what to wear, it is better to err on the side of overdressing than under-dressing. Or, just give me a call.
- 3) Remember to bring a copy of the monthly play list published in the Soundboard, so you'll know what tunes are being performed. (If there is a special list, I'll send that along with your play date reminder.)

That's it for now. Steve and I wish you and yours a very Happy Easter.

Ramona

Tamlin

Tam Lin is an ancient Scots ballad which also appears in Scandinavia. The tale of "Tam Line" is mentioned in *Vederburns Complaint of Scotland* (1549) and an air by the name of "Young Thomlin" appears between 1600 and 1620. A ballet of "Thomalyn" was licensed in 1558. There are many variations on the name "Tam Lin" In addition to those above he is known as Tom Line, Tom Linn, Tamlin, Tomaline Tam-line and Tam Lane.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

- Apr. 8 Uncle Carl's Jam Adrian
- Apr. 17-? Int'l. Music Festival @ Dollywood
- Apr. 20 SSDS Playdate 8:30-10:00am
@ Belleville Senior Ctr. Belleville
SSDS playdate 2:30-3:30 pm
@ Oakwood Rehab Center, Dearborn
- Apr. 25 SSDS playdate, 5-9:00pm
@ Laurel Manor, Livonia
- Apr. 28-30 National Trail Dulcimer Festival
near Springfield, Ohio
- May 4 SSDSplaydate, . . 10:30am-12:30pm
For Police Ffarmington Hills
- May 26 SSDS Playdate 7:30-8:00pm
For Eastern Star Hazel Park
- June 16-18 SSDS Campout, Meyers Lake
- July 12-16. Evart Funfest Evart, Mi
- Aug. 25-27. Midland Musicfest Midland, Mi

- Apr. 1. Happy Birthday Alice Avery
- Happy Birthday. Larry Roper
- Apr. 10 Happy Birthday Luke Kawecky
- Apr. 13 Happy Birthday Bill Deighton
- Apr. 18 Happy Birthday Carl Malwitz
- Apr. 27 Happy Birthday Jason Yarity

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

On March 2 we had a board meeting, with 15 members attending. Some items covered were:

1. By-law changes will be brought to membership for voting
2. Evie Bain will be chairman of the banquet again this year
3. SSDS Campout at Meyers Lake will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 16-18. Flyers and registration forms are now available.
4. Board meetings will be held quarterly.
5. For variety nights we will continue to have pizza, and possibly salad.
6. We will have the 2006 picnic at German Park in Ann Arbor, around the first of August, with a roast pig and pot luck.
7. Wendy Malwitz has asked if anyone is interested in going to Ireland or England as a group. If you are interested, please contact someone on the board.
8. It was suggested we get T-shirts or vests for playdates and other events. If you are interested, please let the board know.
9. An SSDS group will go to Dollywood again this year in late April. If you are interested, contact George Gonyo or Pat Altpeter. Carol



NEW ADDRESS

Terry & Alice Avery have moved to a new pad.
Mark it on your roster.....
407 Westminster
Marine City, MI 48039

A MUSICAL REMEMBRANCE.

Viola's Schottische

Prior to 9/11, our club used to play at Metro Airport during the Christmas Holidays. We would meet at the church, squeeze as many people and instruments into our vans as possible, and set out in our holiday attire, complete with Santa Claus hats on most of our heads.

We learned early in the years that we played there, that it was smarter to separate at the inspection area and go through as many open lines as there were. It took a while to explain what those strange instruments were, and that the tuners and alligator clips were of no danger.

Once through, we would drag our stuff to the second "off loading area" and set up for business. Of course, it was a long empty hall, and there was no audience unless passengers from the main hall wandered in, or the concession workers on break would sit and listen.

However, our job was to entertain the passengers disembarking from the planes. So about every twenty minutes, someone would shout, "Plane in, get ready!" and we had a large pass-by group, weary and dragging kids, and carry on luggage, heading for the doors as fast as they could go.

We would play the holiday songs, of course, but anything peppy was the rule. One of the last years we were there, we started to play "Viola's Schottische". Imagine our surprise, when a whole group of passengers from the Netherlands joined hands and danced back and forth, up and down, and finally out into the main area shouting Merry Christmas! We were there to welcome them home, and welcome them we did. Marie Naster

CONSIDER THIS AS YOU PLAY.

The title of the song "Cold Frosty Morning" refers to the battle of Culloden Moor. On the morning of April 16, 1746 an English Army of 9,000 massacred a Scottish army of 5,400 ending the Jacobite Rebellion. . . . Karen

Songs I've found...

Why aren't they on our play list ?

- Wild Hog in the Woods
- Stump-tail Dog
- Skunk in the Collard Patch
- Greasy Coat
- Liberty Off the Corn Liquor Still
- Moses Hoe the Corn
- Soppin' the Gravy
- Blind Steer in the Mud Hole
- Great Big Taters in Sandy Land

Bob Hlavacek

FROM THE MUSIC MAN

Spring has finally arrived, but somewhat chilly. The song of the month for April will be "Angeline the Baker".

I checked the tune list for Evart, and there are a couple of key changes on: "Turkey in the Straw " (G) and "You're a Grand Old Flag "(F) Let's practice these this month at our jam sessions. Anyone needing copies let me know. Roger

PRACTICE... PRACTICE... PRACTICE !

		SSDS	April Play List		first note
1	D		Chinese Breakdown	3X	A
2	G		Bellman's Jig	3X	G
3	C		Black Velvet Waltz	3x	G
4	D		Flop Eared Mule	3 1/2	F#
5	D		Viola's Schottische	3x	F#
6	G		I'll Rem'ber you, Lov, in my Prayers	4X	D
7	G		Down Yonder.	3X	B
8	G		Silver and Gold	3X	B
9	D		Hey Polka	4X	A
10	G		Westphalia Waltz	2X	D
11	C		Julida Polka (end on A)	3 1/2	G
12	AM		Katushka	5X	A
13	EM		Tamlin	3x	B
14	D		Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3x	F#
15	G		Maggie	3X	B
16	G		Rakes of Mallow	3X	D
17	D		Pays de Haut	2x	F#
18	D		Flight of the Haggis	3x	D
19	G		Red Wing	3X	D
20			Endless Medley:	2 ea	
	D		Ragtime Annie		F#
	D		Soldiers Joy		F#
	D&G		Golden Slippers		D



**Register now for the 3rd Annual
Uncle Carl's Club Campout,**

June 23, 24, 25 at Waffle Farms in Coldwater. Call Pennye Scheiber at 517-547-7448 or write to pennyes@dmci.net for a registration form. A \$20 deposit is required. We'll have jamming, relaxation, a Saturday pot luck supper, and Sunday breakfast.

15th Annual Buckeye Dulcimer Festival

I can't believe how many years I have attended this, and it's almost my favorite. Two vehicles took six of us with instruments, stands, chairs, carts, bags, luggage, sleeping bags and pillows. The 3 hour trip seemed much shorter with all the chatter and excitement. Six other Uncle Carl's Club members also attended, but only 5 SSDS members. I took the two day workshop from Sam Rizetta, who is really one of the persons responsible for making the dulcimer what it is today. He is an old timey sort of guy and plays his dulcimer in the old fashioned way. He is the teacher who taught today's teachers. Dee Dee Tibbits is becoming very popular, and Rick Thum continues to work on fiddle tunes and chord methods. These were the main hammered dulcimer workshop leaders. Along with them were Guss Gustofson-Zook (autoharp), Ken Kolodner (fiddle), Don Pedi, Gary Sager and Gary Gallier (mountain dulcimer), Sue Richards (harp) and Joe Steiner (clawhammer banjo). It was a great line up. All of the teachers shared a great camaraderie, and it showed when it was time for the concerts. This year, the concerts could not be surpassed even at Evart. This is one of the best festivals around and I hope more of you can make it next year. It was a true "Dulcimer Retreat".

Pennye Scheiber

Silver Strings Club Shirt

Order your Silver Strings Club Shirt! The club shirt will be offered in either green (with white lettering) or white (with green lettering). A logo, with musical notes and Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, will be embroidered on the left chest side. These shirts are similar to what the club offered in 2000. The shirt is manufactured by Ultraclub and is a 7oz., 100% cotton Pique Polo. The shirt comes in both men's and ladies sizes. The approximate cost of the shirt to club members will be \$20-\$22.00. Final cost is dependent on the number of shirts ordered, plus tax, shipping and handling. Money will be collected from club members after the shirts are delivered.

To place an order, sign up at the March 30th or April 6th club meeting. Or contact Karen Turner at karenturner@comcast.net (or) 734.455.4085
Sizes: Men's: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X, 3X, 4X
Women's: Extra Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X
Note: Add an extra \$2.50 for 2X, \$3.50 for 3X and \$4.50 for 4X for your approximate cost.

It's nice to see what our members are up to. If you have something of musical interest you would like to share, (a picture from the last month, workshop notice, poem, a bit of humor, an interesting article, etc.), please send it to Sandi, (editor) at datadoc@sbcglobal.net or 5598 Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, 48105.

The deadline to submit is the 20th of each month, and the Soundboard is printed for distribution and posted on the website on the 1st.

A FUN PLAYDATE



16 members of SSDS entertained at **Old St Patrick's Church** in Northfield Township, Ann Arbor. We played for the guests as they came from church or home, to gather in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We then led the line for corned beef & cabbage with a delicious pot-luck dinner. Afterward, an assortment of Irish dancers from age 6 to 15 entertained us all. Those people certainly know how to make the holiday fun !!!

SSDS has entertained before at St Patrick's, for dinners and the annual holiday tea.



Zephyr Hills Jam

Submitted by: Sharon McAuliffe

Rose Wark, resident of White's RV Park, in Zephyr Hills, Florida, hosted an afternoon dulcimer jam on March 12th. I walked into the jam expecting that I would not know anyone, but I was surprised to see eight of my friends from Michigan. The audience and musicians had such a good time, that we are all looking forward to next year's jam. The audience really enjoyed our music.