



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I heard a lot of positive comments regarding our pig roast last month. Everyone who attended was treated to delicious roast pig, and the numerous potluck items displayed on the serving line. The weather was bright and sunny. After everyone was well fed, we played some of our favorite kind of music.

The Midland Musicfest was held the last weekend in August, with many SSDS member's in attendance. Variety night was held the last day of the month, and wont return until late November. So if you liked what you heard, and would like to participate, get your group together, and start practicing. It will be here before you know it!

The month of September, SSDS is going to start our Christmas repertoire. We were going to start in August, but we just couldn't get in the mood. The second meeting in September will be our board meeting, beginning at 6:00pm. If there are any items you would like to bring up at this meeting, please see one of our board members to get a spot on the agenda.

If you would like to run for the 2007 Board of Directors, please give your name to the nominating committee. This is your club, and we all like to play music. If we want to continue this club, we need people to continue this tradition, and run for an office. The ability to work well together, makes these positions relatively easy to perform.

And finally, don't forget our Annual Banquet coming up next month at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets will be on sale this month. Please see Evie Bain and her committee for your reservation.

**SSDS ANNUAL BANQUET October 5, 2006
at FOX HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

between Plymouth & Ann Arbor

8768 N. Territorial Rd off Gottfredson Rd. exit on M-14
Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00, Jam till ???

Notes from the Nominating Committee

Nominating committee consists of Dorothy Ewald, George Gonyo, Sally Niemczewski and Theresa Smith submitted by Theresa Smith

Elections will take place at our regular meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2006. Here is a brief description of the duties of the elected officers.

PRESIDENT

- * Supervises all club affairs, meetings, performances, festivals and board meetings.

V.P. BUSINESS MANAGER

- * Performs the president's duties in the absence of the President.
- * Manages all club performance requests and sign-up.

V.P. PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- * Performs the president's duties in the absence of the President.
- * Coordinates club activities (campout, etc).

SECRETARY

- * Records all business conducted at club meetings, board meetings and all correspondence.
- * Delivers a board meeting summary to the Editor.

TREASURER

- * Receives and disperses all monies of the club.
- * Prepares a written financial report for the Annual Business Meeting.
- * Keeps a record of paid memberships.
- * Arranges publication of the annual membership directory.

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It's back to school time, so here is a science quiz to start off the school year.

Q: How do you keep milk from spoiling?

A: keep it in the cow till you need it.

And since it is the fall season, it is time to think about paying your membership dues. Several members have already insured that they will continue their valuable membership for another year. This is a reminder that payment is due by the first meeting in November, so that you are eligible to vote in the election. Renewal is a mere \$10.00 (\$.833333 per month)... better than a CD.

Avoid the rush ... pay now !!!

Enjoy the fall colors !Bob Hlavacek

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NEW MEMBERS		
We have added 15 new members this year. Here are the two newest:		
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V.P. Programs

Hello folks!

If you are interested in running for Vice-president of programs, here are some of your duties.

Coordinate programs (campout picnics, banquets, etc.) or appoint committees.

Coordinate snacks & arrange kitchen cleanup after breaks. Marlin

Secretary's Notes

Well folks, our elections will soon be here. If you are interested in being secretary here are some parts of the job:

1. Pick up SSDS mail at the post office at Merriman and Cherry Hill. They are open to 7:00PM I pick it up on my way to the meeting, every two weeks
2. Take notes at meetings and provide them to the Soundboard editor for the newsletter.
3. Send get well cards, flowers or gifts for hospitalizations or funerals.
4. Announce illness or deaths of our membership or their family. Carol

V.P.Business

The summer season is almost a memory, with the Labor Day weekend upon us. It's time to shake off the festival dust from our instruments and get back into the swing of things here at home base. We have several playdates booked for October. Here's what's on the calendar:

- Sat, Oct. 7 - Eastern Michigan University, Family Day
time T/B/A
- Fri, Oct. 20 - Maple Heights Senior Home, Allen Park
6 PM
- Sun, Oct 22 - U-M Matthei Botanical Gardens, 3:30 PM

The October 22 date has enough players. This is a re-booking of a June date that was postponed. We can add a few more people to EMU; and Maple Heights is open. Please sign up at an upcoming meeting or send me an e-mail.

Remember we also have a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for September 21, and, a "don't miss it event" -- our Banquet on October 5 at Fox Hills. Evie and her committee have been hard at work creating another fun-filled event with lots of surprises. Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

Talk with you all soon. Comments or questions ?
Just let me know. Ramona

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :		
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Aug. 31	SSDS Variety Night	7:00 pm
Sept. 9	Uncle Carl's Jam	12:30 pm
	Senior Center	Spring Arbor, Mi.
Sept. 13	Happy Birthday	Ellen Yanity
Sept. 21	SSDS Board meeting	6:00pm
	Good Hope Church,	before jam
Sept. 30	Adrian Jam	6:30pm
	United Church of Christ..	Adrian, Mi.
Oct. 5	SSDS Annual Banquet. . .	Plymouth
	New board nominations announced	
Oct. 7	SSDS Playdate	time TBA
	EMU family day	Ypsilanti
Oct. 20	SSDSD Playdate	6:00pm
	Maple Hts Sr. Home . . .	Allen Park
Oct. 22	SSDS Playdate	3:30 pm
	U-M Botanical Gardens	Ann Arbor
Nov. 2	SSDS Board elections & jam	

Many of the Silver Strings players also enjoy other jams in the area. Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club meets near Jackson once a month. The Adrian Jam is musicians from around the state who enjoy getting together once a month to jam, and the community provides a large audience of people who welcome the free concert... a "small town" night out, with fun music. The Paint Creek Folklore Society meets monthly in Rochester Hills, and Howell offers LAMS (Livingston Acoustical Music Society). These offer many opportunities to continue jamming, when the summer festivals are over.

Notes from the MUSIC MAN . . .

Well, summer is fast fleeting and fall is not far behind. Guess what? That means Christmas play dates are coming quicker than we think.

I chose "The Bells of St. Mary" for the tune of the month and also, for our Holiday play list. This song is to be plucked by the Hammered Dulcimers and should give us another dimension for our play dates.

I added two or three different songs to the September play list, so practice, practice.

Let's use the fourth Thursday of September and October for Christmas music practice only. We can also, play a few at each jam session.....Roger.

SSDS Sept. Play List				first note
key				
1	G	Westphalia Waltz	2X	D
2	C	Julida Polka	3.5	G
3	G	Peek-A-Boo Waltz	3x	F#
4	G	Dusty Bob's Jig	3x	D
5	D	Hey Polka	4x	A
6	D	Chinese Breakdown	3x	A
7	G	Maggie	3x	B
8	G	Silver and Gold	3X	B
9	G	Eddie's Reel	3x	D
10	G	Down Yonder.	3X	B
11	Am	Katushka	5X	A
12	D	The Road to Boston	3x	F#
13	D	The Ashgrove	3x	A
14	G	Red Wing	3x	D
15	G	Rosin the Beau	3X	D
16	G	Tick Tock Polka	3X	D
17	DA	Maple Sugar	3 1/2	F#
18	Em	Missouri	3x	E
19	D	Beaumont Rag	3x	G
20	G	Southwind	3x	D
21		Endless Medley:	2ea	
	D	Ragtime Annie	2X	
	D	Soldiers Joy	2X	
	D&G	Golden Slippers	2X ea	

- A man walked into a bar with an alligator, and asked the bartender, "Do you serve banjo players here?"
 - "I sure do," Replied the bartender.
 - "Good", said the man. "Give me a beer, and I'll have a banjo picker for my 'gator".

Holidays are coming

Start practicing !...Roger

Holiday Play List					first note
	key				
1	G	Jingle Bells	Ch+2	B	
2	G	Red Wing	3X	D	
3	G	Away in a Manger	3x	D	
4	G	Deck the Halls	3x	D	
5	G	Red Apple Rag	3x	D	
6	C	Winter Wonderland	2x	G	
7	C	Silver Bells	3x	C	
8	G	The Bells of St, Mary	3x	D	
9	Em	We Three Kings	3x	B	
10	G	I'll Remember you Love,	2x	B	
11	G	Joy to the World	3x	G	
12	G	Let it Snow	2x	D	
13	D	Festival Rag	3x	A	
14	D	Rudolph	3x	A	
15	Dm	Greensleeves	3X	D	
16	G	Westphalia Waltz	2x	D	
17	D	Frosty the Snowman	2+end	A	
18	D	Simple Gifts	3x	A	
19	G	Angels we Have Heard	3x	B	
20	G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3x	B	
21	DG	Silent Night	2 ea	AD	
22	G	Wish you a Merry C-mas	Ch-ch	D	

COME ONE... COME ALL... LEARN & ENJOY CONTRA-DANCING !

The dulcimer was a perfect accompaniment for old-time contra dancing "way back when". That is why so much of the folk music we play today is from the contra dance friendly repertoire. If you've never been to one, here is a perfect opportunity to experience a step back in time.

Our own "Picks & Sticks" will be performing on September 15, 2006 at Curtis Rd and Six Mile, at the Whitacre Barn in Salem, MI. 7-11pm. for a Contra / Barn Dance fundraiser for the Salem Historical Society. The income will help rebuild a historical barn / museum in the community.

All are welcome... bring family and friends to enjoy an evening of fun. You need no partner or "know how". Young or old, they will teach you. By the end of the evening, you'll be dancing like a pro. To view the very special barn holding the dance, is worth the trip and \$5 per person or \$10 per family, admission price.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations, Picks and Sticks, for being accepted into the Arts & Humanities Touring Program,.. in the band category. For those of you, not familiar with the program, this is a listing of exceptional Michigan performers. If your non-profit organization hires one of the acts listed in the directory for a program, concert, workshop, etc., grants equal to 35% of the cost are available from the Michigan Arts and Humanities Council. Check <http://michiganhumanities.org>

This is their 2nd 3-year term placement on this list. There will be a "showcase" presented Sept. 16th at Marshall High School in Mason, Mi., to feature the best from the list, including our own Picks & Sticks.

CONCERTS PLANNED OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 21, 2006, Pam Bowman's group "JUST JAMMIN" will be at the Sandstone Congregational Church. 202 S. Sandstone Rd. Jackson, Michigan. for the day. Early in the day will be a jam session, and a Concert at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be \$10.00 each or family of 4 for \$25.00. (4+ in family \$1.00 each additional. Come to enjoy the great music.

November 3, 2006, RICK THUM, will perform at the same location, in concert at 7:00 pm. Price: \$10.00 each for a family of 4 for \$25.00. (as above) For additional information; call Pat Hesselgrave at 517 262-1496.



ANNUAL SSDS PICNIC

Bob Hlavacek & George Gonyo carved the whole delicious pig. The facility was terrific, with an indoor serving line (no bugs). George's wife (Marianne) and daughter (Joy) were the kitchen coordinators. **A BIG THANK YOU** to them both. There was a huge covered pavilion for shelter from rain or heat. The whole park was ours, the sun was shining, great food was served, fun times were shared, stories and jokes were told, and the music was a perfect end to a wonderful day



MIDLAND DULCIMER FESTIVAL 2006

submitted by David Smith

The 13th Annual Midland Dulcimer Festival took place on August 24 – 27th at the Midland Fairgrounds. This year, over 30 Silver Strings members attended, and a new record was set, with over 170 campsites occupied (100 for last 2 years). There were 114 workshops, for many instruments. SSDS members, Jane Chevalier, Penny Scheiber and David Smith taught some of them. The weather was generally pleasant, except for a 1 hour downpour. Luke Kaweck, Uke 'n Sing. and Sherry & Morgan Humecki (Picks and Sticks) performed on stage. Photos will be available on our club website.

NEXT FESTIVAL TO COME

Submitted by David Smith

Coming up is the 5th Annual Southwest Michigan Dulcimer and Folk Festival, September 22–24. This year the Festival is at the Lakeside Melodies Resort in Three Rivers, Michigan (about 1/2 hour south of Kalamazoo). Kendra Ward and Bob Bence will headline the Saturday evening concert, and there will be workshops on Hammered and Mountain Dulcimer, and other instruments. Camping and cottages are available. For more information contact Bill Bosler: 574 298 8513 or check at <http://www.lakesidemelodies.com>