



Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Bob Niemczewski

Hello members in music. Well, as I am thinking about our club, we seem to be doing great and all departments are up and running well (knock on wood). We have had some fun play dates, our club meeting room is packed with members, the workshops are a big success, there's money in the kitty, and the goodie table at break time is full up. Oh, and did I mention that the music is sounding great too.

I would like to bring up a matter that we have run across a few times this year. Folks are requesting to become SSDS members only wanting to obtain our music packet, and not having any intention of participating in our club meetings or functions. Our by-laws cover a whole page with six sections about membership, and also state that persons requesting membership be approved by the Board. That being said, I have told a few folks that they are more than welcome to come to our meetings, join in with us, and see if SSDS is a good fit for them. This would give them a chance to learn what our club is and does. Also, it gives us a chance to meet the person for a few meetings. Then, when we have their membership request at a Board meeting we would know who the candidate is and can put a face with the name. I have had dulcimer players from out of state flat out tell me they only want to join our club to get a packet of our music. I then explain our process to them, and they are disappointed about having to show up at our meetings, and so far have chosen not to. I am telling you this so you are aware of this situation, and if anyone asks you about membership they can be told what is expected of them.

I also would ask a little forgiveness for some of our club meetings running a little long. When I first took office I told you that our Board was going to be transparent, and bring major discussions and decisions to you, the members. In order to do this, we have to allow a little time for questions, answers, and discussion. If anybody feels the need to start their break early, step out of the room, throw a fit, roll your eyes, or complain, please do so with my blessings but try not to disrupt the meeting.

Let me close by thanking you for reading my little rant, and as always I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our next club meeting, which will be Variety Night. Between you and me, I heard we have some big names coming in to entertain us, (mine has 17 letters). If you're counting the letters of my name on your fingers--I GOT YA.

Peace Through Music Bob aka -- Robert Niemczewski



PURSE STRINGS

Treasurer

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds everyone in good health and spirits. Our club is doing well as of this writing. All my banking and recordings are up to date, and I am starting to settle into this job. See you at the next meeting.

Sally

Welcome new members:

Bob Aronson of W. Bloomfield
He plays the guitar

Gene Hansen of St. Clair Shores
He plays the harmonica

IT'S JUNE...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 9.....Mary Colgan
- 18....Tom Koppin
- 27....Walt Jablonski
- 29....Linda Losse
- 30....Steve Hadley
- 30....Roger Davis



ANNIVERSARYS

- 20... Sherry & Morgan Humecky.....42nd

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

7...**Board Meeting @ 6:00** **SSDS Jam @ 7:00**
8-10.....**SSDS Campout** Myers Lake, Byron
16...**Evening Concert** BC. 6:00-7:00
Southgate Senior Co-op Southgate
21..**SSDS Musical Garage Sale**. **Jam @ 7:00-?**
22-24...**UNCLE CARL'S Club Campout, Coldwater**

JULY

19-22...**EVART DULCIMER FUNFEST** Evart

BC=Business Casual, V= Victorian

NOTEifications _____ V.P. Business
Hi All,

As another month goes rapidly by, I am very pleased with all that is happening in Silver Strings.

Our play dates have been very successful, and interest in our club is on the rise! It's getting so that our "fans" even know and request some players as well as our songs. How very proud we should be to be members of this club!

I want to send out special thanks to those players who filled in for some who were ill. Situations like that can sure be stressful. When a performance is booked and players are unable to be there, I have to rely on others to fill in for them. I must say that we are fortunate to have people willing to change their schedules to accommodate Silver Strings. I can never express how much it helps to know that I have a great team behind me, and that when it comes down to the wire "**the show must go on**" really resonates in them!!

I am especially looking forward to our campout next month. It's a great time to relax, get to know people outside our usual environment, and **JAM** our little hearts out. I hope to see many there.....fun, food, friends, and music....

Does life get any better than that!? Linda Osgood



It's Campout Time

The annual SSDS campout is quickly approaching (June 8th-10th). There will be workshops and jams (to be announced), as well as a pot luck

dinner on Friday and a catered meal on Saturday. The pot luck dinner on Friday will begin at 6:00 PM and SSDS will provide hot dogs and sloppy joe's. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. The catered meal on Saturday will begin around 5:45 PM and will be provided this year by Janelle's Catering, (not our Janelle, however she is working with the caterers and organizing it). Details are being worked out but the meal will most likely be pot roast, fresh roast turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, salad and bread sticks.

Hope to see many of you at the Campout 2012,

George and Janelle

NOTABLE NOTES _____ Secretary

Board meeting May 2, 2012

Old Business

Approval of membership for the following items:

- * Member's instrument will not be listed in the directory
- * 50% of money earned from play dates go to participants
- * Emergency information cards will go into the Drop Box
- * President Bob will write up a statement for new membership requirements for approval by the board members

New Business

- * An undetermined amount of money to go towards the annual banquet was discussed and approved.
- * It was approved to give the church \$400 in June and December.
- * George will be accepting \$10.00 dinner reservations for the SSDS campout on June 9th. He will keep a list of those paid.
- * Workshops were discussed and have been decided.
- * We approved two new members.
- * Plastic totes were purchased to store items in the lockers in the church basement. Sally and Sharon cleaned out the lockers and organized the club's inventory.

Respectfully Submitted Sharon McAuliffe

This is a synopsis. Full board minutes are available from Sec.

WANTED: MOUNTAIN DULCIMER PLAYERS

The youth program at the Evart Funfest has 20 mountain dulcimers. The kids have a lot of fun learning how to play them, but since most are true beginners, lots of helpers are needed to work with one or two at a time. They are really proud to sit on stage and play for an audience.

The schedule isn't ready yet, so we can't say exactly when the kids' workshop will be. But we are asking for people willing to help introduce the kids to this fine instrument. **If you are willing** to volunteer an hour or two of your time at Evart, would you please let us know ahead, so we know what we might have to work with? And if you decide at the last minute that you are free, please drop in any time at the rabbit barn and tell us. We'd love to play with you.

Bob & Sandi Hlavacek, (734) 663-7974

SSDS Musical Garage Sale

June 21st Club Meeting

Good Hope Church

Bring your musical items or
photos of your items that
you wish to sell at our club
garage sale.

To print the **JUNE Play list**,
 please click on our website or this link :
<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2012/jun12.pdf>

JUNE PLAY LIST 2012

Key	Tune	Play
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
D	Smash the Windows	3
Em	Tamlin	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Southwind	3*
D	Irish Washerwoman	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
D	Liberty	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3*
D	Over The Waterfall	3
D/D	Chinese Breakdown/Nelly Bly	2/2
G	Down Yonder	3
Am	January Waltz	3*
D	Dusty Bob's Jig	3
G	Farewell To Whiskey	2
D	John Ryan's Polka	Karen Decides
D	Hey Polka	Bob Decides
D	Simple Gifts	4**
D/D D/G	Endless Medley/Ragtime Annie/ Soldier's Joy/Golden Slippers	2/2/2/2
Extra Tunes		
G	Young Jane	3*
D	Mississippi Sawyer	3
G	Old Joe Clark	3
G	Larry's Waltz	3*
*2 nd time: feature fiddles and Harmonicas. HDs/backup (soft)		
**1 st time: 1 HD, 1 guitar, 1 fiddle		
2 nd time: add harmonicas		
3 rd time: everyone plays		
4 th time: 1HD, 1 guitar, 1 fiddle		

Interesting Opportunity

I am a past Silver Stringer, it has been way too long since I have played. I work with a short term mission agency, and we have a request for a team to teach recorder and melodica to school students in Costa Rica in December. I know there are a few people who play recorder in the group, and I am wondering if anyone would be interested in this opportunity?

Our website is www.mostministries.org
http://www.mostministries.org/1213_costa_rica
 (734) 994-7909 ext. 11

"Empowering the Found in Reaching the Lost"
 Debby Suchyta, Team Administrator MOST Ministries

FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB
 2nd Saturday of month 12:30-4:30pm
 No meetings Jun-Jul-Aug
 For info. call Pennye 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM
 First Saturday of Month – 6pm (Jun 2nd)
 For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM
 (formerly called West Adrian Jam)
 Third Saturday of the month – 6pm
 No meetings Jun-Jul-Aug
 For info. contact
 Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870
 Or Larry Roper 248-437-5403

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies)
 First Saturday of the month 10:30-Noon (Jun 8th)
 Magic Bean Café, 5789 State St, Suite 3, Saginaw. MI
 All are welcome from curious to virtuosos
 Songs are posted beforehand on the internet
 For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE
 Last Friday of every month (Jun 29th)
 May 25th Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County
 For Info contact Alice Perry at: mthaleymfsm@gmail.com

KENTUCKY MUSIC WEEK...
JUNE 17 - 22, in Bardstown, Kentucky
 Over 150 class choices are available, with 45 instructors teaching a variety of levels. Classes include mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, bowed dulcimer, ukulele, harmonica, autoharp, folk harp, bowed psaltery, penny whistle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, Native American flute, steel drum, vocal, stained glass, basketry, and much more!
 Info@ kentuckymusicweek.com or, call 502-348-5237.
 You can ask our Carol Ann Matthews, too. She LOVED it !

ODPC FUNFEST IN EVART

Coming soon...Jun 19-22
 It's time to start preparing for the
WORLD'S BIGGEST
Hammered Dulcimer Band.

2012 Pre-Show Tunes

- Red Wing (G)
- Old Joe Clark (D)
- Prairie Flower (G)
- Headin' To Evart (D) - Bill Robinson
- Sophrinia (G) - Les Raber
- Scotland the Brave (D)
- Trillium Twirl (C) - Judi Morningstar (2008)
- Maple Sugar (D/A)
- Hey Polka (G)
- I'll Fly Away (G) (if time permits)
- Star Spangled Banner - for the opening

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones who mind don't matter.

2012 Big Lake Jam & Potluck

If you get to Evert by July 15th, (the Sunday before the Funfest begins) plan to attend the annual pre-fest Big Lake Jam. It will again be led by Rick Thum, in the pavilion at Crittenden County Park, about 6 miles east of Evert. Paper plates, silverware, lemonade and unsweetened iced tea are provided. Musicians, bring your family to enjoy the lake while you play with your friends. Flyers will be at the meetings and on the website, or call Pat D. at 231-734-3593.

5:pm socializing
6:pm dinner
7:pm jamming at the lakefront

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Evert Kids Program

Do you have any small cookie tins you would be willing to donate for the Evert Kids' program ? It's the kind of thing we sometimes receive Christmas cookies in. If we can gather enough cans, we would like to make canjos with the kids, that they can learn to play and take home. If you can find some, please call 734-663-7974 and get them to Sandi Hlavacek.



America the Beautiful



The lyrics to this beautiful song were written by Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), a professor of English literature at Wellesley College, Mass. It was inspired by a trip to Pike's Peak, Colorado in 1893. Her poem, "America the Beautiful" first was printed in the Congregationalist, a weekly journal, on July 4, 1895. Ms. Bates revised the lyrics in 1904, and again in 1913.

In addition to those changes in words, the poem was not always sung to its current tune, "Materna", written by Samuel A. Ward in 1812. For 2 years after it was written, it was sung to almost any popular or folk tune that fit, with "Auld Lang Syne" being the most common of those. The words were not published with "Materna" until 1910, and even after that, the tune was challenged. In 1926, the National Federation of Music Clubs held a contest to give the poem new, less somber music, but no other entry seemed more acceptable. Before her death in 1929, Ms. Bates never indicated publicly which music she liked best. It now is likely that "America The Beautiful" will forever be linked with "Materna".

Do you have an interesting musical bit you could share with the club? Perhaps you have an unusual instrument to tell about. Is there a music festival you particularly enjoy? Others might like it, too. Please submit it to the Soundboard. We would all like to hear about it.

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club is a group meeting once monthly, near Jackson. Many of our SSDS members are also associated with this group. Their campout is two weeks after ours. We join each other's weekend, and as with our own, you do not need to be a member, and are invited for the entire weekend or to drive in for Saturday. (Motels are available for non-campers.)

REGISTRATION FORM

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club Campout
Waffle Farm Campground, Coldwater, Mi.
June 22-23-24, 2012

Rates: \$27 per night
Reservations due MAY 15th

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone & E-mail _____

Type & size of camper _____

Number of people camping with you _____

Circle overnights you will be there June 24 June 25
Will you want A/C ? yes.. ..no

Send registration and deposit of \$25 payable to:
Kathy Culy, 625 N. Union City Rd.
Coldwater, Mi.49036

If you have questions, call Kathy at 517-278-4853 or Pennye Scheiber at 517-547-7448.

\$25 deposit will be returned to you on Sunday. If you would like to come earlier or stay later, you may make reservations with Waffle Farm directly at 517-278-4315 or www.wafflefarm.com.

Payment in full is due on arrival. There is a \$2 fee for a 1-day entry into the campground. There will be a pancake breakfast Saturday morning 9-10:00 and a potluck dinner Saturday evening.

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Group Reservation Form

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www.myerslake.org

Email: info@myerslake.org

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Check in: Friday, June 08, 2011

Check out: Sunday, June 10, 2011

Group Area 2

\$28.00

(per site per night)

Group Area 3

\$32.00

(per site per night)

In order to best serve you we request that **RESERVATIONS ARE DUE By May 15, 2012.**

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Driver License Number: _____

of pets: _____ # of adults (18 and over): _____ # of kids: _____

(2 adults are included; each additional adult will be \$2/adult/night)

Vehicle description: _____ Vehicle Plate # _____

color, make, model

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color, make, model

Type of camping unit (limit of 1 per site): _____

Size of camping unit: Length _____ Width _____ Slide-outs? Yes No

Early arrival or extended departure date?

MINIMUM DEPOSIT: \$28.00 or \$32.00 based on your choice of area.

PAYMENT: CHECK VISA MC DISCOVER **Amount:** _____

ACCOUNT # _____ **EXPIRATION DATE** _____

SIGNATURE _____

(Your signature above represents your authorization to bill your credit card and your intent to read and comply with all campground rules as posted.)

****REFUND POLICY:** Camping is an outdoor experience. Therefore, we do not give refunds for the discomforts of nature. Refunds will be given (less a \$5 administrative fee) when a minimum 72 hours notice is given. *Fees/Deposits are non-refundable if requested after 12-noon 3 days prior to scheduled arrival date.* Although we cannot guarantee specific sites, every effort will be made to reserve the site you request. All CAMPER CREDITS expire on October 14th of the year in which they were issued.

Save your postage and pay securely online!

Reservation requests can be made online at www.myerslake.org 24 hours a day.

You will need the name of your group and the Ref # at the top of this form.

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Myers Lake United Methodist Campground**
10575 Silver Lake Road, Byron, MI 48418