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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Half of the year has almost gone by, but the fun of campouts and summer music festivals is right around the corner. Our Silver Strings camping weekend is about 2 weeks away. Join us June 13,14,15 at Myers Lake, west of Linden. We'll be jamming Friday and Saturday night, with workshops all day Saturday. We will start off Saturday with pancakes and sausage, so let us know if you are coming for the day, and you can join us for breakfast.

Sunday Morning we usually play for the church service by the lake. If you plan to attend the SSDS campout and help play for it, you may get a pack of Christian music from Sandi at the June 5th jam. Not all of the songs in it will be played, but the songs we play will be chosen from this pack.

When the song Wildwood Flower was resurrected last month we found that a lot of people did not have the correct copy of the sheet music. The incorrect copy has only 2 staff lines on it. The correct copy has 4 lines. We will have replacement music at all the meetings in June

At the last two meetings, I have given a pep talk about giving back to the club by volunteering for a position on the board of directors next year. Elections take place in November, so please give it some very serious thought. If you feel a little inexperienced, don't fret... there are plenty of past officers around who are willing to give you advice and direction. All it takes is a desire to have the club be a fun place to meet and play beautiful music.

We look forward to camping with you this summer.
Bob Hlavacek



CAMPOUTS AND FESTIVALS ARE HERE! WANT TO CAMP, BUT HAVE NO EQUIPMENT ????????????????

Here's a deal for you... **FREE** use of a tent (sized to sleep 4, and you can stand up in it). Included in the "price" is a queen sized air-bed and linens. We can even throw in a porta-potty for night-time ! We will help with set up (very easy). It's available for the SSDS campout, the Uncle Carl's campout, Evert, and/or Midland festivals.

It's a dry place to "stash your stuff"... it's quite comfortable for sleeping... and **the price is right... FREE !** There actually are people with campers who leave them home so they can enjoy "Tent City" at Evert, surrounded by a terrific bunch of people. The restroom and shower facilities at all four of the camps listed are very good to excellent.

Come on out for a musical adventure. Contact Bob or Sandi Hlavacek (734) 663-7974 to reserve your housing.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3..... Sylvia Casterton
- 11... Dale Rasor
- 27.... Walt Jablonski
- 29... Linda Losse
- 30... Steve Hadley
- 30... Roger Davis



Happy Anniversary

- 20... Sherry & Morgan Humecky (38th)

Instead of writing about our past playdates this month, I would like to write about some of our upcoming ones. Mark your calendar for the ones that call out to you or mark all and go "on the road" with a few of us regulars who attend them all. Remember, you don't have to be able to play all of the songs on the playlist (which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). You are allowed to air-hammer, air-strum, air-pick, air-whatever with tunes you don't know yet. Playdates are fun and a good way to get to know other members. We often go out to lunch or dinner afterward for social time together. With gas prices so high, we are trying to car pool more. Don't be shy! Come join the fun!

June 25th is a new playdate at the All Seasons of Rochester Hills retirement community. We will be their afternoon entertainment from 1:00-2:30 pm. Since we will be playing longer than our usual hour, the playlist is extended and we will be handing out our rhythm instruments for the audience to use. Retirement communities are fun and residents are usually more interested in our varied instruments and talking afterward.

Silver Strings member, Alice Avery, has arranged our August playdates in her hometown of Marine City. August 9th (1:30-3:30 pm) will be an informal performance at their city wide Garage Sale event and August 30th (7:00-9:00 pm) will be a stage performance for their monthly Concert Series. For both of these events, Marine City has requested that we wear our impressive Victorian costumes. (Want to attend, but don't have a Victorian costume? See me and I'll get you started in the right direction! Some of our players have extra clothing.)

September 11th is another new playdate in Belleville. We will be performing late afternoon or early evening (time to be determined) for the Escapees RV Club. We will be their monthly entertainment, and this should be an interesting, fun event.

September 13th & 14th, 12:00-1:30 pm, is the Northville Victorian Festival. We played at this event last year, and it was the first time we dressed as a club in Victorian costumes. It was impressive to see what members wore and the time and loving care that was put into designing and making the costumes. The whole city is laced with a Victorian theme, and many residents are in costume. There are fun booths, craft booths, food booths and assorted entertainment throughout the whole weekend. If you decide not to play in this event, you might want to come to watch your fellow members play at the new band shell, and take advantage of the many other festival activities.

For a list of our coming playdates, please see "Mark Your Calendar" in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend a club meeting and would like to sign up for a playdate, please

E-mail karenturner@comcast.net or call (734) 455-4085. KT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR	
Wed, June 25 th , 1:00-2:30 pm	All Seasons Of Rochester Hills
Sat, August 9 th , 1:30-3:30 pm	Marine City Garage Sale Jam
Sat, August 30 th , 7:00-9:00 pm	Marine City Concert Series
Thursday, September 11 th , TBA	Escapees RV's, Belleville,
Saturday, September 13 th , 12:00-1:30 pm	Northville Victorian Festival
Sunday, September 14 th , 12:00-1:30 pm	Northville Victorian Festival
Friday, October 17, 2:30-3:30 pm	Royal Oak American House



FAVORITE FESTIVALS & FUN :	
June 13-15	SSDS Campout, Myers Lake
June 20-22	Uncle Carl's Campout, Coldwater
July 17-20.	Evart Funfest
Aug.3	SSDS Annual Picnic
Aug. 21-24	Midland Dulcimer Fest
Oct. 2	SSDS Annual Banquet

National Trail Dulcimer Festival	
<p>This little festival was a nice Spring camp trip for us. It was held in Springfield, Ohio just outside of Dayton at a very nice campground. It was sponsored by the Springfield Dulcimer Club, and you may know, once you get beyond the Michigan border, you are in mountain dulcimer country. There were about 8 HDs for the Saturday night jam along with many MDs, autoharps, fiddles and guitar. Saturday's hammered dulcimer workshop was led by Christie Burns. Keep a look out for this little gal because she can play with the best of them. Hopefully she will do some workshops in Michigan in the future. Her husband, Butch Ross, plays a mean mountain dulcimer like you have never seen before. Their style of music is different from what we are used to, but a joy to listen to. Christie headed a festival in Ireland for 5 years before returning to the U.S. She now resides in Chattanooga, Tennessee and is involved in the new festival there with Dan Landrum. Check out her website at</p>	
<p>http://www.christieburns.com Pennyne Scheiber</p>	

V.P.Programs

Everything is in place for the SSDS campout June 13-15th. Here is the schedule :

Friday.

- (1) potluck dinner, bring a dish to pass and your eating utensils.
- (2) after dinner jam in the barn.

Saturday:

- (1) 9 am Breakfast (pancakes, sausage, coffee, & juice, all utensils provided.
- (2) 10 am Karen Turner, HD workshop
- (3) 11 am Theresa Smith ukulele workshop
- (4) 12 noon Lunch
- (5) 1 pm Sharon McAuliffe HD workshop
- (6) 2 pm Marie Naster mountain dulcimer workshop
- (7) 3 pm Harmonica Jam (key C) with Karen Turner
- (8) 4 pm Slow Jam led by Karen Turner
- (9) 5 pm Catered dinner by Elegant Catering, everything, including drinks provided.
- (10) 7 pm Jam in the barn w/ Karen Turner & Linda Losse

Sunday

9-10 am there is a service by the lake, and SSDS has traditionally provided the music. If you have the desire and the time, please stay and be part of the service.



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NEW MEMBERS:

Carol Holeman.....989-644-5234
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 Carol plays the fiddle

Sara Giesmann.....734-654-3998
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 sara412@bignet.net
 Sara plays Piano & hammered dulcimer

What's the difference between an Uzi and an accordion?

The Uzi stops after 20 rounds

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If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

The Saturday catered dinner consists of: BBQ chicken, broasted chicken, sweet & sour meatballs, Swedish meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, fresh fruit salad, coleslaw, Italian pasta salad, rolls, bread & butter; and dessert (carrot cake, brownies, lemon bars). Adults are \$10, kids under 10 are \$5. Please pay me before the campout so it will be less hectic, the last time I can collect at Strings will be June 5th.


If you haven't already mailed in your registration form, please do so and make sure Myers Lake people know you want SSDS group camping. You will need to send a \$25 deposit, and pay the remainder when you arrive. It's \$25/night & \$32/night for A/C. If you request A/C, you will **not be in** the group camping area, but can be adjacent to it. There was one cabin left, you may call to see if it is still available.

You may need extra cord for electrical hook-ups and a long hose for water hook-up in the group area. If anyone has a Y attachment for the water hook-up please bring it so we can add more people, if necessary. Thursday evening, June 12th they will spray for mosquitoes. I will be accepting money for the dinner at the May 29th and June 5th Silver Strings meetings. Write the check out to Linda Losse. **Your dinner reservation and money must be in by Monday, June 9th in order to have the dinner.** If you have any questions, please call me, (734) 994-9097."

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Dave Smith and Bob Niemczewski for again hosting Variety Night in May. They are GREAT ! Many new talents, pizza, salad, and beverages are standard fare, with surprise desserts.
 Linda Losse

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HARMONICA HAPPENINGS



There will be Harmonica Jam at the Silver Strings Campout on Saturday, June 14th at 3:pm. If you have a harmonica that has been gathering dust on the shelf, shine it up and come play a few tunes with other harps! **All levels** of players are welcome or come if you just want to listen!
 Karen Turner

TIP FOR THE DAY :

You can "bend" a note on the HD ... strike a note on the right side of the treble bridge, and use your left hand to push down that same string set on the other side of the bridge, causing the pitch to rise a little, then release your pressure with the left hand (use your thumb, or two fingers) the pitch will return to the original place. Its easier on dulcimers on which the strings are not so tight. Dan Landrum plays a Dusty Strings, and the tension is a little less than on some others. Peggy Carter

SSDS June 2008 Playlist

Key	Tune	Played
G	Westphalia Waltz	2
G	Red Wing	3
D	Chinese Breakdown / Nelly Bly	2/3
D	Peek A-Boo Waltz	3
D	Over the Waterfall	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
G	I'll Remember You, Love, Prayers	3
Em	Tamlin	3
G/D	Jamie Allen / Road To Boston	3/3
G	Southwind	3
D/Am	Whiskey B4 Breakfast / Katushka	3/3
C	Five Foot Two	5
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Sophrina	3
Em	Lisdoonvarna / Riding Load of Hay	3/3
G	March of St Timothy	3
D	Viola's / Rochester Schottische	3/3 ½
Em	Dancing Bear	3
D	Hey Polka	5
G	Folk Medley (Valley, Mountain, Sunshine)	2/2/2
D	Midnight On The Water	3
D	Festival Rag	3
G	Eddie's Reel	3
C	Tennessee Waltz	3
G	Bellman's Jig / Dusty Bob's Jig	3/3
G	Down Yonder	3
Em	Missouri	3
G	Black Velvet Waltz	3
G	Maggie	5
D	Painter's Polka	3
D	Simple Gifts	3
	Endless Medley	
D	Ragtime Annie	2
D	Soldier's Joy	2
D/G	Golden Slippers	2/2

Some artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics for the aging baby-boomers.

(Herman's Hermits) Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.

(Bobby Darin) Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.

(The Commodores)

Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.

(Johnny Nash) I Can't See Clearly Now.

(Marvin Gaye) Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.

(Leo Sayer) You Make Me Feel Like Napping.

(Abba) Denture Queen.

(Helen Reddy) I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore.

(The Temptations) Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.

(Paul Simon) Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

(Leslie Gore) It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To.

(Willie Nelson) On the Commode Again

A to Z's of Hammered Dulcimer with Rick Thum

(Monday - Wednesday) July 14 - 16th, 2008

9:00 to 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Evart Free Methodist Church, 6151 95th Ave

Workshop held in the air conditioned Church Hall directly across the road behind fairgrounds. Intensive training workshop on all levels for beginning, intermediate and advanced students for three consecutive days before Evart Funfest begins. Tape recorders are welcome!

LIMITED SEATING - PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Cost: \$165 workshop includes :

- * learning jam on Tuesday night
- * catered dinner on Wednesday night
- * fun jam session and
- * possibly contra dance to close out the class.

**Contact . . . Rick Thum,
6710 Twin River Rd. Eureka, MO 63025
email: rthum@rthum.com
website: www.rthum.com**

Several SSDS players were in Rick's class last year, and were THRILLED with what they learned.

HAMMERED DULCIMERS FOR SALE

(We don't usually print outside ads, but festivals are a great place for an introduction to a new instrument and here are some opportunities.)

European Hammer Dulcimer looking for a home, made by Josef Jankowski, New York. Call (517) 547-5692 and ask for Bob. Check the following website for info on the builder.
<http://www.klezmershack.com/contacts/vendors/jankowski/jankowski.html>

Brand new Hammered Dulcimer, Songbird Whipporwill 16/15. Case, stand, hammers, books, video \$1,200 or best offer. Call Carole Mason (419) 822-4568 (Delta, Ohio)

Russell Cook 12/11 mahogany top HD. Case, stand, music rack, hammers, tuning wrench. 3 yrs. old. \$500 or reasonable offer. Call Darlene Hackett at (260) 432-1656 or after May 15 260-616-0320.

Rick Fogel Whamdiddle 13/12 soprano HD. G above middle C up 2 octaves plus A,B,C,D,E & upper chromatics Bb, G3, C#, D#. Bright sweet sound. Case and stand. Excellent condition. 8 yrs old. \$750 or reasonable offer. Call Darlene Hackett at (260) 432-1656 or after May 15 260-616-0320.

From Penny Scheiber