



GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Regis Prouix

I was born in Knolton, Quebec, the oldest of 6 brothers and 3 sisters, and I lived on a dairy farm till I was 17. An uncle had a fiddle, and when I was 13 years old, he told me if I came up with a song in a couple of months, he would give it to me. I'm not sure, but the song that earned me that fiddle might have been "St Anne's Reel". I still have that fiddle in my collection of musical toys.

I left the farm, to become a lineman with the electric co-op in Canada, I moved to the US at 21, and worked on the Detroit Edison lines for 38 years. I retired in August of 2004. I am married with 2 children, 1 step son, and seven grandchildren, fortunately all are in southeastern Michigan.

We have traveled all across the US and Canada, but my most special trip was a 3 month trip to Alaska. A lot of our friends raved about their trips there, so we headed out in our RV to explore Alaska ourselves. We're planning another exploration of northern British Columbia.

Music is my hobby. I play fiddle, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, and piano accordion. My favorites are my fiddle and dulcimer. I especially enjoy Cajun, old Blue Grass and old time Fiddle tunes. Even a 1985 elbow injury couldn't stop me. I just learned a new way to hold my fiddle. I'm ready to jam with any kind of music, any time and anywhere. It keeps me young.

I also have a mountain of firewood behind my home, which I call my "exercise program". About 50% of our home heat is from wood, and I sell some by the cord, on the side.

I first heard about Silver Strings by talking with other musicians in the area, and joined in January 2010. I am also a member of Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club in Spring Arbor.