

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Soundboard

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PRESIDENTS REPORT _____ Harold Crane

Greetings, I hope everyone is doing well and surviving another Michigan winter. We had another successful and well attended playdate on January 16th and 17th at "Erie Ice Daze" at the Erie Metropark museum.

At our first SSDS Board meeting on January 7th we discussed our plans, ideas and events for 2016. We are making plans to host an ODPC Jam at Good Hope Church sometime in April.

On January 21st Lester Monts, Professor of Music at U of M stopped by to meet with the board and present and discuss the Michigan Music Heritage Project which he would like SSDS to participate in. They will be conducting interviews, filming and visiting folk, immigrant and ethnic festivals throughout the state to produce a broadcast quality film showing the diverse and multicultural environment in Michigan. This will be a wonderful opportunity for promoting the hammered dulcimer and our club and sharing acoustic music. More info after our next board meeting on February 4th.
See ya soon. Harold

From the VP PROGRAMS _____ Gloria Tapper

Hi everyone, hope you're staying warm. I have a couple dates to save. The first is the Silver Strings Campout at Myers lake. I am waiting for a conformation. The date will be June 10, 11, and 12. I will have more information at a later date. Also, the Silver Strings Picnic has been set for August 4th, at the Garden City Park again, more information will be coming your way.

Thanks so much for bringing all the yummy snacks for our jam sessions, see everyone Thursday, stay safe, keep warm. Gloria



Friends don't let friends play music alone.

V.P. BUSINESS NOTES _____ Ann Wassell

SLOW JAM - STARTING AT 6:00 p.m., FEB. 18th

(In the basement area of the church)

Starting in February, I will be leading a SLOW JAM prior to our regular meeting time of 7:00 p.m. on the last meeting date of each month. Several people have shown an interest in "slow jamming" so I will make it available. We will convene in the basement area of the church for the slow jam as there probably will be a rehearsal for the classical music in the upstairs hall. If this arrangement changes I will be at the door to direct you to the area where we will jam. Bring at least 1 tune that you would like help with to the workshop. My concept of a slow jam is to work out the problems you have had with the music and then rehearse it many times so that it is ingrained in your memory. We may rehearse slowly to start and get a little faster, and hopefully, get up to speed. My goal is to increase your confidence level and eventually get your music up to speed! See you there! Ann

IT'S FEBRUARY...LET'S CELEBRATE !

BIRTHDAYS

- 10...Bob Ewald
- 10...Christine Hurt
- 13...Ed Konstal
- 14...Barb Davis
- 24...Joe Johnson
- 25...Nancy Sullivan
- 26...Pat Altpeter



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12...Bob & Sandi Hlavacek.....49th
- 13...Tom & Lee Lack.....29th
- 14...Steve & Ramona Hadley.....40th

If you don't see your name here for your birthday or anniversary please let me know. Lee

MUSIC COORDINATOR NOTES Marsha Kozlowski

Hope that everyone is finding ways to enjoy music and working on at least one tune you are not familiar with in our repertoire.

Erie Ice Daze – on Saturday, one of our long term fans was there front and center. We played “Muss I Den” and “Washington Square”. That really perked up her ears and she remarked, “That’s not on your CD but I like them.” So if you didn’t play at Erie Ice Daze, be sure to practice Muss I Den – it will be on the playlist for a while.



March Playlist – a new tune, “Cockles and Mussels”, will be on this. If you plan to play for any of the three playdates in March – start working on this tune. It is an Irish sea shanty and will sound familiar to our audiences. They may even sing the final words, “Alive, alive, oh.” Watch the rhythm, especially the dotted quarter notes –

this is what makes the tune sound Irish and makes the tune interesting.

Music – if you use hard copies and are missing a tune, please let me know and I will make a copy for you. I bring copies of the newer tunes with me to every jam and replace them as needed.

Music Corrections – occasionally an error in the music is brought to my attention (a missing or wrong note, wrong chord, etc). I will see it is corrected and replaced. Karen will put it in dropbox. So this is why some tunes disappear and reappear. Thank you to all who help “edit” – and thanks for your patience when I don’t get it right the first time.

Evart – by April I will have a list of tunes from which we will choose 4 to play at Evart on Thurs. evening. As we did last year, we will work on all of them with a final decision by the end of June. I am open to suggestions. What we look for are tunes we don’t hear much at Evart, at least 2 that are catchy and peppy, usually one waltz and one should be in a minor key. Last year from the feedback I heard the big “hit” was “Sandy Boys”. We had to work hard to get it performance ready, but everyone wanted to play it, worked on it and by golly, we did a great job of it. The tunes we work on, whether or not they get chosen for Evart may still be added to play list (as we also did last year).

Permission to Play – I have been working on adding to the master binder “Permission to Play” so that if we add a newer tune to our playlists, there is no copyright issue. We have permission to play “Pickin the Berries,” “Schottische du Stockfish” and now “Mr. Gubbin’s Bicycle.” The new tune “Muss I Denn” is an old German folk tune. If we played it as “Wooden Heart” – there would be a copyright issue. That is why we are playing the folk tune version.

TREASURER'S NOTES Jeff Despard

Well, I'm embarrassed! Last month, in my notes I crossed up my own email address! Here is the correct address: threedsjd@aol.com (which was, by the way, stated correctly in the listing of officers at the end of the newsletter). With that said, Terry showed me the ropes at the last meeting, but we have not been able to conclude the official transfer - hopefully that will have happened at the 1/21/16 meeting. If not, I'll work with Terry to get monies collected and checks written.

SECRETARY'S NOTES Chris Hurt

A copy of the full minutes is available upon request.

♪ It was brought to the board's attention that the bylaws state that Westphalia Waltz is to be played at all playdates. Ann suggested we include it in a medley of waltzes.

♪ Marsha has harmony and descant parts for some of our songs if anyone is interested.

♪ We discussed at length resuming slow jams and workshops. Marsha will try to find leaders for this.

Gloria has been working on setting up the Garden City annual picnic and Myers Lake campout and will announce the dates when finalized.

♪ The Michigan Musical Heritage Project people will meet with the board on January 21st. Marsha will pick out some tunes for the club to play for them when they come to film.

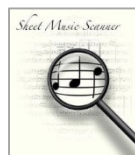
♪ There was a lengthy discussion on membership rules. A motion was made to give someone applying for membership a form to take home to fill out and bring back. When they come back, they will be given a music packet then. This motion was approved and seconded.

Harold will check into setting up a date in April or May for Silver Strings to host an ODPC jam.

♪ The next Variety Night is March 31st but an MC is still needed.

♪ Ann has a few playdates set up for 2016 already, including one on St. Patrick's day.

Sheet Music Scanner for Apple Devices



Have you seen the Apple app called Music Scanner? Scan a piece of sheet music and it plays back! Unbelievable for \$3.99. It used to cost hundreds to get software to do this! Works on iPad, iPad mini and iPhone.

Sorry, not available on Androids. You only have to buy it once for all devices! It has different voices, can change tempo and replay sections. At this point in its development, it doesn't recognize repeat signs. Hopefully that is a soon to be feature! Try it out. You won't be disappointed!

Karen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

4....**SSDS MEETING AND JAM** 7:00-??
18...**PLAYDATE** **BC**..... 2:00-3:00
Westlake Health Campus Commerce
18...**SLOW JAM** 6:00-7:00
SSDS MEETING AND JAM 7:00-??

MARCH

16...**PLAYDATE** **BC** 2:00-3:00
Oakmont Northville
17...**PLAYDATE** **BC** 2:30-3:30
Four Chaplains Nursing Center . . . Westland
31.....**SILVER STRINGS VARIETY NIGHT**

C=Casual, BC=Business Casual

To print the February play list,

please click on our website or this link :

<http://www.silverstrings.org/sections/tunes/pdf/2015/FebruaryPlaylist.pdf>

Silver Strings February 2016 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Red Wing	3*
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
G	Muss I Denn	3
D	Festival Rag	3
G	Maggie	3
G	Down Yonder	3
D	Spanish Two Step	3
D	John Ryan's Polka	5
G	Southwind	3*
D	Snake River Reel	3
G	Red Apple Rag	3
G	Silver and Gold Two Step	3
D	Turkey in the Straw	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	3*
D	Chinese Breakdown	3
G	Bellman's Jig	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3**
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
C	Five Foot Two	3
Em	Tamlin	4
D	Painters Polka	3
C	You're A Grand Old Flag	3
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
G	January Waltz	3
	*2 nd time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly	
	** last time thru – rest on the run-up.	

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society Music:

We have been given permission, by several composers, to play their music in our club. We also pay for a license that allows us to play some of our favorite tunes. We want to protect our Silver Strings members and respect the composers who have generously shared their music with us. In consideration of the composers and SSDS, do not sell, copy, give away or share any of our Silver Strings music.

GLUG Evening with Good Hope Church

FREE - Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm

In celebration of GLUG's (Great Lakes Ukulele Gathering) 3rd anniversary we will be playing ukuleles and singing with the parishioners of the church. SSDS members, family and friends are invited to join us for this evening. We will start at 7:00 and play for about 1½ hours, then refreshments upstairs in the meeting room. GLUG will provide cake and coffee. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. We will be playing in the church and all music will be projected on a screen.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. . . . Theresa



Silver Strings March 2016 Playlist

Key	Tune	Play
D	Over the Waterfall	3
G	Westphalia Waltz	2*
Em	Road to Lisdoonvarna/ Riding on a Load of Hay	3/3
	Rosin the Beau	3*
	Drunken Sailor	4
G	Cockles & Mussels	3
D	Young Roddy McCorley	4
Em	Tamlin	4
	Dusty Bob's Jig	5
G	Southwind	3*
D	John Ryan's Polka	4**
G	Hundred Pipers	3
G	March of St. Timothy	3**
D	Eagan's Polka	4
Em	Swallowtail Jig	3
	Danny Boy	3*
Am	Cold Frosty Morn	3
G	Muss I Denn	3
Em	Tamlin	4
	Irish Washerwoman	3
	When Irish Eyes are Smiling	3
D/G/C	Golden Slippers Medley:	2/2/2
	Extras	
D	Hey Polka	3
D	Whiskey Before Breakfast	3
	You Are My Sunshine	3
	*2 nd time: If instruments are available-- Fiddles, Harmonicas, MD or Whistle take it with backup; HD's softly	
	** last time thru – rest on the run-up.	

NOTES ON MARCH PLAYLIST

You will find a preview of the March Playlist. Please call your attention to three of the numbers so you can practice them:

Cockles and Mussels – this is the tune of the month for Feb. It is not difficult but requires attention to the rhythm. If we can get it performance ready, it will add something to our playlist.

Swallowtail Jig – this tune has not been on the playlist for several years. Let's see if we can get it performance ready and put it back in the rotation.

Eagan's Polka – this is an easy polka that was a tune of the month a couple years ago.

At the second jam in February, we will try these and see if they are performance ready. Whether you sign up to play or not, do give them some attention so we can widen our options when it comes to an Irish playlist. Thanks for your support. Marsha

A LETTER FROM A FAN

Happy New Year!

I am the president and only member of your Mustang, Oklahoma fan club.

I don't remember exactly when or how I stumbled on to your music videos, but I was hooked at once. I will come and visit you as soon as I convince my wife I need to make a thousand mile trip for that purpose. Making music with friends is a wonderful thing. I started playing a viola at age 65 and now play in a small community orchestra called Society of Strings "Encore".

To be honest, your music sounds like more fun. Wish I were close enough to be a part of your group. I visit your website often, looking for new videos, and playing your older ones with enjoyment. I even read your newsletter! Keep it up. If I may, I will consider you all to be friends I haven't yet met.

Sincerely,
Roy Headlee

After Hours Club Jam Rekindled

Do you love to jam? Do you want to jam more? Maybe challenge yourself to play outside the SSDS jam box? Carol Ann Matthews and I would like to bring our after-hours jam back to life! A couple of years ago we were jamming quite successfully after the regular club jam but lately the number of participants has been dwindling. So starting with our February 4th meeting and every club jam after that, Carol Ann and I will lead an After Hours Jam and we invite all members to join, regardless of playing ability or tunes you know.

The After Hours Jam would be a continuance of the club jam, but the tempo may be a little faster, and we may play not only SSDS tunes but other tunes from Ruffwater, The Waltz Books or Portland books. And we may do planned arrangements or arrangements on the "fly". It is an attempt to increase your skill level, play outside the SSDS box, and just have plain fun! It would start about 9-9:15pm and usually end at 10pm or 10:30pm. We hope you will consider joining!

Karen Turner & Carol Ann Matthews

FUN TIMES AT ERIE ICE DAZE



Our music was enjoyed amidst the fascinating displays and demonstrations at the Erie Metropark Museum. Some couldn't help but dance to the infectious sounds.



FESTIVALS-WORKSHOPS-JAMS

UNCLE CARL'S DULCIMER CLUB

2nd Saturday of month, Sept thru May, 12:30-4:30pm
(next is Feb 13th)

For info. call Penny 517-547-7448

NETTLE LAKE MUSIC JAM

First Saturday of Month Sept thru May – 6pm
(next is Feb 6th)

For info contact Jack & Marilyn Mullins 517-270-2870

MAUMEE STREET MUSIC JAM

(formerly called West Adrian Jam)

Forth Saturday of the month Sept thru May – 6pm
(next is Feb 27th)

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 (Feb 6th)

Sullivan's Restaurant on Gratiot in Saginaw, MI

Songs are posted beforehand on the internet

For info email: muzyka2007@yahoo.com

MT. HALEY JAMBOREE

Last Friday of every month (Feb 26th)

Mt. Haley Township Hall, Midland County

1:00-4:00-Folk and Traditional Music Jam

Admission is free but donations to the Metamora Historical Society are appreciated. Metamora's 1888 Old Town Hall is part of an historic community.

For info. Call Alice Gajewski at 248-628-5287

mthaleymfsm@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES UKULELE GATHERING

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 (Feb 3rd)

Good Hope Lutheran Church,

28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

A donation of \$3.00 is requested for the church.

Contact: Bob at bsnemo@yahoo.com or

David at musicalcraft@yahoo.com

Pittsfield Open Band - POB

Pittsfield Grange 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann

Arbor, First and third Saturday from 3-6pm.

<http://www.aactmad.org/sa/pob.html>

LAMS - Livingston Acoustic Musical Society

3rd Saturday of the month 7-11pm (Feb 20th)

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive, Fowlerville

Contact: Tony Miceli 517-223-9590

FARMINGTON JAM

Universalist Unitarian Church

25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills 48335

Second Tuesday of each month from Sept – June, 7pm

Many players come to play dulcimers, fiddles, guitars...

If you are a beginner, this is a good place

to meet people and get involved.

Contact: HolmesSid@aol.com

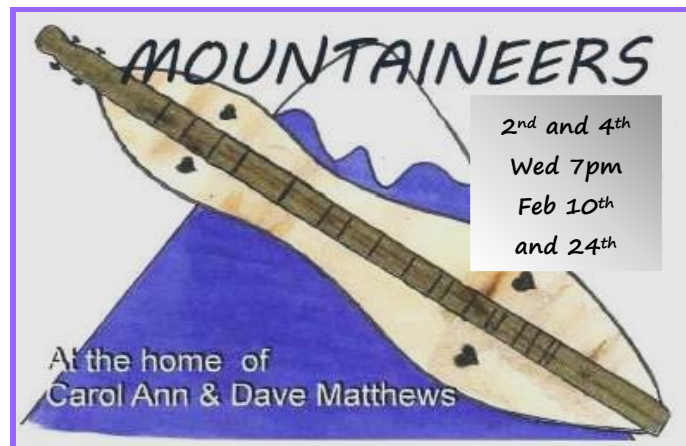
If anyone knows of a good jam that should be in this column and isn't please let me know. Lee

From Your Newsletter Editor

Some of you might have noticed that I haven't been to a lot of meetings lately. Between going south to spend time with my mom and north to stay with my grandbaby I've gotten kind of detached from the club.

I will have done this newsletter for five years with this coming April issue and I'd like to pass it on to someone who wants to be more active with the club than I am able to be right now. I don't feel like I'm putting my heart into it. The newsletter is fun to do especially when you're keeping up with things.

Please talk to me, Lee



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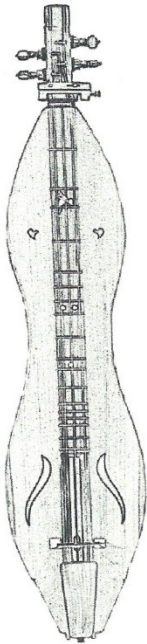
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The **Mountain Echo Dulcimer Troupe** is presenting a class with **Dee Dee Tibbits** on Saturday April 9, 2016.

The all-day class is for intermediate players of mountain dulcimers and/or hammered dulcimers.

The class will be held in Grand Blanc, MI. More information will follow. Alice Gajewski 248-628-5287



Mountain and Hammer Dulcimer Workshop **With Dee Dee Tibbets**

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Sponsored by
Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Troupe



Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Troupe of Ortonville is sponsoring an all-day workshop with Dee Dee Tibbets on April 9th, 2016 in Grand Blanc, MI.

The workshop is for intermediate level mountain dulcimer and hammered dulcimer players. Full details will be coming soon, along with registration forms. Music will be provided for both DAD and DAA tunings. Tune up your dulcimer, mark your calendar and come join us in a rewarding musical experience.

! Save the Date !



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Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month
7-9p.m with jamming till ...?

Meeting at **Good Hope Lutheran Church**
In Garden City, Michigan

Featuring the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer,
and other acoustic band instruments :
banjo, guitar, autoharp, fiddle, string bass, washtub
bass, mandolin, folk harp, recorder, tin penny whistle,
and harmonica.

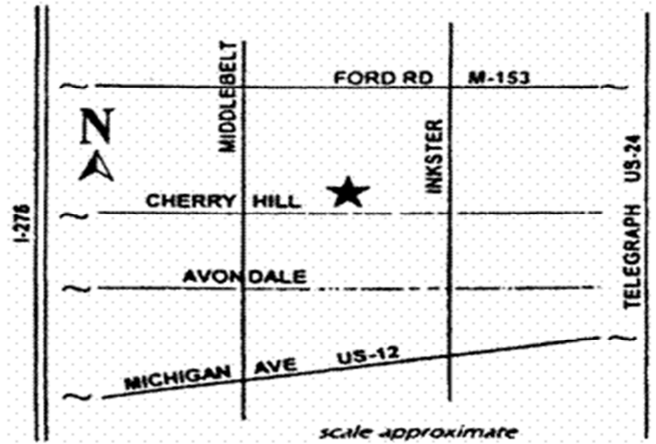
Learn new tunes and techniques, jam together
with other players, receive new music
and a monthly newsletter.

Participate in workshops, festivals, performances,
picnics, fun and fellowship.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT :

<http://www.silverstrings.org>

Everyone is welcome !
Come to listen, or come to play.



Start thinking about getting articles for the newsletter to me by the 25th.
Articles or pictures from any member are always welcome.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society

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IT'S FEBRUARY...!
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !!

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