

# THORNAPPLE VALLEY DULCIMER SOCIETY NEWS



October 2009

## From the President . . .

Greetings!

Thanks to everyone for a really great September Jam. The music was very good and we had a lot of fun. We had a TVDS Trio form on the spot, Don Fitzpatrick, Sid Rogers, and Doug Smith sang some good harmony on several of the tunes!!

Then there was good food put on by Everyone. No one left hungry. I saw Roger Mix at the desert end of the buffet table. He's a smart man, he goes right to the best part, and skips the other stuff.

Deane Bellah taught Snake River Reel and by the end of the teach, everyone was playing the song. Thank you Deane for a good teach.

The TVDS club meeting—We discussed the 25th anniversary of the club coming up in October. We are going to celebrate with a big buffet at 12 pm sharp. Please be early and set up your dulcimer and your pot luck dish to pass. If you arrive at 11:30 you will have time to do all of this, and we will be able to start eating at noon. The club will provide fried chicken. A birthday cake for the club is being provided by Paul and his wife.. We would like to invite members that do not normally come, and spouses of past members. We would love to have anyone stand up and share a memory of the club.

We are looking for pictures

of Stan Pierce with his dulcimer, and Bud Pierce, and pictures that have been taken over the years. Sharon and Chuck Andrews are gathering what they can, and if anyone has some, could you let us know so we can copy them in advance of the meeting if possible, and return your originals. I purchased some photo albums to start collecting pictures and they will be kept in our storage cabinets at the Grange. We have so much history, let's put it together in a story for everyone to see.

I am going to start taking pictures at every club meeting. I started taking pictures in September, and I would like to document every meeting going forward, and for the next 25 years to come, so we can build a history with pictures and names.

I have also contacted a web designer to explore the possibility of a TVDS website. The designer hosts the site for [www.unclecarls.org](http://www.unclecarls.org) and for [www.ssdociety.org](http://www.ssdociety.org). Take a look at their sites. If anyone has a relative with web building experience, let me know... We will need help on this as it is beyond my expertise!

See you soon, keep practicing!  
Paula Brawdy

## TVDS DATES TO REMEMBER

**25 Yr Anniversary  
Club Meeting  
October 24th  
Pot Luck at 12 pm  
Jam 1 pm—4 pm**

**PlayDate !!!  
October 11—Sunday  
Play 1-3 pm  
Bowen Mills  
Middleville, MI**

**Come to the play date  
At Bowen Mills and  
see the  
Civil War reenactment  
at 3 pm.**

**Club Meetings are the  
4 th Saturday of every  
month except Decem-  
ber and May.**

**December & May will  
be the 3rd Saturday**

## Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

<p>October Birthdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Delores Troskey</li> <li>5 Elaine Hadley</li> <li>7 Bess Gross</li> <li>10 Betty Taylor</li> <li>16 Linda McRoy</li> </ul>	<p>October Anniversaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 Chuck &amp; Sharon Andrews</li> </ul>
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**Membership Dues**

**Beginning In January 2010, everyone's dues will be due In January.** This will help greatly with bookkeeping.

**When you pay for the remainder of this year, we will prorate the dues.** So if you are due May 09, you would pay 8 months or \$8. Luckily it's \$1 a month, \$12 a year... What a bargain considering the cost of the building rental, coffee, supplies, copies of music and all the great food! The prorating will make it easier for everyone from a bookkeeping standpoint, and with the internet newsletter, it becomes necessary to do so. **Dues can be mailed to Phyllis Whitcomb and her address is on the newsletter.** If your name isn't on the list, it's because you are paid until 1/10 already, or if you were due early in the year and haven't paid, and may have been removed from the membership.

**Here are the prorated dues for this year. If you want to pay for 2010 as well, just add \$12 to the amount below.**

Bill & Patsy Switzer—12/09 - \$1  
Barb Becker 08/09 - \$4  
Jim and Mary Green 11/09—\$2  
Elaine Hadley 12/09—\$1  
Mark & Shari Leavens 7/09 \$5  
Tim & Linda McRoy 08/09—\$4  
Jim & Marcia Mellen 11/09—\$2  
Jim Mills—12/09—\$1  
Al Mumford—12/09—\$1  
Rick Norey 12/09 - \$1  
Jim & Pauleen Reed 12/09—\$1  
Jim Scott 12/09—\$1  
Jim & Carol Smalley 12/09—\$1  
Herm & Judy Smit 09/09 \$3

**New Dulcimer School on-line—Dan Landrum**

If you attended Dan Landrum's class , you may have heard about this.  
Dan is starting a web based school for hammered dulcimer and mtn. dulcimer  
It is due to start any time now. It will be a weekly class that you view on your computer.

You sign up for \$15 a month, and you can stop it any time. There are new classes every Week. If you play both hammered and mountain dulcimer, you can take both for one fee, \$15 month.

They have had some technical start up delays but it should be up and running soon. Take a look at the Site at [www.dulcimerschool.com](http://www.dulcimerschool.com). You are learning from a professional for sure!

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