



1993 -- 2nd Quarter Newsletter

The Western North Carolina Dulcimer Collective is a member-supported group of players of mountain and hammered dulcimers, and those who enjoy listening to dulcimers and/or playing other traditional instruments with them. The group meets once per month to share tunes and information. Dues are \$5.00 per year payable to Carl Cochrane, 12 Pheasant Dr, Asheville, NC 28803.

Schedule Changes

Well, I haven't heard yet of anyone who tried to make it to the March club meeting. A few of us talked on Saturday during the blizzard and decided there was no way to have the meeting, so Pat Rutkay called WLOS/TV-13 and they said they'd add it to their list of meeting cancellations. I didn't see it on the air, but since both I-26 and I-40 were closed by the snow, I assume everyone figured it out! I hope you all took advantage of the extra time at home to practice and work up some new pieces! Maybe even *Brady*, the March tune!

The April meeting is not on the standard date, but we ARE having it! It's bad enough asking people to come out every year on Mother's Day, although we usually have a good turnout. We just figured we probably wouldn't have as good luck on Easter, so at the February meeting we discussed it and decided that **the April meeting will be held on April 18th**. We hope to see you there!

Song Reprints Available

One of the pages of this issue has a list of songs from past issues. A while back folks had asked about some of the older songs, and I proposed reprinting and/or redoing all of them with full chords. Well, I've gotten a good start on it, including reformatting the lyrics (where there were any) to much larger type styles, one or two per page. I brought the "crate" to the last meeting and will try to bring it to each meeting. We are breaking even on the deal, charging 5c per page. (If you want them mailed, add 29c for up to 6 pages, and 23c for every 6-8 pages after that.) The list in this issue shows which mountain dulcimer tunings are included, and "Notes" means "A/B/C/etc" - all of the songs include the musical staff. Lyrics are on separate pages.

A Railroader For Me

Chorus

A railroader, a railroader,
A railroader for me,
If I ever marry in this wide world,
A railroader's bride I'll be.

Now I would not marry a blacksmith,
He's always in the black,
I'd rather marry an engineer
That throws the throttle back.

I would not marry a farmer,
He's always in the dirt,
I'd rather marry an engineer
That wears a striped shirt.

I would not marry a sheriff
For he is sure to die,
But I would marry a railroader
Who has them pretty blue eyes.

I would not marry a preacher,
He preaches too much hell,
But I would marry a railroader
Who drives the forty-nine.

Father, oh dear father,
Forgive me if you can,
If you ever see your daughter again
It'll be with a railroad man.

East Virginia

I was born in East Virginia,
North Carolina I did go.
There I met a fiar young maiden,
And whose name I did not know.

Well, her hair was dark of color,
Cheeks they were a rosy red.
On her breast she wore white lilies,
Where I longed to lay my head.

I'd rather live in some dark holler
Where the sun would never shine,
Than for you to love another,
And to know you'd never be mine.

I don't want your greenback dollar,
I don't want your silver chain;
All I want is your love darling,
Say that you'll be mine again.

The Tex-i-an Boys

Come along, girls, and listen to my noise,
Don't you marry those Tex-i-an boys.
If you do your fortune it will be,
Johnny cake and venison
and sassafras tea,
Johnny cake and venison
and sassafras tea.

When they com a-courting,
I'll tell you what they wear:
An old leather coat all patched and bare,
An old straw hat more brim than crown,
And a pair of dirty socks they've wore
the winter 'round,
And a pair of dirty socks they've wore
the winter 'round,

When he comes in, first thing you hear,
"Madam, has your daddy killed a deer?"
And the next thing he says
when he sits down,
"Madam, the johnnycake's
too damn brown,
Madam, the johnnycake's
too damn brown."

They will take you out on a live-oak hill,
And love you there against your will.
Love you on the prairie and
forget you on the plains,
For that is the way with the Tex-i-ans.

Brandy is brandy any way you mix it,
A Tex-i-an's a Tex-i-an any way you fix it.
When other good folks
have all gone to bed,
The Devil is a-working
in the Text-i-an's head.

This Quarter's Songs

The book says they're all "Songs of Love and Courting" - somehow when I look back over them that's not quite the impression I get! I tried to avoid songs with fancy timings, chords and melodies this time and just find some nice tunes. I hope you like them.

Spring Dulcimer Workshops

I've got flyers from Augusta, but wasn't able to get them to anybody in March! Their Spring Dulcimer Week is April 18-25, with Beginning and Intermediate/Advanced Mountain Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer Construction, Beginning, "Advanced/Beginning" and Intermediate/Advanced Hammered Dulcimer classes. Call them at (304) 636-1903 to see if they have any spaces left - I'm sure it's worth missing our April meeting to go to!

Boone mails their flyers out in April, but their mountain dulcimer workshops are usually at the end of June, for all levels of player. Cosby has never mailed a flyer that I know of, but they're in June, too. (Here's a good reason to subscribe to Dulcimer Players News! Their next issue will have all this information and a whole lot more!)

Public Radio

By the time you get this, WNCW (88.7, Spindale) will be in the middle of their Spring fundraiser week. In another couple of weeks, WCQS (88.1, Asheville) will kick theirs off. WEPR (90.1, Greenville) and WFAE (90.7, Charlotte) have recently held theirs, as well. Public Radio is just about the only place you can find the type of music most of us play and listen to, so I hope you're all doing your bit to help them stay on the air. If you haven't checked them out, check the schedule from one of the past issues of this newsletter, or just hunt around between 88.1 and 91.9 wherever you are in the country. Weekends seem to be popular for traditional music, but you'll find lots of variety on most stations. (If you can't help with money or just want to do more, give the stations a call. They need and appreciate volunteers at any time of the year!)

For Sale

Hammered Dulcimer, Russell Cook. 13/12 courses, 2-strings/course, paduk rails and bridges, about 12 years old. \$375 with wooden case, hammers, tuning wrench and leg.

Mountain Dulcimer, McSpadden Custom Model. First Prize Instrument at 1985 National Mountain Dulcimer Championships at Winfield, KS. Koa back and sides, beautiful with a nice tone. \$600 with hardshell case.

Mandolin, Washburn model M-26. Sam Compton, builder in Virginia, said it's a good basic mandolin worth \$250-350. \$200 with case.

Steve and Jean Smith, (704) 697-6388. (Address on the back page.)

A Railroader For Me

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith

		D					G			
	A	rail-	road-	er,	a	rail-	road-			
Notes	F#	D	-	D	F#	E	F#	G	-	G
D	0	0		0	0	0	0	3		3
A	0	0		0	0	0	0	3		3
dd	2	0		0	2	1	2	3		3
D	0	0		0	0	0	0	5		5
A	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0
AA	5	3		3	5	4	5	6		6

		D				A						
	er,	A	rail-	road-	er	for	me,					
Notes	B	-	D	A	-	A	G	-	F#	E	-	-
D	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
A	6		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
dd	5		7	4	4	3	2	1	1	1		
D	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		
A	6		8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AA	8		10	7	7	6	5	4	4	4		

		D					G					
	If	ev-	er	I	mar-	ry	in	this	wide			
Notes	-	-	F#	D	D	D	F#	E	F#	G	-	G
D			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		3
A			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		3
dd			2	0	0	0	2	1	2	3		3
D			4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		5
A			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
AA			5	3	3	3	5	4	5	6		6

		A				D						
	world,	A	rail-	road-	ers	bride	I'll	be.				
Notes	B	-	B	A	A	A	G	F#	E	D	-	-
D	3		3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		
A	3		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
dd	5		5	4	4	4	3	2	1	0		
D	0		0	4	4	4	4	4	4	0		
A	6		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
AA	8		8	7	7	7	6	5	4	3		

The Tex-i-an Boys

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith

	D					A				D						
	Come a- long girls, and					lis- ten to my noise,										
Notes	D	D	D	-	F#	-	F#	-	E	E	E	E	D	-	-	-
D-A-dd	0	0	0		0		0		1	1	1	1	0			
	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0	0	0			
	0	0	0		2		2		1	1	1	1	0			
D-A-AA	0	0	0		0		0		4	4	4	4	0			
	0	0	0		0		0		0	0	0	0	0			
	3	3	3		5		5		4	4	4	4	3			

	A							D								
	Don't you go and mar- ry those							Tex- i- an boys.								
Notes	D	D	D	D	F#	F#	F#	-	E	E	E	-	D	-	-	-
D-A-dd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	1	1		0			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0			
	0	0	0	0	2	2	2		1	1	1		0			
D-A-AA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4	4	4		0			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0			
	3	3	3	3	5	5	5		4	4	4		3			

	A				D					A						
	If you do your				for- tune it will be,											
Notes	A	-	A	-	G	-	G	-	F#	F#	F#	F#	E	-	-	-
D-A-dd	0		0		1		1		0	0	0	0	1			
	0		0		0		0		0	0	0	0	0			
	4		4		3		3		2	2	2	2	1			
D-A-AA	0		0		0		0		0	0	0	0	4			
	5		5		4		4		3	3	3	3	0			
	7		7		6		6		5	5	5	5	4			

	Bm				F#m				A				D			
	John-ny cake and ven- i- son and				sas- sa- fras				tea.							
Notes	D	D	D	D	F#	F#	F#	F#	E	D	E	-	D	-	-	-
D-A-dd	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1		0			
	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0		0			
	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	0	1		0			
D-A-AA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4		0			
	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0		0			
	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	4	3	4		3			

MEETING DATES/HOSTS/HOSTESSES

The following people have volunteered to host the upcoming meetings. We always need volunteers - you will need to show up about 1/2 hour early to make sure every- thing is set up. You will also need to arrange for refreshments (but not necessarily bring them).

April 18, 1993 - (Snow kept us from setting it up - stay tuned!)

May 9, 1993 - (See April 18th...)

June 13, 1993 - (Things always happen in threes, right?)

MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at
Crowfield's Condominiums Clubhouse, Hwy 25, Skyland
(1st building on the left as you go in.)

Directions from the North and East: Take Highway 25 South from I-40. 1 mile South of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Crowfield's will be on your right, across from Turtle Creek Shopping Center.

Directions from the South and West: Take I-26 to Exit#6, "Skyland". Go East to Highway 25. Turn left and go about 1-1/2 miles. Crowfield's will be on your left, across from Turtle Creek.

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