

1996 -- 1st 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.

Music, Etc!

Well, after asking for requests for newsletter pieces I got two, and now have to say "Sorry!" I was asked to work up "Rocky Top" but during a trip to the library I found that it's not traditional, but is by the Osborne Brothers from about 1968. Oh well. Also, of course, "Ashokan Farewell" is a recent tune by Jay Ungar. I'll probably still work up both for the folks who asked, but they just won't get into the newsletter. So, we've got three more pieces from very traditional sources - Carl Sandburg's "Song Bag" and Leonard Roberts "In The Pine - Selected Kentucky Folksongs." I hope you like them! On a different subject, it sure was great to hear Jerry Read Smith and his wife, Lisa, at the December meeting. I guess since the hammered dulcimers are usually outnumbered, it was about time we brought out the "big guns" even if they just happened to be playing in the Folk Art Center that afternoon!

SONG REVIEW SCHEDULE

JANUARY 14:	The Berwick Jockey I Never Will Marry Mississippi Sawyer	(1st Quarter, 1995) (1st Quarter, 1995) (2nd Quarter, 1995)
FEBRUARY 11:	New River Train Waterbound Green Broom	(2nd Quarter, 1995) (2nd Quarter, 1995) (3rd Quarter, 1995)
MARCH 10:	If, On A Quiet Sea Mowing The Barley Banks Of The Sacramento	(3rd Quarter, 1995) (3rd Quarter, 1995) (4th Quarter, 1995)

I'm Nine Hundred Miles From My Home

You can count the days I'm gone, Tell the train that I leave on, You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles.

My baby said so, I will railroad no more. I will sidetrack my engine and go home.

If the train it runs right, I'll be home tolorrow night, Lord, I'm nine hundred miles from my home.

I will pawn you my watch,
And I will pawn you my chain,
And I will pawn you
my gold diamond ring.

If that won't be enough, Get my baby out of jail, I'll pawn you my wagon and my team.

Goodbye, Brother

Goodbye, brother, good-bye brother, If I don't see you more; Now God bless you, now God bless you, If I don't see you more.

We part in the body,
but we meet in the spirit,
If I don't see you more;
We'll meet in the heaven,
in the blessed kingdom,
If I don't see you more.

So good-bye brother, good-bye sister, If I don't see you more; Now God bless you, now God bless you, If I don't see you more.

Pap's Old Billy Goat

Dad brought home a great big billy goat, Mom she washed 'most ev'ry day, She hung her clothes out on the line, That dog-goned billy goat he came that way.

He jerked down that red flannel shirt, You ought to have heard those buttons crack, But I'll get even with that son-of-a-gun, I'll tie him across the railroad track.

Well, I tied him across the railraod track, And the train ws a-comin' at a powerful rate, He coughed up that old red shirt, He flagged down that darned old freight.

I went into the depot and bought me a ticket
Walked right in and I sat right down,
Stuck my ticket in the brim of my hat,
That dog-goned wind blowd it out on the ground.

Conductor came around and said gimme your ticket,
Or you'll be left on the railroad track,
I'll get even with that son-of-a-gun,
Got a one-way ticket
and I ain't a-comin' back.

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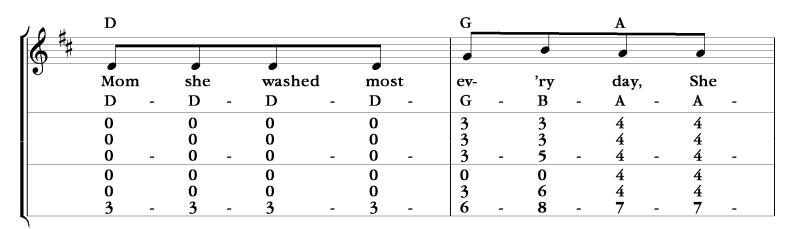
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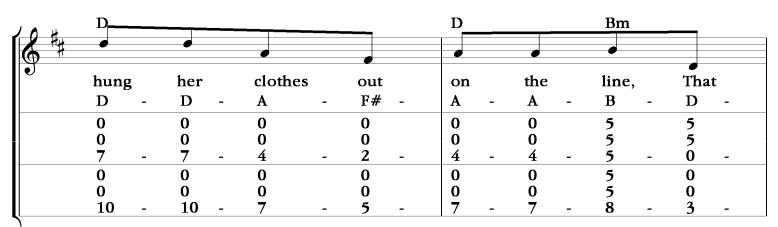
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MEETING DATES/HOSTS/HOSTESSES

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 everything is set up. You will also need to arrange for refreshments, but not necessarily bring them.

January 14, 1996 - Alma Chatfield February 11, 1996 - Dan & Lee Hutchens March 10, 1996 - Jim Fox

MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at The Folk Art Center Library, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville

The Folk Art Center is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 382, about 1/2 mile North of US 70, just East of Asheville. Take I-40 Exit 55 to Highway 70, then left to the Parkway, or take I-240 Exit 7 and go East on Highway 70 to the Parkway. The Club meets in the Library, at the top of the ramp as you enter the Folk Art Center.

Handicapped Access is available: From Highway 70, go West from the Parkway just past the VA Medical Center to Riceville Road. Go to the Folk Art Center Service Entrance. A ramp leads to a second floor entrance.

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