

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

November 13, 2021

The January Meeting of the LSSDS: It Ain't Happening! I did not have a chance to look in the Irving area for another meeting place for the LSSDS. I have been at home for no more than 2 days since the week before Thanksgiving and those were spent shopping for Christmas. We thought we'd be here all week but alas, we have to go back to Missouri to clean out Judy's mother's house. I thought I'd be able to find a location for our meeting, but I have not. I apologize. I know I said I would do it but life interrupted my plans. Therefore, we are not having a meeting in January, but we have great plans for the February meeting. SOOO... please see below for our future plans for February.

February at Oakdale Park In Glen Rose: We used to have "Winterfest" in February. Then we had a joint meeting with the Red River Club and a mountain dulcimer building class at David's farm in Bennington. Now we have a new plan. We are having a joint club meeting in Glen Rose. Oakdale Park called and offered us "Hamilton Hall" if we'd be interested in coming down for a weekend of music, fun and laughter. At the November meeting we decided that would be a great idea. I ran it past the RRVDCers and they were in also too. So, February 11-12, 2022 we will be having a jam session time similar to the Huntsville New Years jam which isn't happening again this year. So spread the word. Come and have a great time of music, etc.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2022: We are planning to meet every month except for May and December during 2022. I hope to finalize a location before the next newsletter. Thanks for your patience.

Meeting location for LSSDS: This item is still up in the air.

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates are: About the same as those for the LSSDS. When it becomes available you can find it here or on the website.

Calendar at a glance: Old Pal Festival will be happening this year at the First Baptist Church in Palestine on March 24, 25, 26.

Lindsey Chromatic Grand For Sale: Phil Moore has a chromatic grand from David Lindsey that belonged to Linda Thompson that he is trying to sell. He's asking \$1650 for the instrument with stand, bag, and tuning key. You can contact Phil at 2800 N. Beaton St., Corsicana, TX 75110. (903) 872-5601.

David's Dulcimer For Sale: David's Dulcimers Bill Spence edition. Curley Maple with redwood top (I think). Includes case, stand, and hammers. \$500 Located just west of Fort Worth. Call Robert at 817-983-5258

New Recording By The Vanderveers: (Sorry to get this out so late. I got this message from the RRVDC. I guess the V's don't have our email address. It's a little late but is a very nicely done Christmas recording. Play it in July and do all your Christmas shopping then and you'll be all set for Christmas 2022.) "Hello Everyone! The Vanderveer Brothers String Band is thrilled to announce the release of their latest recording – *The Lord Is Come! A Vanderveer Brothers Christmas*. Visit their website at www.VanderveerBrothers.com to watch a short video about the recording and to see how to order your copy. We may not be able to get your copy to you before Christmas but celebrating the coming of our Lord with music is something that can be celebrated year round!" **Merry Christmas from the Vanderveer Brothers!!**

Old Pal Is BACK! Plans are in place for Old Pal 2022 to happen. The dates are March 24, 25 and 26. The Museum is still unavailable, so they have secured the use of First Baptist Church of Palestine. It is a lovely building that will be more convenient in many ways. There will be plenty of parking, nice rooms, restrooms, spaces for visiting and jamming and a great sanctuary. (Also too, less stairs to climb?) We are all well aware of the continued uncertainties in regards to the pandemic and its variants. Of course, the various responses to this threat can only be answered and dealt with by each individual. More information on this great festival will be delivered via the LSSDS newsletter.

Another Loss For The LSSDS: Bob McClure passed away in November. Bob was our resident web master. I would send him a note for the site and he'd have it up. He was the primary web master for our club and the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club. His help on the stage at the Winter Creek Reunion will be greatly missed as well as his happy smiling face as he hammered away on his dulcimer. We are shocked and greatly saddened by this news and will pray for his friends and relatives during this time of great loss.

Suggested Tunes for the November Meeting:

Shove That Pig's Foot A Little Closer To The Fire
Old Horse and Buggy
Debuque
Amelia's Waltz

Are You A Cat Person Or A Dog Person: Ah, dogs and cats. One of these is an adorable creature that will love you and be loyal to you all the days of your life, and there's a non-zero chance that the other one is Satan. We wanted to help settle the age-old debate over which one is better, so we gathered up some direct comparisons to help you choose, should your kids want a dog. Or, for some reason, a cat.

Dogs: Will cuddle you in your sleep

Cats: Will cuddle you in your sleep. With a pillow. On your face. Until you die.

Dogs: Wait excitedly by the door when you are gone

Cats: Didn't realize you'd left

Dogs: Were domesticated

Cats: Were just made smaller so they can't kill you as easily as a tiger

Dogs: Love you

Cats: Are vaguely aware you exist

Dogs: Will bring you a tennis ball to play with

Cats: Will bring you—HOLY CRAP, AUTUMN, IS THAT A PIGEON?!

Dogs: Can sniff out bombs

Cats: Are all members of ISIS

Dogs: Can learn tricks

Cats: Will tear up your furniture no matter how many times you spray them in the face with a water bottle

Dogs: Sometimes pee when excited

Cats: Pee out of pure spite, on everything precious to you

Dogs: Excited when you wake up every morning

Cats: Always seem a little disappointed that you lived through the night

Dogs: Demand your full attention and time for like 15 years

Cats: You're always only about 87% sure that you actually own a cat. I know he's around here somewhere...

Dogs: Are just happy and grateful that you let them hang around you

Cats: Believe you should just be happy and grateful that they let you hang around them