

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

April 13, 2012

April Meeting: The April meeting of the LSSDS will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in at the Senter East Building in Irving, Texas. Hammer Dulcimer will be led by all of us I guess. We will have some fun stuff to learn and some tunes to jam with. I'd like to jam a bit on the Music For A Found Harmonium. You can hear the tune and get music from the Carp Camp website. Google "Carp Camp" and it will come up. I think the actual title is Carpazon but I never pay any attention to it once I get a nibble on Google. The MD folks will be by Sue Carpenter this month. Then we can jam together.

Note from Joe: To all of the folks receiving the newsletter via the Post Office. We are trying to move as many people as possible to the email version of the newsletter. Through the years we have had problems with damaged newsletters and delayed newsletters. I don't know how many I've had returned in a plastic bag and all that was left of the newsletter was the corner with the return address. Plus, you get the email version quicker. With that said, if you do not use email or would still prefer to receive your newsletter via the USPS, there is no problem. We gladly continue to mail your newsletter. If you would be willing to move to the e-version, please send an email to jmm1@flash.net to let me know. This way I will have a valid email address for you that I can copy into the mailing list. If I don't hear from you, we'll keep sending the newsletter to your mailbox. JM

2013 Meeting Dates and Times: May 10-12: The 32nd Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival held at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. June: no meeting. July 13: Senter East Building. August: no meeting. September 14: Senter East Building. October: no meeting. November 9: Senter East Building. December: No meeting. *The Senter East Building is located at 228 Chamberlain Street, Irving, Texas 75060. All meetings at the Senter East Building will begin at 6:00 p.m.*

The Winterfestival of Acoustic Music: Winterfest went well. If you missed it you missed one of the best. The evening concerts were top notch. It was one of my favorites of all time. Everyone performed well, entertained us, and were well received. Great job by Linda Thompson and all those that helped out during the festival. Plans are already under way for next years festival.

Found in the green room after Winter Festival: A small black leather case of some sort. Says Memorex. Is it yours? If so contact Linda Lowe Thompson, Harvest Time Music, 309 Pennsylvania Drive Denton TX 76205. 940-387-4001 lindalowethompson.com

The 32nd Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: The 32nd Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival Will be held May 10-12, 2013 at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Featured performers include Scenic Roots, The Sawmill Vagrants, Kendra Ward and Bob Bence, The Sweet Song String Band, Scott Odena, Russell Cook, David Moran and Joe Morgan, Charles Whitmer, Betty Scott, Time Was, Sombati, Scott and Irma Reeder, Sue Carpenter, The Salt Rock Rounders, and that fabulous More Family consisting of Many, Much and Some There will be free concerts all day, free workshops, The Texas State Hammered Dulcimer Championship, The Texas State Mountain Dulcimer Championship, Texas Liar's Contest, Gospel music Sunday morning, Arts and Crafts Show, Instrument Builders, and much more. Watch for more information at The Lone Star State Dulcimer Society website: LSSDS.org. For camping reservations contact Oakdale Park ,1019 Northeast Barnard St., Glen Rose, Texas 76043, (254) 897-2321, Fax (254)897-9372, Toll Free (877) 713-2340 Email: info@oakdalepark.com The Glen Rose Motor Inn has blocked off 20 rooms for attendees of the festival. Mention the festival and get a discounted rate of \$50.88 per night. The price is good Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Contact them at (254) 897-2941

Thanks to Joe Morgan: I owe a great deal of thanks to Joe Morgan for getting the newsletters out the past few times. I have been on the Jersey shore most of the winter working on my mom's house which got hammered by Hurricane Sandy. It was a mess up there and will be for several years to come. Thanks Joe for covering for me.

Sad news: Due to the fact that I was gone I did not get to mention any of the sad news about good folks in the dulcimer world that have gone on.

Claude Barton: Cathy Barton lost her father, Claude, last fall. Claude was always a great encouragement to me. When I started building instruments he sent me a copy of his plans to use. We talked a few times about building techniques. When I entered the National Hammered Dulcimer Contest in Winfield in 1980 I was very nervous. Claude came over to me and bet me \$5 that I would win that contest. His confidence in me, plus the fact that he was the father of one of the best hammered dulcimer players I knew, really lifted my attitude. I sent him \$5 the very next week. Claude attended Winterfestival a few years ago and it was great to see him again. I sent Claude and his wife, Ruth, free tickets to Glen Rose once. They regretted that they couldn't use them. I'm not sure if I ever told them it was a free festival.

Robin Mohun: Robin Mohun passed away during the Winter. Robin was founding member of The Vegamatics, a band we formed for the Infamous Texas Death Match Ensemble Contest. Robin could always be found with some sort of bag of disguises, funny noses, Spock ears and a bag full of other goofy things. I received a letter from Robin once which was always an experience because you never knew what was going to come out of it. Confetti, glitter, bugs... I didn't matter. Scott Jackson and I used to invade her camp in Winfield about 4a.m. and start playing banjo and singing. Robin ALWAYS got up and came outside to play a few tunes with us. I suppose one of the greatest compliments I ever got was when someone said "Dana Hamilton and Robin Mohun are the only people I know that can sing louder than 20 hammered dulcimers. She will really be missed by all of us who knew and loved her.

Troy Young: Troy Young passed away a few weeks ago from a heart attack. Troy was always at the festivals playing guitar or concertina. If you needed guitar backup he was there and willing. Many a jam session was held together by his steady back up. I bought a Mossman guitar for \$200 and every festival Troy offered to buy it from me for \$200. He got to where he'd ask me where HIS MOSSMAN was. I will miss hearing him offer it. He was also a very accomplished concertina player. I didn't often see him stumped when a jam session started a tune. Those of that knew him drew pleasure from his friendship. He will definitely be missed.

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