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Tugalo Valley Strummers

On May 25th the Tugalo Valley Strummers of Toccoa enjoyed a damp but wonderful time playing for Georgia On My Mind Day at the Georgia Welcome Center on I-85. The rain couldn't dampen their spirits as they played various hymns, folk songs, fiddle tunes, and waltzes for curious and appreciative onlookers. The Strummers will be taking off the month of July to recharge and get ready for the busy fall season. As always, if you are in the Toccoa area on the 2nd or 4th Monday evenings, you are welcome to join us. Visitors tab books are available. Keep on strummin'

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About The Tablature . .

This month's tab "Paddy, Won't You Drink Some Good Old Cider" was arranged by Jeff Furman.

This traditional old-time tune is really fun to play…as the name might suggest! I learned it from the playing of the well-known old-time fiddler, Brad Leftwich. Notice that it's a 3-part tune. The A part is twice as long as the others so it's not repeated. I tabbed the A part that way so I could get some different fingerings and chord shapes to give the same melody a slightly different sound. The B and C parts are just repeated as written.

Like most old-time tunes, the rhythm is really important. My advice would be to clap the rhythm all the way through the song (including repeats) so you get a good feel for the rhythm. Notice each part has a different basic rhythm. Be sure you can clap it BEFORE you try to play it!

Another word about rhythm…in order to give old-time tunes a little lift or drive, think about syncopating your strum a bit little bit. Instead of strumming the basic BUMP DIT-TY, think BUMP DIIII-T (for those of you who know standard music notation, instead of playing straight eighth notes as written, play them as a dotted eighth note followed by a sixteenth note). It doesn't speed up, it just hangs a little longer on the DIIII before a quick T. Try it, listen, and feel the lift it gives this tune!

The C part is really fun and sounds great…don't be fearful of playing up to the 11th fret! Work on your fingering so you can make smooth transitions. In measure 14, I put in an optional triplet. That means you either play that 9, or you can play 9-10-9 in the same time. It works nicely playing the triplet as a slide with your thumb. If you do the thumb slide, make sure you roll your thumb over a bit and slide on your nail. It will sound better and hurt less!

If your or your group / club like enthusiastic singing, this can be really fun. After playing it a time or two through, you can sing the following lyrics to the first part of the A part (measures 1-4): "Paddy won't you drink some, Paddy won't you drink some, Paddy won't you drink some good old cider!" If you sing this, remember that enthusiasm is a higher priority than beautiful singing!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I hope you enjoy playing with Paddy!

Spotlight on Satellites

Dixieland Dulcimers

It's time the Dixieland Dulcimers of Griffin, GA made a post so the good folks of NGFDA had an update as to what is going on with our group. We continue to thrive with 2 singers, 2 guitars, a mandolin (sometimes 2), a bass dulcimer, a ban jammer, penny whistle and 10 dulcimers (more or less) and occasional novelty instruments. Our focus is still to do our best to entertain folks at various venues such as festivals, church functions, nursing homes, and wherever else we can gather an audience. One of our more interesting recent gigs was at Butts County Historical Society where we played and presented a history of the mountain dulcimer, the ban jammer and several other instruments which we use. We even got a very nice write up in the local newspaper. We continue to practice most Mondays at Crestview Baptist Church here in Griffin, GA. However, we will be taking most of the summer season off. When we resume in the fall feel free to come join us.

Land of Waterfalls

Each month the club experiences the joy of playing regularly at four senior facilities and getting to recognize many members of the audiences. It's nice to be greeted with smiles and find folks just waiting for us to show up to add some joy to their day. Joking around and getting folks involved with the music makes for a fun experience for all.

In addition to the regularly scheduled playouts each month three of the players attended the second gathering of the *Carolina Coalition* that was held in Hendersonville. For three hours players from many clubs within driving distance gathered in a recreation center to share beautiful music, led by Gwen Caeli. This new *Coalition* was initiated by Gwen and seems to have a strong following. It was great to see Joe Collins and Steve Smith and his wife attending along with over 40 mountain dulcimer and four hammered dulcimer players. The Hendersonville club provided delicious and abundant refreshments at break time. The next gathering will be held in the Greenville,SC area on August 11.

A large number of the Waterfalls players attended an excellent Duet Workshop led by Larry and Elaine Conger in South Asheville. Each song provided an opportunity to review or teach a different dulcimer skill and encouraged players to challenge their comfort level. All agreed that it was time and money well spent.

Dulcimer Days in Jonesboro, TN provided another opportunity to share our love of dulcimers with others. Six players drove to Jonesboro, Tenn to join Don Burger and play at the train depot to an enthusiastic outdoor crowd. Despite the arrival of a train, a neighbor mowing his lawn and an early rain shower the group persevered and the audience loved it. Many in the audience are in Don's beginner dulcimer classes. Tull Glazener arrived for a later performance and cheered us on. Jonesboro is a fascinating small historic town and Don has worked tirelessly to develop a dulcimer following there. Apparently many years ago there was an excellent dulcimer maker in town and many of the long time residents still had their dulcimers hanging on their walls. Don now has them joining his dulcimer classes and having a great time. If you are looking for a fun mountain experience plan to stay a day or two in one of their excellent bed and breakfast inns. And be sure and look up Don.

Sonic Sounds

Eight members of Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club made their annual pilgrimage to Knoxville, GA (county seat of Crawford County) to play during the Knoxville Jug Fest. From their ideal location under a large shade tree, the players shared dulcimer music with many who came to listen and those who were enjoying barbecue lunches seated nearby at picnic tables and on hay bales. Near Knoxville there are deposits of a unique clay that potters use to make a wide variety of jugs, vases, and other objects some of which are for sale during the festival. The festival is sponsored each year by the Crawford County Historical Society to raise funds to restore the old courthouse.

NGFDA Board of Directors

The NGFDA Board of Directors Nominating Committee WANTS YOU!

We are recruiting dedicated and active volunteers to serve in the following Board of Directors positions which will come open for 2019:

President
Vice President
Secretary

Give it some thought and step up to the plate to give a little back to the NGFDA!

Who can fill these positions? NGFDA members who are:

- willing to roll up your sleeves and work as a board member, and team player, for a healthy NGFDA
- dedicated and active in NGFDA
- maintaining strong ties to the dulcimer community
- able to represent and reflect the NGFDA community
- able to "play well with diversity" (as does our membership) in all ways that matter: age, gender, skills, backgrounds, talents.

We know you exceptional NGFDA members are out there – don't be shy - please help us find you!

The nominating process: a final slate of officers will be presented to the Board for approval In September, published to NGFDA Membership in October, and voted on in November at the 2018 Fall Festival, NGFDA Business meeting.

Contact Peggy Martin, Nominating Committee Chair for questions at: martin.pb101@gmail.com 678-478-2456.

Paddy Won't You Drink Some Good Old Cider

(Basic Melody - High Octave)

Key: D
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Traditional
Arr: Jeff Furman 2015

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2018 Unicoi State Park Lodge Rates for Fall Festival, 2018

It is not too early to think about making reservations for the NGFDA Fall Festival, Nov. 15-18, 2018. Once again NGFDA has negotiated rates for staying in the Lodge, which will include a breakfast for one. **Each additional person staying in the room will be charged $10.00 per person per day** to include a breakfast for them. Please make sure you tell Unicoi how many people are going to be in your room, so that they can include the breakfast tickets. This will make it much easier at check-in time so that everyone receives the ticket.

You can always change your reservation to go up or down but Unicoi must know the # of people staying in each type of room.

Below is a schedule of per night charges published for Unicoi. When making your reservation (telephone at 1-706-878-2201) you must refer to promo code **06126** to receive these special rates.

Event #06125 (Unicoi Lodge Reservation # 1-706-878-2201)

Type of Room	1 person	2	3	4	5	6
Less Than 3-Nights Lodge	$149.00	$159.00	$169.00	$179.00	$189.00	$199.00
3-Nights Lodge	$137.50	$147.50	$157.50	$167.50	$177.50	$187.50
4-Nights Lodge	$126.00	$136.00	$146.00	$156.00	$166.00	$176.00

All lodging includes taxes, fees, and breakfast buffet for each person in the room. (Additional parking permit fees for more than one vehicle per room are not included.) One parking permit per room is included in the room fee. **Each additional vehicle per room needing a parking permit will be charged $5.00.**

Cabins and camping spots are NOT included in the promo code. NGFDA could not afford to guarantee they would be rented.

Meals (Taxes and gratuities NOT included):

Breakfast (for those not staying at the Lodge): $11.95

Lunch: $15.95

Dinner: $19.95

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 2nd Mon.	6:30-9:00	First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.)	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb101@gmail.com www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele bluegrass_m@hotmail.com
AlphaFretters					Not Currently Meeting
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4th Thurs.	2:30-4:30	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Jim Jackson 678-447-6730 Jackson9786@gmail.com
Blue Ridge	Blue Ridge, GA	Bimonthly 1st & 3rd Mondays	1:00-3:00	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Hwy. 515 at Forge Mill Road	Anne Bailey 706-632-3854 Teri Godfirnon terigodfirnon@gmail.com
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 Sspatts6@gmail.com
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com
Dusty Dulcimers	Madison County	Monthly – 4th Monday	6:30	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98	Ann Clark 706-789-2236 Marty Phillips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday Monthly – 3rd Thursday Beginner Slow Jam	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogosbill@aol.com
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session	 2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, N.W.	Ro Johnson goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
Gwinnoters	Lawrenceville, GA	Monthly, 3rd Mon.	4:30-7:30	Bethesda Park Senior Center 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville	Peggy Carrano 937-901-6417 peggycarrano@gmail.com Linda Depkin suzie.d@mindspring.com
Hammered Dulcimer	Support Group for Hammered Dulcimer Inquiries				None at this time
Hilltop Strummers	Woodstock-Canton, GA	Weekly – Tues.	1:30-3:30	Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3rd Sat.	2:00	Tenth Street United Methodist Church 425 Tenth Street, NW	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings Weekly, Tues.	10:45-12:15 11:30	First United Methodist Church for jamming & prac. Beginning classes	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrylwilder@bellsouth.net
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed.-Practice 4th Wed.-Playouts	1:00-2:30	St Philip's Episcopal Church 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Carol Juhl 828-862-8422 cajuhl1234@gmail.com Mary Sherwood sherwood@comporium.net
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sat.	1:00 Lesson 2:00-4:00 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 gbs468@aol.com Karen Stewart 478-954-6759 galadybug53@gmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Blairsville, GA	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tues.	1:30-3:30	Senior Center	Roxanne Gill roxannegill47@gmail.com
Oconee Belles & Beaus	Salem, SC	January-October 4th Wednesday November-December 2nd Wednesday	1:00-3:00	Senior Solutions 101 Perry At. Seneca, SC	Joan Krech 864-944-7094 joankrech@bellsouth.net Bonnie Lamarand 864-888-3328 lmrnd@att.net
Peach Pickers Satellite Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	Sharpsburg, GA 1)Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr	Monthly, 2nd Sunday Wednesdays Wednesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 6:00-8:30	Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@ gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrwmdawk@yahoo.com Call Pat Call Wanda
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	JT Bishop 706-234-0477 Jtbljb@bellsouth.net
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	Weekly, Thurs.	6:30-7:15 Lesson 7:15-8:30 Jam	1st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Laneah Maddox 912-687-3621 laneahmaddox@yahoo.com http://wrmusic.tripod.com/sonicsoundsdulcimerclub
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2nd & 4th Monday evenings Beginners All Levels	 5:30-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 Margotaylor808@gmail.com
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00-3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com
Yonah Pickers	Clarkesville, GA	Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Fri. Bimonthly-Everyone 1st & 3rd Fri.	2:00-2:30 2:30-4:30	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 Lynnmccollum50@gmail.com Email lynnmccollum50@gmail.com for details.

NGFDA sanctions these groups as satellites, but each one sets its own agenda, meeting place and procedures.

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Membership Status (check one): ☐ New ☐ Renewing

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