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"Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

– Helen Keller

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About the Tablature...

This month's tablature, *Eighth of January*, appeared in the January 1996 edition of Footnotes. It's a traditional bluegrass fiddle reel, so it's meant to be played fast. Thanks to Pam Deemer for permission to use her arrangement of the tune.
"The melody was originally named "Jackson's Victory" after Andrew Jackson's famous rout of the British at New Orleans on January, 8th, 1815.

This victory, by a small, poorly equipped American army against eight thousand front-line British troops (some veterans of the Napoleonic Wars on the Continent), came after the peace treaty was signed and the War of 1812 ended, unbeknownst to the combatants. The victory made Jackson a national hero, and the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans was widely celebrated with parties and dances during the nineteenth century, especially in the South. Around the time of the Civil War, some time after Jackson's Presidency, his popular reputation suffered and "Jackson's Victory" was renamed to delete mention of him by name, thus commemorating the battle and not the man." Kuntz, A. (1996-2010). In *The Fiddler's Companion*. Retrieved from The Fiddler's Companion database. http://www.ibiblio.org/fiddlers/EIB_EMY.htm

Here's a video of *Eighth of January* played on the mountain dulcimer. The video even includes some instruction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqwV-jD5pOQ

You might recognize this tune by another name: "The Battle of New Orleans." Jimmy Driftwood, a school principal in Arkansas with a passion for history, set an account of the battle to this music in an attempt to get students interested in learning history. It seemed to work, and Driftwood became well known in the region for his historical songs. Collins, Ace. *Songs Sung Red, White, and Blue: The Stories Behind America's Best-Loved Patriotic Songs*, p. 62-64.
This song has been recorded by many artists, but the singer most often associated with this song is country music singer Johnny Horton. His version scored number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1959. Billboard ranked it as the No. 1 song for 1959 and it was very popular with teenagers in the late 50s/early 60s in an era mostly dominated by rock and roll music.

Friendly Reminder!!

NGFDA annual Membership Dues are due each year by January 1st. Dues are $20.00 per single membership or $30.00 per family membership. For those who haven't paid yet, you can either pay your dues via the NGFDA website under "membership renewal" or you can also send your dues via check to our treasurer at the following address:

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Eatonton, Ga. 31024

If you believe you have already made your 2021 Membership payment, please contact Mike VanDemark at ngfdaclub@gmail.com.

News from the Satellite Playing Groups…

Tugalo Valley Strummers

The Tugalo Valley Strummers have been Zooming along through the holiday season. Although the group has not performed, Drew and Margo (pictured here) did slip out to bring a little holiday cheer to the public library. We enjoyed learning some new Thanksgiving songs in November (something we usually can't find the time to do) and a couple of new Christmas songs in December. The group is looking forward to resuming practice on January 4th hoping that they will be able to meet in person before too much more time passes. Wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year!

Dixieland Dulcimers

We continue to be "locked down" while we wait for the COVID-19 to abate. Like everyone else, we anxiously await the time when we can get back with our friends and fellow dulcimer players.

LaGrange Dulcimer Troopers

The group finished off the year with a rousing Zoom holiday song fest. They are all looking forward to starting the weekly practice sessions again and learning some new songs to (hopefully) share at playouts soon.

Here's another 1996 Throwback!

PEACH PICKERS

Cupid will be showering our February 4 meeting with love songs (in tab, of course!), so mark the date on your calendar. If you have any love song tab (loosely defined!), and would like to share it at the meeting, call Dave Shelby. We'll be celebrating the PeachPickers first anniversary at the March meeting, and some special things are being planned. More details later, but clear your new calendars now for that first Sunday! Meetings are held in the Braelinn Baptist Church facility located at 777 Robinson Road in Peachtree City. For additional information, please call Dave Shelby at 770-559-6840 or Gwen Oglesby at 770-487-5272.

Gwen Oglesby

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Traditional

Eighth of January

Dulcimer Arr.:
Pam Deemer

SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 3rd Tuesday	6:30-8:30	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
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4th Thursday	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
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	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 3rd Monday	6:30	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday – fast jam Monthly – 2nd Thursday – 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.	Sandy Lesli goldcountryplayers@gmail.com
HAMMERED DULCIMER CONTACT					Julia McDermott 706-207-5685 HammerPlaying@aol.com
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.	11:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davises@bellsouth.net
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 Monday - Practice 3rd Monday & 4th Wed.- Playouts	9:45-10:45	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
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 Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com
Mountain Sounds	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson Mountain.Sounds@aol.com Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
Peach Pickers Satellite Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	Sharpsburg, GA 1)Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr	Monthly, 2nd Sunday Wednesdays Tuesdays	3:00-5:00 11:00 6:00-8:00	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.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 elizabeth@comsouth.net Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 jeannoble@cox.net
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2nd & 4th Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate	 5:00-5:45 5:45-: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-Regular 1st & 3rd Mondays Bimonthly-Beginners 1st & 3rd Mondays.	11a -1p 1:00-1:45	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswhitmire@windstream.net

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

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