



'Ukulele Guild of Hawai'i

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President's Message Manny Halican

Aloha Everyone,

The New Year is upon us and let us not forget our blessings and misfortunes in 2014 and look forward to a blessed 2015.

Now that we have secured a place for our exhibition our Directors will be knocking heads to hopefully improve the event. So continue building your projects early and fine tune it and get some air time played by some talented players.

This past December our VP Lynette Huff and yours truly had an opportunity to join Janet Endo and her Keiki perform for residents of Kapunawai Ola in Kapolei. Janet and her Kids did the first hour and Lynette and myself did the second hour or so joined by Janet Endo. We all had a wonderful fun time and looking forward to doing more of this, hopefully our schedules permit. Have some pictures to share. Until next time "Have A Beautiful Ukulele Day"...Manny



Mike's Corner—Mike Chock

Aloha all and welcome to the Year of the Ram 2015. My word the years flash on by and The Ukulele Guild of Hawaii is now 15 years of service and still on going with the help of all you supporting members. So lets open this year with a Mahalo to all of you participating and supporting our, your Guild.

In the erstwhile here at Hana Lima Ia the ukulele making mode is truly on auto pilot as my first Saturday Class of 2015 will be begin on the 24th of January which will get me into the shop and once again into the ukulele fabricating mode, sweet! I must admit lo, these past few MONTHS I've been stricken with Flu, Sinus Congestion, the common Cold and an ever present dry hacking, and irritating chronic cough. I feel like a walking P-Trap in need of a rotor rooting or at least a bottle or so and unclogging DRAIN0. Been told that this is chronic for me and an asthma reoccurring from days of old, Ah, life goes on and so grin and bear it, besides its not painful merely an irritant.

This year I've pulled out some of my ancient stashed ukulele sets and will begin with a few more Papaya Tenors as well as a few standard shaped Hana Lima Ia Tenors. Think this year Its time to refine scale lengths to comfortably fit my playing needs which will no doubt be a slight increase in length.



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Board of Directors

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Mike's Corner (Cont) — Mike Chock

I will most definitely continue with side-ports and naturally continue fiddling and tweaking the Kasha/Schneider bracing system. Using a bit more technical aids now like magnifying supplements, hearing aids and dust masks, things that should of been standard fare for any wood working shop. However better late than never! I am still excited to begin a new series once more and though the work process of late is relatively slow nevertheless I do enjoy the entire process of creating a new instrument and the beauty of it for me is that I get to work on these puppies at my own leisure and still maintain my golf game. Actually since we already have sealed the Outrigger as once again the site of our 2015 Ukulele Guild of Hawaii Exhibition and Conference getting an EARLY start in making a few ukuleles will be quite nice as we do know by now time doth FLY ON BY! So Aloha No and let 2015 be a cool year for one and all. Nuff said, Later, Mike

First Time Builders– Gordie Morris

Aloha kakou,



I would like to put together an article for the newsletter targeting potential 1st time builders. It was a long time dream of mine to build my own uke but the job kept me too busy to stop and figure out how, especially considering my total lack of luthier knowledge and skills, the demands of my job, and the fact that I had no tools or shop to work in. I was fortunate that my workplace decided to provide the ultimate opportunity in a fantastic teacher (Larry Hagmann), access to materials, and the fully equipped woodshop at Kamehameha Schools. All I had to do was find the time. I accomplished my goal and subsequently, through UGH, I have learned that all that's missing for a lot of folks out there with the same dream is the information regarding where to go and who to talk to. It might even be an interesting challenge to see how many 1st time builders we could inspire over the next few years, perhaps even encouraging them to display at our annual exhibit in a special category for 1st Timers.

I would appreciate any information you might have that would help add interest with the article. Unfortunately, the internet only provides a couple of choices on the outer islands and Mike's Hana Lima 'la here on Oahu, but I know there must be more private, school/college, other opportunities throughout the islands. Please send any information and comments you have to sailing@hawaiiantel.net

Aloha and Mahalo,
Gordie Morris

Dec 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes– Howard Tanaka

5:40 p.m. – last meeting of 2014 held at Au's Garden restaurant.

Present were Mike, Manny, Kimo, Emil, Steve, Daniel, Gordie, Lynnette, Howard

Review November 2014 Notes of UGH Meeting Sunday 11/23/2014.

UGH certificates of appreciation to be presented to 2014 exhibition participants.

No interest in Best of Honolulu award.

Discussion:

Seeking ways to improve 2015 exhibition

Kimo's suggestions: exhibit ukuleles by noted luthiers; hold the finals of the Duke's ukulele contest held in October at our November exhibition. Duke's is a popular event, may want to extend our exhibition to 2 days; Kimo can help with advertising in the Asian market.

Video of the concert.

Work with Outrigger on it's in-house guest calender of events.

Seek newsletter feedback of our 2014 exhibition.

Ukes for Keiki decals, to be further discussed.

Meeting/event attendance:

Discussion on how to get larger member participation

Tie in meetings to event(s) that would draw members' interest

End of month workshop;

Approval of new, broader approach from just a builder's workshop to one that includes players, and more importantly to find ways to make our workshops fun.

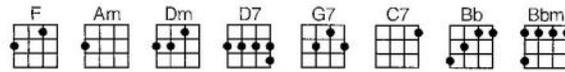
No workshop for December 28, 2014.

New curved Ukes for Keiki decal approved. 200 pcs @ .35 ea = \$70.00 + tax

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Mele of da Month– He Mele Aloha



Hula Breeze

^F Whispering to me from a ^{Am} tall ^{Dm} coco ^{D7} tree
^{G7} Comes a hula breeze
^{C7} I hear the beat of the waves
^F ^{C7} On the shore of Waikīkī

^F Softly through the air from a ^{Am} brown ^{Dm} maiden ^{D7} fair
^{G7} Comes a song to me
^{C7} I hear the swish of her skirt
^F ^{Bb} ^F As she dances to Lili'u ē noho nani mai

^{F7} ^{Bb} ^{Bbm} ^F ^{F7} Soft Hawaiian guitars are playing
^{Bb} ^{Bbm} ^F As they have a big lū'au
^{G7} And the moon shines bright with its tropical light
^{C7} As kāne and wāhine raise a wela ka hao

^F Whispering to me from a ^{Am} tall ^{Dm} coco ^{D7} tree
^{G7} Comes a hula breeze
^{C7} It makes me wanna go back
^F To my little grass shack far away

Written by Bucky Henshaw while away at military school in 1935, and augmented by Harry Owens.

For a little help in play this song you can listen to a version of it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmXd-SOwurs>

Upcoming Events - Daniel Westphal

The monthly **board meeting** is to be held on 21 January at 1200 pm.

Pupu's will be provided so gather up you uke, song book and come join us to work, play, sing and eat some local favorites.

Location:

Hana Lima la,
718 Puuhale Rd.
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 847-1541

See you there?

A monthly **builders / players workshop** is to be held on 25 January at 1200 pm.

A kanikapila is surely to occur, pupu's will be provided so once again gather up your uke, and song book to come join us to play, sing, and eat some local grinds.

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We do hope to see you there?

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