

4/6/2018

Dear Dulcimer Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I must shut down EverythingDulcimer.com on 1 June, 2018. The reason behind this is multi-faceted, but essentially it comes down to time. The site is just so incredibly active and vibrant that I can no longer devote the time and effort it takes to do the job of running it properly. So, it's a matter of running it correctly, as it deserves to be run, or letting it go. Letting it fall into disrepair due to neglect is not an option.

These years have been wonderful, interacting with you, exchanging information and watching this community grow and change. However, I am in my prime working years and for those that don't know, I run a growing R&D firm that I founded called Clear Science, Inc. The time demands of Clear Science have increased dramatically over the last two years. That coupled with my other philanthropic activities and commitments has gotten me to the 'something's got to give' point. Heck, I rarely even have time to play music anymore, and I've long since given up on gigging and teaching.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. I love what I do. I simply have to make tough choices among things that I love!

We have some great resources like our tablature, articles and other items not directly associated with a user account that needs a place to live. I'm going to look for options of how best to make these resources available in perpetuity. If there is specific content that you would like, I recommend saving it in a place of your choosing.

I am incredibly thankful and grateful for my opportunity to be your humble servant over these 15+ years. It's been an honor. I appreciate all those that have helped and supported along the way. But, nothing lasts forever, and this particular jam must conclude. There will be others...hopefully many, many others...as this dulcimer community grows and thrives.

Strum on, my friends!

Bruce W. Ford