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COMING EVENTS

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Dec. 3	Christmas Party	VFW Hall	Bandon, Or	5
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Dec. 11	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Springfield, Or	6
Dec. 18	Christmas Party	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Or	7&8
Jan. 15	State Jam & Business Meet.	Douglas Co. Fairgrounds	Roseburg, Or	
Feb. 12	Jam Session		Central Point, Or	4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In noting the activities schedule throughout the various districts this month, it is quite apparent that oldtime fiddling is getting more popular all the time! Due to our efforts and exposure to the public, oldtime fiddling is in demand - and this should be gratifying to all of us.

The month of December is an extremely busy time for all of us. Plans are being formed up for both our state convention and state contest, and we will be asking many of you for help to make these events a success.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Fiddling New Year!

John Melnichuk

Please remember, there will be a state business meeting prior to the jam session in Roseburg on the 15th of January. Time to be announced in the January Hoedowner.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

Dues are now due for 1978. Please make your checks out to The Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Assn. \$3.00 for one, \$4.00 for two, and \$5.00 for a family. If there are any name changes or new ones to be added, and the instrument that each play should be sent along with your renewal. Also, please show your telephone number. It is also very important to write or print legibly. Please mail to Edna Yohey, 934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Oregon 97128.

She will send notification to your district that your dues are paid.

Edna Yohey

DISTRICT #1

Our next regular meeting will be the 31st of december at 7:00 in the evening at the I.W.A. Hall on Altamont Dr. in Klamath Falls, Oregon. It will be a New Years Eve party for all Old Time Fiddler members from every district and their guests. Bring finger foods and desserts.

We played for our regular nursing homes, The Peace Officers Association and the VFW Benefit.

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Our last regular jam session was really great, thanks to everyone who came. Membership dues are due, pay them preferably through the district Sec.-Treas., so the district will have a record, give phone number also.

Ann Johnson fell and broke her ankle while elk hunting. One legged guitar playing is hard to do. Hope you are up and around soon.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Irene Ruddock, Reporter

DISTRICT #4

District 4 has lots of plans and fun ahead. We all keep active, play at the usual rest homes, senior citizens clubs, mobile home parks, etc.

The hunting and fishing has been good this fall, but all our fiddlers manage to return from trips in time for our regular monthly jam sessions. We had 27 fiddlers and almost as many seconds at our Nov. jam session in Wimer. Everyone enjoyed potluck and a short business meeting to finalize our Christmas Party. Thanks go to Laura Hoerster as hostess and all the other helpers.

The Christmas party will be potluck with each family bringing a choice main dish and a holiday dessert or salad. The punch will be furnished. Those who can, might bring card tables. Bring your own table service. Stella is hosting again this year. There will be overnight camping, so bring your bacon and eggs. We expect to have lots of friends from other districts, so plan to come and join us for the best Christmas party yet. There will be a \$2.00 gift exchange. The men bring a man's gift and the ladies a ladies gift. The Christmas party will be December 10, 1977 at Jerome Prairie Hall in Grants Pass. Doors open at 11:00 AM. Bring some snacks for lunch and potluck will be about 5:00 PM.

January 15, 1978 district 4 will open the New Year in Roseburg with our 1st jam session at the Floral Building on the Fairgrounds. The Houstons and Kinmans will host this one.

February 12th will be in Central Point. Hugh and Fern Samples will be hosts.

See you all at the Christmas party december 10th for lots of fun and good music.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT #6

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!!! Arrangements have been made for the first time ever - for a jam session at the Moose Lodge at 23rd and Main streets in Springfield, starting at 1:00 PM, december 11th. No potluck. The facilities are large enough for a big crowd and are easily accessable with plenty of parking space.

This will be a great place for future jams if we get invited again. So let's make a special effort to put on such a good show that they cannot resist having us over and over.

Poco Boyd, Reporter

Marion Hiatt of Lowell, Oregon, would like all the fiddlers to come to a jam session that their grange is putting on. Place: Lowell Grange. Where: 2nd & Moss. Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM. There will not be a potluck, but the grange ladies will have food at a nominal fee. Take the Oak Ridge - Klamath Falls Hwy out of Eugene. The exit to Lowell is plainly marked. This is where Linda Danielson is living now, so if anyone gets lost, call her for directions.

DISTRICT #7

I'm happy to report our jam session at the Gresham Senior Citizens Center was a huge success. We had one of the largest crowds ever. There were 33 fiddlers and 6 specials. Fred Hildebrandt won one of the door prizes and Helen Snyder from Salem won the other. The prizes were nice warm blankets. We will try this again soon. A

big Thank You to Marshall Jackson for getting the center for us and overseeing the jam. Ed did a fine job as Emcee, thank you Ed Mead and thanks to the women who helped me in the kitchen.

Our next jam session will be Dec. 18th at the Sunnyside Grange Hall. This will be the Christmas party for District 7 & 8 plus any of you who would like to come. You are all welcome. The two districts will furnish Ham and Turkey, so all you ladies bring your fancy desserts and salads and your table service. Anyone wishing to participate in our gift exchange bring a \$2.00 gift. A mans for a man and a womens for a woman. Let's make this a Christmas reunion and all come, lots of faces I haven't seen lately that I'd like to see there to start the New Year.

We have more people sick in our district and we wish them a speedy recovery. We'd like to see everyone home for the holidays to spend this very special time with their families. Jonathon (Johnny) Summers just arrived back home after a 2 week stay in the hospital for surgery. Hope you'll be up and around soon. Bill Weber is in the hospital and would be happy to hear from all his fiddling buddies. Anyone wishing to send cards, he is in the Eastmoreland General Hospital on S.E. 28th and Steele Sts. in Portland, Ore. Many of our members have put in a very hard winter this year. Hope you all are up and well soon.

Penny Mead, Reporter

DISTRICT #8

The November 13th jam session at the Buell Grange had wall to wall people. With 25 fiddlers and many good accompanists and specials. Thanks to all for coming, had an excellent program and the dancing afterwards was fun for all.

Our local group here played November 17th for the Senior Citizens potluck lunch in Willamina. Charley and Vilet Jenson, Allen Smith, Gus Pearson, Nell Turner and Carlton Smith were the musicians who put on a good show and members did really enjoy it.

Our December jam session will be at Salmon River Grange Hall, located on Highway 18 going to the coast, about 3 miles east of Pixie Land and 4 miles west of the State Park, and between Rose Lodge Store and the Blarney Castle Restaurant. Do so hope we will have a good crowd, as it is the first time we have played in this area. See you all there.

Bea Smith, Reporter