

# THE HOEDOWNER

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COMING EVENTS	OCTOBER 1980	DISTRICTS
October 5	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center Bend 3
5	Jam Session	Elks Lodge Sweet Home 6
12	Jam Session	Odd Fellows Hall Gold Hill 4
12	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center Gresham 7
19	Jam Session	Fairgrounds K. Falls 1
19	Jam Session	Moose Lodge Springfield 6
19	Jam Session	Grange Hall McMinnville 8
25	Harvest Ball	Grange Hall Sixes 5
November 9	Jam Session	Wimer 4
15	Saturday Night Party	Community Hall Talent 4
16	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center Salem 8
December 14	Christmas Party	Clackamas Comm. College 7
14	Christmas Party	Grange Hall McMinnville 8
20	Christmas Party	Odd Fellows Hall Gold Hill 4
November 15	Jam Session	Moose Hall Coos Bay 5

*Nov. 9 Lebanon*

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REMINDER FROM THE STATE SECRETARY-TREASURER

As of October 1st there will be no more 1980 dues. Any new members that sign up this late will be put down for 1981 dues. For the many new members that have recently joined the association I sincerely hope you were told the dues run from January 1st to January 1st. Some members believe their membership cards is good for a full year regardless when they joined.

Now for all renewals -- It's time to get 1981 dues to your District Secretary or mail directly to the State Secretary.

Dues will remain the same. \$4.00 for one member; \$5.00 for member and spouse; \$6.00 for a family.

Lifetime members must have been an active musician for the OOTFA at least two yrs. prior their 70th birthday. Your District Officers will determine your eligibility if you let them know you've turned 70.

If you have a Lifetime membership card hang on to it and show it to your District Secretary or who ever signs you up for 1981. It won't be necessary to issue other Lifetime membership card, but you must file each year in order to receive the HOEDOWNER.

For NEW MEMBERS---A roster is printed each year listing all members with their address, phone number and what instrument they play; That is providing the data gets to the State. If you haven't picked up a 1980 Roster please ask your District Secretary for one. They are free.

1981 dues are due January 1, 1981 so please mail in your dues early so your name will appear in the 1981 Roster. Thank you.

Etta Powell, Secretary-Treasurer

#### DISTRICT 1

We were moderately active this past month, playing in a couple of parades and participating in the fiddle and banjo contest at the Tulalake-Butte Valley Fair. We also played for the Senior Citizens in Alturas.

On September 2nd death took Melvin "Doc" Bowman, an old friend ardent supporter and participant in our OOTFA organization. We will all miss him but not forget him.

The Honorary Mayor of Fort Rock and wife are proud parents of a new baby boy! Dan and Nancy McKay came to terms and the tot can now sleep in the house-----

Our next Jam will be October 19th Fairgrounds. Please bring your own table service.

Betty Breneau, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers of region 3 played two engagements at the Crook County Fair and were well received. Don Hanson, who has had heart surgery recently, was able to be at one Fair session, and if the way he played his fiddle and guitar are any indication of the state of his health, he is in great shape.

Our next Jam will be October 5th at the Senior Citizens Center at 1:30 PM.

Marjorie Nimmo, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4

Our summer has gone and lots of our fiddlers are awaiting the hunting season. After that we can all settle down to a season of good fiddling.

The camp-out was one of the nicest. The weather was perfect--not hot--not cold. The evenings were beautiful and the full moon campfires, weenie roast, singing and fiddling. Old friendships were renewed, and many new ones began. We missed those who can no longer attend.

Our wonderful young people are being shown the way to carry on the oldtime fiddling. Such gatherings as the campout really impress this upon them.

Each year all of the fiddlers who come graciously play for the rest homes in \* area. The residents and all who work in this field want to thank them.

Our source of produce almost came to an end when the owners put the vegetable stand up for sale. The sale didn't go through so we've been told we'll have another year and even then he's going to sell with the idea that maybe the new owner will continue.

We want to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and letters we've received and thank each one for his response to the campout. We had several calls and letters from friends who were unable to attend this year but we'll see you all in '81.

The Fiddlers played our annual jam session at Rogue Community College. There were over 600 who came to enjoy a warm sunny Sunday afternoon. The fiddlers and seconds gave them an excellent show. We have verbal thanks from many who come to hear them as well as a nice letter and donation from the college.

Ray Krogstad and the Grants Pass fiddlers play at the Senior Citizens Center twice each week plus filling other request for banquets, luncheons etc.

Medford fiddlers are busier than ever with their regular schedule. They play someplace almost every day. Thanks to all of you.

Roseburg fiddlers are busy too. They keep their fiddle strings hot. As long as we have so many fiddlers playing so many places oldtime fiddling will never die.

Saturday the 13th the fiddlers played for the Talent Harvest Festival. Jonas and Marge Cox hosted the fiddlers and friends. The amount of food and their hospitality would satisfy royalty.

During the campout Curly Foxes' wife called to tell us he had had a heart attack. He may be home by the time this goes to press but I'm sure he'd like to hear from his friends.

October 12th is the next jam session at Gold Hill Odd Fellows Hall. Potluck at 11.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

**NOTICE:**

District 4 is having another "Saturday night party." November 15th at the Talent Community Hall 7:00 PM. A dollar per person donation. Fiddlers and invited guest only.

Joyce Grissom

On behalf of the Pioneer Days Committee and the Lions Club, I wish to express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to you for all your assistance.

Darrell Powers, Chairman 1980  
Canyonville

**DISTRICT 5**

October 25th is the Potluck Halloween or Harvest Ball at the Sixes Grange with potluck at 6:30 and the Ball at 8 PM.

November 15 there will be a Jam at the Moos Hall in Coos Bay. Potluck at noon and jam at 1 PM.

Barbara McLeod, Secretary

**DISTRICT 6**

We had a full house as usual but only 6 fiddlers September 7th at Lebanon

Moose Hall, but had a very good jam session.

Our next jam will be October 5th Elks Lodge, Sweet Home. Doors open 10:30 potluck at noon and jam at 1 PM.

October 19th Moose Lodge in Springfield, 23rd and Main. No potluck. November 9th Legion Hall Lebanon. At Lebanon musicians get free meal at noon.

Jerry Kinnaman, Chairman #6

#### DISTRICT 7

To those who came out and played for the Fall Fest at the Milwaukie Senior Center, a big Thank You....you were much appreciated.

Our October jam will be at the Gresham Senior Center at 604 N. 8th St. on Sunday October 12th with the usual set up at 10 AM, potluck at noon and show for the public 1 - 4 PM.

Our chairman Rusty Knight welcomes suggestions for places to hold our monthly jams and would like to cover more of our large district-give him a call if you have some ideas.

The December jam and Christmas party will be at Clackamas Community College on December 14th so keep that day open.

Helen Hakanson, filling in for Bob S.

#### DISTRICT 8

Jam session October 19th at McMinnville grange open 10 AM. Potluck at noon doors open to public at 1 PM.

On September 22nd district 8 played for a party for the residents of the Woodburn Care Center. It was enjoyed by all.

November 16th a jam at the Senior Center in Salem and Christmas Party at the Grange Hall in McMinnville December 14th.

Ruth Jones, Reporter

#### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST NOVEMBER 21-22 1980

All Fiddlers in America invited to compete for over \$5,000.00 in cash awards and trophies. This is a National Certified Contest....National Contest Rules. There is also a swap meet for musicians and bluegrass November 23. R. V. Parking with hookups \$4.50 per day.

This is produced and sponsored by LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 44943 10th St. West, Lancaster, California 93534. Phone 805 948-4518. There is a registration form to fill out. If you did not receive one write or call the above address.

There will be a HOT PICKIN' CONTEST\*\*\*\*GUITARS\*\*\*\*MANDOLINS\*\*\*\*BANJOS, too.

GRAND CHAMPION DIVISION\*\*\*OPEN ONLY TO WINNERS OF JUNIOR, SENIOR, MENS LADIES AND OPEN DIVISION. GRAND CHAMPION AWARD ----\$1,000.00. Sounds like a lot of fun!!!!

We wish to express our sympathies to Eva Bowman and her family to the loss of her husband Alvin "Doc" Bowman. He will be greatly missed.

To those who have been ill we trust you are now recovering and our prayers are with you.

NOTE!!!!!!

If you will note on the mailing side of your HOEDOWNER I have added ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED. You would be surprised how many address changes came in. As you know by putting this on the HOEDOWNER for each correction it cost us 25¢. As of the 16th of this month I have paid out \$7.50. Please check your address and send me the correction for if the post office changes it and we pay the 25¢ it will mean that our dues will have to go up to meet this expense. So.....please, please help me! Thanks so much.

#### EDITORS THQT

We picked up the July issue of BLUEGRASS Unlimited and found a poem that was printed in the memory of Calvin C. Robins, father of Butch Robins. This was found in Mr. Robins wallet after he had passed away. I thought you might enjoy it.

#### NEIGHBORS

Neighbors are the people  
who have a helping hand,  
aid people in trouble,  
and always understand.

Neighbors are the people,  
nurse the sick, feed the poor,  
they make the world better,  
more happy and secure.

Neighbors are the people  
who mend their neighbors fence,  
give them a piece of bread,  
never count the expense,

Neighbors are the people,  
who lend a helping hand,  
so it is as a love gift,  
that makes a better land.

How about it....are you a good neighbor today?

God bless you all.....see you next month!

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