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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1984

DISTRICTS

3	Regular Jam & Dance	Greenacres	5
10	State Meeting & Jam, Senior Center	Bend	OOTFA
11	Reg. Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
11	Jam, Talent Community Hall	Talent	4S
14-15	Workshop	Klamath Falls	1
18	Jam & Thanksgiving Dinner, Grange	Woodburn	8
18	Jam, Gresham Sr. Center	Gresham	7
18	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
18	Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner, Thurston Grange,	Springfield	6
Dec.			
8	Jam & Party, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4S
9	Jam & Party, Clackamas Comm. Col.	Oregon City	7
16	Jam & Party, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville	8
16	Jam & Dinner, Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hi, you guys. Well, it looks like things are moving along pretty well in all the districts. I attended a couple of meetings in October and enjoyed both of them very much, and pleased with the results. I will try to attend more in other districts as we go along. Our convention is shaping up nicely. Jim and Gynn Deaton have consented to do the convention banquet again, and the lunch counter will be open as usual. Our Vice-Pres., Maxine Benson, has already started gathering table decoration ideas. Martha Warwick (of "camp-out" fame) will do the head table decorations. Les Tucker will be in charge of the fiddle show again this year, so he will be contacting some of you soon, I'm sure. We would like each district to furnish two table centerpieces, and we will try to have workshops again. With a few more details worked out, we will be all set for another great convention. We are now working on the judges for our state contest and we hope to have some of the best. Don't forget our state meeting at the Bend Senior Center, Nov. 10th. I will tell you this, it used to be "wine, women, and song. Now it's just beer, television and the old lady". Love you guys.

Buck

EDITOR NOTES:

Sometimes we "lose" you and don't mean to. I don't have a current address (especially zip code) for Stanley & Gigi Gleason. Help! The P.O. keeps sending back their Hoedowner but does not give a corrected address. Has anyone heard a recent address for Denna *Denny) Scott who used to live in Oakridge. Last we heard, he was to have surgery on his knee again back in Zanesville, Ohio.

Sorry about leaving out some of our new members' names last month, but ran out of space. Keep looking, and I'll try to get all caught up.

Thelma

DISTRICT 1

Hello, good people. The gadding reporter with our news. The practice workshop at Shasta Grange, Oct. 4th, was well attended. Oct. 21 Jam at the Fairgrounds was a goodie. We had visiting musicians from Lakeview and Medford. Also had some interested new fiddlers and a full house of enthusiastic guests. Even the weather cooperated....NO SNOW. Oct. 21 was a big day at Lakeview. Dist 1 joined the fun day. A great and enjoyable day was reported, even if this bunch drove home through the snow.

Nov. 14 & 15, at the Altamont Elem. School, there will be a workshop for the Klamath County School Dist. sponsored by Dist. 1 of the OOTFA and the school dist. On Wed. night, the 14th, there will be a pot-luck at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will be for fiddlers and teachers and school faculty, for fellowship and workshop discussion. Greg Baker, from Oregon City, will be conducting the workshop, assisted by the Emerts family from Salem. Then Thurs. night, the 15th, there will be an assembly of the various schools to hold a string concert at Henly Jr. High Sch. gym at 8:00 p.m. Parents, grandparents and public are cordially invited. We will be holding assemblies in the various schools to further promote old time fiddling. We are very pleased with the reception we had by students and faculty so far.

Nov. 18 will be our regular jam at the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls at 1 p.m. Public is welcomed. Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m., is Fun Night at the Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. Bring your fiddles and come join us.

Louise Pollick, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

The Nov. Jam will be held at the Senior Center in Bend at 1:30 p.m. All fiddlers are invited to participate. Come one, come all! The date is Nov. 11. Dist. 3 will host the State Meeting Nov. 10th at the Senior Center at 5th and Kearny St. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10:00. There will be jamming before and after the meeting. Snacking foods will be provided....BUT....there will be NO POTLUCK. All ladies in our Dist. 3 are asked to prepare goodies for our visitors....like banana bread, etc. Fiddlers performing for our October Jam session were Loretta Brank, Don Hanson, Harley and Marge Nimmo, Don Hanna, Dick Williams, Tony Spatz and Bob Hawes. They were ably accompanied by Jane Thompson, Harley Nimmo, Dick Williams, Ches Fullerton, Frank Waldron, Bill Spatz, Don Hanna and Don Hkanson. The Chadwells, formerly from Colorado, were visiting to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary. A couple of special numbers were played just for them. Bill and Barbara Brickman were visiting from Manteca, California. They were visiting the Dick Williams family. They reported they really enjoyed the afternoon of music. We are very happy to report that Lois Chisholm's health has improved and she is feeling much better. All of you who come to Bend for the state meeting are urged to stay over and join us in our regular Nov. Jam the next day.

Marge Nimmo, Reporter

TS: If it weren't for the rocks in its bed, the stream would have no song.

Many thanks for the caring and cards of sympathy from the fiddlers concerning the loss of my father.

Hollis Taylow

DISTRICT 4 North

It was good to see Van Garret at the jam in Tri-City, playing his fiddle better than ever, after his stay in the hospital with a heart attack. Keep up the fiddling, Van. Guy Kinman and wife, Roselle, have headed south already. I hope they have a nice time and get in a lot of fiddlin'. We think Dorothy Houston did a nice job of making the posters for the Tri-City jam. We can always depend on Dorothy for help like that. That's about all the news I have from the north, except to say we are still playing at the nursing homes and other places, and for a dance twice a month.

Glen A. Brown, Reporter

DISTRICT 4 South

Nov. 11 Jam Community Hall Talent, Ore.
Dec. 8 Christmas Party at the Vitality Center, Grants Pass

Must say, those who didn't make it to the picnic in Sept. missed a very enjoyable day. Nolan, you do make a good Chef. Thank you and all the others who helped in any way to make it a very pleasurable day. We were also very pleased to have had two young male fiddlers joining us from Ashland. Here are the boys- we have had the girls. Come again soon, we need young musicians to carry on the Old Time Fiddling.

We had 25 fiddlers, with their faithful back-ups, and 9 specials to take part in and to entertain a nice listening and dancing audience at our Oct. Jam in Tri-City. Approximately 35 members attended the meeting and potluck. State President, Howard Milligan, honored us with his presence, and Dist. 5 & 6 members visited us. Nice having you and do come again. Lynne Woltje was the lucky winner of the door prize. How do you win? Come to the next meeting and potluck to enter your name for the drawing. You may be the next "Lucky One". Thank you, Glenn and Jesse Brown, for putting things together for the jam session. Also Dorothy Houston for the nice job of emceeing, and to all others for assistance given the organization.

Sun., Nov. 11, is the date of the next jam and meeting to be held at the Talent Community Hall in Talent, Ore. Doors will open at 10 a.m., with meeting and potluck near noon. New and unfamiliar members, this is a good time for you to join in with other musicians and become acquainted. Open to the public at 1 p.m.

Preliminary Christmas plans are made for a party to be held at the Vitality Center, located at the corner of 4th and L St. in Grants Pass, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. The hall is available at 10 a.m. for as long as we would like. Volunteers are needed to assist Juanita Yancy with her party plans. Please help. Details to be worked out later. Our best wishes for speedy recoveries to all members who have been in poor health, and hope you will all be back with us soon. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Marian Jorgenson, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

I need to go back to the end of last month to write about the Cranberry Festival in Bandon on September 29th and 30th. I would like to say that Saturday, the 29th, was the most beautiful day of the year, but that wasn't the case. It certainly wasn't the worst day - but then it didn't rain, either. Maybe I should just say that it was a late September chilly morning.

Al Lively got there early with the float and Ivon and Ina Cowdrey were there ready to begin decorating. We gathered a float full of musicians to play for the judges and during the parade down town. Charlie and Vi Jensen were there from Dallas. Chuck Williams from Vancouver came aboard to help out. Paul Shanklin from Roseburg helped out, too. And then from Dist. 5 we had Alice Hodlt, John Allen, Betty Lively, Claude Strader, Carl Dean, Ernest Allen, Murrel Walton, Dale Alley, Ella Savery, Ivon Cowdrey, and Lew Holt.

There were several thousand people along the parade route who responded with their smiles, applause, and dancing. The TV cameras were there to capture the sights and sounds as the old time fiddlers went by.

As soon as the parade was over, we headed for the city park and the beef barbecue. We were joined by other Dist. 5 musicians and others from across the state and northern California. We played for three hours or so for the people who came to eat - and some just to hear the old time fiddlers.

That evening we gathered at the old VFW Hall in Bandon and had music, food, dancing, and a lot of talking -- just a bunch of musicians and friends getting together for an evening of fun and music.

Sunday was another great day. Two hours of good old time fiddle music began at 1:00. I would estimate that there were 200 people in the audience and most of them stayed the two hours and were ready for more music. I want to share with you all of the musicians that helped make our Cranberry Jam a success: Lew Holt, Walt Beers, Marie Gates, Lorrie Mosier and Al May, John Allen, Carl Dean, Norma Allen, Dave Pinkerton, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Alice Holt, Don Mattix, Shorty Allen, Bob Shaffar, Ann Domes, Guy Kinman, Paul Shanklin, Vi Jensen, Ella Savery, Dorothy Cory, Russell Hall, Thelma Shephard and Julian Christiani. Isn't that a great list! Our wonderful back-up helped out all afternoon. They were: Shorty Dow, Murrel Walton, Charlie Jensen, Joe Graham, Charlie Williams, Steve Hall, Ella Savery, Dennis Allen, Ann Domes, Thelma Shephard, Abbie Shaffar, Don Domes, and Jerene Shaffar. Al Lively was our MC and Deveda Walton watched the kitrty for us. Others who participated during the week-end sometime were: Bob and Betty McKee, Catherine Hall, Dave Robinson, Bud Bishop, and Leonard Olson.

The next week-end, Oct. 6th, we gathered at the Greenacres Grange Hall for the first Saturday of the month dance. It was such a beautiful evening that I didn't know if we would have a crowd or not, but by 7:30 we had a good group of musicians and dancers. It was a special evening because we had some new musicians that joined us for the first time. Leonard Olson and his wife came down from Lakeside. Leonard played - a first for him! He will have a membership card for this coming year. Two young ladies brought their fiddles and joined us on the stage for a song. We look for Kathy and Cynthia to be back.

So far, for next month we only have the dance at Greenacres on the 3rd scheduled. We hope that you will join us - perhaps for a hamburger and then an evening of music and dancing - or, perhaps, you just want to sit and listen. Hope the goblins didn't get you and that you will be ready for the turkey.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Dinner & Jam, Thurston Grange, Springfield

Dec. 16 Christmas Dinner and Jam, Moose Lodge, Lebanon

Members in our district have been quite busy with regular playing at granges, lodges, nursing homes and other special events. Several played at the Springfield Museum Open House, and for the annual Eugene Celebration. In Sept., three of our fine young members, David Kohl, Bill and Linda Sprunger, with their fine back guitarists, performed at the Hult Center to an appreciative audience.

Our October Jam at the Eugene Moose Lodge was a fine afternoon of entertainment, dancing and fellowship. There were many fine fiddlers, back-up and specials. The lodge hosted us with a chicken and veal steak dinner. It was great to see Al Swigart up and fiddling, after his recent surgery. Among the afternoon's performers were several of our younger members: the 4 Booher Brothers (with their father and grandparents backing them up), David Kohl, and a welcome new member, Kirsten Davis. Kirsten played a couple of numbers she had just learned about 15 minutes before "performance time". We are very proud of all our young talent who will be able to take over the reins of our oldtime music as the years go by. For our November Jam, our district will furnish turkey, ham, dressing, gravy and potatoes for the dinner. Be sure to bring a potluck dish to help fill out the Thanksgiving Dinner menu, and please BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Nov. 18 Potluck, bake sale and jam - Gresham Senior Center, 50 NE Elliott, just North of Powell Blvd. in Gresham
Dec. 9 Christmas Party and Jam - Clackamas Community College, 19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City

Couple of big months coming up. Going to have a potluck at pir Mpv/ ;9 Jam in Gresham. We'll open at 10:30 a.m. Potluck at noon and jam from 1 p.m. until 5.d With advance promotion we hope to have a big crowd so should be an opportune time to raise some money with a bake sale. Everyone bring something to sell.

Our Christmas party and jam is going to be at Clackamas Community College. Penny Mead volunteered to head up the meal committee. Thanks, Penny, and to all those helping her. Bob Fast is looking into getting monitor speakers for our district. This was discussed at our Oct. jam business meeting. Would like to thank all who attended that meeting. Other items discussed included the Vernonia Campout, Christmas Party, State meeting and scholarships to help upcoming young fiddlers.

Talk about Jams, we had a good one at Beaverton. Over 30 fiddlers and musicians showed up, including some new ones. Connie Morris (of Hee Haw fame) made a special appearance and we all enjoyed hearing Connie play. Many fiddlers from in and out of our district put on a fine show. We had a big fiddler jam sign out in front of the center and that attracted TV Channel 8. They came in unexpectedly and we appeared on the evening news. Had a full house, audience-wise--a pleasant surprise, for we were competing simultaneously with the final game of the World Series.

We heard that Hollis Taylor's father passed away - our sympathy goes out to Hollis.

Gary Evans, Reporter

FOR SALE:

Martha Birkholz, from Dist. 8, has a 1979 Hawaii electric organ and two fiddles for sale. She would like \$500 for the organ, and \$500 for one fiddle, case and bow. This one is about 100 years old and has a very good tone quality. The other fiddle is old, but not sure how old. She says Leonard Maahs has checked out the fiddles and they are in good shape. Her phone number is 472-5827 if you are interested.

Greg Baker's Book#2/Tape #2 of his Fiddle Series is now ready and available. See last month's Hoedowner for details.

DISTRICT 8

Nov. 18 Jam and Thanksgiving Dinner, Woodburn Grange, Woodburn
Dec. 16 Jam and Christmas Party, McMinnville Grange, McMinnville

I'm pinch-hitting for Minnie Bennett. She had a car accident, October 11th and has fractured bones in her knee and wrist...also lots of bruises. We all miss you, Minnie, and hope you are back playing the piano real soon. A big "thank you" goes out to Florence Jones for donating a gavel to Dist. 8. It will be used for all our meetings from now on. Ruth Jones, Faythe Maahs and Jeanette will prepare the meat and potatoes for our Thanksgiving Jam at Woodburn. The rest of us should bring vegetables, salads, relish plates, desserts and etc. Hope we have a good turnout for this one. Due to conflicting dates with our neighboring districts, the jam at Salem on the 21st had a smaller than usual group of musicians, but a large crowd of listeners. We had 19 fiddlers and 6 specials. Virgie Allen is recuperating from foot surgery. Hope you are up and around soon, before Shorty gets dishpan hands. Les Johnson's father, William August Johnson, of Hillsboro, passed away October 10th. Our prayers go out to the Johnson family in their sorrow. See you all at Woodburn.

Donna Oldham, Reporter for
Minnie Bennett

HELP: Does anyone know where I could get a copy of a VERY OLD TUNE that was the BLUE ROSE WALTZ? I heard it about 1941 on an old phonograph record and it was a beauty. If you have any tunes you're desperate to find, let me know and I'll put out a search for it through the Hoedowner.
Thelma Shephard

Lew Holt, of District 5, has those large round embroidered Oldtime Fiddler Emblems if you would like one for a jacket or vest. They are only \$4.

I often have inquiries about where to locate other members, and I'm sure Maxine does, too. Perhaps you don't know about our annual ROSTER of every person who is a current member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association. This roster gives family names (children, too), addresses and phone numbers, and even lists the instruments each person plays. Maybe you'd like to find someone living near you to practice with, or locate someone who moved and you "lost them". Maxine still has a few copies of the 1984 roster left, and we will be publishing the 1985 roster in February. These are only \$1.00. Remember that your annual dues must be paid by publishing time to get your name in the year's roster. Members who join later "miss the boat". However, I'll try to continue printing lists of new members as space permits, but don't have room for their full addresses. You could get their full addresses from the Sec.-Treas. of your district. The roster also has a full page map of Oregon, showing all the District boundaries, in case you ever wonder where each district ends, etc. I usually buy two rosters, and keep one at home, and one in my car in case I want to call some member when I'm away from home.

Thelma

SCHOLARSHIPS

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WIN \$50.00

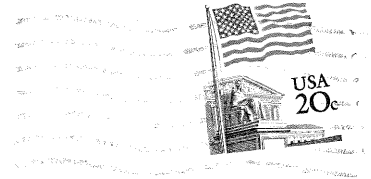
FREE TUITION - The School of Old-time, Country and Bluegrass Music is offering several full and half scholarships to children and adults wishing to participate in winter and spring term classes. We are seeking applicants who play fiddle (or violin), banjo, guitar, bass, mandolin and dobro for our performance based classes. Students at all levels of ability are encouraged to audition prior to December 15, 1984. For further information contact: Greg Baker, P.O. Box 12230, Portland, Oregon 97212-0230, (phone: 503-281-1450)



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Address correction requested

A BIG HUG AND WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO
HAVE JOINED OUR FIDDLE FAMILY THIS FALL:

Richard & Esther Anderson	Cave Junction
Eleanor Child	Grants Pass
William R. Chunn	Grants Pass
Kirsten Davis & family	Eugene
James (Jim) & Celia Dickey	Kirby
Susan Eriksen	Beaverton
Lee & Lena Gove	Springfield
Larry & Carol Larson	Junction City
Bruce & Margot Moore & Kristen	Portland
Connie Morris	Portland
Anita Pennington	Grants Pass
Lewis & Dorothy Pugh	Myrtle Creek
Stan, Dorothea, Karen & Amy Rogge	Central Point
Kurt, Terrea, Buck & Case Saylor	Azalea

Let's be sure and make these new members feel welcome in our districts. Encourage them to play music, if they play, and introduce yourself to them to help them get acquainted. The sooner they get to know what a wonderful music-family or organization is, they will feel that they really "belong". Tell them about the rosters so they can get to know people's names. It is much easier to remember faces than it is to remember names. Remember how YOU felt when you were a new member. (That is, all except those like Bill Yohey...he's been here forever.)

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