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COMING EVENTS	DECEMBER 1985	DISTRICT
Dec 1	Christmas Party, Live Oak Grange	Rogue River 4
5	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 4
7	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
8	J. C. Penneys	Coos Bay 5
8	Jam, Clackamas Comm. College	Oregon City 7
14	Shasta Mall	Klamath Falls 1
14	Senior Center	Coos Bay 5
15	Dinner & Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
15	Christmas Jam, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville 8
21	Shasta Mall	Klamath Falls 1
21	Christmas Party, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
21	Christmas Party, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
Jan 4	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
5	Tri-City Elem. School	Tri-City 4
12	STATE MEETING & JAM, North Bank Grange	North Bend 5,6
19	Jam, Eagles Lodge	Albany 6
19	Jam, Salem Senior Center	Salem 8

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hello, again. Guess I'll bring you all up to date on the 2nd State Executive Board Meeting that was held in Woodburn on Nov. 10th. The weather prevent some from attending, but we did have a quorum. I was very happy to have our State Vice-President, Lew Holt (and Alice), back after an extended trip this summere. Shorty Dow, our National Oldtime Fiddle Assoc. Board member, and his wife, Charlotte, also braved the elements to attend. Districts 7 & 8 did a good job of hosting the meeting, after which all of us enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. Thanks to all the ladies -- it was so good!

We had good reports from those present. Under "Old Business" there was quite a discussion about the proposed By-laws changes (mostly just to bring them up-to-date). Jim Miller, Chairman, reported he would meet with his committee and have their findings ready to present to the Board Jan. 12th. These proposed changes would then be printed in the February Hoedowner to be discussed and voted on at the March State Meeting in Roseburg.

Under "New Business", Buck Milligan, Youth Chairman, announced the formation of a new and exciting Scholarship Workshop Fund. This fund is automatically set up by two specific donations from Greg Baker and Carol Ann Wheeler.

Carol Ann's donation to this fund was given in memory of Jim Morris. Then, immediately following the business meeting, several others gave gifts to the fund also in Jim Morris' Memory. Since then, I have received another donation, bringing the total to \$143.00!! Great, huh?

All of you know the purpose of our non-profit organization is to keep the Old-time Music alive now and in future generations, so it was very fitting for the Executive Board to unanimously pass a motion to recommend to the General Assembly (in March) that we allocate 10% of our membership dues to this special fund. There will be more about this later.

Shorty Dow announced the National Association was printing a 2nd Edition of the Fiddler's Cookbook and needs more recipes. Send them to: Shorty Dow, P.O. Box 593, Bandon, OR 97411.

All in all, the meeting was good (everyone says). I was very proud of the Executive Committee. It is a real pleasure to work with them. They are a faithful, dedicated group, striving to serve their districts in this "unpaid" position. We are very fortunate to have such dependable and responsible leadership in our organization! Don't you agree?

The Membership Applications sent out in the November Hoedowner are slowly coming to us. In due time they will be processed and your 1986 cards will be in the mail, hopefully, by Jan. 2nd. Members renewing, please fill out the form, too, and send it to me as soon as possible. We want to update all records. This goes for LIFE MEMBERS, too. We have brand new PERMANENT cards for you and need to know your present status, birthdate, etc.

It is snowing here, as I write this to you. Reminds me that the Christmas Season has arrived and it is time to greet all of our friends-----So, from Walt and me, MERRY CHAISTMAS TO ALL OUT THERE! We thank Heaven for special people like you! Have a good Holiday. God Bless.

MAXINE BENSON, President

DISTRICT 1

The Jam, Nov. 17th, at Klamath Fair Grounds was well attended. The non-musicians enjoyed the music, visiting, and trading craft and cooking ideas for the holidays.

There is fiddling at the nursing homes the 4th Sunday of each month. There's always a good turnout and the guests enjoy it so much.

The first and third Tuesdays, the fiddlers who want to play are welcome at the Siri's Cafe, on Hwy. 97. The people always enjoy the fiddle music with their dinner. Play at 6:30.

Noliday plans are in the making. The fiddlers will play at the Shasta Mall Dec. 14 and 21, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 5th is fun night at Shasta Grange Hall. Come join in the fun, with all your instruments.

Dec. 21 will be the Christmas Party at Shasta Grange Hall. Be there at 6:30 for a turkey dinner. Ladies bring a lady's gift and men bring a man's gift for the gift exchange. Everyone is welcome. We will have a short business meeting.

We extend our sympathy to Lou and Keith Wells who recently lost a grandson, Glen Wells, age 26, who lived in Texas. His death was due to poisonous gas from an oil well.

Chinese Proverb: You can't light a candle to show others the way without feeling the warmth of that bright little ray!

Happy Holidays to one and all.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter



DISTRICT 4

Dec 1 Annual Christmas Party, Live Oak Grange Hall, Rogue River
Jan 5, 1986, Meeting, Jam, & Potluck, Tri-City Elem. School, Tri-City

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL from Dist. 4 members.

Fourteen fiddlers, with backups, and 8 specials, made up our Nov. 3rd Jam and meeting, held at the Talent Community hall. We were pleased to have Bud and Wilma Bishop stop in on their way south for the winter. Have a safe trip. Dennis and Thelma Allen, Guy Kinman, Etta Powell and Dee, from the North area, DROVE DOWN FOR THE AFTERNOON. Chairman of Dist. #1, Al Nelson, came from Klamath Falls to join us. Thanks for coming, Al, and Bill and Dorothy Corey came from Crescent City. It is always so great to have people from a distance come to visit. Regretfully, we couldn't have the hall earlier, so we could have had more time for jamming. It is sad when people drive from a distance that we have such a shortage of time for them to get in more jamming. Rogue River will be the site of our Annual Christmas Party. Perhaps by the time you get the Dec. Hoedowner, the party will be past. If not, refer to the Nov. issue for details.

Jan 5, 1986, is the date of our first jam, meeting and potluck for the New Year. This will be held at the Tri-City Elementary School in Tri-City. The doors will be open at 10 a.m. We have no one for Kitchen Detail, so please, each of you bring your own beverages, along with a dish to be served...also TABLE SERVICE. Somehow, we will make the best of it, so y'all come! We're still looking for a volunteer as replacement for "yours truly" as reporter, come January.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Dec 7 Greenacres Grange Dance, Hamburgers 6:00, Business Meeting 7:00 -
Dance & :30

8 J C Penny's in Coos Bay from 12:00 to 2:00

14 Senior Center in Coos Bay, Dance 7:30, Finger food 9:30

21 Greenacres Grange Christmas Party, potluck, and dance 6:30

Greetings from Dist. 5, after being "gypsies" for 88 days. Alice and I traveled into eastern Canada and to the tip of Florida with two great weeks of fall color in Vermont. We are ready to go again but first back to fiddling in Dist. 5. I want to thank Al Lively for running things while I was gone. November started off with the dance at Greenacres. I hear that a good crowd turned out and that everybody had a good time. Don't we always! Alice and I got back in time to attend the state meeting in Woodburn. So did Shorty and Charlotte Bow from District 5.

Many of us gathered at the VFW Hall in Bandon on the 16th for a Thanksgiving dinner and an evening of music and dancing. It was one of those evenings when everybody had a good time and the music sounded especially nice. December will find us busy in Dist. 5. On the 7th we will be at Greenacres Grange for hamburgers at 6:00, a short business meeting at 7:00, and dancing at 7:30. The next day we are invited to play at Penny's in Coos Bay from 12:00 to 2:00. On the 14th we will go to the Senior Center in Coos Bay for a dance at 7:30 and for finger food about 9:00. MERRY CHRISTMAS. On the 21st we will go back to Greenacres for a Christmas party. The Grangers and the fiddlers will furnish the ham and turkey. You are asked to bring kalads, hot dishes and desserts to fill in. The potluck will start at 6:30 with a gift exchange and dance to follow.

The state officers have asked District 5 to host the January 12th state meeting. The state executive meeting will start at 10:00. The potluck will begin at 12:00, and a Dist. 5 jam will be held at 1:00. All of this will be held at the North Bank Grange Hall. Go north across the bridge north of North Bend. At the traffic light just the other side of the bridge, turn east. The grange hall is just a short distance up the river.

Check with the January Hoedowner for specific details. Also mark your January calendars for a dance at Greenacres on the 4th and a potluck and dance at the VFW Hall in Bandon on the 21st. Hope you had a best ever Thanksgiving.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Don't forget the fun get-togethers at the Thurston Grange Hall the second Friday of every month. Get there early for the 6:30 potluck and have fun all evening playing music or dancing. This is not just limited to members. All are welcome.

Before I go any further, I want to specifically thank all those wonderful people on Marge Sanford's KITCHEN CREW who put together such a wonderful dinner for our Nov. 17th jam. Some of them were up at 4:00 a.m. getting food ready, and then there was the big clean-up job after everyone ate. Thanks again for a great dinner. Thanks also go to those who helped Gaylen carry all that sound equipment up and down the stairs, and those who carried chairs up and down. We had 39 people on our sign-up sheet to play for the jam. However, I would like to mention our special guests who came and shared their music with us. They were: Paul Lakey (Drain) The Booher Family (all 12, from Yoncalla), Dennis & Thelma Allen (Roseburg) and John & Dorothy Settle (Port Orford). Some of Stan's students played, also. We'd like to welcome new members, including Bryon Dunaway and his wife from Creswell, who played for us.

Our December Jam will be at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on Dec. 15th. They furnish a dinner to each participant and spouse, and all senior citizens. Others may purchase the meal at a nominal fee. There will be a SHORT BUSINESS MEETING at 11:00 a.m. before lunch.

Small groups have played at the Applegate Care Center (and other nursing homes), at the Solvang Retirement Center and the River Road Park Thanksgiving Potluck during November.

You will be happy to know that Hugh Doolittle is home from the hospital after a recent attack with a blood clot. Athea Standley is feeling much better after a lengthy convalescence, and Cheryl Nelson is holding her own. Hang in there and things will be better before you know it. We're all wishing the best for your speedy recoveries.

Bet you didn't know that Carlton Smith has recently moved into our district. We expect you at our next jam, Carlton.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

December 8, Jam at Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR

Hi, Folks! Our November Jam was a huge success. We were overflowing with fiddlers, with 36 signed up to play (and a few who weren't)! In spite of the fact that someone forgot to open up the hall for us, after a few frantic phone calls, everything worked out okay and we all had a good time.

Gordon Indergard is back with us after suffering a skull fracture in an auto accident October 4. We're glad to see you back again, Gordon.

Just a reminder to get your dues paid. I understand that you have to be paid up for six months in order to enter the State Contest.

Our Christmas Jam will be December 8, at Clackamas Community College, 19600 S. Molalla Road, Oregon City, in the Community Center Building. Doors open at 10:00, and show for the public from 1 to 5. PLEASE NOTE: We plan to eat early, so please be there and ready to eat BEFORE 11:45. Bring potluck dishes to go with turkey, dressing, ham, potatoes and gravy, which will be furnished by the District. Don't forget your own table service. Yum! Yum! Be sure and contact me if you have any news items and don't forget our Jam on Dec. 8 at Clackamas College. See you all then!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS AROUND THE STATE. INTRODUCE YOURSELVES, AND MAKE THEM FEEL A PART OF YOUR DISTRICT.

Calvin Boyle, 1162 E. St., Springfield, OR 97477
Red & Audrey Bronneke, 301 Freeman Rd. #25, Central Point, OR 97502
Allen Dorfman & Beth Camp, 1605 NW Forest Green #6, Corvallis, OR 97330
Bill & Marie Finch, 180 Patrick Lane, Ashland, OR 97520
Dan & Catherine O'Brooklyn, P.O. Box 305, O'Brien, OR 97534
Francis & Donna Treon, 1819 Colesten Rd., Ashland, OR 97520
Paul Veremko, Box 428, Talent, OR 97540

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Now that it's annual dues-paying time, perhaps new members are not aware that each year we print a directory of all our members throughout Oregon, plus some who live in other states and still belong to our OREGON Oldtime Fiddlers. These rosters are valuable in many ways. When I was a new member it helped me remember names of spouses who were not performing, members living near my area for practice, etc. I always take my roster with me when on a trip around Oregon. If I am overnight, or at least half a day, in an area, it is fun to call up or go see members in other parts of the state. Addresses and phone numbers are frequently looked up. These rosters were sold (starting at the March Convention) for \$1.00 each, but this year the board has decided to give a free roster to each member of our organization. In order to get all the names in on time, we will be nagging you to get your dues paid and to send in the membership form enclosed in last month's Hoedowner. Even Life members. Just as a reminder to my dear Reporters, remember I need your district news to reach me by the evening of the 26th of each month. I get my mail about 10 a.m. so that gives you an idea about when to get it out in the mail. Some months I have waited a couple of extra days, hoping not to leave out any district, but that means I have to type like crazy to wrap this up on time, take it in to Eugene to the printers, and hope it gets to you by the first of each month. As you can see, it doesn't always make it, but we do our best. Keep up all the good work around the state. Will see you at the state meeting or at the convention. Best of Holidays ahead for each of you.

THELMA SHEPHARD

TS: In case any of you wonder how I can do so many stupid things in one day... I'll let you in on a little secret. I get up early.

TS: Isn't it annoying to try to argue with someone who knows what they are talking about?

A recent letter from Arnold and Betty Canning finds them down in Shoshone, CA 92384 (Gen. Del) and having lots of picking and grinnin fun. They spent the whole week over at the Death Valley 49ers Days and tell a few highlights of the contest. I don't have a list of winners, but Bill Yohey did quite well, and so did Carol Ann Wheeler. Rags was there, too. Don't know how he did but we love him..

A postcard from Wayne & Mary Holmes found them in early November viewing the Royal Castle Neuschwanstein, which everybody knows is at Konigsschloss Neuschwanstein. That must be located just around the corner from Paris, London, Munich, or the Palace of Versailles, because they had already visited those places. I tried to tell Maxine where they were and she replied "Gesundheit"!!

DISTRICT 8

Dec. 15, Jam and Christmas Party, McMinnville Grange Hall

Jan. 19, Jam, Salem Senior Center.

We surely enjoyed all the great visitors who came to our jam at Woodburn this month. Of course, most of them were board members from other districts, but we also had visitors who were not board members. It was too bad winter had to arrive ahead of schedule and the people "over the mountain" couldn't make it. We had a lot of fun, a good jam and a wonderful dinner.

Our next jam will be our Christmas Party at the McMinnville Grange Hall, Dec. 15th. The Co-Chairman, Slim Schultz, will be the "Honcho" (Lee's word) at that one. The regular chairman, Lee Jones, will be in Texas at that time, visiting his grandchildren. He and Ruth will make a circuit through California, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, and home through the Colorado mountains in January.

At our Christmas Party, this year, we have decided NOT to have a gift exchange. If it is desired, we can talk about it again next year.

The turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy and rolls will be furnished. Bring desserts, salads and the other goodies to go with the turkey, same as you did for Thanksgiving dinner. With the super cooks we have in the district, everyone is guaranteed plenty of food.

It was gratifying to learn of the Jim Morris Memorial Fund, to be used for beginning fiddlers. This fund can do a great service for the organization. Since Jim was a member of our district, we hope everyone, who can afford it, will give generously.

We are happy to have Donna and Jim Oldham home safe from their recent journey to visit relatives in Arkansas. They reported the weather there to be warm and sunny.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our next Jam.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter


P.S. Minnie's address has been changed to 10438 S.W. McCabe Chapel Rd.

Would like to share this poem with you. It was written by Wally Weaver.

'Twas the night before Christmas
and outside my house,
This creature was stirring.
It wasn't a mouse.
It wasn't a squirrel,
It wasn't a rat;
The view from my window
It looked like a cat.
It's head was held high,
It's color was black,
A long bushy tail
And stripes down it's back.
I went outside
And stood by the well,
But I couldn't stand
That gosh-awful smell.
I went back in my house
And crawled in my bunk,
No doubt in my mind,
THAT WAS A SKUNK!!!!




When I think about fiddle practice, I think about the time Mark Twain was sent to interview an elderly Mississippi River pilot who had reached his 100th birthday many years after retiring. When asked for his secrets of longevity, he replied with the usual remarks about avoiding bad habits and cultivating good ones. Mark protested that he had known a man who followed exactly the same regimen, yet only lived to eighty years. "How do you account for that?" he asked the pilot. The wise old man answered calmly, "He didn't keep it up long enough; it's persistence that counts."



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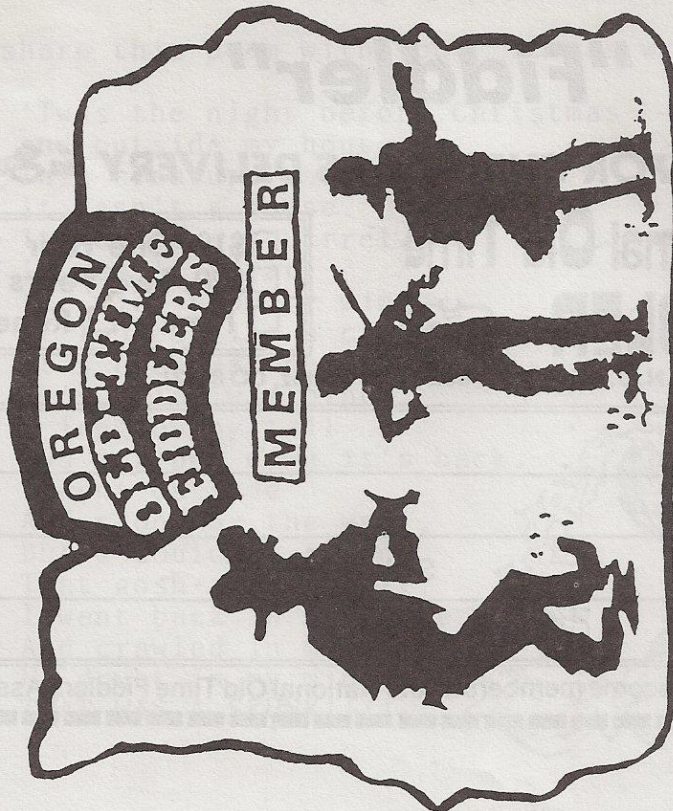


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