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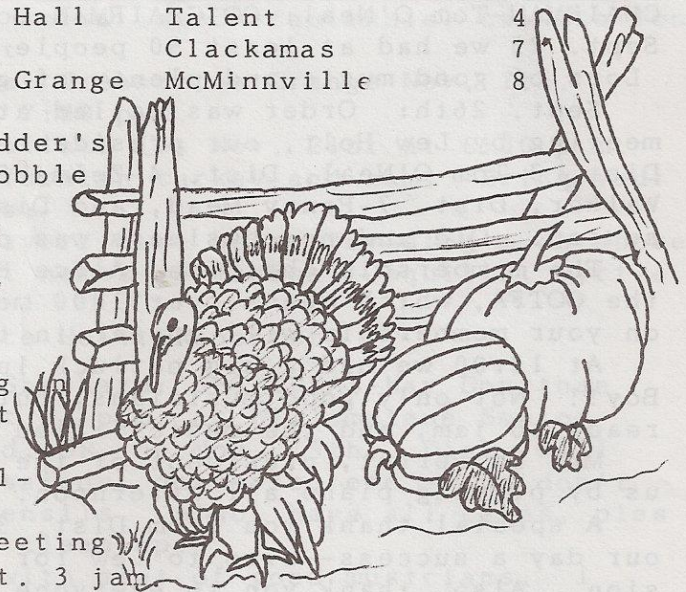
COMING EVENTS

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Nov	1	Jam, Community Hall	Talent	4
	5	Shasta Grange Fun Night	Klamath Falls	1
	7	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
	8	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	5
	8	Jam, Burns Senior Center	Burns	9
	9	Jam, Burns Nursing Home	Burns	9
	15	Jam, Klamath Falls Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
	15	Thanksgiving Jam, Willamalane Sr.Cntr.	Springfield	6
	15	Thanksgiving Dinner, Woodburn Grange	Woodburn	8
	22	Jam, Milwaukie Senior Center	Milwaukie	7
Dec	6	Christmas Party, Talent Comm. Hall	Talent	4
	13	Jam, Clackamas Comm. College	Clackamas	7
	20	Christmas Dinner, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville	8

"When the frost is on the punkin, and the fodder's  
 in the shock, and you hear the kyouck and gobble  
 of the struttin' turkey-cock. . . ."

*Happy Thanksgiving Day to you all!*



LEW SEZ: Our first OOTFA Quarterly Meeting in Bend got us off to a good start. The get together Friday night was a good way for all of us to get acquainted. There was an excellent turnout of district officers for the quarterly meeting on Saturday. After the meeting and a mighty fine potluck, we enjoyed a Dist. 3 jam. We all want to express our appreciation to Tom O'Neal and the Dist. 3 people for their hospitality. The blue sky in Bend was welcome after a month of smoke. On the way home, Alice and I stopped in Springfield for the Dist. 6 picnic. It was another opportunity to fiddle, eat, and to meet more OOTFA FRIENDS. Then a week later it was to the Dist. 4 jam in Canyonville. It was another fun-filled day. We actually had a weekend at home. Now I am writing this from Klamath County. Isom and Fay Patterson and other Dist. 1 people showed us a good time at the Potato Festival in Merrill on the 17th and at their jam the next day in Klamath Falls. We fiddled, ate barbecued beef, toured potato packing plants, rode on a float in the parade, and enjoyed more beautiful fall weather. Now we are heading out from Merrill



LEW SEZ (cont):

across more of Oregon to another Dist. 1 jam in Lakeview. It will be another weekend of being with our OOTFA fiddling friends. It has all been well worth the 700 miles. 'Til next time...

Lew Holt, President  
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Anne Johnson  
Greetings from Dist. 1! Well, another Potato Festival is behind us. There were eleven trailers parked in Isom Patterson's pasture. Thursday there was a full house at the Recreation Hall for the Fiddler's kick-off jam for the Potato Festival. We were privileged to have our President and first lady, Lew and Alice Holt from North Bend as guests. Others were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCasslen and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Grissom from Medford, the McClain family from Lakeview, and people from Rogue River and Redding, CA. I didn't get all the names, but we were glad they came. There were 20 people at the Patterson's house for breakfast Sun. a.m.. We want to say thanks alot to everyone who helped out on the float for the Saturday parade. The Fiddler's won 1st place. Boy, it's good this weekend is over, as we are a tired (but happy) bunch! Looking forward to Potato Festival '88!

Now down to business and dates:

Nov. 5th, Thursday, will be our Shasta Grange Fun Night at Klamath Falls.\*

Nov. 15th is Jam day at K. Falls Fair Grounds. Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m.--music at 2:00.

We had a full house Sunday at the jam. Appreciated the out-of-town musicians. \*6:30 p.m.

Some of the fiddlers are out looking for that elk they had planned to eat this winter.

Now we can start our Thanksgiving and Christmas plans!

God bless you and yours....

Louise Pollick, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neal; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bobby Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Thelma Terrill  
Sept. 25 we had at least 50 people turn out for our Fri. night jam session.

Lots of good music and plenty of good food.

Sept. 26th: Order was called at 10:00 a.m. for our quarterly business meeting by Lew Holt, our president. Dist. 1 was represented by Isom Patterson Dist. 3-Tom O'Neal, Dist. 4-Zelma Foote, Dist. 5-Alice Holt, Dist. 6-Jack Walker, Dist. 7-Penny Mead, and Dist. 8-Dave Robinson. Dist. 9 was not represented. Old and new business was discussed.

The membership chairman, Alice Holt, reported we have 636 families in the OOTFA, which means over 1000 members. A brightly colored form for renewal on your membership will appear in the Hoedowner soon. Please use it to renew.

At 12:00 we had a big potluck luncheon furnished by all the districts. Boy!! Not only good musicians, but good cooks, too. By 1:30 everyone was ready to jam, and the music filled the Senior Center until about 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Ed Perret, president of the United Senior Citizen's of Bend honored us by playing piano all afternoon. We had 83 in attendance for Saturday.

A special thank you from Dist. 3 to Lew and Alice Holt for helping make our day a success--also to Lew for doing a great job announcing our jam session. Also, thank you to everyone attending from the visiting districts and visitors from Connecticut and Colorado. Tom O'Neal and Dist. 3, I think you are a great bunch to work with and be associated with.

Oct. 11 was our dist. meeting and a very quiet one. We had about 39 persons attending, which included visitors from Parma, Ohio. Have a feeling that deer season was out worthy opponent, as we only had 6 musicians. Hope to have everyone back next month!

It was good to have Verna Walters back with us after her knee surgery.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Iris Buckle and the Don Hanson Family.

Iris (Bernice Hanson's sister) has undergone very extensive surgery and will have a long recovery period.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter



#### DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Zelma Foote; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Mona Givens

Our Nov. 1st jam will be at the Talent Community Hall. Doors open at 11:30, potluck at noon, open to public at one.

Dec. 6th will be our Christmas Party at the TalentCommunity Hall--more about that next month.

We had a great jam at Canyonville Oct. 4th with alot of visitors--they almost out-numbered us! We were honored to have our State Pres. Lew Holt and his wife Alice and other members from Dist. 5 and Dist. 6. Please come again soon folks! We had 25 fiddlers and specials, plus alot of good back-up. Thank you all. Also a thank you to the Deatons for getting the hall and help setting up. Dist. 4 voted to donate the net proceeds of this jam which amounted to \$50 to the '88 Canyonville Contest, as there were several years they didn't meet expenses.

You all come Nov. 8th to the Vitality Center in Grants Pass, 4th and L St., from 1:00-4:00 for a fun jam to help those who don't play quite so well or need some confidence in playing before a group.

Walter and Zelma Foote, Jim and Pauline Winslow, Dave and I attended the State Quarterly Meeting and jams at Bend in Sept. We had a wonderful time--thank you Dist. 3 for your warm hospitality.

At this writing, Cecil Lacey is back in the hospital. We are all thinking of him and wishing him well.

Dorene Winkelman, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Al Lively; CO-CHAIRMAN;Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

The first Saturday in October we met at Greenacres Grange. The turnout was small, so we jammed around the piano and had a great time. The next day, Oct. 4th, Shaffars, Dows, Settles and Holts all attended a District 4 jam in Canyonville. They made us feel so welcome, we all enjoyed ourselves.

Oct 6th most of the Coos Bay-North Bend area players, plus John and Dorothy Settle from Port Orford, played for a women's club dinner at Pony Village Motor Lodge. The ladies enjoyed the music and have us a check for the District treasury. Oct. 18th a group played for a church centennial celebration in Coos Bay. Thanks to all who turned out .

Looking ahead to November, we'll play at Greenacres Grange Nov. 7th. There will be a short business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

We're planning a Thanksgiving Dinner potluck for Nov. 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Bandon Grange. The district will furnish turkey and ham. Bring your favorite salads, desserts and other dishes.

As usual, the faithful nursing home players have been providing much appreciated entertainment. Groups play at rest homes in Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point, and Coos Bay.

Alice Holt, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jack Walker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Thelma Shephard; SEC/TREAS-Kay Donathan

Our Nov. Thanksgiving Dinner will be at 12 p.m. at Willamalane Senior Center, 'C' and Water Streets, Springfield, OR, on Nov. 15th. Dist. will furnish meat...Please bring side dishes--salads, desserts, etc.--and don't forget your place settings and serving utensils. Also, have all cakes, pies etc. cut and ready to serve. PLEASE help clean up.

The Lebanon Jam: We had a great time with alot of good musicians. I especially want to thank the back-up--you were just great...Really appreciate it! We had a nice turnout from out of our district, too many to list individually, but we always like to see you come up and visit and ;help us make the day more enjoyable. The meal was really delicious. Thank you wonderful people. Visitors from California--Stan and Violet Lee, friends of John and Vivian Steele. Nice to see you again.

Birthday greetings to: Earl Payne, Jerry Kinnaman and Jack Walker. Also anyone I missed.

A big HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to John and Vivian Steele on their 39th year together...Wishing you many more happy years together.

It sure was nice to see Alex Paladujczuk doing so well after recent surgery and Poco Boyd out on the dance floor.



DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

As of Wednesday these reporters are off to Texas--we will be playing in Austin Friday night... Wish you could all be there. I'm not sure we'll be on TV, but we will be in the city limits...ha-ha...

We haven't had very good response from our district people to report any news--so how about calling me at 343-5868. We cannot report news if you do not inform us of what's happening!

Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter/sec

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Penny Mead; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carrol Finley; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

Our Sept. 27th jam in Gresham was a big success. We had alot of twin fiddling and special numbers with Joey McKenzie, Cactus Finley, Wayne Walter, Penny Mead, Carol Ann Wheeler, Bus Boyk, Barney Alexander, Tom Cropper, and myself. Also fiddling were Eileen Witley, Red Arnold, Doris Gallivan, Helen Hakanson, Dorothy Caras, Bill Cavasos, Bunky McFee, and Dorothy Bloomquist, with Bob Huffman on the guitar.

Our October jam in Sandy featured 22 musicians. This was Glynn Richkoff's first time to solo at a jam. Good Job!

The Nov. 22nd jam will be at the Milwaukie Senior Center. Take Rusk Rd. off of Milwaukie Expressway (#224). There will be a pie sale, so bring your pies! Proceeds will help to pay for our new microphones.

Our Christmas Party and jam will be December 13th at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

A message from our chairman, Penny Mead:

A special acknowledgement and thanks to my co-chairman, Cactus Finley, who has taken over the task of M.C. for me. I really appreciate his expertise and help--I also appreciate the help of Roy Olsen, Bob Fast, and Wayne Walter, who have volunteered to relieve Cactus as M.C. when necessary.

I want to thank each and every one who come to the jams and help to make them work. If anyone has any new ideas or new places to suggest, let me hear from you. My new number is: 775-8225. I'd also like to thank Myrtle Arnold and Dulcie Fast for taking over the kitchen at Sandy. Looking forward to seeing a big turnout at Milwaukie.

Hollis Taylor, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Dave Robinson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

We had a very nice jam at the VFW Hall at Willamina. It was so nice to have such a good turnout. We also had visitors from other districts. We thank you for coming, and do come again. We want to thank Lee Jones for the work he did putting out Flyers and advertising. I want to thank the ladies that brought the food, and the ones that helped in the kitchen.

Our next jam will be at the Woodburn Grange Hall on Nov. 15th. This will be our Thanksgiving Dinner. Dist. 8 will furnish turkey, ham, dressing, gravy and rolls. Please, ladies, bring vegetables, salads, desserts, etc., for the holiday dinner.

Woodburn Grange is on the corner of 214th and Settlemeir across from the Jr. High School. Coming off the freeway at Woodburn, turn toward the city center and the grange is on the corner at the third stop light.

Doors open at 10:00 a.m., dinner at 12:00 noon. Show for the public at 1:00. See you there!

Our December jam will be at McMinnville Grange Hall Dec. 20th.

Jeannette Robinson, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Ruel Teague; CO-CHAIRMAN-Susie Smith; SEC/TREAS-Janet Burgess

These last few months have been slipping away, and it will be winter before we know it! Maybe it already is for some people.

In the last few months we have done quite a few things. We have been having a few fiddle practices here and there. In September we played for the Field Station, where we had quite a few dancers join us. In October we had our first jam at the Senior Center. Lately we have been playing for the Burns Nursing Home.

Our next jam will be on the 8th of November at the Senior Center, and then at the Nursing Home on November 9th. Hope to see lots of fiddlers and dancers.

Michelle Austin, Reporter



FROM GYNN DEATON, STATE SEC/TREAS:

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who attended the Canyonville Jam in Dist. 4 on Oct. 4th. About 125 people turned out with musicians and listeners from several districts. Dist. 4 was very pleased with the participation and especially with the generous donations to help with the 1988 Canyonville Contest. \$65.00 went into the savings account so we can start with a plus figure next year. Thanks, Dist. 4! With this kind of support, Jim and I are happy to continue the Canyonville Contest.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KAY DONATHAN, Sec/Treas of Dist. 6, who just completed an executive secretary course at the Trend Business College in Eugene. She is now employed in the new business office building at Valley River Center in Eugene. Her graduation ceremony is Nov. 5th at the Elks in Springfield. (Kay--what's this we hear about you graduating in your birthday suit??)

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Our hearts are with THELMA DUNAWAY, who recently had a cerebral hemorrhage and is in intensive care at the Sacred Hospital in Eugene.

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PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Monte and Dorothy James, 2626 Arline Ave., Lebanon, OR 97355  
Kelly Milandin and son Irish, Odell Lake Lodge, P.O.Box 72, Crescent Lake, OR 97425  
Jim Woods, 1033 N. 3rd Pl., Springfield, OR 97477  
Letha Jaennette, 5335 Main St. #131, Springfield, OR 97478

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Lee Jones sent in several poems written by the late Wally Weaver. We are printing one in his memory.

ALONE WITH GOD

If you have a problem  
Too personal to share  
Take a walk alone with God  
You know He's always there.  
  
When you are alone with Him  
With no one else around  
A chirping bird, a teasing squirrel--  
You hear no other sound.  
  
Now is the time, look up to Him  
He hears you when you pray.  
You're sure to get an answer  
To really make your day.  
  
Nothing else can take the place  
Of walking in the woods  
With only you and Jesus  
And God's created goods.  
  
Your prayers are always answered  
Whatever they may be  
A walk alone with Jesus--  
Try it and you'll see!  
--Wallace E. Weaver

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--THANKSGIVING--

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love of friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends,  
Father in Heav'n, we thank Thee.  
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

*New Tape*



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