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JANUARY 1988

COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT

Jan	2	Greenacres Grange		Greenacres	5
	3	Vitality Center		Grants Pass	4
	7	Shasta Grange Hall		Klamath Falls	1
	10	State Meeting and Jam		Roseburg	OOTFA
	17	Jam, Klamath Fairgrounds		Klamath Falls	1
	17	Jam, Eagles Lodge		Albany	6
	17	Jam, Canby Senior Center		Canby	7
	17	Jam, VFW Hall		Willamina	8
	24	Nursing Homes		Klamath Falls	1
	31	Jam, Vitality Center		Grants Pass	4
Feb	7	Jam, Central Point Grange		Central Point	4
	14	Jam, Hillsboro Senior Center		Hillsboro	7



LEW SEZ: I hope that all of you had a very nice Christmas and that Santa left you a new tune or two. Now it is time to wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR. On Dec. 13th I met with a group in Lebanon to work on the contest. We have a lot to do. We have a state meeting and a big state jam on Jan. 10th in Roseburg at the fairgrounds. The state meeting will start at 10:00 and then the jam that afternoon. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can have a good turnout. I hope to be able to have a short meeting on the 10th with the contest committee that met at the Vernonia campout last summer. HELP WANTED: good pay and a lot of reward See Lew. I am serious. Often at meetings we wonder who we can get to help out and we turn to the same "old" names. There are many good members out there who would like to help out but are never asked. If you would let me know that you are interested in helping out, it sure would be appreciated. I have had several people come forward and say that they would like to help at the convention in March and at the contest in May. There are tasks before contests and conventions and many at that time. Let's get more of you involved in the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLER ASSOCIATION! See you in Roseburg.

Lew Holt, President OOTFA

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN: Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Anne Johnson

Greetings from Dist. 1. There are several of us digging out of the snow storm down here in Klamath Country. We were surprised at so much snow at one time--it was 8 inches on the level. Sure appreciate my boots!

Fiddling business is at a standstill at present with cancellations due to snow. We had a good turnout on our Fun Night. We also had a good crowd at the Shasta Mall Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Our next Fun Night will be Jan. 7th, 6:30 p.m. Come on over and join in at the Shasta Grange Hall.

DISTRICT 1(cont.):

Jan. 17th will be Jam Day at the Klamath Fairgrounds. Business meeting at 1:00 p.m., music at 2:00.

Jan. 24th will be our fiddling afternoon at the nursing homes. Come and help out.

So I guess it's about time to (humbly) say Merry Christmas to All, and a Happy New Year. And may the good Lord bless each person everywhere with many blessings in the coming year.

Louise Pollick, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neil; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bobby Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Thelma Terrill
Happy Holidays!! Isn't it a beautiful winter wonderland we live in with all this snow around us?

Dec. 5th the fiddlers were invited to perform in a program called "An Evening in Central Oregon" at the Central Oregon Community College. It was sponsored by the Regional Arts Council of Central Oregon and Mt. Bachelor, Inc..

Dec. 13th we held our regular monthly meeting at the Bend Senior Center. We had a very good turn out of visitors. Some from Prineville, La Pine, Culver and Tampa, Fla.. Happy to have Ches. Fullerton back with our musical group. We had our Christmas dinner at J.J. North's. Sorry Jane Thompson missed due to illness--also Cliff and Ada Harris and Tom and Betty O'Neil not back from Texas trip yet.

A busy month for Cliff and Ada Harris. Ada Had surgery Dec. 9th and Cliff has had painful back problems this past month. Both are recovering and will be out soon. They celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary Dec. 23rd and Ada's birthday is Dec. 25th. Congratulations to you both.

Don Hanna will have hand surgery in Portland Dec. 17th. We are hoping for a speedy recovery so he can be back fiddling with our group.

Iris Buckle, our prayers and loving thoughts go out to you for your speedy recovery. We hope you enjoy our Sunday program Bernice taped for you.

REMINDER: Renewal of membership for 1988.

God bless and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Jan 3rd Jam will be at the Vitality Center, 4th and L St., Grants Pass. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open to public at one.

Jan. 10th will be the State Quarterly Meeting at Roseburg Fairgrounds. Meeting at 10:00 a.m., potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

We had a very nice Christmas Party at Talent Dec. 6th with over 50 attending. Our worthy chairperson Zelma Foote roasted a delicious turkey, Dave carved it and his little finger, too. We all brought the balance of the meal to make it bountiful. Christmas carols and songs were sung, and exchange of white elephants and an afternoon of music was enjoyed by all. We were pleased to have Carol and Hollis Real of Dist. 5 and their granddaughter from Medford, also Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrin of Dist. 6 as our guests.

We are busy as usual playing for nursing homes and Loaves and Fishes at least 10 times a month, if not more. We played for the Talent Seniors Christmas Party Dec. 9th.

Jan. 31st from 1-4 will be the next fun and learning jam at the Vitality Center. Dec. 13th was a very successful one. Everyone seemed pleased with it. Bob Pantel, a Central Point Elementary School teacher. brought 6 of his pupils to join in the session.

Feb. 7th jam will be at Central Point Grange in Central Point. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

I don't know of anyone that is ill, but I'm sure there are a lot with colds they can't get rid of, from one who knows! Wish you all a speedy recovery. A HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!

Dorene Winkelman, Reporter

"A smile is a curve that straightens things out."

DISTRICT 5:

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

Our Christmas potluck and gift exchange got us in a holiday mood early in the month. Lots of good food, music, dancing, and visiting make the evening a successful one.

We provided entertainment for a Christmas party at Southwestern Oregon Community College. A large group of musicians turned out and the audience seemed to appreciate the music. The food was great, too!

A few of us entertained the Bay Area Stroke Club and were served a tasty lunch. Groups played at various nursing homes throughout the month.

Lew and I missed the Sunday afternoon potluck and dance at the Senior Center in Coos Bay, but we hear it was a good one. Many thanks to Carl Dean for opening the center, to Esther Voit, Mary Lou Sayler, Mary Smith and Dorothy Settle for the kitchen clean up. And a big Thank You to John Settle for being MC and for providing the sound system.

Our first function in January will be the Greenacres Grange dance on Jan. 2nd. I hope many of you will make it to the state meeting in Roseburg on Jan. 10th.

May 1988 bring many good things to all of us. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Alice Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Jan. 17th jam will be in the Eagles, 127 Broadalvin, N.W., Albany, OR. (In the old part of town by the river) Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.. We will have a fundraiser pie auction to help raise money to improve our sound system. Please bring pies. The auction will be at 1:00 p.m.. Doors will open at 12:00 p.m. Please note that we will have a lot to get done with the auction, so if all the musicians could have their instruments tuned and be ready to go on stage when their turn is called it would be greatly appreciated.

We had a great time at the Lebanon Moose. As usual, a wonderful meal was served.

December has been a busy, busy month for the fiddlers playing for different functions.

Remember our sick: Thelma Dunaway and Ann Schoenfelder. Wishing you a very speedy recovery.

Anniversary wishes to: Marie and Mark Carmickle on their 46th and Joy and Ken Halliwell on their 10th.

Birthday wishes to Mark Carmickle!

Stan and Addie Gonshorowski,
Reporter--Phone-343-5868

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our Christmas party at Clackamas Comm. College brought 34 fiddlers including two first-time performers at a jam--Jack Doyle and Michael Fox. Carol Ann Wheeler led the "Blue Belles of Scotland" in a Scottish medley (included were Joanne Minato, Helen Hakanson, Eileen Witter, Glynn Echo, Joe Hamm, and Bob Huffman).

Colleen Findley won the beautiful quilt donated by a generous and talented, but anonymous donor. Colleen also won Red Arnold's handmade reindeer. Wayne Walter showed his skill as auctioneer, and also emceed along with Roy Olsen.

Bus Boyk left his wool cap at the college--if anyone found it, please bring to the next jam or call Bus at 761-9507.

See you Jan. 17th at the Canby Senior Center (go to downtown Canby, turn left at 1st light, look for the building on the left about a mile down: 1250 S. Ivy St.). Doors will open at 11:00, jam 1-4. There will be a PIE SALE so bring your pies. The Feb. 14th jam will be at the Hillsboro Senior Center. A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN--Just a little to add to Hollis' report--I thought our Christmas jam was very nice, and though we didn't have a big outside audience, we had a very good turnout of our members. I have a lot of friends to thank for helping. First, Dulcie Fast for cooking turkey and dressing; the Arnolds--for all they did--plus Ed being Santa Claus; Santa's helpers--Colleen Findley for cooking the ham; the girls that took up the collection-

DISTRICT 7 (cont.):

Sharon Daffren, Carol Ann Wheeler, and Colleen Findley. HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!--Penny Mead, Chairman.

Hollis Taylor, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Dave Robinson; CO-CHAIRMAN: Les Johnson; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs
Now that we have to report early in the month, I will have to report without having a jam, as our Christmas Jam won't be until the 20th of Dec.

Our next jam will be Jan. 17th, 1988, at the VFW Hall in Willamina. The doors will open at 10:00 and we will have a short meeting at 11:00. Potluck at 12:00 noon and show for the public at 1:00. Please everyone come early and help us at the meeting. If you don't come and help and do your part, what will become of Dist. 8? Let's get together and talk and get new ideas.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 1988 DUES!!

Jeannette Robinson, Reporter

Word has been received that Monty Berg died unexpectedly. He was a former member of OOTFA. We send our sympathy to his family. District #7.

Tiny Moore, great old timer, western swing fiddle and mandolin player, passed away on Dec. 15th. He was 67. Tiny was Sr. Champ at Weiser last year. He played for years with Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys.



SECOND ANNUAL REDWOOD COUNTRY OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST

CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 8 & 9, 1988

DEL NORTE FAIRGROUNDS, HWY 101N

FIDDLERS AND FRIENDS:

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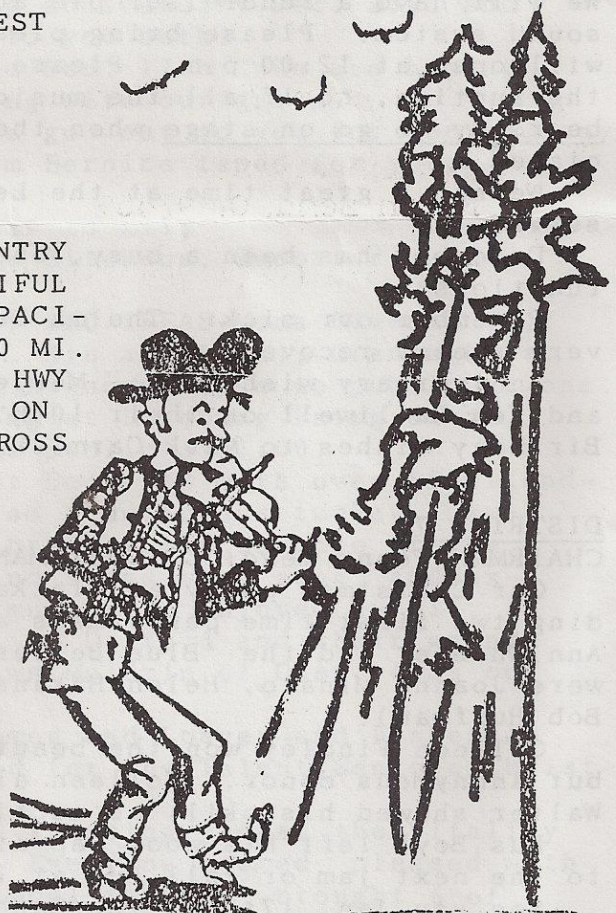
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- CHAMPION PROGRESSIVE
- INTERMEDIATE
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SEE Y'ALL THERE!

ATTENTION: Windmill Inn of Roseburg would like to extend a special room rate to the out of town participants for the Jan. 10th Fiddlers Jam at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Room fee: \$25 (plus tax)--single or double occupancy. For reservations, call Linda Bray, District Sales Manager, at 1-800-452-5315.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION
YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1987

All memberships expire on December 31, 1987. If you paid your dues in January or April or June or in any month during this past year, your membership will still expire on December 31. This year we are making a big effort to put the message in front of all of you and to encourage you to renew your membership now.

LIFE MEMBERS who have the white permanent membership cards do not need to renew. Your membership will be automatically transferred to 1988. Your LIFE MEMBERSHIP card is permanent and is not reissued each year.

To RENEW or to join you are asked to fill out the form from the bottom of this page and either give it to your district secretary with cash or a check for \$12.00 or mail a check for \$12.00 to Alice, membership chairman. Make your checks payable to: OOTFA.

Membership Chairman

Alice Holt

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Dues are \$12.00 per family whether it is one person or a family.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - **1988**

Dues for January 1 to December 31, 1988.

New _____ Renewal _____ District Number _____

Name _____ Instrument _____

Spouse _____ Instrument _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Telephone _____

Children _____

Received by _____ Date received _____

LOST: ELECTRONIC TUNER

Earl Day of Dist. 7 left his guitar at the Clackamas College Christmas Jam. He found it there the next day under security lock, but the tuner, which was in the case, was missing. If anyone found it, please return to Hollis Taylor with no questions asked.

A LITTLE BIT OF CORN by Wally Bloom, Dist. 6 Fiddler

Q: When does a fiddler play a hot fiddle?

A: When he's got fiddlin' fever.

Q: How can you tell when a fiddler is playing a Chinese fiddle?

A: By its sweet 'n' sour notes!



Thank you, Wally! DB



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- Rex Baker, 1860 Yuest Road, Azalea, OR 97410
- Marilyn Becker, 3223 S. 14th, Tacoma, WN 98405
- John and Lucille Childers, 749 Irvington Dr., Eugene, OR 97404
- Signa and Walter Edwardson, 1742 Looking Glass Rd., Roseburg, OR 97470
- Letha Jaennette, 5335 Main St. #131, Springfield, OR 97478
- Linford Coultas, Rt. 2 Box 416, Sutherlin, OR 97479
- Don and Kathern Luker, 1148 Pleasant Creek Rd., Rogue River, OR 97537
- Rachael Pyles, E. Langell Valley Rd., Bonanza, OR 97623
- Harry and Viola Stamper, 524 Granite, Ashland, OR 97520
- Wayne and Helen Tracy, 151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404-2836
- Jim Woods, 1033 N. 3rd Place, Springfield, OR 97477

Diane Nydam, of Dist. 6, sent in this poem which all you fiddlers will enjoy:

FIDDLE AND I

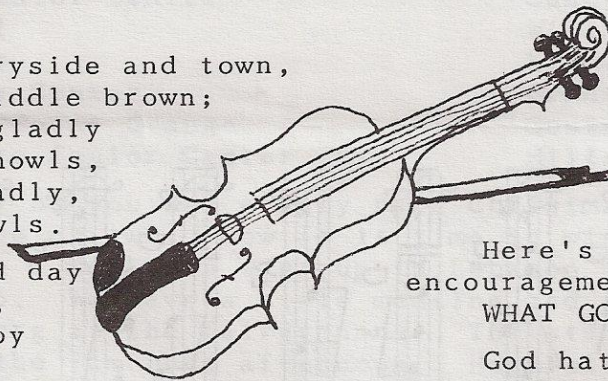
By road and river, countryside and town,
I roam forever with my fiddle brown;
Creeping under barns so gladly
When outside the winter howls,
Playing sadly, playing madly,
Waking up the rats and owls.

Ah! It was gay, night and day
Fair and cloudy weather,
Fiddle and I, wandering by
Over the world together.

Down by the willow summer nights I lie,
Flowers for my pillow and for roof the sky,
Playing all my heart remembers,
Old, old songs from far away;
Golden Junes and bleak Decembers
Rise around me as I play.
On, on forever, till the journey ends,
Who shall dissever us two trusty friends?
Who can bring the past before me,
Make the future gaily glow,
Lift the clouds that darken o'er me
Like my trusty fiddle bow?

--Oregon Farmer-Stockman

REPORTERS: I would like to thank each one of you dear people for sending in your news early (I received every report by the 20th, except Dist. 9--I understand they have jack-rabbit delivery, so we forgive--Hello and Happy New Year, Dist. #9,--we love you!). Now you will all have to forgive me for not getting this issue to you by Jan. 1! We will blame the holiday season! HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! DB



Here's an old favorite, and encouragement for the new year--
WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
Skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

--Annie Johnson Flin



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This notation is by Warren Colebark based upon Genny Jackson's rendition on the DECCA album #D1P6979 entitled "SWAN DANCES WACOU CRUIS".

SNOW FLAKE REEL

The musical notation consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a triplet of eighth notes. Chords are indicated by letters above the staff: D, A7, Bb, D, D, D, A7, D, A7, and D. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes.

