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COMING EVENTS

| | | | DISTRICT |
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| Sept. | 3 | Leonard and Faythe Maahs 50th Wedding Ann. Open House, 2-8:00 PM, McMinnville Grange | McMinnville |
| | 4 | Jam, Talent Community Center | Talent 4 |
| 10-11 | | Jams, Cranberry Festival | Bandon 5 |
| | 11 | Jam, Bend Senior Center | Bend 3 |
| | 11 | Jam, Eagles on the Green | Eugene 6 |
| | 18 | Dist. Meeting & Jam, Fairgrounds | Klamath Falls 1 |
| | 18 | State Qtrly. Mtg. & Jam | Central Point OOTFA |
| | 18 | Jam, St. Helens Moose Lodge | St. Helens 7 |
| | 25 | Jam, Scottish Rite Temple | Salem 8 |
| Oct. | 2 | Jam, Canyonville Grade School | Canyonville 4 |
| | 8 | Jam, Oregon City Senior Center | Oregon City 7 |
| | 16 | Jam, American Legion Hall | Lebanon 4 |
| | 23 | Jam, Eagles on the Green | Eugene 4 |
| Nov. | 13 | Thanksgiving Jam, Willamalane Sr. Center | Springfield 4 |
| Dec. | 4 | Jam, Moose Lodge | Lebanon 4 |



LEW SEZ: Our compliments to all of you for your work to make the fairs successful this summer. From what I hear, it has been a busy time for many of you. I wish that Alice and I could have attended all of them. We were able to spend some time at the fiddle workshop with Carol Ann at Yoncalla. You would have been pleased with all of the young people. With more workshops like this one, there will be "old time fiddlers" around for a long time. I want to thank the Boothers for their hospitality and I want to thank Zelma and Walter Foote for the part that they played. Cooking and washing dishes for a crew isn't that much fun, but the Footes and some of the "Moms" were right in there making it fun (and tasty) for all. The stage has been set for another fiddle workshop in Oregon next year. I look forward to meeting with many of you at our state meeting on Sept. 18th in Central Point. I have been on the phone and writing letters to the folks in Lebanon so I can have the right information for our meeting. We need to make some decisions about our state contest as well as other general business. Our second quarterly meeting will be held on January 15th in Stayton. The third will be during the convention in March, and the last one I want to discuss with you at the meeting in September. Some of us think that we have an interesting idea. Happy fiddling!

Lew Holt, President
 Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association



DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Johnny Gard; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock

August 6 was the Chiloquin Parade--our musicians won the 1st place trophy for the best musical group--we were the only musical entry.

August 12 many of us were at the Senior Citizens Dog Days Picnic. We enjoyed playing for them and the BBQ chicken dinner. Later in the day some of us played for Western Bank's Western Days Open House and BBQ.

August 14 some of us were at the Malin Park for the annual area Presbyterian Church Picnic.

August 21 Merrill Community Park was our regular meeting and a potluck picnic was really enjoyed by everyone who came.

August 25 was the Clairmont House Western Days Open House.

August 27 our own Les Tucker will be one of the judges at the Canyonville Contest. Hope to see many of you there.

August 28 we will be playing in nursing homes in Klamath Falls.

Sept. 18 it's back to our regular time and place, Klamath County Fairgrounds, 1-4:00 PM.

Al Nelson's broken arm is almost well--good to see him back with that accordian.

Clyde Lynch's brother, Denver, passed away recently. Our prayers, thoughts and good wishes go out to you, Clyde.

Otis Osborn, 99 years old, is the sweetheart of Dist. 1. He is Lois Tucker's uncle and is living with her and Les. He loves the music and our people and we love him. May you have many more years with us, Mr. Osborn. He has been in our area a long time.

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Betty O'Neal

Hello from Central Oregon!

We have had a busy month. We closed out July 30th playing at Thousand Trails.

August 6 three of our group were invited to play in the Deschutes County Fair Parade for the Juniper Cloggers. Also Aug. 6 we played at Sunriver in the evening.

August 14 we had 47 at our Sun. jam which included visitors from Vancouver, WA, Detroit and Salem, OR. Jim and Margie Neely, former OOTFA members from Madras visited and Jim played fiddle and keyboard. Jim hasn't played fiddle for about 2 yr. as he lost part of a finger. Five players left the jam early and went up to the headwaters of the Metolius River to entertain at a party given by Mrs. Sam Johnson. What a beautiful home and a very gracious lady.

August 19 we played at the Crook Co. Fair in Prineville, Aug. 20 at Good Earth Days in Terrabonne and Aug. 21 we play for an Air Life picnic at Shevlin Park in Bend.

Happy Birthday to Kay Gutcher.

Our next jam will be at the Bend Senior Center Sept. 11th.

That's all for this month. Hope to see you all at the State Quarterly Meeting.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

SOS to all District 4 members--Isn't there anyone out there who would be willing to take Dorene Winkleman's place as reporter? She has faithfully sent in Dist. 4 reports for 3 years, and would like a reprieve. The reporter should be someone who attends most of the district jams. If there is any volunteer, please contact Zelma Foote, your district chairman, at 664-4348.

The district lost two members on the same day in August--Chris Looper and Jiggs Rost. Our heartfelt condolences to both their families.

The state quarterly meeting will be held in Central Point (5th & Pine Streets) Sept. 18. Doors will open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1 PM. We hope to have a good turnout for this important meeting.

There will be a Dist. meeting & jam at the Canyonville Grade School on Oct. 2nd.

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

Paul Lakey & Jo Barnes sent a note of thanks to South District 4 who got together the Stanton Park picnic in Canyonville. "The setting among the giant oak trees was gorgeous. The food was plentiful and delicious as usual, and the fellowship was relaxed and pleasant. The music was enjoyed for over two hours by young & old, even some of the nearby campers stopped by to listen. It was a great way to spend the afternoon. Thank you again. Paul & Jo." Paul & Jo both live in Sutherlin.

On behalf of all those who attended Carol Ann's workshop in Yoncalla, I would like to thank Carol Ann for her wonderful instruction, Zelma and Walter Foote and District 4 for the groceries and preparation of food and clean-up, and the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association Scholarship fund for donating tuition money for all the students. Buck Milligan handled that part, and we thank him and Susie, too, for staying for the entire workshop and providing lots of encouragement and moral support. We had 19 students in all, all but 4 from Dist. 4. Chris Booher was Carol Ann's assistant for the two and one half days of lessons. We hope to do it again next year, and will be making arrangements with Carol Ann and talking it over with Lew.

Now we have a short letter of appreciation from Tex Looper, who just lost his wife:

Dear Gang, We were so proud of the pretty flowers and to be a part of such a wonderful group. Thanks for all the calls, visits, cards, and support the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers shared while Chris was ill. I hope I will be able to join you again in September. Thanks so much.

Tex Looper & family

I think that was wonderful and brave of Tex--don't you all?

Dolores Booher, your very temporary reporter!

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Roy Zeigler; CO-CHAIRMAN-Russ Hall; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

Ocean Festival Days at Winchester Bay on July 24th was a remarkable afternoon for all those who attended. Fiddlers and special entertainment from Districts 4, 5 & 6 made the day for a standing room only crowd. Thanks to all who participated and organized the event.

On July 30th several members from the district played for an open house at the Winchester Bay Grange following dinner.

The monthly jam at Greenacres was well attended by fiddlers, back-up, and dancers. No wonder we all had such a good time with the famous grange burgers and lots of fiddling, dancing, and visiting by those who didn't play.

The annual Senior Picnic in Simpson Park at North Bend on Aug. 13th is a day Leonard Olson will remember for some time. Being the only fiddler, he had to rely on his memory and talent to lead the group all afternoon. Thanks Leonard!

Mark Sept. 10 & 11 on your calendar as we go to Bandon for the annual Cranberry Festival. All players will gather at the float at 9 AM for the parade. There will be a jam during the BBQ after the parade. There will also be a jam in the city park Sat. night--bring finger food. Sunday's jam will be at 1:00 PM at the Ocean Crest School. There will also be a place to park your RV's in the city park Sat. night. See you all there!

Our condolences to Norma Welch and family of Bandon for the recent loss of their loved one, Sterling.

Minnie Dean is in the hospital recovering from a pacemaker implant. Get well soon, Minnie.

There will be no meeting in the month of September.

Linda Carver, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN-Addie Gonshorowski; SEC/TREAS-Ila Mae

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Late in July we put on a show to help celebrate the Coburg Golden Years. It was good to see Jim Lockard out and about after his recent hip surgery, and Vera Kinnaman after hers. I have also heard that Alex Paladujczuk is recovered enough from his recent bout in the hospital to be playing his great Dakota Polka again. Way to go, Alex! Now that our chairman, Mark Carmickle, is out of the hospital following recent surgery, we are hoping

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

that all is well with all the rest of you wherever you are. Oh, yes--Jerry Kinnaman also had recent surgery on the carotid artery but is back to playing again!

We played at the Benton Co. Fair in Corvallis Aug. 5th & 6th. There was a lighter turnout of players than our usual slate, so all of you mark it on your 1989 calendars to be sure to help out more next time.

Our district picnic in the park in Springfield included good food, good fun and good fellowship, and, of course, much good music, on Aug. 14th.

We played for the seniors on Senior Day at the Lane Co. Fair for a total of about seven hours. We would especially like to thank our out-of-district guests who so graciously came and helped make such a rousing success of our show. They were Dennis & Thelma Allen, Glen & Jessie Brown, Shorty & Charlotte Dow, Keith & Abbie Shaffar, and the fabulous Booher family.

If I missed anyone, please forgive. We love all of you. Special thanks to Arlo Hamilton for coming early and setting up all the 150 chairs, and to him and the rest of the crew who so graciously helped fold and put them up after the show. Another thanks to all the good back-up players who so faithfully played their hearts out and their fingers sore for so many hours.

Besides playing at the many rest and retirement homes, this is the time of year when we are also playing for many outdoor senior picnics and other worthy causes.

Our Sept. jam will be on the 11th at the Eagles-on-the-Green, located on Irving Rd. in Eugene. Take the Expressway exit north off Belt Line and turn right at the first traffic light. The Eagles new building will be immediately on your left. They will furnish lunch to the musicians, and we will jam at 1:00.

Oct. 16th, our regular jam, will be held at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon, lunch furnished.

On Oct. 23rd we will be back again to the Eagles-on-the-Green for a special jam, lunch furnished again.

Our usual Thanksgiving dinner and jam will be at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Nov. 13th.

Dec. 4th we will be back up in Lebanon at the Moose Lodge.

Mark these dates and be there if you can.

By the time you read this we will also have played Aug. 27th for the Leaburg Days and Aug. 28th for the Western Oregon Exposition in Cottage Grove.

A belated Happy 42nd Anniversary to Charlie and Marge Sanford on the 24th.

A stainless steel cake server with a wooden handle was left at our picnic in the park. Will the rightful owner please get in touch with Addie G.

Until we meet again, good fiddlin'!

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Although there's not been a dist. jam this month, many of us have been busy making musc at county fairs in Canby & McMinnville and at the Washington Park Summer Festival, which draws a large and enthusiastic crowd. Bob Fast organized our Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' evening at the park, and he and Dulcie hosted a jam/potluck at their home prior to the performance.

Bus Boyk was one of nine fiddlers on stage as Johnny Gimble performed with Ranch Dressing at the Alpine Concert Series on Mt. Hood. Johnny is one of my favorite fiddlers, both for straight fiddling and for Western swing. He was Country Music Association's Instrumentalist of the Year, 1988.

Our Sept. 18 jam will be at the St. Helens Moose Lodge. Heading west from Portland into St. Helens, go right at Bennett Rd. sign and left onto Old Portland Road. The lodge is about 1/2 mile down on the left. The doors will open at 10:30, potluck at noon, jam from 1-5:00.

The following jam will be Oct. 18 at the Oregon City Senior Center.

If anyone has any news about individuals in our district, call me up before the 16th of the month so I can get it in my report. Phone--222-5063. Thanks.

Hollis Taylor, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

Next Jam & Meeting--Sept. 25th, Scottish Rite Temple, 4090 Commercial Street S.E., Salem, OR.

Another Vernonia Campout has come and gone. They just seem to get better all the time. The attendance seemed to be down some, but the relaxed atmosphere, good food and all-around fun made it a great event. The Maikens were their usual hospitable selves and we were invited back next year.

Although Dist. 8 didn't have a regular jam this month, we have been very busy. We played at the Yamhill Co. Fair with help from Dist. 7; next day the Mill City Centennial, then the Polk Co. Fair with help from Districts 6 and 7; at a local golf course, and ending by helping Dist. 7 with the Clackamas Co. Fair. These fairs pay a large part of our operating expenses and we need a lot more help than we received. I hope a lot more people turn out next year, or we may lose some of the fairs.

Our next jam will be at the Scottish Rite Temple in Salem (address above). There will be a short business meeting at 11:00. A kitchen is available, potluck as usual.

To prove the versatility necessary to hold office in this organization, your president and treasurer established themselves as qualified "outhouse repairmen" at the Vernonia Campout. In order to uphold this tradition, the treasurer, yours truly, felt obliged to accept a challenge from the Mayor of Mill City to an "outhouse race" at the Centennial Celebration there. We ran barefoot and unfortunately the mayor won, but I have a ribbon to prove participation!

Lee Jones, Reporter

JACK WALKER, former chairman of District 6, OOTFA, wishes to clarify a misunderstanding which came about at the Benton County Fair. It has been told that I was to emcee the Benton County Fair shows, but failed to show up. I was never approached regarding the emceeing at the fair at any time. If anyone still has questions, please call. Thank you. --Jack Walker

We did get a report from DISTRICT 4 after all--thank you so much, Dorene!

DISTRICT 4:

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

Sept. 4th will be our jam at Talent Community Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

Sept. 18th will be the State quarterly meeting at Central Point Grange Hall. Meeting at 10, potluck at noon and open to public at 1:00.

Our Oct. 2nd jam is at Canyonville School. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and open to the public at one.

We had a very good turnout for our annual picnic at Canyonville Aug. 7th. We thank those from other districts for joining us. Good food and music was enjoyed by all.

The workshop held at Yoncalla Aug. 9-11 was a big success. We thank those who helped make it so.

We have enjoyed the month of Aug. off from playing at our regular weekly schedule but have had enough other things going. We played for a combined nursing home picnic (including some from Ashland & Grants Pass). I'm sure the residents enjoyed the day at Tou Velle Park along the Rogue River. We will be back to our regular jam schedule in September.

Betty Deckard, Tommy and Joyce Grissom, Dave & I enjoyed the hospitality, food (including home made ice cream) and friendship at the Dist. 1 picnic Aug. 21st.

We've also had our sad times this month with the loss Jiggs Rost & Chris Looper. They were both faithful members of Dist. 4. Jiggs was a past chairman, co-chairman and even secretary for a short time. We will surely miss them and send our heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends.

Dorene Winkleman, reporter



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- 4 Dan and Susan Blanton, Rt. 1, Box 377C, Yoncalla, OR 97499
- 5 W.A. "Bill" Emmett, POB 5795, Charleston, OR 97420
- 5 David and Deborah Evans, 09600 North Fork-Siuslaw Rd., Florence, OR 97439
- 6 Justin Hanson, 721 NE Lafayette Place, Albany, OR 97321
- 6 Nina Hoffman, POB 10858, Eugene, OR 97440
- 6 Phil and Bertha LaCoursiere, Box 657, Marcola, OR 97454
- 7 Jack Uhde, 19750 SW Alexander #13, Aloha, OR 97006
- 6 Joe and Jewel Vampola, POB 12, Dexter, OR 97431
- 7 Bill and Robin Bailey, 5575 SW 157th Place, Beaverton, OR 97007
- 6 George and Kelly Bretz, 28742 Bonnie Heights, Eugene, OR 97402
- 6 Bruce Tomlin, 195 Owosso Dr., Eugene, OR 97404

Silent fiddles

Chris Looper of Medford passed away this month. She was a life member of OOTFA. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband, Tex, and family and friends.

Jiggs Rost, another faithful member of Dist. 4, died this month in a Roseburg hospital. Jiggs was a past chairman and co-chairman of Dist. 4. We will miss him, and send our love to his family and friends.

"THE VIOLIN, a gift from God" by Mark Carmickle (cont. from Aug. Hoedowner)

He picked up a nice light piece and after examining it carefully, he exclaimed, "Ah! This one will match nicely with the other one."

There is that word "Ah!" again. He seemed partial to that word. I remember he used it when he admired me in the forest.

He took me and the other one to his shop and there he examined us very carefully, and caressing us lovingly with his gentle hands, always humming that tune.

Then he picked up some tools and began to remove a small bit of wood from me, all the while humming that tune.

Some time later, after tapping me gently, he said, "Ah! This is just right!"

There was that word again!

Then he began to shape the other piece, his hands always gentle and caressing. After awhile he tapped it gently and said, "Ah, this is a perfect match with the other one!"

The next day he clamped me onto an odd-looking framework of thin wooden pieces. Later he clamped the other piece onto the opposite side of the framework. I suddenly realized we were to be companions forever because we were tightly joined together.

Next, he attached a funny looking handle to us and stood us up against the wall to dry.

I looked around and saw several funny looking things hanging and laying around the shop, many of them incomplete or in need of repair.

Suddenly I saw a reflection of myself and my companion in the window across the room. Why, we looked almost like those others hanging about, yet somehow different. There was a quality about us that was not evident in those others. And then I realized this gentle man had made me and my companion into a beautiful violin.

The next day he brought several items with him to the shop.

He began to trim us with these items, which were made of hard, dark-colored wood. Then he attached strings to us, winding them tighter and tighter, all the while plucking at them.

The sound was awful--it almost made me sick.

Then suddenly the awful noise was replaced by a sweet melodic sound, and I felt my soul begin to come alive.

Then he began to caress my strings with those gentle fingers that shaped me. I heard that tune again, and my soul began to live once more.

He played on and on, then exclaimed, "Ah! This one has the voice and soul of an angel." There was that word again.

As he caressed me front and back with his gentle, loving hands he was humming that tune, and I am happy, for I am alive again!

"The Violin" (cont.)

And then she came--she with the sweet musical voice and the soft gentle hands. Proudly he handed me to her and as she examined me front and back she also used that word "Ah!" to exclaim her approval.

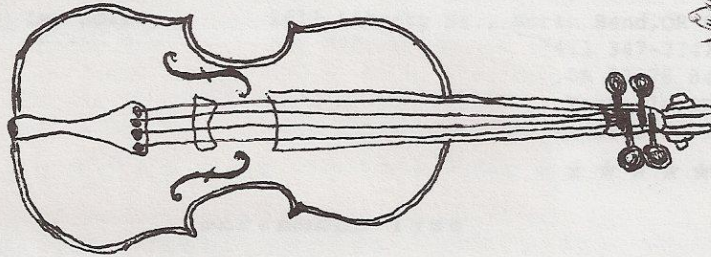
The music in her voice caused my soul to stir and reminded me of angels.

And then she began to caress my strings with those gentle fingers, and my soul began to swell, for she was playing that tune that reminded me of angels.

Then suddenly my soul burst forth and I sang out the praises of God for all the world to hear.

I am alive again and my kingdom is many times that when I was a monarch of the forest.

Yes, I am truly a Gift from God, for only God can make a tree.



Just for Fun -

Pedro says: "I used to be indecisive but now I'm not so sure."—*Alexander Kozak, Arlington, Va.*

Scout: I'm in a hurry. Will the pancakes be long?

Patrol cook: Nope. Round.

Scoutmaster: Before shipping the carton, did you mark it "Fragile—This Side Up"?

Pee Wee: Yessir, and to be extra safe I marked both ends.—*Jason Morovitz, Houston, Tex.*

Teacher: Chubb, name our 50th state.

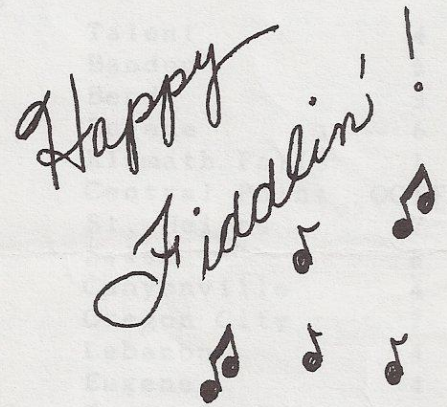
Chubb: Huh? Why...uh...

Teacher: Correct.—*Chris Saylor, Emmitsburg, Md.*

Teacher: Scott, your essay, "My Dog," reads exactly the same as your brother's essay.

Scott: Yes, ma'am. It's the same dog.

A book never written: "Inside a Garbage Truck" by *Howie Volting.—Ashley Jones, Coats, N.C.*



WELCOME--Buck and Susie Milligan to District 4--their new address is:

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WELCOME--Irv and Susie Smith to District 6--their new address is:

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