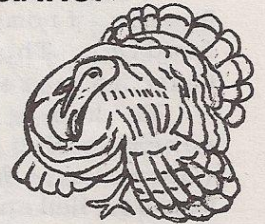


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NOVEMBER 1988

COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
Nov.	5	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	6	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass 4
	7	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center	Beaverton 7
	11	Jam, Lake Park Towers	Klamath Falls 1
	13	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
	13	Thanksgiving Jam, Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield 6
	20	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	20	Thanksgiving Jam, Woodburn Grange	Woodburn 8
	24	Jam, Clairmont House	Klamath Falls 1
Dec.	4	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
	11	Christmas Jam, Canby Adult Center	Canby 7
	18	Christmas Jam, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville 8

LEW SEZ: Lee Jones, Alice and I met with Don Vannoy at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge on Friday, Oct. 21st. The facilities are beautiful and look like a good place for fiddling. Enthusiasm is there for us to put on a show for them. Right now it looks like it will be a combination of a contest and entertainment. I reported last month that a Sept. date had been chosen. During our meeting a conflict at the Elks was noted so we had to come up with a new date. Putting the facts and figures on the table, we came up with Apr. 21, 22 & 23. This comes between the convention and the state contest and before all of the summer activities. The next Monday Lee, Alice, and I met with Steve Baker and Kathy Baker, chairman and secretary of the Strawberry Fair Board. We were impressed with their enthusiasm and desire to help us put on a fiddle contest in Lebanon. The ball is rolling and away we go. I'll keep you informed about both of these important fiddle functions.

Alice and I did not get to Lakeview as I reported last month. Dist. 5 news will tell about our boat trip up the Copuille River that week end--so many choices. We did get to the Potato Festival in Merrill and to a jam in Klamath Falls. They are a great group of fiddle friends in Dist. 1. Alice and I want to thank them for all the good times we had the five days we were down there. Earlier in Oct. we went to a jam in Canyonville. It was fun being with our friends from Dist. 4. (Also fun to fill the car up with produce from a near by truck farm--and a nice visit with the Booher family.) Now we look forward to Thanksgiving and then shortly to the Christmas Season. Fiddlers become even busier this time of the year. HAPPY FIDDLING!

Lew Holt, President
 Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association



Happy Thanksgiving Day!

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN--Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN--Harold North; SEC/TREAS--Irene Ruddock

Oct. 14th we were asked to play for the benefit for the Alzheimer's Dept. of the Highland Care Center. Since the Merrill Potato Festival brought several from out of town they also joined us in playing for the benefit and for our regular jam at the Klamath Fairgrounds. Dist. 4 & 5 and some from California were represented: our president and first lady, Lew and Alice Holt, and Don Bowman from Portland were with us. Nice to have Dennis Tucker on the bull fiddle. There were 24 musicians present.

Here is a report from Homer McLain on the Oct. 9th jam at Lakeview:

We had a crowd of over 100, and approximately 30 musicians. Out-of-towners were: Bob Huffman (Portland), Ted Miller (Salem), George & Shirley McLain (Olympia, WA), Chuck & Betty Bruneau (Chiloquin), Betty Deckard (Medford), Don & Helen Fleming (Chiloquin), Sandy Sandusky (Keno), Terry McLain--fiddle (my son from Winnemucca, NV), and Betty Chapman (Christmas Valley). Most of these people drove 200-1000 miles round trip to be with us. There were 18 others from the local area who helped provide the entertainment.

The crowd was very responsive to all who played and sang. We had a very good potluck, thanks to our good cooks. Hope to see more of you next year. Best wishes to all, Homer & Rosa Lee McLain.

We are happy to have two new members--Mike McCullough, a Klamath Falls Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, and Roberta. Welcome to you, Mike and Roberta.

Ed McGinnis is at the Price Elderly Care Home, 1735 Kane St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603. Send him a word or card of encouragement.

So good to see Johnny Gard doing so well after his surgery.

Earl "Arizona" and Hazel Barnum have become snow birds and have gone south for the winter--hope they have lots of fun.

Our sympathy to those who have lost loved ones. Donna Clifford, for her father; Bob Coleman, a brother; Irven Johnson, a brother-in-law; Isom Patterson, a sister-in-law.

Congratulations to our Chuck Bruneau for winning 6th place in the Intermediate Division at Canyonville.

Nov. 11th--Jam at Lake Park Towers, 203 Main, 7:00 pm.

Nov. 20th--our regular jam at the fairgrounds. Business meeting from 1-2, music for the public from 2-4:00.

Nov. 24th--Jam at the Clairmont House, 7-8:00 pm.

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from sunny Central Oregon!

We had 57 guests and fiddlers at our Oct. 9 jam. We had a visitor from Ketchikan, AK, and a group of cloggers. Betty Fairham of Bend did a couple of dances and Loy Sampels of Redmond brought two of her students from the Cascade Rhythm group. Their dancing was enjoyed by all.

Ches & Betty Fullerton are back from Alaska after 3 months of salmon fishing and canning. They had a great time. Orlo and Hazel Flock are also back from Alaska after a month of sightseeing.

Tom and Betty O'Neal aren't enjoying their trip to Texas at this time. Tom is recovering from a heart attack on Oct. 14th, and is due out of the hospital Oct. 20th. Tom, our prayers and good wishes are with you for a speedy recovery.

Anniversaries this month were celebrated by Bill and Winona Spatz--19 yrs, and Don & Bernice Hanson--42 yrs., and a birthday by Billie Kitchens. Congratulations to all!

Hope to see you at our next jam, Nov. 13 at the Bend Senior Center (1:30-4:30).

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Our regular meeting in Canyonville on Oct. 2nd was well attended and fun for all. Thanks to Jack Walker for being our MC. All of you who came from the other Districts "Thanks for coming!" Gynn Deaton had everything arranged for the meeting. Thanks, Gynn. Hope you and Jim had a wonderful trip to Hawaii.

Sickness has taken its toll in our area. Clemmie McCasland is slowly recover-

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

ing. Vic Flood had surgery recently and is getting his pep back. Not hunting, but raring to go! Tommy Grissom hasn't been up to par but you would never know it. In fact, he has been a life saver in helping Jim Winslow getting FIDDLERS to play at different places. Walter Foote hasn't fiddled since July--his ticker has given him problems. So much for those under the weather, but to each of you and others who have been ill we miss you. Hurry and get well!

Dave and Doreen Winkleman have just returned from an extended trip from the West to East Coast and back. We are glad they are back. You were missed. Mona Givens is galavanting around the states. You know, all it takes is for someone to be ill or go away and we find out how much we depend on them.

We have resumed our regular schedules at the nursing homes and senior centers. Those that have helped our when we've needed you--it has been appreciated. Some of our fiddlers have gone the second mile. Nice to have Bud & Ruth Applegate as new members from California. Rumors are we can learn a few new tunes from Bud. We are glad you are here.

We will resume our Learning Sessions in January. This was voted on at our last meeting. Our next regular meeting will be Nov. 6th at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass. Doors open at 10:30, business meeting at 11:30, potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00. Come early and jam.

Our Christmas meeting and jam will be Dec. 4th at the Talent Community Hall.

We will be playing Halloween Night at the Phoenix Grade School. This is an annual affair and the OOTFA are happy to donate their talents. Next month you will be hearing from Doreen.

Zelma Foote, Ye olde pro-tem reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

Dist. 5 was resting this month, but managed to have a wonderful meeting and jam at Greenacres Grange on the 1st.

On Oct. 8th the fiddlers were invited to Bandon for a paddleboat ride up the Coquille River on the Dixie Lee. Joe Bolduc, owner, told me the name is for his wife, Dixie, and daughter, Lee. When he was first establishing his business, the fiddlers were the first group to purchase a block of tickets, so this wonderful afternoon was a gift back to us from him. This ferryboat is all enclosed with windows on two levels. We had music upstairs and on the verandah, lots of food both upstairs and down. The most appropriate song was "Up the Lazy River." What a day to remember.

The Dixie Lee has a capacity of 90 people and is available for groups or individuals during the summer months. For more info., write Joe Bolduc, Rt. 2 Box 2458, Bandon, OR 97411. Next summer we hope to have as large a crowd and make this an annual event. Joe said he especially wanted to thank Shorty Dow and the Old Time Fiddlers.

Our next meeting and jam has been changed to 1:00 pm Sat., Nov. 12th at the Greenacres Grange. Come join us!

A special birthday wish to Merle Walton, as he celebrates "73" on the 25th of October.

So far people are talking about their "How I got started" stories, but I really do need them on paper as I have a lousy memory. I hope to have one for you next month.

Linda Carver, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Alex Paladujczuk and Grace Fox are home now after recent bouts in the hospital. Now don't any of the rest of you get sick--you are all too special to us.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Charlotte Sanders, who used to sing for the fiddlers, especially at the Thurston Grange.

John and Vivian Steele celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 16th.

Also in the "special" dept., Ruth and Don Loring report that their daughter, Jeri Blaine, has won a 2nd place position in the 12th Annual "Kentucky Fried Chicken Amateur Song Writing Contest", aired over KFAT Radio Station. The title of her winning song was "I Will Always Love You", and it is on her album with "Amarillo". Our CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Oct. 16th jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon saw a record crowd of dancers and listeners. We met early for a business meeting, then the lodge

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

furnished a wonderful roast beef lunch before our afternoon of music. Our many thanks to those who visited from other districts and helped with the music, and a big 'welcome' to those who have recently joined our district. Let's all make them welcome!

By the time this goes to press, we will have had our extra jam at the Eagles on-the-Green, in Eugene.

We are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Jam, Nov. 13th, at the Willamalane Senior Center, at the end of C Street (next to the river) in Springfield. Don't forget to bring your own table service along with your potluck contribution for the dinner. Please have all breads, cakes and pies cut for quick, easy serving. We will need three crews to HELP!!! Please notify Addie (343-5868) if you can help either to set up for the dinner, help serve, or help clean-up and put things away afterward. If enough people volunteer, you would only need to help with one of the 3 groups.

Many musicians and groups have been busy playing at nursing and retirement homes and other special functions. A group played for several hours in the Springfield outdoor mall to help celebrate the re-opening of Main Street after the many months of reconstruction of the street. They earned \$30.00 for the district that day.

In spite of the belated summer weather (who's complaining--not me!) the holiday season will be soon upon us, and another new year ahead. Let's finish 1988 in good music and good fellowship and hope to make the next year one of our best!

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Penny Walter has asked me to be reporter for Dist. 7 as Hollis Taylor cannot continue. I'm sorry about that; I can't begin to fill her shoes. We all thank her for a job well done.

Our jam at Oregon City Senior Center, Oct. 8, was well attended by a very appreciative crowd. Our performing group consisted of 15 fiddlers and 8 accompanists. Our thanks to all for a job well done. Also, special thanks to Cactus Finley and Bob Fast for emceeing and Red and Myrtle for taking care of the PA system and the kitchen. We felt very privileged to use such nice facilities--they have a very nice center. We were happy to have Bill & Edna Yohey and Dave & Jeanette Robinson from Dist. 8 with us.

This month we have added 2 new speaker stands and a monitor to our newly acquired PA set. We felt so proud and lucky. Thanks to Dorothy and Holly Bloomquist for their generous donation as well as others who have donated in the past and to all who helped promote extra projects to earn money for it.

Our fiddling event at Centennial H.S. was well attended and very successful. A very special thanks to the Rockwood merchants and to Penny Walter for their special efforts in planning and setting up the program. Also, thanks to our very talented performers. The donation consisting of \$350 from this event finished paying for our new PA set.

We are happy to hear that Margaret Hamm is recovering nicely from her surgery. Jonas Cox has had some health problems and we're glad to report that he is better. Anyone wishing to write or visit him, his address is 1100 SW Dollar St., West Linn, OR 97068. He'd be glad to hear from you. Ethel Riggs in Vancouver has recently had surgery.

Our next jam will be Nov. 16th at Elie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton (5550 SW Hall Blvd.). Doors open at 10:00, potluck as usual, show at 1:00.

Please call me with news for the Hoedowner at 232-4444.

P.S. Time to think about renewing your membership--contact Myrtle Arnold. She is still selling tickets for our beautiful DUCKY quilt. It will be given away at our Christmas party.

Dulcie Fast, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

Scheduled Jams--Nov. 20th, Woodburn Grange, Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 18th, McMinnville Grange, Christmas Dinner & Party

Our October jam at Willamina was not well attended, due to the fact that the co-chairman and reporter forgot to put out the usual advance advertising,

DISTRICT 8 (cont.):

and the local populace were not informed. I didn't think of it until I was out fishing, and then it was too late by the time I got home. Oh, well! Maybe I will get lucky and get fired. However, we had quite a few members show up, plus visitors from Districts 5 & 7, so we had a good time after all.

There is not much news this month. This may be a good time to remind members that it is difficult to report news if no one tells the reporter what is happening. I'm sure we have had illness, accidents, births, weddings, visits and maybe even deaths, but none of it will get published if the reporter doesn't know it. So please keep your reporter informed of any news that might be of interest to others.

Our next jam will be Nov. 20th at the Woodburn Grange Hall. Since it is our Thanksgiving Dinner, the district will furnish turkey, ham, dressing, gravy and rolls. Members should bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Visitors welcome. Doors open at 10:00 as usual. See all you pilgrims there.

Lee Jones, reporter

NOTE OF THANKS:

"We would like to thank all our dear friends who signed the card and also sent other cards of get well and best wishes from the campout at Warwicks.

We are so thankful for all the prayers and good wishes sent our way this summer--they really did help.

Carl is recovering completely from "Guillain Barre Syndrome." He feels real good and doesn't even use his crutch to walk now, just has to take it easy for a while. We are back in Yuma and Carl has his garden out. Our address is: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Van Hooser, 12460 E. 34th Pl., Yuma, AZ 85365. Thank you so much. Treva Van Hooser."

Contributed by Helen Inks of Dist. 6:

Happiness is a very widely discussed subject, and to those who diligently search, it seems as elusive as a sunbeam or a wisp of smoke. It can't be bought borrowed or stolen, but is something within each of us, and the more it is shared, the greater the capacity.

Usually it's the little things that bring the most happiness to everyone. For instance, it could be the blossoming of love and dreams for the future; a cooing baby--to have a sleepy head nestled on ones shoulder; a bed-time story for a child--an evening prayer; the song of a bird--the wonders of nature; the dawn of a new day--a ray of sunshine filtered through the trees; the touch of a hand, smile of a friend and a word of encouragement along the way.

Happiness can be found in all of these, but most of all it's having faith in our Creator and putting first things first.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For August 31, 1988 to Sept 30, 1988

CASH ON HAND AS OF	Aug 31, 1988	\$5236.32	
FUNDS RECEIVED			
20% from Districts		252.83	
Rosters and Decals		29.50	
Membership Dues		140.00	
TOTAL RECEIVED		<u>\$422.33</u>	Cash on hand plus Total received <u>\$5658.65</u>
FUNDS DISBURSED			
U.S. Post Office		25.00	
Commercial Mailing Service		522.06	
Maxine Benson (Audit)		50.00	
Lew Holt (Printing)		3.60	
Lew Holt (Mileage)		64.00	
Shorty Dow (Mileage)		65.20	
Lee Jones (Mileage)		<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$779.86	Cash on hand plus
CASH ON HAND AS OF SEPT 30, 1988		<u>\$4878.79</u>	Total Disbursed <u>\$5658.65</u>

FIDDLERS UP FRONT, PLEASE!!

When all musicians are on stage for a general "fiddle-jam" the prime concern should be the balance of sound that the audience hears. Proper placement should be considered according to instrument and microphones. You will notice that, in large professional orchestras and bands, instrument placement is not haphazard. Lead instruments and those with a lighter sound should be in the very front, with louder instruments or those playing back-up toward the back of the stage. This is not a popularity contest nor is it appropriate for a bashful fiddler to hide behind all the other instruments.

Usually one fiddler has been designated to "lead" a tune. He or she should be very close to a mike with the fiddle placed well under or "into" the mike. All other fiddlers should be IN THE FRONT ROW spaced along the other mikes and keeping up with the lead fiddler! Other back-up instruments should be placed behind the fiddlers, so they can watch them and KEEP PROPER TIME WITH THEM.

I know you have all experienced playing with or listening to an on-stage jam where part of the musicians are playing a different part of a selection than others. It gets to be a tug-of-war for the listener and back-up, and many fiddlers do not even appear to be listening to the rest and do not know they are playing the wrong part of the melody. This happens frequently when some fiddlers do not hold notes long enough and "short" their time, or when some fiddlers repeat parts of well known hoedowns and others do not repeat, but go on to the next part. We should take any and all precautions to see that this does not happen because we want to present GOOD MUSIC to our listeners.

A lead fiddler is designated in order to keep all musicians together. Listen to the lead fiddler, place yourself and your instrument in the appropriate position according to sound, and KEEP TOGETHER. We are proud of what we have to offer, so LET'S OFFER OUR BEST!

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GRANDMA'S GONE?

Thelma Shephard

IN THE DIM AND DISTANCE PAST
WHEN LIFE'S TEMPO WASN'T FAST
GRANDMA USED TO ROCK AND KNIT
CROCHET AND BABY SIT-

BUT TODAY SHE'S IN THE GYM
EXERCISING TO KEEP SLIM
SHE'S OFF TOURING WITH THE BUNCH
OR TAKING CLIENTS OUT TO LUNCH

WHEN THE KIDS WERE IN A JAM
THEY COULD ALWAYS CALL ON GRAM
IN THAT TIME OF GRACIOUS LIVING
GRANDMA WAS THE GAL FOR GIVING

GOING NORTH TO SKI OR CURL
ALL HER DAYS ARE IN A WHIRL
NOTHING SEEMS TO STOP OR BLICK
HER
NOW THAT GRANDMA'S OFF HER
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- 5 Joe and Dixie Bolduc, R 2 B 2485, Bandon, OR 97411
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Psalm 117

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.
 For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the
 Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.



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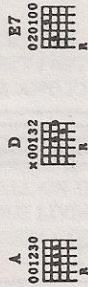
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Count: 1 an 2 an 3 an
Plucking strum: thumb plucks the root (R) of the chord

Moderate

Ci - ty side - walks, bus - y side - walks dressed in hol - i - day
street - lights, ev - en stop - lights, blink a bright red and
style. In the air there's a feel - ing of Christ - mas. Children
green, As the shop - per's rush home with their trea - sures. Hear the

laugh - ing, peo - ple pass - ing, meet - ing smile af - ter smile, And on
snow crunch, see the kids bunch, this is San - ta's big scene, And a -

ev - 'ry street cor - ner you hear. Sil - ver Bells, Sil - ver Bells.
bove all this bus - tle you hear.

It's Christ - mas time in the ci - ty. Ring - a - ling,
hear them ring, Soon it will be Christ - mas day. Strings of day.