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*Happy New Year!*

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JANUARY 1989

COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
Jan.	8	Jam, Vitality Center	Talent 4
	8	Jam, Burns Sr. Center	Burns 9
	14	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	15	Jam, Klamath Falls Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	15	Jam, Albany Eagles	Albany 4
	15	State Quarterly Mtg. & Jam, Stayton Community Center	Stayton 8
	22	Jam, Hillsboro Senior Center	Hillsboro 7
	26	Jam, Clairmont House	Klamath Falls 1
Feb.	5	Central Point Grange, Jam	Central Point 4
	19	Jam, Forest Grove Senior Center	Forest Grove 7
Mar.	5	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass 4

LEW SEZ: Early this month we had a state contest planning meeting in Lebanon with representatives from the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, the OOTFA, and the Strawberry Festival Board. It was a good meeting. We discussed money, of course, our different obligations, the new dates, and most important--we set Jan. 22nd as a date to meet to get down to work. We will meet that Sunday morning at 10:00 in the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. I am very pleased with the positive attitude. It is exciting. I hope to see a lot of you the Sunday before at Stayton. We will have a state quarterly meeting at 10:00. (See Dist. 7 news for the specifics.) I will need to report and get your reactions about the contest/jam at Lincoln City, the convention, the state contest, Vernonia Campout, fairs, and appoint a nominating committee, and what ever else we might have on the agenda. There are a lot of irons in a big fire. I might have been premature in reporting some of the things last month that might happen. They haven't happened yet, but let's keep our fingers crossed. I hope that many of you have the weekend of Apr. 21, 22, & 23 marked on your calendar.

We will be in Lincoln City that weekend at the Ocean Lake Elks. There will be parking for RV's, a lot of entertaining fiddle music, a contest or two stuck in now and then, and just a plain good time. The iron is getting hot and I must have a meeting to plan the specifics. The lodge is anxious to have us and will be doing many things to make us welcome. Everyone is welcome. I'll have more details at the state meeting. A week after the state contest we are planning a state quarterly meeting campout at Bandon for the weekend at our State Vice-President, Shorty Dow's, place. And then the next weekend will find us heading for Weiser where Oregon is the host state this year. All the irons are getting red hot--have got to sort them out and get everything going at just the right time. That is where YOU come in, too. All these things couldn't be done, and we couldn't be the best organization around if it were not for all of you nice people!

HAPPY FIDDLING AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Lew Holt, President  
 Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.

A NOTE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: I'm really proud of you, members! The day after the December Hoedowner came out with the renewal form, the memberships started pouring in. Our mailman almost needs a wheelbarrow! Of course many of you paid your 1989 dues at jams, or mailed them to me even before the renewal notice. Now that Christmas is over, I know the rest of you will be getting your dues paid. Hope you all like the new smaller membership card. It fits in a wallet better.

Alice Holt, Membership Chairman

DISTRICT 1:

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

Our January jam will be at our regular time and place. Klamathe Falls Fair Grounds on Jan. 15th. The business meeting is at 1:00 pm, and the public jam at two pm.

January 26th: Clairmont House from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Dist. 1 is well into the Christmas Spirit. Snow is on the ground and falling. Cleaning, cooking, decorating, gift wrapping and Christmas programs are all well on their way into the swing of the season.

May you and your loved ones be blessed with peace, joy and health throughout the 1989 year.

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

In Central Oregon it's beautiful snow for a white Christmas.

We had a good sized group of 53 for our Sunday Jam Dec. 11th which included 9 musicians. Orlo Flock didn't feel too much like fiddling so he sang songs for us. Bob Heinith and son Sam visited us from Madras. Two yr. old Sam played his fiddle while Bob played fiddle for us. We hope Sam will continue to practice and be an OOTFiddler someday soon. Hurry back, Bob & Sam.

We had a new family join our group. Donald and Karen Cossitt and sons Justin and Gene, POB 482, Fossil, OR 97830. Donald plays the guitar.

Three of our musicians joined Betty Fairham (clogger) at the Bend Villa Court Retirement Inn Dec. 15 and enjoyed playing for an hour. We will be playing again at Bend Villa Dec. 27th, which we do every month. Dec. 23rd we played at a foster home.

Congratulations to Cliff and Ada Harris on their 55th Anniversary and to Bob Kitchens and Ada Harris who celebrated birthdays.

Dist. 3 hopes you all had a nice Christmas and we wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Happy New Year--I'm sure it will be well after New Year's before you receive this.

Due to New Year's Day on the first Sunday we will have our jam Jan. 8th at the Vitality Center, 4th & L St., Grants Pass. Doors open at 10:00 for learning session, meeting at 11:45, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00.

Feb. 5th will be our Jam at the Central Point Grange. Doors open at 10:00 for learning session, meeting at 11:45, potluck at noon and open to the public at one.

Mar. 5th will be back at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass. Doors open at 10:00 for learning session, meeting at 11:30 for election of officers. It's time for a change so everyone be thinking about this and be willing to share the responsibilities. Potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00.

Our Christmas dinner was a big success. There were 65 for the delicious meal. We thank all those who cooked it and brought special dishes, also for the pretty table settings. We were happy to have Faye and Isom Patterson join us from Dist. 1.

Some played for a 100th birthday party for a man in a nursing home in Grants Pass for which we received \$50. Some played for the Talent Senior Citizens Christmas Party and potluck.

Jack Lester is well on to recovery from surgery. At this writing Tex Looper is in Providence Hospital with hip problems. We wish them well and everyone else who is not feeling up to par. It is nice to have Walter Foote feeling

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

well enough to be playing the weekly schedules again after an absence of 4 months.

We miss Mona Givens, who has been on an extended trip since Oct., and all the others who have gone south for the winter. Have fun in the sunshine.

Dorene Winkelman, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

Dec. 10th was a sunny day at Greenacres Grange. Food, fiddlers, back-up and listeners were on the program as we enjoyed our Christmas party with the grange members.

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH for Dist. 5: LEW HOLT--

Lew Holt, 1987-88 OOTFA president and Dist. 5 member, was born April 11, 1929 at Vernonia, Oregon.

Lew's earliest memory of music was being put down to sleep behind a piano on the stage of a dance hall in Vernonia. Lew says this was before babysitters were invented. He had 3 months of piano lessons and studied the steel guitar during the war years. After he married and the babies were born, he put the steel guitar away and has completely forgotten what he learned.

In 1976 Lew's mother gave him his grandfather's fiddle, along with the story that his grandfather had worked all summer in 1884 as a 13-yr.-old and was given the fiddle as wages.

Lew met and asked John Hoerster to restore the fiddle. It was at John's that Lew met Les Mcleod from Bandon, which eventually led to his joining the OOTFA. He gives much credit to Norma Allen from Bandon from Bandon who shared her home for fiddle practice.

Lew said the fiddle has been difficult for him, but everyone has been patient and kind.

To quote Lew today-"Alice and I have come to know many people through fiddling and have had many rewarding experiences." Lew is retired now and dedicates his time to the OOTFA as its president--fiddling, visiting, traveling, making new friends and allowing Alice to teach him what he forgot. \*\*\*\*\*

Deveda Walton has been in the hospital with surgery--get well soon!

January birthdays--Chris Belleque-Jan. 1 and Deveda Walton-Jan. 4.

There will be a meeting and dance at noon at the Greenacres Grange.

Linda Carlson, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Mark Carmickle; CO-CHAIRMAN- Jim Lockard; SEC/TREAS-Ila Mae Weber

Season's Greetings to all of you out there, and hoping 1989 will be our merriest music year ever!

Our holiday season began early with our festive Christmas jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. A sumptuous turkey dinner was served by the lodge, then an afternoon of music and dancing by the fiddlers and friends. Good old Santa made a guest appearance and his "Ho, Ho, Ho" rang merrily throughout the hall as he handed out candy canes and visited the children (young AND old).

During the month, our past chairman, Jack Walker, had extensive surgery done on his throat and nose area. He is home now, and amazing everyone with his recuperation. I am sure he will be back to singing his great songs before you realize it. He still has a sore throat area, but doing fine, and his speaking voice is back to the "same old Jack" we know.

One of our former members, Darrell Craddock, had a quadruple heart bypass plus carotid artery surgery just one day from Jack's surgery, and is home now after slightly over a week in the hospital. He is doing fine and will be back to plucking his trusty old guitar as soon as he is able.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members, Walter McCormack, from Dexter. Walter played the harmonica. He leaves his wife Viola and his many friends who will miss him.

The holiday atmosphere has permeated all the nursing and retirement homes and other places our musicians play for, so this has been a very busy month.

I keep thinking each new month will be less busier than the previous one....but then, I still believe in Santa Claus, too!

Several of our musicians have gone south with the snowbirds. Charlie and Vi Jenson left early in the fall, followed shortly after by Betty and Arnold Canning and Bill and Elsie Bostic. The Cannings are in Quartzite, AZ, and

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

the Bostics are in Apache Jct., AZ. (I don't have the Jensen's address). If any of you are down around there, just follow your ears and you will hear them playing somewhere, so look them up.

Our Jan. jam will be held at the Eagles' Lodge in Albany. It's down near the river about 2 blocks east of the bridge downtown. I don't have particulars about lunch, but it is usually furnished. We will have a PIE AUCTION to help raise money. It was so much fun the past two years, and the pies were so yummy, so please ladies (and gentlemen) plan to bake up your special pies and bring to the jam. I'll see you there. - Shucks! There goes my New Year's Resolution already!!

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a very special Christmas jam--lots of fiddlers and musicians and a nice crowd. We were happy to have those who came from Dist. 8, and it was nice to see faces from Dist. 7 that we hadn't seen for awhile. We want to thank all those who made our dinner a success; we had a very pretty table.

Jeanine Orme called me and said that if anyone was interested in taking fiddle lessons from her to please contact her at 626-8527.

Our next jam will be at the Hillsboro Senior Center in Hillsboro. The address is 759 SE Washington. We'll have potluck at 12:00 and program at 1:00 as usual.

At the jam in Forest Grove on Feb. 19th, we'll have a business meeting and election of officers, so be thinking of who you would like to support for chairman, etc.

NOTE FROM PENNY:

I want to thank everyone who helped put on the Christmas Jam. I was in Yuma and didn't think we'd be back, but we made it. I was happy to see how smooth it all went and pleased to see so many out. Was pleased to see Esther and Wayne at the jam, and also our dear Mary and Herman.

Dulcie Fast, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

Next jam--Jan. 15th, STATE QUARTERLY JAM at Stayton Community Center.

Well! Salnta didn't show up for our Christmas Jam at McMinnville Grange on Dec. 18th, and he and others who didn't come missed a good jam. But a lot of people did come and we had a good time. We had 23 performers, which was about normal. We also had three birthdays. Pauline Buckbee, Minnie Bennett and Inez Pickering celebrated their 39th birthdays. Also a special tune was played for Les and Jeanne Johnson in honor of their 48th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to all.

We also received word of the passing of Dorothy Bennet, one of our most devoted and faithful followers. We will miss her.

Our next jam is the State Quarterly Jam and will be at the Stayton Community Center in Stayton, Jan. 15th. Coming from Salem on Highway 22, turn South at the Stayton signs. Pass the first stop light at the top of the hill before you get into the main part of town, then pass the second one in town and go one more block, turn right and go about three blocks and look for the Community Center signs. If you come through Jefferson, go just past the cannery and look for the signs there. Parking in the parking lot overnight Saturday night is fine. If your RV is already winterized, there will be open rest rooms at the swimming pool.

Let's have a super turnout for the state jam to show our support. We already know we have Super Cooks in the district, so let's put on a super meal. It seems as if I am using the word "super" a lot, but maybe that is kind of how I feel about Dist. 8. To me this district is super special.

Lee Jones, reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; CO-CHAIRMAN-Darlene Austin; SEC/TREAS-Margaret Teague

Believe it or not, Dist. 9 is still alive and busy as can be. Maybe a little late getting back in the swing after a long summer vacation.

We had a float for the parade for the County Fair in Sept. Then in Oct. we started having our regular jams on the second Sunday of the month. Also we are playing for the nursing home each month.

DISTRICT 9 (cont.):

Dec. has been very busy with playing at the Nursing Home Party which was so exciting for all of those folks. They really look forward to the visit from the fiddlers.

On the 11th Dist. 9 provided the turkey and the trimmins for the Christmas Potluck at the Senior Center. We had a good supply of musicians, which was great for the party and dancing. About 80 people had a toe tappin good time.

Paula and Doug Reynolds moved back in Nov. It is really nice to have them home again. Stacey, Monty and Grandpa just play up a storm every night.

We have played at the Indian Reservation for a benefit and for their Christmas Party. Loads of good food and fun. Lloyd Louie was MC.

Hope to have a reporter soon to keep you informed.

Margaret Teague, reporter pro tem

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NOTES OF THANKS--

We, the family of Warren Baker, would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends who sent flowers, cards, and monetary gifts in memory of Warren.

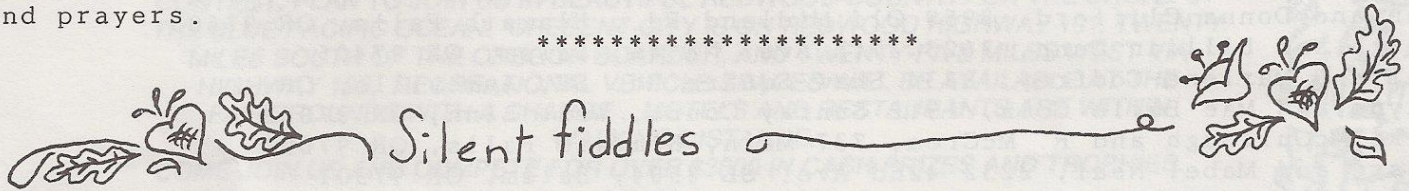
Your support meant so much to all of us.

Thanks again to all.

--Sherry Baker and family

Clemmie McCasland wants to thank everyone who sent cards and called while she has been ill. She has been improving slowly and appreciates all your thoughts and prayers.

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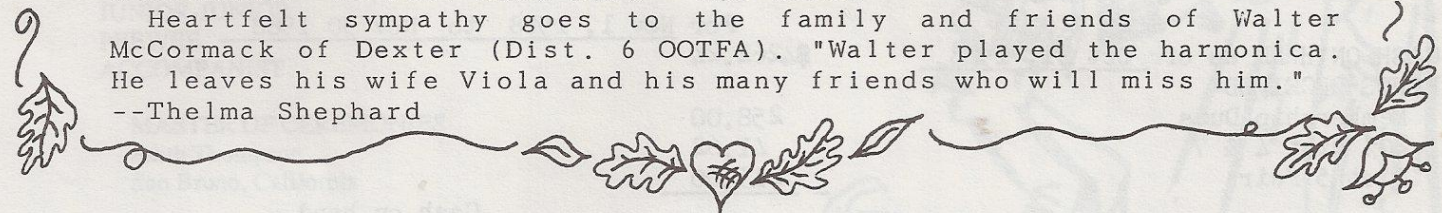
Silent fiddles

Dorothy Pauline Bennett, daughter of Lee and Hilda Reynolds, who are longtime members of the OOTFA, passed away Nov. 26, 1988. Dorothy had accompanied her parents to almost every state convention and contest for the last 20 years, and was a familiar figure at jam sessions. Besides her parents, Dorothy leaves her husband Charles, 5 children and 10 grandchildren. (submitted by Charles Bennett)

Dorothy (Dist. 8 OOTFA) was "one of our most devoted and faithful followers. We will miss her."--Lee Jones

Heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Walter McCormack of Dexter (Dist. 6 OOTFA). "Walter played the harmonica. He leaves his wife Viola and his many friends who will miss him."

--Thelma Shephard



FROM JUDEE PARSONS OF THE NOTFA--Weiser, ID, Chamber of Commerce:

We still need your help!!! We are in the midst of an all out drive to have refrigerated air-conditioning at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest this coming year, June 19-24, 1989. Our goal is \$80,000. In the past 60 days we have raised approximately \$30,000. We need your help for the balance. Any amount will be appreciated. Please send to: The National Oldtime Fiddlers' Air-conditioning Fund, 8 E. Idaho St., Weiser, ID 83672.

The fiddle contest is very important to not only Weiser but to help promote the art of fiddling among the young and old. Last year the loss of ticket sales was due to the heat. This being our biggest source of revenue we must get the gym cooled off for the enjoyment of all. Thank you for your help. (12/12/88)

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A FIDDLER

Virtuosos do play  
in the grandest way,

They begin with vibrato  
and end pizzicato;

and rarely do start  
in the middle.

but me--I just  
fiddle a liddle.

--Dean E. Lewis (Dist. 1)

You don't have to  
be old  
to be an  
Old Time Fiddler

THE VIOLIN

Preamble to the fiddler and the fiddler's aria that thrills the heart and soul so very much:

Comes again the clinging clutch, as the strings and fingers touch, sending up a tender trill.

Then again echoes the din from within the violin,

Wood and strings possess a soul, as the lovely lyrics roll, with a tantalizing toll from within the violin.

Bow and strings meet and greet and share their sonnets soft and sweet.

How they shiver, how they quiver, like a restless raging river.

Then from the fiddle and the bow echo and flow the river's lyric under-tow; As the fiddler and the fiddle play their dual role and feed the hymnal-hungry human soul.

--William P. Murray--Winston-Salem, NC (submitted by Dorothy Booher)

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FOR THE ROSTER: Harold Sherman's correct phone number is: 928-0505.

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PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- 1 Dan and Donna Clifford, 3959 Old Midland Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
- 8 Keith and Lillian Dunn, 3623 47th Ave. NE #A, Salem, OR 97405
- 8 Pat and Marlene Godfrey, 8834 Shaw Square Rd. SE, Aumsville, OR
- 7 Wayne and Mae Belle Goin, 1912 Sunray Court, West Linn, OR 97068
- 1 Mike McCullough and R. McCrea, 737 Main, Klamath Falls, OR 97601
- 8 Jesse and Mabel Neal, 2232 42nd Ave. SE #504, Salem, OR 97301
- 5 Wilma Ryan, 350 S. Folsom Ct., Coquille, OR 97423
- 5 John and Shirley Vaughan, Rt. 1 Box 218 Sp. #5, Coquille, OR 97423
- 7 Ace and Dorothy Wehus, 1024 S. Elm Court, Canby, OR 97013
- 6 Loren and Irene Wetherell, 2796 S. Main #19, Lebanon, OR 97355

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

	For <u>Nov 1, 1988 to Nov 30 1988</u>	
CASH ON HAND as of <u>Oct 31, 1988</u>	\$4262.24	
FUNDS RECEIVED		
Membership Dues	258.00	
20% Dist 4 & 7	41.62	
Dist 5 Fair	215.00	
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TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 514.62	Cash on hand plus total rec'd \$4776.86
FUNDS DISBURSED		
Commercial Mailing Service	\$ 514.35	
Postage	5.82	
Stamps (for mailing new mem cards)	50.00	
Telephone	996	
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TOTAL DISBURSED	\$580.13	Cash on hand plus total disbursed \$4776.86
CASH ON HAND as of <u>Nov 30, 1988</u>	\$4196.73	

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF OOTFA, from Jack Walker, District 6:

As many of you are aware of my recent surgery of Dec. 9th for sleep apnia, my family and I would like to express the gratitude we feel in our hearts for the concerned prayers, beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls, etc. It was simply overwhelming and very much appreciated. We are proud to belong to such a great organization as the OOTFA. Thanks again for what you have done for my family and I. Sincerely, Jack & Hazel Walker & family.

THIRD ANNUAL

# REDWOOD COUNTRY OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST

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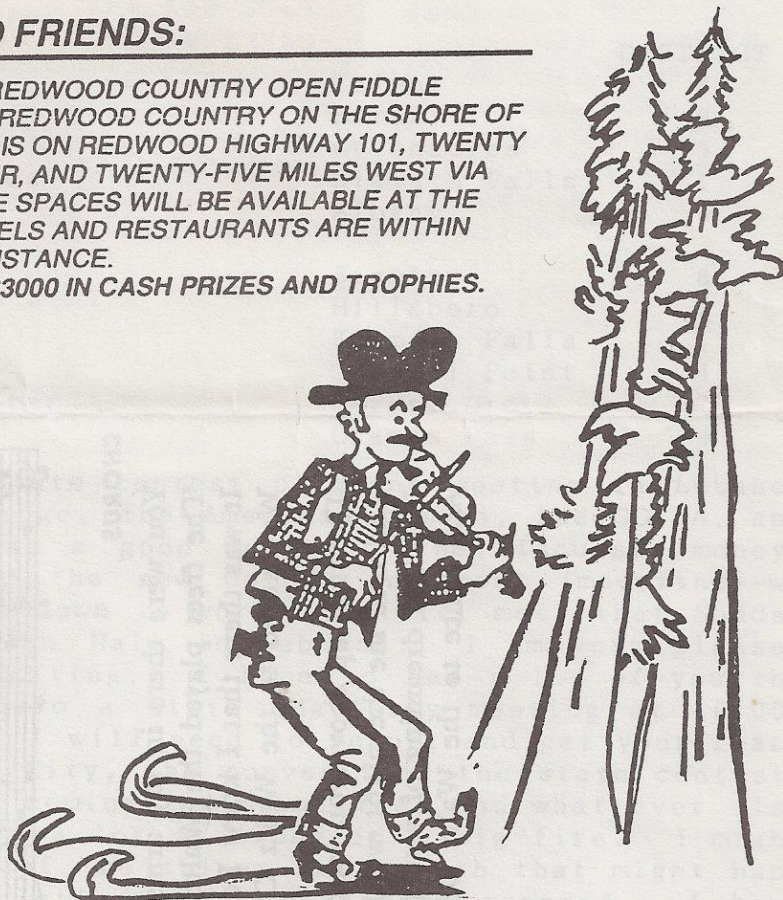
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## WALTZ OF THE WIND

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The musical notation consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The piano accompaniment is written in a similar style, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

### CHORUS

You were there in my arms alone in the moonlight  
The trees played the Waltz Of The Wind  
It was there that I knew I'd love you forever,  
We danced to the Waltz Of The Wind.

The stars up above you looked down in your eyes  
And told me the night would never end,  
Now I'm dreaming of you 'til we meet tomorrow  
And dance to the Waltz Of The Wind.