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COMING EVENTS

				DISTRICT
Feb.	4	Jam, VFW Hall	Bandon	5
	5	Jam, Central Point Grange	Central Point	4
	11	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
	12	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
	12	Jam, Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield	6
	19	Meeting & Jam, Klamath County Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
	19	Meeting & Jam, Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
	23	Jam, Clairmont House	Klamath Falls	1
	26	Nursing Home Entertainment	Klamath Falls	1
Mar.	5	Meeting & Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4
	11	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
	12	Jam, Estacada Senior Center	Estacada	7
	12	Meeting & Jam, McMinnville Grange	McMinnville	8
	19	Meeting & Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon	6
	23-25	State Convention, Douglas Cnty. Frgrnds.	Roseburg	OOTFA
Apr.	7&8	Redwood Country Open Fiddle Contest	Crescent City, CA	
	21-23	Ocean Lakes Elk Lodge Contest/Entertainment weekend	Lincoln City, OR	
May	7	Jam, Sutherlin Senior Center	Sutherlin	4
June	2&3	1989 Oregon State Fiddle Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA
	11	Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Shorty Dow's	Bandon	OOTFA
July	19-23	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia	

LEW Sez: I want to thank all the officers who came to make the state quarterly meeting in Stayton a success. It was more of an informational type meeting rather than of action. There was good attendance of members, too. It was too bad that the fickle weather had to dump snow on the passes to keep several districts away. I also want to thank Les Johnson and the Dist. 8 members for their hospitality and for a fine jam. Last year about this time I mentioned that I would appreciate it if some of you might volunteer to help out at the convention and at the contest. I already had one volunteer come forward at Stayton. I would again like to ask for volunteers. I discovered years ago that asking for volunteers in any organization is a good technique for meeting and involving different members. There are people out there who enjoy and want to help but often think that they are not needed or for that matter often think they are not wanted. Associate members as well as musicians can and do volunteer to help with the chores of putting on a convention or contest. You're all welcome. Please drop me a note or give me a call. It is important that you know that our state convention will be held the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of March in Roseburg. (As we have found out, the 26th is Easter Sunday.) Thursday the 23rd will begin registration, perhaps a workshop or two, jamming, and meeting friends. Friday during the day will be the same. That evening we will have the big show for

LEW SEZ (cont.):

the public as we did last year. (Participation is by invitation.) Saturday morning there will be a state quarterly meeting at 10:00, a state business meeting at 1:00, a banquet that evening, and a membership dance to follow. (Each district will have a specific amount of time to play dance tunes.) Back to January-on the 22nd we will have had a contest planning meeting in Lebanon. This is a work session to define our different tasks in preparation for the contest the first week end in June in Lebanon. On the 23rd of January we will have had a planning meeting in Lincoln City to work on the Apr. 21-23 contest/entertainment weekend which is to be held at the Ocean Lakes Elks Lodge in Lincoln City. An important outcome of this meeting is to define more specifically what is expected of us (all entertainment and no contest, or both entertainment and contest, or all contest), and the time frame in which we are to do it. Alice and I are planning on taking a week off in the middle of February to visit our son and his wife in Seattle, so if you try to get us or if we don't return your call for a few days, you will know why. Time is running out for renewing your membership for 1989 to get your name in the roster, so hurry!  
Happy fiddling,

Lew Holt, President  
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** To be eligible for Life Membership, the applicant must be at least 70 years old, an active musician, a paid up member for the past two years, and be recommended by his/her district chairman.

**BI-LAW CHANGE:** At the September 18, 1988 quarterly meeting the executive committee of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association adopted a Bi-law change. The proposed change will be taken to the membership on March 25, 1989, at the state meeting in Roseburg. The proposal is to add "or June" to the present Standing Rules Section X which now reads: X. State Contest will be held in May. If adopted, Section X would read: X. State Contest will be held in May or June. The purpose of this change is to allow the contest to be held during the Strawberry Festival in Lebanon.

DISTRICT 1:

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

Thanks to our musicians and friends who braved the snow and icy roads to make our January jam a very pleasant day.

We extend a warm welcome to our new member Bud Ullman, and his banjo.

The yearly membership dues are being received, thank you.

February 19th we will be at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Business meeting from 1:00-2:00, playing for the public from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Feb. 23rd we play at Clairmont House from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Our regular nursing home activities will be Feb. 26th.

You are asked to contact Lois Tucker or Harold North if you cannot play at the nursing homes the 4th Sunday of every month, to help us cut down on the time and effort involved with phone calls. Thanks.

Johnny gard had surgery Jan. 20th. We send our prayers and good wishes for a quick recovery, Johnny.

Joy and fullness of living are found in the heart that is filled with Thanksgiving.

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

**CHAIRMAN**-Ches Fullerton; **CO-CHAIRMAN**-Bob Kitchens; **SEC/TREAS**-Mona Givens

Here we are with everything covered with snow again after a few days of beautiful sunshine.

Our Jan. 8 Sunday jam was a good day for a group of 57 people of which we had 15 musicians. Jim & Margie Neely and Bob and young Sam Heinith were with us again from Madras. Hope they will become regulars every month. Orlo Flack didn't feel like playing, but he always makes our day just walking in with Hazel and that big smile on his face. We also had visitors from Moro, Oregon.

Tom O'neal went in for a check-up and ended up in the hospital for tests which led to having Angioplasty done to the same artery that had closed on him


DISTRICT 3 (cont.):

in Texas. Tom is home after about 3 days in the hospital, and is taking it a little easier this time. Take care, Tom.

Missed not going to the quarterly meeting but the roads weren't in very good shape.

Happy Anniversary to Orlo & Hazel Flock 49 years and Happy birthdays to Jane Thompson, Don Hanson, Hazel Flock and Lois Chisholm. Many more to all--

Our next jam is Feb. 12th.

Billie Kitchens, reporter 

DISTRICT 4:

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


In spite of a snowy day, we had a good turnout of musicians and the public on Jan. 8th at the Vitality Center at Grants Pass, even more than usual for the potluck. Also quite a few for the learning session. We were happy to have Isom and Faye Patterson from Dist. 1. They don't let a little snow stop them!

Feb. 5th will be a jam at the Central Point Grange. Doors open at 10:00 for a learning session, meeting at 11:30, potluck at noon, and open to the public at one.

Our April jam will be at Yreka, the 2nd at Yreka Community Center. Doors open to players and guests at 10:00, potluck at noon, and open to the public at one. Coffee will be furnished--bring food and table service. Going south, take the first Yreka off ramp; go west to Oregon St. and turn right. We are hoping for good weather as it is a beautiful drive down there.

At this writing Tex Looper is back in the hospital for surgery to relieve a pinched nerve, causing hip problems. We wish him well.

Some of us down this way missed the State Quarterly because of the wintery weather.

Dorene Winkelman, reporter 

DISTRICT 5:

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

Dist. 5 has changed our monthly dances to the 2nd Saturday at 1 p.m. We extend our invitation for anyone with nothing to do, or just want a visit to the coast to join us. Don't forget your instrument. The Greenacres Grange is approximately 10 miles south of Coos Bay on Hwy 42 East. Turn left at the Greenacres sign: the grange is just past the Greenacres store on your left.

Jan. 14th was full of eating, fiddling, dancing, and visiting. Several were taking time out to be sick.

Feb. 4th we will be playing at the VFW Hall in Bandon at 8:00 p.m. Come join us.

Our condolences to Albert May on the recent loss of his wife Luella.

Congratulations to Leonard and Ione Olson who will be celebrating their "50th" wedding anniversary on Feb. 12th.


FIDDLER OF THE MONTH: DAVE PINKERTON

To quote Dave: "I had picked a guitar most of my life, but around 1972 Bud Ryan, who was a fiddler of long standing, decided I should learn to fiddle. For several months I haunted Bud & Wilma until I had learned a few tunes. I have always enjoyed music, and although I never progressed beyond the standing of "scratcher", I enjoy the fiddle very much." Dave is so modest, but he is a very accomplished musician, playing several other instruments. If he's a scratcher, I'll never have a chance!

Upcoming dates: Feb. 4th, Bandon VFW

" 11th, Grenacres Grange

Mar. 11th, Greenacres Grange

Linda Carver, reporter 

DISTRICT 6:

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

Well! We started our new year out with a bang-up jam at the Eagles Lodge in Albany, Jan. 15th. Our annual pie auction netted our district almost \$200, then the lodge furnished a great ham dinner. We had a full house and many players to fill the afternoon. It was great to hear Jack Walker back and singing after his recent surgery. Helen Tracy was back in attendance, too, after her recent surgery (her second this winter). Vivian Steele just got out of the hospital that day, after back surgery, and she would like to thank all her friends for their kind cards, calls and flowers. She will be recuperating at home for


DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

a few weeks before returning to work. We've just had news that Charlie Jensen is in serious condition in the Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, AZ and may need surgery. No details are yet known. Charlie & Vi's Arizona address is P. O. Box 3536, Quartzsite, AZ 85359. We are all rooting for you, Charlie! Genevieve Hill has spent several weeks in bed from an injured knee, but can be up and around a little bit now, with the aid of a walker.

Our next jam will be at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Feb. 12th. Bring something for the potluck, and your own table service.


The March jam will be on the 19th at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. Come early, as we will be having our business meeting, and there will be an election of officers for next year. The lodge will furnish lunch before our jam.

I want to thank Jim O'Bryant for his great job of auctioneering at the pie auction (able assisted by "official-pie-taster, Jack Walker") and to extend our heartfelt welcome to those who came to visit from other districts.

Thelma Shephard, reporter 

ATTENTION DIST. 6 MEMBERS!!

Sound man needed for Dist. 6 jam sessions.....I (Stan) am retiring and would like someone to take over the amplification as soon as possible...I will assist as long as needed...and will help at the State Convention as well as the state contest. Anyone interested please call Mark Carmickle at 689-5562 or Stan Gonshorowski at 343-5868.


Thank You, Stan Gonshorowski 

DISTRICT 7:

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

I'm afraid that I don't have much to report this month, as we haven't had our Jan. jam yet. Our next jam will be Feb. 19th at the Senior Center in Forest Grove. The address is 2037 Douglas. Our dist. meeting and election of officers will be held at 11:00, so please try to be there. Potluck lunch will be at noon and the program at 1:00 as usual.

Our March jam will be on the 12th at the Estacada Senior Center. The address is 220 SW Clubhouse Dr.

Dulcie Fast, reporter 

DISTRICT 8:

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


Our dist. was host to the OOTFA Quarterly Meeting this month, and it was a very enjoyable and uplifting experience. From the informal jam at the Johnson's on Sat. night to the last tune at the Community Hall on Sunday, it was great. I personally can recommend the "Johnson Motel." Excellent facilities for jamming, excellent food, beds, hot and cold running water, breakfast in bed, low rates and no alarm clocks. Even Les' war stories are above average.

But seriously, folks, it was a good jam. The Stayton Community Center was an excellent place for a state function. We always have a good turnout there, and we had an exceptionally large crowd, both musicians and audience. The use of the hall was donated and the collection made up for some of the others that come up short.

At the meeting, Dist. 8 was once again awarded the honor of setting up the tables for the banquet at the convention. When we get ready to set up tables on Saturday, we would like for people to be there to help instead of having to hunt for them. Remember this will be a Dist. 8 function and we seem to have more than our share of bad backs, but it has to be done, even if our backs do ache. I speak from personal experience.

A small group played for the Falls City Senior Citizens this week. It is nice to play for an audience that appreciates our type of music and doesn't expect perfection from everyone.

Our next jam will be a meeting and ELECTION OF OFFICERS at the McMinnville Grange on Feb. 12th. You might wear your valentine costume if you like. The meeting will start at 11:00. Please be there on time. Anyone who would like to or be willing to serve as a dist. officer, or would like to nominate someone, please speak up for the good of the organization. It really is a rewarding experience.

Lee Jones, reporter 

FINANCIAL REPORT

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION

(Dec. 1, 1988-Dec. 31, 1988)

CASH ON HAND (as of Nov. 30, 1988	\$4196.73	
FUNDS RECEIVED		
20% Dist. 4,7 & 8	30.75	
Membership Dues	+1604.00	
	<u>\$1634.75</u>	

CASH ON HAND	
PLUS TOTAL REC'D:	\$5831.48

FUNDS DISBURSED	
Commercial Mailing Service	-580.42
CASH ON HAND as of Dec. 31, 1988:	<u>\$5251.06</u>

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PLUS TOTAL DISBURSED:	\$5831.48

NOTE OF THANKS: From Helen B. Tracy, Dist. 6--


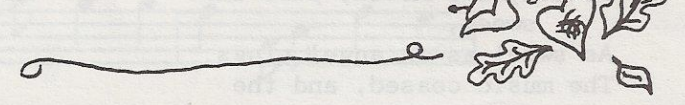
It's been a joy to be a member of OOTFA, and I would like to thank all the many members of Dist. 6 for their many kindnesses during my recent emergency surgery.

Your prayers, love, calls, visits, lovely cards and beautiful flowers were so nice and much appreciated. I am doing very nicely, considering I first acquired a blood clot in my leg, and I'm now recovering from bronchial pneumonia. In March I have my second surgery.

This was all really sudden, caused by a severe fall I had while walking our little dog Aug. 18, 1988.

Again, thank you each and every one for your many, many kindnesses.

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 Silent fiddles 

Joyce Bush sent a note that Don R. Bush, of Roseburg passed away Oct. 21st, 1988. He was a past member of OOTFA.

Leslie Tull, life member of OOTFA, Dist. 7, left us Dec. 11, 1988.

Luella May, wife of Albert May of Brookings, passed away. She was a life member of OOTFA.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both family and friends of Luella and Joyce, and Leslie.

CARLTON SMITH has a real good fiddle he would like to sell. It is a Hauff, over 200 years old and has new strings and is in good shape. Carlton's address is Carlton A. Smith, Box 943 North Bend, OR 97459, phone 756-2716.

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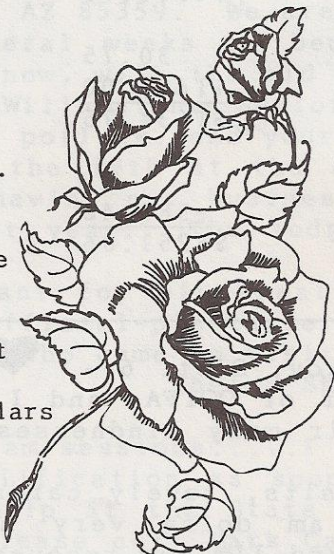
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Anyone desiring more information or an order form, contact Michael or Dolores Booher at 849-2171 or write 2058 Scotts Valley Road, Yoncalla, OR 97499. (We have purchased the tapes and accompanying music book, and are extremely pleased with them. Dale has done a tremendous work on these, and we do appreciate it. Dolores)

T H E T O U C H O F T H E M A S T E R ' S H A N D

'Twas battered and scarred and  
 the auctioneer  
 Thought it scarcely worth his  
 while  
 To waste such time on the old  
 violin,  
 But he held it up with a smile.  
 "What am I bid, good folks?"  
 he cried.  
 Who'll start the bidding for me  
 A dollar, a dollar--now two,  
 only two--  
 Two dollars, and who'll make it  
 three?  
 "Three dollars once, three dollars  
 twice,  
 Going for three"--but no!  
 From the room far back a gray-  
 haired man  
 Came forward and picked up the  
 bow;  
 Then, wiping the dust from the  
 old violin,  
 And tightening up all the strings,  
 He played a melody pure and  
 sweet,  
 As sweet as an angel sings.  
 The music ceased, and the  
 auctioneer,  
 With a voice that was quiet and  
 low,  
 Said, "What am I bid for the old  
 violin?"  
 And he held it up with the bow.



"A thousand dollars--and who'll  
 make it two?  
 Two thousand--and who'll make it  
 three?  
 Three thousand once and three  
 thousand twice--  
 And going and gone!" said he.  
 The people cheered, but some  
 of them cried,  
 "We do not quite understand--  
 What changed its worth?" The  
 man replied:  
 "The touch of the master's  
 hand!"  
 And many a man with life out  
 of tune,  
 And battered and torn with sin,  
 Is auctioned cheap to a thought-  
 less crowd,  
 Much like the old violin.  
 "A mess of pottage," a glass of  
 wine,  
 A game--and he travels on.  
 He's going once, and going  
 twice,  
 He's going and almost gone!  
 But the Master comes! And the  
 foolish crowd  
 Never can quite understand  
 The worth of a soul and the  
 change that's wrought  
 By the touch of the Master's  
 hand.  
 --Myra Brooks Welch

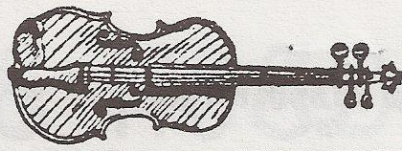
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PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- 4 Steve and Charlene Bennett, 4080 Midway Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97527
- 3 Donald and Kare Cassitt, Box 482, Fossil, OR 97830
- 3 Arthur and Mary Fleming, 62977 Florence Dr., Bend, OR 97701
- 8 Edward and Donalea Hansen, 4036 Carson Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97301
- 4 David and Lawnene Henderson, 16264 Ford Rd., Rogue River, OR
- 8 William and Ethel Henderson, POB 559 220 Kingwood SW, Mill City, OR 97360
- 8 Alan Kanaskie and Shawn Morford, 1630 Cottage St. SE, Salem, OR 97302
- 6 Carol and Larry Larson, 25563 Hall Rd., Junction City, OR 97448
- 3 Jim and Marforie Neely, 532 NE Bean Drive, Madras, OR 97741
- 9 Patricia Scott, 555 Crane Blvd #11, Burns, OR 97720
- OSAnne Seaman, 7433 NE 13th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665

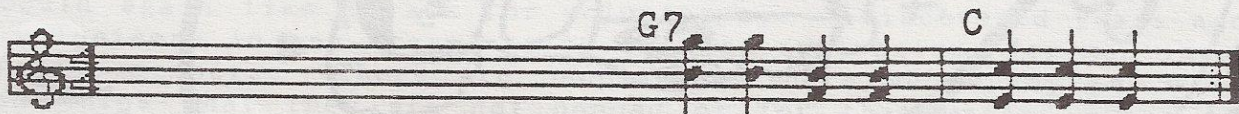
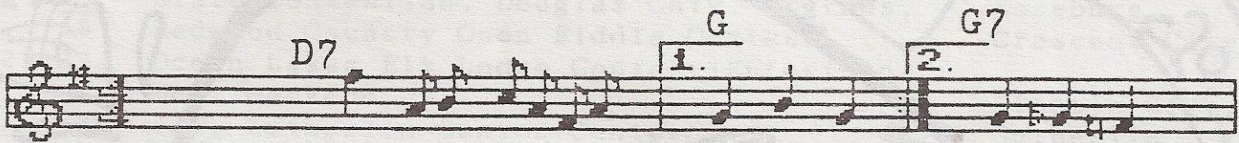
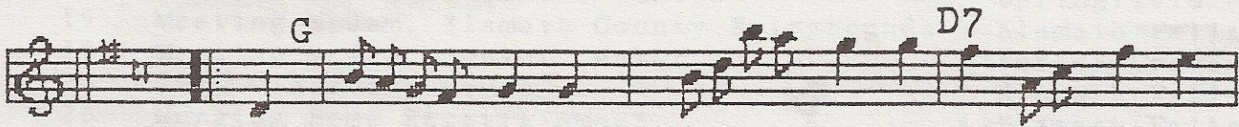
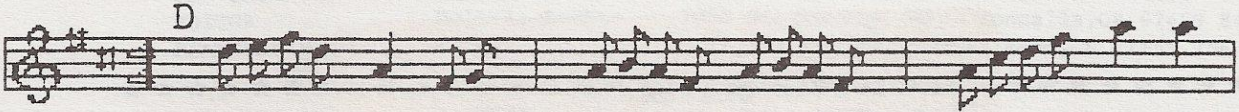
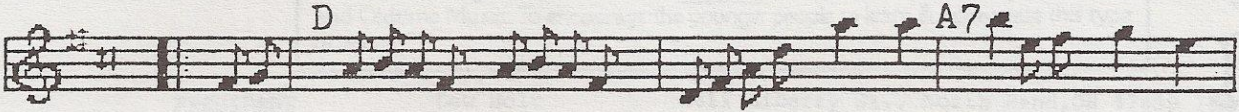
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 TO BE AN OLD TIME  
 FIDDLER.





# OLD SOUTHERN SHOTTISCHE

Notation by  
Warren Colebank



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