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APRIL 1989

COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
April	2	Jam, Yreka Community Center	Yreka, CA 4
	6	Shasta Grange Fun Night	Klamath Falls 1
	7&8	Redwood Country Open Fiddle Contest	Crescent City, CA
	8	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	9	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
	9	Jam, Burns Senior Center	Burns 9
	15	Meeting & Jam, Clairmont House	Klamath Falls 1
	16	Jam, Willamina VFW Hall	Willamina 8
	16	Jam, Moose Hall	Lebanon 6
	30	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center	Beaverton 7
May	7	Jam, Sutherlin Senior Center	Sutherlin 4
	21	Jam, Clairmont House	Klamath Falls 1
	21	Jam, Columbia View Park	St. Helens 7
June	2&3	Ore. State Fiddle Contest, Lebanon H.S. gym	Lebanon OOTFA
	11	State Quarterly Mtg. & Jam, Shorty Dow's	Bandon OOTFA
	16&17	High Desert Fiddle Contest	Burns Burns C. of C.
	19-24	Nat'l Old Time Fiddle Contest Weiser H.S. Auditorium	Weiser, ID
	26-30	Haystack Program, Fiddle Workshop (CAW)	Cannon Beach PSU
July	19-23	Haystack Program, Flatpick Guitar	Cannon Beach PSU
	19-23	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia
	26	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville
Aug.	27-Sept. 2	Warwick's Campout	Williams

LEW SEZ: Another O.O.T.F.A. convention is behind us. I want to thank all of you who helped make it a success by your work and by your attendance. I was impressed - and very pleased. Congratulations to the new officers at both the district and the state level. When they start their new year on July 1, their rewards will be many. I can speak from experience. It should be time to sit down and rest for a while but not yet. The *Lincoln City April Fiddle Festival* is just around the corner and a lot has yet to be done. A tentative schedule is shaping up something like this: (Please remember that everything is subject to change - we're experimenting and talking yet. This is a first so we are exploring new waters.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1989: The Ocean Lake Elks Lodge will open at noon for jamming and for meeting friends. Be sure to sign in and you may register for the fiddle contest and for the dance bands. The enclosed map will help you find the lodge. A good hint is to find the Dairy Queen and the lodge is behind it and across 22nd St. from it. You are encouraged to start jamming. The lodge dining room is open to all of us.

6:30 - Jamming on the stage

7:00 - Fiddle contest begins. The old rule book was thrown away. All age and ability groups will be combined into one contest. Judging will be something like: Dance-ability - 50 points, Skill - 25 points, Dress - 10 points, Back-up - 10 points, Audience appeal - 10 points, Stage presence - 10 points, Style/time - 10 points,

LEW SEZ (cont.):

Tone - 10 points, etc.. We will have peer judges. The audience may be dancing during the contest. Back-up: No more than 4 back-up instruments (only stringed instruments - including the piano.) No amplification through attached mikes. Contestants: Any age, no more than two tunes of choice, time limit of 5 minutes, and must enjoy fiddling. Prizes will be awarded (cash and merchandise). Cash prizes may be \$100, \$90, \$80, \$65, \$50, \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10, and \$5. There is no entry fee. Contest may last late into the evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22. Building open for jamming. Many people will be attending to hear fiddle music. You are encouraged to form groups about the hall - both upstairs and down stairs and jam, jam, jam. The facilities are beautiful. You will enjoy them.

6:30 - Jamming on the stage. About 7:15 we will start having a variety of fiddle dance bands play throughout the evening - until midnight or later. We will have groups much like our Saturday night dance at the state convention. But it will not be by district. Individuals may "get up" a band and sign up. Time for playing will depend on how many sign up. You are encouraged to get up your fiddle dance band and be ready to play some good dance tunes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23. We will have a jam starting at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. (We may have to have a time limit in order to get everybody in.) We hope to award prizes by drawing for those who enter the jam. You are encouraged to jam downstairs while the "official" jam is being held upstairs.

The **OCEAN LAKE ELKS LODGE** is excited about having us. In fact they will hand us a check for \$1,500 for putting on this week-end of fiddle music. (They are paying us - not charging us.) I think that I can say that we never have had a group get behind us to this extent. They want *fiddle music* and are willing to support us. If we are successful, we will be invited back next year. Now you know why we are pushing this week-end. The lodge will have space available around the area for parking self-contained campers. The lodge also has a nice campground south of town which is available to us. If interested, check at the registration table. They will have a hospitality room *just for us*. Several of us have met with the officers at the lodge on several occasions and we were impressed by the facilities, their willingness and desire to have a good show, and their support. You will enjoy it, too. Plan on attending all or a part of the week-end. Participation is not limited to members of the O.O.T.F.A. but we are the sponsor and set the rules.

Happy fiddling,

Lew Holt, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the clean-up committee and all other workers who did so much. And to all of YOU--I will always remember and be grateful for your kind words. Thank you, my friends.

DISTRICT 1:

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

Everyone is welcome at our Fun Night at the Shasta Grange in Klamath Falls (Madison & Shasta Way)--every first Thurs., 6:30 p.m. This month it is Apr. 6.

Apr. 15 will be our meeting & jam--meeting at 6 p.m., music at 7:00. (There will be no meeting or jam on our regular day--the 3rd Sun., Apr. 16.) We will be back on schedule Sun., May 21.

Betty Bruneau crocheted a rabbit that was raffled off at our March jam--thanks, Betty. It was won by one of our visitors.

Our thanks to Isom and Faye Patterson for making two lovely table decorations for the convention.

So good of Clyde Lynch to come over from Lakeview. He is feeling much better after his illness.

Two young men joined us--Joe Evans, Longview, WA (fiddle), and Dave Cosand, Merrill (guitar).

Lloyd Baker, one of our former members, is very ill. Pray for him.

Trust you had a wonderful Easter. "Happy is the man who digs a well from which another may draw faith."

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Ah-h-h!! Beautiful sunshine. We find it occasionally between snow flakes and rain drops!

DISTRICT-3 (cont.):

Feb. 25 was an afternoon well spent. We enjoyed it playing at a Senior Foster Home in Redmond. Rudi Booher was passing through Bend that weekend and joined our group. Thanks, Rudi!

Mar. 12 brought us a nice group of 65, including musicians for our Sun. jam. Visitors from Klamath Falls and Rudi and Chris Booher were visiting the Spatz's and Reals and joined our group. Enjoyed them very much.

Our March meeting brought us new officers. Chairman-Bob Kitchens; Co-chairman--Ches Fullerton; Sec/Treas-Betty O'Neal, and reporter-Billie Kitchens (sorry folks--no one wanted my job!)

Verna Walters is back after spending the winter in Calif. So good seeing her smiling face at our Sun. jam. Tom & Betty O'Neal have returned from a 10 day visit in San Francisco area.

Not much news from Central Oregon this month. Hope to see you all at Roseburg.

Apr. 9 is our Sunday jam at the Bend Senior Center.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Mar. 5 was the day for election of officers. Our new slate of officers is: Don Luker, chairman: Bill Chunn, co-chairman: and Doris Barkley, sec/treas. A big THANK-YOU to our present officers for a job well done. And a special THANK-YOU to Zelma Foote, who has worked diligently to pull our group together and make it the success it is. Also, a THANK-YOU to Doreen Winkleman for her faithful reporting. I hope I can do as well.

Our jam after the meeting was a huge success. We had 25 specials and an unusually large number of spectators and dancers. We are always happy to have our friends, Faye and Isom Patterson, from Dist. 1 pay us a visit.

Our next jam will be in Yreka, CA on Apr. 2. The Mar. Hoedowner gave directions to the Community Center. Doors will open for players and friends at 10:00; potluck at noon, doors open to the public at 1:00 p.m.. Coffee will be furnished--bring food and table service.

May 7 jam will be at the Sutherlin Senior Center. Doors will open at 10:00 for early jamming. Potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00.

Vic Flood is doing very well, and will soon be back to play the guitar, sing and emcee for us. He wishes to express his appreciation for the many calls, cards, flowers and prayers for him during his sick spell. It gives a Big Boost to the morale to be so well remembered when you're down.

Tex Looper is trying to regain his strength so that he can have a much needed hip replacement operation. In the meantime, he is enduring much pain, but living alone at his Phoenix mobile home.

Jack and Clemmie McCasland are soon to move to Riddle. They have sold their home of 35 years in Talent and plan to live near their son. Clemmie is recuperating from a stroke.

See you at our next jam.

Pauline Winslow, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

Dist. 5 has been busy this month. We elected new officers for the coming year on Mar. 11. Our new chairman is Russ Hall of Reedsport; co-chairman, Shorty Dow of Bandon; and sec/treas, Linda Carver of Coos Bay.

Our parade float committee is getting the float upgraded for the local parades this summer. Arland Belleque, our maintenance chairman, says several work parties are being planned in the near future.

Mar. 18 we played at the Coos Bay Senior Activity Center. Had a very delicious dinner and raised a few dollars for our float. Thanks to all those who attended.

I'm out of fiddle stories so will just mention we have some very good fiddlers in our group that are shy with their stories, like Bob Bridgeman, Bob Shaffar, Dan Shaffer, Carl Dean, Bernie Charlebois, and Betty Lively, just to mention a few.

Vi Johnston celebrated a birthday on Mar. 13. Apr. birthdays are Alice

DISTRICT 5: (cont.)

McDowell, Apr. 3 and Elnora Joran, Apr. 14.

Our next meeting is April 8 at Greenacres Grange.

Linda Carver, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Another wonderful day at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon on Mar. 19. They always serve a wonderful lunch, and host our jam there so graciously (as does the Lebanon Moose). Many players entertained to a packed hall and floor full of dancers. It was so good to see visiting guests from Dist. 4, 3 and 8, and share music and conversation. During our regular business meeting, the following officers were elected to take office July 1: chairman-Jim Lockard; co-chairwoman, Allison Roberts, and sec/treas-Lucille Childers. We have some mighty fine members in our district, so all of you out there be ready to pitch in and help the new officers the best you can. Jim Powell has generously agreed to take over the sound system for the sistrict.

Purl Fox is home from the hospital after major surgery this month (his second surgery this winter). He will be recuperating for some time, but would like to hear from some of you out there.

We were deeply saddened last month by the loss of Thelma Dunaway, after a lengthy illness. Her ready smile and good guitar playing is greatly missed.

Next month our jam will be held Apr. 16 at the Moose Hall in Lebanon. Take the Lebanon exit from the freeway and proceed clear through town to the south edge. The Moose Lodge will be on the right just as the road makes a slight left turn. By then I hope our paths may cross somewhere, but if not, I'll see you there at Lebanon.

Thelma Shephard, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our Mar. jam was a huge success. We had a very receptive audience. As our jam started out, it was raining cats and dogs, and it looked like no one would come. Then as the program got underway, a surprising number of brave people came. We certainly thank all our musicians. Roy Alson did a fine job emceeing. (Even Penny helped emcee.) Red Arnold did his usual fine job taking care of the PA system. We also want to thank Bill and Dorothy Cavazos for all their effort of advertising.

We had our election of officers for the coming year. Carl Helgerson will be our new chairman and working with him will be Joe Hamm as co-chairman, and we get to keep Myrtle Arnold as sec/treas. Red Arnold has consented to take care of our PA system again. This sounds like a good crew and we wish them the best and I'm sure we'll be behind them and help any way we can. This may not be the time to thank our present officers as their term isn't quite finished, but we certainly do thank them for all that they have done.

Bob Fast had to have another heart bypass surgery. He had quite a struggle, but is improving each day.

Our next jam will be Apr. 30 at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton. The address is 5550 SW Hall Blvd. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., potluck as usual and the program to begin at 1:00. See you there!

Dulcie Fast, reporter

P.S. Bob and I want to thank each and everyone of you for all your prayers, calls and thoughtfulness. We love you. D.F.

DISTRICT 8:

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

Our next jam will be Apr. 16th at Willamina VFW Hall. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at noon, and show at 1:00 for the public.

We elected new officers for Dist. 8: chairman-Dave Robinson; co-chairman-Leonard Maahs; sec/treas-Donna Oldham; reporter-Jeanette Robinson.

Our sympathy goes out Edna Robertson and family at The passing of her husband, a fine fiddler, Clifford Robertson. He was laid to rest Mar. 7.

We want to thank our out-of-district musicians and visitors for coming--

DISTRICT 8 (cont.):

we enjoy having you.

Our next jam is at Willamina VFW Hall, Apr. 16th. See you there!

Jeanette Robinson, reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

Our last monthly jam at the Burns Senior Center was held Sunday, Mar. 12, with 68 in attendance. The business meeting was called to order by chairman Walt Cooper, and election of officers was held. Walt Cooper, Darlene Austin and Margaret Teague were re-elected to another term.

Seven fiddlers, John Murray, Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway, Darlene Austin, Rose Roberts and Stacey and Monte Reynolds kept the people dancing. The accompanists were: Guitar; Joe Enneberg, Lloyd Louie, Walt Cooper and sons Willy and Casey, and Gordon Black. Paula Reynolds playe the piano, Roy Reed on the banjo and Doug Reynolds and Pat Scott on the mandolin.

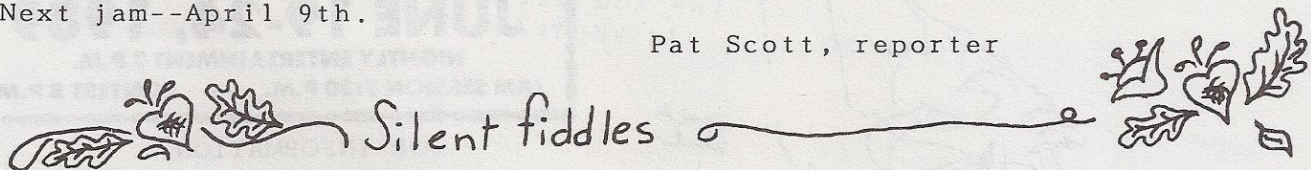
Monte Reynolds stole the show when he played his tunes. Our seniors just love him!

A big welcome to our newest member, Cactus Smythe!

A group of fiddlers played at the Burns Nursing Home Mon., Mar. 13.

Next jam--April 9th.

Pat Scott, reporter



Silent fiddles

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Bryan Dunaway at the loss of his wife, Thelma, last month after a lengthy illness. Her ready smile and good guitar playing are greatly missed.

Our sympathy goes out to Edna Robertson and family at the passing of her husband, a fine fiddler, Clifford Robertson, who was laid to rest Mar. 7th.



"Even the hour that darkest seemeth, will his changeless goodness prove: From the gloom His brightness streameth--God is wisdom, God is love."

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CONTEST SCHEDULE

Friday, April 7

Saturday April 8

10 a.m.	REGISTRATION	8 a.m.	REGISTRATION
11 a.m.	JUDGES MEETING	9 a.m.	JUDGES MEETING
11:30 a.m.	SENIOR Round 1	9:30 a.m.	JUNIOR Round 1
			OPEN PROGRESSIVE RD. 1
			JUNIOR JUNIOR Round 1
1:30 p.m.	INTERMEDIATE Round 1		
	ACCOMPANIST Round 1		
	PEE WEE Round 1	1 p.m.	OPEN OLD TIME Round 1
	INTERMEDIATE Round 2		JUNIOR Round 2
			OPEN PROGRESSIVE RD. 2
7 p.m.	PEE WEE FINALS		JUNIOR JUNIOR Round 2
	INTERMEDIATE FINALS		OPEN OLD TIME Round 2
	SENIOR Round 2		JUNIOR JUNIOR FINALS
	ACCOMPANIST FINALS		

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ANNOUNCING

A FIDDLE WORKSHOP has been set in Yoncalla for Aug. 7-11, 1989. Carol Ann Wheeler will be the instructor, with Rudi Booher as assistant. It will be members only, children and adults welcome. Ages 17 on down will be charged \$35 tuition fee, and adults \$50. The Mike Booher family welcomes workshop students to pitch tents or park RVs, etc., on their property east of Yoncalla in Scotts Valley. They now boast a spanking new outhouse, which will hopefully help out the water situation. (Last year they ran out.) The limit of the number of students in the class is 24, so call or write early to make your reservations. If we are short of 24 students close to the time of the workshop we will take non-members to fill the class. To register, call or write Dolores Booher, 2058 Scotts Valley Rd., Yoncalla, OR 97499 Phone 849-2171.

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OLD TIME FIDDLE CLASS

The Haystack Program is offering as part of its summer program a one week Old Time Fiddle course taught by Carol Ann Wheeler. The course will be held June 26-30 and is geared for beginning, intermediate and advanced level fiddlers; Suzuki students who want to learn old time fiddle; and educators interested in incorporating the fiddle into the curriculum. The course includes exercises and techniques for improving and working on tone, dexterity, vibrato, shifting, sliding, double stops, bowing, intonation, timing and fiddle tunes. Emphasis is on practice and drill; skill-building; developing technique; and performance and contest skills. Students must know how to play the fiddle or violin and bring a tape recorder.

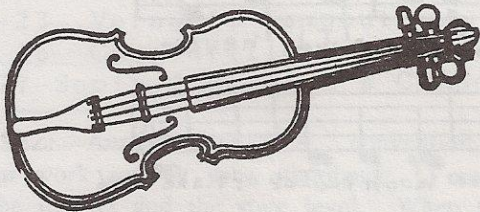
For more information or a brochure, please call: in Portland: 464-4812; Toll free in Oregon : 1-800-452-4909 X 4812; Toll free out of state: 800-547-8887 X 4812. Or write: Haystack Program in the Arts, Division of Continuing Education, Portland State University, P. O. Box 1491, Portland, Or 97207.

For flatpick guitar or mandolin enthusiasts, Haystack will also be offering a one week (June 19-23) Flatpick Guitar course taught by former National Flatpick Guitar Champion, Orrin Star, and a one week (July 3 -7) Mandolin course taught by John Reischman. Call or write to Portland State for more information.

" The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet
And left to heaven the rest."

"I need not shout my faith--
Thrice eloquent are quiet trees
And the green listening sod;
Hushed are the stars, whose power
Is never spent;
The hills are mute; yet how they
Speak of God!"

"A friendly word of trust--
The heart is won,
And all the world is bright
With sudden sun."



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

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Four in the Morning

Handwritten musical score for the song "Four in the Morning". The score is written on seven staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated by letters above the notes. The lyrics are: "It's Four in the morning and once more the dawning Just woke up the wanting in me. Wishing I'd never met her, knowing if I'd for - get her, how much better off she would be. The longer I hold on, and the longer this goes on, the harder that it's gonna be. But it's Four in the morning and once more the dawning Just woke up the wanting in me."

--hand-copied by Dorothy Booher--