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COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
Dec	3	Jam, Christmas Party, Community Hall	Talent 4
	3	Jam, Christmas Party, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
	9	Jam, Christmas Party	Greenacres Grange 5
	10	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
	10	Jam, Grange Hall	McMinville 8
	10	Turkey Dinner & Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
	16	Christmas Party, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
	17	Christmas Dinner & Jam, Senior Center	Gresham 7
	24	Nursing Homes	1
	28	Clairmont House	1
Jan	7	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass 4
	14	Jam, Chehalem Community Center	Newberg 8
	21	State Quarterly Meeting, Jam, Sr. Center	Springfield OOTFA
	21	Jam, Canby Adult Center	Canby 7
	27	Jam, Eagles Lodge	Albany 6
Feb	4	Jam, Community Hall	Talent 4

PLAYING AROUND

The Oldtime Fiddlers Association is now in all 50 states. That means a lot of playing and a lot of music. As the state organization represents several hundred members, so does each district bring the number down to a smaller group. And, within each district, there are sub-groups who play together.

Among these smaller groups there has been a tendency to show less than the best of feelings and cooperation. A group will usually play together because they fit each other's playing style and know the same tunes. There are enough opportunities in each locale for each small group to play as much or as little as they would like. There are many many nursing and retirement homes, senior centers, and organizations to keep everyone busy.

The first thing we should remember is that we are playing for THEM, at their request, and they tell us what they want in the way of music. There are times when a small organization will stipulate that they can only afford to feed three or five players, etc., and other times a large group is welcome. When a group has to cut down to a specific number and leave someone out, PLEASE don't get your feelings hurt! It was not because you are not liked or wanted, it's because a certain number of players was requested. Not one in fifty playing engagements for small groups has any monetary compensation, so that is not the deciding factor.

Wherever we go, remember that, as members, we represent the oldtime fiddlers, regardless of what your group is called, and we want to show the public our best music, our best appearance and our best attitudes. If we give them good music they will want to ask us again.

Thelma Shephard

DISTRICT 1:

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

The big news is the District 1 Christmas Party, December 16 at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Potluck at 7 PM, ham and turkey furnished. Three dollar gift exchange, please mark package for man, woman, boy or girl. For more information call Jo Harris at 884-5390. She would like to have an idea as to how many are coming.

We apologize for not getting our news reported for the November paper.

Irven Johnson is recovering nicely from a fall he encountered while on a fishing trip. He is doing some fiddling, and we are thankful.

December 24 nursing homes - call Al Nelson at 883-2427 if you can help. Sure would be nice of you to encourage and make so many people happy on this busy day.

December 28 is our evening at the Clairmont House. Call Harold North if you can come - 882-8772.

So good to hear that Johnny Gard is still playing and singing, especially in nursing homes in Merrillon, Wisc. He seems to be adjusting well we miss him. Johnny Gard, P O Box 123, Merrillon, Wisc. 54754.

May you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the celebration of a Christmas filled with all it was meant to be: "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Holiday greetings from Central Oregon. Hope everyone has recovered from that big Thanksgiving Day dinner.

After our summer rush everything has gotten very quiet over here.

Tony Spatz is still bringing in the honors. October 17 Tony won 1st place over 16 contestants in the Junior Division at the Seattle Center Contest. He won 2nd place in Junior Division and 2nd place in Jr. Jukebox Division at Redding California Western Open. Congratulations, Tony.

Our Sunday jam brought in a group of 60 visitors, including 10 musicians. Visitors from Moreno Valley, CA; Palm Bay, FL; and Portland and Madras, OR. Dale and Lynn Clemmons from Vancouver visited again and brought us a new member. Their grand-daughter, Rachael Thorud, of Boring, OR. John and Ferrill Flingensmith of Bend are new associate members. Ferrill has attended our Sunday jams for years and treats us with her delicious desserts at break time.

We would like to thank Chuck and Pat Gates of Tigard (District 7) for joining our musicians Sunday; also Chuck for playing banjo at our break. You're welcome anytime!!!

Tom O'Neal is coming along fine after his by-pass surgery. Orlo Flock is still not able to attend our jams. He and Hazel are missed very much.

Anniversaries were celebrated by Bob and Birdie Hawes. A big 64 years and Happy Birthdays to Bernice Hanson and Ches Fullerton. Many more to come.

We're looking forward to bringing joy and music to the Senior homes through the holidays.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all of you from all of us.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter



DISTRICT 4

CHAIRMAN-Don Luker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bill Chunn; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

The Potato Festival in Merrill, Oregon, is long past, but I still want to thank our hosts, District 1, and Isom and Faye Patterson, for a great time. Fifteen of us from District 4 made the trip.

Halloween, an even dozen of our musicians entertained the Spooks and Goblins at Phoenix Elementary School.

Central Point Grange continues to be a most popular meeting place--drawing a crowd of over 200 at our November 5 Jam. We had 55 sit down to a delicious potluck. Twenty eight musicians signed up for specials and we had a large number jamming downstairs as well. We had lots of music on both floors. Our guests were Al Nelson, District 1, with his lively accordion, and the Wagners from District 6. Glenn yodeled and sang a duet with Kathern Luker. Thank you, Al and Glenn, for sharing your talent with us. Please come again.

Dennis and Thelma Allen celebrated their 50th Anniversary recently. Congratulations, and may you have many more happy years together.

December 3 will be our Christmas Party at the Talent Community Hall. Gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Gift price under \$5.00 and please mark for "Lady or Gentleman." Turkey and ham dinner at noon. Please bring a side dish and your own table service. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

January and March Jams will be in Grants Pass at the Vitality Center. We can't get the hall until 1:00 p.m. so please remember----NO POTLUCK----bring finger food to go with afternoon coffee. Thank you to Jack Lester for donating that 30-cup coffee pot. Now we can have that second cup of coffee!!

On November 11, eleven of our musicians went to Prospect to furnish an afternoon of music for the Prospect Centennial.

Snow Birds are heading south. Betty Deckard and Tommy and Joyce Grissom have already gone, others to leave soon.

Tex Looper has had a cornea transplant and is now back driving his car and playing the mandolin. Hank Modrell is nearly through with the cobalt treatments and feeling good.

Last but not least, a special Thank You to Kathern Luker for the lovely job she has done making Emblem Vests for some of our members.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!!

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Russ Hall; CO-CHAIRMAN-Shorty Dow; SEC/TREAS-Linda Carver

November has been a fun month! Lots of good music, togetherness, and doing for others.

Twenty two fiddling float workers were treated to pizza and salad Sunday, November 12, for their efforts in making our new float a reality. Job well done, fiddlers! Thanks from all District 5 members.

Our Thanksgiving Jam was a huge success! Eighty seven fiddlers and guests helped District 5 have a real Thanksgiving "wing-ding!" Special "thank you" to the Booher family. Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, Wally Bloom and Dawn, Marie Gates and Kater, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Ruth and Calvin Montgomery, Bud and Edna Richardson, Don and Ruth Loring, and all out-of-district guests. Good food, great show--fiddlers have so much to be thankful for!

District 5's Christmas Party--food, music and dancing--will be at Greenacres Grange December 9, 12:00. Bring food and table service, and celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus a wee bit early.

Your Chairman, Russ Hall, wishes all of District 5, and all fiddlers everywhere "Happy Holidays!" Keep your fiddles and guitars in good shape, always tuned--play good music and you'll stay happy!"

1989 has been a memorable year for District 5. Thanks to all fiddlers who have made it so.

Elnora Jorren, Reporter



DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; CO-CHAIRMAN-Allison Roberts; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Johnson
Friends extend their condolences to Connie Moore on the death of her husband, Ben, who passed away late in October. He was a lifetime member who played the fiddle.

LATE NEWS FLASH!! Jack Walker celebrated his birthday performing for the residents at the Emerald Nursing Home, October 9th. I heard it was for a "100th birthday," but am not sure if it was his or one of the resident's. He always told us he was 39..been telling us that for years!

In case any of you missed our Thanksgiving Jam at the Senior Center in Springfield, you're outta luck. There was a huge crowd, one of our biggest, lots of goodies to eat, lots of good music, listening and dancing! Thanks to the kitchen crew who worked so hard, and especially to Jim Lockard for cooking the turkey, and to Walt Benson for cooking the ham. Good helpers also made quick work of getting tables and chairs set up and put away after the meal and jam.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.: Someone left a rectangular "Rubbermaid" brand container they had brought with olives in it. Allison is babysitting it until it gets back to its proper home. Also, someone made a mistake and took the wrong lid (glass) for a crockpot, and left a plastic one in its place. Just went home with the wrong "crockpot hat." All you crackpots (I meant crockpots) check your lids, please.

PLEASE NOTE: Next time we have a potluck (this does NOT mean the next two jams) PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE cut your pies and cakes for serving. You should have seen all the cutting up that had to be done in the kitchen last time. Last time I did that much cutting up, I almost got thrown out! don't forget to reserve December 3rd for our Christams Jam

Now don't forget to reserve December 3rd for our Christmas Jam, which will be held at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. They will furnish dinner, so just bring your instruments, yourselves, and your appetites. Be there.

I'll tell you more later about our January 27th jam, but it will be held at the Eagles Lodge in Albany. They furnish lunch. This has gotten to be our annual pie auction fund raiser. (DON't CUT THOSE PIES FIRST.) This one's always a lot of pie and a lot of fun, so be thinking about it.

Even though a lot of our "snowbirds" have gone south, everyone around here is busy playing for many different places and functions. Keep fiddling!
Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Joe Hamm; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

Our Jam at St. Helen's Moose Lodge was very nice. The people there seemed to enjoy our presence and our music, and we appreciated their nice facilities. We had a nice turn out of musicians. We thank our out-of-district visitors and all those who helped make this Jam possible, and especially to our new chairman, Carl Helgerson, for all his effort and the fine job that he is doing.

We have a bit of belated news. Frank Warner has had to spend some time in the hospital, and is now home recuperating. Word has come to us that Bette Burpee Day has passed away. We will miss her.

Our December Jam and Christmas party will be at the Gresham Senior Center. It is located at 50 NE Elliot. That is just off Powell Blvd. As you're going east, turn left at Elliot. The fiddlers will furnish turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy and dressing. So ladies bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Doors open at 11:00 and our program starts at 1:00. Hoping to see you there.

Reporting, Dulcie Fast



DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Dave Robinson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Leonard Maahs; SEC/TREAS-Donna Oldham

WOW!!! Did we ever have a wonderful Jam at Woodburn Grange. We want to thank all the people who played. And the audience was quiet and great. We appreciate such a good attentive audience.

Thank you everyone, our dinner was real nice. We fed 91 people and we had enough food.

Our next Jam will be at McMinnville Grange Hall on December 10th. This will be our Christmas Dinner. District 8 will furnish turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, and rolls made by Ruth Jones. Thank you, Ruth. So Ladies bring vegetable, salads, and Christmas goodies... The doors will be open at 10:00, dinner at 12:00 noon, show for the public at 1:00. Bring own service.

We have decided instead of gift exchange we will donate canned food for the Christmas baskets for the needy. No glass jars or home-canned foods or perishable foods.

It was sure good to have Chuck and Ann Williams with us. Chuck is mending nicely. Hang in there, Chuck, it takes a long time to heal from a burn.

Harold and Audrey Cope, we missed you. Hope you're on the mend.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

GREETINGS from District 9. Just to catch up a little, we have been playing at the Nursing Home each month. As always, the folks are waiting and really enjoy the music.

We had a combined float with the Square Dancers for the Fair Parade, which was a Blue Ribbon winner. We played and danced up Main Street. We also played at the Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Our October Jam was cancelled due to plumbing problems at the Senior Center.

November 12, we had a potluck and Jam at the Center. There were 75 people who spent the afternoon listening and dancing.

December 10 we will have our annual TURKEY DINNER at the Senior Center. District 9 will furnish the turkey, dressing, potatoes, and gravy, so please bring the rest of the goodies to go with it.

Pat Scott is recovering at home after surgery. She hopes to be back with the group soon.

Margaret Teague reporting

To all my thoughtful friends who sent their Love and Sympathy. My special thanks and Love to each and every one. **Wilma Ryan and Family**

Thanks to all those who attended our 50th wedding anniversary party. The food and gifts were appreciated and most of all your presence. Life's treasures are family and friends, and we are grateful for ours. You made our celebration special. **Dennis and Thelma Allen**

A smile is a medium of exchange that is always worth more than its face value.

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When life throws you a curve it's to teach you how to bend.

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Laughter is the one thing that doesn't need interpretation.

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FOOTE-NOTES from your MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

To those of you who have sent in your 1990 membership dues, a BIG THANK YOU. When your 1990 dues are paid, you will have your name in the new Roster and you will continue to receive THE HOEDOWNER. The Roster will be printed before the March Convention. Remember to get your dues in.

Thanks to some of you that are Life Members for supporting the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers by sending in a dues contribution. This does help as the HOEDOWNER is expensive and mailing costs are up.

I have been receiving requests for LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Here is what the OOTFA By-Laws say:

Article VIII: Any ACTIVE FIDDLER, ACCOMPANIST, AND SPOUSE who have been paid members for two (2) consecutive years and reaches the age of seventy (70) shall be eligible for a LIFETIME membership, upon the recommendation of their district officers of the OOTFA.

By ACTIVE musicians, it means you should regularly play at jams, and other fiddle events. If you meet this and the other requirements, see your district chairman. If the CHAIRMAN and other OFFICERS recommend you, they will let me know.

If I make an error, please let me know and I'll correct it. Sometimes it is difficult to decipher the writing. I'm not immune from making mistakes. Please keep those dues coming in. It keeps me out of trouble processing them. Thanks a million. **Zelma Foote**

Send your membership dues to:

Zelma Foote, 535 North 5th St., Central Point, OR, 97502



CHRISTMAS, 1989

The Christmas season is coming around
In the year of 1989.
It's the time of year to stop and wonder
If that Eastern Star will shine.

It shown so bright o'er Bethlehem
The night the Babe was born--
An event that changed the world
And brought a brighter Christmas morn.

The lowly manger was the cradle
For that special baby boy.
It was a fulfilled promise
To the world of wondrous joy.

His arrival was a great miracle
That came from a Virgin Birth,
With a long-awaited proclamation
Of good will and peace on earth.

The angels sang in chorus,
With the Wise Men standing by,
And the Shepherds in the fields
Read the story written in the sky.

Every year the season comes alive
In the world and in each heart.
May the glow last all year long
With love that never will depart.

by Helen Inks



THE FIDDLER'S JAM

How well I remember the Saturday night
When music filled the air
And Fiddlers came from miles around
Everyone was there.

"Oh, Susannah" with "Golden Slippers"
Dancin' the "Cotton-Eyed Joe"
"Ragtime Annie" and "Shamus O'Brien"
Puttin' on quite a show.

"Dusty Miller", "Anna Marie",
"Jole Blon" and more
Many old friends, longtime forgotten
Coming in the door.

"The Arkansas Traveler", "Old Joe Clark"
And "Billy from the Low Ground" too,
Grabbed their partners and off they danced
To the tune of "The Flopped-Eared Mule".

The Fiddlers played till dawn's daylight,
A good time had by all,
Then "The Brown-Skinned Gal" sang the evening
Prayer as the curtain began to fall.....

by GINGER CALDERON
Sheri West's mother



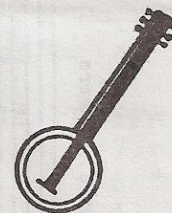
You usually find people not far from where
they quit trying.

Character is made by what you stand for; repu-
tation by what you fall for.

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GROWING...GROWING...GROWING



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Pat & Evelyn Brennan, 5915 Round Lake Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Dolores Callahan, Rt. 1, Box 415, Crescent City, CA 95531
Jeanette Campbell, 5520 Upper River Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97526
Joe & Lori Charlton, 29620 SW Volley St. #48, Wilsonville, OR 97070
Harnsberger & The Winners, 6330 N Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042
Duane & Mildred Hasvold Sr., 2391 Meadow Dr. NE, Aurora, OR 97002
Charles & Dixie Hunter, 3703 Collier Ln, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
Mildred Kelsey, 714 SE 10th, Grants Pass, OR 97526
Alvin & Edith Lewis, 391 N Dean, Coquille, OR 97423
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Harley Prince, 390 Collier, Coquille, OR 97423
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ROBERT & DULCIE FAST
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This, like most of my songs, has a little story that goes with it. It was written in March 1974 when I was in the hospital recovering from a heart attack, and had time to reflect on many things, including the long and active life of my father who died on November 11, 1969, at the age of 95, leaving eight living children with many wonderful memories. So I wrote this little song in hopes that my children and grandchildren may from time to time pause to remember and tell this little story.

Jonathan J. Summers, Clackamas

MY FATHER

by Jonathan J. Summers

1. My Father lived the life of a farmer,
Many years have gone by since my childhood,
Father said we must all count our blessings
2. Father is no long-er here to guide us.

And his back was bent with heavy toil.
When I would sit on my Daddy's knee
Of life and love and home and lib-er-ty
His wisdom gave us faith to car-ry on

In faith he plowed his land and he planted,
And he'd talk about this great world around us
And he said we must all help each other
And now and then we paus to re-member

In hope that he would get a crop from the soil,
And tell of all the man-y things I should see,
To bear the bur-dens of life will-ing-ly,
And tell his stor-y with this lit-tle song.

For God gave the flowers their great beauty
And the mountains so high, their majesty,
And to man che has given dominion
Over all this world, both the land and the sea.