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JANUARY, 1990

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT	
Jan	7 Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4
	13 Jam, Green Acres Grange		5
	14 Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3
	14 Jam, Pie Auction, Eagles Lodge	Albany	6
	14 Jam, Chehalem Community Center	Newberg	8
	14 Jam		9
	21 State Quarterly Meeting, Jam, Sr. Center	Springfield	OOTFA
	21 Jam		1
	21 Jam, Canby Adult Center	Canby	7
	28 Jam, Senior Center	Yoncalla	4
Feb	4 Jam, Community Hall	Talent	4
	18 Jam, Molalla Senior Center	Molalla	7
Mar	11 Jam, Forest Grove Senior Center	Forest Grove	7

MARK'S REMARKS:

By the time you read this the holidays have come and gone. During this time we were able to attend several wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas jams. The hospitality and goodwill were wonderful and we heard a lot of fine fiddling with some superb accompanying musicians.

I read an article Thelma Shephard wrote in the National Oldtime Fiddler a few years ago. The beginning of the New Year seemed like a good time to have this article run in our Hoedowner and here it is:

"Good Fiddle Jam Etiquette"

by Thelma Shephard

A lot has been said about a performer being ready and available when it is their turn to play. If you have to be paged over the microphone or have someone hunt for you, it slows down the entire program. In larger districts where there are usually 30 to 40 key performers, this is lack of professional courtesy and is not fair to either the audience, to the M.C. or to the other musicians.

Planning a fiddle jam is a big responsibility for an M.C. Usually they try to space vocals or other special numbers throughout the fiddlers for a good musical balance and variety. The sign-up list is available in plenty of time to choose your playing order early.

Herein lies a major problem! A few players ARRIVE LATE, and insist on getting their turn early in the program, after many others have already signed up. This means either "bumping" someone else, or changing the number order. The usual reason given is that they "have to leave early." If they are accommodated (and they often have been) this changes the order of the remaining players who have been keeping track to know when to be ready. Confusion follows! In a TRUE EMERGENCY, everyone is graciously willing to help out another player, but, in 95 percent of the time, that person who "had to leave early" is still out back somewhere jamming with others, even when the jam is over. THIS IS NOT FAIR! In view of this having happened so frequently (usually by the same few individuals) it should not continue, in fairness to everyone!

If you wish to play early in the program, get there early and SIGN UP EARLY. If you have a "special" number, ask the M.C. how they want to space the special numbers and sign up accordingly. Then, if you are signed up to play as number 7 (for example) THAT IS EXACTLY WHERE YOUR TURN SHOULD BE!

Of course, there are ACTUAL EMERGENCIES, and players who have a very long drive home from a jam (especially visitors from other districts), but they can sign up early, play early and leave for home early.

We respect ALL players, beginners or advanced, and feel that each one should be given courtesy and kindness for their performance. Encouragement keeps us trying to do better all the time. Everyone was a "beginner" sometime. If we show unselfish consideration for the rights of others, we will continue to improve our fine performances that are so popular with our audiences

Soooo....SIGN UP EARLY, DON'T ASK TO CHANGE YOUR ORDER, BE READY TO PLAY AT THE RIGHT TIME. BE KIND TO OTHERS, KEEP A TUNE IN YOUR FIDDLE AND A SONG IN YOUR HEART.

Bless your heart, Thelma, and may the good Lord smile on you always. Don't forget that there will be a State Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 1990, at 10:00 AM at the Willamalane Senior Center, west end of "C" Street in Springfield, OR. There will be reports from the committee on "Twin Fiddling Rules," the committee on Accompanist Registration (hopefully), and also discussion on the Convention will take place. Let's all work together to make this the best convention ever. Your chairmen can help by lining up volunteers to help with the various tasks.

Ila Mae and I want to wish you all a happy and rewarding New Year.

Happy Fiddling,
Mark Carmickle
President, OOTFA

DISTRICT 1:

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

Our Christmas party was lots of fun and we really enjoyed the dinner and evening. "Thank you" to Jo Harris for a wonderful job of organizing it.

Nice to have a real Old Time Fiddler with us from Ashland, Merlin Ford and his gentleman friend.

So good to have two new members join us, Charles and Dixie Hunter of Klamath Falls.

Our next meeting will be Sunday afternoon January 21 at 1:30 PM. Business meeting at 1:30-2:00; playing for the public 2-4, bring finger food. We have changed to Sunday afternoons from Saturday nights for a few months as we do not know how the weather may be. Future dates are February 18, March 18.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of Chuck and Betty Bruneau on the death of her father, Al Newbert; and to Virgil Schmoe on the death of his mother, Teresa Schmoe.

Some may wish you blessings rare for the New Year,
My wish is that when you leave this world
Your soul may rest in Heaven.

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from sunny chilly Central Oregon. We're still wondering when our frosty covered roofs will change to snow covered.

A good time was had at our December 10 jam. There were 52 visitors including a stage full of musicians. We had a delicious potluck and refreshments and jammed until nearly 5:00. Thanks to everyone for all that good music, good food and good helpers.

To apologize for my thoughtless mind!!! I forgot to mention Hazel Flock broke her ankle very badly the first day of deer season. She is still having some problems and still has her cast on at last phone conversation.

An anniversary was celebrated by Cliff and Ada Harris (56 years) and birthdays by Cliff Harris and Bob Kitchens. Many more happy ones to you all.

A small correction in the spelling of our new members' names: John and Ferril Klingensmith.

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

The year just past has been a happy and successful year for District 4. May the New Year be as rewarding. Our love and best wishes to one and all.

Don Luker and Merle Pasley have completed fixing a two-wheeled trailer to haul our musical equipment. Trial run was on December 3 to our Christmas Party. Don was well pleased that it towed so well and was so convenient.

Many thanks to one and all for the many things you brought and did to make our Christmas Party such a success. We had 81 members sit down to a huge feast of turkey, ham, and all of the trimmings, with loads of dessert for afternoon snacking. Others came by later, so we had a full house of musicians, dancers, and viewers. Fun for all. Fred Beyers did a good job EMCing. Jim Hoots treated us to his talent on the Bass as well as a couple of fiddle tunes. Our guests were: Isom and Faye Patterson, District 1; Wally Bloom and Dawn, District 6; and Fred and Vera Virtue, District 5. Glad you came. Please come again, soon.

A small group was invited to play music for the Central Point Senior Center at their Christmas Party. After a nice dinner we played music in between other entertainment. Fun for all--including a visit from Santa.

Clemmie McCasland spent five days in the hospital in early December. She is now convalescing at home. Her many friends are thinking of her and wish her well.

Zelma and Walter Foote flew east to spend the holidays with relatives who live in the Washington D.C. area. Don and Kathern Luker drove south to spend a couple of weeks visiting children and grandchildren.

Our next jam will be January 7, 1990, at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass. Open at 1:00 PM for jamming. NO potluck--but please bring finger food to go with afternoon coffee.

February 4, 1990, will be at Talent Community Center. Doors open at 10:00 AM for early jamming. Potluck at noon. Open to the public at 1:00

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

District 4 will host a second jam at the Yoncalla Senior Center on Sunday, January 28. It will feature a Mexican theme, so please bring Mexican dishes for the potluck. Doors will open for early jamming at 10:30 AM, potluck at noon, open to the public from 1-4 PM. Hope to see you all there!

DISTRICT 5:

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

We hope that all our "fiddling" friends have enjoyed the holidays, and that 1990 will be your best year ever! Let's all make a resolution to give more of ourselves to each other, to music, and to our Lord during 1990.

Russ suggests that all of District 5 membership be contemplating their selection for new officers for the coming year, and would enjoy seeing all of you at the January meeting, Green Acres Grange, January 13, 11:00 AM. Let your voice be heard!

1989 is winding down--a busy and fruitful year for District 5, and we are all looking forward to 1990.

"When the music of a violin sweetly fills the air
Flowers sway, birds sing, and love is everywhere.
Music is a gift of love, a wondrous beautiful thing
To share with all of mankind, so let your fiddles sing."

by Elnora Jorren, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; CO-CHAIRMAN-Allison Roberts; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

Our December 3 Christmas jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge ushered the festive holiday season in with great dinner furnished by the lodge and a fun-filled afternoon of music and dancing. We welcomed several guests from other districts who came and helped make it such a great day.

Various groups of players have been entertaining at the nursing and retirement homes, company and organization parties, and many other places. A small group entertained at a shopping center for the Love Project that collects food for the holiday food baskets delivered to the needy persons.

And, speaking of DELIVERING, Don and Susan Morasci are the proud parents of a brand new baby daughter, born December 9. They have named her Sierra Noel. Now isn't that a wonderful Christmas gift!

GOOF UP DEPARTMENT! Please note a correction....our January jam at Albany will be held January 14. (This date FOR SURE!!!) We are still having the pie auction before dinner, and the lodge furnishes dinner. So please bring a pie, your money and an appetite!

As you will probably read elsewhere, the state Executive Board Meeting will be held January 21 at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. We will also have a potluck and jam, so y'all come!

Our condolences to John Steele for the recent loss of his mother in California.

Many of you have so kindly asked me about the condition of my grandson, James, who suffered a broken neck about two months ago. He is still hospitalized, and will be for some time, and still paralyzed from the neck down, with the exception of some use of his arms (not his hands yet). He is in good spirits and we have high hopes that someday he will recover more use of his body. Thank you, dear ones, for caring.

By the time you read this, I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and I am wishing each and every one of you a happy and prosperous 1990. Let's make it the best one ever!

Thelma Shephard, reporter

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When I was younger, I
couldn't remember anything,
whether it happened or not. —

Mark Twain

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our November jam at Beaverton Elsie Stuhr Senior Center was very nice. We had 30 fiddlers along with their faithful accompanists and five special numbers who played for a most appreciative audience. Thanks to everyone who worked to make it a success.

Our jam on January 21 will be held at Canby Adult Center. It is located at 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby. If you're traveling south on 99E, you turn left at the first stoplight in Canby. Look for the Center on the left about a mile from the highway. Doors will open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon, and program at 1:00. We will have a pie sale during the afternoon, that is some of our nice ladies and good pie makers would care to bring the pies.

Just a reminder--our 1990 membership dues are due as of January 1. Myrtle Arnold will be ready to accomodate anyone wishing to renew, or you can mail your money directly to Zelma Foote, our membership officer.

We will be having a business meeting, election of officers, etc., in the near future, probably in February. So everyone be thinking of jobs that you'd like to do. We desperately need someone to take care of the coffee pot and kitchen supplies.

Barney Alexander had to be rushed to the hospital the first part of December, but is home and doing well.

Hope everyone had nice holidays and are looking forward to a good New Year and lots more fiddling in 1990.

See you in Canby.

Reporting, Dulcie Fast

DISTRICT 9:

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

*SPECIAL NOTE: Election of officers will be held at February 11th jam.

One hundred fifty people attended our Christmas Potluck and jam. District 9 supplied the turkey and trimmings, ham and candied sweet potatoes and tossed salad. It was a delicious meal. Paula Reynolds baked a Merry Christmas sheet cake.

I'm sorry I didn't get all the out-of-town guests, but sure was good to see the Gifford MacIntosh's from Prairie City.

Our special guests were the Silver Wing Promenaders and the volunteers who helped out with the fiddlers contest.

Fiddlers were: Brick Callaway, Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, and Gifford MacIntosh. Back-up on the guitars were: Lloyd Louie, Gordon Black and daughter Corrie, Walt Cooper and son Willy, Joe Ennelberg, and Janie Romans. Roy Reed played the banjo, Paula Reynolds the piano, Pat Scott the mandolin, and Darlene Austin, the accordion.

The square dancers entertained and then took partners from the audience for a set.

Cactus Smythe celebrated his 65th birthday!

On Monday evening the fiddlers played at the Burns Nursing Home for their Christmas party.

Thank you, District 9, for the lovely flowers you sent while I was in the hospital.

Pat Scott, reporter



We would like to thank each and every one of District #4 members who helped make our Christmas Party such a success. It is a pleasure to belong to a group of people that work and get along so well together. We do appreciate all the help and cooperation that each of you have given to make our district one of the best. Best wishes to everyone in the coming year.

Don and Kathy Luker

Dear Editor,

In the book All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten, one finds a chapter of two-plus pages devoted to the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Weiser, Idaho. The comments are on pages 156-158. The book has been on the New York Times best-seller list for many weeks, to the authors remarks have reached a great many readers who would otherwise never have heard of the event. This is surely effective, though unsought-for, publicity (This is not intended as a promotion for the book.)

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:



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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

For Period 30 Sept 1989 to 31 Oct 1989

CASH ON HAND 30 Sept 1989	\$4185.61		
INCOME			
Dist 6 Fair	250.00		
20% from Districts	51.60	Cash on Hand plus	
Membership Dues	285.00	total income	\$4772.21
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 586.60		
EXPENDITURES			
Hoedowner (Printing)	330.21		
Hoedowner (Postage)	199.00	Cash on Hand plus	
U.S. Post Office	25.00	total expense	\$1772.21
To Scholarship Fund (to correct deposit error)	86.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 690.21		
CASH ON HAND 31 Oct, 1989	\$4082.00		
----- SCHOLARSHIP FUND -----			
Cash on Hand 30 Sept	\$1592.22		
Rec'd From Gen Fund	86.00		
CASH ON HAND 31 Oct	\$1678.22		

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For Period 31 October 1989 to Nov 30, 1989

CASH ON HAND 31 Oct 1989	\$4082.00		
INCOME			
20% from Districts	154.33		
Decls	7.50		
Rosters	6.00	Cash on hand plus	
Membership Dues	1725.00	total received	\$5987.99
Interest	13.11		
TOTAL	\$1905.99		
EXPENSES			
Supplies & Misc.	35.69		
Telephone	43.50		
Printing	1.82		
Mileage	55.00		
Hoedowner (Printing)	408.22		
Hoedowner (Postage)	200.25		
Tax	2.62		
Check orders	20.10	Cash on hand plus	
TOTAL	747.70	total expense	\$5987.99
CASH ON HAND 30 Nov 1989	\$5240.29		

----- SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT -----

CASH ON HAND 31 October 1989	\$1678.22
INCOME	
None	
EXPENSE	
Check Order (Deposit slips)	20.10
CASH ON HAND 30 Nov 1989	\$1658.12

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8TH OF JANUARY

Notation by
Warren Colebank

The musical score consists of seven staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes. Chord markings are placed above the staves: Staff 1 has D, E7, and A7; Staff 2 has D; Staff 3 has D, A7, and D; Staff 4 has G, A7, and D7; Staff 5 has G; Staff 6 has D7 and G; Staff 7 has G.