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## FEBRUARY, 1990

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT	
Feb	3 Jam, new Senior Center	Reedsport	5
	4 Jam, Community Hall	Talent	4
	11 Jam & Meeting, Senior Center	Bend	3
	11 Jam, Grange Hall	McMinville	8
	11 Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
	17 Jam, VFW Hall (Benefit)	Bandon	OOTFA
	18 Jam, VFW Hall	Sweet Home	6
	18 Jam, Molalla Senior Center	Molalla	7
Mar	4 Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4
	10 Jam, Music, Grange	Green Acres	5
	11 Jam, Forest Grove Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
	11 Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
	18 Jam (Benefit), Grange Hall	Woodburn	8
	29, 30, 31 Convention, Banquet, State Meeting	Roseburg	OCTFA
Apr	1 Jam, Community Center	Yreka, CA	4
	8 Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
	22 Jam, Senior Community Center	Estacada	7
	27, 28, 29 April Fiddle Festival and Contest	Lincoln City	OCTFA
May	20 Quarterly Meeting, Jam	Drain	OOTFA
	26 Azalea Festival, Brookings High School Aud.	Brookings	5
June	1, 2, 3 State Fiddle Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA
	30 Jam, VFW Hall	Bandon	5

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MARK'S REMARKS: Hi Fiddlers. Time to get moving on Convention Planning. There is lots to do - schedule workshops, plan banquet and dance, arrange annual meeting and election of officers, plan Friday night show, and get volunteers to do all the small chores necessary to make a convention go. Jack Walker will again be running the Friday night show. As in the past, those selected to be on the Friday night show will be from lists of recommendations by chairmen of each district. Each chairman will submit a list of four (4) one of whom will be designated alternate. For the Saturday night banquet each district should furnish two (2) table centerpieces, the theme of which should be representative of our organization. Also we need a lot of donated items for door prizes. Remember friends, the Convention will be March 29, 30, & 31, and there will be lots of fiddling fun all three (3) days. Reserve these dates on your calendar. Happy Fiddling! Mark Carmickle, President



DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from Central Oregon! We had a very enthusiastic crowd of 58, including our 7 musicians at the Sunday jam. We had a nice surprise when Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, District 1, walked in. They are always a welcome addition to any group with Homer's fiddling and Rosa Lee's beautiful voice. Ed Perret, past president of Bend Senior Center, joined our fiddlers, playing piano.

We have 2 new associate members: Fred and Evelyn Martin of Prineville. They are regular visitors to our jams.

Orlo Flock was hospitalized Christmas Day for a week. He has his good days and bad days.

We lost one of our very special jam visitors December 26. Harry Kramer, 97 years, died of a heart attack. He had danced at the Senior Center that morning. Barbara, our editor, wrote a "spotlight" on Harry in the October Hoedowner.

A very happy 50th Wedding Anniversary for Orlo and Hazel Flock January 15. January birthday people were Hazel Flock, Jane Thompson and Dan Hanson. Many more happy ones to all.

NOTE: Ada Harris' birthday was December 25--not Cliff's. Sorry I goofed.

We will have a meeting following our jam February 11 to elect new 1990-1991 officers.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

The rains came to southern Oregon, but it didn't slow up our musical friends from coming to Grants Pass for our January 7 jam. Over 200 braved the wet weather and came to the Vitality Center for a fun-filled afternoon of excellent music, dancing, fellowship and finger food. Out-of-state guests were Gil and Jeanie Belcher, District 6, Oak Run, California.

Thank you, Jo Barnes and others from District 4N, for planning the January 28 jam in Yoncalla. Sounds like fun, and I hope that many from 4S can go.

February 4 jam will be at Talent Community Center. Doors open at 10:00 AM. Important business meeting at 11:30 AM--please come--time to talk about election of officers--plus ways to make our jams more fair and fun for all. Let us hear your views and any new suggestions that you might have. Potluck at noon. Open to the public at 1:00 PM.

March 4 jam will be at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass. NO potluck--open to the public at 1:00 PM--bring finger food.

April 1 jam will be in Yreka, CA. Our southern neighbors have graciously invited us to come at 10:00 AM for early jamming--potluck at noon--bring food and table service. Then jamming at 1:00 PM for the rest of the afternoon. More in the next Hoedowner about directions.

Our deepest sympathy to Guy Kinman for the loss of his wife, Roselle. Also to Stella Neathammer for the recent death of her husband, Edward.

Fred Samples has had a serious bout with pneumonia and related problems, and was in Providence Hospital for some time.

Correction: Ralph Byers emceed for the December jam--not Fred--sorry.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter





DISTRICT 5:

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

District 5 has slowed down a bit. Nursing homes, care centers, and senior citizens have been visited by various groups as usual throughout the district.

Sincere condolences to the family of Barbara McCloud, who passed away late December--to Guy Kinman for the loss of his wife, Roselle--and to Russ Hall, whose brother, Ralph, passed away December 26th. Our prayers are with you all.

Dorothy Settle will enter St. Vincent Hospital in Portland Wednesday, January 17, for heart surgery. All you "fiddling" friends are pulling for you, Dorothy. Get well--we love you and miss you!

"Get Well" to Charlotte Dow, who has undergone laser treatments for an eye ailment.

Dates to mark on your calendar: February 3--new Senior Center, Reedsport, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. District 5 has been asked to play danceable music for the seniors here. This will be a new venture for us, so let's all give it our best shot!

February 17--VFW Hall, Bandon--7:00 to 11:00 PM. Benefit in memory of Barbara McCloud, Carlton Smith, and all District 5 members who have passed away. This is an OOTFA-sponsored event. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Bring finger food.

March 10--Green Acres Grange--meeting at 11:00 AM. Music, food and dancing to follow. This is a very important meeting. You will elect your district officers for the coming year. Let your vote be counted for your candidate!j

March 29, 30, 31--State Convention in Roseburg. District 5 has always been well-represented here--by attendance--gifts for drawings--table decor--volunteer your services to our State President.

May 26--Azalea Festival--Brookings. Fiddle jam 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Brookings High School Auditorium.

June 30--VFW Hall in Bandon--more info later.

Fiddlers are happy people!

Elnora Jorren, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

I thought things would settle down a bit after such a busy December, what with all the playing for jams, nursing homes, parties and such, but it seems January is a very lively playing-month for us, too. Our Albany jam at the Eagles Lodge netted us around \$140.00 for the pie auction (an annual affair). The Lodge served a lovely ham dinner, and the rest of the afternoon was spent playing music, dancing, visiting, and EATING PIE. Highlights of the program were songs and clogging by the young Booher children.

Our February 18 jam will be held at the VFW Hall in Sweet Home. Be there at 11:30. They will serve us lunch and we will have our usual jam all afternoon. To reach the hall, coming from the freeway, at the first stoplight (which is the "main drag") turn left about a block. There will be a Foodliner Market on the left and the VFW Hall will be across the street on the right. This will be our first jam held there, so we doubly appreciate their hospitality. Let them know you do.

We are saddened to hear about Guy Kinman's wife, Roselle, passing away. They often visited our district and we felt as if they belonged to us. We are also sorry to hear of Lawrence Willie's death in early January. Our condolences to his wife, Achosa.

On January 21 we had our 2nd jam for the month by hosting the state executive board meeting at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. It is always good to see so many of our dear fiddle family from around the state to visit and help us out with the music. I won't name any, as I would be sure to forget someone and leave their name out, so you know who you were. We love you all, and thanks for being there and helping. I will let Mark tell you about any new "happenings" from the board meeting.



News has spread all over about what a great MC Dee Dee Kaiser was at the Albany and Springfield jams. Move over, George Burns!

Jack Walker was struck by a car in the parking lot of Fred Meyers on January 20. He has soreness and bruises and is recuperating at home. We are very thankful he wasn't hurt any worse!

All of you keep fiddling until we meet again!

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Our Christmas jam at the Gresham Senior Center was very nice. We had a nice crowd, lots of food, and an enjoyable program. We had 33 fiddlers and 7 special numbers and several faithful accompanists. We want to thank Esther Snyder, Myrtle Arnold, Bernadette Helgersen, Helen Hakanson, Margaret Hamm, Dulcie Fast and Glynn Echo for preparing our turkeys, hams, potatoes, dressing and gravy. Everyone brought so many goodies; it made our table very pretty and inviting.

Barney Alexander had to spend time in the hospital again, but is home and recuperating. Margaret Hamm suffered a slight stroke and is recovering nicely. Jim Leahy, Glynn Echo's husband, had to have hip surgery.

It's a bit late, but we have just received word that Clarence E. Musgrove of Forest Grove passed away July 2, 1989. We extend our sympathy to his daughter, Bernadine Payne and her family.

Our next jam will be held at the Molalla Senior Center in Molalla on February 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. Potluck will be at 12:00 and program at 1:00.

We will have our district business meeting and election of officers at 11:00. So--EVERYONE, please try to be present. See you there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

We had a very good jam at Newburg. Had a big crowd, standing room only, and it was the first jam ever at Newburg.

Our next jam will be at McMinville Grange Hall on February 11, 1990. We will have a meeting and voting for new officers, starting at 11:00. So please be there to help us keep District 8 going, as everyone seems to like these jams.

We need some new officers. It's not hard work because everyone helps, but Dave, Leonard, Donna and Jeanette think they have done their part so why doesn't someone else jump in and take these offices for a year or so. (Try it you will like it. We all will help.)

We will have the doors open and 10:00, potluck at noon, and show for the public 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring own service.

I am very sorry that District 8 news didn't get in the paper. I mailed it, but our state editor did not receive it.

We had a call stating that Jim Secor had a 5-bypass heart repair. Sure hope you're doing OK and up and about, Jim.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

The High Desert Fiddlers started 1990 out with the Poison Creek Grange on New Year's Eve. They played at the nursing home for Mrs. Pressley's 100th birthday party.

On January 7 they played for Phyliss Lissman's retirement party at the Senior Center, then played for the Harney County Fair Banquet on the 13th.



We had 50 people attend our potluck and jam on January 14. Those playing the fiddle were: Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway and Walt Cooper. Back-up players were: guitar-Gordon Black and daughter Corrie, Walt Cooper and sons Willy and Casey, Lloyd Louie, and Janie Romans. Mandolin players were: Gordon Black, Ruel Teague, Stacey Reynolds, Walt Cooper, and Pat Scott. Darlene Austin played a couple of solos on the accordion. Janie Romans played the harmonica and yodeled for the crowd, and Ruel Teague and Walt Cooper each did some great mandolin picking. Real good show!

Paula Reynolds was home with Monte, who had the flu.

Our condolences go out to Bessie Blair and family. Harry Blair passed away December 22. He'd been in ill health for the past 2 years.

The Fiddlers and Square Dancers are going out the Roaring Springs Ranch for a jam and dance. Janie Romans is the cook out there. They'll spend the night, as it's about 80 miles south of Burns.

Don't forget! Election of officers at our next jam.

Pat Scott, Reporter

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I have been asked to remind people to cut their pies and cakes for the pot-lucks and to bring larger portions of food. Some people at the end of the line have found there is no food left.

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#### WATCH WHAT YOU'RE STEPPING INTO OR ON

Many of Earth's greatest mysteries have been partially or completely solved by teams of scientists; however, some the phenomena still remain unsolved...such as : (1) how do all those ants know you planned to have a picnic there; (2) why does it always rain the next day after you wash the car, (3) just when you gained 7 pounds over a holiday, why do you run into an old acquaintance who has just lost 30 pounds on some fabulous diet or reducing program, or (4) how did the homliest girl in high school end up marrying the handsomest guy on the football team (the one you had the secret crush on for 2½ years)?? And among all these mysteries, let's add another: why is it that when 2 musicians meet they start playing music within the first 5 minutes and, within half an hour there are 27 of them all playing together. Furthermore, once they start playing, they are completely oblivious of anything else around them, including spouses, time of day, weather, fire engines, or the sound man desperately trying to set up the sound equipment. There's only one word that seems to cut through their deep concentration, and that is "Time to EAT," and it is only the last word of that phrase they hear.

Picture the poor sound man who has to string up electrical cords, hunt for outlets to plug into, set up speakers, monitor and amplifier, position microphones and test for volume and sound in and around the bodies of 27 musicians having the time of their lives playing up a storm. His "One, two, three, testing" can hardly be heard over the sound of 27 instruments playing "Flop-Eared Mule" and 27 or more feet stomping to keep time.

To solve this dilemma, would it be possible to pick another corner of the room to do our free jamming and let our sound man have his area free to set up, then when he says it is all ready, we could move on over to that area? I have jammed in many places such as parking lots, campers, motor homes, hallways, back-rooms and bathrooms, so I will bet we could find a place away from the equipment area for just a few minutes. (No, I'm not advocating the bathroom for mixed company, boys.)

Our sound men know what they are doing, so let's give them plenty of room to do their job right, and appreciate all they are doing to help make us sound better. Happy playing, folks, but back out the way for awhile!

THELMA SHEPHARD

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The Crescent City Fiddle Contest will be held April 6 and 7

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The OOTFA April Fiddle Festival and Contest will be held in Lincoln City during the week end of April 27, 28, and 29. The contest will be held Friday evening, the dance Saturday night, and a jam Sunday afternoon. Specific details will be in the April 1 Hoedowner. Our host is the Ocean Lake Elks Lodge.

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MOTION REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR ACCOMPANYING MUSICIANS  
AT STATE FIDDLE CONTEST

"Registration as FIDDLE CONTESTANT entitles that person to accompany also. Those serving only as accompany musicians will register as accompanists. All musicians must have registration ribbon to enter the stage."

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TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST RULES

(Proposed at the Jan. 1990 Quarterly Meeting--to be adopted at the Mar. 1990 Quarterly Meeting)

In addition to the General Contest Rules, the following rules apply specifically to the Twin Fiddle Contest:

1. DIVISIONS-This contest is open to all ages and to both sexes. There is only one division.
  2. A contestant may enter this contest only once during each State Contest.
  3. TUNES-This contest is limited to one tune. However, a medley is acceptable. There will be one round unless there is a tie. In the event of a tie, a different tune must be played by the teams involved, other than the tune previously played by the team.
  4. TIME-Three minutes playing time will be strictly adhered to. Ten points will be deducted from the total score for every 30 seconds or portion thereof over 3 minutes, 10 seconds.
  5. ACCOMPANIST-Not more than three accompanists may be used. Accompanists may not play the melody of the tune.
  6. Scoring will be based on the following:
    - A. Rythm and Timing -25 points
    - B. Difficulty and Arrangement of piece -25 points
    - C. Appropriateness of harmony and the manner in which each player complements the other -25 points
    - D. Intonation and Clarity of Tone -25 points
- A. Contestants should play their tune at the proper speed for the selection, the tempo should remain constant, and the playing should be danceable.
  - B. An intricate tune will score higher than a simple one in this category. A tune which requires greater technique will be awarded more points in this category.
  - C. Harmony should be appropriate to the chords of the tune and long passages of unison notes should be avoided. Points will be deducted if one player plays alone for more than a few notes. Twin fiddlers should use their bows to phrase similarly or in a manner which complements their partner's playing.
  - D. Notes should be clear, precise, and in tune. Deductions will be made for squeaks or for scratchy tone. The tastefulness in the harmony notes selected will be considered in awarding points in this category.

These rules will be used for the 1990 Oregon Old Time Fiddlers State Contest to be held in June, 1990, in Lebanon, Oregon, and will continue to be used until they are revised by the OOTFA.



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FOOTE NOTES from your Membership Chairman:

Your response has been great in getting your 1990 Membership dues in. Over 450 families have sent in their Membership for 1990. Thanks. By February 15, 1990, I'll be sending to the Hoedowner Editor a list of non-renewals and to Lew and Alice Holt the Membership list for the roster. So if you haven't renewed your 1990 Membership please send it in (like yesterday) so your name will be in the Roster and you will continue to receive the Hoedowner. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Zelma Foote, 535 North Fifth, Central Point, OR 97502

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WHY DO I GO TO CONTESTS?

1. To keep old-time fiddling alive. 2. To force myself to learn more difficult tunes. 3. To meet other fiddlers and learn from them. 4. To learn to perform under pressure. 5. To gain status among my peers. 6. To win.\*

\*If I do not win a trophy, that does not mean that I have not won. If I practice hard every day and play well at a contest, I Have Won!

I must not think in terms of competing against other fiddlers, but rather of competing against myself. If I can play better than the last time at each contest, I have beaten my own record, and, therefore, have WON!

I promise never to fault the judges. They have been as fair as is humanly possible. If I did well and didn't win a trophy, it is because the judges were looking for a different sound than mine.

I have a right to be disappointed...but Never Hostile. I will rise above disappointment and above all, will Try Again.



OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSN  
FINANCIAL REPORT

For Period 30 Nov, 1989 to December 31, 1989

CASH ON HAND	<u>30 Nov 1989</u>	\$5240.29	
INCOME			
Decals		1.00	
Rosters		3.25	
20% from Districts		16.80	
Membership Dues		1474.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$1495.05</u>	
			Income plus Cash on hand
			\$735.34
EXPENDITURES			
Telephone		1.34	
Printing & Postage		8.85	
Hoedowner (Postage )		205.50	
Hoedowner (Printing)		399.55	
Credit for Tax withheld		<u>--(2.62)</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>\$ 613.12</u>	
			Expenses plus Cash on hand
			\$735.34
CASH ON HAND	<u>31 Dec 1989</u>	\$6122.22	

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