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MARCH, 1990

COMING EVENTS

Mar 4 Jam, Vitality Center
10 Jam, Meeting, Grange
11 Jam, Senior Center
11 Jam, Meeting, American Legion Hall
11 Jam, Forest Grove Senior Center
11 Jam, Senior Center
17 St. Patrick Jam, Community Building
18 Jam, Merrill Recreation Hall
18 Jam (Benefit), Grange Hall
29, 30, 31 Convention, Banquet, State Meeting
Apr 1 Jam, Community Center
8 Jam, Chehalem Park & Recreation Comm. Ctr.
8 Jam, Senior Center
22 Jam, Willamalane Senior Center
22 Jam, Senior Community Center
27, 28, 29 April Fiddle Festival and Contest
May 6 Jam, Senior Center
6 Jam, Moose Hall
13 Jam, Senior Center
20 Quarterly Meeting, Jam
26 Azalea Festival, Brookings High School Aud.
June 1, 2, 3 State Fiddle Contest
30 Jam, VFW Hall

DISTRICT

Grants Pass 4
Green Acres 5
Bend 3
Lebanon 6
Forest Grove 7
Burns 9
Winston 4
Merrill 1
Woodburn 8
Roseburg OOTFA
Yreka, CA 4
Newberg 8
Burns 9
Springfield 6
Estacada 7
Lincoln City OOTFA
Sutherlin 4
Lebanon 6
Gladstone 7
Drain OOTFA
Brookings 5
Lebanon OOTFA
Bandon 5

MARK'S REMARKS: By the time you read this, Jack Walker and I will have the Friday Night Show at the convention organized. The suggestions I've been getting from the chairmen indicate that we should have another excellent show this year. We have had a good response from volunteers so far but still need a few more. We would like to remind you that we need lots of donated items for the Friday drawings. The drawings will be conducted by Charlotte and Shorty Dow and will take place every hour beginning at 10:00 A.M. Friday. We need 70 or 80 items for these drawings.

We will be having a Thursday evening Jam with all OOTFA members invited to participate. Jack Walker will emcee the Friday night show, Lew Holt will emcee the Saturday Banquet and Shorty Dow will emcee the Saturday night dance. See you at the convention!

Happy Fiddling, Mark Carmickle
President

DISTRICT 1:

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

March 18 will be our next jam at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Please bring finger foods. Business meeting 1:30-2:00, playing for the public 2-4 PM.

March 22, 7-8 PM is the Clairmont House. Call Harold North, 882-8772 if you can help.

March 25, 2-4 PM we will be playing for the nursing homes. Call Al Nelson if you can join us.

At our February meeting we had election of new officers. They are: Chairman-Irene Ruddock; Co-Chairman-Chuck Bruneau; Sec/Treas-Faye Patterson.

It was good to have Virgil Schmoe and his father, Bob, out to be with us again, at our January jam, after the sudden death of Virgil's mother and Bob's wife. We again offer our condolences to them upon hearing of the sudden death of their sister and daughter in an automobile accident. Our prayers are with you, Virgil and Bob.

Time for rejoicing and thanksgiving--Les and Lois Tucker's son, Duane, was seriously injured recently when a forklift fell on him. Thank you for your prayers. Keep praying, recovery will take some time.

Take as a gift whatever the day brings forth.

Naomi Voss, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

The weather was beautiful January 20-21, so we went to the State Quarterly Meeting and enjoyed it very much. A big thank you to Maxine and Walt Benson for their hospitality, jamming and delicious food. We visited with friends, attended the business meeting and sampled a lot of good food at the potluck. We hated to leave so early.

Our Sunday jam was attended by 43, including 6 musicians.

At our meeting we discussed donating to the scholarship fund, 2 table decorations for the banquet at Roseburg, and inexpensive door prizes donated by those going to Roseburg State Convention. Our new officers for 1990-1991 are: Chairman-Bob Kitchens; Co-Chairman-Ches Fullerton; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens; Appt. Reporter-Bernice Hanson.

Tom O'Neal was in the hospital in San Francisco for 4 days with inflammation around the heart. They are back home now and Tom is doing fine. Orlo Flock was back in the hospital and is home now.

No anniversaries. Tony Spatz celebrated a birthday in February. Many more, Tony.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Yoncalla Jam on January 28 was great fun for the many who attended. There were 50 of us who enjoyed a delicious potluck, with many Mexican casseroles. The floor had many dancers most of the time, and the music was really special, with many guests from District 5 and District 6 adding their talent. There is a rumor that another jam will be held there in a couple of months.

February 4 Jam at Talent Community Center was well-attended. Several important issues were discussed at the business meeting. It was decided to try a (5) five minute on-stage time limit for each special. We love, appreciate, and need each and every one of you, but there are so many, we are trying to find a way to share equal time. For example: if your song has many verses, sing only two or three, to stay within this time frame. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Election of officers will be next time. So far, the nominations are: Chairman-Don Luker; Co-Chairman-Verne Reitan; Sec/Treas-Doris Barkley. Pauline Winslow was asked to stay on as reporter.

We had over 50 sit down to a delicious potluck, and the afternoon crowd filled the Talent Hall to capacity for listening and dancing to the 35 specials signed up. Pick Lydic did a good job as MC.

Our guests were: Isom and Faye Patterson, Dick and Jo Harris, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, and Sandy Sandusky from District 1, and Wally Bloom and Dawn, and Barbara Garcia from District 6. Always great to see our visiting friends. Please come again, soon.

March 4 jam will be at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass. Election of officers and jamming after 1:00 PM. No potluck--bring finger food. (We are unable to get the hall very much before 1:00 PM.)

April 1, Yreka, CA Fiddlers have invited us to come at 10:00 AM for early jamming, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1:00 PM. Coffee will be furnished...bring table service and food. Directions: going south on I-5, take the first Yreka off-ramp. Go west to Oregon Street and turn right. See you there!!

East Evans Creek Fire Dept. had a successful chili-feed fund-raiser in Wimer recently. All of our OOTFA members from that area added their music to help make it such fun.

Jack Lester emceed for a group of five to sing and play for the Phoenix Grange and potluck.

Tommy Grissom has knee-replacement surgery scheduled for February 23 at Providence Hospital.

Jack McCasland hopes to have his new hearing aid in time for him and Clemmie to come to our next jam.

Please bring suitable items for door prizes at Convention.

Dates to remember: March 4 jam, Grants Pass; Convention at Roseburg March 29, 30, 31; April 1, jam at Yreka.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

From District 4N:

Practice up your Irish tunes, we're having a St. Patrick's Day Fiddle Jam March 17. The door will open at 10:30 AM in the Winston Community Building--440C SE Grape--and continue to 4:00 PM.

A potluck will begin at 12 noon. The hall will open to the public at 1:00.

Be sure to wear something green. It's the day of the Irish!

Please bring your own serving utensils (marked with your identification) as the center does not provide them.

Submitted by Jo Barnes
459-4522

DISTRICT 5:

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

The quarterly meeting was well-attended--successful jam--good food--and good meeting.

Fun jam at Green Acres, February 10, and John Settle, as MC, made it so! A happy group, good hamburgers, and dancers dancing to good music.

February 3 found a good group of fiddlers at Reedsport new Senior Center dance--where we picked up a nice outside donation.

All care centers, nursing homes, etc., all over District 5 are being well taken care of.

Condolences to Ruth Holmes, who lost her husband.

Good news! Dorothy Settle did not have heart surgery--is home and happy to be there.

Ernie Allen, who has had lung surgery, is recuperating at home in Reedsport, and says "thanks" to all who visited him in the hospital, and for flowers sent by District 5.

"Up and at 'em" to Jack Walker from all of us in District 5.

March meeting and jam at Green Acres Grange--March 10. Meeting and election of officers beginning at 11:00 AM. Come cast your ballot or forever hold your peace!

Elnora Jorren, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

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

Our first jam at the Sweet Home VFW Hall, February 18th, was a great one, in case you missed it. The roads thawed and dried out after our recent snows and bright sunshine welcomed everyone. The wonderful hospitality of the club members made us feel very welcome, they cooked a great roast beef dinner for everyone. The dance floor was full of dancers all afternoon to the lively music. Wally Bloom played the Anniversary Waltz for Dale and Myrtle McCoy, who will have their 65th anniversary on March 4, and for several other couples who recently celebrated their 50th anniversaries. That just goes to show that music and dancing promote longevity.

Don't miss our March 11 jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. They will feed us lunch as usual. We will have our DISTRICT MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the coming year, so please be there with your ideas and your vote. Meeting starts at 10 AM. We need you there!

Our April jam will be on the 22nd at Wilamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Potluck as usual. We have been running short on food, near the end of the line, so plan to bring a little extra food.

We will meet May 6 for our jam at the Lebanon Moose Hall.

We will hope that our March Convention will see many of our "Snowbirds" back from the south. There's lots of playing and fun planned for the months ahead. Just keep reading your Hoedowner and keep track of what's up Doc!

Bob Kaiser broke a finger Harry Pyle recently had surgery. We wish you both speedy recovery!

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a nice jam at the Canby Adult Center January 21. We had a nice crowd and our musicians put on an enjoyable program. Our pie sale seemed to go well and we thank all the ladies who brought pies.

We are saddened by the loss of our good friend, Barney Alexander, who passed away January 30. We extend our deepest sympathy to Norma and her family. We will all miss him.

Also, we send our sympathy to Chet Haven for the loss of a brother in Montana.

Bill and Lois Heard's son had open heart surgery and is recovering very nicely.

Our jam on March 11 will be held the Forest Grove Senior Center. The address is 2037 Douglas. There will be potluck, and program will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. See you there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

Dogs for the Deaf--a benefit by Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers District 8 and Woodburn Grange at the Woodburn Grange Hall, March 18. Doors will open at 10:00, potluck at 12:00 noon, show for the public 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring own service. Woodburn Grange Hall #79 is located at Settlemeir and 214 across from Middle School. Coming off the freeway at Woodburn, coming into Woodburn, it is the 3rd stoplight.

We had a good jam at McMinville Grange Hall, and we want to thank the out-of-district players, as well as our own. You all are great, and keep up the good work. Also the ladies put out a great meal. Thank you to all that helped.

Dave also wants to thank everyone that was ready to go on stage when their name was called. This is what makes a wonderful show. And the audience was quiet and listened while the performers were on stage. Thank you all.

Wow!!! Another jam at Newburg April 8 at Chehalem Park and Recreation Community Center. The Center is on Second Street across from the fire hall, and parking across the street from the Center. This time we are supposed to have some more chairs, so we hope people do not have to stand.

Our new officers are: Ed Priebe, Chairman; Don Simmons, Co-Chairman; Faye Maahs, Sec/Treas.

Coming events: Woodburn Grange Hall, March 18. Newburg, Chehalem Park and Recreation Community Center, April 8.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

District 9 had a great turnout for our February jam. Eighty people signed in for the potluck and dance.

Election of officers was held, with Ruel Teague elected as Chairman, Walt Cooper as Co-Chairman, and Pat Scott as Sec/Treas.

We had 14 musicians attending. Fiddle players were Brick Callaway, Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague and Darlene Austin. Those on the guitars were: Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper, Willy and Casey Cooper, Gordon Black and daughter Corrie, Lloyd Louie and Don Greenfield. Don is the band and music instructor at Burns High School. Gordon played the mandolin, Darlene Austin played her accordion, Ron Reed the banjo, and Pat Scott hauled out her washtub for the first time in a year.

The Silver Wing Promenaders did a couple of square dances.

On Monday, February 12, 9 musicians were at the Burns Nursing Home for some good toe-tapping music.

February 17 will see the fiddlers at Drewsey for the 40th wedding anniversary of Floyd and Della Myrtle Dunten.

It's been snowing all morning--we sure need it. We've had very little snow in our part of Oregon.

*There will not be a Fiddlers' Contest held in Burns this year.

Hope to see you at the Convention.

Pat Scott, Reporter

Pat Scott's new address is: 316 N. Alvord, Burns, OR, 97720

To all the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers and guests that helped make our benefit dance for the Fiddlers' Scholarship Fund in memory of Les and Barbara McLeod such a great success, and to all the people from the VFW and others that brought food and helped set up, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bush for all their work in the kitchen and clean up. I hope everyone had a good time for a great cause.

Thanks to our Scholarship Chairman, Buck Milligan, for coming so far to be with us.

Thanks, thanks, thanks!!!

Shorty and Charlotte Dow

Congratulations to Bill Yohey, who won first place in senior-senior fiddle, second place in specialty instruments, and third place in mandolin in the Colorado River Country Music Festival in Blythe, California!

I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and get-well wishes that I received while I was in the hospital. I had by-pass surgery, and I'm now home and doing real well. Thanks again.

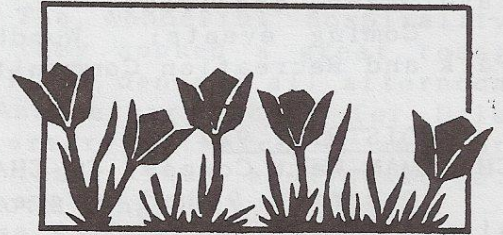
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I wish to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, calls, visits and thoughtfulness that you gave during the illness and death of my husband, Barney. You've all been very sweet.

Norma Alexander and family

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION

Roseburg, Oregon - March 29,30,31, 1990
Douglas County Fair Grounds
Convention Chairman: Mark Carmickle



THURSDAY, March 29

- 9:00 A.M. Doors Open
PA System setup District 4
Concession setup Jim & Gynn Deaton
Registration setup District 8
Sales
Jamming around the building
- 6:30 P.M. Sign up Jam: All OOTFA members invited to play
Emcee TBA

FRIDAY, March 30

- 8:00 A.M. Hall open - concessions - breakfast
Registration and ticket sales
(Banquet tickets: adults - \$6.00, 12 and under \$2.50)
- 10:00 A.M. Drawings begin Shorty Dow
(Winners names posted for one hour)
OOTFA State Albums
OOTFA History Albums
WORKSHOPS!!!! Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Banjo, etc.
(times, places, teachers TBA)
- 6:00 P.M. Ticket sales begin. Admission \$4.00 for adults.
Children 12 and under, Free.
OOTFA Members Free. (present
your 1990 card or LIFE card at
door marked "OOTFA Members")
- 6:45 P.M. All OOTFA members invited to jam on stage
- 7:30 P.M. ANNUAL FIDDLE & VARIETY SHOW (by invitation)
Mark Carmickle, Chairman, Jack Walker, MC
- 12:00 Midnite: Hall Closed.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:00 A.M. Hall open - concessions
- 9:00 A.M. State quarterly meeting. All chairmen attending.
- 10:30 A.M. Nominating Committee - Bob Kitchens, Chairman
WORKSHOPS!!! Times, places and teachers to be posted
Table setup and decorations for banquet by District 4
and friends

1:30 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Mark Carmickle, President

After meeting: Free time and jamming

5:30 P.M. Annual Banquet Lew Holt, MC

8:00 P.M. Annual Old Time Dance (OOTFA members only)
Shorty Dow, MC

10:30 P.M. Hall clean up . (Everyone requested to help)



Carol Ann Wheeler and Linda Danielson have a new tape ready. Call 628-2411.

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Month of January, 1990

CASH ON HAND December 31, 1989 \$6122.22

INCOME

Decals	18.25	
Rosters	16.75	
20% from Districts	104.21	
Donations	10.00	
Membership Dues	1992.95	
Miscellaneous (Pins, Stickers)	17.00	Cash on Hand plus
Interest on account	5187	total income
Total Income	<u>\$2211.03</u>	\$8333.25

EXPENDITURES

Hoedowner (Postage)	212.25	
Hoedowner (Printing)	432.08	
State of Oregon (Corp Fee)	5.00	
Telephone	1.25	
Postage	125.00	Cash on Hand plus
Mileage	80.00	total expenses
Audit	50.00	\$8333.25
Total Expenses	<u>\$905.58</u>	
CASH ON HAND <u>Jan 31, 1990</u>	<u>\$7427.67</u>	

Carol Ann Wheeler and Linda Danielson will be guest artists-in-residence
at the New York State Old Time Fiddlers July 27-29.

FOOTE NOTES FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

The response for your membership dues has been great. Thanks a million
for your cooperation. For those who have not sent in their membership dues
the MARCH HOEDOWNER will be the last until your dues are received. I will
see you at the convention in March. Zelme Foote

Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association



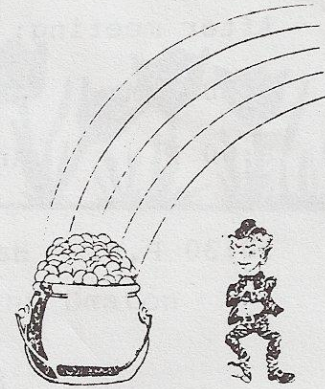
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The OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION was formed a quarter of a century ago for the purpose of preserving and encouraging oldtime fiddling. We've all heard the saying "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." We must also be eternally vigilant if we are to remain true to the objective of those who formed our association. Little by little, over the years, we've drifted a bit off the track, and in fact are now in some danger of being de-railed entirely. How has this come about? By accepting more and more participation in our jam sessions, shows and programs by performers who are fiddlers: principally vocalists. We have leaned over backwards for far too long in an effort to be fair to anybody and everybody and provide a spot for them on our programs. We can continue along this line, twiddle our thumbs, and the situation will get worse. If we do this, someday a fiddler may find it difficult to get a place on a program full of vocalists.

Of course, there's nothing inherently wrong with singers. I like them. It's just that they have no place whatsoever on a fiddling program, other than to provide a break in the program, and one, or two at most, two would be sufficient for that.

If we sincerely want to be true to the goal of the people who founded our association, we will encourage singers to TAKE UP THE FIDDLE and do their best to play it. Just don't sing. At least not on one of our programs. I'm tempted to add that a lot of people say that the shower is a good place to sing, but I might be accused of trying to be facetious, so maybe I shouldn't mention it.

yours truly, a concerned member of the O.O.T.F.A.

WAYNE HOLMES