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JUNE, 1990

COMING EVENTS

		DISTRICT
June 1, 2, 3	State Fiddle Contest	Lebanon OOTFA
3	Community Center	Wimer 4
2	Senior Center	Reedsport 5
9	District Picnic	Bullard Park 5
10	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
10	Jam, Senior Center	Gresham 7
13	Jam, Community Center	Wimer 4
15-16	Street Dance, Country Jam	Burns 9
17	Meeting, Jam, Potluck, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
17	Pioneer Days, 2-4 PM	Brownsville 6
30	VFW Hall (7-11 PM)	Bandon 5
July 1	Jam, Community Center	Talent 4
17-22	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia OOTFA
29	Ocean Festival	Winchester Bay 5
Aug 5	Picnic, Stanton Park	Canyonville 4
17	Coos County Fair	Myrtle Point 5
25	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville OOTFA
26-Sept 3	Warwick Campout	Williams OOTFA
Sept 29	Cranberry Festival	Bandon 5
Oct 2,3,4		Port Orford 5

MARK'S REMARKS: We are now completing preparations for the State Fiddle Contest and it will be history when you read this. Congratulations to all the winners!

We all had a wonderful time at the Lincoln City Contest and Fiddle Festival. See Lew Holt's report elsewhere in this issue. Our thanks, Lew and Lee, for a great job.

The 4th Quarterly Meeting of the 1989-90 year was held at the Drain Senior Center on Sunday, May 20th and a potluck dinner and afternoon jam followed. Vice President Zelma Foote and District 4 hosted the meeting and did a great job. There was a good turn-out and lots of fine fiddling and music.

Following the contest we will be going full-swing into the season of Festivals and County Fairs. I urge all of you to make an effort to help out with the music at these events. This is probably the most important way that the public learns about our organization and old-time fiddling.

Happy Fiddling, Mark Carmickle, President

DISTRICT 1:

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

We wish to congratulate Bob and Clara Warner on their 10th wedding anniversary. The fiddlers shared a potluck dinner and music on May 3. Everyone enjoyed themselves. "Thank you, Warners."

Our fiddler Bill Noble is in the hospital. He had a heart attack Friday the 18th. Bill, our prayers and love for a speedy recovery.

Also, we extend our sympathy and prayers to the Les Tucker family for the loss of his brother, Tom Tucker.

June events: June 17--Jam and potluck after meeting, Merrill Recreation Hall, public is invited, meeting at 1:30, playing 2:00-4:00; June 24--nursing homes; June 28--Clairmont House.

"Happy Birthday" for June goes out to: Chuck Bruneau, June 1; Ernie Furrey, June 1 and wife Glenna June 26.

June anniversaries: Betty and Chuck Bruneau, June 9; Jo and Dick Harris June 16; Dorothy and Harold North, June 17; June and Sandy Sandusky, June 1; Ann and Ervin Johnson, June 2. Congratulations to all, and may you have many more.

Members who went to the Fiddle Festival in Lincoln City were Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Paul and Joyce King, Ann and Ervin Johnson, June and Sandy Sandusky, and Faye and Isom Patterson. They said they all enjoyed it and played up a storm.

Visitors--Randy Shaw and wife Carolyn, Dad Rodney Shaw, daughters Courtney and Elizabeth, and Mary Fields. Happy to have you, do come back again.

Welcome Bob and Clara as new members.

I want to wish my husband Dick Harris "Happy Anniversary." He has put up with me for 44 years. That's a long time to be with one person.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

We had a good-sized group of 68 at our Sunday jam May 13, including 10 musicians. There were visitors from Eugene, Springfield and Rogue River. Two families joined our membership. Tony and Carlene Coglaiti and family of Eugene, and Billy and Frances Dalton of La Pine. Bill will be playing fiddle with our group.

Bob and I are sorry we missed District 1 visitors last month, as we were out of state. Hope you all will come again.

Birthdays in May were celebrated by Carol Real, Betty O'Neal, Don Hanna and Bob Hawes. We wish you many more.

We had a fun trip over to the State Quarterly in Drain. Lots of good jamming, business meeting and a great potluck. Sorry we had to leave early.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Easter Sunday Mona Givens called to say "HI!" to all of her friends and that she was on her way to Anchorage, Alaska, to spend the summer.

We had a most enjoyable 3 days at Lincoln City. The Elks Club made us feel most welcome with their generosity and hospitality. The fiddle contest, square dancing, dance program and jamming in all corners of the 2 floors, provided enough entertainment for a large number of people. The Fiddlers have been invited to return for more of the same in April of next year.

Many thanks to Sutherlin Senior Center for letting us use your nice facility for our May 6 jam. As usual, we had a great potluck and a crowd of 145 to enjoy the music of our 20 fiddlers and many specials. It is always a pleasure to welcome our visitors: Wally Bloom, his mother Bertha, Dawn Meldrin, Barbara Garcia, Jack and Hazel Walker and family all from District 6 and Shorty and Charlotte Dow and Ella Savery from District 5.

Bud Richardson's wife, Oretta, is recovering at home from brain tumor surgery and is doing very well. Fern Samples is having a bout with the shingles. Ray Hanson is back on his feet again and is ready to play music.

Welcome back, Ray and Chrystal. We've missed you!

Our deepest sympathy to Jack and Clemmie McCaslund for the accidental death of their grandson.

June 3 jam will be at the Community Center in Wimer. July 1 jam will be in Talent at the Community Center. Both will be early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1:00 PM.

We are invited to play for "Wimer Days" June 9, starting at 11:00 AM. Come to the Evans Valley School in Wimer.

We are invited to play for the July 4th Celebration in Central Point, too. Come to the City Park and join in the festivities.

August 5 will be our annual picnic at STANTON PARK in Canyonville.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

Greetings from District 5. The news this month is not as much as what we did, rather what we are going to do. We did go to Greenacres on the 12th and had a good time. We were pleased to have Guy Kinman and Marie Gates from district 4N as our guests for the afternoon. They always play us some good dance music.

By the time you read this, a group will have played in Powers for a box social, and we will have had a jam at Brookings for the Azalea Festival.

As we look to the summer, we will be playing at the Senior Center in Reedsport on June 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00 or so. On the 9th we will be having our barbecue at Bullards Park north of Bandon. We hope that you will join us. On the 30th we will be playing at the VFW in Bandon from 7:00 to 11:00. We aren't sure about Greenacres yet in July, but we know that we will be playing in Winchester Bay on July 29th at the Ocean Festival. We want everybody in the state to come to this event. The Coos County Fair will be Friday afternoon, August 17, in Myrtle Point. The Cranberry Festival Jam is September 29th in Bandon and October 2, 3, and 4 we are playing in Port Orford. We want to invite our friends from across the state to mark their calendars and then come and join us for these fun-filled days of fiddling.

Many thanks to Elnora Jorren for a job well done, who has been our District 5 reporter for the last year.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Although there was a smaller turnout than usual, between 25 and 30 fiddlers and "specials" attended our May jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. After a great lunch, there were many in the audience to enjoy the music and dancing.

We are saddened to hear of Maxine and Walt Benson's loss of their nephew in an accident, and offer our heartfelt condolences.

Our Chairman, Jim Lockard, has recently joined the elite group of the "The Retired." We wish him the best and hope his retirement brings much joy and good health.

A small group of musicians played at an elementary school for their Grandparents Day lunch. They were met with a lot of enthusiasm both from young and old. Others continue to play for the retirement and rest homes, and dances, as well as special occasions.

There is a busy summer schedule coming up ahead, so everyone mark their calendars and plan to help out as much as they can. As our next jam, we will play for the Brownsville Pioneer Days June 17th, from 2 to 4 PM. I realize that the festivities begin in Weiser, Idaho, the next day, but let's get behind our district and make our district jam a great one, as it usually is. The lady in charge said our jam there is the favorite entertainment of the whole celebration. Meals and goodies may be purchased at the park. See you there.

Hold onto your hats for July--we will play for the Coburg Days on the 20th and 21st (3 to 6 each day), for the Springfield "Walking Tour" July 21st and for the Bohemia Days Celebration in Cottage Grove on July 22nd. More

about these later, but be ready to play your fingers off!

IDEA DEPARTMENT: How about copying some of your best tapes of fiddle music for some of the local rest homes. The residents love this kind of music and always welcome those who come and play for them, but this would give them something to listen to in-between times.

PEARLS OF WISDOM DEPARTMENT: Did you ever notice that wherever you go, sure enough, there you are!!

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

We didn't get to have our jam at Estacada as planned. The Senior Center was being remodeled and they didn't have it ready for use. Dorothy and Hawley Bloomquist made arrangements with the Milwaukie Elks Club for us to use the nice hall there. Our fiddlers appreciated that; they got to fiddle.

Our jam at Gladstone was very nice. We had 27 fiddlers and several accompanists who came to play. We had 5 specials. We had a good crowd and a nice potluck.

We have some sad news this month. We lost Winnie Smith April 29. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack and his family.

Lois Heard fell as she was getting out of the car on Easter Sunday. She stepped off into a deep hole that was hidden by grass and broke her hip. She is "all patched up" though, and slowly recuperating. Alex Steinmetz has been in the hospital with a thyroid problem. He is home, hoping that medication will correct the problem. Jim Ramsey underwent surgery for an aneurysm in his aorta. He is getting along well and is home. Hawley Bloomquist was rushed to the hospital, but after some examinations was able to return home.

Our next jam will be June 10 at 11:00 AM at the Gresham Senior Center. The address is 50 NE Elliot. That is just off Powell Blvd, and is 3 or 4 blocks east of Main Street. Doors will open at 11:00, potluck at 12:00, and program from 1:00 to 4:00. See you there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

District 8 will not have a jam in June, as there are so many other things. And Weiser. But we will have a jam at Yachats Smelt Fry on July 14. Jam will start at 11:00 at the school on Saturday. We can camp at the Waldport Senior Citizen Center as usual, starting Friday for self-contained units.

We will have a potluck Saturday evening at 5:30, and at 7:00 a show for the public. Let's give them a great big program this year, as they tell us it will be the 20th year that the Oldtime Fiddlers have played at the Smelt Fry. All Fiddlers are welcome. Come and have fun.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and flowers. I am home now trying to recuperate, and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness

Alex Steinmetz

It will soon be campout time again for the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. So if you like to camp, visit old friends, eat hotcakes and fiddle, come to the Vernonia Campout from July 17 to 22. We're gonna have fun.

The campout is held on the Harold Maiken farm located northwest of Vernonia about 5 miles on the Rock Creek-Keasey Road. The address is 13369 Keasey Road. In Vernonia, you turn left onto this road at the schoolhouse. I'll try to post some signs.

Let us form circles and everybody play, around and around, top fiddler circles or beginner circles. If you're an expert or a beginner, we'll all play.

Remember, this is an Oregon State Fiddler's event, so let us all pull together, or all go down together.

Bernadette and I will go ut on Sunday, July 15 with a load of groceries

and clean up the cookhouse and set up the stage, etc. Any help will be appreciated.

Carl Helgerson, District 7

SILENT FIDDLE

J. Erle Bequette of Stayton, Oregon, passed away in April at the age of 92.

CANYONVILLE CONTEST--JUDGES AND TROPHIES REQUESTED

I know it can't be true, but the calendar says August is not far away. That means it is contest time in Canyonville--August 25th, to be exact.

I am looking for three judges who work cheap. (\$50.00 is all I can pay.) Anyway, I got to thinking that perhaps there are people who have been overlooked by me as judge possibilities who might like to work at Canyonville. Please let me know.

Also, memorial trophies are still being welcomed. This program has proven to be popular and has helped the contest to survive. A contribution of \$20.00 is what it takes, and I don't need the money right now, just a commitment. Let me know who you wish to honor and if there is a special inscription you want engraved. Also, to what category of the contest you want it awarded--Jr.-Jr., Jr., Senior, Intermediate, or Open. I need your commitment by July 20th in order to get my trophy order ready.

Thanks so much for your participation. See you in Canyonville on August 25th.

Jim & Gynn Deaton

I am looking for Fiddlers or members who are amateur radio operators. The ones I know about are: Dave Pinkerton, Lee Jones, Bob Ledbetter, Frank Williams, Dorothy Cory, Don Skaife, Don Hanna, Bob Kitchens, Walt Cooper, Bob Ellenwood, Jim Lockard, Gale Sells, Bob Joiner, and Lew Holt. Please contact Lew Holt at 756-4623.

EDITOR'S CORNER

As of the middle of May, two motels in Huntington, Oregon--18 miles west of Weiser, Idaho--still had vacancies. The Farewell Motor Inn, 1-869-2211, and the Allen F Motel, 1-869-2241.

I have information on the Snowy Mountain Fiddlers Contest to be held in Lewistown, Montana, on June 29 and 30, including registration forms. This contest is open to anyone and is Weiser-certified.

I also have information on the 3rd annual Annie & Mary Day Old-Time Fiddle Contest in Blue Lake, CA, near Eureka, on August 5. Or you can contact Sherman Schapiro of the Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce at P O Box 1142 Blue Lake, CA 95525, (707)668-5728.

THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold.
For gold is cold and lifeless, it is powerless to cheer,
And in the time of trouble it can neither see nor hear.
It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort, or reach out a helping hand.
So when you ask God for a gift, be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches...but the love of real, true friends.

from the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association newsletter

LINCOLN CITY 1990 This was the second year that the fiddlers and their many friends have gathered at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge # 1866 as its guests. The anticipation ran high as we waited for the week-end of April 27-28-29 to roll around. Would people turn out for this event this year - as they did last year? The first glance at the parking lot answered the questions. The RV parking filled the lot and spilled over to adjacent parking areas. We were asked by the Elks to sign in. Over two hundred members of the O.O.T.F.A. and their guests signed in. People came from Washington and California as well as Oregon to participate in the many activities. Friday afternoon found groups forming to jam about the lodge. That evening at 6:30 we all gathered on the stage for the pre-contest jam. Shortly after 7:00 the contest began. This contest does not fit the mold of contests as we know them. The three judges were there doing their job but the wise contestant figured out that he was playing for the dancers and this is what the judges liked. The contest winner were not decided until several ties were played off. The winners in order were: Rudi Booher, Susie Smith, Bill Yohey, Penny Mead Walter, Carol Ann Wheeler, Don Hanna, Michael Webster, Guy Kinman, Leonard Maahs, Gary Evans

Our thanks to Wayne Holmes, Bob McKee, and Rusty Modrell for serving as judges and to Lee Jones for being the emcee. Thanks to the crew at the tally table: John and Lucille Childers, Wayne and Helen Tracy, and Ila Mae Carmickle.

Saturday afternoon Alan Ede led the group for two hours in square and round dancing. This was an experiment that turned out to be an excellent idea. Different musicians took their turns playing the dance music. Many thanks to Alan for a fine job.

That evening 10 dance bands signed up and played through out the evening for the dancers. Each group played 20 or more minutes. Thanks to Isom Patterson for emceeing the evening.

Sunday afternoon 37 musicians signed up for the jam. Thanks to Helen Hakanson for emceeing the jam (and to John for giving her a break).

There were other workers that I want to recognize: Roy Lewis, Alice McDowell, Helen and Nick Weber, Charlotte Dow, and the Tracys and Childers for helping out at the registration table. We tried to keep the workers for the week-end to a minimum and still get the job done.

This week-end at the Oceanlake Elks Lodge is unique. We are paid \$1,500 for entertaining the Elks and their guests. We chose five ways of entertaining -- jamming about the hall, a Friday night fiddle contest and dance, Saturday square dancing, Saturday night dance, and a Sunday afternoon jam. The Elks Lodge has invited us back next year - probably the third week-end of April 1991 so mark your calendar and join us for a good time.

Lew Holt, Chairman
Lee Jones, Co-chairman

Oh fiddle-dee-dee!

OREGON PARTTIME F DEALERS ASSN
FINANCIAL REPORT

For period February 28, 1990 to April 30, 1990

CASH on Hand Feb 28, 1990 \$3668.27

INCOME

Decals	9.70
Rosters	159.00
Commissions	13.07
20% from Districts	71.57
Member Dues	546.00
Convention	5336.75
Raffles	171.05
Stationery	2.00
Elks Club (Lincoln City)	1500.00
Interest	19.92
TOTAL INCOME	\$7829.06

Cash on Hand plus
Total income
\$11,497.33

EXPENSES

Supplies & Misc	48.35
Telephone	93.77
Postage & Printing	61.64
Mileage	84.00
Roster Expense	384.75
Contest	100.00
Convention	1458.14
Hoedowner (Printing)	822.89
Hoedowner (Postage)	414.50
Elks Contest (Lincoln City)	485.40
Miscellaneous (Briefcase)	39.99
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3993.43

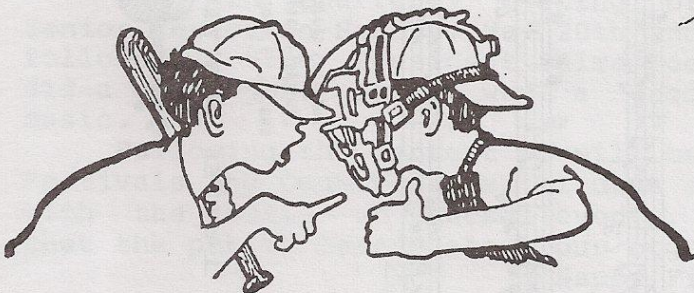
Cash on Hand plus
Total Expense
\$11,497.33

CASH on Hand April 30, 1990 \$7503.90

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand 28, Feb 1990	\$1845.70
Income	
District 3, Donation	50.00
Expense	None
Cash on Hand April 30, 1990	\$1895.70

*Lee Jones
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The image shows the musical notation for the fiddle tune "Drunken Billy Goat". It consists of seven staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes various rhythmic values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) and rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staves to indicate the harmonic structure: A, B7, E7, D, and A. There are also first and second endings marked with "1." and "2." above the notes. The music is arranged in a single system across seven staves.

DRUNKEN BILLY GOAT



Based on Sam Sloan's LP Album
USR-8739 "Champion Fiddling"
Notation by Warren Colebank