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COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT
Sept 2	Jam, Community Center	Jerome Prairie 4
8	Jam, Grange	Greenacres 5
9	Potluck, Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
9	Jam, VFW Hall	Sweet Home 6
9	Jam, Columbia Park	Portland 7
15	State Quarterly Meeting	Central Point OOTFA
16	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
29	Cranberry Festival	Bandon 5
30	Jam, Potluck, Community Center	Newberg 8
Oct 2,3,4		Port Orford 5
7	Jam, Youth Center	Canyonville 4
7	Jam, Senior Center	Estacada 7
13	Potluck, Jam, Grange	Greenacres 5
21	Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon 6
Nov 3	Jam, Grange (Saturday)	Central Point 4
18	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton 7

MARK'S REMARKS: First, I want to cover an oversight in District 6 where we had two days of playing for the Coburg Golden Days celebration on July 20 and 21. There were about 30 fiddlers and accompanying musicians who came to help with the two shows and also the parade on Saturday (Boy, was it hot!) I especially want to thank Dennis and Thelma Allen, Guy Kinman and the Booher family from District 4. These are only a few of those who turn out to help in other districts. Our chairmen and reporters need to take special note of visitors from other districts and give them proper recognition. A smile and a compliment will always make our friends feel welcome.

Over the past few months I have received many comments about life membership qualifications and the cost thereof. The qualifications as I read them mean that only those members who have been active musicians for the previous two years and have reached their 70th birthday qualify for life membership. (I believe it should be more than two years.) Also, a musician is someone who can play recognizable tunes on their instrument and play along with others when they play. Now, the cost of printing and mailing the Hoedowner is approximately 70½ cents per month. This means that it takes about three paying members to cover the cost of the Hoedowner for each life member. When a life member does not show up at the jams and activities where the districts and state raise money, they are getting a

free ride on the backs of those paying members and the life members who remain active.

Well, I've stirred up enough for the coming month, so I'll close my remarks by saying thanks again to those who unselfishly contribute their time and talents for the benefit of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and their respective districts.

P.S. Those folks attending District 6 Annual Picnic Aug. 18th have asked me to give a big thank you to Bob and DeeDee Kaiser for securing the Coburg Grange at the very last minute for their picnic and jam.

Happy Fiddling! Mark Carmickle

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Chuck Bruneau; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson

Our fiddlers have been busy the month of August. They played two days at the Jefferson Mall, fashion show at Reames Country Club, the Civil Conservation Corps reunion at Tulelake, Western Bank 3rd Annual Barbecue, S.O.A.R. Ice Social. The fiddlers also played for Helen and Don Fleming's 50th wedding anniversary. They want to thank all the fiddlers. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

Our August meeting was held at the home of Irene and Jerry Ruddock. Their friends Beryl and Herma Barber barbecued chicken for all of us. Did a great job.

Visitors were Jim and Pauline Winslow, Medford; Betty Decer, Medford; and Ruth and Bud Applegate, Central Point. Nice to have you all. Do come back.

Nice to see Bill Noble and Irvin Johnson out and about.

September birthdays--Jamie Voss-grandson of Naomi-13th; Sandy-22nd; Dick Harris the 26th; Harold Furrey, the 29th. Anniversary--Ray and Cherril Lane, the 4th. Happy Day to all and many more.

Fiddlers have been invited to play at O.I.T. for the Japanese students Last year they enjoyed it very much.

We play Sept. 1 and 2 at the Lakeview County Fair, Saturday 2 PM and Sunday 1PM.

Our Sept. meeting will be on the 16th at the Merrill Recreation Hall, 1:30 meeting, jamming. Potluck after jamming.

Rosa Lee McLain from Lakeview had a cancer operation last week. Our blessing to you, Rosa Lee.

Happy fiddling.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from Central Oregon--land of sunshine!

Here it is September, and our busy season is coming to a slow-down. August turned out to be a slow month for us. Thousand Trails cancelled two tentative dates, July 21 and August 4, without notice, and Airlife Picnic was cancelled due to the Bend fire. We were all lucky. A few had to evacuate, but the fire went on around.

We finally heard results on Tony Spatz after their trip. He made a big jump to Grand Nationals in Weiser and won 9th place. Congratulations, Tony! Keep up the good work.

There were 64 at our Sunday jam, including 9 musicians. Out-of-town guests were Paul Lakey and Jo Barnes and Hattie Groleau (Carol Reed's mother) all of Sutherlin. Also, visitors from Portland, Las Vegas, and Brookings, South Dakota.

We had a nice surprise the following Monday. Tommy and Joyce Grissom and Betty Deckard, District 4, came by and spent overnight on the way home from their 50th anniversary trip to Canada. We always enjoy having our fiddling friends stop by.

Don Hanson is still recuperating. He has good days and bad. We miss you, Don and Bernice.

We have two new family members in our district now. Brian (fiddle

and guitar) and Rhonda Hanson (Don and Bernice Hanson's grandson), and Marv (guitar) and Bobbie Wodtli and family (our daughter). Welcome to both--we need more young people.

Hope to see you all in Central Point at the quarterly.

September 9--Sunday jam at the Bend Senior Center.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Don Luker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Vern Reitan; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

Our annual picnic at Stanton Park in Canyonville was great fun. Several came on Saturday and camped out. Those early birds had the pleasure of providing music for a wedding taking place in the park. On Sunday we had 75 members share a delicious potluck, followed by an afternoon of great music, visiting and dancing. Darren Reitan delighted the audience with his version of "The Orange Blossom Special." Wally Bloom and protege, Barbara Garcia, added their special talents, as did Jack Walker and Rick Dobson. It is always a pleasure to welcome our friends from District 6.

We are taking the month of August off, but will resume playing at the senior centers and nursing homes in September. There is a lot to do anyway, with invitations to play for family reunions, birthdays and anniversaries.

One especially nice date was camping out at Union Creek and playing for 230 other campers at the Forest Service campground. The program was well-received and all were invited back again. Paula Pasley, Dave Winkleman and the Lukers' grandchildren managed to work in a little fishing and caught some trout.

Jimmie and Bud Chancler and Joyce and Tommy Grissom are celebrating 50 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations!!

Vic Flood has had surgery and is home recuperating. Hank Modrell has had more surgery and is under the doctor's care. Mae Baldwin has had knee surgery. Claire Johnson is in Ville Royal Health Care Center. He has had a stroke, along with other complications. Bud Richardson's wife, Oretta, is very ill, suffering from a not-too-successful tumor surgery. Our love and prayers go to each and every one of you.

Jack and Clemmie McCasland are on the puny side. Clemmie spent a week in Talent, visiting a daughter. Jack isn't up to playing his fiddle--but we hope that will change. Why not send them a card to show them we care?

Campouts and Canyonville Fiddle Contest will be history by the time you read this.

September 2 jam will be at Jerome Prairie. We host the quarterly State Meeting at the Central Point Grange on Saturday September 15. October 7 jam will be at the Canyonville Youth Center, 1st and Pine Street. November 3 jam will be in Central Point Grange on Saturday. Always early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1 PM.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; CO-CHAIRMAN-Al Lively; SEC/TREAS-Helen Weber

Last month Ernest Allen of Reedsport passed away. He is survived by John, one of our young fiddle players. "Ernie" loved to play his bass at at our get-togethers and was a fiddle follower for years. He was also the winner of the fiddle given away at the Convention a couple of years ago. A group of fiddlers and back-up played for the services. We played a number of tunes, but just a week before he had requested us to play "My Pretty Quadroon." It was one of his favorites, so we played it for him again.

We certainly had a good time at the Ocean Festival in Reedsport during the last week end in July. We were in the parade Saturday morning, jammed that evening in the grange hall in Winchester Bay, and had a big jam Sunday afternoon. We appreciated the turn out and especially want to thank our out-of-district guests for joining us. (Linh Al from Tillamook, Dennis Picket and Joyce Picket-4; Barbara Garcia-6; Rich Dobson-6; Guy Kinman-4; Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle-6; Hollis Real-3; Jack Walker-6; Paul Lakey-4; Stan and Addie Gonshorowski-6; Walt Benson-6; Dennis and Thelma Allen-

4; Bud Richardson-4; Charlie Paret-4; Larry Johnson-4; and Wally Bloom-6. Isn't that impressive!! We were pleased to have our state president and his wife and our Hoedowner editor play at our jam. And I want to thank all the good District 5 members who turned out to help on the float and for all of the chores that they did.

It takes a lot to stop fiddlers from playing. When it started to sprinkle at 6:30 at Bullard's Park near Bandon, we didn't give up. We just moved to a covered picnic area and played for two solid hours for well over 100 people who jammed in to hear us. We had been invited by the park host to play for the campers. Stan Gonshorowski--your cousins Charlie and Dutch, told us to tell you "Hi." And we were asked if we knew Jim Lockard--sure do--Jim, the parents of one of your students said some nice things about you. Beyond any doubt--they were the most enthusiastic audience we have ever seen.

The next day we gathered in the oak grove at the Coos County Fair to play for the seniors and whoever else wanted to listen. We watched the dark clouds coming and started our jam a half hour early. An hour later, just as the last fiddler finished playing, the rain started. We quickly buttoned everything up and called it quits. We look forward to next year. Thanks, Guy Kinman from District 4, for coming over to help us.

Now we turn our attention to September. To start the month off--on the 8th we will return to Greenacres. We will have a District 5 meeting at 11:00, AND A POTLUCK at 12:00. So bring your hot dishes, desserts, salads, or what have you. We haven't had a potluck for a long time. The dance and jam will start about 1:00. It will be fun to be back.

On the 29th we will be in the parade at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon. We usually gather about 9:00 at the grade school to get ready for the parade. After the parade we will go to the VFW Hall on Hwy 42 towards Coquille for an afternoon of fiddling. Then that evening we will cross the highway to play at the grange hall (our own little party). We want all District 5 members and everybody in the state to be sure to come on Sunday, September 30, to the Ocean Crest Elementary School at 1:00 for our big jam. There is plenty of room for everybody (and especially for you). Bandon--right on Highway 101.

The next week end, October 5, 6, and 7, we are on our way to Port Orford (See the invitation that explains it.) Sounds fun, gang.

On October 13 we will be back at Greenacres for another potluck and jam.

I want to thank Bill Wilson for sending me the tape of Rosalee. It is a good old tune the Les McLeod used to play. One more request, friends, did any of you by chance make video tapes of the two programs this summer on PBS television that dealt with musci in Cajun country and music and stories of Appalachia? We were out of town those two week ends, and I sure would like to see the programs. I have heard good things about them. Please contact me if you can help. Thanks. Happy fiddling.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

As usual, August has been a busy month for our musicians. Besides the usual places we play, there were several special events. On the 11th a group gathered to play for three hours at the Pioneer Plaza in Springfield for their sale extravaganza. We earned over \$200.00 for the district. We wish to thank Dennis and Thelma Allen who came clear from Roseburg, and the Mike Booher family from Yoncalla to help us play that day. Even though it was one of our hot days, we were under cover and the brisk breeze kept us comfortable.

On the 15th we played for Senior Day at the Lane County Fair, playing in front of the museum in their flower-garden atmosphere. Again go our thanks to those from nearby districts who came to help us play. They were Dennis and Thelma Allen and Guy Kinman from Roseburg, Lew and Alice Holt

from North Bend, and Vi and Charlie Jensen from Monmouth. Also, many thanks to our own people who helped set up chairs, MC, run errands, and play and help in so many capacities. It took a lot of work and a lot of playing to play from 10 AM to 6 PM. We had planned a two hour break, but everyone kept right on playing, and our audience sat there and enjoyed the day with us.

Since the Day Island Park has recently changed its rules on spot reservations, we had to move our annual picnic to the Coburg Grange Hall at the last minute. Many thanks to Bob and DeeDee Kaiser for getting the grange hall for us. Our apologies to those who might have gone to the wrong place and went home.

Back to the Lane County Fair, I'd like to brag a bit about two of our members. Myrtle McCoy was awarded ribbons on all three afghans she entered, and Donna Lake won a ribbon on her hand-made quilt she entered. Congratulations, ladies!

Andy Menkins is hobbling around these days on a painful broken ankle, Helen Inks is just recovering from an artificial knee replacement (home by now), and Ruth Ann Paul is now at home after recent major surgery.

Our jam at the VFW Hall in Sweet Home will be held September 9. They will feed us lunch, then we jam all afternoon as usual.

October 21 will be our jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. They furnish lunch for us there, and we jam all afternoon. Be looking for the Thanksgiving Dinner jam at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Date and particulars in a later issue.

Many thanks to those who sent me words to "Cripple Creek." I received about six versions, all different, but that makes it more interesting. As most old songs were handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation, it is not surprising that some of the words were changed at times. Thanks again.

Any member is invited to play at Good Samaritan Care Center, at 4:00 the 4th Saturday of every month unless it's a holiday, etc.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a great time at the Vernonia Campout. The weather was just perfect, the ham and hotcakes were a real treat to wake up to, and we had lots of good fiddle music. We certainly want to thank the Maikens' for letting us enjoy their "hide-away park" and we extend a very special thanks to Carl, Bernadette, and all their helpers for all their work and effort in making it a very special campout.

We hope you can all attend our district picnic at Columbia Park on Sunday, Sept. 9. We can go anytime after 9:00. We will have a potluck at 12:00 noon. Bring your tablecloth, beverage and table service. You might wish for your folding chair. This park is located on Russet--off from Lombard at about the 4400 block. Let's hope for a nice warm sunny day; however, there are about 18 covered tables. See you there.

Bill Yohey is in the hospital. All of us in District 7 wish him a speedy recovery.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN- Ed Priebe; CO-CHAIRMAN- Don Simons; SEC/TREAS- Faythe Maahs

Two highlights of the past month included the hosting of the Yamhill County Fair and the Polk County Fair. Both performances were gala events, and were well received by the audiences and fair officials alike. The Yamhill officials wanted to sign us up, after the performance, for next year.

The Yamhill County program included 21 featured performers; the Polk County program 17 featured performers. At both events a fine group of backup guitarists were represented. A special thanks to the featured

performers from Districts 6 & 7, who participated in the two events.

District 8 will hold a jam on September 30 in Newberg at the Community Center on 2nd and Howard. The doors will be open at 10:00 AM, potluck at 12:00 noon, and a jam open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Adequate public parking is available across the street and 1/2 block east of the Community Center.

I'm happy to report the recovery by Faythe Maahs from a recent illness, and did you know that Lee and Ruth Jones are the proud grandparents of twin girls. Savana Rose and Kati Jo arrived July 29th, and weighed in at 3 lb 6 oz and 3 lb 12 oz.

Ed Priebe, Reporter

DEAR FIDDLER FRIENDS:

Since I joined the OOTFA in 1981, I have enjoyed the fellowship and goals of the organization and worked hard for its benefit. I accepted the post of Chairman, hoping to continue working for them. However, there is a small faction within our district that is rife with dissension, prevarication, and lack of cooperation. The constant turmoil makes administration of one's official duties very difficult. Therefore, it is with deep regret that I hereby resign my offices as Chairman and district reporter, effective September 1, 1990.

Sincerely,
Thelma Shephard

As your new Secretary, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve at the state level.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

If you have any questions, be sure to let Mark, Zelma, or me know so we can be of assistance.

We have a wonderful organization that projects not only fiddlers and back-up but a group of individuals who care about music and other people. When we entertain, our hearts feel good because we've made others happy. God gave us this gift and it should be shared.

My thanks to Lee for a job well done.

Happy Fiddling! Linda

The Vernonia Campout to me was a huge success. A lot of work, but it was fun work.

We had 23 regular RVs and 8 or 10 one and two day campers, all with smiling friendly faces.

I collected just \$10.00 from each RV and only \$5.00 from one-dayers, and this included all the hotcakes, ham, eggs and coffee they could eat for breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and we still made a nice profit.

To start with, on Sunday the 15th, Ed Priebe of District 8 and Joe Hamm and "Red" Arnold of District 7 and I fit and hammered the music stand together, complete with covered top, back and ends and 6 yellow stage lights and a rug on the floor and Minnie Bennett's keyboard and our sound system. I was pretty proud of these guys and may I say THANK YOU to each and also to my wife Bernadette who cleaned the cook house twice each day and to Myrtle Arnold, Dulcie Fast and Bernadette who operated the kitchen and flipped the hotcakes. They even let me fry the eggs. Lots of fun. Also thank you to Larry Modrell who brought his grill up from Garibaldi and to Lew Holt who helped and advised me, no end. And thanks to the Maikens', and God willing I'll be there next year to enjoy and help with another one.

Carl Helgerson, District 7

BENEFIT dance and pie supper for Rita Lancaster. IWA Union Hall, 1523 NE Vine Street, Roseburg. Saturday, September 15, 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Music by the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers and other local talent. Pie and coffee extra. \$5.00 a couple, \$3.00 single.

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Greg Baker workshops, Beginner 9 AM, Intermediate 10 AM; Oct. 20. \$5. 16570 SE McLoughlin, Milwaukie. 659-9817

WANTED: 1/4 or 1/2 sized fiddle with bow and case. Dan Schaeffer, 396-4461,
P O Box 613, Coquille, OR 97423.

More than 30 RVs and tent campers enjoyed the campout at Vernonia July 17-22. Many participants also came out for just the day. Hotcakes were served to get the day started and the potlucks provided us with excellent food. The weather was warm--just right for fiddling. We sat around the campfire and enjoyed the evening show on the stage. We also enjoyed visiting with Harold and Beulah Maiken, who provided us with the beautiful place to camp. All of the campers want to thank Carl Helgerson and his crew for all their work. Lew

PORT ORFORD ANNUAL JAM SESSION, October 5, 6, 7. Evening shows from 7 to 11 PM. We will have fiddling, folk, jazz, blue grass, and hope to have entertainment by the school kids, clogging (each night will be something different).

This is sponsored by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and American Legion Post 76. So come one, come all to the beautiful coast of Port Orford. If you have music talent contact Vice-Commander John Settle at 332-5915. Bring your instruments for jamming during the daytime; I'll sign up the talent for the shows.

There are four trailer parks here, all within walking distance--I anticipate no problems with RVs.

John Settle, Vice-Commander--332-5915

"God save you from a bad neighbor and from a beginner on the fiddle."

Italian proverb