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## OCTOBER, 1990

### COMING EVENTS

		DISTRICT
Oct		
7	Jam, Youth Center	Canyonville 4
7	Jam, Senior Center	Estacada 7
7	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
14	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
20	Meeting, Potluck, Jam	1
21	Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon 6
21	Jam	Pringle School 8
Nov		
3	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
11	Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner, Senior Center	Springfield 6
11	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
18	Jam, VFW Hall	Sweet Home 6
18	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton 7
18	Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner, Grange	Woodburn 8
Dec		
2	Christmas Party, Community Center	Talent 4
11	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
16	Jam, Christmas Party, Moose Lodge	St. Helens 7
16	Jam, Christmas Dinner, Grange	McMinnville 8

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MARK'S REMARKS: I am writing this from the heart of the Ozarks, at Compton Ridge Campground, Branson, Missouri. The State of the Ozarks Fiddlers' Convention has been going on here the past 3 days and we've heard a lot of bluegrass music and some oldtime fiddling and a dance on Saturday night. I must say that our fiddlers in Oregon are just as good and some even better than those we heard here. We were very surprised and happy to see Don and Ruth Loring here on Saturday. They are on their way to Texas and said hello to everyone back home. We're having a good trip, visiting with friends and family and enjoying the beautiful Ozark Mountain scenery. By the time you read this we will be home and back to work completing plans for the January State Meeting. By-Laws Committee work should be completed and ready to present at the January meeting. Happy Fiddlin', you all.

Mark Carmickle

### DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Chuck Bruneau; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson  
 September has been a slow month. Not much playing. But give us time, with fall and winter just around the corner, we'll get going again.

We had a good turnout for our September jam, with some guests and dancers. Our guests were Bonnie and Jerry Erpenback, Bonnie plays the guitar; Cheryl Bernal, plays the accordion; Tom and Derrek Bernal.



Carol Willis plays the violin and wants to learn fiddle tunes. Clayton Sharp, a 13-yr-old violin player, also wants to learn fiddle tunes. These people need help. How about it, fiddlers?

Isom Patterson would like to change our next meeting date. With the Potato Festival and the campout at his and Faye's place, they have fiddlers coming from as far as Redding. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 20. Meeting at 6:00, potluck at 6:30, then lots of good jamming. All are invited to the jam and the Potato Festival.

The Recreation Hall in Merrill is needing help--painting the outside of the building and washing windows. If you can help, call Isom Patterson at 798-5973.

Nursing homes and Clairmont House--same times.

"Happy Birthday" goes out to Irene Lewis, Oct. 2; Harold Warner, Oct. 11; Isom Patterson, Oct. 16.

Heard that Betty Deckard of Medford, while at the State Quarterly Meeting, had a bad fall. Betty, do get well soon. Hope to see you at the Patterson's campout.

Dick Harris lost his guitar capo. If anyone has found or seen it, call him at 884-5390. Thanks.

Happy fiddling to all.

Jo Harris, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3:

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

Our Sunday Jam September 9 was a good one. There were 71 attending, including 10 musicians, and Ed Perret (past Senior Center President) played piano after our break. We had visitors from Portland, Salem, Madras, and Sparks, Nevada.

Don Hanson was feeling better and came to our jam. Always gives us a boost to see Don and Bernice walk in.

The Spatz family called and said they're moving to Branson, MO, real soon. Their house is already sold. They will sure be missed. Tony brought home another trophy from Canyonville. He won 3rd place in Open Division. Bill Spatz wins a big applause for 5th place for accompanist. Congratulations to both.

Our musicians played at the AAL benefit for the Bend Aubrey Hall fire victims and LaPine chili cook-off over Labor Day. That about ends our summer except for Sunday jams.

Bob and I enjoyed our trip to Central Point; jamming, visiting friends, meeting new ones, and discussing old and new business in the OOTFA. We hope Betty Deckard is up and around after her bad fall.

Anniversaries in September were Ches and Betty Fullerton (44 years) and Hollis and Carol Real (45 years)--and birthday people are Bill Spatz and Hollis Real. Happy ones to them and everyone.

Our next jam is October 14.

RosaLee McLain is in Bend for 5 weeks taking follow-up treatment after her recent surgery. Homer drove up from Lakeview Tuesday night and they joined our Tuesday night jam. Our prayers and best wishes are with them. Their address is Sun Country Mobile Park, 61550 Alstrup Rd, Bend OR 97701, in case anyone wants to send a card or note.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4:

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

After a hot, busy summer we welcome the slower pace of a cool September. We have played for the Grange, a 50th Anniversary and the Cattlemen's Ass'n along with other requests.

September 2 jam at Jerome Prairie was one of our best. Approximately 40 enjoyed a delicious potluck followed by an afternoon of music and dancing. Many of our regulars were away or for some reason couldn't come--so the musicians who did show up did a wonderful job supplying danceable music for a large number of visitors.

The same can be said about our State Quarterly Meeting held at the



Central Point Grange on September 15. We regret that our district didn't have better communication so as to not plan another event on the same day. Since State President Mark Carmickle was on a trip, Vice-president Zelma Foote did an outstanding job of being in charge.

There was plenty of room for all R.V.s and we had music on Friday night as well as Saturday night. Saturday, after a short business meeting, we had great potluck, more music and dancing. Then at 5:00 PM sharp, Zelma and her kitchen crew put on a spaghetti feed with meatballs, lettuce and tomato salad garlic bread and watermelon for 65 enthusiastic members. All went well with more music and dancing in the evening. Heidi Strahm, age 11, delighted the crowd with her clogging and she and her mother, Irene Strahm, also played some fiddle tunes. We hope all of our out-of-town guests know how happy and proud we were to have them. Please come again soon. One sad note, at our meeting our dear friend Betty Deckard fell at the grange door and had to be taken by ambulance to Providence Hospital. She has a broken hip so will be laid up, hopefully for only a short period.

We were happy to see Jim Summers back from a trip back east. Dave and Dorene Winkelman are on a month-long trip to Louisville, KY, for a Navy Reunion, then on to the east coast. Olive Davis is leaving October 3 for a 3-week trip to Florida. Kathern and Don Luker are on a 2-week trip to the high country in northeast California.

October 7 jam will be at the Youth Center in Canyonville. November 3 Jam (Saturday) will be at the grange in Central Point. Christmas party will be December 2 at the Talent Community Center. Always early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5:

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

After a couple months vacation District 5 returned to Greenacres Saturday September 8 for a potluck and to play for the dancers. It was good to be back

By the time you read this we will have played 2 days at the Cranberry Festival, and we'll share the specific details next month.

The fiddle week end at Port Orford on October 5, 6, and 7 has been canceled because of scheduling conflicts.

Looking forward to October, we'll see all of you on Saturday the 15th at Greenacres. There will be a District 5 meeting at 11:00, potluck at 12:00, and jam at 1:00.

Alice and I finally got our new grandson on September 4. We just happen to have some pictures.

Lew Holt, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Thelma Shephard; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

We had a great time at the VFW Hall in Sweet Home on September 9. They fed us a terrific lunch then we jammed all afternoon. Special thanks to our out-of-district guests: Shorty and Virgie Allen (8); Dave and Jeanette Robinson (8); Vi and Charlie Jensen (8); Paul Lakey and Jo Barnes (4); Les Johnson (8); Chuck and Anna Williams (WA); and Linda Carver, our state sec/treas, (5). Also, our special thanks to Addie Gonshorowski and Lloyd Shriber for emceeding the program. We have been asked to come back November 18.

We want to congratulate Jim and Carol Lockard on their new grandson born on September 7.

Congratulations to Rick and Sherry on their wedding August 26. We all enjoyed the reception at Armitage Park, with the flowers and balloons around to decorate the setting. Also, the big moment when Rick and Sherry arrived in the beautiful stretched limousine. Lots of good food, music and excitement watching the happy couple open their gifts. Thank goodness only a sprinkle of rain fell.

Everyone hopes Brendan Booher is back playing his fiddle again after breaking his arm in a fall at his home.

Thanks to District 4 for hosting the quarterly meeting at Central Point September 15. The grange hall was filled with fiddle music Friday evening,



and we all had a great time. Thank you, Zeima and all your helpers, for a delicious spaghetti dinner on Saturday, and to all the musicians who played Saturday afternoon and evening. We wish Betty Deckard a speedy recovery from her fall, and hope she will be up and around soon.

Many of our musicians are still busy playing at rest homes and retirement homes, and I know they bring much enjoyment to the people there.

A small group (Thelma Shepard, Wally Bloom, Barbara Garcia, David Boyd, Jack McCullough, and Dan Schaeffer -- visiting from District 5) played at the Saturday Market on September 1 and earned \$50 for our district.

On September 22 Barbara Garcia, Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, Wally Bloom, Jim Lockard, Vivian Steele, Hank Napier, Bryon Dunnaway played at a church barbecue from 2 until 6. They fed us a delicious barbecued chicken dinner.

Our next jam is at the American Legion Hall October 21 at Lebanon. They will serve us lunch at noon and the jam will start around 1:00 PM. See you there.

Co-conspirators Allison Roberts, Lucille Childers, Barbara Garcia

#### DISTRICT 7:

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

Our "late-in-the-season" district picnic turned out real well. We were very lucky. It was a bit chilly in the morning, but it was a beautiful day, and if everyone enjoyed it as much as I did, I can report that it was a complete success. We had 20 fiddlers, 5 singers and 1 banjo player--all helped out by our faithful accompanists. Carl spent a lot of time trying to locate a place to have it, and we surely appreciate his efforts.

Our next jam will be October 7 at the Senior Center in Estacada. The address is 200 Club House Drive. Going east on Highway 224 you turn right at the stoplight, which is Club House Drive. Doors will open at 11:00. We will try to have a short business meeting at 11:30. Our potluck will be at 12:00 and our program from 1:00 until 4:00. See you there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8:

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

District 8's October Jam will be held on Sunday October 21 at a Senior Center(The old Pringle School) in South Salem at the intersection of Boone Road and Battle Creek Road.This is approximately 1 mile east of 99E on Boone Road. We can not use the parking lot until 12 noon, so the building will be open at noon, and the Jam open to the public will start at 1:00 pm and run to 4:00 pm. Because of the late starting time, there will be no pot luck, so you will have to make other arrangements for lunch.

The November Jam and Thanksgiving dinner will be held Sunday November 18th at the Woodburn Grange Hall and the December Jam and Christmas dinner will be held Sunday December 16th at the McMinnville Grange.

The September Jam and business meeting at Stayton worked out quite well. The members approved having a jam at the old Pringle School site, even though we had to modify our usual time schedule and forego our usual pot luck. There will be no rent charged for the hall; however, the collection will go to the Seniors. The members also approved the upgrading of the PA system and the procurement of a high profile program board, which will help the performers keep track of when they are due up.

The misplaced operating instructions for our PA system were requested and received from the Peavey Electronics CO. It has been suggested that we add monitor speaker(s) with volume control independent from the main speakers. The ones we now use are part of my record player and have no independent volume control. A good monitor system is important so that the musicians can better hear themselves. The specific equipment need and the cost is not known at this time. It has also been suggested that we add an additional microphone, so that we will have four good microphones. Our amplifier will accommodate four microphones. A telephone quotation from the Cascade Music Co. in Salem for an Electro-Voice microphone identical to our best one was \$115.00 for the microphone alone.



I am sorry to report that Bill Yohey has been ill and in the hospital, and is home or will be shortly.

Ed Priebe Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Ruel Teague; CO-CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; SEC/TREAS-Pat Scott

District 9 fiddlers have had a busy summer. We played for the Bell-A Annual Cutting and Roping. It was a foot-stompin', hand-clappin', singing and dancing 4 hours.

On August 18 Ruel and Margaret Teague, Paula, Stacey and Monti Reynolds, Walt and Willie Cooper, Darlene Austin, Roy and Roleen Reed, and Pat Scott went to the Sno-Shoe Fire Complex in Logan Valley to play for the firefighters. We all had our dinner with them and then Janet Burgess fixed up a pair of spoons to join us on the stage. I'm not sure how many men and women were there--it filled a large circus tent. They gave Stacey a foot-stompin', hand clappin', whistlin', standing ovation, chanting "More, more, more!" It was close to 10:00 PM before we started home.

Stacey Reynolds attended Carol Ann Wheeler's workshop as a Teacher's Aide.

The next week end found Stacey, Ruel, Walt and Willie at the State Fairgrounds. She played for an hour on the showcase representing Harney County.

On Sunday (next day) we played at the Lowen Store for their grand opening.

We participated in the Harney County Fair parade with the square dancers and took second place.

We start our monthly jams at the Senior Center October 7.

Happy Birthday Ruel and Margaret.

We've tried to have weekly practice sessions at Walt Cooper's on Friday nights.

Pat Scott, Reporter  
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Bill and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, phone calls, and prayers. Fiddlers are a thoughtful, caring group of people.

Bill and Edna Yohey  
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HELP!

I have been contacted by a friend of mine regarding a lost fiddle. It is a Stainer copy. Inside fiddle tag says: Jacobus Stainer in Absom 1792

Anyone who may have bought a fiddle of this description in the last while please contact Wally Bloom, 25307 Vaughn Rd, Veneta, OR 97487, as it is a family heirloom and they would like to locate it.

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I have volunteered to be District 6 Reporter and would like to ask all members to please get any and all material they wish published in the Hoedowner to me before the 18th of each month. My number is 688-4085 and my address is 151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404-2836. Thanks for your co-operation. Helen B. Tracy

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THE FIDDLE SHOW IN PORT ORFORD ON OCTOBER 5, 6, AND 7 HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

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Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain--and most do. Dale Carnegie

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I would like to thank District 6 for the plant and all the cards I received while I was in the hospital for my heart attack. Ken Raymond

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A big "Thank You" to Mike and Barbara Garcia for their donation of a typewriter to the state association. It will be well-used over the coming years.

Many thanks to District 4 for a lovely time in Central Point. If you



weren't there, you missed some wonderful music and food. My special thanks to all the district secretaries who have been so prompt in sending in their reports. Linda

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FOOTE NOTES -- District 4 would like to thank all of you who attended the Fall Quarterly Meeting. Your good music, fellowship and help was appreciated. Sorry more of you couldn't attend. Those of you who didn't come missed a good time. Remember you are WELCOME anytime.

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Dear Oregon Old Time Fiddlers:

I am having trouble understanding the by-laws of our district. I seem to get a different picture of a life-time member. I read in my last newsletter that we have to play for our 69th and 70th years to receive a life membership card. Is that right? Also, that we have to play a tune that people know. I don't believe I've ever played my fiddle or mandolin at a District 6 jam, though I could. I am a good guitar rythm player, and so I have been very busy doing just that. Now I wonder if I should be been playing one-string melodies like so many of my friends are doing. If we have to play a recognizable tune, wouldn't it be up to the audience to know "all" music? Not sure that's possible. I have some pretty important relatives in music and they admit they don't know all songs. Anyway, I'm sorry that it costs so much for life memberships, but each one has been earned. Officers as well as workers. It shouldn't be considered a free membership. We each work for the paid up membership, it is not a free ride. We can earn a lot more for our district if everyone will study and try harder to please with their music.

I have played for and paid district 6 my earned money at the same time slot that a lot of other members were enjoying spending money for renting a hall for a jam and I would have loved to be playing for fun, too.

A paying member District 6, Betty Canning

P.S. How about offering the by-laws to be bought along with the roster?

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There is a need for further clarification of the state rules for life-time membership eligibility. They are spelled out in Section VIII of the by-laws, and read as follows:

(This is an EXACT COPY made from the by-laws)

The two points of contention appear to be a mis-interpretation of how LONG a person has been active (regardless of illnesses, etc.) and exactly what constitutes a "musician." According to both the Holt Basic Dictionary and the Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionary, they agree almost word-for-word on the following definitions:

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT - a "device" for making or producing "music."

ACCOMPANIMENT - a part added to help or enrich the main part of music.

MUSICIAN - a person skilled in music, who sings or plays a musical instrument.

In our 1990 roster of membership there are 189 Lifetime members (or families) listed. Of these, there are 33 who are associate members (with no musician in the immediate family) and 18 who play back-up instruments only. Surely these members were considered eligible and continue to be eligible. It would be a miscarriage of justice to remove or deny their life membership.

There are also 75 members coming up who would NOT be elibigle for life membership under the interpretation in our September Hoedowner, although they do play a back-up instrument and are actively performing.



OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLER'S ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE 9/12/90

BALANCE AS OF 8/9/90 (GENERAL ACCOUNT) \$ 3,369.26

RECEIPTS:

Polk County Fair #8 \$ 250.00  
Clakamas Co Fair # 7 300.00  
Lebanon Strawberry Festival 3,365.25  
Membership Dues 71.00  
Bank Interest 23.83

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 4,010.08

DISBURSEMENTS:

Hoedowner printing \$ 421.70  
Hoedowner postage 213.00  
Stamps 25.00

BALANCE AS OF 9/12/90 \$ 6,719.64

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

CASH ON HAND 8/9/90 \$ 2,777.70  
RECEIPTS 920.00  
EXPENSES 1,187.60  
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 9/12/90 \$ 2,510.10

*Luella Haver*  
*Secy/Treas.*

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL

For Period 30 June 1989 to 30 June 1990

CASH ON HAND As of June 30 1989 \$4,971.80

INCOME

Recals 52.70  
Hosters 252.00  
Fairs 1050.00  
Commissions 21.07  
20 % from Districts 862.90  
Donations 10.00  
Membership Dues 7994.95  
Contest 686.00  
Convention 5336.75  
Vernonia Campout 583.00  
Interest 157.61  
Elks show & Contest 1500.00  
Raffles, Buttons, Stationery etc 204.05  
TOTAL INCOME \$15713.03

Total Income plus cash on hand 123684.83

EXPENDITURES

Supplies & Misc 421.80  
Telephone 220.84  
Printing & Postage 412.54  
Mileage 572.40  
Roster expense 384.75  
Contest 3326.86  
Convention 5723.14  
Audit 50.00  
Insurance 373.00  
Hoedowner (Printing etc) 373.00  
Hoedowner (Postage) 4794.30  
Vernonia Campout 2416.75  
Elks Contest & Show 375.42  
Misc Expenses 485.40  
TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,999.71

CASH ON HAND As of June 30 1990 3553.12

Total Expense plus Cash on Hand 23770.83

An imbalance of plus \$3,000 exists. Unable to find error at this time.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1989

CASH ON HAND June 30 1989 \$228.67

INCOME

Yoncalla Workshop 1120.00  
Donations 323.58  
Deposit error 86.00  
T Shirts, Caps & Pins 52.00  
TOTAL INCOME \$1581.58

Income plus Cash on Hand 3810.25

EXPENDITURES

Workshop Instruction 985.00  
Workshop Expense 71.45  
Correction of Deposit error 86.00  
Supplies & Misc 20.10  
TOTAL EXPENSES 1162.55  
Cash on Hand June 30 1990 2047.70

Expenses plus Cash on Hand 3810.25





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JIM & GYNN DEATON  
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Now to get to the term "fiddler" (as one who actually plays a fiddle) I have heard several performing members who played recognizable (?) tunes in public that were NOT "beautiful or pleasing arrangements of sounds" due to their lack of skill, but I will forever defend their right to be a performing member and continue playing and trying to improve their skills. I feel that every single member of our organization is a worthwhile human being and no less important than our first-place contest winners, and entitled to everything due them under the interpretation of our state by-laws. This is the same opinion held by some of our past presidents and charter members regarding their interpretations and intentions when the by-laws were formed.

Yes, we do need money, as millions of other organizations and individuals, but let us focus our attention on new and vigorous money-making activities and never consider taking back a lifetime membership, or denying well-earned membership to others. Let us honor our by-laws of the Oregon Olätime Fiddlers Association, and work to further successes.

Thelma Shepard

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