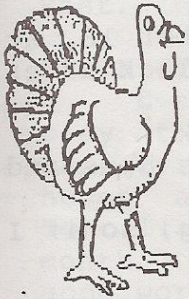


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COMING EVENTS

Nov	3	Jam, Grange
	4	Jam, Senior Center
	10	Jam, Grange
	11	Jam, Senior Center
	11	Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner, Senior Center
	11	Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner, Grange
	17	Thanksgiving Dinner, Jam, Community Building
	18	Jam, Potluck, Recreation Hall
	18	Jam, VFW Hall
	18	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center
Dec	2	Christmas Party, Community Center
	11	Jam, Senior Center
	16	Jam, Christmas Party, Moose Lodge
	16	Jam, Christmas Dinner, Grange
Jan	5	Jam, Vitality Center

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Bend	3
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Woodburn	8
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Merrill	1
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Burns	9
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MARK'S REMARKS: As we approach Thanksgiving time, our thoughts turn to the many blessings and privileges we enjoy: family, friends, our country, music, the list is endless. We appreciate the love and support of our fiddle family—we really do need each other! Ila Mae and I wish each of you a warm and blessed Thanksgiving. Happy Fiddling, Mark Carmickle

DISTRICT 1:

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

At our September meeting we had some exciting news. One of our members, Meg Graf, will be married to W.W. Hodowanic on October 20 at Otter Rock, OR. We women decided to give her a wedding shower. Had to tell her it was to be a going-away party so she wouldn't get suspicious. Was she surprised when she arrived at the Merrill Recreation Hall to be greeted by 70 of her friends and her parents, Anne and George Graf from Grants Pass.

The hall was decorated in blue and white, wedding cake and a yummy potluck dinner and good, good music. Oh, yes--also beautiful wedding gifts. Hodo made Meg do all the opening of the gifts. Isom Patterson took lots of pictures, which will be given to Meg and Hodo. Every time they look at them they will think of us. Congratulations to you both.

I want to thank all who helped to make it a lovely evening.

Les and Lois Tucker will celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 25th. Good luck to you both. Have many more.

Al Nelson, Don and Helen Fleming, Irene and Jerry Ruddock went to Lake of the Woods to play for the Volkswalk. The Fiddlers played at the Plumb Ridge Center for their Lamb Barbecue, and on the 13th at the home of Ed

Studie, United Angelical Free Church barbecue. They tried to play, but gave it up as a lost cause. It was very cold and windy. Would you believe it, the next day was beautiful.

Some of those coming to Merrill for the Potato Festival and the campout at the Pattersons' are Bud and Jimmie Chancler, Paula and Merle Pasley, Don and Kathern Luker from Rogue River; Joyce and Tommy Grissom, Pauline and Jim Winslow, Medford; Alice and Lew Holt, North Bend; Tex and Minnie Cox, Bud and Gladys Simmons, Redding. We will miss Betty Deckard. Hear she is getting around with a walker.

November meeting we go back to our regular day, Sunday, November 18, at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Business meeting, 1:30 jam, and potluck after the jam.

Nursing homes--same time. More information, call Irene Ruddock.

Louise Pollock has been under the weather. Rosa Lee McLain is home and feeling better.

The news had to be in the Hoedowner before our October meeting, so if I have missed anything, you can bet it will be in for November.

Jo Harris, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from Central Oregon--it's beginning to feel like winter's on its way.

We had 51 at our Sunday jam, including 8 musicians. All local visitors. So happy Don Hanson felt like playing at the ja. This is the second month Don has felt like playing.

Homer and Rosa Lee McLain joined our Tuesday night group again. By the time you get your Hoedowner Rosa Lee will be through with her treatments and back home. Our prayers and best wishes go with her for a full recovery. We will miss them joining our jams with their beautiful music.

We received a call from Winona's daughter that the Spatz family arrived in Branson Missouri OK and are getting settled in. We will sure miss them.

Anniversaries were celebrated by Bill and Winona Spatz (21 years) and Don and Bernice Hanson (44 years). Birthdays were celebrated by John Klingensmith and Billie Kitchens (Yeah, Social Security). Happy ones to all and many more.

Sunday jam November 11.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4:

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

Cranberry Festival was great--perfect weather on the coast, lots of good music and friends. On the way home we had a little trouble with the boat and pick-up. Many thanks to Dan Schaeffer, Glen and Jessie Brown, and Bud and Jimmie Chancler for their help.

Thank-you to Gynn Deaton for reserving the Canyonville Youth Center for our October jam. We had nearly 50 members for the potluck and many more drifted in during the afternoon...making a really fun day for the musicians and the many dancers. Nice to see Clemmie and Jack McCasland.

We have a group of members for the Tri-City area who have been bringing pleasure, with their music, to 4 nursing homes and 2 meal sites for some time now. A big Thank You to the following for their caring and sharing: Glen Brown, Ed Doolittle, Percy Langdon, Bill Christian and Gem Moore.

We were fortunate enough to see and hear the recent show put on by the Booher Family Band. Such wonderful talent..what more can I say?

Claire Johnson, life member and 2-time past Chariman for District 4, passed away recently, also Rita Richardson. Both succumbed to killer cancer. Our sympathy to the families of both.

Betty Deckard is home, recovering nicely from her fall. Vic Flood is holding his own, as is Hank Modrell.

Our next jam will be Saturday, November 3, at the Central Point Grange. Open at 10:00 AM for early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1 PM.

Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 2, at the Talent Community Center. Gift exchange, optional--under \$5.00--bring one, receive one--mark "him" or "her". The District will supply the ham, turkey, dressing, gravy and mashed potatoes. You bring your own table service and a salad, vegetable or dessert. Open at 10 AM to set up tables and prepare for a big feed and maybe a visit from Santa??

January 5 jam will be Saturday at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass.

Dave and Dorene Winkelman are happy to be home from a 6,000 mile trip East.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4N

Everyone seems to be busy in North District. Dennis Pickett and group play at Mercy Care Center quite often. They love to kid with the patients and have a good time. Bill and Sally Christian play at all of the nursing homes around Roseburg, plus several of the Senior Centers from Glide, Yoncalia, Sutherlin to Cottage Grove. They go out at least 13 or 14 times a month. The folks really appreciate having this entertainment, so keep up the good work.

Paul Lakey, Jo Barnes and Marie Gates played at the Silver Autumn Rest Home in Sutherlin for Marie's mother's 94th birthday party. These people sure love to hear the old songs, and what a reward it is to bring this music to their lives. We are planning to do more playing at this home.

Our condolences to Bud Richardson on the loss of his bride Oretta Lancaster Richardson. Several benefit dances and pie suppers were organized by Louise Trimble, a local singer of Roseburg. She worked hard getting out good publicity with the help of Lenora Waggoner and Thelma Allen. Cakewalks and pie auctions created a lot of fun and helped bring in more funds. It was exciting to see people bid up the prices to \$20 or \$25 on some cakes and pies. Over \$1000 was raised to help defer the rest of the many medical bills. Many thanks to all who came out and supported this effort.

Our picnic jam at River Forks Park was a big success. The weather was gorgeous and the fellowship super. Glen and Jessie Brown/Myrtle Creek; Ed and Billie Doolittle, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Guy Kinman/Roseburg; Dennis and Joyce Pickett/Winston; and Bill and Sally Christian, Paul Lakey and Jo Barnes/Sutherlin were there to keep things rolling. There was a lot of good music and many people came to listen and dance. There was a local interest for more of this type of music, which we hope we can provide.

Linus Oaks, a large retirement center in Roseburg, invited a small group of fiddlers to play for an open house and ground breaking ceremony. Marie Gates, Dennis and Joyce Pickett, Paul Lakey and Jo Barnes, Dennis and Thelma Allen and Larry Johnson played for several hours to the crowds of people that wandered through the beautiful lounge. Refreshments were served and it was a wonderful day of seeing old friends and visiting for awhile.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Johnie Garrett, who recently had surgery. We hope she is doing much better.

Welcome to our new member Lenora Waggoner. She has been coming to some of our jams to sing and yodel. She is known as the "Yodeling Grandma."

Reported by Jo Barnes

#### DISTRICT 5:

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

I had better get this in the mail before we leave for the District 1 Potato Festival or I will be calling it in again this month.

The first Tuesday of October we played for the senior meals in Reedsport and then stayed to play for a dance. Well, it was back to Greenacres on the second Saturday. We started the day off with a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at 12:00, and a jam at 1:00. As several people commented, "It was a fun afternoon." The rest of the month was kind of quiet except for the nursing homes. We play every Tuesday at 2:00 at one nursing home or another.

Looking to November -- the first Tuesday we will be at the senior center in Reedsport, the second Saturday at Greenacres for a potluck and a jam, and the third Saturday at the community building in Reedsport for our Thanksgiving

dinner. Come and join us at 12:00 for turkey and all the trimmings and then for a jam that afternoon.

I want to thank all of you who came to join us at the Cranberry Festival to make it a success. Some back and see us soon.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jim Lockard; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kaiser; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

GREETINGS fellow members from your new reporter--I'm very inexperienced, but I'll give it my best shot! Please help me by sending me your "news"....

We have learned that our very own STARR MCMULLEN took first place in the ladies division at the 9th Annual Seattle Center Fiddle Contest held Sept. 29th. Our CONGRATULATIONS, Starr!

We held a special meeting, made some special calls and twisted a few arms and we came up with some special people. Please note that Bob Kaiser is your able-bodied co-Chairman and Allison Roberts is our Program Chairman. She will be asking our musical family many questions about their availability, their different talents, their desires, their wishes, all regarding her new position of providing programs when asked to perform for different functions and organizations. Please give her all the help you can.

If you're one who didn't make it, you really missed a fun time at Bandon for the Cranberry Festival. We really had Lew Holt and his members worried, I think, because thirty-one members and two guests from District 6 attended, and for awhile it looked like DISTRICT 6 JAM!! Nick and Billie Weber raise beautiful orchids, and donated a stem for the door prize, and our Lloyd and Estner Shriber walked away with it! Thank you, District 5 - you are all such lovely hosts.

October has been a busy month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes to Lucille Childers, Ila Mae Carmickle, Earl Payne, Jack Walker, and ALL others who celebrated one

Our deepest sympathy to Alice McDougal and her family for the loss of her son.

Casey and Louise Jones, Glenn and Josephine Wagner, Timothy and Diane Nydam and Wayne and I made it to Drain for the Booher Family Show October 6. It was so nice for Brendan to be able to play his fiddle again. Thanks to the Booher family, as always it was a lovely show and enjoyed by all.

Our members have been so busy playing for the rest homes and retirement centers in our community and they really need a BIG HAND for their giving of their time and their talent. We are so proud of ALL of you--thanks a bunch.

Our Thanksgiving potluck at Willamalane, 215 West C Street, Springfield, will be Sunday, November 11. Thank you Sandy Sanderson for your generous contribution that we will use at that time.

We will be holding a jam on Saturday night (10th) at the Coburg Grange Hall in Coburg. We're hoping our many friends from other districts will be able to join us. Parking for RV's will be available at the Grange with overflow at the bank lot if needed. The park restrooms will be kept open for your use as well. Motels are also available. We held our first jam there this past Saturday and it was a complete success! The townspeople were thrilled with our music. The Grange ladies sell coffee, punch, sandwiches and pie. They do not charge us for the use of the building, but a "donation" for them at the door would be appreciated. We will hold a JAM there the second Saturday each month, 7:00 PM--hope to see you there. Take exit 199 off I-5 to the city of Coburg, turn right at the stop sign and go two blocks. The Grange is on the right, close to the huge maple tree. For further information, call Bob Kaiser, 687-8878.

We have been invited to the VFW Hall in Sweet Home for another one of those delicious meals for Thanksgiving celebration, November 18. It's always such a fun day, please come. Our December jam will be at the Moose Lodge, December 16, in Lebanon. More about that later.

We have far too many important things on the docket for any of you to be sick--let's get well! Harry Pyle is reovering from pneumonia, Lelah Trobough has just had cancer surgery, Allison Roberts is scheduled for surgery October 22, Earl Willis' health has not been good his wife tells me, Athia Standley

has been having a bout with one of those "things going around," Betty Paladujczuk had a recent fall, Ann Ritchey had a heart attack, our OOTFA state treasurer's father, Chester L. King, has been very seriously ill in Sacred Heart--TO ALL OF YOU AND ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN SICK THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT our very best wishes for a speedy recovery and please promise me to stay well, we need you.

I would like to remind you that soon name tags are going to be a benefit in a special way, and for all of you who do not have one, please place your order with our secretary Lucille Childers. They cost \$6.00 each. She'll be delighted to hear from you--688-2976.

A very special HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of you--we have so much to be thankful for.

Helen Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a very nice jam at the Estacada Senior Center. We certainly appreciated and enjoyed using their newly-remodeled building. We had 28 fiddlers, along with 4 specials and our faithful accompanists who came to play. It was nice having Hollis Taylor with us. She brought several of her students to play, as did Claudia Zinser. It's encouraging to see our young people play.

Alex and Elizabeth Steinmetz celebrated their 50th anniversary October 7. We congratulate you!

Our next jam will be November 18 at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center in Beaverton. The address is 5550 SW Hall Blvd. Going west on Tualatin Valley Hwy, turn left at Watson. Soon it will join Hall Blvd. Turn left at 12th. Doors will open at 11:00 AM, potluck at 12:00 and program will begin at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. See you there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

The date of the November Jam and Thanksgiving dinner has been changed from the 18th to the 11th of November at the Woodburn Grange Hall. The usual time schedule of doors open at 10:00AM, dinner at 12:00 noon, and jam open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM will prevail for the November and December jams. The December Jam and Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday December 16th at the McMinnville Grange Hall.

A program board has been constructed by "yours truly" and decorated with a caricature by Genevieve Standiford. It will be unveiled at our October 21st jam.

The cost of upgrading our PA system has been determined. A Peavey monitor amplifier and two Peavey interlocking mini monitor speakers will cost \$400.00 (The equipment we now have is Peavey). A much needed additional microphone will cost \$115.00. This is for an Electro Voice microphone identical to the best one we now have. A microphone stand and microphone cord will add \$50.00 for a grand total of \$565.00. This expenditure would give us a much needed first class monitor system and additional microphone. The system would be capable of handling additional monitor speakers, if deemed necessary, in the future. A meeting will be held at the November Jam to cuss and discuss this expenditure, for final approval.

Ed Priebe, Reporter

PS: District 8 will furnish the turkey, ham, dressing, gravey, and rolls for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

DISTRICT 9:

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

PLEASE NOTE!! District 9 November jam will be held November 4 instead of November 11.

We had our monthly jam October 14 with about 50 people attending. Fiddlers attending were Brick Calloway, Ruel Teague, Stacey Reynolds and

Dariene Austin. Guitar players were Ruel, Walt Cooper, and Lloyd Louis. Paula Reynolds played the "Rythm Machine," Roy Reed the banjo, and Pat Scott the mandolin. Darlene Austin played two specials on the accordion.

We lost another life member this week. Turen Dunten passed away October 10. Our prayers go out to Wilma Helen Sargeant and families.

We are planning on having our Holiday Jam and potluck December 9. Fiddlers supply the turkey, dressing and gravy. Everyone else bring a dish to go with it.

Ruel, Stacey, Brick, Walt, Lloyd and Joe played at the nursing home Monday October 15.

Get well, Joan--miss your presence.

Pat Scott, Reporter  
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I want to thank everyone in all districts for the work, cards and support at the time of my wife, Oretta's, death and funeral. Bud Richardson

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I want to thank all who called, visited and sent cards and gifts to me. I assure you it all contributed to the healing. The hip is getting much better. I'll see the doctor Oct. 14, and hope he'll tell me to throw away the walker so I can get on with job of living, music and having fun. You fiddlers are the greatest! With Love, Betty Deckard

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Very heartfelt thanks to all of the fiddlers and their families of District 1 for your friendship and support over the years. The party you held for me was wonderful, and it's really hard to say good-bye, but I'll look forward to playing with you every time we get the opportunity. Please come see me when you're on the coast! My new address is HC 63, Box 732, Newport, OR 97365 (765-2649). Meg Graf

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Many thanks to all who wrote cards and offered prayers for Rosa Lee's well-being. We appreciate your kindnesses very much. She is doing well--the doctor thinks she has a good chance of being near 100% cured after treatments are done, thanks to God's mercy, doctors and friends. We especially want to thank Chester and Betty Fullerton, Tom and Betty O'Neal for visiting and inviting us to their homes, Bob and Billie Kitchens for the nice write-up and sharing Rosa Lee's address with you, and their kindness to us and invitation to their home as well. If you ever get to Benā, be sure to meet these outstanding folks. You'll be treated as a brother or sister just like we were. God bless 'em. Thanks to all of you, with love because of fiddlin', Homer and Rosa Lee McLain.

P.S. Lake County Fairboard in Lakeview asked me if I could get some fiddlers together on September 1 and 2 for one-hour shows, they would pay \$100 for both shows. We ended up playing on 2 different stages both days, about 4 hours each day. District 1 Chairlady Irene Ruddock and husband Jerry, Irvin and Ann Johnson and Al Nelson, all of Klamath Falls area, came 200 miles round trip to help our local musicians fill the request. We had an appreciative audience at all times and nothing but good comments since. Thanks to you folks who came and added so much to make it a success.

Your friend, Homer McLain  
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Wally says thanks to those who called regarding the Stainer fiddle. It is glad to be back home. Wally Bloom

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#### CORRECTION:

In my attempt to further clarify the state rules governing lifetime memberships, I made an exact copy of Section VIII of our by-Laws and pasted that on my article. The copy was left out of the printed Hoedowner, and I enclose it again as follows:

VIII. Any ACTIVE Fiddler, Accompanist and Spouse who have been paid up members for two (2) consecutive years and reaches the age of seventy (70) shall be eligible for a LIFETIME membership, upon the recommendation of their

(Cont'd on last page)

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

When we look back at the 1990 Canyonville Fiddle Contest, I'm sure we will remember it as being the most perfect weather-wise. The old gym was fairly comfortable even for the evening program.

Those of you who missed this one missed a good one. The quality of music was excellent making it hard work for the judges, Les Tucker, Larry Johnson, and Leonard Maahs. 42 fiddlers and 15 accompanists were on hand. Emcee, Jack Walker, was up to his usual shenanigans while Hazel Walker took photos of all participants for the album. Shorty Dow wore himself out lining up entertainment and making sure fiddlers were ready to go on stage. Other workers included the following:

Judge's Helpers

Doris Barkley  
Lois Tucker  
Maxine Benson

Ticket Sales

Joyce Grissom  
Pauline Winslow

Tabulation

Martha Warwick  
Etta Powell

Sound System

Tom Barkley  
Vernon Reitan

Tape Sales

Charlotte Dow

Accompanist Judges

DeeDee Kaiser  
Zelma Foote

Thanks to all of you guys and gals. I hope I didn't forget anyone. A special "thank you" to Bob Kaiser for doing the national anthem for both shows. It certainly brought a lump to my throat to hear this rendition without any accompaniment. And to Guy Kinman goes our deep appreciation for keeping our tradition of opening with a hymn alive with his beautiful musical presentation.

We are so grateful to District #4 for providing the sound system as usual. And so very appreciative of the donations of trophies and cash. With the cash balance on hand from 1989, we were able to come out financially with \$155 left over for 1991. The audience was down quite a bit from last year but was still better than some prior years. I think everyone enjoyed themselves; that's what is important.

Now for the results of the contest:

PEE WEE

1. Gabriel Booher
2. Clara Bryan
3. Krystal Howard
4. Suzanne Bryan

JUNIOR-JUNIOR

1. Meriwyn Booher
2. Kelley Howard
3. Jennifer Bryan
4. Erin McMullen
5. Leila Cassel
6. Jessie Hitchborn

JUNIOR

1. Justin Booher
2. Casey Willis
3. Darren Reitan

SENIOR

1. Guy Kinman
2. Bob Kaiser
3. Ray Krogstad
4. Ray Hanson
5. Charles Bruneau
6. Van Southwood

INTERMEDIATE

1. Elyse Benson
2. Dorothy Cory
3. Alice Holt
4. Tamera Snelling
5. Mike Booher
6. Clyde Pugh

OPEN

1. Rudi Booher
2. Jeanine Orme
3. Tony Spatz
4. Starr McMullen
5. Bob Heinith
6. Eileen Witler

ACCOMPANISTS

1. Ned Booher
2. Rudi Booher
3. Bob Huffman
4. Dennis Allen
5. Bill Spatz

We understand health problems kep Vic and Neva Flood, Bill and Edna Yohey, and Homer and Rosa Lee McLain home. We missed you and others who were unable to make it for one reason or another. Hope to see all of our fiddle family again soon.

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district officers of the OOTFA.

I thought you should all be made aware of the exact wording, as different people tend to interpret the rules in different ways.

There were two lines of my article that were also inadvertently left out. They were the dictionary definition of MUSIC -- "arranging or putting together sounds by voice or instruments in beautiful or pleasing arrangements." Just think about that.

I also agree with the letter from Betty Canning, but go further in thinking that each new member should receive a copy of our by-Laws and any person taking an office should be given a copy. Thelma Shephard

PS: My apologies everyone, especially Thelma, for leaving out part of the article from October's Hoedowner. Barbara Garcia

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FOOTE NOTES:

This year has gone fast. Here it is time for Membership Dues again. Please fill in the renewal sheet so your address and phone numbers can be checked. Also, if you are playing an instrument. Thanks for all the fun-filled notes I've received this past year. Often they really make my day. Soon it will be Thanksgiving.....Zelma