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## DECEMBER, 1990

### COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
Dec	2	Christmas Party, Community Center	Talent 4
	2	Christmas Party, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
	9	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center	Bend 3
	11	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
	16	Jam, Christmas Party, Moose Lodge	St. Helens 7
	16	Jam, Christmas Dinner, Grange	McMinnville 8
Jan	5	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass 4
	13	Jam, Senior Center	Gladstone 7
	13	Potluck, Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
Feb	2	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
Mar	3	Jam, Community Center	Talent 4

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MARK'S REMARKS: As we approach the Christmas season we are reminded that many of our fellow citizens are not as fortunate as we are. Their Christmas will not be a merry occasion. Anything we can do to ease their circumstances would be a blessing to them and to us.

Ila Mae and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Wayne Holmes and his by-Laws committee met the 20th of October and spent several hours reviewing the by-Laws and making some revisions to present to the membership at the Convention. The revised by-Laws will be presented to the executive board at the January meeting for their review. I want to thank Wayne for the splendid job he did researching and preparing for the meeting.

I have decided to reschedule the State Meeting for January 19 at 1:00 PM at the Coburg Grange Hall at Coburg, Oregon. The change from Albany is because of the parking problems at Albany and access to the lodge in the mornings. The Coburg Grange has parking for RV's, and we will also have access to the hall from noon on Saturday until late Saturday night. More details in the January Hoedowner.

Merry Christmas, you all  
Mark

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### DISTRICT 1:

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

A great time was had by all who attended the Merrill Potato Festival and Patterson campout. I don't think they could have gotten another rig in their yard, but, knowing Isom, he would make room. Some even went out to the fields and gathered potatoes. Sunday morning they invaded one of the local restaurants for a buffet breakfast. The owners asked them to play, but not for their breakfast. From Medford: Pauline and Jim Winslow, Joyce and Tommy



Grissom; Coos Bay: Pat Kraemer, Rose Johnson; Rogue River: Joe and Odetta LeVine, Bud and Jimmie Chancler, Paula and Merle Pasley, Kathern and Don Luker; Redding: Bud and Gladys, Tex and Minnie Coxs; North Bend: Lew and Alice Holt; Port Orchard, WA: Tommie and Lawrence; Amarillo, TX: Deanie Lightfoot; Roseburg Bud Richardson; Idaho: Isom's brother, Pat Patterson; Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Paul King, Jo and Dick Harris. Even Sandy from Klamath Falls brought his 5th wheeler down. His heater went out one night. He almost froze.

They all were at our October meeting. Had a good turnout. Thanks to all for coming.

Don Bowman came from Portland. He is the son of one of our deceased members, Doc Bowman, of Merrill. He plays the fiddle and accordion. Good to have you, Don. Come back.

December birthdays: Bill Noble, Irene Ruddock-10th; Sara Turey-8th; Bob Schmoie-31st. Anniversaries--Louise and Jack Pollock-4th; Irene and Jerry Ruddock-18th. Have a happy day to all.

Members played for the W.M.C.A. auction and steak dinner at the fair-grounds. Also for a wedding reception.

The events for the Klamath Art Asociation all have been canceled. Nov. 25, 30, Dec. 2 and 7. December 15 we play for the Lions Christmas party at the Rent-A-Hall. You may eat if you like. Play from 8-10.

Everyone is so busy from Thanksgiving to New Year, it was decided not to have our regular Christmas party. December meeting Sunday the 16th at the Merill Recreation Hall. Meeting 1:30 and jam. No potluck. Bring finger foods. We will have a party of some sort for our January meeting. We will let you all know at our next meeting.

Don't forget membership dues.

Glad to see Louise Pollock at the November meeting. Get well, Louise. Happy fiddling--Jo Harris, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from central Oregon. We had a nice-sized group of 56 at our Sunday jam, including musicians.

Daie Clemmons came over from Beaverton to visit and renewed his and granddaughter Rachael Thorud's membership and brought us new members Ted and Paulene Austin of Forest Grove. We would like to welcome Ed and Vi Perret to our family of fiddlers--Ed plays accordion and piano.

Lee Hanna had surgery November 14 and is home now, recuperating. We're all glad it's over for her, as she has felt bad off and on for months.

We played at the new Fred Meyer Store grand opening November 14 and 16, and put out a lot of good music. The store is beautiful.

Anniversaries were celebrated in November by Bob and Birdie Hawes, 65 years; John and Ferril Klingensmith, 48 years; and Bill and Frances Dalton, 7 years. Birthday people were Verna Walters and Bernice Hanson. Many more happy ones to all.

There will be a jam and potluck December 9. Our potluck will start at 1 PM, jam to follow. The district will furnish the ham, coffee, punch, rolls, etc. Please bring casseroles, vegetables, salads, and desserts, along with your own place settings.

Winona Spatz asks that we pass their new address on so they can hear from friends. 1015 Highland, Branson, MO 65616, telephone 417-335-8350.

We hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy fiddling New Year.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4:

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

We had approximately 50 members enjoy our noon potluck at the November 3 jam in Central Point. Our only guest was Al Nelson from District 1, Klamath Falls. Please come again, soon, Al, we really like that lively accordion music. We had lots of other members who came in throughtout the afternoon to enjoy the music and dancing and fun for all. We were glad to see Life Members Tex Amberson and Fern Samples, and long-time Associate Members Ted and Angie



Wagner come, since we had not seen them lately. Also, Mona Givens made a brief stopover on her way from Alaska to the Sunny South.

Helen Brown had cataract surgery on both eyes and is doing fine, thanks to Jim Barrett for his help. Jim Winslow is going to the hospital the day before Thanksgiving for out-patient laser treatment of gallstones. Vic Flood and Hank Modrell were back for more surgery. All are hoping and praying for a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to Odetta LeVine for the recent death of her mother.

We have played for a spaghetti feed in Wimer, Halloween party at Phoenix Elementary School, a special jam at Rogue River Senior Center, and for the VFW at the White City Domiciliary.

Tommy and Joyce Grissom have gone south for the winter, also Don and Kathern Luker.

Julian Christiani (Chris) wrote to say that his wife, Mildred, suffered a massive stroke 3 years ago and is Royale Gardens nursing home in Grants Pass. She understands, but speech is difficult. She gets around well in a wheelchair--she is paralyzed on the right side. He was going to see her everyday, but it overtaxed him and he got sick with the flu. He had to cut down to going in 3 times a week. He expects to be well enough to attend the Christmas party in Talent. He says "Put and up-lift on the face of the out-look!"

Christmas party will be December 2 at the Community Center in Talent. November Hoedowner has the details.

January 5 jam will be on Saturday at the Vitality Center, 4th and L St. in Grants Pass. Early jamming, noon potluck and open to the public at 1:00.

February 2 jam will be on Saturday at the Central Point Grange, and March 3 jam will be in Talent.

Our Love and very best wishes to one and all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5:

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

Greetings from District 5. We would like to welcome several new members who signed up this month for the rest of the year and for 1991, and invite them to attend our functions.

We started the month off with a Tuesday afternoon dance at the Umpqua Senior Center in Reedsport on the 6th. The 10th we were at Greenacres for a potluck and a dance. The next Tuesday we were at the nursing home in Myrtle Point. The 17th at the community building in Reedsport for Thanksgiving feast and music. We want to thank Guy Kinman, Marie Gates, Paul Lakey, and Dennis and Thelma Allen for coming over and making music with us. Tuesday the 20th we played at Life Care and St. Catherine's. The 27th at Hearthiside. And then the gang down at Bandon played at the two nursing homes in their area. This is a typical month.

Now we look to December. We will be playing the first three Tuesdays at our regular places, but will not be playing the fourth Tuesday because of Christmas. The second Saturday, Dec. 8th, we will be at Greenacres for our Christmas potluck with our grange friends. There will be four turkeys and a ham furnished--along with the mashed potatoes and gravy. So if you will bring the salads, desserts, and other goodies--we will have a feast. Please bring your own table service.

We hope you had a good Thanksgiving weekend with family, and want to wish you the best for the Christmas Holidays.

Lew Holt, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6:

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

Isn't it GREAT to receive your HOEDOWNER on the FIRST of the month? BARBARA you have us all spoiled, but we love you for your promptness! I'm sure Mike and the boys deserve thanks as well.

John and Lucille Childers returning from a visit with family in Sacramento stopped in Redding to attend the Western Open Fiddling Championships



October 26-27 and really enjoyed themselves. They reported that our STARR MCMULLEN won honors and how nice it was to see so many of our Oregon musical family in attendance there. We planned to join them there ourselves, but couldn't leave town in time! We are leaving the 8th for Southern California, and will miss seeing all of you at our Thanksgiving dinners and jams, but know you all will have a wonderful time and we'll see you at our Christmas party December 2 in Lebanon at the Moose Lodge. (Please note that is a CHANGE in date--not the 16th as previously scheduled.)

Remember I told you NAME TAGS were going to be important? Well, at our special meeting in October ANDY MENKINS' name was drawn and he won \$10.00 BUT had Andy had a name tag securely pinned to his apparel, he would have won \$15.00!!! Hurry and place your orders with Lucille Childers--688-2976. They cost \$6.00 each. Andy graciously donated his \$10.00 check to use at our Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you, Andy, for your thoughtfulness.

We were so happy with such good attendance at our special meeting. Many issues were explained and discussed. I want to give a special thanks to everyone who helped make it a successful meeting, especially the folks who provided the lovely cookies. By the way, did you know that our very own chairman baked five dozen HIMSELF! A man of many talents, huh?

If only we could encourage our musical family to be more understanding with the SIGN-UP SHEET, we'd have it made! REALLY, does it make THAT much difference if you're down by a number or two? Let's act like adults, not kids. It makes such a nice program to have specials in between instrumentals and it certainly will make the person's job handling the sheet more pleasant. Remember Jim's request FOR US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND LEAVE OUR EGO AT HOME.

I'm sorry to report that we lost one of our dear fiddlers October 28. Alex Paladujczuk passed on. To Betty and all her family our deepest sympathy. Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, Jim Powell, Bob Kaiser, Dale McCoy, Walt Orr played at graveside services.

Ray Mitchell celebrated another birthday November 22--Happy Birthday, Ray, and all others with November birthdays.

Wayne McCoy had the misfortune of falling with injury to his elbow. We're glad he's on the mend and hope soon he will be able to play the piano again for us.

Have you seen ALLISON ROBERTS? Wasn't that the neatest operation she had? So good to have her feeling so well so soon.

Harry Pyle passed away suddenly at Sacred Heart Hospital on November 20.

We had a large crowd at our Thanksgiving dinner and jam November 11. We had 38 sign up to play, many from out of district. Thanks for all the help! A few items were left at the Willamalane Senior Center and are now in the custody of John and Lucille Childers awaiting their return home: one 10 inch round metal lid, one 8 inch round glass lid (looks like it may go to a crock-pot), one 9 inch square Tupperware lid, one large plain stainless steel spoon one large designed stainless (Oneida) spoon, one plastic butter dish and lid.

I suppose you all have your Christmas shopping done, and your cards all addressed and ready to mail -- Don't forget our Christmas Party at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS. Our musical family are all so busy playing for the many resthomes bringing joy and cheer to the many shut-ins during the holidays....you are all such special folks and so deserving....District 6 is VERY PROUD OF YOU.

I gotta pack my suitcase! MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

Helen Tracy, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a nice jam at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center. We had a very nice crowd and a nice sunny day. We had 21 fiddlers, along with their faithful accompanists, who came to play, and they put on a nice program.

Our next jam will be our Christmas party, and it will be at St. Helen's Moose Lodge. Going from Portland to St. Helens on Highway 30, you'll turn right on Bennett Road at Warren. You'll cross the railroad track and turn left on old Portland Road and continue for 1/2 mile. The Lodge is on the



left. Doors will open at 11:00 AM and dinner will be at 12:00. The district will furnish the turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy and ham, so you can bring salads, vegetables and desserts and your table service. See you there.

Myrtle says if anyone wishes to pay their dues, it is that time and she will be glad to help you.

Dulcie Fast, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8

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

The December Jam and Christmas Party will be held in the McMinnville Grange Hall on December 16th. District 8 will augment the usual potluck with turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, and rolls. If everyone will bring a gift, costing no more than \$2.00, for a man or woman, and marked as such, we will have a gift exchange at this time.

The January Jam is scheduled for January 27th at the V.F.W. Hall in Willamina. A business meeting will be held at this time starting at 11:00

The Woodburn Jam and Thanksgiving Dinner was a fun time, with several fine musicians from District 7 attending. A revised system for using the new program board was tried and worked well.

There has been a new development concerning the PA system. Equipment already owned by District 8, consisting of two interlocking speakers and a small 120v/12v amplifier capable of driving these speakers was used as a monitor system at the Woodburn Jam. The equipment performed well with no problem. This equipment will be used again and evaluated further at the December Jam. Maybe a final decision can be made on upgrading our PA system during the scheduled business meeting in January.

Recent activities involving District 8 musicians included a performance at a "donations for the needy" held at the Safeway Super Mkt in McMinnville. Vi and Charlie Jensen, Allen Ede(D6), and Leonard Maahs played for a Democratic Rally, and Minni Bennet and a group played for the Plugy Anniversary Party at the Carousal Nursing Home. Several musicians play here on the first Wednesday of the month.

A special thankyou to Martha Burkholz for a \$25.00 donation to District 8.

The kitchen crew did a very fine job overseeing the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Woodburn Jam. Our hats off to these ladies.

District 8 would like to extend best wishes to Bill and Martha Yohey, whose presence is greatly missed.

Ed Priebe, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 9:

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

About 45 people attended the November 4 jam. Yours truly was feeling under the weather, so hope I don't forget anyone.

Walt Cooper was in Portland to pick up his son, Casey. He's home on leave before going to Germany.

Here goes! Those playing for the potluck-dance were Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway, Roy Reed, Lloyd Louie, and two young girls (new members) from John Day. Sorry, girls--will get your names next time.

Brick Callaway and Joe Enneberg played at the Burns Health Care Monday night.

I heard that the food was in short supply. Lots of desserts! Can we help out with the main dish area?

District 9 will be supplying the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy for the December 9 Christmas potluck-jam. Please bring dishes to go with it.

I'm not sure if Dorothy and Gene played with the Fiddlers--they were there as guests anyway.





It's getting time to sign up for another year with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

Thanks, Zelma, for the printout of the members in our district. Quite a few I didn't have.

Happy Holidays, everyone.

Pat Scott, Reporter  
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Remember Sue Thiel, the pregnant lady at the fiddle workshop? She had a boy on October 24 and named him Travis.

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Dear Friends in District 6: Thank you so very much for all the beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls and visits after my recent surgery. I am recovering very quickly due to all the prayers and kindness given me. Bless you all.  
Allison Roberts.

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#### SILENT FIDDLE

Alex Paladujczuk passed away October 28.

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The by-Laws Revision Committee met in Coburg October 20. We think we did a good job of clarifying the existing document by changing some of the wording and by improving the format and making it easier to read and understand.

We added a few things, too, one of which was the creation of a Senior-Senior Division in our State Contest. This division will be in the 1991 Contest and thereafter. We think that the age bracket for the division, for contestants 75 years of age and older, is much more sensible than the 70 and older that is usually found in contests which have a Senior-Senior Division. Now it will be up to the next-higher approving body to see whether they think we did as well as we think we did.

We are hopeful of the approval of our work in its entirety, not only because it is a substantial improvement over the present set of by-Laws and Standing Rules, but because each and every one of the changes or additions we made were unanimously agreed upon by the Committee.

Wayne Holmes, Chairman  
By-Laws Revision Committee



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#### MERRY CHRISTMAS - 1990

It's Christmas season nineteen ninety, the time of "Peace, goodwill to men,"  
And the world should begin to understand we need that kind of peace again.  
Let's recreate the wondrous scene of that special night so long ago,  
When a tiny baby boy was born, and soon the whole world would know--  
He came as a future Messiah, that's why the star shone so bright,  
It was the guide for Kings and shepherds, who marveled at its brilliant light  
They brought gifts and worshipped, and that set a trend for today.  
But the best gifts are trust and love they are the ones that won't fade away.  
So when Christmas comes to your house, remember the truest values of old,  
Why we really celebrate Christmas, and keep alive the sweetest story told.

Helen Inks

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I have registration forms for Fourth Annual Colorado River Country Music Festival January 25-27 in Blythe, CA.

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*Barbara*

#### FOOTE-NOTES FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

Nearly 200 families have sent in their membership for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Thanks for getting this in early. When your 1991 dues are paid, you will have your name in the new Roster and you will continue to receive THE HOEDOWNER. If your dues card isn't the same color as your neighbor's, don't let this bother you. I am using up all the old cards that have been left over. Just one way to help save money.

Please continue to get your dues in. Please send your membership dues to: Zelma Foote, 535 North Fifth St. Central Point, OR 97502



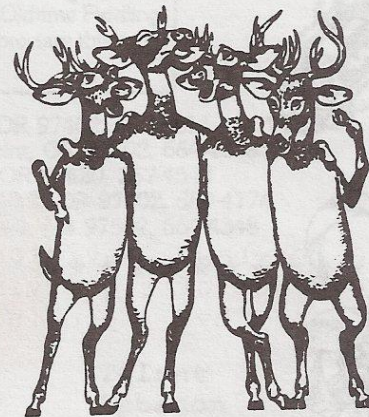
From Julian (Chris) Christiani: I am enclosing a poem, "The Soul of Music," composed a few years ago, in which I attempt to add a dramatic flavor to the power of music in its impact upon the spirit of man, especially when overtaken by some sort of anxiety or fear that can neither be explained nor understood. We read of a smiliar effect on animals of the wild.

I stood near the brink of a chasm wide,  
 With my soul in a dank despair;  
 Too far to leap to the other side,  
 Too wretched to even care.  
 When there seemed to rise  
 From the blackened deep  
 The sound of a melody--  
 Faintly at first, then the rocky steep  
 Seemed to burst with a symphony.  
 And my soul that hung in the balance there,  
 In precarious poverty,  
 Began to stir with the pusling air,  
 In an intricate harmony.

Then I heard a voice that was low and sweet,  
 And it blended a song divine;  
 And it made the moment of grace compelte,  
 And ended that grief of mine.  
 And I wondered--How great can music be?  
 How suasive the soul of song  
 That can rise from a chasm of black despair  
 To carry a soul along.

O sing me the song that the organ plays,  
 O sing me the song of the keys;  
 The tremor of music that holds, or sways--  
 Like a sail-boat tossed on the angry seas,  
 Or harbored in pleasant bays.  
 If it wring my soul with a sorrow rare,  
 Like the tears of Gethsemane,  
 Or lift my soul like the wings of prayer,  
 To some heights of Infinity.

Let the soul of music,  
 The sound of song,  
 Or the rhyme of poesy,  
 Beat ever upon the pusling air  
 Like the waves of a mystic sea;  
 To enhance the life  
 Of the meagerest man,  
 Or to stir the heart of a king--  
 O, let there be music,  
 Let there be voice--  
 and SING, SING, SING.



OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLER'S ASSOCIATION  
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 DATE 10/17/90

BALANCE AS OF 9/12/90 (GENERAL ACCOUNT) \$ 6,719.64

RECEIPTS:

Lakeview Fair # 1	\$ 100.00	
20 % Districts	41.83	
Membership dues	114.00	
Bank Interest	20.02	
Misc. (fan)	1.00	
		\$ 276.85
		TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 276.85

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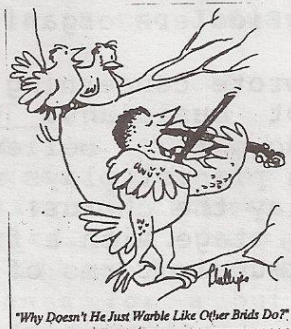
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Hoedowner Postage	214.75	
1989-90 Audit expense	51.66	
Mileage	126.40	
Printing & Postage	12.25	
Telephone	35.94	
Supplies & Misc.	58.07	
		TOTAL \$ 913.05

BALANCE AS OF 10/09/90 \$ 6,083.44

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

CASH ON HAND 9/12/90	\$ 2,510.10
RECEIPTS	-0-
EXPENSES	-0-
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 10/09/90	\$ 2,510.10

*Janice Peterson  
Sec/Treas.*





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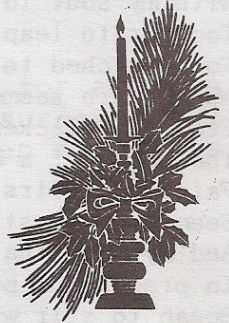
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I am not in favor of other participants backing the fiddlers off of their own stage! Admittedly, we have a problem here. To be sure, everyone with a worthy talent needs a chance to express it, but the form that this activity has taken recently in our organization is entirely out of order with our Constitution and its by-Laws.

"I Ain't Mad at Nobody" (K. Sugarman), I think you all know that, and I believe that a certain participation by others is a must, but is not to be programmed on a time basis equal to that of the fiddler. Here, in fact, may be the pivotal point of the problem--pre-programming and time equality.

In a fiddlers jam session, which, of course, ours is, pre-eminence must necessarily and always belong to the fiddler. To violate this rule is to destroy the concept of the dream that gave birth to the Fiddlers organization. Where do dreams go when they die?

Now, to add a note to that which Thelma Shepard wrote concerning life-memberships. It does say "Fiddlers and Accompanist"--not musicians. Who is an accompanist? Several years ago, in the National Hoedowner I believe it was, I read this explanation, something like this: If a pianist plays melody with the fiddler, she is NOT an accompanist, she must play the chords! Which means, of course, that the mere fact that you share the stage with a fiddler as he plays, does not necessarily qualify you as a back-up in terms of life-memberships.

Julian Christiani