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APRIL, 1991

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT
Apr 6	Pony Village	North Bend 5
7	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
7	Jam, Community Center	Yoncalla 4N
13	Grange	Greenacres 5
14	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
14	Spaghetti Feed, Grange	Broadbent 5
14	Jam, Elsi Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton 7
14	Jam, Grange Hall	Woodburn 8
19, 20, 21	Fiddle Festival	Lincoln City OOTFA
21	Meeting, Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
28	Jam, American Legion	Lebanon 6
May 5	Jam, Grange	Central Point 4
11	Quarterly Meeting, Jam	Reedsport OOTFA
12	(Mother's Day) Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
12	Jam, Senior Center	Gresham 7
19	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
19	Jam, Grange Hall #31	McMinnville 8
May 31, June 1, 2	State Contest	Lebanon OOTFA
June 2	(Saturday)Jam, Community Center	Wimer 4
16	Jam	King City 7
16-22	National Old Time Fiddlers Contest	Weiser, ID NOTFA
July 19-21	Coburg Golden Years	Coburg

MARK'S REMARKS: When you read this the convention will be history and you will have elected a new president and vice-president and possibly a secretary-treasurer. These new officers can provide leadership but without your help none of them can be successful. This is a 100% volunteer organization and all of the work is done by volunteers. There is a great deal of pleasure in helping the officers plan and complete a successful convention and contest.

I want to thank all of those wonderful members who helped with the work at the convention. Some of you put in lots of "overtime!"

When we moved our state contest dates two years ago to coordinate with the Strawberry Festival, they gave us the dates for five years in advance in a letter to Lew Holt. The date of June 7, 8, and 9 were designated for 1991. About the middle of March I was informed that the dates had been changed for this year to May 31, June 1 and 2. They had neglected to tell us when they had made the change. Please note the new dates of the State Contest are May 31, June 1 and 2. We will again have a Sunday Show and the Strawberry Festival has indicated they will make every effort to bring in a full auditorium for the show.

Don't forget the Lincoln City Contest in April, under the capable leadership of Lew Holt and Lee Jones.

In closing, I am sure you all join me in extending our sympathy to the Maiken family of Vernonia. Our fiddlers have many happy times to remember spent at their beautiful retreat. Mark.

DISTRICT 1:

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

Didn't have time to get news in the Hoedowner last issue. It had to be in early and I was out of town.

Our players turned out for the following events: the Justin Bagwell benefit at Keno, Elks' Club, Reames Country Club and the Farm Credit Union.

It was voted on, instead of our regular potlucks we will have finger foods.

March birthdays--Anne Johnson, 9th; Erv Johnson, 21st; Jack Pollick, 28th; Helen Fleming, 29th; and Faye Patterson, 30th. Happy Belated Birthday to all. Happy Anniversary to Glenna and Ernie Furrey on the 25th.

Our visitors from Cedarville, Calif. were Betty Bruneau's niece and family--Ben, Jeanan, Jackie, Rebekah Layne and Dorene and Dave Winkelman from Medford.

On March 2 Doug Peterson and family gave Evelyn a surprise birthday party at the Presbyterian church in Merrill. The fiddlers played for their lovely buffet lunch and birthday cake. Harold North, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Anne and Erv Johnson, Faye and Isom Patterson and Dick Harris. See what you can get, when you tell all you've never had a birthday party. She thanks all.

Our Snowbirds, Helen and Don Fleming are back from the south with Don walking with a cane. You are going to learn not to do so much Don. Take care.

April Birthdays--Roy Lane, 14th; and Dorothy North. Have a Happy Day.

Had a nice visit with Wilma and Vince Hunt, formerly of Lorella and now from Medford.j

April 21st meeting at Merrill Recreation Hall. Business meeting 1:30. Jam. Bring finger foods.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

There were 64 visitors including 9 musicians at our Sunday jam. A big thank you to Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Lakeview #1, and Bob Huffman, Parkland #7 for being here to help entertain our visitors. That was nice surprise. A regular guest for the past 3 or 4 months is Hillery Sparalsky (age 8) of Bend. She's Ches and Betty Fullerton's granddaughter. She sings with Ches and does a very good job. Other out-of-town visitors were from White Salmon, WA, Nehalem and Madras and a young man from Japan.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are spending most of March in Texas.

My apology: Jack and Peggy Kerr (new members) live in Prineville--not Powell Butte.

LeRoy Sims would like to invite all you good folks to come over to La Pine April 20 to play at the dedication of their Senior Center. The OOTFA will be the entertainment 1-5 PM. Refreshments will be served. Location: corner of Huntington and Burgess. On 97 turn west at Wickiup Junction (Burgess) go approximately 1.1 miles to Huntington. LeRoy and friends have spent a lot of hours working on this Senior Center.

A March anniversary was celebrated by Brian and Rhonda Hanson #1 year. Birthdays were Ed Perret, Frances Dalton and Ferrel Klingensmith. April anniversaries are Don and Lee Hanna, 42 years; Betty and Tom O'Neal, 49 years; Jane and Darrell Thompson, 44 years; and LeRoy and Shirley Sims, 21 years. Birthdays are Tom O'Neal, Cliff Harris, Marv Wodtke and Evelyn Martin. Many more happy anniversaries and birthdays to you all.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Election of officers for District 4 took place at Talent on March 3, before the monthly jam. Chairman will be Joe LeVine, Rogue River; Co-Chairman will be Jo Barnes, Sutherlin; and Doris Barkley will continue as Sec/Treas. Although the meeting started out slow, it ended up with a large crowd. Guests were Wally Bloom, Dawn Meldrim and Barbara Garcia from District 6; Bill Noble and Ray and Cherie Lane from District 1. Dorothy Cory came from Crescent City. Glad to see you, please come again soon.

Our deepest sympathy to the Krogstad family for the recent death of Ray, who was one of our best fiddlers. Also our sympathy goes to Jim Hoots, for the recent death of his beloved wife, Louise.

Don and Kathern Luker suffered a lot of water damage to their home while they were away enjoying the sunny South and we were all here in a deep freeze. After a lot of work and a new carpet they are nearly back to normal.

Good to see Vic and Neva Flood out again. Winslows are back from a three-week trip to Texas.

Next two jams will be in Central Point at the Grange, on Sunday. April 7n and May 5. June 2 jam will be on Saturday at the Community Center in Wimer. All will be 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

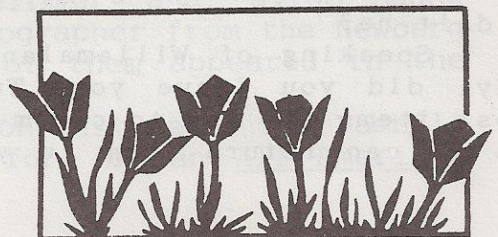
We started March by playing the first Tuesday at the senior center in Reedsport. We played for a half hour before we ate and then until 2:00 for those that wanted to dance. Then on Thursday we played at the senior center in North Bend. We played until everybody was served and then after we ate, a group gathered in close and we played another hour for them. We appreciated their enthusiasm.

Saturday, the 9th, we went to Greenacres for a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon, and a jam and dance at 1:00. We had an excellent turnout for the meeting. This year's officers were re-elected for next year. We signed up several new members and we welcome them to district 5. We were very pleased and enjoyed having "company." Chuck and Betty Bruneau from Chiliquin were there. Dennis and Thelma Allen and Guy Kinman were there from Roseburg. Marie and Kater Gates came from Elkton. Paul and Doris Redifer drove over from Myrtle Creek. We had people who came up from Klamath, Ca. to hear our music. Thanks to all of them. They added a lot to our program.

Now we look to April and May. On April 6th we are invited to play in North Bend at the Pony Village Mall from 3:30 to 4:00 and from 4:00 to 4:30 for the South Coast Animal League. You all are invited. On the 13th we will be back at Greenacres for a potluck at twelve and a jam at 1:00. A lot of us will head for Lincoln City on the following week end. The last Saturday of the month -the 27th- we are going out to Broadbent on the Power's highway to play for a spaghetti feed for the grange. The feed will start at 4:00 and we will play from six on into the evening. They are excited about having us so let's give them a good show. And then every Tuesday at a nursing home or senior center. Come and join us for some music.

I made a mistake last month. The state meeting will be in **REEDSPORT** on May 11th. The community building in downtown Reedsport will be open Friday night for jamming for those of you who come to town early. It will open again the next morning about 10:00. The state meeting will that afternoon, a potluck at 6:00, and a jam for the public starting at 7:00. Please come and join us for the day or bring your RV and spend the week-end. There will be parking at the community building - just a block east off mainstreet on Winchester Ave. - "downtown-oldtown."

Mark your calendars for May 25 when we will be in Brookings at the High School from 2:00 to 6:00 and then on the afternoon of the 27th we will be at the VFW Hall in Bandon.



DISTRICT 6:

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

I'm sure many of you are busy getting all packed and will be soon enroute to the Douglas County Fairgrounds to attend another fun convention March 28-20-30. We'll enjoy the excellent talent show on Friday night and on we'll be electing our new state officers; we'll have a real "barn burner" of a meeting adopting our new state by-laws that Wayne Holmes and his committee so ably prepared. Bill and Edna Yohey, we're going to miss you and we'll make sure for you that the minutes are read--the treasurer's report given--and the new by-laws will be adequately discussed! We hope you are feeling much better.

We'll all eat too much I'm sure at our lovely banquet always so beautifully prepared by Jim and Gynn Deaton and their fine crew. District 6 wants each and every person giving a helping hand to make it such a success....you are so special and we thank you kindly. We also want to thank Mark and Ila Mae, Zelma and Walter, and Linda for an outstanding job well done.

Don't forget that we have a nice family dance at the Coburg Grange Hall every second Saturday night of each month--7 PM--next date April 13th.

Get rested because we have a lot scheduled! If you're near Reedsport on Sunday, April 14, plan to attend the BOOHER FAMILY SHOW at the Pacific Auditorium, 2:30 to 5:30 PM. \$5.00 each or \$9.00 a couple; \$3.00 for seniors; \$2.50 6-12 year olds. Rudi is returning from Australia March 21 and we'll be looking forward to a great show. Welcome home Rudi....we've missed you!

Make a quick cleaning of your RV and get headed to Lincoln City for another fun time April 19-20-21st. For our new members, just travel through Lincoln City 'til you see the Dairy Queen and make an immediate turn to the east a block and there you are at the ELKS' CLUB--park and level your rig and you're all set for a wonderful three days of music, dancing and enjoyment. Bring your bathing suit if you are a swimmer, the Senior Center is next door and has a lovely pool I've been told. Hope to see you all there.

Our next jam will be at the American Legion in Lebanon April 28th. Come early, lunch will be served at noon and you will have another chance to buy those lovely homemade desserts the Auxilliary prepares. (Lucille and I are leaving EARLY the 29th for Washington, D.C. We're going to visit "George and Barbara" and maybe Mark and Peter and learn all about our government and politics!)

May 11th is our next quarterly meeting to be held in Reedsport. A jam is being planned for Friday night and for our new members, we always bring finger food to be enjoyed by all. That's standard procedure except for our potlucks when jamming!

I want to thank you for your fine support in ordering name tags. We've had to order another shipment of badges, and there will be possible delay, but continue to place your orders with Lucille (688-2976) and hopefully we'll be able to get them made in time for the state contest to be held at the Lebanon High School May 31, June 1 and 2. Like everything else, our new shipment costs more and our badges are now \$6.50--still a bargain! Isn't it nice to be able to read your friend's name from a distance when your mind goes blank?

Our deepest sympathy to Wally Bloom and his mother in the great loss of their loved one...Lavina Margaret Overby (Sister/Daughter) and to her family as well.

Illness has struck us again. Don Skaife is doing well after surgery; Allison Roberts has had such excruciating muscle pain; Stan's had his problems; Walt Benson is feeling better....Charley Sanford looked so well at Willamalane didn't he?

Speaking of Willamalane, Thanks to all my crew in the kitchen! By the way, did you leave your Tupperware and utensils? Dee Dee Kaiser has many lost items for you to claim--please mark your items with your name if possible so we can return them to you. By the way, I found my silverware mixed in

the park's supply! Surely made me happy! Our jam and potluck were really nice--especially all our many friends from other districts who attended--hurry back, we love to have you join us.

We want to thank Sande Sanders for another generous donation. We've applied it towards postage and cards. Thank you again, Sande.

District 6 would like to welcome the following new members: Edward GUNDERSON (fiddle); Bill and Linda GUNN; Butch and Chris (fiddle) BAIRD; Bessie FORSYTH; John (Guitar Bessie FORSYTH; John (guitar) and Barbara GUNN; Raymond and Cheryl SMITH; Catherine EDSTROM; Jack and Mary CROCKETT; Ray and Chris SWINEHART; Frank and Thelma OVERBYE; Dick and Jo GERLACH. We are happy to have you join our big happy family.

I have failed to give our many faithful members the praise that they deserve for the endless hours that they play each week at our area retirement-nursing home facilities. The joy it brings to the sick and impaired is much appreciated and it makes us all proud to be a part of an organization with such love for others. We thank each one of you sincerely.

I heard by the grapevine that Curly Roberts, Myrtle McCoy and Bob Kaiser have all grown a year older this month and can you believe it, Dale and Myrtle McCoy celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary the 14th of March--another teen-age bride I'll bet! Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to you all and ALL others I'm not aware of.

FOR SALE: 5-string banjo (made in Germany) \$75.00--see Walt Orr (726-4114) 157 N 12th Street, Springfield, OR (Space 47).

Helen Tracy, Reporter

P.S. CONGRATULATIONS to our Alice McDougal upon her marriage to LeRoy Fairchild. We are very happy for both of you.

DISTRICT 7:

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

We had a very good potluck and jam today at the Forest Grove Senior Center. We had 24 fiddlers and 6 specials. Lew and Alice Holt all the way from North Bend and Leonard Maahs, Don Simons and Lew Standiford from District 8 played with us. We were glad to have them.

In the March Hoedowner we said we would have our Vernonia Campout August 6th to 11th. Because of the new Coburg Golden Days program, now Polk County Fair added another play date for August 8th, the middle of our new campout choice, so we will up our campout date for a while 'til we see how the chips fall.

Harold Maiken, our camp host, passed away March 6th, but Beulah has still invited the Fiddlers out to the ranch anytime we wish to go.

Our next jam will be April 14 at Elsie Stuhr Adult Center at 5550 SW Hall in Beaverton. Going west on T.V. Highway, turn left on Watson-go to 12th and turn left across Hall into center. Open at 11:00 AM-potluck at 12 noon and play at 1:00 PM. May 12 we'll play at the Gresham Senior Center, and June 16 we'll play at King City. We invite fiddlers and "back-ups" from all districts to come play with us.

Carl Helgeron, Reporting

DISTRICT 8

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

The April Jam will be held in Woodburn at the Grange Hall on April 14th. The usual time schedule will prevail, ie doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at 12:00 N, and Jam open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. In May we will be at the McMinnville Grange Hall #31 on May 19th.

A very fine Jam was held in Newberg on March 10th. The incumbent officers Ed Priebe Chairman, Don Simons Co- Chairman, and Faythe Maahs SEC/TREAS were re-elected for a second term. A photographer from the Newberg Graphic took pictures during the Jam. A couple of them appeared in the March 13th weekly publication.

The O.O.T.F.A. must have made a good impression last year. The Yamhill County Fair Officials would like to have us perform at an All American

Fest on July 5th at the Fair Grounds from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, as well as at the Yamhill County Fair on August 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Also the Polk County Fair Officials have asked us to perform on two dates at the Polk County Fair this year. They would like to have us perform at a Senior Day on August 8th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and also on the usual Saturday date of August 10th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Contracts are being signed for all four events. We will need a lot of help from other districts for these four events.

I have been in contact indirectly with the President of the Yatchets Chamber of Commerce concerning the Smelt Fry in conjunction with the Walport Senior Center. I was told to check back with them during the second week in April. Apparently they are in the process of organizing the event. A July 13th date has been set. The Walport Senior Center has also been contacted and are looking forward to a program similar to last years.

The problems with two of our microphones involved a broken wire in one and a bad shielded ground connection in the other. They have both been repaired at no expense. WE still need a fourth microphone; however, this is not a dire necessity, because we are temporarily using one supplied by Don Simons. I am still researching the purchase of this fourth microphone.

I talked to June Andrews recently and am happy to report she is doing just fine following her recent knee operation.

It was great to see Joy Smith at the Newberg Jam.

Ed Priebe Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

There were 70 people in attendance for our March jam at the Senior Center. We had a good turn out of musicians. Guitar players were Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper, Darrell Smith, Julia Millison, Lloyd Louie, Hurb Hawley, Don Greenfield. Banjo; Roy Reed; piano: Paula Reynolds; fiddle: Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, Brick Calloway, Darlene Austin, Christian Krutsinger, Alyse Nicodemus and Jill Hueckman; mandolin: Pat Scott and Montie Reynolds. Specials: singers Darrel Smith, Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague. We had 5 people from John Day come for the jam.

We had our election of officers. They are: Chairman, Ruel Teague; Co-Chairman-Walt Cooper; Sec/Treas-Pat Scott; Reporter-Stacey Reynolds.

We would like to welcome New Member Jill Hueckman.

We are making plans for another Country Jamboree June 14 and 15.

Your Fiddlin' Friend Stacey Reynolds

The Booher Family will be appearing April 14 from 2:30-5:30 PM at Pacific Auditorium (High School) Reedsport, Oregon. Tickets available at the door. For more info call Russ Hall, 271-3519.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyon for the many cards, prayers, phone calls and flowers set to Charley During his heart surgery, and to the thoughtful friends who came to the nursing home to play music with him for therapy. It has been a long time, but he is home now. God Bless you all, you're great! Marjorie and Charley Sanford

Alice Krogstad and family would like to thank everyone for their sympathy in the recent loss of Ray Krogstad.

A special "Thank You" to District 6 and all of the friends in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers who called, sent flowers, cards, or both, at the passing of my sister, Lavina Overby. I wish to take this opportunity to tell all of you how much you mean to me and how much I need you all.

Your Fiddling Friend, Wally Bloom

APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL - LINCOLN CITY - APRIL 19, 20, 21, 1991

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1991: THE OCEAN LAKE ELKS LODGE will open at noon for jamming and for meeting friends. Be sure to sign in. You may, also, register for the fiddle contest and/or for the dance bands. You are encouraged to jam any where in the hall. The Elks' Lodge is located on the east side of the highway 101 on N. 22nd. As you drive into Lincoln City from the north - watch for the Dairy Queen on the left. Turn left at the light on to N. 22nd and the Lodge is just a few feet on the right. If you are coming from the south on 101 - drive north - crossing D River until you come to the Dairy Queen - turn right to the lodge. The lodge dining room is open to all of us.

PARKING: There is parking behind the lodge (to the east) for self-contained RV's. Last year we had to work our way around but there was room for all of us. If you come in your car, there is parking all around the lodge. Please save parking for the RV's.

6:30 - Jamming on the stage

7:00 - FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS. We changed the rule book as you know a contest and we have had many fine comments. All age and ability groups are combined into one contest. Judging will be based on: Dance-ability & Rhythm - 50 points. Style, timing, and tone - 25 points. Appropriate back up - 25. Dress - 10 points. Stage presence - 10 points. (120 total points). You are allowed up to four back-up. A contestant may play one or two tunes or a medley within a five minute time limit. Tunes that are appropriate for dancing are encouraged. Audience will be dancing during the contest. No rules apply to style, bowing, plucking, cross tuning, singing, etc. (If considered inappropriate by the judges, they may choose to score accordingly.) Complete contest rules will be available at the contest. Prizes will be: \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10, & \$5. *This contest is held in a spirit of fun for the contestant and the public to enjoy. The contest may last late into the evening. Participation is not limited to members of the O.O.T.F.A. but we are the sponsor and set the rules.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Building open for jamming. Many people will be attending to hear fiddle music. You are encouraged to form groups about the hall - both up stairs and down stairs - and jam, jam, jam. We have been asked by the lodge to have a caller and square dancing Saturday afternoon. Alan Ede has consented to be our caller. Sounds fun.

6:30 - Jamming on the stage. About 7:15 we will start having a variety of fiddle dance bands play throughout the evening - until midnight or later. We will have groups much like our Saturday night dance at the state convention but it will not be by district. Individuals may "get up" a band and sign up. Time for playing will depend on how many bands we have. This evening is not a contest.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21: The state jam will begin at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. (We may have a time limit in order to get everybody in). You are encouraged to jam downstairs while the "official" jam is going on upstairs.

We are the guests of the Oceanlake Elks Lodge No. 1886. They are paying us to put on the contest and to entertain. They want *fiddle music* and lots of it. Plan on attending all or a part of the week-end. The facilities are beautiful. You will enjoy them.

Lew Holt, Chairman



I have flyers for the upcoming Desert Oasis Bluegrass Festival to be held in Fallon, Nevada, on April 27 and 28, 1991. This is the first year for the festival, and it sounds exciting. Call me at 689-4774 or write to 28151 Clear Lake Rd, Eugene, OR, 97402 if you would like a flyer, or call William Katen at (702) 423-7733.

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The Yoncalla Fiddle Workshop, July 15-19, is open for registration. Carol Ann Wheeler will be teaching the class with a limit of 24 students. There will be a tuition fee of \$100 for each student, with a scholarship discount of \$35 for students under 18 years of age. Students attending this workshop need to be reasonably good fiddlers and should not have to depend on sheet music. We will also try for a beginners' class this year if we can get at least 6 students, preferably children. These students should be able to play the A Scale and a tune or two. The tuition for this workshop will be \$75 for the week, with a scholarship discount of \$35. There will be a \$15/person fee which will go toward food supplies, etc. for the week. Hot breakfast for tenterssd, lunches at the school for all students, and supertime meals with potluck will be provided. Tuition must be in by May 31st. The first 24 registrants to send tuition fees will be in the workshop. The same goes for the first 6 in the beginners' workshop. Students who must cancel will be given a full refund. Tape recorders and several tapes per student at necessary. Attention adults: preference will be given to adult students with children in the workshop over adults with no children. Mail tuition to Linda Carver, 155 2nd Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Mail food supply fees to Buck Milligan, 26554 Hwy 38, Elkton, OR 97436. Any questions, call Dolores Booher at 503-849-2171.
