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COMING EVENTS

		DISTRICT
June 1	(Saturday) Jam, Community Center	Wimer 4
9	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
14, 15	Jamboree	Burns 9
16	Jam, Recreation Hall	Merrill 1
16-22	National Old Time Fiddlers Contest	Weiser, ID NOTFA
23	Jam, VFW Hall	Willamina 8
July 4	Mingus Park	Coos Bay 5
5	"All American Fest" Yamhill County Fairgrounds	McMinnville 8
5	Burns Centennial	Burns 9
5, 6	White Cedar Days	Powers 5
7	Jam, Community Center	Jerome Prairie 4
13	Smelt Fry	Yachats/Waldport 8
19-21	Coburg Golden Years	Coburg OOTFA
22-27	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia OOTFA
28	Jam	Winchester Bay 5
Aug 1	Fair, Yamhill County Fairgrounds	McMinnville 8
3	Black Powder Picnic	
4	Picnic, Tom Pearce Park	5
8	Fair, "Senior Day," Polk County Fairgrounds	Grants Pass 4
10	Fair, Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall 8
11	Potluck, Jam, South Island Park	Rickreall 8
16	Coos County Fair	Springfield 6
Sept 6, 7, 8	Harney County Fair & Rodeo Parade	Myrtle Point 5
15	Cranberry Festival	9
		Bandon 5

MARK'S REMARKS: I am pleased to report that the OOTFA executive board voted to establish the "Bill Yohey Memorial Trophy." The first presentation will be at the Friday night show at the 1991 Oregon State Fiddle Contest, May 31st. The criteria for selecting the recipient is dedication and service to OOTFA as an accompanist. Our executive board also voted to participate in the "Welcome Home Party" for our returning troops to be held at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds on September 27, 28, & 29. I am also pleased to report that our convention this year was a financial success. All parts of the convention had more receipts than expenses. The raffles brought in \$412 for the general fund and \$475 for the scholarship fund. Drawing on the Wobbe fiddle was held at the quarterly meeting in Reedsport; the lucky winner was Annemarie Huber.

On July 1 Zelma Foote will be taking over as president and I am sure that she will be a great one. She will need the same help and cooperation you have given me the past two years. Happy Fiddling, Mark.

DISTRICT 1:

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

We have a new vice-chairman. Sandy has volunteered to take over for Chuck Bruneau. Speaking of Chuck, he and Betty have left us for a place that's not so cold. Our good friends have moved to Sisters. Chuck got tired of having to cover and uncover his garden from the frost. Will miss you both. Betty, send your address, I have your pictures.

Had a going away party for them at Irene's and Jerry's home. Naomi said it was a sad occasion, so we had a "wake" party. Everything in black and all that attended dressed in black. It was fun.

Homer McLain came over from Lakeview to join in the fun. Missed you, Rosalee.

Clara and Harold Warner had their 11th wedding anniversary party at their home on May 4. Those from District 1 who attended were Cherrie and Ray Lane, Naomi Voss and Bill Noble, Faye Patterson, Harold North, Lois and Les Tucker, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Jo and Dick Harris, Donna and Dan Clifford and children.

Irene has another cabin reserved for our jam at Diamond Lake, 2nd week of August. More information coming later. All from other districts are more than welcome to join us.

Irene and Jerry attended the quarterly meeting at Reedsport.

Bob and Alice Coleman would like all to join them in celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 27, 6:00 at the IWA Hall. Bring your instruments.

June birthdays: Chuck Bruneau-1st, Ernie Furry-1st, June Sandusky-21st, Glenna Furry-26th.

Wedding anniversaries: Betty and Chuck Bruneau-9th, Anne and Erv Johnson-2nd, Dorothy and Harold North-17th, and Dick and Jo Harris-our 45th on the 16th.

Have a happy day.

Isom Patterson has been under the weather. Hope you're feeling better. You have missed some good parties.

We have lost two of our members. Venson Hunt of Medford, formerly of Lorella, and Ed McGinnis. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

Minnie and Tex Cox from Redding, CA, braved the weather to spend the week-end with the Pattersons and come to our jam.

We played at the nursing homes. Call Irene or Harold North for times.

Next meeting is June 16, Merrill Recreation Hall. Meeting 1:30, jam. Bring finger foods.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Hello from Central Oregon--we are still having our beautiful wet sunshine.

Fifty-five visitors came to our Mother's Day Jam, including 7 musicians. We had visitors from Portland, San Antonio, TX, and Green Valley, AZ.

A good time was had by all at the dedication of the LaPine Senior Center April 20. A lot of good music by our fiddlers and very good food. We would like to thank Bill Noble and Naomi Voss of Bonanza and Ray and Sheri Lane of Klamath Falls for coming up to join us.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are back home now and joined in the Sunday jam. It's a good feeling to have them back with us.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Bob and Birdie Hawes. They have not been well for sometime.

We're sorry we couldn't make it to the State Quarterly in Reedsport.

June anniversaries are Bob and Billie Kitchens, 40 years. June birthdays are: Lee Hanna, Betty Fullerton, Rhonda Hanson and Birdie Hawes. Many Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to you all.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

Greetings from District 4! Nearly 50 members were present to enjoy a delicious potluck at our May 5 jam in Central Point, followed by an afternoon

of music and dancing. Irene and Jerry Ruddock and Faye and Isom Patterson were our guests from District 1.

How nice to see Betty Deckard up and about. She is still on crutches, first a broken hip then a knee replacement. She can't handle a guitar yet, but does a good job on the harmonica.

Fifty years ago today, (June 1, 1941), Zelma and Walter Foote tied the knot! Congratulations and best wishes to a special couple for many more happy years together.

We had lunch and a visit with Clemmie and Jack McCaslund, of Riddle, recently. Since Jack's eyesight is failing, he doesn't drive much anymore, but that doesn't stop him from playing the fiddle when company comes.

Ray Hanson has made a trip to Wisconsin to visit relatives. Should be home soon.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Venson Hunt, who had a fatal accident on May 3. He had been in our District only a short time, but was a longtime member of District 1 and a fine musician.

Anne Huber, from Redding CA, won the fiddle raffle. She is a fiddling OS member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, and bought the lucky ticket from me in Crescent City at the Redwood Country Open Fiddle Contest. Congratulations to Anne, and many thanks to all of you for supporting the scholarship fund, especially to the Wobbe Family for their gift. We were able to add over \$400 proceeds to the fund.

Our next jam will be June 1 (Saturday) at Wimer Community Center. Wimer is up East Evans Creek Road out of the city of Rogue River. July 7 jam will be at the Community Center in Jerome Prairie. Take Hwy 199 out of Grants Pass, turn left on Redwood Ave. Both jams are open early for jamming, noon potluck, and open to the public at 1:00 PM.

If possible, try to attend the State Fiddle Contest in Lebanon, May 31, June 1, 2.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

Hello again from District 4N. Looks like a busy summer ahead for many of us.

I feel I'm lucky to live close to so many of the OOTF members and get to listen to their good music and enjoy the good times and delicious food.

I'm proud to see the Boohar Family members listed as winners in the Oroville CA contest, also Guy Kinman--printed in the May issue of National Old Time Fiddlers. Congratulations.

I visited with the Boohers on Mothers Day and always enjoy learning of new things they are doing. They have a new cassette tape for sale. Old Time Favorites, \$10. per tape. Send to The Boohar Family, 2058 Scotts Valley Road, Yoncalla, OR 97499. Chris Boohar will be 21 June 13th. Chuck and Dorothy Boohar will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 15--Saturday from 1 to 5 PM at Pass Creek Park, Curtin, OR. Congratulations to a fine, talented couple.

June 16-22 National Old Time Fiddlers Contest at the high school in Weiser, Idaho, will highlight the year for several people, including some of the Boohar family--we wish you the best.

July 13th is Timber Days Fiddle Jam at Eagles Hall--116 E 2nd St in Sutherlin, OR. Come early to avoid crowds and get your parking place--RV's welcome. Timber Days Parade at 10:00 AM, jam 11-12 noon, break for chicken BBQ at noon, \$3.00 per person, back to jam 1 to 4 PM. Come join the fun.

It's good to hear Elsie Downs is home. Hope all goes well. We have missed her.

D.C. Country Band had a birthday party and dance at the VFW Hall in Winston Saturday May 4, honoring Larry Johnson, Bud Richardson and Maxine Landrum. We enjoyed music by several OOTF members and delicious cake and ice cream. D.C. Country is Larry Johnson, Bud Richardson, Carl Swartzendruber and Louise Trimble. They will be playing and singing for the Glide Community Center Senior Citizens May 21. Keep up the good music and songs.

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DISTRICT 5:

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

Besides the nursing homes and senior centers, our big one for May was the state meeting in Reedsport on May 10th and 11th. People from all over the state gathered Friday evening in the Reedsport Community Building for a big "song circle." We went round and round the circle all evening - each person taking a turn and the others following along. Several people commented on how well they liked it.

The next morning the hall was open at 9:00 and it wasn't long until there was music. At 1:00 president Mark called the meeting to order. After the meeting there was more music until the potluck at 5:30. The jam started at 7:00 and there was music almost til 10:00. The sign up sheet read like "who's who" in Oregon with fiddlers and specials from all over the state. District 5 was complimented to be asked to host the state meeting. We are glad that so many of you came down to see us.

We have more events that follow yet in May in Coos Bay, Brookings, and Bandon. Since they are at the end of May, I'll have to write about them next month.

Now looking to the summer and the many activities. June will be kind of slow - a time to rest but July is a busy one. Please mark your calendars and be ready for the following: On July 4th we are invited to play in Mingus Park in Coos Bay from 2:00 to 3:00 for a 4th of July welcome home party for our military personnel. On the 5th we will be in Powers to play for a street dance that evening. The next day we will be playing in the street for other festivities of White Cedar Days. We hope that as many of you as can will join us for the 4th in Coos Bay and on the 5th and 6th in Powers.

The last week-end of July we will be at the Salmon Harbor Festival in Reedsport and Winchester Bay. On Sunday, the 28th, we will be playing in the grange hall in Winchester Bay from 1:00 to 4:00 or so. Many of you from all over come to help us out that day. We will be glad to see you again this year.

August 3 we will be playing in a park up Coos River towards Allegany for the Black Powder camp out. They want us around 6:00 for music and invite us to have hamburgers and hot dogs with them. Sounds like a pleasant way to spend an evening.

The next week-end Shorty and Charlotte have invited all of District 5 to their place for a camp out. So mark your calendar for all of these activities and watch for the specifics in future Hoedowners.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Hello there - we had a marvelous trip - still suffering from jet lag, but we're both ready to RETURN and enjoy more of the beautiful sights - such GORGEOUS trees! Travelling on the METRO was fun, too, but the architectural design of the beautiful old buildings was so unique - obviously we fell in love with ALL we saw!

This has been a very busy month. What fun it was to meet our old friends at Lincoln City and, of course, we'll see many of you at State Contest, too! With summertime approaching, our schedule is slowing. Perhaps this rain will suside one of these days and we'll all get to mow our lawns and week the flower gardens!

June 8th is our last Coburg Saturday night dance until September, weather permitting. Gets a bit too warm for comfortable dancing, so be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

June 14-15 we plan to stop and enjoy the fun with District 9 at their Street Jamboree celebration - wave to the truckers who blow their air-horns while passing thru! Believe me, when RUEL TEAGUE speaks of RED CARPET TREATMENT, he means it....en route to the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest, June 16-22, Weiser, Idaho. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and not get too warm! Last year it was delightful.

Remember, July 19-21 is our big State function, COBURG GOLDEN YEARS. Plan to attend. We're going to have much fun and we hope that it will become one of our annual fund-raisers for the State. We'll have three different stages to perform on, so everyone will be able to play their hearts out. In the center of town, under that gorgeous old maple tree, we will have our Fist Aid station for emergencies and in case you need to cool off and take a short five. Every-

thing in Coburg is so easily located, we feel you'll have no problems feeling right at home with your RV's. Let Jim know if there has been the slightest change in your plans. This is a huge undertaking, so please help make it easier on everyone involved. Soft drinks will be available free for OOTFA members.

August 11, 10:00 AM at South Island Park in Springfield will be our POTLUCK PICNIC. Cold drinks and coffee will be furnished by the club. You might like to put in a large tablecloth with your table service and please be sure to bring serving spoons for your potluck dishes. THAT' A MUST, ALWAYS!

For you fathers, Happy Father's Day.

Helen Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

June 16th jam at King City has been canceled. I made this date when the State Contest was scheduled for June 7, 8, and 9. Two other local Portland Jams are always on the first and last Sundays and District 8 had chosen June 23, the 4th Sunday. That left June 16th for us. Now I find most of our top fiddlers are going to Weiser Contest, June 16-22, so I'd rather cancel than put on an inferior show. Sorry my last show is canceled.

We had a nice potluck and jam on May 12 at Gresham Senior Center with 22 fiddlers and 5 specials. July 22-27 we'll host the Vernonia Campout. August 14 we'll play at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby.

Bernadette and I drove to Reedsport and attended the State Quarterly Meeting on May 11. Friday we formed a big circle and fiddled for hours, it seemed. Had a ball. Mark Carmickle gave Zelma Foote a king-sized gavel to conduct order as our new State Chairperson. A motion was passed to accept Ace Wehus' proposal to welcome home our servicemen. More later on that.

Leona Wilson is home after major surgery and two weeks in the hospital. Bill and Leona were among the first-year members of our organization.

Frank Warner, who is also a first-year OOTFA member, broke his hip and has been in and out of the hospital since last January. He is home now, but quite ill.

Our secretary, Myrtle Arnold, has been in Bess Kaiser Hospital since May 13.

Carl Helgerson, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Staniford; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

Ed Priebe resigned as our Chairman on April 25. We wish to thank him for his past services. Don Simon, our vice-Chairman, will be Chairman and Lew Staniford will be our vice-Chairman till the end of our calendar year.

Contracts for all the fairs and functions in District 8 are all in, signed, and in our Chairman's files. They are as follows: Polk County Fair, August 8, play 4-7 PM, August 10, play 7-9 PM; Yamhill County "All-American Fest" July 5, 3-7 PM; Yamhill County Fair August 1, play 7-9 PM. Yamhill County Fairgrounds are at 2070 Lafayette Ave. Polk County Fairgrounds at one-half mile south of Rickreall on Highway 99W. District 8 would appreciate all the help they can get from other districts. These shows are all state shows. We need fiddlers and back ups to help make them all good shows.

I attended the State Meeting in Reedsport. It was very interesting and informative. We have a fine group of officers for the coming year. Zelma Foote, our new President, gave each district officer a packet containing information, which I'm sure we can all benefit from. We want to thank her for this information. We wish her and all the officers a successful year.

Our members are kept busy playing for rest homes, retirement centers, and various other functions.

Our next meeting will be June 23 at the VFW Hall in Willamina. We will have a business meeting beginning at 11 AM. Potluck at noon, and open to the public 1-4 PM.

We hope to have as many of our members come to the State Contest in Lebanon as possible. It will be held May 31, June 1, 2.

Faythe Maahs Reporting

DISTRICT 9:

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

On May 12 we had our last monthly jam at the Senior Center for this season. There were 60 people in attendance. Our musicians were: guitar--Walt Cooper, Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson. Fiddlers--Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, Brick Calloway, and John Murray from John Day. Banjo--Roy Reed. Piano--Paula Reynolds Steel guitar--John McLain. Accordion--Darlene Austin. Special music--Stacey Reynolds, Ruel Teague, Rocky Rockwell.

We do want our John Day people that could not make it to know they were missed.

The fiddlers played at Denio Nevada for a 50th wedding anniversary. They also played at Drewsey for a dance.

EVERYONE is WELCOME to our COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE JUNE 14 and 15. People will be coming in on the 13th, so we will have a Big Jam on Thursday night. Please come and join in the Fun, Good Food and Good Music.

Stacey Reynolds, Reporter

To His Memory



Bill came to this world a wee babe in arms,
Delighting his family with his wily charms.

On down life's path he spread his wings,
Nurturing his talents of music and things.



His music he shared with young and old,
Making sure our youngsters fitted into his mold.

The " O. O. T. F. A. " sprang from his mind,
Along with some others Leaving a charter they signed.

He headed our group several times in his life,
Backing him always was his lovely wife.

You've left us with much to remember you by,
We'll love you always as we say "Good-bye."

by a fiddle follower friend.



EDITOR'S CORNER

PINESONG Fiddle Festival and Contest June 28 & 29 at Spokane, WA. I have registration forms.

Someone suggested to me that each district publish the name and address or phone number of a "contact person" who would be interested in informal home jam sessions, for the benefit of those who work and can't make the district jams so don't know anyone, but who would like to get together some time.

These past few weeks I've had the opportunity to meet with Barbara Lawrence Fair Manager, Clackamas Co. and work with her on an idea. The original plan has changed some, the theme hasn't: "Thanks to the men and women who served in Desert Storm."

This Sept. on Clackamas Co. Fairgrounds we have been invited to throw a welcome home party. Hopefully by that time our service men & women will be back home with their families.

This will be an OOTFA get-together and other musicians, workshops and family fun, and will be held Sept 27-29. The public will be invited to share in the festivities, featuring old time fiddle music, bluegrass, gospel, country entertainment, picnics and BBQ.

This co-sponsored event will show how we feel about those who left their homes and families to keep the ideals we believe in alive. One red, white and blue weekend in Sept-filled with patriotism, gratitude and music tied with a big, yellow ribbon that says "Welcome Home."

You might well be asking yourselves is this show really needed? Let's put it this way, all across the state help is coming to their dependents from carpenters, electricians, plumbers, mechanics--all of whom are offering their particular expertise free. What are we as an organization doing? A lot of members are beginning to ask and to realize that we have to look at what we are doing and see if there is a better way to get new members. Well, what better way than becoming involved in our communities than when we exercise the key that brings change. "Love exemplified." What better way than through music. A show such as this which has purpose and is a true behavior construct in the strongest and truest sense of the word LOVE. Doubly so when it is to help our loved ones who have laid their lives on the line. I say let's example what we try to profess.

I have brought all this to your attention in effort of stirring up your support, for I feel it is going to take about 80% participation of the membership of our organization to truly make this a success. I do not believe this is a show that can be attempted half-heartedly. TODAY-now is the message, it's urgent and contemporary for the world is full of hatred. Let's dispel some hatred through music, let's not criticize but extend our hands through the ministry of our music. Music being a straightforward ministry that brings out joy, happiness and enthusiasm in a listener, thereby dispelling the gloom of darkness with a light that is a refreshing experience. We then entice others to join our fine organization as we example what our form of music is all about. As we example ABILITY-INTEGRITY through an avowed purpose, not making you look better, but making life look better to those about us. We then example the OOTFA to the fullest extent possible. Aren't these the qualities we seek in any individual or organization?

My friends, I have approached you in a rather lengthy, wordy way and somewhat boldly in an effort to excite everyone into participating to the best of their abilities. You are, I'm sure, asking yourselves "What manner of man is Ace?" Well, I can assure you, I am of clear conviction, of clear conscience, and fearless in the principles in which this fine organization, OOTFA stands. I will get nothing out of this show, only the pleasure of organizing it. I assure you this "thank you" show will help to strengthen the character of OOTFA, for it is definitely an influence on right living, thereby inspiring confidence in our organization while at the same time inspiring new blood into joining our outfit.

This "thank you" show will feature the combined talents of all. We are thinking of forming groups of about 6 people, each group consisting of members not necessarily from their own district. We want some original music and songs for a contest. Probably also a violin contest. We also want accordions, banjo pickers, guitar pickers, mandolin pickers, spoon players, etc. and of course fiddlers. We want everyone who is a member to not only bring their acoustic instrument but also to play it. Summing it all up: a little bit of help is worth a ton of sympathy. I am listed in the roster. Forwarded in friendship, Ace Wehus

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