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COMING EVENTS

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Nov 2	Jam, Potluck, Grange
9	Potluck, Jam
10	Jam, Thanksgiving Potluck, Willamalane
10	Jam, Moose Lodge
17	Meeting, Jam, Recreation Hall
17	Jam, Grange
23	Thanksgiving Dinner, Jam, Community Building
Dec 1	Christmas Dinner, Jam, Moose Lodge
8	Christmas Jam, Adult Center
15	Jam, Grange
Jan 11	State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Grange
19	Jam, Eagles Lodge
Mar 18-21	State Convention
Apr 10-11	Lincoln City Contest, Elks Lodge
May 15-17	State Certified Fiddle Contest

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Central Point	4
Greenacres	5
Springfield	6
St. Helens	7
Merrill	1
Woodburn	8
Reedsport	5
Lebanon	6
Canby	7
McMinville	8
Coburg	OOTFA
Albany	6
Roseburg	OOTFA
Lincoln City	OOTFA
Lebanon	OOTFA

NOTES FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: I know of no key to joy like THANKFULNESS. But why wait until the month of november to be thankful? Each day I'm thankful for God, family, friends, and America.

I recently read an article that stated you give little when you give of your possessions but it is when you give of yourself that you truly give. That is so true of the members in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. All of you who play for the nursing homes, senior centers, etc. give so much of yourselves. The associate members give so much of themselves with the many things they do.

I know of no other group that has so much compassion for others when there is sickness or death in a family. Then, too, that little pat on the back, a hug, or kind words helps so much.

Please keep in mind March 18-21, 1992, is the State Convention in Roseburg and May 15-17, 1992, is the State Certified Fiddle Contest in Lebanon. Many volunteers are needed, so please consider what you would like to do to help. We have lost some of our sponsors for the State Contest, so please continue to come up with suggestions regarding financial assistance.

Thanks to District 7 for hosting the State Quarterly Executive Meeting and thanks to all who attended. Our next State Quarterly Executive Meeting will be January 11, 1992, in Coburg, Oregon.

Let us all be thankful and remember the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Keep Fiddling,

Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson
The calendar tells us that fall is here, but why are we still using the air conditioners and mowing and watering our lawns? I'm not complaining with this beautiful weather.

On October 5 we held our first Fiddlers Contest at Mills School for the young -- 3-21 years. Les Tucker was M.C. Judges were Ray Hansen--Medford, Alma and Darren Reitan--Central Point. Accompanists were Jerry Ruddock and Dick Harris. 10-12 years 1st place Carrie Rarden, 2nd place Justin Alcorn, 3rd place Crystal Fologerzi; 13-15 year 1st place Darlen Armstrong, 2nd place Ben Sampson. To all who helped, thanks so much. And a big big thanks to Irene Ruddock, also to all the fiddlers and guitarists for playing during the program.

Two of our winners, Carrie Rarden and Justin Alcorn, were asked to play for their school assembly. We hope all the contestants will continue playing the fiddle.

Lois and Les Tucker headed a group to play for a wedding reception. The fiddlers will be in the parade for the Potato Festival in Merrill.

Happy Anniversary to Lois and Les Tucker, November 25.

Dick Harris talked to John Gard. He misses all and says to say "Hello" to everyone.

We should start thinking about getting our dues paid for the coming year. See Faye Patterson.

Remember nursing homes and Clairmont House.

November 17 will be our next meeting and jam at Merrill Recreation Hall at 1:30. Bring finger foods.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 2:

CHAIRMAN-Don Haley; CO-CHAIRMAN-Pam Wachter; SEC/TREAS-Beth Hansen

Congratulations are in order! We did it! We had a great time jamming, and our organizational meeting was productive in that we now have real live officers and several new families in our membership. Our jam/meeting was attended by nearly 60 people, 20 of whom were musicians. Our musicians ranged in age from 8 or 9 to 80-something. Next month we hope to spend more time making music and less time on business, now that the preliminaries are out of the way.

We are planning next month's jam at the same place (Salvation Army Community Center--Pendleton) on November 9, at 7:00 PM. Plans are also in the making for a potluck on the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving. This will be a great opportunity for some of us new acquaintances to get to know each other better...and, of course, to make some more good music together.

October 17 brought Jim and Carol Lockard to Pendleton on their way to Spokane. They spent an evening with us jamming and visiting. What fun!

Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers had a show in Lexington on the 19th, and some of us were there to participate and/or enjoy. Their shows are always great! Tyson Samples (8) is really sounding good on the fiddle, and Peter Willis (12) made his first appearance on stage playing backup guitar. Great job, guys!

Our new chairman, Don Haley, is anxious to visit with chairmen of other districts around the state to learn more and share ideas. And we are all looking forward to a great time as a part of this organization!

Peg Willis, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Don Hanna; CO-CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neal; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens

Hello from central Oregon. The main deer season is over and many are preparing for elk season. The most successful hunters of our group are Ches and Betty Fullerton who brought in a beautiful six-point bull elk from an Idaho hunt and two mule-deer bucks during the Oregon deer season.

Our musicians were so well received when they played at the Open House at the new Redmond Senior Center on September 21 that they have been asked to return and play for occasional dances. The first dance will be on October 26 from 8:00 PM until midnight.

We were all saddened to hear of the October 2 passing of BERTIE HAWES.

Many did not hear of her death until after the funeral, but our deepest sympathy and love go out to you, Robert.

Our October 13 jam brought in over 70 people, including 11 musicians. We were happy to have Bob Huffman from Portland join us. We welcomed two couples from District 6, Wayne and Helen Tracy and John and Lucille Childers. Lucille is taking fiddle lessons and doing great. She got up with the group and played a couple of tunes. Thank you, Lucille, and keep up the good work! Also, there was another couple from Eugene who read about our jam in the Safeway ad. Lucille, showing the true spirit of OOTF, invited them to the District 6 jam. Our guests included former members of District 4, John and Minerva Swearingen, who now reside in LaPine. Other guests were from Touchet, WA, Salem, and several central Oregon towns.

Happy Birthday to Verna Walters on the 5th, Bernice Hanson on the 27th, Ches Fullerton and LeRoy Sims on the 29th. November anniversaries are Ferril and John Klingensmith on the 7th and Frances and Bill Dalton on the 14th. Many happy returns to you all.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe LeVine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jo Barnes; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

With the shorter winter days and the prospect of valley fog, we have decided to discontinue the evening meetings until further notice. November 2 will be our last evening jam and potluck for awhile.

We had a good turn-out for our Oct. 5 jam at the Central Point Grange. Nearly 60 members enjoyed a delicious potluck. Jim Winslow and Odetta LeVine won the door prizes. We had many special guests, to name a few: Nolan and Elizabeth Grissom, Beaumont, CA; Faye and Isom Patterson, Jerry and Irene Ruddock and Richard and Jo Harris, from District 1; Wally Bloom, Dawn Meldrim and Barbara Garcia, District 6; and Edith and Alvin Lewis, Harlin Prince and Lola Holly from District 5. So glad you came. Please come again, soon. Dave Roundy, a new member from Eagle Point, delighted the crowd with several really fast fiddle tunes. It was great to see Jack McCasland playing the fiddle again. His neighbor and fellow fiddler, Carl Dutton, brought him down from Riddle. With 30 musicians signed up and Zelma as Emcee, we had a most enjoyable, fast-moving program with lots of dancers and many listeners. Merle Pasley did a good job with the sound.

Don Luker is home recovering from heart surgery. We miss him and Kathern so much. We hope to see them out and about soon.

Chris Booher is on a USO tour, playing on military bases in Japan, Korea, Guam, and Hawaii. He will be home around the end of November.

Guy Kinman has returned from a trip to Texas.

Virdo Sigler is up and about after a short stay in the VA Hospital.

Welcome to new members Harold and Clemie McGee from Sutherlin.

And now for the CHRISTMAS PARTY! It is that time of year again. On Sat. Dec. 7 we will have a big potluck feast at 1:00 PM at the Central Point Grange. District 4 will furnish the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring something to complete the dinner. Gift Exchange is fun--but optional.. bring one, receive one. Value not to exceed \$5.00. One problem--the grange is rented for a breakfast, but the group expects to be out by 11:30 AM, so at that time we can start to work in the kitchen and decorate the tables. (Please bring any little decoration that you might have to help out.) Upstairs will be open at 11:00 AM for jamming. Please REMEMBER, this party is for all members, this means YOU! So please come.

We have been playing for nursing homes, senior centers, and small groups have provided music for the Madrone Trailer Park, Madison House and the Fountain Plaza.

November 2 jam will be at the Central Point Grange. Doors open at 3:00 PM for early jamming, short business meeting at 4:30 PM, potluck at 5:00 PM and open to the public at 6:00 PM. Please come.

Hello, from Don and Kathy Luker. We would like to thank all of you for your concerns during Don's recent by-pass surgery. He is doing fine now. During this time, we discovered how many friends we have. Thanks for all of your cards, phone calls, prayers and visits. GOD BLESS all of you. We love you all. Don and Kathy Luker

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

Lew Holt, Chairman Al Lively, Co-chairman Helen Weber, Sec./treas.

The first day of October we were in Reedsport to play for the senior meals at the senior center. We had a good time playing 30 minutes before we ate and then played over an hour after we ate. We are always there on the first Tuesday of the month. On the 2nd Tuesday we played at the nursing home in Myrtle Point. The third Tuesday we were at Life Care in Coos Bay and on the fourth Tuesday we played at Hearthside at 2:00 and at St. Catherine's at 7:00.

On Columbus Day we met at 11:00 at Greenacres for a District 5 business meeting, a potluck at noon, and a dance/jam at 1:00. It was a busy afternoon - with a good turn out of musicians and friends. Again we want to thank the gang from District 4 that came over to help us out. (Bud Richardson, Louise Trimble, Larry Johnson and his mother, and Guy Kinman and his wife)

Our musicians were: Fred Virtue, Alice Holt, Leonard Olson, Pat Kraemer, Guy Kinman, Carl Dean, Larry Johnson, Wes Weygant, Gene Gosney, Lew Holt, Al Lewis, Rose Johnson, Louise Trimble, Dutch Comstock, Bud Richardson, Dan Pullis, Ella Savery, Bill Emmett, Carole Jean Hausman, Betty Lively, Florence Grove, Helen Serfass, Fred Grove, Paul Williams, Betty Wilson, Murrel Walton, Shorty Dow, and Mike Chandler.

Now we look to November. On the second Saturday, the 9th, we will be back at Greenacres for a potluck at noon and music at 1:00. Then we jump down to the 23rd when we will be at the community building in Reedsport for a Thanksgiving dinner. The hall will be open about 10:00, Thanksgiving dinner at noon, and a jam to start about 1:00. We sure hope that you will come and enjoy the day with us. District 5 will furnish the turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy. We would like for you to bring the rest.

Time to put this in the mail so Alice and I can head out for Merrill and the Potato Festival. Happy Fiddling.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kaiser; SEC/TREAS-Lucille Childers

Hi there--where does the time go? It's time for Thanksgiving and next will be Christmas! Our THANKSGIVING-POTLUCK-JAM will be at Willamalane Senior Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield, on November 10. We will be holding a short business meeting at 11:00 AM so please arrive early. By now, I'm sure you know that you are to bring your own table service. It has been suggested that we bring a main dish PLUS a salad or dessert. So often folks in line toward the end have little to choose from, so we ask that you be considerate and bring a generous serving of your food to share. Always remember to bring your serving spoons and mark them so we will get them back to you. Sandy Sanders has contributed money to help provide ham and turkey for our dinner and we thank you SANDY for your thoughtfulness. We need kitchen help--any volunteers?

We've had a request to play at the Springfield Eagles Thanksgiving Day

(November 28) for entertainment for the people who have no families of their own. Is there someone who has an hour or two that day who would like to play for them between the hours of 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM? Call ALLISON at 688-1399. You can pick your own time to play and it would be much appreciated. You could eat dinner there, too. Please call if you can help.

October 4 at Central Grange Joy Halliwell lost her guitar tuner in a black camera case. If found, please call JOY at 747-9894.

We have had several members recuperating from surgeries this month, and I'm glad to report they are feeling much better....Marge Sykes, Jerry Dupuy, Alice McDowell. It seems that the Walker family are still having problems at their house and the biggest is adjusting to the fact of having a TEENAGER among their midst--can you believe Heather turns 13 November 17! Philip has a birthday November 19, followed by Ray Mitchell November 22. Hazel hasn't been feeling her best of late either--to you ALL, our very best wishes for better health and Happy Birthday to you that are celebrating. If you'd like to wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary, remember I have to have the information a month in advance.

I would like to share with you a note I received from Anna Skaife. They have recently returned from a 20-day stay in Wisconsin and stopped in Branson, Missouri to enjoy some country western shows and ran into Winona Spatz. Winona reported that they love living in Branson and that Tony is still entering contests! There were no divisions for his age group, so he had to compete in open class and had won 3rd place in those. We are very proud of you, Tony, and wish you the very best. We miss you and your family.

We are looking for INSTRUCTORS to teach....we want to begin FALL CLASSES and a tentative schedule looks like this:

SATURDAYS 2-4 PM Dance lessons 2ND Sat. night, Coburg Grange Dance

TUESDAYS 7-9 PM Intermediate fiddle

THURSDAYS 8-? PM Beginning fiddle, beginning guitar on ALTERNATE WEEKS

If you can help out in any way, won't you please contact Jim Lockard, 484-6488. We are hoping to be able to hold the classes at the Coburg Grange like last time, but I will give you more information as our plans develop.

With Christmas just around the corner, you might like to order a name tag for a friend or loved one. Remember, the cost is \$6.50 each and Lucille Childers, 688-2976, can fill your request promptly! We'd love to see all of our members tagged so we don't have to rely on our failing memories so much--it's TOUGH TO GET OLD, isn't it?

Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING--we all have so much to be thankful for haven't we?

Helen B. Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Red Arnold; CO-CHAIRMAN-Ace Wehus; SEC/TREAS-Cohleen Finley

District 7 would like to thank all of you who came from near and far to make the State Meeting and jam a BIG success. It was a good meeting and a lot of ground was covered.

Our November jam will be held at the St. Helens Moose Lodge. For those of you who have never been to this fun place, go west on US 30 and turn right at Warren, cross the RR tracks and when you reach Old Portland Road, turn left and go about 1/2 mile. The Lodge will be on the left and the doors open at 11:00 AM and we will have a potluck at noon. Our jam will start at 1:00 PM. We're looking forward to a nice turn-out.

Several of our musicians found that eighth-graders really appreciate fiddle music when they played for an enthusiastic group of them at Ground High School this month. It was fun to go "bak tu skul." Other members of our district played for area senior centers and the Cider Squeeze at Eagle Creek. Also, congratulations are in order for Bob Heinith, who took 1st in the Men's Division at the Seattle Center contest.

The flu has found a lot of us this past month. If you're one of the victims, sure hope you are feeling better. We have some other people in our district who aren't quite up to par. We sure missed Hawley Bloomquist last month...seems he broke his arm while he was recovering from surgery. That's no

way to recover, Hawley!!!! Cactus Finley had surgery the day before the Quarterly Meeting. He is recuperating nicely and should be back to GOLF strength shortly, we understand.

Thanks again to all of you who help make our district run, and to all of you fiddlers who have gotten a year older this month...Happy Birthday. Have a good Turkey Month and Keep on Fiddling.

Jason and Cheryl Barlow, Reporters

DISTRICT 8:

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

The fall has been perfect to play the part of the grasshopper, but we sure could use a good rain to wash the dust from our beautiful trees.

Nov. jam will be in Woodburn on the 17th. It will be our Thanksgiving meeting so ham, turkey, dressing, gravy and rolls will be furnished. Bring vegetables, salad, desserts or relishes. There will be a meeting at 11:00. Dec. jam will be a Christmas one on Dec 15 at the McMinville Grange. Ham, turkey and trimmings will be furnished there also.

Faythe and Leonard Maahs are back from their trip to the midwest. Weather there was lovely, Faythe said, and they had a nice time and are now ready for some fiddling and fishing.

At the State Quarterly Meeting President Zelma Foote asked each district chairman to get one person from their district to work on the scholarship committee with Buck Milligan. If you are interested in doing this, please let Don know. He needs to know by Dec. 1.

Several fiddlers and non-fiddlers are planning a trip to Redding for the contest there and then on to Orville for a jam. Sounds like a real fun trip. Sorry we can't be counted among that group. Anyway, we wish you all a very good trip.

To let you all know, one of our long-time members, Stella Pearson, passed away last month. Her husband, Gus, passed away 10 years ago.

There were 20 entertainers at our Lincoln City jam on Oct. 20. Richard and Esther Anderson--who moved to District 8 country from District 4, Les Tucker from Louisiana, a guest of Bob Crump, were in that count.

Jim Oldham and Ernie Leffler both had birthdays in October. Lew and Jean Standiford, Norman and Jean McGrew had anniversaries in Oct. In November Marvin and Lorraine Chase will be celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Ernie Leffler had a heart attack last week and is in Newberg Hospital. We're praying for a speedy recovery, Ernie.

Often it seems I end on a sad note, there being no more such news, we hope to see you all at Woodburn and there we hope to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. See you there.

Ruth Jones Reporting

DISTRICT 9:

On Sunday, Oct. 13, we started up our monthly jam at the Senior Center, 55 people attended. Walt Cooper, Lloyd Louie, Julia Millison, Daryl Smith and Ruel Teague played guitars. Brick Callaway, Ruel Teague and Stacey Reynolds played the fiddles. Janet Burgess, visiting from McKenzie Bridge played the spoons. Daryl Smith, Julia Millison, Ruel Teague and Stacey Reynolds did special music.

Recently an original promoter of the High Desert Fiddle Contest, Red Baily, passed away.

Sunday, Oct. 13, Daryl Smith celebrated a birthday. Happy Birthday, Daryl!!

Stacey Reynolds, Reporter

WANTED: Fiddler in SE area of Portland available for informal jams in Foster Home on Powell and 118th. Accompanist provided. Small fee or time-barter available. Call Donna, 668-4696 or 668-6161.



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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOREVER!"

(TO BESSIE BUKER ON HER NINETY-THIRD BIRTHDAY, FROM ROBIN SLOCUM, Washougal, WA)

I never knew Grandma at forty-three,
But some things I know with a certainty:
She had ten children; the world was at war.
She'd stretch every penny and wish there was more!
I wonder what future she could see
When Grandma was forty-three.

I sure knew Grandma at fifty-three.
She'd already spent two years keeping me.
The house also held Grandpa, Lola, and Joyce,
Norman and Mom. We had lots of noise!
We were very busy with our family --
Grandma and me, when she was fifty-three.

I forgot to look when she was sixty-three.
Right then I was all wrapped up in me.
I'd come for a visit, but never be there
Unless in the bathroom fixing my hair.
Why didn't I care? How shallow of me!
When Grandma was sixty-three.

How much I enjoyed her at seventy-three!
I'd finally grown up enough to see
That grandparents are precious, especially mine,
And I cherished their visits every time.
Grandpa was fiddling, and Grandma was free
To travel with him at seventy-three.

Just yesterday she was eighty-three,
And still working circles all around me.
My kids got to know her and treasured the time
They could spend with this grandmother of theirs and mine.
The generation gap was a myth, you see,
In our family, when Grandma was eighty-three.

How did she get to be ninety-three?
Those last ten years slipped right by me.
Now I look back and understand her ways,
For I've seen forty-three and a few more days.
Measure up to this example for me?
Not if I live to be ninety-three.

One twenty-three?
Why not? It could be!
God gave us my grandma to teach us and guide us.
For ninety-three years He's left her beside us.
It's plain to see her warranty
Is good at least for eternity!

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The Home Orchard Society of Oregon wishes to thank each and every member of the OLD TIME FIDDLERS association who accepted and responded to our invitation to bring your instrument and come to the ALL ABOUT FRUIT SHOW at Canby. As a longtime member of the Home Orchard Society, I too wish to thank all my friends and fellow Old Time Fiddlers who came and helped brighten up the show. As a lifetime member of the Old Time Fiddlers, I hope that all of my fellow musicians enjoyed the show as much as I did. It was fun way to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. Again, A HEARTY THANK YOU to all for a job well done. Jonathan J. Summers

