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COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT	
Jan	4 Potluck, Jam, Grange	Central Point	4
	11 State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Grange	Coburg	OOTFA
	12 Jam, Senior Center	Bend	3
	12 Meeting, Jam, Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
	19 Meeting, Finger Food		1
	19 Jam, Community Hall	Newberg	8
Feb	1 Potluck, Jam, Grange	Central Point	4
	2 Meeting, Jam, Potluck, Willamalane	Springfield	6
	9 Jam, Senior Center	Gladstone	7
	16 Jam, Business Meeting, Election, Grange	Woodburn	8
Mar	7 Jam, Potluck, Grange	Central Point	4
	15 Jam, Senior Center	Estacada	7
	18-21 State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
Apr	10-11 Lincoln City Contest, Elks Lodge	Lincoln City	OOTFA
May	15-17 State Certified Fiddle Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA

NOTES FROM YOUR TOE TAPPEN PRESIDENT: HAPPY NEW YEAR----The next few months will be very busy for the OOTFA. This is great, as it gives us an opportunity to get together to fiddle, visit, and learn. The OOTFA Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, January 11, 1992, 10:30 a.m. at Coburg Grange Hall. (To reach Coburg, take Exit 199 off I-5 and go west about one mile.) There will be a potluck and jamming in the afternoon. District 6 will be our host.

On the agenda will be items pertaining to the OOTF Annual Conference March 18-21, 1992, in Roseburg and the Oregon Certified Fiddlers Contest May 15-17, 1992, in Lebanon. Ways to make the best use of our Scholarship Fund will be discussed. The Scholarship Committee will meet in the afternoon to consider suggestions and formulate guidelines.

To be presented at the Quarterly Meeting will be a request by OOTF members in the northern part of District 4 to form a new district. They have notified members in the area of their intent and have held a meeting to discuss the forming of a new district. To date they have the required number of signatures. They have followed the by-Laws Standing Rules, as well as suggestions from the officers. Many excellent musicians and workers are in this area, and it appears the forming of new district would enhance our organization. If approved at the January 11, 1992, OOTF Quarterly Meeting, they have set January 18, 1992, Sutherlin Grange Hall as an organizational meeting to elect officers.

My quote for the month is: DOING NOTHING IS THE MOST TIRESOME JOB IN THE WORLD BECAUSE YOU CANNOT QUIT AND REST.

Keep Fiddling,
 Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; CO-CHAIRMAN-Sandy Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Faye Patterson

Can you believe that another year has come and gone? 1991 has brought the good and some bad to us. Our hope for the new year is that it will be good for all.

We need the new and young to some day take our place in the OOTFA. We need to help them in any way we can. Sandy is doing his part. He has 2 fiddle students.

We had a lovely Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and the food was delicious. We have some good cooks. Sarah Furrey, Irene Ruddock and Bill Noble had birthdays, so we celebrated with a beautiful birthday cake. It was good to have Irene and John Lewis, Lu Smith, Rosa Lee and Homer McLain from Lakeview, and Wilma Hunt come for the party.

The fiddlers played for the opening of the Timberline Community Bank in Tulelake, Senior Citizen luncheon in Merrill and Klamath Exchange Club. On January 11 we have been asked to play for a benefit for Mr. Stacey 2-4 at the fairgrounds. Call Irene for further details.

Birthdays for January: Naomi Voss, 3rd; Al Nelson, 5th; Velma Nelson, 13th; Jo Harris, 19th. Anniversaries: Irene and John Lewis. December 4 was Louise and Jack Pollock's wedding anniversary and I overlooked it. Sorry. Have a happy day.

We have another new member--Justin Alcorn and his family. Justin is our young fiddler. Keep fiddling, Justin.

Next meeting January 19th, 1:30. Bring finger foods. Happy New Year.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

Whew! Another busy holiday season is past and a new year has arrived, bringing memories of good times and wonderful friends from last year and anticipation of the "coming events" of 1992.

Over 80 attended our Christmas Potluck and Jam December 8 at the Bend Senior Center. We had 17 musicians and 3 visitors. Konrad Robic, a special guest, was born in Yugoslavia and came to Canada in 1957. Several years later he met a vivacious brunette from Oklahoma who played guitar and sang gospel songs. Ruth and Konrad were married in 1983 and now reside at Crooked River Ranch. Konrad delighted the crowd with his Yugoslavian concertina, a beautiful and unusual instrument. Two of our favorite guests were present, Butch Cleveland, who plays guitar and sings, and last but not least, (except in size) was 9-year-old Hillery Sporalsky, granddaughter of Betty and Ches Fullerton, who joined her grandfather to sing several songs.

Welcome to fiddler Roland White, a former District 7 member, who now lives in Sisters and has become a member of District 3. Also, a big welcome to new members Konrad and Ruth Robic.

January birthdays are: Bill Dalton on the 14th, Shirley Sims on the 15th, Jane Thompson on the 21st, Don Hanson on the 24th, and Hazel Flock on the 31st. Many more happy birthdays to you all.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

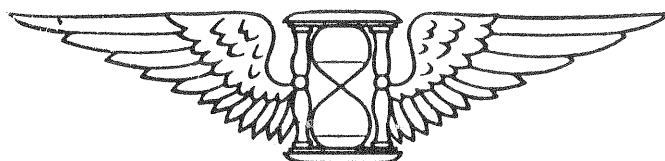
DISTRICT 4:

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

Happy New Year from District 4! Hope it will be a good one for you.

Our Christmas Party on December 7 was one of the best ever. The Central Point Grange was beautifully decorated, and our 75-80 members attending were in a holiday mood for a fun-filled afternoon.

Many thanks to one and all for the delicious food that they brought for the dinner. A special thanks to Zelma Foote, Doris Barkley and Pauline Winslow for preparing the turkeys and ham; Dorene Winkelman for the dressing and lovely holly; Ralph Byers for home-made rolls; Paula Pasley for taking care of the gift



exchange and Odetta Levine for keeping things moving in the kitchen.

A. J. Frazier came up with a really neat little auction to raise \$41.00 for the coffee fund. Many thanks, that was really appreciated.

Joe Levine had a short business meeting and gave out door prizes to Jim Summers, Neva Flood, Pauline Winslow, Ruby Downing and Maxine Modrell. We had a full afternoon of music with 27 musicians signed up. Don Luker was MC and Merle Pasley took care of the sound. Modrells from Canyonville came the farthest, and we all enjoyed seeing two long-time member fiddlers, Jim Hoots and Van Southwood.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 4, 1992, at the Central Point Grange. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for early jamming, short business meeting at 11:30, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

February 1, 1992, and March 7, 1992, potluck and jam will be the same as above. Don't forget our next potluck and jam on January 4. See you then!

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

Lew Holt, Chairman

Al Lively, Co Chairman

Helen Weber, Sec./Treas.

Time to eat again. We do well at eating. The grange hall was full of people and food when it was time to sit down at 12:00 on Saturday, December 14th. District 5 and the Greenacres Grange joined together for the afternoon. After the delicious meal we moved back the tables to make room for the dancers and started our show.

We were pleased to have Guy and Velma Kinman, Dennis and Thelma Allan, Wes and Gayle Curtis and Larry Johnson and his mother, Ida, join us from District 4N. Lloyd and Esther Shriber came down from District 6. We put Lloyd to work as the MC for the afternoon. Thanks Lloyd

Lew Holt, Al Lewis, Ella Savery, Dan Schaeffer, Gene Gosney, Rose Johnson, Leonard Olson, Guy Kinman, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Larry Johnson, Ida Johnson, Dutch Comstock, Pat Kraemer, Fred Virtue, Carole Jean Hausmann, Wes Curtis, and Alice Holt -- all signed up to play. When ever you aspire to play and are down in the dumps - just think of Ida Johnson who started fiddling at 86 (now 87) - just a year ago - and who got up on the stage and did a very fine job of playing two tunes. So don't ever say, "I can't, I'm too old."

Now to the new year. January 7th we will be at the Reedsport Senior Center at 11:00 to play and to eat. The 11th we will return to Greenacres for a potluck at noon and a jam at 1:00. Then on the 14th we will play at the nursing home in Myrtle Point at 2:00. On the 21st we double up and play at Life Care at 2:00 and at St. Catherines that evening at 7:00. We end the month by playing at Hearthside on the 28th.

Happy New Year from all of us in District 5 to all of you.

Lew Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope you had a lovely holiday and you have all of your New Year's Resolutions made and you are complying with them! That's why I never make any--too hard to keep!

First things first--THANK YOU to the 12 musicians who answered my call to play for the SPRINGFIELD EAGLES on Thanksgiving Day for their special dinner. I understand it was well-received and the Club took up a collection and presented it to us with "thanks."

We had a lovely visit from SANTA at our Christmas party at the Lebanon Moose December 1st. Good attendance and an extra special turkey dinner was

served by the MOOSE. We all got heavier with those yummy pies, cakes and cookies the Auxiliary prepared. We bought a lot of new equipment, and after the boys got it adjusted, it really sounded great! Frank and Joy Smith, District 7, and Melanie and Colleen Brauner, Shorty Allen and Lew Standiford all from District 8 played music for our enjoyment. It's always nice to have guests from other districts--hurry back.

Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser had just returned from an extended trip back east and were saddened to learn upon their return their daughter Donna had her family are being transferred to Boise due to job advancement. We wish them well and are certain the girls will continue to advance in the heart of Fiddle country! Best of luck, Melanie and Colleen, we'll miss your playing for us, but truly believe you'll be visiting Grandma and Grandpa often and will visit your old district, too.

We've had sadness strike our membership again. On December 2 DALE MCCOY, age 86 years, passed away, ending almost a months stay at McKenzie/Willamette Hospital. He had a lovely service conducted by Bob Kaiser with a group of his friends providing special entertainment. We will miss DALE, he was such a dedicated member of District 6. To MYRTLE and WAYNE, our love and deepest sympathy. We, too, share in your loss. MYRTLE asked me to thank you all for your many kindnesses and to tell you family, friends and fiddlers donated money and she was able to purchase a double headstone for their grave and she appreciated everyone's concern. A memorial potluck in DALE' honor was held December 13 at Thurston Grange with a large crowd attending.

DOROTHY PAYNE'S brother passed away, too. Our love and deepest sympathy to you your family, Dorothy.

We are happy to hear EVERETT BENNETT'S wife FLORA is feeling better, and HAZEL WALKER, too. Hazel is able to work four hours a day now. Now it's JACK'S turn--we understand he had a minor operation recently. We hope all is well, Jack.

In conjunction with the Coburg Fire Department, dance lessons will be held beginning January 4 each Saturday evening, 7-9 p.m. at the Coburg Grange Hall. Our usual second Saturday night dance (11th) will be held as usual with the students practicing with us. We hope to have a lot of interest in these classes to make the instructor's time worthwhile. Won't you join them, please?

A reminder--January 11, District 6 is hosting the STATE QUARTERLY MEETING at 10:30 a.m. at Coburg Grange. Potluck at 12 NOON with continued meeting and Jam following in the afternoon. That's our Saturday night dance as well, so we hope everyone will plan to make a full day of it. District 6 will provide turkey and ham for the potluck, and may I ask you to be generous with your dishes as we expect to have MANY out-of-district guests, and travelling with potluck fare is difficult sometimes, so let's provide a delicious meal for our guests. Bring a hot dish together with salad or dessert please, with your serving spoons and table service. If you have any questions, contact DEE DEE KAISER, who so thoughtfully volunteered to be our kitchen chairman for the event. Please help her in any way you can.

We have TWO birthday celebrities that we know of--Allison Roberts, January 19, and John Childers, January 22. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, folks, and to all others celebrating whom we are not aware of.

CORRECTION---A mix-up in January dates. January 19 as was reported in last HOEDOWNER for ALBANY EAGLES in INCORRECT. We DO NOT play in January at the EAGLES. They have scheduled another group to play on that date--I'm sorry.

On February 2nd we will hold our next potluck-jam at WILLAMALANE SENIOR CENTER, 215 West C Street, Springfield, Oregon. Come early and help set up the chairs and stuff, please. Potluck is 12 NOON. Remember, we will be holding a short meeting that date at 11 a.m.

I'd like to remind you at this time, our STATE CONVENTION in Roseburg will be in MARCH. It's a good time to get your order to Lucille Childers (688-2976) for your name tags so they can be made and available. We want to know who you are and that you, too, are proud to wear the emblem of our organization with pride! They cost \$6.50 each--won't you get yours ordered immediately, because there is always so much to do at that time of the year, and give Lucille a break

to get it done early. Thank you.

Helen B. Tracy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

A special thank you goes out to all of the ladies who prepared and served the fine Christmas Dinner and all of the people who brought all of the fine food for our potluck. We have a lot of loosened belts in the district after this feast!!!

As long as thanks are going out, we would like to mention a few people who have given their all, and then some, to make our district run this year. Our entire staff has done a wonderful job of keeping us together. Kevin Snelling has provided us with our sound, and watching him carry all of that equipment, set up, take it down, and haul it away again makes us realize just how important non-fiddlers can be to us. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE JUMPED IN AND HELPED THIS PAST YEAR.

Our Christmas Jam at Canby was a huge success. We were visited by lots of out-of-district people and some of our own fiddlers that we had not seen in a while. Forty two people signed up to play and several others figured that we had enough on the list and just jammed and listened. It is always great to have Carol Ann Wheeler stop by and we welcome Hollis Taylor home from Gay Paris. She has been gone since October, and we sure missed her. Bet she has some stories!!

Here is another reminder of the State Quarterly Meeting at Coburg on January 11. District 7 will have a meeting January 12 before the jam in Forest Grove. This meeting will be a good time to discuss the results of the State Meeting. The Senior Center is located at 2037 Douglas Street. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. for the meeting, and we will have a potluck at 12 noon, with jamming beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Cleta Haven has had a hip operation and if all goes well, she will be home from the hospital by the first of January. Let's show her some of our fiddler-type support. There are others out there who would like to hear from us, and this is a real good time to get a card out. The Post Office has quieted down a bit, hopefully.

Alex Steinmetz passed away on December 21. Our sympathy to his family.

Happy Birthday to Nat Hitchborn and to all of you who are having birthdays or other special occasions this month.

If you have not paid your dues for the coming year, it's that time again, and with all of those contests coming up, you don't want an expired card. Have a healthy and happy year in 1992, and remember that music (especially fiddle music) has been proven to be a great stress eliminator ("Unless you are practicing for a contest," Jason says).....

Jason and Cheryl Barlow, Reporters

DISTRICT 8:

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

What a wonderful group of people met at McMinnville for our December Jam. There was lots of good food, visiting, and at times got a little noisy, and music to please the most sensitive ear. It was good having all those wonderful people from other districts. In all, there were 32 entertainers.

January birthday wishes go to Alan Ede, Jeanne Johnson, Jackie Stephenson, Bob Hughes, Johnnie Leigh, Mable Neal, Jess Neal, Frank Smith and Steve Fedorko. Anniversary wishes to Leonard and Faythe Maahs and Don and Daisy Simons. We wish you many more.

We hear Alex Steinmetz has passed away. Please remember Elizabeth in your prayers. They have been to many of our jams.

Leonard Maahs had hip surgery and is recovering quite well, however it will be some time before he is up and around as he was before the surgery. He wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits and calls. You were missed Sunday, Leonard.

Bud Beck had word his brother passed away, Bud our sympathies go out to you and family.

Our next jam will be in Newberg January 19 at the Community Center. That is one block off 99W on the right if going east and 2 blocks if going west. I

don't remember the street. February jam will be a business meeting and an election. Please remember.

We hope everyone had a good Christmas. A happy and prosperous New Year is wished to all by District 8.

Ruth Jones Reporting

FOR SALE: Very nice Taylor Guitar and case, \$1400. Gary Lake, 935-2308

Here's wishing each and everyone a happy New Year. I have changed my address to: 519 W. Harrison Street, Roseburg, OR 97470. My new phone number is 672-3752. It can snow anytime now because I'm ready for winter. The musicians here are super. Your secretary, Linda Carver.

Thank you for the pretty cake, good music, cards, phone calls and flowers for our 52nd anniversary. Dennis and Thelma Allen

A NOTE TO JOG YOUR MEMORY ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Now that the holidays are over, check to see if you have paid your 1992 OOTFA dues. I have already processed nearly 500 members. This includes Life Members who have paid and includes about 40 new members. There are still quite a few of you I haven't heard from yet.

I am very pleased with the way so many of the Life Members have sent their \$12.00 for the Hoedowner. At the 1991 Convention the membership voted that Life Members should pay dues to cover the cost of printing and mailing their Hoedowner. In October I sent a letter to each Life Member explaining this decision and assuring them that they will always be Life Members, even if they choose not to receive the Hoedowner. (Charter Members will still receive the Hoedowner at no cost.) Nearly half of all Life Members have already sent their \$12.00. Thanks everyone!

Alice Holt, 2611 Liberty St., North Bend, OR 97459

The following is not: a) an editorial comment, b) anything personal about anyone by anyone, or c) about OOTFA in particular. Just something I read.

FOUR TYPES OF BONES

It has been said that the membership of every organization is made up of four types of bones. Which type are you??

1. WISH BONES--are those who sit around and wish everyone else would do all the work.

2. JAW BONES--do all the talking but very little of anything else.

3. KNUCKLE BONES--knock everything that others try to do.

4. BACK BONES--are those who do all the work with little or no help.

What have you done recently to help your organization? Where were you when others needed help? When was the last time you dropped a few lines to someone without having heard from them first? When was the last time you attended a meeting of your group? How many times have you made excuses for yourself when you could have been there or done something to help?

WHICH TYPE OF BONE ARE YOU?

Be honest with yourself. Those who know you already know the answers.

(The End)

DEATH VALLEY WALTZ

Notation by Warren Colebank
Based on a tape from Joe Hanson

The musical score for "Death Valley Waltz" is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The notation includes various chords and melodic lines. The chords are: G, D7, G, D7, G, C, G, A7, D7, G, D7, G, G. The score includes a double bar line with first and second endings. The first ending is marked with a '1.' and the second ending with a '2.'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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