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COMING EVENTS

									DISTRICT		
Aug	2	Picnic, Tom Pearce Park								Grants Pass	4
	8	Founders Day, Ralston Park	August							Lebanon	6
	8	Jam, Potluck, Grange	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sutherlin	10
	9	Jam, Senior Center							1	Bend	3
	9	Polk County Fair	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rickreal	8
	12	Clackamas County Fair	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Canby	7
	13	Community Center	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	King City	7
	16	Picnic, Jam, Armitage Park "J" Section	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Eugene	6
	19	Lane County Fair 10-5	30	31						Eugene	6
	29	Canyonville Contest	September							Canyonville	OOTFA
	30-Sept 7	Warwick Campout	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Williams	OOTFA
Sept	5	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center			1	2	3	4	5	Rogue River	4
	12	Fairgrounds	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Lederville	1
	13	Jam, Senior Center	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Salem	8
	19	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Recreation Hall	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Merrill	1
	20	Willamalane Senior Center	27	28	29	30				Springfield	6
Oct	3, 4	Cranberry Festival								Bandon	5
	11	Senior Center								Gladstone	7
Nov	15	Elsie Stuhr Senior Center								Beaverton	7

Sometimes the grapevine of comments isn't too favorable, but the last two weeks I have heard more compliments from around the state about our Fiddlers and Back-ups. People are saying they are doing a great job. Little do you realize the happiness you bring to many people. It brings back memories.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers helped 21 students under 18 to attend the workshop at Booher's. Each student was very appreciative. They have been encouraged to attend the local jams, so make them feel welcome. As to workshops please make a goal for your district to have at least one workshop locally. "Old Time Fiddling" will be lost if we don't make every effort to pass on the art of playing it.

Some great constructive suggestions have been received, but more are needed. One area of concern in the resources that the State has depended on is getting less and less. Fairs are hiring more noted professionals and we don't have the revenue coming in from them. Thanks to the few districts participating in playing for the fairs. The cost of publishing our Hoedowner is constantly rising. It takes almost all of our dues money to publish and send out the Hoedowner. The past year the Convention was self-supporting, but without your help the Contest wouldn't have been self-supporting. These are two activities the State sponsors. We need to face facts and work together

to make what we have better.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be September 26, 1992, in Reedsport at the Community Center. Please reserve that date and plan to attend if possible.

Quote: Those who try to do something and fail are much better off than those who try to do nothing.

A Toe Tapper
Zelma

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Faye Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Irene Ruddock; SEC/TREAS-Harold North

So far our summer has been busy for our musicians. A group went to Sprague River for the Lyons Club barbecue. As the next day was the 4th of July, Gary Rarden had all singing patriotic songs. Carrie Rarden and Lane's grandson entertained with their fiddle and guitar. We played at OIT for the Red Cross Benefit. Everyone had a great time at Veterans Memorial Park for the Ross Ragland Theatre "Round-up of Arts and Crafts." Good music, dancers, booths of all kinds. Kinds of reminded me of an old-fashioned 4th of July picnic. Then on to the Western Bank Barbecue. Diamond Lake campout. More later about this event.

We still need help for our jam in Cedarville. Everyone is welcome. Saturday Sept. 12 from 10-1 at the fairgrounds. Bring your campers and stay overnight. We're thinking of getting together and having a fabulous dinner at the Basque restaurant in Alturas. It's 18 miles from Cedarville.

Welcome to four new members: Jerry Benson, Keno; Mardell and Russell McFall, Tulalake, CA; Kelly and Evan Chronister, Klamath Falls; Liz Watson, Klamath Falls.

August 22 we play at Mrs. Baldwin's ranch, west of the airport in Dorris, CA, 8-10 PM. Call Jo or Dick, 884-9852 for more information on how to get there.

Happy Birthday Sandy Sandusky, 22nd of Sept; Dick Harris, 26th; and Harold Turrey, 29th. Have a happy day, Sherie and Ray Lane on your Sept. 4th wedding anniversary.

The Recreation Hall in Merrill is being used on our regular meeting day (Sunday), so it's changed to Sept 19. Meeting 1:00, potluck 1:30, jam at 2:00.

See you in September. Stay happy.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Don Hanna; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jack Kerr; SEC/TREAS-Billie Kitchens

July was a busy month for District 3. On the 11th we enjoyed a potluck dinner and a jam at the home of Shirley and LeRoy Sims at Lapine. Following dinner the group traveled to Pauline Lake to provide entertainment for the Saturday evening portion of a large family reunion.

The next day, July 12, was our Jam. Bill and Winona Spatz, former District 3 members, joined us for the Saturday and Sunday events. Our July 12 Jam brought out about 70 persons. Guest musicians were Bill Spatz of Branson, MO, and Arlo Hamilton of Eugene. Arlo has a summer home near Lapine and we are hoping he will be around for more of our Jams. Our other guests came from Boring, Scappoose, and Junction City, OR. The couple from Junction City read about our Jam in the Safeway grocery ad and drove over for the day.

On July 18 our musicians played at the High Desert Museum from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Time out was taken to enjoy a bountiful and delicious potluck dinner served by the rug hookers of Central Oregon.

WELCOME to District 3 new members David and Cynthia Ledder and George and Dorothy Brumbach.

August anniversary congratulations for 52 years of marriage go to Ed and Vi Perret on the 3rd. The only birthday we have listed for August is Jack Kerr on the 21st.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Bill and Winona Spatz' telephone number is 417-335-8350, NOT 8530 as listed in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers 1992 Directory. Sorry about that, Bill and Winona.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Joe Levine; CO-CHAIRMAN-Merle Pasley; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

July 4 was cool and damp, but not the enthusiasm of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers! Our members showed up in great numbers and put on a good show for a pay job at the Central Point City Park. Our guests were: Dennis and Thelma Allen, District 10; and Irene and Jerry Ruddock and his mother from District 1, Klamath Falls. Many Thanks to one and all for a fine job.

The prayers and best wishes are needed from the many friends of Betty Deckard for her recovery from her recent cancer surgery. It has been a slow process with occasional setbacks. Hopefully, Betty will be back, soon, with her harmonica and guitar.

It is travel time again. Bud and Ruth Applegate have planned a nine-day trip to Kansas City, MO, visiting relatives. Jim Winslow flew to Fort-Worth-Dallas, TX, for a family reunion. All are returning on July 29. Sylvia K. and Jim Hoots are enjoying a two-week campout on the Snake River to do a little catfishing.

Dan and Terry Flood and Linda Scruggs, children of Vic and Neva Flood, have invited everyone to the Roxy Anne Grange on Saturday, August 22, for a potluck and Jam. Doors open at noon, potluck at 1:00 PM. This will be Vic and Neva's 50th wedding anniversary. Bring instruments, please, but no gifts. Dance and have fun all afternoon.

Redding, CA's, gain is our loss. The Reitan family is transferred back there, leaving in August. We will all miss Darren, Alma and Verne very much. Darren is one of our brightest stars, and we have enjoyed the many changes as he has grown, now up to the ripe old age of 15.

Donna and AJ Frazier will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a party at the Rogue River Senior Center

Donna and AJ Frazier celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party at the Rogue River Senior Center on July 18. That evening the Fiddlers played several hours at the Central Point Grange for a fundraiser, benefit for Frank Silva, who is in need of a liver transplant. We raised \$257 for him.

We are invited to play at Union Creek July 24 and 25 and August 15 for the Lions Club at the Prospect Jamboree. Walter and Zelma Foote are looking forward to a visit from their daughter and family from VA the last of July.

Our annual picnic will be August 2 at Tom Pearce Park on the Rogue River near the I-5 south exit from Grants Pass. 10:30-4:00.

September 5, Saturday, we will have a potluck and jam at the Rogue River Senior Center. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., short business meeting at 11:45 a.m, noon potluck and jam all afternoon.

Have a good summer.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Pat Kraemer; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Whaley

Greetings from District 5. We have a new name on the letter head. Our secretary, Helen Weber, will be moving this fall so Chairman Pat has appointed Ruth. We have enjoyed having Helen as our Sec.-Treas. and want to thank her for her efforts.

District 5 had a large delegation attend the contest at Weiser this year. Hear that everybody had a good time. Congratulations to the winners from Oregon.

Several of us from District 5 ended June and started July by camping at the O. O. T. F. A. campout at Lee Jones. We had a great time. Congratulations to Lee and Ruth

on their 50th wedding anniversary. Meanwhile back at the ranch a good sized group turned out on the 4th to play at the barbecue for the VFW in Bandon. Pat wants to thank everybody for their support. On the 12th we helped dedicate the new North Bend Senior Center. We played an hour before all the formalities of ribbon cutting, mayors, senators, etc. and then played another 30 minutes at the end. Then the next Thursday we went back to play for our lunch. By the time you read this we will have played (on short notice) at the Salvation Army in Coos Bay and of course at the big jam at the Grange Hall in Winchester Bay on the 26th.

August will be a quiet month here in District 5. We will play in the grove at the county fair on the 14th. We are scheduled for 3:00 but knowing us we'll be playing at 2:00 or even earlier. (The big show will be on the big stage at that time but they won't bother us and we won't bother them.)

To be specific - I will have gone in on the 22nd for my surgery and by the time you read this, I should be home and hopefully playing a tune or two. Again - thanks for all your calls and cards. Your prayers and love are appreciated. (July 23rd P. S. from Alice: Lew's surgery went fine. He should be home in about a week. Thanks to all our dear friends for their concern and their support.)

Lew Holt, reporter District 5

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-John Davis; SEC/TREAS-Ray Mitchell

UPCOMING EVENTS: SATURDAY AUGUST 8-FOUNDERS DAY LEBANON RALSTON PARK, MAPLE and OAK. (Take Main Street to Maple, turn left and follow to park.) We play 10:15 to 11:15 and 12:15 to 1:15...ALL MUSICIANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME PLAY.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16...ANNUAL PICNIC AT ARMITAGE PARK...(From Coburg toward Eugene cross McKenzie River. Park is on the right. There is a \$1.00 per car charge to enter the park..COLD POTLUCK 12 NOON. Bring your plates, cup, silver and serving spoons and have all cakes, pies, etc. cut and ready to serve. There is no kitchen available. ALSO, bring folding chairs for your comfort.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 LANE COUNTY FAIR. 10 AM TO 5 PM MUSEUM AREA. MUSICIANS FROM ALL DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THIS FUN EVENT.

NAME TAGS are available from Lucille Childers 688-2976, cost \$6.50.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAITHFUL MUSICIANS WHO HELPED AT COBURG DAYS.

Especially those who came from other districts.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS: Bob Kaiser, Co-Chairman--Lucille Childers, Sec/Treas--Helen Tracy, Reporter.

ON OUR SICK LIST: Earl Payne had surgery July 13..Wishing him a very speedy recovery. Hury and get well..we miss you at the jams. We are happy to report that Frances Orr is now done with her cancer treatments. HOWEVER, she is having problems with her leg. We wish you a speedy recovery and really miss you. GET WELL SOON.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES: to Sherry and Rick Dobson, 2 years on August 26... Lucille and John Childers, 54 years on August 28...Evelyn and Budd Turner, 34 years on August 16...Wendy and Ray Mitchell, 8 years on August 14....

BIRTHDAY WISHES: to Helen Tracy, 17th...Joy Halliwell, 1st...Rosalie Russell, 11th...Budd Turner, 17th....

CONGRATULATIONS to: Sheri Lake and Bob Puckett, married on July 9 in Corvallis. We wish you both many happy years together.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 343-5868 OR WRITE BOX 5426 EUGENE, OR 97405.

Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Red Arnold; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; SEC/TREAS-Cohleen Finley

We will be playing at the Clackamas County Fair August 12 from 11 AM till 1:30 PM. There will be only one show this year. Your instrument will be your pass to get in. As of this writing it was undecided how many parking permits we could have.

Our September jam will be at the community center in King City. To get there on 99W go through Tigard to King City, turn right at the ARCO station, then a real short block, then right another block. The center will be on the left. The doors will open at 10 AM. Wayne Holmes will conduct a fiddle workshop from 10:30 till 11:30. Please be on time as no one will be allowed in after the workshop begins. The workshop will be on technique and style.

We will also have a guitar workshop in November at the Senior Center in Beaverton. It will be conducted by Cactus Finley. This is your club and we are trying to help you. If these workshops are successful, we will have some more, so let us know what you would like.

We would like to congratulate all our players who entered the contests near and far and emerged successful. And a special congratulations to the players who left the stage with your head held high, a lump in your throat, a tear in your eye but no trophy, for without you it wouldn't have been much of a contest.

Those of us who went to the campout would like to thank the Joneses and their crew for a fine campout this year. Everyone really enjoyed it. It was great meeting old friends again and a lot of new we never met before.

We lost one of our dedicated members last month, too late to get in the Hoedowner. Ruth Indergard passed away after a lingering illness. She loved fiddle music, was always willing to help wherever she could and always had a cheerful smile. She will be greatly missed.

We still need someone to carry the coffeepot and help with the potlucks. Or maybe we should just break out the old thermos jugs, who knows, we might not have enough water for coffee anyway.

I neglected to mention that we will have a potluck at King City at 12:00 noon. If I forgot anything else, it can wait till next month.

Red Arnold reporting

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Don Simons; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Standiford; SEC/TREAS-Ruth Jones

Jones campout was a great success--lots of food--lots of music--only one day of rain--a good campground. Jones Anniversary Party--a big success--very well-attended.

Art Marsland is sick again. Harold Cope had a small stroke July 2, but is home now, doing fine. Audrey is doing fine--but still under doctor's care. Edna Riche passed away the first part of July. Dave Robinson is having back problems. Sympathy goes also to Lew Standiford family, they lost a brother-in-law.

Congratulations to Leonard Maahs on his 7th place in Weiser.

Yachats Smelt Fry went off real good, despite the low attendance, only 17 showed up to play. I want to thank all those who played, also those who came to listen.

We had a good crowd both at Yachats and the Waldport Senior Center. We had six players from other districts, one out-of-state, then our 10 regulars. With all the sickness, vacations, and Weiser we were lucky to have that many players.

Ruth Jones takes over the Sec/Treas job, I'm sure Lee will give her lots of help.

Our thanks go to Faythe Maahs for her many years of faithful service. She done a real fine job and we will miss her on the staff, but are glad she will still be in the group.

August birthdays: Keith Dunn, Harold Cope, Lee Jones, Lorane Chase, Don Wood. Anniversaries: Charley & Vi Jensen, Keith & Betty Dunn.

DON'T FORGET THE POLK COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 9 AT RICKREAL 1-5 PM--THAT'S ON A SUNDAY. ENTER THE NESBITH PARK ENTRANCE, NORTH OF THE MAIN GATE. HAVE YOUR CARD READY. THIS IS THE ONLY JAM FOR AUGUST.

ANY NEWS OF NOTE, PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE CRUMP AT 472-3443 OR DON SIMONS AT 623-4010. WITH RUTH JONES TAKING OVER SEC/TREAS JOYCE WILL BE THE NEW REPORTER.

Don Simons reporting

DISTRICT 10:

CHAIRMAN-Larry Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Guy Kinman; SEC/TREAS-Etta Powell

On June 22 we entertained at Mercy Care Nursing Home. On the 27th OOTFA was represented at the Umpqua Arts Festival, also at Oakland Founders Day.

On July 11 the monthly jam and potluck was held at Yoncalla with 62 signing in. Friends from District 8 came and helped us have a good time. Thanks!

On July 16 our chairman, Larry, judged the Sutherlin Timber Days Amateur Talent Contest. J.R. Swartzendruber entered and did a fine job.

On July 20 we entertained at Mercy Care Nursing Home.

We heard Carl Dutton had surgery, and all of us in the district wish you a full and speedy recovery.

Next potluck and jam will be held in Sutherlin at the Grange. Doors open at 10:00 AM, potluck at 12:00 noon, and jam from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Aug. 8

There has been a suggestion made to have a District 10 campout. There will be a discussion about it at the jam August 8. Be sure to come, interest will be shown by your attendance.

Jan Castillo, Reporter

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

I have my three judges for the upcoming Canyonville Contest. Eileen Witler, Penny Mead, and Marie Akeley are the volunteers. Wally Bloom and Ray Hanson are my alternates. Thanks to all of you.

The contest will follow the same schedule as past years. Sign-up begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 29. A meeting with the judges at noon and preliminary contest begins at 12:30 PM. The Finals will start at 7:00 PM.

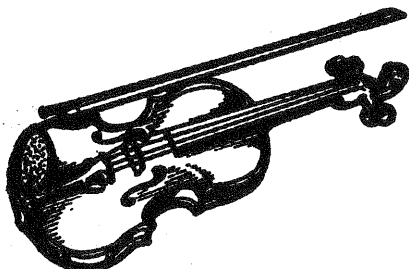
There is one change this year. I have added the category of SENIOR-SENIOR. This category will be open to everyone 75 years or older. The regular SENIOR category will be for those 60 years of age to 75.

Prizes as follows:

	Pee Wee--Trophies only			Accompanists--Plaques only		
JR.JR.	JUNIOR	SENIOR	SR.SR.	INTERMEDIATE	OPEN	
1.	30.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	60.00	75.00
2.	20.00	30.00	40.00	40.00	50.00	60.00
3.	10.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	50.00
4.	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	40.00
5.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	30.00

Camping in self-contained RV's will be allowed at the school. Hope to see lots of fiddlers, accompanists, helpers, and listeners. Those of you who want to do special numbers let me know the morning of the contest. This 26th Canyonville Oldtime Fiddle Contest promises to be a good one. Remember, Pioneer Days runs from August 27th through the 30th with something for everyone to enjoy. And a new addition to Canyonville is the Cow Creek Bingo Hall (High Stakes) which has games from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM every evening except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. COME ON DOWN!

Gynn and Jim Deaton



LEE AND RUTH JONES 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On July 5 approximately 80 people, including members of the OOTFA, guests, relatives, and friends help Lee and Ruth Jones celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the VFW Hall in Willamina. There were people from Texas, Oregon, Colorado, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Washington, and Louisiana.

Their special "wedding music" was played on Minnie Bennett's piano by granddaughter Kim George from Texas. Their favorite song over many years of living together "side by side" was sung and played by Bert and Isla Corrick of California. Lee's friend Jack Bell, whom he grew up with, also played. Special music from 3 PM to 5 PM by musicians from the Old Time Fiddlers.

The food and fellowship was really great. There were many relative, among them Lee's oldest brother and Ruth's oldest sister, who all came for this happy occasion.

There were words of wisdom from son, Scott. Also, grandchildren Kim, Little Lee, and Jeff. How Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa were always there for us. They taught us how to be responsible in life. Lee and Ruth had enough faith in one of the grandchildren they helped him start his own business. One cousin said "they were like a brother and siter to me."

A recipe from Lee and Ruth for a long and happy life together is "Thank God" we are not alike and never go to bed mad.

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Lee and Ruth. May you have many more years together.

Joyce Crump, District 8

TO MY MUSICAL FRIENDS--We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the GREAT friends who helped us to celebrate our 50th anniversary. In addition to our relatives and our Oregon friends, we had musicians from Washington, California, Arizona and Louisiana. There were also many cards and calls from friends who were unable to make it..We lost track of the number of trailers who came and went, but 156 friends and relatives signed the guest book at the reception. The entire operation was a tremendous success, and it couldn't have happened without the help and friendship of the good people of OOTFA who showed they cared. We thank every one of you.

Lee and Ruth Jones



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