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## SEPTEMBER, 1992

COMING EVENTS									DISTRICT	
Aug	29	Canyonville Contest							Canyonville	OOTFA
	30-Sept 7	Warwick Campout							Williams	OOTFA
Sept	5	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center							Rogue River	4
	12	Fairgrounds							Cedarville	1
	12	Fair Parade								9
	13	Jam, Workshop, Community Center							King City	7
	13	Jam, Senior Center							Salem	8
	18	Jam, Senior Center							Pendleton	2
	19	Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Recreation Hall							Merrill	1
	20	Jam, Potluck, Willamalane Senior Center							Springfield	6
	26	State Meeting, Potluck, Jam, Community Center							Reedsport	OOTFA
Oct	3	Jam, Potluck, Senior Center							Rogue River	4
	3, 4	Cranberry Festival							Bandon	5
	11	Senior Center							Gladstone	7
Nov	7	Jam, Potluck, Grange							Central Point	4
	15	Elsie Stuhr Senior Center							Beaverton	7
Dec	5	Christmas Party, Grange							Central Point	4

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### NOTES FROM PRESIDENT ZELMA:

This has been a busy summer for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Doesn't seem possible September is approaching. I have found there isn't enough time to get around to all the fun activities. All of you keep up the good work and keep FIDDLING.

I have been asked by several different people just what constitutes a Jam. In our Standing Rules it reads 20% of all net monies taken in by the district from Jams and Contests shall be paid to the State Association. People are always referring to this when asking about what constitutes a Jam. Possibly a definition should be placed in the Standing Rules.

The State Officers met recently, and upon the recommendation of a tax consultant we recommend that an "Indemnity Clause" be added to the by-Laws immediately.

The State Officers of the OTFA recommends that the following be added to the OOTFA by-Laws:

#### ARTICLE : INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless all past, present, and future directors and officers as identified and defined in these bylaws, and in its discretion and in accordance with law, may indemnify and hold harmless any agent or employee

of this Association of and from all liabilities, expenses, and counsel fees reasonably incurred in connection with all claims, demand, causes of action, and other legal proceedings to which they may be subjected by reason of any alleged or actual action or inaction in the performance of the duties of such director, officer, employee or agent on behalf of the Association. Retroactive to the date of OOTFA incorporation, February 8, 1968.

After reading the Indemnity Clause, I'm certain you find it self-explanatory.

I am calling a SPECIAL STATE MEETING of the OOTFA on September 26, 1992, in Reedsport at 11:00 AM. The purpose of the State OOTFA Meeting will be to add the Indemnity Clause to our by-Laws. The meeting will be held at the Community Center. It is in the old part of Reedsport and close to the Police Station. Adequate parking is available for RV's.

Jamming Friday night, Sept. 25, 6:30 PM; State Executive Meeting, Sept. 26, 10:00 AM; SPECIAL State OOTFA Meeting, Sept. 26, 11:00 AM; Potluck, Sept. 26, noon. Jamming on Saturday after the State Executive Meeting as long as you want to play.

Thanks to the reporters for getting information in early for the Hoedowner. We needed this to have our 30-day notice regarding a SPECIAL MEETING. You, too, are SPECIAL.

Quote: A smile is a crooked line that sets a lot of things straight.

A TOE TAPPER, ZELMA

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#### DISTRICT 1:

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

Our Diamond Lake Campout is past history. Thanks to all who came. Bill and Betty Baker, Tex and Minnie Cox, Bud and Gladys Simmons from Redding, CA; Pat and Rosie from Coos Bay; the Ned Matthews, Coos Bay -- get that fiddle going, Ned. Our good reporter is on vacation, so I don't have names for the other two trailers -- sorry to miss you. Had drop-ins from Medford, Rogue River, and our good friends, Chuck and Betty Bruneau from District 6 (we still miss you).

We will be starting our regular jams again in Sept. 19. Pot luck 1:00, Business Meeting 1:30, jam at 2:00.

Let's all give our best to these events that are coming up: Clairmont House, Aug. 27, 7 PM, (we won't be playing for the nursing homes this month), OIT, Aug. 24, 7 PM; we would still appreciate help on the Cedarville date from any other districts Sept. 12, 10:00 - 1:00. We will take our trailers and stay one night, Saturday or Sunday. Call Faye, 798-5973, Merrill, if you would like to go. We will have a jammin' good time.

Our sympathy to the John Lewis family. John was a District 1 member for many years.

Hapy Birthday and Anniversary to all September people.

Isom and I want to say Thank You to Lee and Ruth Jones for the beautiful campout at your place. The music and fellowship was great. We love you all.

Will be nice getting back to our regular monthly jams again--but the summer is going too fast.

Faye Patterson reporting

#### DISTRICT 2:

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

You didn't hear from us last month. I was too embarrassed to write and say that wh hadn't done anything! Actually, several individual members of our group have been doing some fiddling, but the group as a whole has not had any jams during the summer.

At the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Contest at Enterprise in June, Jennifer Haley placed 4th in the Jr-Jr Division, and her sister, Andrea, came in 2nd in the Junior Division. Good job, girls! Several other of the young people in the district are taking lessons through the summer and jamming together occasionally. Peter Willis participated in the Boohers' workshop,

taking guitar lessons from Ned. he loved it and has almost worn out his guitar practicing. He arrived home to find that his big brother, Casey, had taken 1st place at the Newport (Washington) Contest. Congratulations!

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO COME VISIT US DURING ROUNDUP! We are having a jam/show that Friday, and would love to have lots of you here to share the fun with us. Roundup extends from Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 16-19. The rodeo events begin at 1:15 each day, and there is an evening show (a pageant) each evening. Indians come from all over the country and camp in teepees near the Roundup grounds. The downtown area is partially closed off to traffic, and there is plenty of entertainment -- lots of different kinds -- almost continually. Motels and camping spaces are at a premium, so if you plan on coming, you should make arrangements as soon as possible. My home (with 2 extra single beds and a little parking space) is only about a quarter of a mile from the Roundup grounds, and other OOTFA members and friends might also have some beds and/or camping spaces. Just call and we'll try to help you work out accommodations. My phone number is 276-0350. Hope to see y'all soon!

Peg Willis, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4:

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

How better to spend a hot summer day than a picnic in the park? On Aug 2 the Tom Pearce Park on the Rogue River was ideal, providing lots of shade and seating for nearly 100 faithful musicians and listeners. We had 80 seated for super good potluck with an abundance of food and hot and cold drinks. During the afternoon more members drifted in. Don Luker was MC and kept the 15 musicians signed up and on time. Levines, Lukers and Floods had their pretty little grandchildren there, and Tommy Grissom brought his brother and sister-in-law, J.T. and Betty, from Hesperia, CA. It was nice to see Barbara Garcia, our Hoedown Editor. She and her dad, Tom Barkley, made pretty music together. Hank and Maxine Modrell came in from Canyonville. Caroline and Joe Srezik, from Williams, played several songs. They attended Boohers' workshop last month, and are coming right along with their fiddling.

Ray Hanson had a massive heart attack on July 19. He is now at home recovering with his new pacemaker, but must take it easy for quite awhile. Betty Deckard is on the mend and soon will be back to our jam sessions. Mary Lowe had back surgery. Our best get-well wishes for a speedy recovery to all.

Going back to July 25, a special Thanks to Don Lindsey and the others who went from playing at the Heritage in Medford to the campout at Union Creek. Joe Levine reports that it was a big success.

Aug. 8 and 9 a large number of members played for the new RV Park in Shady Cove. Aug. 15 found many musicians at the celebration in Prospect. On Aug 19 a group will play at the Madrone Hill Trailer Park. Sept. 12 we are invited to play at the Oak Lane Retirement Center in Grants Pass. BBQ is included.

Our next Jam will be Sept 5 at the Senior Center in Rogue River. Doors open at 10:30 AM, short business meeting at 11:45, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00 PM. Oct. 3 jam and potluck will be at the same time and place.

Did you leave any flatware at Jorgenson's party? If so, call Marion.

Soon will be Fall. Where did the summer go?

Don't forget our jam on Sept. 5.

Pauline Winslow, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5:

Pat Kraemer, Chairman

Lew Holt, Co-chairman

Ruth Whaley, Sec./Treasurer

Fiddlers don't get summer vacations and that is just the way we like it. We have been busy. We want to thank all of you out of district people who came to Winchester Bay on July 26 to help out at the Ocean Festival. This is one of our "biggies" and we always have a good time. August 9th we gathered on a beautiful sunny afternoon to play for the Eagles' picnic in Coquille. Besides all of the district 5 people who came, Joe Barnes and Paul Lakey came over from district 10 to enjoy music and the picnic with us. We enjoyed having Bobby Williams, our young fiddler from Reedsport, there and Bobby Bowlin, a six year old fiddler, from Palmer, Alaska and his parents. By the time they read this they will be back in Alaska for the winter.

Many of you know Pete Miller our favorite janitor at the state contest in Lebanon, he and his wife were there, too, as the guests of Shorty and Charlotte Dow.

After the Hoedowner goes to press we will have played for a picnic at Bullard's State Park near Bandon on the 13th, at the Coos County Fair in Myrtle Point on the 14th, and back at Bullard's on the 18th for an evening performance. As we look forward to September please mark your calendars for Bullard's on the 8th at 6:30 and we will be at the fair in Langlois on the 12th about noon. Where in the world is Langlois? It is 16 miles or so south of Bandon on Hwy 101. Check with us if you have any questions about these events. And of course we host the state meeting in Reedsport on the 26th. Please don't forget the Cranberry Festival in Bandon during the week-end of October 3rd and 4th.

In May of 1985 Alice and I stopped at the police station in Eunice, Louisiana and asked where Dewey Balfa lived. We were directed several miles out of town to his house in the rice fields. We knocked on the door, introduced ourselves and he invited us in. We bought his latest record and had a nice visit. That fall we went to Corvallis to one of his concerts and introduced ourselves during the intermission. He remembered us. Last month we heard on NPR that Dewey Balfa had died at 65 of cancer. To Alice and me and people all over the world he was one of the greatest old time Cajun Fiddlers. Truly a great man and musician.

Did you see the ad on TV for the festival in Junction City? Wasn't that Wally Bloom playing the fiddle. One more time -- thanks to you all for the cards, calls, visits, hugs, and all of the other nice things that you have said and done. It makes getting well a lot easier.

Lew Holt, reporter District 5

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Joy Halliwell; CO-CHAIRMAN-John Davis; SEC/TREAS-Ray Mitchell  
UPCOMING EVENTS: SUNDAY, SEPT 20, WILLAMALANE SENIOR CENTER, C & WATER STREETS  
SPRINGFIELD, OR. Center is open at 10 AM, POTLUCK at 12 noon. Bring your favorite dish and place setting (plates, cups, silverware and napkins). Have all pies, cakes, etc. cut and ready to serve. We will need help at 10 AM to set up chairs and tables. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. ALSO, anyone who can help in the kitchen please do. Your help is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to Starr McMullen on winning the Adult Division at Pend Oreille International Oldtime Fiddlers Contest in Newport, WA. This certifies her for Weiser in 1993. ALSO, her daughter Erin placed 7th in the juniors...Keep up the good work. We are all proud of you.

We thank all the musicians who helped at Founders' Day in Lebanon and at the fair in Eugene. Especially those who came from out of district.

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Tootie Williams, married July 4th. We wish you many happy years together.

ON OUR SICK LIST: Frances Orr is still having problems with her leg. We wish her a speedy recovery. Nice to see Earl Payne out again after surgery.

We were deeply saddened by the tragic death of JUNE GOBLE. She has been a member for many years. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Lloyd & Esther Shriber, Sept. 10th, 44 yrs; Glen & Josephine Wagner, Sept. 14, 54 yrs; Bob & DeeDee Kaiser, Sept. 18, 44 yrs.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO: John Davis, Sept. 17; Ken Halliwell, Sept. 15; Walter Orr, Sept. 12; Anna Skaife, Sept. 16; Gary Lake, Sept. 24; Darla Miller, Sept. 30; and MINE, Sept. 13. A BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH TO Jim Lockard, Aug. 7; and Carol Lockard, Aug. 21.

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

HAVE SOME NEWS? PLEASE CALL 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

As of this report the Canby Fair has not taken place yet, so will have more on that next month.

Our next jam will be Sept 13 at the Community Center in King City. To get there, take highway 99W through Tigard, just beyond Tigard is King City.

Turn right by the light at the Mobil Station, go a real short block and turn right, go two blocks, and it will be on the left. The doors will open at 10 AM, workshop at 10:30 till 11:30, then a short report from the sound equipment committee. There will be a potluck at 12:00 and the program at 1 PM.

There will be a fiddle workshop at our District 7 jam in King City in September 13. The purpose of this workshop will be to instruct us in ways to play tunes better, not to learn one particular tune. Wayne Holmes wants to share with us what he thinks we should know about bowing techniques and basic principles of dynamic fiddle playing. You are encouraged to bring tape recorders. The workshop will be held from 10:30 till 11:30. We have only a limited time available, so please be on time.

We will also have Cactus Finley conduct a guitar workshop at our Beaverton jam. If we get good response to these workshops, we will have some more.

Keep fiddling, and we will see you in September.

Red Arnold reporting

#### DISTRICT 8:

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

July and August have been busy months for District 8. Yamhill County Fair was a great success, it went very well. We had musicians from other districts and two from out-of-state. They want us back next year.

There was a large delegation of musicians from several districts who played for the Polk County Fair in Rickreal. Great music!!

Thanks to all who played at both fairs; also, thanks to those who came to help and support the OOTFA. We need all of you.

We have several new members and we welcome all of you. We thank you for joining our district.

Sept. 13 is our monthly jam at the Salem Senior Center in Keiser--3864 N. River Road. Potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00 PM. DON'T FORGET THE BUSINESS

THE BUSINESS MEETING AT 11:00 AM.

Our Sick List: Don Wood was back helping the fiddlers out after surgery. Glad to have him back. Harold and Audrey Cope were out supporting the OOTFA at the Rickreal Fair, also Shorty and Virgie Allen. Good to see them out after illnesses.

Birthday wishes: Norman McGrew, Joy Smith, Jeanette Robinson, Gene Stephenson. Anniversary wishes: Frank and Joy Smith, Allen and Joy Smith.

Word comes from our chairman that a few complaints have come to him; about the dress code of some. Please remember we are representing one of the finest groups in Oregon. So be proud to be a part of the OOTFA, dress clean and conservatively and make people proud of you, too.

Joyce Crump, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 9:

**CHAIRMAN-Walt Cooper; CO-CHAIRMAN- Jula Milleson; SEC/TREAS-Ruel Teague**

Greetings from District 9!!! This definitely has been a VERY BUSY summer.

All of us from District 9 would like to thank all of the Oregon and out-of-state fiddlers who came to Burns and helped with the Country Music Jamboree. It was certainly nice to have all of you folks, and we couldn't have had such a great time without you.

We played for the nursing home each month.

We will be playing in the Harney County Fair, Rodeo, and Racemeet Parade in September.

Paula, Stacey, and Montie Reynolds will be moving in August sometime. We haven't gotten their address yet, but as soon as we get it we will let our fiddling friends know!!

Hope to see you all again real soon!!!!

Stacey Reynolds, Reporter

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FOR SALE: Pevey Foundation Bass, Pevey TKO 65 Amp. \$500 or trade for or on a stand-up bass. Call Gary Lake, 955-2308.

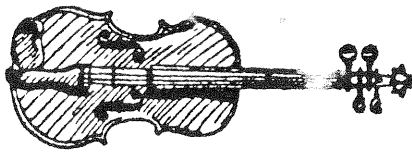
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The other day Alice and I received a letter from one of our O.O.T.F.A. members telling how much they had enjoyed old time fiddle music over the years. The person enclosed a check for \$500.00 to be used towards the Hoedowner expenses and wished to remain anonymous. To respect the donor's wish no name will be mentioned but all of us want to thank the donor from the bottom of our hearts. (Lew Holt)

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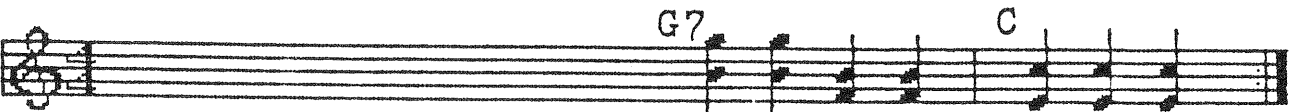
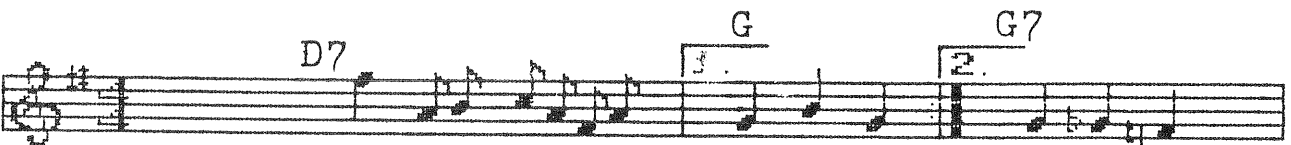
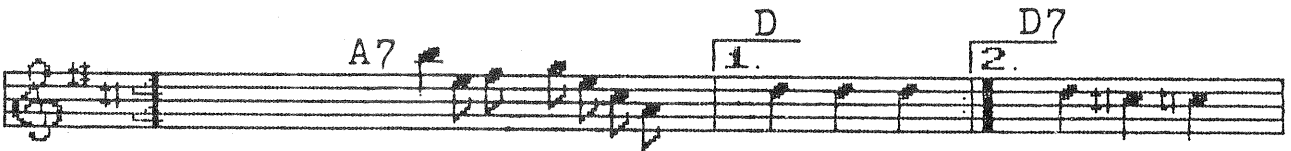
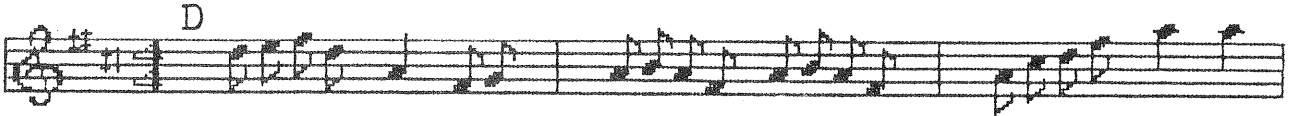
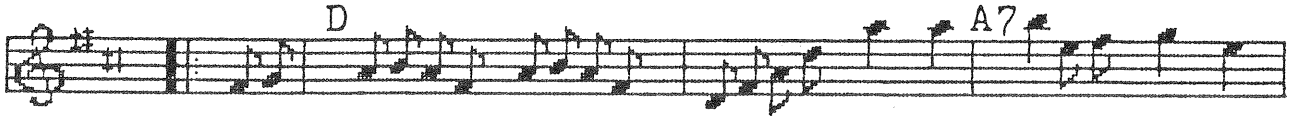
This one to the Farmers among you:  
'Twas not my hand That planted seeds Or plucked from fields Unwanted weeds.  
It was not me That prayed for rain, Or sunshine for the Planted grain.  
'Twas not my body Bore the heat Or worked the fields To harvest wheat.  
'Twas not my doing Seeds were sown But by the Farmer's hand, Alone--Anne-MeLynn Clark.





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Notation by  
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