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Coming Events

December

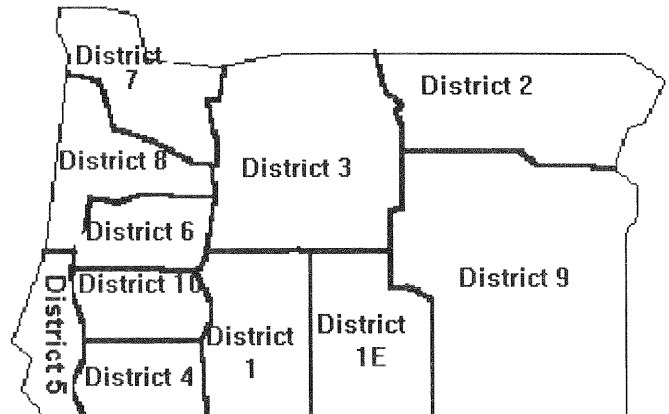
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9	P'ck, Jam, Sr. Ctr.	Estacada	7
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15	Mtng, p'ck, jam Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10



The Prez Sez

Here in Roseburg, we have been enjoying some beautiful Indian Summer days and now that we have Halloween behind us with all the costume parties with screaming witches, howling cats, talking ravens and many other novelties they sell at the local stores, we can start think about paying our 1997 dues since November is the start of our membership drive (and may I remind you when you send in your dues, please include the 4 digit number following your zip code, this number can be found on some of the bills you receive and other correspondence. If all else fails, you can go to the post office and they will give you this number. It will allow your Hoedowner to be mailed 1st Class at a reduced rate.

November will also find us sitting around our Thanksgiving table with our families and friends giving thanks for the many blessing we have bestowed

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."

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District 1

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 Co-Chair: Virgil Schmoe (541) 884-4051
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"Holiday Greetings"

It's still rather quiet in our area as far as music playing goes. Tho some of our members have been traveling. Lu Wells & Irwin Johnson enjoyed a trip to Branson, Mo. Faye and Isom Patterson went to Death Valley, Ca for the fall gathering of musicians. Both sure sounded like a lot of fun.

Our November jam was small in numbers, but we were fortunate to have visitors from other districts. Our State OOTFA president and wife, Lewis and Fran Roy from Roseburg came, also Dave and Doreen Winkelman from Medford. Please come again.

Happy Birthdays are wished to Sarah Furrey on Dec 8; Irene Ruddock, 10th; Bill Noble was 90 years on Dec 13 and Bob Schmoe on Dec 31st.

Happy Anniversary of 47 years to Irene and Jerry Ruddock, on 18th; and Pauline & Leonard McDonald, 52 years on Dec 24th. Congratulations to each of you.

Also we offer our condolences to Jan Lancaster in the recent loss of her sister-in-law.

Our December jam is 2nd Sunday as usual at Merrill Civic Center, in Merrill, Oregon. Doors open at 12 noon, 1 pm meeting and dinner to follow, jam at 2pm. we'll have the traditional Christmas dinner. If you don't know which foods to bring, please call Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418. No Gift Exchange.

Nursing Homes are Washburn Way 3rd Sunday -2 to 3pm. Clairmont Nursing Home, 4th Thursday evening 4:45pm and Clairmont Retirement Home 6:45 pm (same evening). These people enjoy the old time music, please come and play and share the Holiday Spirit with them.

Come and join us. Everyone stay well and Happy Fiddlin'.

Cherie Lane Reporter for OOTFA District 1 (541) 882-1595

District 1E

Chairman: John (Shorty) Stone (541) 947-3825
 Co-Chair: Eric Leffingwell (541) 947-4982
 Secretary: Beverly Perry (541) 947-2334
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Hi Folks:

Due to the flu bug, colds and sniffles and other unkind things floating around, our monthly business meeting on the 11th of November was cancelled; almost everyone being stricken by one or two of the above. So no new jams are in sight other than the one on November 23rd.

On October 26th we had a jam at the Memorial Hall that was supposed to be a costume Halloween party, and the only ones showing up in costume were Jim and Jan Lancaster from District 1. there were dressed in frontier outfits, made music with us and everyone had a good time, costumes or not.

We were happy to have as guests at the November 9th jam, our state president and his wife, Lewis and Francis Roy. Lewis sang several good numbers and we were so very pleased to have them with us. Doc and Marie Walker, Eric Leffingwell, Larry McLain, Homer, Billy McLain, Doug McLain, Linda Miller, Clyde Lynch, Bill Myers, Myrle Shepard and Short Stone were the 1-E performers. This was another fun jam enjoyed by all.

Here's wishing a happy and love filled Thanksgiving to all of you folks.

'Til next Time. God Bless.

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ATTENTION FIDDLERS

Swing Workshop by Penny Mead on December 7th from 9am -4pm. (There were too many conflicts for Sunday). The workshop will be held at my home in Sandy. The cost is \$12.50 and includes tape and materials. If you have a self-contained RV come and camp-out for the week-end. The workshop will be limited to 20 people. So call (503) 668-8900 and reserve your seat!!

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District 3

Chairperson: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**
Co-Chair: **Jack Bloom**
Sec/Treas: **Ken Jordan (541) 389-9746**

Last month I went to the grocery store in search of a pumpkin for Thanksgiving freshly baked treats. You've seen those pumpkin patches, there are hundreds of them. Well, after tugging, lifting and pushing, I finally found the right size, then lost my balance. That pumpkin falls, didn't crack, but rolled and rolled and rolled. Here I am in 4 inch heels chasing this pumpkin and wishing that the darn thing would stop or at least hit a bump --anything! Needless to say, it stopped and I was worn out and the pumpkin, still without a bruise or scratch. People looked at me as though I was nuts, especially when I yelled "Stop that Pumpkin"! I, of course, buy the darn thing. It's got to be special after that ordeal. Mom will cook it up and bake pies. After all, I had the hard chore of catching the pumpkin this year.

Our Jam Session at the Senior Center was Jam-packed! We had a total of 122 people! WOW!! Lots of great music, new additions to our District and new faces in the crowd.

Next Jam at the Senior Center on 5th and Kearney will be December 8th 1:30 -4:30. This will be a special jam because we are also having our District Christmas Potluck that day. Dinner will be at 12 Noon and if you can come, please bring a dish or two of your favorite recipe to share. All are encouraged to come and enjoy a great meal and some great music with some great people.

We want to welcome our new members to District 3 -Rudi and Carla Booher from Sisters. Rudi plays violin and guitar, and Carla is learning both instruments. It is great to have you here and we look forward to having you play in

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District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine (541) 582-1069**
Co-Chair: **Merle Pasley (541) 582-1924**
Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621**

Hi-De-Hi-, Oregon Fiddlers!

To our "Snowbirds" in Arizona, Texas and points south, we're missing you. And you are missing the beautiful rain, rainbows and . . . you're missing the leaves! Red, yellow, orange, a sight to see as they waft gently down. Two, six, forty, a thousand? Yikes! Well, what's a million leaves? A hundred years from now who will care? Tell you what, "Snowbirds" come back with some new "old songs" and I'll save you some nice brown leaves, ok.

At our November (Thanksgiving) jam, we had a goodly amount of fiddlers and good backup musicians. What a pleasure to have visitors entertain us too. Young Norm Fisk, Al Nelson, Irene and Jerry Rudick from Klamath, Billy Ritt and Al Greshen from Grants Pass and new member and multi-talented, Shyrie Coomler. Thank you folks for sharing your talents.

Unsung heroes in the kitchen step forward! Take a bow! Good turkey and fixings!

Folks there will be a repeat of good foods December 7th at our Christmas jam. Remember, Valley View & Spring, Roxie Ann Grange, Medford.

Keep well everyone, this coming month will be even busier and please remember prayers for our friends who are ailing, Alvy Shoemaker & Alex Lopez.

Remember Folks: at Christmas time, money talks. . . but credit has an echo — Talk to you next year -

Merry, Mary Armstrong

Remember: Ruth Applegate says: "you can't make anything right by doing the wrong thing worse"!

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We had a very nice meeting, potluck and jam in October, and will be enjoying another this Saturday, the 16th.

Our Holiday Dinner is planned for the 14th of December. Those whose LAST name starts with A thro L, please bring desserts, and those whose names start with M thro Z bring vegetables or salads. The turkey and ham will be furnished by the district. The last minute plans will be taken care of at the November meeting.

I would like to remind our members that if you have a bit of news that you would like to share with our Hoedowner readers, please feel free to drop me a line and be sure to sign it.

We need to make a new list of Birthdays and Anniversaries, so we can express our congratulations to you. Please help me make a new list, for the old one is misplaced.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS OUT THERE. It is a joyous time to make music and share our goodwill. GO FOR IT, you GREAT FIDDLERS. May God Bless you all.

Happy Fiddlin'
 Reporter -Ruth Whaley (541) 888-4430

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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 Sec/Treas: **Mark Ratzlaff** (541) 485-2175
 Co:Treas: **Ruth Montgomery**(541) 995-6629

Since time seems to be marching on faster than I like, let's see who will be celebrating birthdays in December. They are: Vera Kinman, 2nd; Mark Carmickle, 6th; Sierra Morasci, 9th, Brian Pruitt, 15th; Wayne Tracy, 18th; Betty Hawkins, 19th; Lloyd Shriber, 23rd; Janice Davison, 25th (yes, really!), and Mike Garcia, 31st.

Also December congratulations for the following anniversaries: Frank & Freida Chandler, 9th; and Roy & Margaret Voss, 26th.

Just as I predicted, we had a great time at the Morningstar Grange late in October. We'll have to do that some more...and will. We'll keep you posted.

Since this news must go to press before we have our Thanksgiving Jam at Willamalane Senior Center, on November 24th, I'm sure it was a great bash by the time you read this.

Don't forget our December 8th jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. They always furnish us a great lunch, wonderful hospitality, and a great afternoon with our music and enthusiastic dancers. If you have the Christmas spirit and are real careful you might even see Santa. Keep your eyes open!!

Although the Friday night dances at the various Granges are not official OTF functions, we add our music to theirs and participate in the dancing, etc. The dances at Franklin Grange

have been discontinued. Instead, the third Friday of each month will have a dance at the Spencer Creek Grange. We will notify you at a later date where the "odd" Friday will be held (only in a five-Friday month). There will be a jam

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Rozanne Spann
 says:

Thanks all of you
 for your calls,
 cards and prayers.
 You have all been
 appreciated during
 my recent illness.

Thank you Friends
 Curly and I send
 our thanks to all of
 our special friends
 for the prayers,
 cards, calls, food
 and flowers. You
 are truly special to
 us. We are gaining
 in strength each
 day. Allison
 Roberts.



Your Name
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District 7

Chairman: **Joy Smith** (503) 829-5234
Co-Chair: **Ida Colby** (503) 557-8709
Sec/Treas: **Susy Spencer** (503) 524-4563

Here we are think of Christmas shopping and holiday festivities again. Funny how quickly the year passes -Did you notice that, too?

Time for another reminder about our Christmas Party and Jam to be held on December 7th at Beaverton's Elsie Stuhr Adult Center. Remember, the district provides meat, potatoes, dressing and gravy and we bring the rest of the food and the good cheer.

To get there from either I-5 or Rt. 26, take Hwy. 217 to the Allen Blvd. exit and go west to Hall Blvd. Turn right on Hall and go to 12th and Hall. The Center is at 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. next to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

There's one more chance to attend what will soon be the historic jam at Canby. Please join us on Saturday night December 7th from 6 -10pm at the Canby Senior Center on Ivy Street for the last jam. Bring your friends.

It's reported that several of our musicians were at the Sunnyside Grange open house on November 2nd to help with the entertainment. They enjoyed the program provided by the grange as well.

On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Joy and Frank Smith on the recent death of Joy's Mother. Joy had been away helping to care for her until her death.

Yours for a sharing and caring Holiday season.

Think Happy thoughts and keep smilin'!

Marie Smith, Reporter (503) 829-5880

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District 8

Chairman: **Lew Holt** (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair: **Johnny Leigh** (503) 472-8518
Sec/Treas: **Faythe Maahs** (503) 472-7032

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving, and are getting ready for the Christmas Holiday. Got your shopping done yet?

OOTFA, and especially District 8, will miss our Willis "Shorty" Allen, he died November 3rd. Fiddlers played two hymns at the graveside service on a foggy morning. The service was followed by a potluck, lots of happy music and remembrances of Shorty. Mary and Roy Allen (Shorty's son) want to thank everyone who participated, and those who visited, called and sent cards. We'll all miss his happy smile and his good music.

Our jam at McMinnville on Nov. 17th was well attended. It was standing room only. Robert Terry kept bringing out more chairs until they were all gone. We had a super good potluck dinner. Thanks everyone who cooked, set up tables, served the food, and cleaned up. Our kitchen crew is great! Jean Standiford brought Christmas decorations and sold raffle tickets to benefit our district. Fun! We had a short meeting to discuss our upcoming playing dates and places.

For our first jam tune, we played Amazing Grace to honor Shorty Allen. We had 32 musicians signed up to play. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Tillie McFee made her fiddle debut. She played Rubber Dolly and Old Joe Clark. We're all proud of you Tillie! Thanks all you out of district people who attended. We love to see you.

Sunday, December 15, we'll meet at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Doors open at 10 AM. Potluck at noon. Jam at 1 PM. Meat, potatoes and gravy, rolls and coffee furnished. It is suggested that people whose

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Starr McMullen will be teaching a beginning progressive, style fiddle workshop of Hoe-downs and Rags at her home in Corvallis. The date is February 8th from 9am to 3pm.

Chad Terrusa,
Scholarship
Chairman.

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District 9

Chairman: **Carl Cross (541) 573-7821**
Co-Chair: **Walt Cooper (541) 573-3417**
Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517**

Can you believe it? Christmas time again. Where did the time go? This is my favorite time of the year. Playing those Christmas songs, eating good food, enjoying family and friends, eating good food. Oh! I said that already, didn't I?

Reporter Ramblings:....

One of my past times at Christmas is to watch people's faces as they shop for that special gift for someone. Faces light up when they find the perfect item. When you're playing, have you looked around at the audience's faces and watch them light up when they hear something they like. It sure makes a person's day to know that we are doing a little to brighten their day. For me, that makes my day, too.

At this time of year, we all (myself, included) tend to forget that this is a time of celebration of a birth. A birth that has affected all our lives. Thanks to Him, I'm still here to ramble on and play and sing the songs of old-time music.

We held our monthly jam at the senior center here in Burns. Not too many people, those that played were: Walt Cooper, Julia Milleson, Janet Burgess, Lloyd Louie, Roy Reed, and me. (If I have left out anyone, I'm sorry!). Some of the group played at the nursing home this month also.

Calendar of Events:

December 8th is our Christmas Potluck and jam. Margaret Teague is fixing the turkey and the gravy. Everyone is supposed to bring a side dish or some kind of a dessert. If it turns out like last year, we'll enjoy some great food and music. If you are in our area, drip in and see us.

December 9th. We will play at the Burns Nursing Home, playing Christmas music.

December 20th: we will play at the Aspen's house. We will be doing a Christmas show for the folks there. They really like our music and let us know about it. (smiles all around). It makes a person feel good inside.

FROM ALL OF US IN DISTRICT NINE: We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!
Carl Cross, Reporter PO BCC 823, Hines, Or 97738-0823

District 10

Chairman: **Bob Hanson (541) 672-6929**
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522**
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501**
Co-Sec: **Leah Shroll (541) 459-5474**

Our condolences to the family of Dennis Pickett, his brother recently passed away.

Also our thoughts go to Maria and Kate Gates and family. Their son recently had cancer surgery in Portland. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Dick Shroll is back in the hospital. We wish you a quick recovery.

It is sure nice to see Ida Johnson back playing the fiddle after her recovery from surgery.

Jack Kerr (District 7), we wish you well and a speedy recovery.

We welcome our new members: Alvin and Edith Lewis, Dorothea Wyatt, Jan Castillo's mother (who recently moved to Roseburg from Weed, California) and Roseann Fouts and Pat Winn.

Sunday, December 1st will be jamming and dancing at Winston Community Building from 1 -4pm.

December 21st, We will be having our Christmas Party at noon starting with a potluck. District 10 will furnish turkey and ham. We will jam and dance from 1 -4 at the Winston Community building. No meeting.

Happy December Birthdays to: Peggy Krohn, Dick Miller, Bud Werley, Velma Benefel, Gayle Curtis and Alta Tackett.

Happy December Anniversaries: Dennis and Thelma Allen, Tracy & Ellen Smith, Tom & Marlene Shepherd.

January playing dates: Jan 5th Jam and dance from 1 -4 Winston Community Bldg.

Jan 18th Meeting & potluck, Jam and dance 1-4 Winston Community Bldg.

February playing dates: Feb 2nd, Jam & dance 1 -4 Winston Community Bldg.

Feb 15th, meeting, potluck at noon. Jam & dance 1 -4pm. Winston Community Bldg.

Reporter, Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

OOTFA MEMBERS 1997 DUES ARE DUE NOW

Thanks to all who have already paid.

Hope to get renewals from the rest of you as soon as possible. See the renewal form in this issue. Remember to include your +4 number in your ZIP Code. We get a cheaper rate.

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our jams.

****SPECIAL NOTE**** If you have always wanted to learn how to play violin, who better to learn from but Rudi Booher. That's right, Rudi will be holding classes at Central Oregon Music here in Bend. If you are interested, please call (541) 549-4826 or (541) 389-2278.

Homer and Rosalee McLain from Lakeview were at our Jam session as well as Joyce Anders and Harold Miller from Estacada. Glad to see you and have you with us.

Guess what? Marie Nelson is learning to play the guitar...cool, huh? I understand her new nickname is "Sore Fingers Nelson". Well, I know how sore your fingers can get, and I am here to say...You go, girl! Can't wait to see you jam with the group, just keep playing!

Get well wishes to Jack Kerr, who underwent surgery. We miss you and look forward to seeing you soon.

December Birthdays: Rene Delude, 6th; Vi Perret, 16th; Ada Harris, 25th; Peggy Bloom, 25th.

December Anniversaries: Evelyn & Fred Martin, 7th; Ada & Cliff Harris, 23rd; Mark & Ernie Slay, 28th.

From District 3 to all: May you and Yours have a Safe, Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. Well, folks, keep warm and bundled up and mostly take care of yourselves. God Bless

Signing off....your Reporter
Ernie Slay (541) 923-8861

The Prez Sez cont.

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upon us by the almighty and I hope all of you had a joyous Thanksgiving dinner.

Christmas and the New Year is just around the corner and again I hope all of you have a very happy and joyous holiday season.

Some of the activities I have been able to attend and enjoy are Shorty and Charlotte Dow's 50th Wedding Anniversary party. A good time was had by all. I attended a jam with the members of District 1E at Lakeview and believe me, this group and are a credit to our organization for their hospitality, fellowship and the courtesy they extend to all members who attend one of their functions. Thank you, Shorty, you can be very proud of the membership of District 1E. I attended a District 1 meeting and again the hospitality, fellowship and courtesy was extended from the moment I walked into the door. Thank you, Irene. On November 16, I was in Corvallis meeting with some of the State Fiddle Contest committee members to discuss and organize a rough preliminary program for our May State Fiddle Contest. On November 24, I was in Springfield attending their Thanksgiving dinner and jamming on a full stomach. Thank you, Joy for your hospitality. I also played at several places here in District 10. On the 5th of December, I will take a week off and travel to Montana, Idaho, and Washington to attend a wedding of my 49 year-old son. It is his first marriage. I look forward to the visit with many of my old-time friends and relatives.

Our state is divided into eleven geographical areas and your address determines the district that you will belong to. However, some members are paying dues into other districts. This issue was brought to the attention of the executive board which consist of 13 members and by majority, the vote by mail brought the following decision: A Member can pay dues into any district of their choice that they wish to belong to; However, once they have paid their dues into that district, they must remain a member of that district until December 31st of the dues paying year.

Keep making music....
Louie Roy

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at the Coburg Grange Hall in Coburg, from 1 -4 o'clock on the third Sunday in January. These may become a regular event.

In the Punies Department, both Curly and Allison Roberts have been ill and are recuperating. Rozanne Spann is working hard at getting back to normal. Chuck Fortier has moved to California near relatives and has been quite ill. We miss his cheerful smile and his dancing.

Keep Smiling,
Your Reporter, Thelma Shephard. (541) 726-0419

Thelma Sez: It's not what you are that counts: it's what people think you are that counts.

The tapes, books and videos are still available to borrow in the District 6 Library through Ray Mitchel and Judy Clement. No Charge. (541) 342-2816.



STATE CONTEST NEWS

We have received three State Contest Division sponsors---Western Helicopter Service from Newberg is sponsoring the Pee Wee Division. 4R Suffolk Ranch from Roseburg is sponsoring the Jr. Jr. Division. Cartwright Music in Salem is sponsoring the Young Adult Division. And so far, we have received very generous donations from Guy Kinman and Norman Fiock. The contest committee invites any and all of you to donate to the state contest. A letter will follow in January explaining in detail our need and how the money is to be used.

Lew Holt

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last name starts A through L brings salads. N through Z bring desserts.

We're going to have another raffle in December. Any donated items are welcome. For instance something handmade, a decorative item or homemade goodies.

In January our jam will be at the Senior Center in Newberg. More details in the next Hoedowner, but remember, this will be a brown bag lunch, no potluck. (No kitchen facilities there).

Robert Terry will be nominating committee chairman for next year's District officers. Let him know if you are interested in being an officer, or give him your suggestions.

Keep warm, stay healthy, and play music every chance you get!

Be happy and keep Fiddlin'

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377



OOTFA PATCHES

The large patches that we put on the back of our vests have arrived.

They are available to districts if an officer orders a group of them at \$6.00 each. I will take all of them to the quarterly meeting in January and make them available to the districts. Many of you have been wanting them.

Lew Holt

ATTENTION

New OOTFA Members

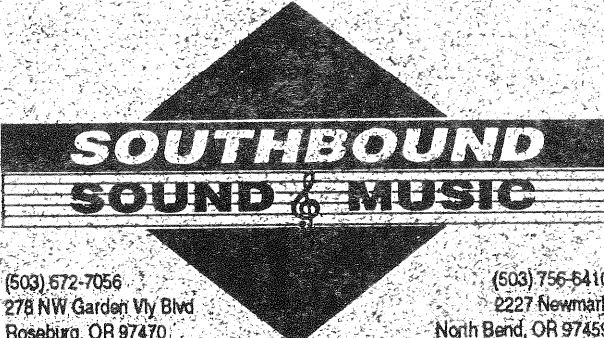
Those bright Blue and Yellow OOTFA NAME TAGS make wonderful HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Call Helen Tracy. You will see her ad elsewhere in this Hoedowner. They are \$7 mailed.

**WINTER OOTFA
QUARTERLY MEETING
January 12, 1997**

IN SPRINGFIELD at Willamalane Senior Center. Doors will open at 8am for those who want to arrive early. The meeting is set for 9am. Directions to Willamalane from the freeway are: Take the Glenwood exit (first one south of the Willamette River), Go north across the overpass and down the hill to Franklin Blvd. Go east into Springfield, immediately after you go across the bridge, take a left turn on Mill St. to "C" Street and make a left -go into the parking lot.

For those who would like to come in on Saturday, we have arranged with the Coburg Grange to open their parking lot to campers who would like to spend the night. And....they have invited us to a Saturday night jam and dance. There will be dessert for sale that evening. We would like to see a good turnout for this evening. Thank you, Coburg for inviting us. For directions: take the Coburg exit just north of Eugene/Springfield area and just north of the McKenzie River. Go west into the town of Coburg and make a right on the main street. Go two blocks and the grange is on the right.



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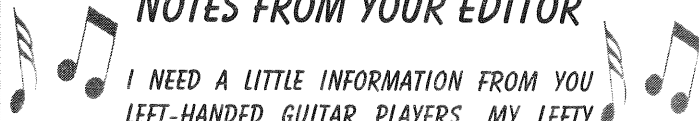
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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



I NEED A LITTLE INFORMATION FROM YOU LEFT-HANDED GUITAR PLAYERS. MY LEFTY HUSBAND, KEN, IS CONSIDERING PLAYING THE GUITAR. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR OPINION IS. WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO HOLD THE GUITAR? LEFT? RIGHT? SHOULD IT BE RESTRUNG? HE IS UNDECIDED HOW HE SHOULD PROCEED AND I HAVE TOLD HIM ALL I KNOW. (MORE THAN HE WANTS TO HEAR!) HELP! ANY INFORMATION WILL BE RECEIVED GLADLY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING IN DISTRICT 6 (ONE PROJECT). FOR 2 OR 3 YEARS NOW, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, ABOUT NOON -TWO O'CLOCK. FOR A WHILE WE WERE MEETING IN A RESTAURANT -BUT THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN MEETING IN THE "BARN" AT DORRIS RANCH ON SOUTH SECOND IN SPRINGFIELD. THIS OLD FARM IS NOW OWNED BY THE CITY AND ADMINISTERED BY THE PARK DISTRICT. WE ARE USING IT FREE OF CHARGE. THIS IS WORKING WELL FOR US, WE'RE GETTING FROM 6 TO 16 MUSICIANS EVERY WEEK AND A GREAT PLACE FOR BEGINNING MUSICIANS TO GET A BIT OF EXPOSURE TO PERFORMING. OUR MUSICIANS ARE EVER HELPFUL TO TEACH. THIS IS MY FAVORITE JAM.

I TOLD YOU ABOUT DORRIS RANCH TO PERHAPS TO GET YOU TO THINKING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREAS. THE PHYSICAL PLACES TO JAM IS ENDLESS. THE MAIN CRITERIA IS COMFORT, AND ENOUGH ROOM TO ACCOMMODATE SEVERAL PEOPLE. HAPPY JAMMING!

AJOY

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We have enjoyed the many letters we have received with your membership applications. The poor mailman brings a bundle everyday. Now we want to encourage the rest of you to sign up at your district jams or send your membership to us. If you are a LIFE member and send us \$15.00, we do not send you a new LIFE card unless you request them.

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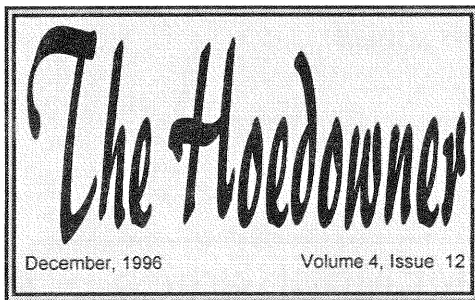
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