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Calendar of Events

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

November

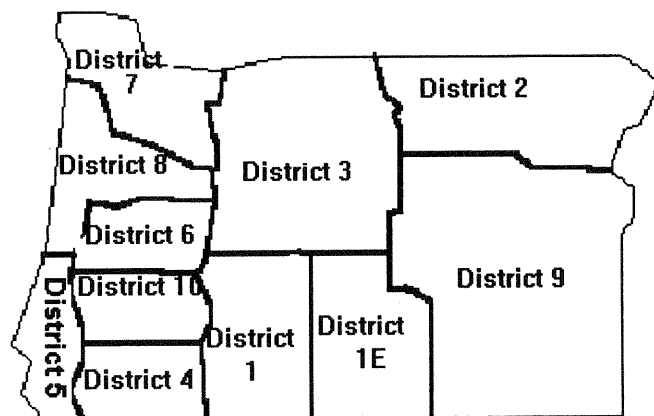
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December

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7	Jam Sr Center	Gresham	7
7	Jam	Lebanon	6
7	Jam Sr. Center	Burns	9
13	Jam Driftwood Hall,	N B	5
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January

4	Jam Sr. Center	Burns	9
11	Jam Sr Center	Gladstone	7



Roger's Rambles

What a great organization we have. To think we are an all volunteer organization, and what we can accomplish with you volunteers. We have already gathered \$700.00 or so for our contest, and district #7 has now donated \$500.00 in addition, so we have a good start on the contest money. Let's hope we can hear from all the districts. Many thanks to Lew Holt for his untiring efforts of fundraising for the contest.

Lew Holt, Jackie and I went to Newport to finalize our agreement with the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The facility should work great for some kind of a show and also jamming. The RV parking is graveled and will be adequate for all of us. The main road by the fairgrounds also goes right down to the waterfront where they have that

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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

Chairman: Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418
Co-Chair: Virgil Schmoe (541) 884-4051
Sec/Treas: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313

Hello from District 1 and Happy Thanksgiving to all of our friends. We had a very good time at the Winema Hotel on Sept. 12. We enjoy the nice dance floor, the excellent acoustics - just a nice place to hold a jam. Also, to make it interesting was all of our company -- Don Lindsey, Julie Pantel, Ethel Holstin, Maynard Thompson and our visitor, John Shindler on the harmonica. We were very pleased to have Kaye Graham from Ft. Klamath join. She plays the guitar, fiddle, mandolin and sings. We hope she is able to attend often.

Ray and Minda Turner have an anniversary on Nov. 18.

Our love and sympathy go out to Leonard McDonald and his family. His wife, Pauline, passed away suddenly on October 14.

Next jam and meeting - second Sunday (Nov. 9) - Winema Hotel - Main St. Klamath Falls. Doors open at 12 for early jamming, meeting at 1:00 and jam at 2:00. Please bring finger foods. Nursing homes - Washburn Way Rehab in Klamath Falls 3rd Sunday 2 to 3:00. Clairmont Nursing Home - 4th Thursday at 5:45 at east end of Main St. In Klamath Falls. And then Clairmont Retirement Home at 7:00 (1 block above nursing home). 1 hr playing each place. Come and help us play for the folks when ever you can.

Good health and happy fiddlin' to all as we go into this special time of the year with Thanksgiving and Christmas just ahead of us.

Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

District 1E

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Hi Folks -- Right now we're having a siege of gorgeous Indian Summer weather. . . kinda makes it hard to concentrate on much besides the warm, mellow weather and the colorful changing leaf colors.

October 25 is going to be a happy wedding day for our co-chairman, Bill Myers and Gloria Lowry. We'll be playing for their reception and we wish both of them all the best.

Our prayers continue for Eric Leffingwell who is ill with cancer. We have a new standing jam date on the 1st Saturday in each month. Locations for these will be announced a head of time. The public is always welcome at these get-togethers.

That's it for now folks. God bless, Mary Stone Dist. 1E reporter

Mary Stone, Reporter



Addie Gonshorowski wishes to extend her love and appreciation for all your love, condolences, offers of help, and the many other ways you have helped her during the loss of Stan. She wants to thank all of you but she especially wants to thank those musicians who played during the service for Stan. She appreciates that you organized the music and played it so well.

New members dues for the rest of 1997.

Nov. 1 \$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 1998
Dec. 1 \$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 1998

District 3

Chairman: **Sally Jordan(541) 389-9746**
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This month my son will be returning from Europe. He has been away now for 4 months. He toured Europe on foot and only carrying a back pack. He has had such a grand time. I have had constant contact with him, but never the same as being face to face. I do miss him and I look so forward to his return. Then there is Thanksgiving. Ah, a very interesting time of year. Great cooks come out of the wood work wanting to prepare their specialty dish. Now remember, just because you can not recognize it doesn't mean that it isn't good. Yes, I know sometimes these dishes have various shades of colors and might look extremely lumpy but I tell you it would be probably safe to eat. Now if it moves, well, eat at your own risk. Whatever your plans may be enjoy the day to the fullest with the company you will have.

Our last jam at the Deschutes Fairgrounds was again another success. Over 200 showed up. People from all around joined in on the fun. We had guests from Idaho, Washington, Reno, NV, Post Or, Seneca and Smith Rock. From Burns: The Teagues, Marie Danner and Janet Burgess. Other guests were Julia Milleson, and Kelly Tipedoe. We thank our guests for dropping by and enjoying the day with us, and we hope to see you again soon.

Our young guests were Sarah Jantzen and her brother Micahel, and Jacob French. These young people are students of Rudi Booher and they are sure doing a great job. Keep up the good work!

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District 4

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Mmbrship: **Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032**

Happy happenings bringing smiles to Northridge Assisted Living, Phoenix; Jackson House, Talent and the senior centers in Central Point, Jacksonville, Eagle Point Rehab, and Three Fountains of Medford. Don Lindsey, Betty Deckard, Chris Weber, Harry and Tom Stamper, Julia Pantel, Cliff Cooper, Jim Winslow, Dave & Doreen Winkleman, Olive Davis shared in the giving of their time happily.

Also Bud Applegate's group continue to put in devoted hours at Heritage House, senior homes in Jacksonville, Eagle Point and Firestone. Well done, tireless and dedicated musicians!

Oct. Jam: another capacity crowd was at Rogue River Community Center. Included with our own district 4 music makers were guests, Isom & Faye Patterson, Irene and Jerry Rud-dock, Kim Stevens, Naomi Bruhns and Judy.

Remember our friends on sick list: Letha Frye and Cliff Cooper recovering from surgery; Doreen and Dave Winkleman, Vic Flood, and Jim Summers.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Jam on Nov. 1 at the Talent Community Center in Talent.

Bravo Thelma (Dist. 6) who voiced our sentiments "at the jams" try to

stay, listen and cheer fellow musicians!

Thoughts to ponder, "We are each of us, angels with only one wing, and we can fly only if we embrace each other --"

Happy Thanksgiving!
Love, Merry, Mary Armstrong

Fiddling Doug and friends jam every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 at the Corvallis Free Methodist Church, on the corner of Highland and Walnut Streets. Potluck and jam. Beginners and all are welcome. For more information, call Fiddling Doug at (541) 758-0043

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District 5

Chairman: **Elwood Serfass (541) 888-9472**
Co-Chair: **Russ Hall (541) 271-3519**
Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns (541) 888-2655**

Well here it is November already and I am wondering where the time has gone? I am sorry to say that our last festival of the year at Brookings-Harbor was canceled because of the wind and rain. Our chairman received word from Brookings the day before the festival and he tried to call everyone to notify them. (He was on the phone for hours!) If he missed anyone he is sorry and he asks you to please accept his apology. As someone said, "Just blame it on El Nino!"

We had a great jam October 11. Lots of good food, visitation, dancing and exceptionally good music. We had 29 members and 23 guests present for a total of 52. None of our guests were from other districts but they had seen our advertisements in the paper and on TV., so you can see advertising really works!

Our guests were from as far away as Hubbard and Waldport, OR and El Dorado Hills, California. All of the people were here visiting relatives and said they really enjoyed the music and our friendship. Local visitors were from North Bend, Coos Bay, Bandon and Coquille. One lady, Florence Blade, who resides in one of the retirement homes where we play each month was there with her family. Florence asked when we were going to be back at the retirement center as she was looking forward to our next visit.

Another couple who attended were Dick and Marie Crawford, who hired us to play for their 50th anniversary in Coquille last May. They danced nearly every dance. Among the dancers were long time members John and Easter Noblitt, Shorty and Charlotte Dow and Russ Hall and Elnora Jorren. It was so nice to see our hall so full and everyone having such a good time. Thank you, one and all for coming and a special "BIG HAND" for our fine group of musicians.

We want to wish a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to

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District 6

Chairman: **Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894**
Co-Chair: **Betty Hawkins(541) 746-5579**
Treas: **Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421**
Sec/Memb: **Ruth Kennedy(541) 746-9966**

Wasn't it great to get back to a jam at the Elks' Lodge in Sweet Home! They have always been so good to us and their breakfast was scrumptious. Lots of good music and dancing finished off the day.

Before we forget, people have been having BIRTHDAYS right and left. . . seems like we all have 'em sometime. For November there will be: Marie Roberts 2, Vivian Steele 7, Barbara Gunn 8, Pem Winquist 10, Ron Wyckoff 17, Helen Murrey 19, Roy "Tip" Delp 19, Sherly Kinley 20, Ray Mitchell 22, Renee Dickson 27, Kayne Prickett 28, Jay Sykes 29 and Mary Crockett 30.

Anniversary congratulations to; Ken & Rosanne Spann 10, Robert & Juanita Patterson 13, Cal & Ruth Montgomery 14, Harve & Linda Harvey 15, John & Helene Madsen 15, Jack & Mary Crockett 24, Ken & Joy Halliwell 24 and Howard & Lois Gabel 27.

I know it's short notice, but I hope you get your Hoedowner in time to get up to the Morningstar Grange Nov. 9, (open by 11, potluck

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Mship: **Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851**

The signs of autumn were certainly in evidence at our Estacada jam. However, far more exciting to report is that several of our musicians who have been severely under the weather were able to attend. Ida Colby brought her bright smile and nice little wink with her. Chuck Williams brought his enthusiasm for his bluegrass banjo. Bob Fast brought two of his original tunes to share and have video taped by Ace Wehus. Our near medical-miracle man- Russ Phillips brought Butchie, his caring over-seer. He also brought that radiant smile, cheery enthusiasm and great skill on fiddle and guitar. A month of his life is lost after a life threatening head injury. The month is gone for Russ, but having him back is all that matters to those of us around him.

Several of our regular attendees were back after also taking some time to recoup from various maladies. Glad to see those folks. Several visitors from further down in the Willamette Valley joined us for another afternoon of fun.

Our November 8th jam will be at Elsie Stuhr in Beaverton. Directions to the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center in downtown Beaverton are: Coming from the north take Hwy. 26 to 217. Right on Allen Blvd. Right on Hall to 12th St. The Center is on the right side of Hall. From the south take I-5 to 217, left on Allen, to Hall. Turn right to 12th. The Center is still on the right. As customary, the doors will open at 10:00 a.m. for jamming. At 11:30 we'll have a short business meeting. Following that we'll have our pot luck. Our more formal jam will be from 1-4 p.m. The Elsie Stuhr Center has a beautiful new room with a effective

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District 8

Chairman: **Elaine Kihlstadius (503) 831-0680**
Co-Chair: **Lew Holt (503) 391-5377**
Sec/Treas: **Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033**

The leaves are turning red and gold, and falling. It's November and time to think of the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for our big wonderful fiddle family here in District 8. I see you all being so supportive of each other in good times and bad. That's what being a family is all about. Let's always remember that.

District 8 has been busy! (Busier than some of us might want to be!) We played for the McMinnville Senior Center's Birthday party on Oct. 4. Had good help from District 6 and District 7 people. Thanks Everyone! Oct. 11 and 12 we played in Newport at the Elks Lodge. Played Saturday evening for 3 1/2 hrs and then again Sunday morning during their breakfast. They gave us a special price on dinner and breakfast, so we ate well. We want to thank the following for their support at Newport: Norman Nash, Susy Spencer, Dennis Brutke, Fred Hardin, Jeff Moenk, Wendy Smith, Barbara Bartholomew, Zac Konowalchuk, Bob Church, Roland Apperson, Meg Graf, Alice Holt, Lee Jones, Lew Holt, Don Loring, Ruth Loring, Bob Huffman, Gene Stevenson and David Konowalchuk. Thank you all for making this a success!

After finishing up Sunday morning

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Myrtle Arnold, State Sec./Treasurer calls to remind the district treasurers that she needs your district's quarterly reports. She says that her quarterly reports to the IRS are due and she has to have "yours" so she can do "hers." She wants to thank all of you for the work that you do. Her address is on the front cover.

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District 9

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Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg** (541) 573-6517

Howdy! Time is flying. Hard to believe another Hoedowner report is due so soon. The October jam in Burns was a great time. The food was extraordinary with many selections having home-grown items in them. Thanks folks for sharing your bountiful gardens. Even though it was opening weekend of deer season quite a number of folks turned out. Jams will continue on the first Sunday of each month at the Senior Center in Burns. We potluck at 1 p.m. and start jamming by 2 o'clock. We'll call it quits at 4 o'clock. There's ample room to dance so grab a partner and come on down. Burns isn't hard to find and neither is the Senior Center. Just ask anyone once you get to town and they'll head you in the right direction. On Nov. 2 a business meeting will begin at 12:15. Remember all members are encouraged to attend. Welcome to new members Jane Keagle and Marie, Rebecca, and Elizabeth Danner. They all traveled to the district 3's October jam. Elizabeth especially enjoyed the playing of Jaco and her eyes just sparkled when she said she'd like to play just like that. I say go for it, Elizabeth. Other district niner's who made the trip were Julia Milleson, Ruel & Margaret Teague, and Janet Burgess. As always District 3 is a joy to visit. We all had a great time and thank you for your hospitality.

On the mend are Darrel Smith who's had a knee operation and Ruel Teague who had

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District 10

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Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes** (541) 459-4522
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton** (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec: **Elsie Downs** (541) 459-2524

Playing dates for November: Nov. 2 Jam and dance 1 to 4 at Winston community Bldg. Nov. 15th we will have our Thanksgiving dinner which will be catered. To balance out the rest of the meal, those whose last NAME begins with A to M, please bring salad or relish tray. N through Z, please bring dessert. Potluck will be at noon. Jam and dance from 1 to 4 to follow in the Winston Community Bldg.

December playing dates: Dec. 7th jam and dance - 1 to 4 at Winston Community Bldg. Dec. 20th meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and Jam and dance from 1 to 4 - in the Winston Community Bldg.

Jan., 1998: Jan. 4 jam and dance 1 - 4 at the Winston Community Bldg. Jan. 17 meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4.

Happy birthday to Opal Rust, Sally Christian, Jerry Zumwalt, Robert Swan, Carolyn Lee and Dick Shroll.

Happy anniversaries to George and Peggy Krohn, and Bud and Norma Wesley.

Lanora Waggoner is out of the hospital and is recovering from surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery - get will soon,

Lanora.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929



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stage and an oh-so-smooth dance floor. Please plan on joining us there.

Start planning to attend our Holiday Jam. It is scheduled for December 7th in Gresham. Mark your calendar and start planning on your food item to bring.

Upcoming dates read as follows: Nov. 8 Elsie Stuhr Beaverton; Dec. 7 Senior Center Gresham (Holiday Jam); Jan. 11 Senior Center Gladstone

Business: The first message remains the same...HELP WANTED! Still need a volunteer for the sound equipment. *prerequisite- a trailer hitch and good space for small, neat trailer, or space to store some equipment between jams punctual by nature, urge to help your fellow man

Dues are still due: Jackie Germundson 31808 S.E. Victory Road Troutdale, OR 97060-9411 District 7 members, please remember to send your membership check to Jackie at the address above, instead of to Alice Holt.

From Sick Bay: Pauline Buckbee has had another injury (while recuperating from the last) and is back in the hospital, yet again. Good mending this time, we hope. Ida Colby had some eye surgery recently.

May the music be with each of you.
Pat Gates, reporter

District 5 cont.

Ruby Morris on the 6th, Bob Bridgman the 11th, and Claud Whaley the 24th.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 8 from 11:00-noon, potluck at noon and our jam from 1-4 pm at Driftwood Hall.

On December 13 we will have our annual Holiday Dinner at 1:00 pm., Jam to follow our dinner. District 5 will furnish the turkey, ham, potatoes, and rolls. We are asking everyone whose last names start from A-M to bring salads or vegetables and from N-Z desserts. Everyone is welcome.

District 5 wishes everyone a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving with your families and friends. We all have so many things to be thankful for.

Reporter - Mary Lou Saylor 541-396-3238

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District 6 cont.

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at noon and play all afternoon) and to the American Legion Hall Nov. 2 in Lebanon. The American Legion furnished our lunch and we will play for them in the afternoon. And ALSO in November we will have our Thanksgiving dinner and Jam at the Willamalane Senior Center on the 22nd. Our dinner will be catered, but please buy a \$1.00 ticket beforehand, so we can get a head count to tell the caterers. Check last month's Hoedowner for those who have these tickets for sale. You may bring a non-member but it will cost \$6.50 for their dinner. Jam in the afternoon, as usual. Table service for the dinner will be furnished by the caterers.

I don't have a firm date for you yet, but there is talk about a PIZZA party for the Dorris Ranch group sometime during November. Keep in touch with them.

We are saddened at the sudden death of Stan Gonshorowski, one of our leading fiddlers, who died Oct. 12th of an aneurysm. Our condolences to his family

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: Success comes in cans. . . I can, you can, we can. . . .

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great seafood and shopping. We have also arranged for a group to prepare breakfast and lunches. Should be a great jam. Remember to mark your calendar for April 24, (after 4 pm), 25th, 26th at Newport. We are receiving all of the above for a total of \$300.00. What a bargain!

Starr, Lew and I continue to work on the contest. We hope all of you are working on your best tunes to play at the contest, too.

Jackie and I will be heading south for some jamming from October 27th through Nov. 21st. Call Sally Jordan if you need help - 1 541- 389-9746 or Myrtle Arnold 1 - 503 - 284-1208

May God bless you all.

Roger Germundson, President OOTFA

District 8 cont.

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we caravanned 70 miles to Falls City. What a great time we had playing in the historic old United Methodist Church there. They are raising money to restore and preserve the building and our "concert" brought in \$150 for the restoration. We've heard many positive comments on the music and the obvious camaraderie of our group. Another Thank You for all the help.

Newberg Armory Jam on the 19th was fun in a nice and "new to us" location. We had a great potluck followed by good music. So good to have Harold Gonce there. He's been out of commission for quite awhile. We were also pleased to have John Waddingham, Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Bob Huffman and Norm Nash from District 7. Many thanks to Johnny Leigh for arranging to borrow chairs (The armory didn't have enough) and to those who helped load and unload and set them up. Thanks to Robert and Mary Terry who so faithfully bring our sound system, make coffee and keep us on track.

On November 16th we'll have a Thanksgiving Potluck at the Willamina VFW Hall. The VFW Hall is on the main street on the east side of town. Chairman Elaine Kihlstadius says to get a good balance of foods, members with last names A through M, bring desserts. N through Z, bring salads or vegetables. The meat, potatoes and gravy will be furnished. Y'all come. Hall open by 10:00, potluck at 11:30 and jam to begin at 1:00.

Remember to pay your 1998 dues to Donna Janszen. If you want to mail it, you'll find her address elsewhere in this issue. Otherwise, catch her at our district 8 jams.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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Our next jam at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds at the Howard Mayfield Bldg. will be November 9th from 1:30-4:30pm.

Anniversaries: 9-Ferril & John Klingensmith, 23-Dorothy & George Brumbach.

Birthdays: 15-Rudi Booher, 27-Bernice Hanson, 29-Ches Fullerton, 29-LeRoy Sims. May all of our birthdays and anniversary folks have a great day.

Well folks winter is trying to make its way in. Please take care of yourselves and keep warm...Signing off.

Your Reporter...Ernie

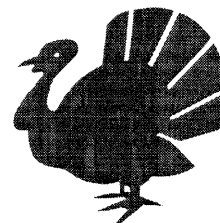
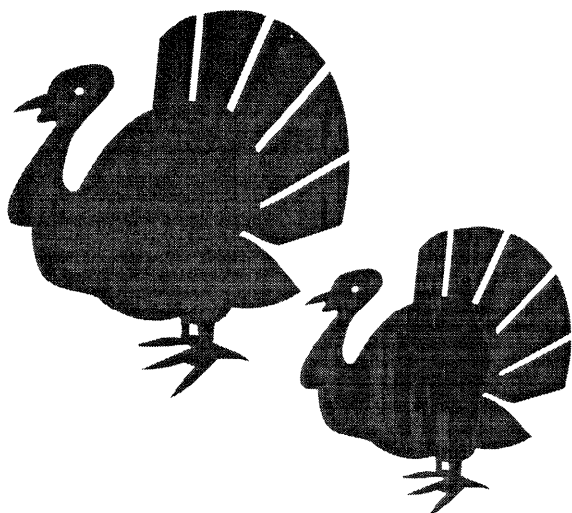
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carpal tunnel surgery. I think Ruel would have liked to trade surgeries with Darrel as he's laid up from playing music for a couple weeks. Hopefully by the time this report comes out he'll be back at it. Linda Smith has been experiencing some health problems lately as well. Hope you all get better quick.

A pat on the back to the folks who played at the nursing home and at Aspens this month. You know how much these folks appreciate us stopping in. The dates for November are the 10th for the nursing home and the 14th for the Aspens. Start time is 7 p.m. Well, I've just returned from a Saturday afternoon tribute to John Denver at the local library done by Marie Danner. Good job, Marie. It was beautiful. I have to agree with Mr. Denver's friend who said I'm so sorry he died, but so glad he lived.

Later Days,
Janet Burgess, reporter district 9



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OOTFA FOR 1998

Annual dues are \$15.00 per household and run January 1st to December 31st.
 LIFE MEMBERS -- remember that you need to pay \$15.00 to get the Hoedowner.

This is to remind all members of OOTFA that it is time to renew your membership for 1998. Your prompt renewal will be very much appreciated. Two years ago at the state convention the membership voted to drop members who have not renewed by January 31 each year. The membership felt that Nov., Dec. and Jan. give all of us plenty of time to renew. You are encouraged to pay your district secretary or membership person - either at one of your jams or by mail. This came about to level out the task of handling all the membership over a number of people instead of one person having to handle literally hundreds. Thanks everybody. A membership application is enclosed for your convenience. PLEASE RENEW SOON. THANKS.

Thank you and happy fiddling, Alice Holt, Membership chairman

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Out of state members may send their dues to one of the district secretaries or to Alice Holt.

"April Fiddle Festival on the coast."

Recently President Roger called and invited me to ride with Jackie and him to Newport to check out the fairground facilities. (Alice wasn't able to attend.) It was one of those "very wet" days that we have had recently but we enjoyed our drive over via Falls City, down the Kings Valley Hwy to Wren and out to Newport. We were greeted warmly at the fairgrounds. (In the hard rain) We were taken on a tour of the facilities and worked out the details regarding those things that we needed. (Parking, dance floor, stage, kitchen, meals, chairs, tables, etc.) Nice people to work with.

We left the fairgrounds excited with anticipation of the last week end in April for another "April Fiddle Festival on the coast." Of course we also enjoyed a nice bowl of clam chowder at our table over looking the bay with the wind and rain blowing across the bay. Then a nice piece of pie at Grand Ronde on the way home. (It is tough work but somebody has to do it.) We were very pleased with the day and encourage you to participate. Pres. Roger has asked District 8 to serve as the host district.

After we were no longer able to go to Lincoln City to the Elks, people have been asking, "When are we going to have another state "fiddle week end" in April?" Several places had been suggested but the replies were "always" the same, "No, we would rather go to the coast." So with the advice of others, we checked out the facilities at Newport. Again, we are excited about going to Newport. And we hope you are, too. Pres. Roger says he feels that we will fill the hall.

This was sent to me recently by one of my good fiddle friends. I enjoyed it and I think you will enjoy it, too.

FROM MY MOMMA'S TEACHINGS. . .

1. Speaking when others are speaking, is rude.
2. Any obvious falsifications, pertaining to self, are loud cries for attention.
3. Momma warned me: at times you feel you are the only "alone person", and when you do, you are being selfish. Take pad and pencil and list the 12 most beautiful words you know. Now remember 12 friends you could share one with.
4. Momma said: speak bad about someone only when you think you have none of their faults. Instead, share an encouragement to that someone. No mortal is perfect; but we can admit it and try harder to be a Friend.
5. She also pleaded: "When I've gone, grieve only when you can't recall any of the good times we had."
6. Life is memories - without them we will have nothing, so try to leave so many pleasant ones that even (if you have any) your worst critics will have to recall a few pleasant ones.

Friends, I'm sure YOUR Momma, Dad or Mentor gave you a great deal of advice - try to recall some of it when you make a list of those 12 beautiful words. Anonymous

Lew Holt, editor

This has been a sad month - Alice and I received a letter from Catherine Hall in Bandon that Max Scheiman had recently past away. Alice and I remember the many Saturday nights we visited Maxine and her sister, Norma Allen in Bandon and how they were the ones who encouraged and helped us learn to play the fiddle. Max was a great fiddle and piano player. We remember so well Max playing "My Pretty Rainbow" on the mandolin, too.

After Stan Gonshorowski's funeral, I wrote a letter for a group of fiddlers I often write to on the computer. I would like to share parts of that letter with you. It expresses my feelings about my friendship with Stan.

Another sad day.

Stan Gonshorowski was a fiddler and also a great friend. Monday I thought of him several times during the morning as I worked on a plumbing project in the basement and decided that I would give him a call after lunch when he would be home from the Monday morning jam that he attended for so many years. We hadn't talked since Alice and I attended Addie's and his 50th wedding anniversary party in September.

Just before lunch the phone rang. Alice answered it upstairs - then came down to the basement to tell me that Allison had called to say Stan had died that morning from a brain aneurysm. It hurt badly. I thought of the things I was going to tell him on the phone - about the small fiddles I had bought recently, about the Hardanger fiddle I bought, about the fiddle I am working on and to kid him about the several things we so often joked about.

Today we met Lee Jones and he rode with Alice and me to Eugene. As we were parking, we saw many of our fiddle friends from over the state. Smiles were hard to come by but there were many hugs longer than usual, more sincere and more loving.

In the church two hundred or more people sat in silence and sorrow. Up front in the corner Curly, Mark, Ila Mae, Gary, Slim, Frank, Vivian, Carl, Harry and Arlo gathered with their fiddles, harmonica, bass, guitars, banjo and mandolin to play. They played "In the Sweet By and By," "Near the Cross," and "Mansion on the Hill." During the remainder of the service they played "Whispering Hope," "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," and "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

No words could express our feelings for Stan as did their music. The beauty of the fiddles, the plunk of the banjo, the mournful wailing of the harmonica, the sharp notes of the mandolin and the thump of the bass and guitars all blended together to help us remember Stan and celebrate his life. Tears came shamelessly.

After the service, we gathered in the social hall for a lunch. It was only natural that there would be fiddle music so after we ate, out came the instruments and we had a jam. I don't believe there was a dry eye when Addie took out her fiddle and played, "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" for her husband.

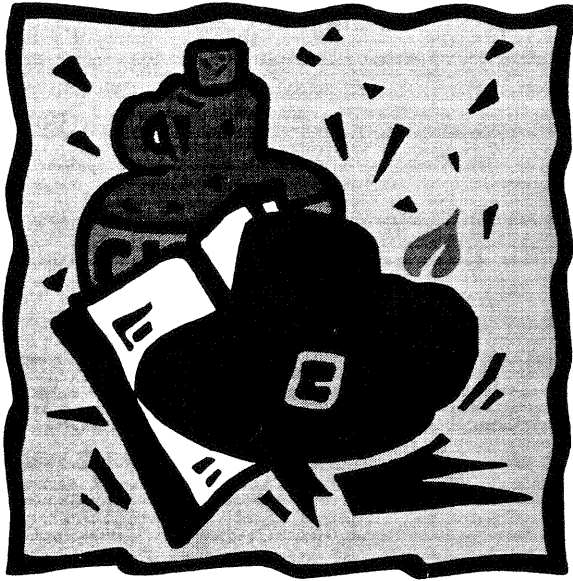
Stan was born in a Polish family of musicians in 1919 in Minnesota. He lived in Minnesota and North Dakota while growing up and took up the fiddle around 7. He loved his family and loved his fiddle. He and I would joke about who had the most fiddles and tell each other what we were doing. He was a faithful worker - setting up the sound for me for several years at the state convention and at the state contest. We were a team and enjoyed working together. He often said in what I considered to be his mid-western Polish accent, "You're a good buddy, . . . you know that, don't cha."

Not only was he a unique fiddler, he gave of it to others. Many beginning fiddler got his or her start at those Monday morning sessions. When they finally got up enough nerve to go on stage, Stan was always beside them to give them security and to encourage them. He was proud of his students.

Having grown up in the mid-west, Stan always considered himself a farm boy. Today for the funeral he wore his suit for the family but after the service his suit was changed to his red shirt and bib overalls. That was the way Stan felt most comfortable and the way he wanted to be remembered. That is the way he will be cremated.

You can't buy a tape or CD of Stan's music or read about him at the Smithsonian but he left his mark on many of us in Oregon. His fame is in the hearts of those of us who knew him and who enjoyed his fiddle playing. Not only was he a friend, a fiddler, a husband and a father but he was a library of music. today he closed the book and took the library with him. Many new fiddlers will come along but none will take Stan's place. . . . there will never be another friend and fiddler like Stan. . . . he was one of kind.

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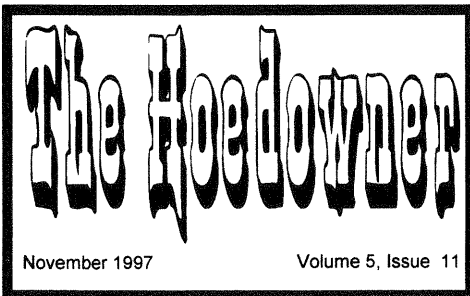
Jan. 10, 1998
State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield

Mar. 19, 20, & 21
State Convention in Roseburg

April 24, 25, & 26
State Fiddle Festival in Newport

May 14 and 15
State Fiddle Contest in Salem

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