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Calendar of Events

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

November

29 Jam, Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E

December

6 Jam, Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E

6 Jam, Roxianne Grange Medford 4

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Holiday Jam

7 Jam Lebanon 6

7 Jam, Sr. Center Burns 9

7 Jam & Dance Winston 10

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4 Jam, Sr. Center Burns 9

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11 Jam, Sr Center Gladstone 7

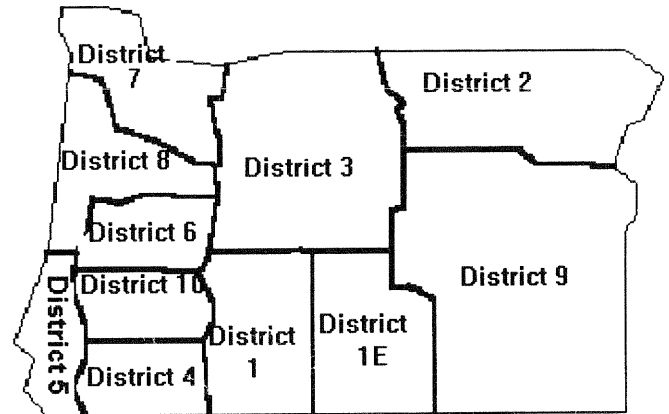
21 Jam Winston 10

February

1 Jam, Sr. Center Burns 9

8 Senior Center Forest Grove 7

11 Jam, Sr Center Gladstone 7



Roger's Rambles

Another month has come and gone and Jackie and I are sitting in Death Valley playing music with fiddlers from all over. Faye and Isom Patterson invited us to come to Death Valley a couple of years ago and we were finally able to go there (. . .oh, retirement!). We met the Pattersons at Red Bluff where the Western Open is held and then eventually met them again in Furnace Creek in Death Valley. The only hitch was I got the galloping crud in Red Bluff and missed the whole contest and missed seeing many of our OOTFA members who attended. In Furnace Creek we camped with Rose Johnson and Pat Kraemer and the Pattersons. They were

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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**

(Editors note: Guess whose news arrived on the 13th of Nov. this month? Actually that is a big improvement over last month when it arrived on the 27th but was postmarked the 17th. It should have been here the next day after it was mailed but it took a vacation somewhere along the line. A phone call to Cherie and we got the Dist. 1 news in last month so the story had a happy ending.) This month it took one day to get from Klamath Falls to Salem :-)

Happy Holidays from Dist. 1. Klamath county is getting cooler and we're beginning to think of snow, turkey dinners and family holiday gatherings. So, tho it's kinda early, Merry Christmas to all!

Since moving our jam site to the Winema Hotel on Main St. in Klamath Falls, each jam gets larger and better. More musicians and larger audiences. Thanks to each of you visitors that have come to help out. Gene and Lola Williams again came over the mountain from Prospect. Also, Kay Graham joined us from Ft. Klamath. Thanks Kay for the pretty song you sang. Also a new fiddler, guitar player and harmonica player came and helped our group. Hope to see you all again. Faye and Isom Patterson were still enjoying the Death Valley Sunshine but since have returned safely and said they had a wonderful time.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends in the loss of Alice Lopez and the others from Dist. 4.

Dec. Birthday happy wishes go to Sarah Furry 8th, Irene Ruddock 10th, Bill Noble 13th and Bob Schmoe 31st. Happy anniversary Dec. 19th to Jerry & Irene Ruddock.

Next jam is at the Winema Hotel Dec. 14th, doors open at 12, with a traditional Christmas potluck dinner at 1 P. M. followed by an afternoon of music playing. No gift exchange. Nursing homes as usual - Washburn Way Rehab 3rd Sunday from 2 -3 P.M. Clairmont Nursing Home 5:45 and Clairmont Retirement at 7:00. (Both 4th Thursday night each month - 1 hour each time.) 'till next time

Cherie Lane,
reporter District 1

District 1E

Chairman: **Larry McLain(541) 947-2448**
Co-Chair: **Bill Myers (541) 947-5442**
Sec. **Beverly Perry(541) 947-2334**
Treas: **Donna Lynch(541) 947-4687**
Membership: **Marie Walker (541) 947-2755**

Happy Holidays, We had a wonderful time playing at Bill and Gloria Myers wedding reception on Oct. 25. They had a beautiful wedding and a good time followed with music and dancing. Some of us even chivareed 'em later in the evening.

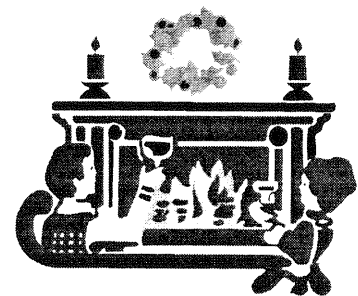
Our Nov. 1 jam at the Memorial Hall was well attended and enjoyed.

Our winter jam schedule starts with a Nov. 29 jam at the Memorial Hall and one on Dec. 6. Both of these will be 6:30 potluck suppers with music to follow.

Since dues paying time is coming around, we're announcing that our M.C. lady and teller of good jokes, Marie Walker is also our membership chairman (chairlady??) (chairperson??) Anyway she's the one handling our dues business for us.

Until next time we wish all of you and yours a happy and love-filled holiday season.

God Bless,
Mary Stone, Reporter



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**
Co-Chair: **Don Hanna (541) 447-7449**
Sec/Treas: **Rudi Booher(541) 549-4305**

Burr! It is really getting cold. What I am not looking forward to is the ice. Last year we had several icy mornings. So when I would get ready to go to work I was ready for a ride, not in the car mind you but on foot. Once I stepped out of the front door and onto the first step off the porch...WEE there I go. I would literally slide into the car and stop abruptly once I banged into the car. Only once did I get a bruise, that was because I was holding my purse wrong. I purposely park my car at the end of the step for that reason. Just think if I didn't, I would slide all the way until I hit the old pump house. Now that would be painful. Needless to say, I would be wide awake driving to work after the abrupt bang, so it works out to ensure that I am alert when on the road. But what I am waiting for is the No-No Word around here...SNOW! There I said it and it felt good! With Christmas on the loom, how could snow not be a part of it. Ah yes, Christmas Eve and snow falling what a beautiful thought! I brings such joy to my heart for that to be. So I am asking Santa with Mother Nature's help to give my wish. However, I think I am solo with this wish. Needless to say, I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday.

Our last Jam was again a success with over 144 people in attendance. We had many guests that stopped in and shared their talent. Our thanks to the Burns Group, Doris Slover, Jensen kids, Arizona Kennedy (Blue Mountain Fiddler), Arlo Hamilton from Eugene and Bob Story from Prineville. We are pleased that you were able to share the day with us, and come back

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District 4

Chairman: **Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793**
Co-chair: **Gene Williams (541) 560-3230**
Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621**
Mmbrship: **Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032**

Hi! Well, well, well! I asked for news! I got news! However, chicken today, feathers tomorrow? I hope not. Dan & Marty Padilla shared 50th wedding anniversary at Mt. Shasta with their children and friends. Dan underwent serious eye surgery also.

Lem and Leora Guthrie enjoyed their 45th anniversary and Lem's birthday in Oklahoma, visited 91 year old dad and relatives. They also went to Arkansas and Branson!

On the mend are Tommy Grissom, 4th surgery on leg; Marian Jorgensen, broken arm and leg; Arnie Jorgesen hospitalized for heart problems; Cliff Cooper, heart surgery; Letha Fry, gall bladder surgery; Vic Flood, Dave Winkelman and Merle Pasley -- pray for all as they struggle with their health problems.

Snowbirds, we miss you! Fifteen of you have gone to warmer climates. You'll be pleased to know "20 jammers" and ninety onlookers and dancers enjoyed the day and we had a great turkey potluck at the Nov. Meeting.

Area nursing and retirement homes always enjoy our faithful musicians and our diehards braved the cold to play for the Veteran's Day program in Medford. Our Nov. Musicians, Betty Deckard, Bud Applegate, Gene Williams, Vic Flood, Clyde Ellis, Olive Davis, Alice Lopez, Jan and Buck Stamper, Frank Armstrong, Christine, Don Lindsey, Lee Cushman, Paul King, Judy McGowery,

Maggie James, Lem Guthrie, Jim Stevens, and Beverly and Russ Toll - one and all, thanks!

Remember Dec. Christmas jam at Roxianne Grange, Medford, corner of Valley View and Spring Sts.

It is with much sadness that I tell you of the

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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. Finger food and jam. Beginners and all are welcome. For more information, call 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**

Christmas is upon us and we are all busy shopping, baking, decorating and sending out cards. During these busy times let's not forget those who are out of work and hungry or our senior members who do not have families in the area. Remember one of your greatest gifts is your musical abilities. Blessed are those who give!

We would like to welcome Bill and Dorothy Tennant to our group that plays in nursing and retirement homes in our area. Bill plays guitar, harmonica and does a wonderful job singing. (I believe he knows just about every song that has ever been written, especially country western!) His wife is a delightful lady with a bubbling personality and is a real asset to our group also.

At our November Jam we had one of our largest attendance in a long time. We had 29 members and 41 guests present for a grand total of 70 and the floor was full of dancers. Among our guests were Ella Savery's son Ron and his wife, Louise, and Marie Philbin who is the daughter of Ron Sayler and yours truly. We also had a lady from Lead, S. Dakota and from District 10 we were honored to have Bob and Jean Hanson, Guy Kinman and Velma Benefiel. Thank you very much for joining us with your great fiddling and come back real soon!

Our own little Tessa Kilfoy played her special fiddle music to delight the hearts of all who were present. We want to thank Elnora Jorren for helping Tessa learn to play. Another of our members Phil Fry is also doing very well and we congratulate both of them. By the way Phil built his own fiddle and it is beautiful.

I am sorry for missing so many November birthdays but your names were not on the list I was given. I have made out a new book and ask that each of our members please sign the date of their birthday and anniversary. If I miss your special day

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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**

Gee, have we ever been busy these days! Nov. 2nd saw us at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon for a great lunch and jam. The following Sunday, Nov. 9, we had a big potluck and jam at the Morningstar Grange Hall, north of Albany. Many thanks to Harv Harvey and his wife, Linda, who have been instrumental in setting up gigs in the north end of our district for us. We had a lot of great music at the grange. Out-of-district visitors were: Andy Emert, Bob Huffman, Bill Fenton, and Myrtle & Red Arnold from Dist. 7, Edna Yohey, Lew & Alice Holt, Al & Marjorie Apperson, Jim & Glenda Fletcher, Walter & Bessie Hari, Stanley & Janice Kilbourn, Bob & Marie Church, and George Taevs from Dist. 8 and Lyle & Dorothy Powell from Mountain Home, Idaho (Ruth Loring's brother and sister-in-law). It is so good to have visitors join us. They added a lot of good music to our day.

What a great Thanksgiving dinner we had at Willamalane Senior Center on Nov. 22nd before our usual afternoon jam and dance.! This was a new slant because we had the

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Thanks to Don and Kathy Schutzman, Ace Wehus and Marilyn, Lewis Roy and Jim Sams for their recent contributions to the contest.



Your Name
Here

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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District 7

Chairman: **Red Arnold (503) 284-1208**
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 Sec/Treas: **Lila Bills (503) 253-8447**
 Mship: **Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851**

Our November 7th jam was at Elsie Stuhr in Beaverton Saturday, as promised. The weather was actually too good to be indoors. However, stalwart music sharers attended anyway. Several of our most senior musicians, including Jack Smith and Chet and Clea Havens, presented us with their fine tunes. Greg Baker brought us some of the youngest musicians in the form of his own children and some of his young students. They were poised, and competent purveyors of traditional tunes. Ya'll all come back now, hear?

Our Holiday Jam is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th in Gresham. Directions are: Gresham Senior Center 50 Elliott St. From I-205, take Hwy 26 (Powell Blvd.) to Gresham. Make a left on Elliott St. The Center is on the right.

The association will furnish turkey, dressing, potatoes, and gravy. Members and guests please carefully prepare festive side dishes, simple veggies, or luscious desserts, breads or other specialties. Don't miss the chance to eat, visit, dance, sing, play and relax. Sounds like a day not to be missed.

Upcoming dates read as follows:

Dec. 7 Senior Center (Holiday Jam)	Gresham
Jan. 11 Senior Center	Gladstone
Feb. 8 Senior Center	Forest Grove
Mar. 15 Senior Center	Lake Oswego

Business:

Still need that willing volunteer for the sound equipment!! prerequisite- a trailer hitch is good -- space for small, neat trailer, or space to store some equipment between jams -- punctual

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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**

Season's Greetings, everyone. Hope you are all enjoying the hustle and bustle of this busy time of year.

We played at Capital Manor in Salem in late October. We had a large and appreciative audience. One of the residents there is Dr. Postl. Turns out that Lew Holt, Fred Hardin and Chuck Gates, all of whom were there, had taken classes from Dr. Postl at WOU in Monmouth. (Lew was in his class 50 years ago this fall.)

We had a good crowd for our Thanksgiving Potluck Jam. Good to have Allen Smith back with us. We appreciate the visitors who came. Let's see if I can name them all. Ernie Lefler, Red and Myrtle Arnold, Ace and Dorothy Wehus, Chuck and Pat Gates and Bill Fenton from District 7. Alan Ede, Thelma Shephard and John and Vickie Clark from District 6. Also a number of associates from both districts, including Wayne and Helen Tracy and Ernie & Joyce Lovgren. Chuck & Anne Williams stopped by, too. Elaine Kihlstadius won Helen's drawing for those wearing their yellow OOTFA pin.

Small groups played for nursing homes in the Salem area as well as Mac/Newberg/Sheridan.

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The Jack Walker family would like to thank all those dear friends for their prayers and all their acts of kindness during Hazel's recent heart attack and hospitalization. She is recuperating at home now.

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District 9

Chairman: Carl Cross (541) 573-7821
Co-Chair: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Sec/Treas: George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517

Happy Holidays. Hope all your Holidays aren't too hectic. Fiddle events in Dec. Include a jam at the Senior Center in Burns on the first Sunday, Dec. 7, a holiday show at the Aspens on the 2nd Friday, Dec. 12th and a holiday show at the nursing home on the Dec. 15th. It's a good opportunity to dust off all your favorite seasonal tunes and share the spirit of the season.

The Dec. 7 jam will feature a holiday potluck with the district providing turkey, gravy and stuffing. Bring trimmings to compliment and fill out the menu. Soup's on at 1:00 and will start jamming right after nap time. . . about 2:00.

Carl Cross is coordinating the potluck so call him if you have questions. If enough interest exists, the district may go caroling sometime in December.

Margaret and Ruel Teague celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss in Sep., Oct., and Nov. Their anniversary was in Sep, a family gathering was hold in Oct. And a trip back to Missouri was taken in Nov. I'm not sure but what they won't just keep on celebrating.

Thanks to Ed and Marie Nelson for making the trip from Bend to join us. In return Steve, Edie and Tracy Koenig, Julie Milleson, Carl Cross, Don and LaWanda Williams and Rose Mody all visited Dist. 3 for their jam.

Hope all of you had a best ever Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and the new year. Best wishes for HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all of us in District 9.

Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

District 10

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

Mark your calendars for Dec. 7 for a jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. Then on Dec. 20th we will not have a meeting. We will have our Christmas

Potluck at noon which will be catered. To balance out the rest of the meal, those whose last names begin with A to M, please bring salad or relish tray. N through Z please bring dessert. Jam and dance will follow from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building.

Looking into next year -- Jan. 1998. On the 4th of Jan we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. On the 17th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon with a jam and dance to follow from 1 to 4.

Feb. 1998 -- Feb. 1st Jam and dance 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. Feb. 21 meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4.

Belated Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to Cecelia Jalo, Larry Swan, Marlies Carr, Fred Young, Clement Berlier, John Whaley and Clifford Larson. Happy Anniversaries to Dick and Leah Shroll, Bob and Jean Hanson and Bill and Ella Connor.

Happy Birthday in Dec. To Peggy Krohn, Dick Miller, Velma Benefiel, Gayle Curtis, Bud Werley, Alta Tackett. Happy Anniversaries in Dec. To Dennis and Thelma Allen and Tom and Marlene Shepherd.

Please let me know your birthday and anniversary dates so they can be included next year. And, please, do call me if you have any interesting news.

REMINDER: Jo Barnes will renew your

Gary Lake writes that he has a Guitar that he would like to sell. It is a Taylor #810, Rosewood/spruce. Dreadnought Style. 14 years old. New/mint condition. \$1400. If interested, please contact Gary at (541) 935-2308. (Thanks Gary for the Walton post mark - and Mary Stone for the nice commemorative stamp.)

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by nature -- urge to help your fellow man. By now you'd only have half a year to refine the skills it takes to do this most important job for keeping the organization running well for everyone's enjoyment.

Dues should be sent to:

Jackie Germundson 31808 S.E. Victory Road
Troutdale, OR 97060-9411

Somber news from the Jacklin household. Josie Jacklin passed away suddenly on Saturday, Nov. 15. Forrest's address is 834 N.E. 78th Ave,

Portland 97213-6956.

Archie Erickson who is a long-time fiddler has recently been in an automobile accident. Cactus Finley had surgery recently. He was out playing music at the Elsie Stuhr Center on Nov. 7. Happy to have him out-and-about.

M-U-S-I-C- holiday, oldtime, songs of comfort, cheer & gratitude-they're all to hear, relish and share. May the music be with you!

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7



Roger's Rambles cont.

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also other OOTFA members down here who have come and played with our "group."

Apparently the word is out about our new state jams at Newport next April and Mt. Hood next July and I'm hearing nothing but good comments.

Our State Quarterly meeting in Springfield will be coming up on January 10th. Watch the Hoedowner for time, place and directions. This year the meeting will be held on Saturday.

Starr McMullen, Lew Holt and I continue to fine tune the contest. We will be meeting again in December. You'll hear more on the contest in the Hoedowner as the months progress. Please remember we need donations for the contest from all districts and individuals. Your help is appreciated.

In December we will also be gearing up for the annual meeting. Sally Jordon is busy working on the Friday Night Show at the convention.

Keep playing that great music we all love. God Bless you all.

Roger Germundson, President OOTFA

District 5 cont.

please let me know and I will acknowledge it in the next Hoedowner. We wish belated birthday greetings to Dorothy Tennant Nov. 4, Fred Virtue 15, Vera Virtue 28, Cecil Davidson and Juanita Baughman both on the 29th. We have two December birthdays recorded, Keith Shaffar on the 10th and Bill Tennant the 23rd. We wish them a very Happy Birthday and we congratulate Bob and Jerene Shaffar on their anniversary, Dec. 17th.

Our chairman Elwood and his wife, Helen are in Springfield with their daughter who is very ill. We offer them our sincere concerns and prayers as they wait for the results of her tests.

Don't forget to join us at Driftwood Hall, December 13 at 1:00 P M. Everyone whose name begins with A-M please bring salads or vegetables and N-Z desserts. We will have a Jam after dinner so bring your fiddles and fiddle away. Everyone is welcome.

Have a Merry Christmas and may Santa be good to you. See you in "1998".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Reporter - Mary Lou Saylor District 5 Reporter

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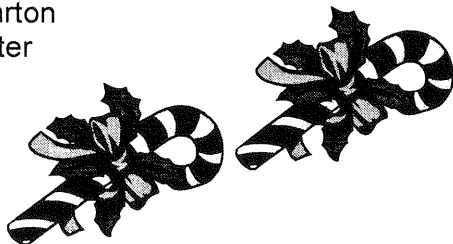
Here's some news of our members. Don and Daisy Simon were in an accident. Don has badly bruised ribs, and Daisy had stitches and had to go to the hospital. We missed them at the Thanksgiving jam. George Taevs became a grandfather! George thinks Celestine is about the best ever. Although he hasn't seen her yet, he has seen video of her. Congratulations, George.

Sunday, December 21st, will be our Christmas Potluck and Jam. It's at the Woodburn Community Center, 491 North 3rd St. Dinner at 11:45 AM. Doors open earlier for jamming and getting ready for the dinner. District 8 will furnish Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes and Rolls. To balance out the rest of the meal, those whose last name begins with A through M, please bring salad or vegetable. N through Z, please bring dessert. Take a break from your holiday preparations and come join us for food, fellowship and fiddling. If you come in from I-5, turn right at the grange hall and go several blocks until the street takes you towards the center of town. Third Street parallels 99W and the RR tracks. Turn left, probably, it you will find the hall on North 3rd. If you come from 99W, turn west down town, cross the RR tracks and N. 3rd will be up a couple of blocks. Turn right.

If you haven't paid your 1998 dues, please do it as soon as possible. Send to Donna Janzsen.

Thought for the day: There are two ways of spreading light, to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. --- Edith Wharton

Alice Holt, reporter
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anytime for you and all are welcomed.

We also want to welcome New Members to Dist 3: Miller & Bettie Tweedt of Post, OR, ER Max Mills of Redmond, Lucille Chaney of Bend and Fran Head of Camp Sherman.

****Note:** To our new members, if you wish to have your Birthday/Anniversary posted in the future, please submit those dates to Ernie Slay, 1987 NW 10th St., Redmond Or 97756-1050. We try to recognize everyone's special day.

Our next Jam will be at Deschutes County Fair Ground in the Mayfield Bldg. will be on Sunday December 21 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

****Reminder:** Don't forget Dues are coming up. You can forward you renewals to Sally Jordan.

Anniversaries: 23-Ada & Cliff Harris; 28-Dale & Liz Anderson; 28-Mark & Ernie Slay. Birthdays: 6-Rene Delude; 16-Vi Perret; 25-Ada Harris; 25-Peggy Bloom; 28-Regina Slay. To all Our Anniversary Couples and Birthday folks...Happy-Happy, Joy-Joy.

Well folks, weather is becoming colder and roads can become hazardous driving condi-



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membership cards for 1998 at the jam or meeting. \$15.00 per house hold. Elsie Downs is no longer our Co-sec.

Reporter: Jean Hanson
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untimely passing of two District 4 members. Alice Lopez and her neighbor Will Fehely. His granddaughter, Susan, also died, her fiance, C. J. survived that terrible accident.

It behooves us to be aware of our mortality and how fleeting life is. Let us take a lesson from Alice who enjoyed life to the fullest. If a fiddler fest was going on at the extreme ends of Oregon, rain or shine, she would be there traveling alone in her familiar pick up. She didn't want to miss happy happenings or happy people and we were always recipients of her snapshots, concern about our sniffles, she was always pushing the proverbial garlic. You will be tickled to know that tucked beside her in her coffin, was an onion and a head of garlic! That was Alice. When she first decided to sing the good old tunes of her childhood, it tickled me and I'll be the first to say, she curled my hair when she did. I think she enjoyed that part and she and I chuckled at her gumption and daring - also - deer hunting, singing or traveling, "she did it her way" I'll miss you Alice.

Love, Merry, Mary Armstrong

First Quarter Report July 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997 Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association					
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance	plus / minus
July	\$21,868.07	\$432.73	\$3,501.89		(\$3,069.16)
August		\$593.20	\$1,059.25		(\$466.05)
September		\$4,453.39	\$16,475.49		(\$12,022.10)
Total		\$5,479.32	\$21,036.63	\$6,310.76	(\$15,557.31)
		CD #1	\$10,000.00		
		CD #2	\$5,000.00		
		Ending Bal.	Total	\$21,310.76	\$557.31
District	Beg. Bal.	Income	Expenses	Ending Bal.	plus / minus
1E	\$362.36	\$637.00	\$353.15	\$646.21	\$283.85
1	\$876.77	\$602.97	\$394.14	\$1,085.60	\$208.83
2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	\$1,747.03	\$480.45	\$266.29	\$1,961.19	\$214.16
4	\$1,184.81	\$496.95	\$361.62	\$1,320.14	\$135.33
5	\$661.20	\$1,212.75	\$703.25	\$1,170.70	\$509.50
6	\$1,732.74	\$1,404.37	\$692.95	\$2,444.16	\$711.42
7	\$2,137.66	\$893.96	\$396.79	\$2,634.83	\$497.17
8	\$1,481.99	\$1,289.24	\$467.81	\$2,303.42	\$821.43
9	\$529.95	\$0.00	\$26.67	\$503.28	(\$26.67)
10	\$1,397.63	\$1,450.24	\$984.55	\$1,863.32	\$465.69
Dist Quarterly Totals	\$12,112.14	\$8,467.93	\$4,647.22	\$15,932.85	
Total Dist. and State	\$33,980.21	\$13,947.25	\$25,683.85	\$22,243.61	
			With CD's	\$37,243.61	

District 6 cont.

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dinner catered (and no one even had to do the dishes!). Lots of good food and music!

Looking ahead, be on hand for our usual Christmas lunch and jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on Dec. 7th. Who knows, maybe Santa might drop by!

Our new year will start for our district with a potluck and jam at the Willamalane Senior Center on Jan. 10th. We will be hosting the State Quarterly meeting. Hope to see people from all over the state. Maybe El Nino will give us some good traveling weather. We will have our district meeting at the February jam, and that is when we will elect officers for the coming year. Our present slate of officers have agreed to run for election again, so be there and support your fine district.

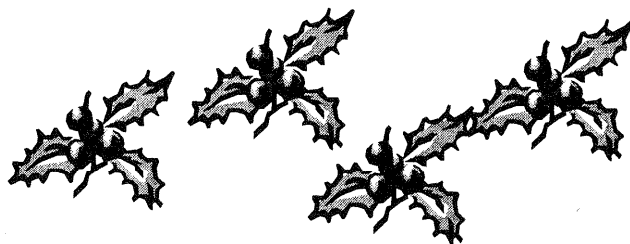
Musicians in our district are busy, as usual, playing for the many rest homes and other functions throughout the area. As a highlight, a group played for the recent Alzheimer's March and were well received by the crowd. . . up to about 300 at one time. The musicians have been asked to participate again for the same event in 1998, so you know they "liked us!" Another group played also for a Habitat for Humanity Benefit.

Birthdays: Vera Kinnaman 2, Mark Carmickle 6, Sierra Morasci 9, Brian Pruitt 15, Wayne Tracy 18, Betty Hawkins 19, Lloyd Shriber 23, and Janice Davison 25. Anniversaries will be: Frank & Freida Chandler 9 and Roy & Margaret Voss 26. Congratulations, all.

The Doris Ranch Barn gang will have a pizza feed on Dec. 13 at 12:00 and a jam that afternoon.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: Yesterday was the past, tomorrow is the future, so today is a GIFT. . . that's why it is called the PRESENT. USE IT WISELY.



Notes from the editor:

♪ A note from Curly says -- Here I am recuperating again from surgery. I wish to thank all our dear friends for their support. God's Blessings to you all. Curly Roberts

♪ Did you know that half of the money that Ace Wehus takes in from each video tape he sells, goes to the state contest fund. He has turned over several hundred dollars so far. More power to you Ace. In a letter to me recently telling about his project, he closed by writing—"Get individually involved in stimulating support for Traditional Old-Time Country Music - Whenever - Where ever you might be." He says, "I close with an "Ode."

“As you are now, so once were they,
As they are now, so you will be,
Take the challenge-in-the-time- you've—left,
To keep Traditional Music at its best.
Acoustic music that is.
In friendship, Ace Wehus

♪ Ace has an hour and a half of video of Oregon Fiddlers and vocalists - for the most part playing and singing original tunes. Contact Ace if you are interested in buying one of his tapes.

♪ I received a nice note from Dorothy Booher. As any proud mother might do, she, also, shared a letter with me from her son, Mike, written when the family was on a tour in Poland. What an interesting letter Mike writes about their experiences in Poland. What a tremendous education for the family with the many sights, experiences and interesting people they meet. What a contrast to life "back on the farm." What great representatives of American families, they must be. Congratulations to the Booher's as they travel and share their music.

♪ Thanks to all of you who wrote and for your nice comments about my memorial to Stan last month. I should have written that we "stopped by in July" not Sept. I was thinking it was on our way home from the campout at Warwicks but actually it was on the way home from the week-end at Norman and Mae Fiock's in northern Calif.

♪ Alice and I belong to the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association and enjoy their newsletter each month even though we don't get a chance to participate in their many activities - which others of you do. They list such dates as:

Feb. 28, 1998 - Banana Belt fiddle show. Contact Joe Picavet at (509)758-6539.

March 7 Enterprise Show. Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.

April 4 Pilot Rock Show

April 25 Irrigon Show

June 5-6 Wallowa County open Oldtime Fiddler's Contest in Enterprise.

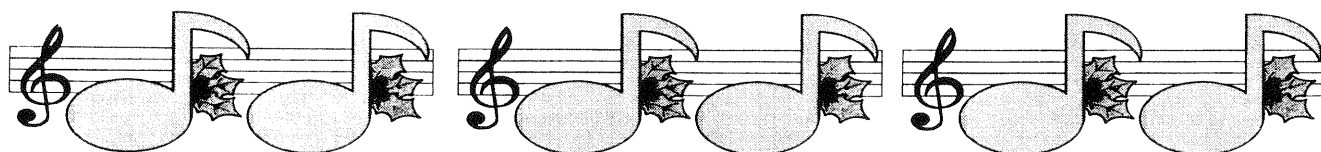
♪ Joy Halliwell writes: Lew - Sure glad to get the Hoedowner. Keeps me a little informed on what some of my friends are doing. Put a note in the next one for me, ok? Greetings from Yuma, Arizona. The weather is wonderful here. We're in a RV park with lots to do. Have been playing my fiddle. I started a jam session here at the park and met Del Anderson from Portland who is staying at a park across the street. I'm getting all of the playing that I can handle. God Bless ajoy

♪ As I was typing this, Wally Bloom called from Saskatchewan. Naturally I asked about the weather. He seemed to think that 0 degrees was normal and not that bad. Brrr - don't bring any cold weather down to us, Wally, when you come back later this winter. Good to hear you are fiddling up there. (Two dollars of each tape of Wally's that Helen Tracy and I sell goes to the state contest fund. It soon counts up.)

♪ Myrtle Arnold, our state treasurer sent in the financial statement for the Hoedowner. If you want/need more details, please contact Myrtle.

♪ On Friday, Nov. 21, The Oregonian had a nice article about Ace Wehus, the "Fiddlesticks" and OOTFA. Alice's name and phone number were listed at the end of the article for membership information. Our phone has been ring a little more than usual. We had 8 calls the first day. The article was great exposure for old time fiddling in Oregon.

Lew Holt, Editor



All across the state we were saddened to hear of the tragic automobile accident which took the life of **Alice Lopez** along with two others. Many of us first became acquainted with Alice when she would bring her husband, Alex, to the jams and although he was ill, they would dance many times while the fiddlers played. This sad accident can best be told about through the newspaper accounts -- "Three people died after their car collided with a van on a rain-slick stretch of Blackwell Road on Monday night. Lopez, 75, and Fehely, 86, died at the scene. . . .**Susan Smith**, grand daughter of Fehely died later at Rogue Valley Medical Center." Another article says, "Alice Lopez was doing what she loved most when she was killed going to a fiddlers meet." **Will Fehely** was also a member of the OOTFA. Our sympathy goes out to the families of these three people. (The newspaper had Will's named spelled two ways but our roster had "Fehely" so I went with that spelling. There were some differences whether the lady was his daughter or granddaughter, I hope I have it right - Lew)

Word was received Saturday morning that **Dave Winkelman** died early that morning -- Nov. 22 . There are no details at this time but we extend our love and sympathy to Doreen and those in District 4 who knew him so well. More details next month.

SEASONS



BEST

Membership for 1998 is going great. Many of the district chairpeople are checking in with a lot of renewals. If you haven't renewed yet, please contact your district secretary/membership chairperson at a jam or by mail to renew. Thanks Gang.

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Out of state members may send their dues to one of the district secretaries or to Alice Holt. My apologies to George for the wrong address last month. Notice the correct one this month.

The Hoedowner



Did you notice that last month I had the wrong dates for the May contest? Darn - just one day off. Please note that the dates are May 15 and 16. (At the Chemeketa Community College in Salem.) Mt. Hood.

Please mark the following dates and places on your calendars:

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

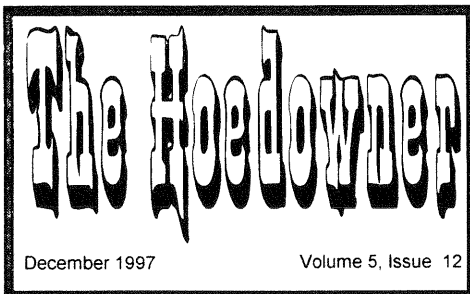
May 15 and 16

State Fiddle Contest in Salem

July 9,10,11,&12

State Summer Festival at Welches near near Mt. Hood.

Aug. 1 Fiddle Contest in Corvallis



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