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

Feb

3 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 3 Lake Creek Grange Lake Creek 4
 4 Villa West Mobile Estates Klamath Falls 1
 4 Willamalane Sr. Center Springfield 6
 4 Canby Adult Center Canby 7
 4 Senior Center Burns 9
 10 Winston Community Center 10
 11 OSU Extension Building Klamath Falls 1
 11 VFW Redmond 3
 17 Greenacres Grange Coos Bay 5
 18 Community Center Woodburn 8

March

3 Rogue River Sr. Ctr. Rogue River 4
 4 Community Center Oakridge 6
 4 Senior Center Lake Oswego 7
 4 Jam Senior Center Burns 9
 10 Keizer Senior Center Keizer 8
 10 Community Center Winston 10
 14 – 17 State convention in Roseburg

April

1 Jam Senior Center Burns 9
 5,6,7 Florence Fiddle Festival
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 8 Oregon City 7

May

5 Prospect Comm. Ctr. Prospect 4
 18 - 19, 2001 State contest Salem

Sep

13 – 15 State Campout 1000 Trails

District 1

Chairman: Cherie Lane (541) 882-1595
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Meeting and potluck on Feb. 4 (1st Sunday) at Villa West Mobile Estates Recreation Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr. in Klamath Falls. Rec Building opens at 12 noon till . . . ?

Jam – Feb. 11, (Second Sunday) 1 - 4 p.m. at OSU Extension Building, lower level, 3328 Vandenberg Rd in Klamath Falls. Directions - turn East off Alameda Bi-pass in Eberlein Ave. Take an immediate left, turn onto Vandenberg Rd, go North up the hill to 1st building on the left. Parking is in front and side parking lots, also, on lower level by the meeting room where jam is held. Please bring finger foods, ladies or men. Thank you.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday at 1 p.m., Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls. Then at 2:15 p.m. we play at the Clairmont retirement home which is 1 block above and back of the nursing home.. We play 1 hour at each place on the same day.

Hi everyone – Happy Valentine’s Day! Winter has made its appearance again in the Klamath area. Snow has been falling and all at once it’s a white world. We were getting spoiled by the open, mild weather that ended our old year.

Flu and colds have hung around to keep several of our folks feeling badly, hopefully all are soon OK again. Jean Standiford had surgery in January but each day she’s feeling better. Hopefully she and everyone will be recovered and ready for convention in March.

February birthday wishes go to Tex Cox of Shingletown, Ca. on the 16th and to our Vivian Burden on the 21st. Both of you have a good day.

The January jam today was made more lively as our own Carrie Rarden and Mom Carolyn brought their accordions and played duets. Carrie received her accordion at Christmas and is wasting no time adding it to the list of instruments she’s mastered. Now our group has 4 who play accordion.

And we added Howard and Gin Priddy as members to our district. He plays fiddle and they came from their home at Mt. Shasta for the afternoon.

Jewel McDonald (Bud Hugh’s sister) and friends came to listen and at the end of the afternoon she joined in with players as our guest to help sing some fun songs.

Keep playing and stay happy.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

District 1E

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Winter has come to the lake country. Some would say this isn’t anything compared to the olden days.

Several are sick. Maybe when spring gets here, we will all be better.

January 6 was the monthly jam. It was reported that there were between 30 and 35 present. All had a good time. Ruth Grant, Betty Chapman and Bob Elliott from North Lake Country made the trip down to attend. Glad you were there.

We welcome Randy Gibson and Louise Atkenson as new members.

Jan. 8th was the monthly meeting at the Indian Village. Only 8 members were present. On Feb. 12th is election of officers. We need all the members there. If you don’t want to be put into an office, be there to defend yourself.

Feb. 9 and 23 we play at the Long Term Care Center. The older people really enjoy the music. Some even join in and sing.

Feb. 19 we play for a spaghetti feed as a benefit for the Cub Scouts at the Open Bible Church Rec room. We play from 6 to 7:30.

Don’t forget the annual state meeting March 14 – 17. Plan to attend.

Can’t think of much more and so will sign off for now.

Everyone get to feeling better and be out to the jam on Feb. 3. Keep playing and singing when and where ever you can.

Myrle Shepard, reporter, District 1E

District 3

Chairman: Bob Ervin : (541) 447-5451
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Bend, OR. 97702

Sunday was our first show at the VFW hall in Redmond. It was not great weather but people were anxious to hear more OOTF music. The VFW had sandwiches and coffee available. We had a full house and a great time.

Everyone was so glad to see George Braumbach and he said next month he should be able to be on stage. Gene Slay was there and was on stage and played and sang. Thanks for your prayers.

We had new members; Julie & Quentin Keener of Bend, Gloria Stalker of Bend, Rick Braumbach of Bend, guitar player, And Jack Smith, of Bend, guitar player.

Mae Wart was here from Enterprise and paid her dues for 2001. She's here for eye surgery, in Redmond.

District #3 has jams a couple of nights a month. One at the Redmond Library, and one at the Diamond B Chuckwagon with the Booher family. We'll be at the Redmond VFW again on Feb. 11 for our regular jam. From the Center of Redmond, take Hwy 126 toward Prineville. Go east, just outside of the Redmond City limits. Take the airport Rd to the right. Then proceed west on Sisters Ave. Just before crossing the RR tracks, the hall is quite visible on the right. The hall opens at 1:30 PM.

Lee Hanna, reporter District 3

District 4

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We had a great jam at our "new" location at the Cave Junction Senior Center (we haven't been there for a long time). There were over 200 people, townspeople and dancers. We were royally welcomed, and even the mayor and a reporter for the Illinois Valley News were there (and she took pictures of our "famous" group!). Lots of music filled the air all afternoon. We'll be going back there in June. Our beginning fiddle group, which included Linda Chambers, Lee Ferguson, Cindy McDonald, Scott Phillips, Cathy Mitchell and "coach" Judy McGarvey, played a couple numbers, and were well received. They do so well, it's hard to call them "beginners" anymore! Visitors at the jam included Walt and Ruby Mickey, cousins of Hugh and Marie Mickey, and Lila Freeman, an 83 year old member from Crescent City, a writer, and water color artist, who now wants to learn to play the fiddle. It's never too late to learn anything that is so enjoyable! We received nice written thanks from the Flood family following Vic's death, and Oak Lane retirement home in Grants Pass expressed their appreciation for our playing there.

The James Family represented District 4 in Springfield for State Meeting. We will be electing our new staff at the February meeting.

Ruth Applegate fell four times at her home, but the doctor can't find anything wrong. She's up and about now and Bud taking care of her, but he's still not up to jamming. Betty Deckard has been in Vancouver with her sister who is ill. We miss you folks! Lola Williams finally has the boot off her foot and is walking again. Hope she can stay out of trouble!

We received our application for the Pear Blossom Parade in the spring. This has been a good way to introduce many others to our music. Get your tunes polished up, and we'll have a good float!

In the mean time, please mark your calendars for the following: Feb. 3 Lake Creek Grange Lake Creek, Mar. 3 Rogue River Sr. Center. Rogue River, April 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford, May 5 Prospect Comm. Center. Prospect.
Take time to laugh; it's the music of the soul.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter, District 4

District 5

Chairman: Phil Fry (541)888-2004
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Gosh, we got through the holidays and it's time to start a new month already. Can you believe it?

We seem to be going at a slower pace this month and that's a good thing.

Our monthly jam was at Greenacres, with a short business meeting preceding the fun stuff. At the meeting it was decided that we would play for a potluck at the Senior Center in Coquille the last Thursday of every month at 6:00. So fiddlers who are interested, grab a pot and an instrument and have fun!

We also discussed the proposed guitar workshop. Phil asked Larry Gallagher to be in charge of setting it up. He has contact with some excellent instructors. Some interested members signed up at the meeting, others who are interested call Larry at (541) 572-2742. Larry is also trying to find someone besides himself who is willing to help teach school children some basic fiddling. Larry will be doing his instruction on the guitar.

Phil appointed Shorty Dow as the chairman of the committee to nominate potential officers for this year.

At the jam, plaques were presented to Clirica & Charlie Miller and Fred Grove for all the work they do setting up playing engagements, phoning and attending and/or playing at all the events scheduled. Fred also served as our district chairperson for 1999. Our thanks and congratulations to you, and our thanks to each of you who take the time to help make our district such a good one.

We signed up three new members today and would like to welcome them to District 5 -- Georgia Williams, and Ken and Carol Hooton.

Phil would like to say thanks to those who help set-up and clean-up after each jam, and a special thanks to Bob Shaffar & Pat Kraemer who set up the Dec. jam for Phil in his absence.

Thank you Bob Hanson and Guy Kinman for coming and helping us to make such nice music. It really was a great jam.

Happy February birthdays to Frankie Williams the 4th, Kathe Leaf the 5th, Karen Rhea the 10th, Betty McKee the 14th, Shirley Coomler the 15th, and Debbe Reaves the 18th.

Congratulations to Ron & Mary Lou Sayler who have an anniversary on the 14th.

Our next jam will be at Greenacres Feb. 17th, from 12:30 to 4:00. There will be a short meeting to elect new officers for the year just prior to the jam.

Until next month.

Kathy Nash, reporter, District 5

District 6

Chairman: Mark Carmickle (541) 683-9514
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Message from Chairman Mark Carmickle: "Our February jam will be on Sunday, February 4. We will have a short meeting at 1:00 P.M. to elect officers for next year, followed by our usual jam. Coffee will be available. Nominations for chairman, co-chairman, secretary and treasurer will be open from the floor. At this point we have no nominees from the nominating committee. If these positions are not filled, then on July 1st, there will be no one to schedule and direct activities for our district.

For several years, John Madsen has faithfully and capably managed our sound system, but has had to resign because of health reasons. It is necessary that we have someone to accept this assignment. Our sound equipment is currently in a rental storage unit and Mark Carmickle has been transporting it to the jams in his car and setting it up with help from several members. He will not be able to continue this after the February meeting. It is imperative that we find someone immediately if we are to have sound at our jams.

Please consider carefully if this is your time to serve your district. No experience necessary-just a willing heart and a desire to promote and perpetuate old time fiddling! Let Mark or Curly know ASAP. Thank you."

In the event that we are unable to resolve the leadership question at the February meeting, a motion will be introduced to suspend District 6 activities indefinitely effective June 30th, dispose of the sound system, and turn over all cash to the State, to be returned should District 6 again begin to function.

On Sunday February 4, just before the February jam, we will gather for pizza, soup, salad, etc. at Roaring Rapids Pizza at 4006 Franklin Blvd. (at the old Pietro's location) . We'll reserve a room for 11:15 A.M. Show your name tag for a discount! See you there!

In the midst of all this crisis, we note for the record that the January jam and quarterly state meeting went off without a hitch. During the business meeting, Chairman Mark announced that there was a real possibility that District 6 would cease to function effective June 30.

Another of the renowned Morningstar Grange jams will be held at Morningstar Grange on Sunday, February 11, organized, as usual, by Harv Harvey. The jam will run from 10 a.m. or so into the afternoon, and is potluck. Bring your own table service. The Morningstar Grange is located just north of Albany off of the Scio I-5 exit. Take the Scio/Jefferson exit (EXIT 238) go west a half mile to Morningstar Road (just past the lumber yard), turn right (north) and the grange is almost half a mile - on the left.

Looking ahead to March, there will be a jam at the Oakridge Community Center on Sunday, March 4th, from 1 to 4 p.m. Bob Strelow is the organizer and is advertising it in Oakridge. As this is the first time we have jammed in Oakridge, we would like to see a good turnout. The community center is located one block south of Hiway 58 on School Road.

Health Notes: Brian Dunaway, who recently underwent surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, is recovering. John Madsen is doing well after treatment for cancer, which appears to have been eliminated. Good luck and a speedy recovery to both!

Joe Moyle, Reporter, District 6

Dear Distinct 6 OOTFA Members: I sure miss being able to come and play at the functions, but for the last five years I have been playing so much that there is no time for me to come and

play at the old time fiddlers. The 8th through the 12th of Dec. we were in New York for a concert. Had a great time playing some of my songs for the Lord. I'm now playing for two churches, and then the church in New York didn't want me to come home. They really liked that old time gospel picking and singing. So I want all of you in district 6 to have a great New Year, and keep that old time music of pickin' and grinning going forever. Your fellow old time fiddler and picker. J. D. Bell

District 7

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Our January Jam was at the Gladstone Senior Center as planned. What could hardly have been planned... the audience was huge, the number of musicians was as well and the quality of both was above most \$15.00 ticket deals or a show at the State Convention or at the State Contest! You had to have been there to appreciate it to full capacity. Each person needs to give themselves a nice big pat on the back! The sense of equality was palpable as was the sound produced by both the players and Andy's fine job at the controls. Welcome new members and first time visitors! Please come back all of you.

Linda Easley has formally, really, finally, truly retired. From WORK, that is. Now she's rarin' to play more, sing more, entertain more and work more for the organization ...boy are those good qualities. Bet she'll make it all happen. Many of us joined her on her last day of work to play her out of the Portland Public Library. It was quite whing ding! She still has that continuing smile on her face, so that must equal "happy".

Is this an auspicious place in the newsletter to mention that next month (Feb. 4, Canby) there will be a business meeting for nomination of officers for the next year? We will also be very happy to have people volunteer. Co-Chair, Secretary/Treasure positions are up for grabs as far as is known now. Take a look in your mirror and see if there is a volunteer in there.

This year many folks have been willing and good at volunteering for pieces that fit their time, strengths and talents. This has worked into making our district stronger, while helping to fill the gaps created by mixed endeavors and directions your Co-Chairs lives have taken. Everyone's efforts have been very much appreciated and continue to be. Joyce Lovgren has worked tirelessly with the lunch table, coffee, etc. She deserves much more gratitude, but alternatively we are offering her an easier system of dispensing her services, hope that helps! (Thanks too to Dulcie and Martha and the other ladies that pitch in each month, you are appreciated as well!)

We received word that Dorothy O'Brien from Oregon City passed away on January 17th. She is survived by her husband, Don, and family. Our sympathy is extended to Don and his family.

Late word was received that Ed Hjelseth passed away. Ed was one of our old time fiddlers over the years.

See you on Feb. 4 at: Canby Adult Center 1250 5. Ivy St. Coming from Portland take 99E to Ivy, turn left, it is on the corner of Ivy and 13Th, left. side of street. Going north on 99E turn right on Ivy.

We need to hear about our members that are under-the-weather or out of town, please.

Your reporter, Pat Gates, District 7

District 8

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Happy Valentines Day to all! The January 21st Jam at McMinnville was good, good, good. Good food, good friends and good music. We had 31 signed up, thanks to our friends from Districts 6 and 7. Many dancers too. They make it more fun to play.

Congratulations to Don and Daisy Simon, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on January 25th. They were married in Edgewater, Colorado. They moved to Bridgeport (between Dallas and Falls City) in 1951, and several years ago moved into Dallas. Our best to them. We all enjoyed some of their cake at our McMinnville Jam.

Looking to the future: February 18th we'll be at Woodburn for a meeting to elect our new officers for 2001. Be sure to come and vote! We'll be having a SOUP POTLUCK. The kitchen doesn't have an oven, so bring a crock pot of soup of your choice. Or bring dessert, salad or bread if you prefer. Be sure to bring your SOUP BOWL! Directions: The center is at 491 3rd St. It's on the corner of 3rd and Grant. From I-5, take the Woodburn exit, turn right at Settlemeier. Turn left at sign that says City Center (Garfield St.). Turn left on 3rd St. Or, if you're on 99-E, take Young St., following signs that say City Center, to 3rd St. Turn right and go 2 blocks to the center.

Then to March 10th when we play for the Keizer-Salem Area Senior Center and its annual Irish Stew feed. We always are well received and have a good time. Directions: The center is at 930 Plymouth Drive N.E. Specific directions next month.

April is "up in the air" yet. The third Sunday is Easter. We'll be checking with the Blossom Festival schedule and the Oak Grove Grange.

May 12th finds us at Pacific City on the coast at 1000 Trails. We return there, again, on June 30th.

Thanks to Frank Geelan for the harmonica that he donated for our raffle. The lucky winner was Don Halverson of District 7.

At our January jam, someone left a blue "blanket" to cover a fiddle. Nobody claimed it this month. Is it yours?

Alice Holt, Reporter, District 8

District 9

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Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198
Secretary/treasurer/membership: Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237
February 4 Jam Senior Center Burns District 9

Howdy!

If you missed January's jam, you missed a dandy. Musicians from John Day traveled down to join in the fun and what a good time it was. Ben and Amanda Schaeffer just keep getting better and better on their fiddles and then grab a guitar to help with the back up too. Tom Whaley and Vivian and Tom Tucker pleased the crowd with vocals and guitar pickin'. And of course the local gang were all there to do their part of entertaining. Edie and Tracy Koenig, Julia Milleson, Rose Robirts, Lloyd Louie, Walt Cooper, Janet Braymen, Joan Suther, Don Williams, Pat Reed, Roy Reed, and Rose Modey-Johnson fiddled, picked, hammered and sang. A good time was definitely had by all!

Musicians in Grant County hosted a jam and potluck at the Senior Center in John Day on January 21. Guests included Maynard Thompson and Vi and Gary Epperly of District 3. Folks from Burns who made the trip included Julia Milleson, Edie Koenig, Wayne and Rose Johnson, Don and LaWanda Williams, and Janet Braymen. The food was good and the music was

wonderful. The Grant County folks are going to try hosting a jam the 3rd Sunday of each month. Many thanks to Jim Johnson for getting this jam started. The next jam is scheduled for February 18 with a potluck at 1 pm and music from 2-4 pm. Come join the fun!

Mark Tiley sends greetings from Revelstoke, B.C. He has settled into his new job and even misses Harney County a bit. As we all know, if you stay here long enough, it will hook you in. Mark says he's met quite a few musicians and is getting some playing time in.

In February the jam is on the 4th with a potluck beginning at 1 p.m., a business meeting at 1:30 and music from 2-4 p.m. Topics for the business meeting include election of officers and discussion items for the state convention. The Aspens is February 9th at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor is February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Election of officers February 4th 1:30 at Senior Center! March 4 Jam Senior Center Burns -
- April 1 Jam Senior Center Burns. February 18 Jam Senior Center John Day District 9
Janet Braymen, Reporter, District 9

District 10

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Co-Sec: Flo Sangsland & Claire Eaton

Welcome from District 10. One thing about our old time fiddlers, we are always busy. Most of us are kept pretty busy playing for different functions as well as our nursing homes and retirement homes. And soon it will be our state convention. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the fairgrounds. That will be fun. We are always looking for more places to play down the road – music – music.

We are reminded that we need to get our dues in soon. Feb. 10, 2001 we will have an election for our new officers. You have to be a member to vote.

Our last jam was well attended with several out of town guests. Del and Clare Thomas, Johnny Davis and Nancy Nugent. Fabian and Connie Hare were all there from District 5. Jack and Alice Tillery from District 4. What fine music. We thank you and please come again.

We in District 10 wish Dorothy Whaley and Thelma Allen "get to feeling better wishes." We wish the best to Dorothy and Thelma and others who might not have been feeling well as they might. Get to feeling better –all of you.

This week we were sad to say Chuck Hasty was missed because of a sudden flu attack so Margie has to become a good nurse – or she will have to call on Frances Roy for her experience. Get well soon, Chuck.

Jo Barnes has a guitar strap that someone left at our Dec. jam. If it is yours, give Jo a call at 541-459-4522 or Louis Roy at 541-679-6305.

Looking to February – our regular meeting will be on the second Saturday – Feb. 10th. We'll have a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and our jam at 1:00. Our calendar for March will be a meeting at 11:00 and followed by a potluck and jam. Happy Birthday Wishes in February to – Dorothy Meadows, Mary Deadmond, Edith Christianson, John Echarm and Carroll Lakin. Happy Anniversaries to Robert and Dorothy Meadows and John and Dorothy Whaley.

Jean Hanson, reporter, District 10 (541-672-6929)

Sally sez

Where is the time going? I wonder that each month. I'm sure I just wrote this for Lew. Remarkable.

How nice it was to see you all at the quarterly meeting. I really appreciate your participation and for each district being prepared to give us a little spiel about your activities and such. I especially want to thank district 6 for having everything set up and ready for us to use. Also thank all of you for preparing the food and getting it ready for everyone. All of the volunteers in this organization are the solid base of our group. Thank all of you so much for your helping hands.

The weather was rather chilly but the food, music, dancing and visiting was really quite dandy. A good time was had by all.

Preparations for the convention are well underway and you will be hearing further about this as we get closer to March. Hope all of you can attend, that is such a great week end that we all so much enjoy. Please mark your calendars and come early and stay late, we can get in lots of jamming that way.

It is not too early to start thinking about your state officers for next year. I have asked Gene Williams in District 4 to serve as the nominating committee chairman. Each district chairman is also a member of the nominating committee. If you have someone you would like to have serve as an officer, please contact Gene Williams or your district chairman.

Right on the heels of the convention is the April Fiddle Fest in Florence, once again held at the Elks. Stay tuned to the Hoedowner for further mention of this also.

Now is the time to start gearing up for the many functions that are coming up through the summer and into the fall. I hope to see you all at these functions, I will try to be to as many as I can, I really miss seeing you all and playing exceptional music with you.

Have a great month and remember: the world will never be a better place until we are.. Learn a tune for me...Sally

From the editor:

"With warm appreciation I wish to thank all my Old Time Fiddle Friends for cards and condolences I received for the loss of my Mother. Sincerely, Marge Apperson"

Via e-mail from Alice McDowell for Helen Tracy – read it and see if she is writing about you.

Are you an active member...the kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd
or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help the club along
or are you just satisfied to be the kind that just belong?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?
There is quite a program scheduled that means success if done.
And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart...
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, member Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member? OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider and others have made a very fine CD of old time fiddle music. The proceeds are being dedicated to Pat Gates from District 7 who is experiencing cancer and the battle that goes to beat it. For this reason all proceeds from the sale of this CD will be shared equally between the American Cancer Society and OOTFA. The CDs will be available at the state convention in March in Roseburg and the months that follow. You are encouraged to buy one (or more) for the fine music and to bolster the causes for which the sales serve. If you want an audio cassette tape, they will be available, too. This is a noble thing that the gang is doing – many dollars from their own pockets. They are willing do this because they feel that it is a worthy cause.

State convention --
March 14, 15, 16, and 17 Roseburg
Florence Fiddle Festival April 5 – 7 Florence
State contest -- May 18 and 19 Salem
High Dessert Jamboree Burns – June 14 - 16
Weiser – the third full week end in June – June 18 - 23
Mt. Hood Campout - July 19 – 22
Willamette Valley contest – Aug. 4 Corvallis
Diamond Lake Campout –Aug. 2 - 5
1000 Trails – Sep. 15 - 17

Diamond Lake -- It is Aug. 2,3,4,5, we leave the 6th. It is going to cost us for the hall this year but if every one enjoys it, it will be worth it. If I could find another spot as nice I would do it. Irene Ruddock

Many of us own and use an Intellitouch tuner. I have an “Intellitouch” tuner which I like very well. It acted up a while back. It wouldn't go to the “440.” I went to the Intellitouch web site and asked for help. Here is the quick answer I received when I e-mailed the company. (You might want to save it for future reference.)

Sometimes when batteries are changed the tuner will come up in the “Learn Mode.” This just means that you'll have to teach it something. . . . Place the tuner on your instrument...Turn it on...Pluck any string...When you have two arrows on both sides of the displayed note press the select button..(You must have two arrows on each side - when you press select) the black bar will change to the preset position. Press the mode button twice and the black bar will move to the 440 position. Press the select...you will be in the 440 mode and can return to normal tuning. (You read it here in the Feb. 1 Hoedowner.)

Dan Levenson (old time music and dance, banjo, fiddle, clogging with songs and stories from around the world) will be holding a String Band Workshop on Friday Feb. 2 at 7:30 and a House Concert on Saturday, Feb. 3rd in Portland. Where: 7637 NE Sacramento St. (South of Sandy Blvd go 77th East of Madison H. S.) Reservations are required for both nights. George Neidhart, member OOTFA, is in charge of this event. Please call George at 503-257-6795 for more information and reservations.

It's not too early to be thinking about the State Convention. We received a call from “Sleep Inn & Suites” in Roseburg inviting you “motel people” to check them out. They are offering special group rates for the “Old Time Fiddlers Convention.” Just ask for the “Fiddlers Convention”

rates. They are located at 2855 NW Edenbower Blvd., Roseburg 97470 (I-5 Exit 127) 541-464-8338 or toll free 1-800-753-3746.

Last month District 4 reported the death of Jack McCasland. Let's go back to 1976 and review who Jack was:

December 1976

Our Fiddler for the month of December

Jack McCasland

Jack was born in Morrilton, Conway County, Arkansas, May 26, 1912. He was a member of a musical family consisting of one brother and three sisters. He is a third generation fiddler, his grandfather George, being a champion of his time.

Jack's father traded an Elgin watch for a fiddle, which he kept hidden under his bed. When he was 18 months old, Jack would crawl under and paw on it. Later, when he was old enough to learn to play, his grandfather took him in hand. He used to make Jack sit sideways in an old ladder-back chair, hook his elbow over the back and practice bowing. When he was 12 years old, Jack's father bought him a bass fiddle. He wasn't tall enough to reach the strings so he had to stand on a box to play it. Jack's mother played an old pump organ, his father the fiddle and all but the youngest in the family were good musicians. They played as a family group, listened to the "Grand Ole Opry" on the radio and broadcast their own music to their friends and neighbors over the telephone. Jack worked 3 days pulling a cross-cut saw for a Sears Roebuck guitar.

During the 1930s and 40s Jack played bass in a western band of his own, at that time they lived in the San Joaquin Valley, Cal. Also during that time, in 1935, Jack was married. He and his wife Clemmie have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

They joined the Old Time Fiddlers in 1971 when the association was first organized in southern Oregon by Martha Warwick.

Jack has become quite an accomplished fiddler. He won 4th place in the intermediate group, in state competition this year. He plays at jam sessions, dance parties and rest homes, where ever and whenever he can.

Jack is a friendly, out-going person with an engaging personality. Whenever he joins in with a group of musicians his presence stands out like his big bass fiddle. Minnie Bennett, Historian

Check out the Homepage of Missouri Fiddling: <http://home.earthlink.net/~geezer57/>

Wanted; Mandolin for beginner. Sound quality more important than looks. Gloria Myers Dist. 1E 541-947-5442

Louise Hamilton had surgery before Christmas and wants to thank all of you who remembered her with your cards, calls and visits. Although it has been a while, she still wants all of you to know that she appreciated everything.

NAME TAGS Helen Tracy wants to remind all of you that it will soon be "convention time" and time to greet your friends. The name tags allow your friends to walk up to you and call you by name – without those "senior moments" that so often come when we greet even our best friend/wife/whoever. She encourages you – especially you new members – to get your order to her soon so she can get your name badge back to you in time for the convention. See her ad elsewhere in this Hoedowner.

OOTFA web site. For several years many of us have used and enjoyed the web site of the OOTFA. The address was a bit clumsy members.aol.com/lewholt My son advised me that we should have our own domain name. Our new address is: www.oldtimefiddling.org Nobody else is allowed to have or use this name. Oldtimefiddling will be easy to remember and for others you tell to remember. The new site is being worked on and may not be 100% at this time but the old site should be up to date. Eventually the old site will be discontinued. We have had over 3200 hits on our web site. Not bad but with new address, people should stumble on to it more often.

In December a group of us from Districts 7 and 8 played for an assembly at the Maple Grove Elementary School near Molalla. We recently received a nice donation from the school to our

contest fund to show their appreciation. It was perhaps the nicest group of boys and girls that we have ever played for.

On the January 19th a group of us played for the opening of a new branch of a Wells Fargo Bank in the Pearl District in Portland. Wells Fargo is a good supporter of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Myrtle Arnold and Sally Jordan have new e-mail addresses. Please note the heading on the front page for their new addresses.

One Hundred Fifth copies of the second edition of the Story of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers book have been printed and are now available. Copies are available through most district secretaries. The price is \$6.00. If you want to order one from me by mail, the price is \$8.00. The new edition has a binder that is accepted by libraries. Several members have already purchased copies to donate to their city libraries. You are invited to do the same.

On the last page of the second printing I listed the wrong secretary/treasurer for 2000-01. It should have been Irene Ruddock. I am correcting about 125 issues but another 25 issues went out with out the correction. I would encourage you to get the correction sticker from me or neatly cross out Myrtle Arnold and write in Irene Ruddock. Sorry about that.

Lew Holt, Editor

Cheryl,

District 5 has a new heading – Sheila Anderson changed to Sheila Fry

Myrtle and Sally both have new email addresses.

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Myrtle Arnold (redpdx@qwest.net)

Please note that the new membership person is added to district 6 officers/heading.