

April

1 Crow GrangeCrow 6  
1 Jam Senior Center Burns 9  
5,6,7 Florence Fiddle Festival OOTFA/5  
7 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4  
8 VFW Hall Redmond 3  
8 Oregon City 7  
15 Senior Center John Day 9  
22 Oak Grove Grange 8

May

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
5 Community Center Prospect 4  
6 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6  
6 Forest Grove 7  
6 Senior Center Burns 9  
12 1000 Trails Pacific City 8  
18 - 19, 2001 State contest Salem OOTFA

June

2 Senior Center Cave Junction 4  
3 Crow GrangeCrow 6  
8-9 Wallowa County Contest, Enterprise BM  
30 1000 Trails Pacific City 8

July

19, 20, 21 Mt. Hood Campout OOTFA/7

Aug

4 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis  
2 - 5 Diamond Lake Campout  
18 Oregon Trail Days Fiddle Contest LaGrande  
25 Canyonville Contest  
26 Warwick Campout

Sep

13 - 15 State Campout 1000 Trails

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District 1

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Meeting and potluck on April 1 (1st Sunday) at Villa West Mobile Estates Recreation Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr. in Klamath Falls. Rec Building opens at 12 noon till . . . . ? We'll start with a business meeting, then a potluck and music the rest of the afternoon.

Jam - April 8, (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. 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.

Hello all -- Is everyone recuperated from the fun, music and late hours at the convention? Three of our musicians, Faye Patterson, Lew Standiford and Jerry Ruddock were featured players at the Friday night show and other members got to accompany them. The variety of the entire show made for an enjoyable evening.

April Happy Birthday Wishes go out to Louis Stork and Ray Lane. If any anniversary dates or other birthdays are missed, please tell me.

Please "Get Well Quickly" to our ill members. We understand Tex and Minnie Cox are now staying at a Retirement Home in Redding, California.

There are some playing dates for benefits coming up in May and June for our players -- details to be confirmed.

Till next time -- Happy Fiddlin'  
Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

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#### District 1E

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Another month has come and gone. Sometimes we thought it was spring, sometimes winter.

The group played for the Long Term Care patients on the 6th and 20th. All had a good time. I enjoy it because when I get older, I would like some one singing and playing for me and my friends.

March 3rd jam was attended by a good size crowd. The two small Ortwin girls played. What a treat and good to see the younger ones take part.

March 12th was the monthly meeting. Only 9 members attended. Hard to conduct business without more members. If you had a job and not many turned up, could you get the job done? Please leave one hour a month available on the second Monday to attend the meeting.

Several practices for the convention were held in March. The report I received after the convention was, all had a good time. Meeting people from all over the state. Nightly jams were held each night.

Some members are still on the sick list. Hope when spring gets here that everyone will be on the mend or well. No fun to be sick.

May 12 will be the Silver Lake Fire Bar-B-Q and fund raiser. OOTFA will play from 3 to 6 p.m. Let's make it a big and good time for all. Hope to see all the North Lake County members there.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Parker as new members. They have been very faithful to get to the jams when they could. We need more members. If you know anyone that likes and enjoys old time music, invite them to the jams so they can see and hear the music in action.

The sun is shining today but don't know what tomorrow will bring so take it one day at a time, with a smile on your face and a song on your lips, play music when and where ever you can.

By, by for now.

Myrle Shepard District 1E reporter

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#### District 3

Chairman: Bob Ervin : (541) 447-5451

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The Sunday show at the VFW hall was great. There is a nice area for dancing, and it was full most of the time. Rose Modey-Johnson and her husband were in the area and came and danced and visited.

Carol & Hollis Real are back from Arizona, and it's good to see them. New members were Gary & Beckie Miller of Sisters. Gary is a good banjo player. Laura & Pete Newton of Redmond. Laura plays bass and autoharp. More new members are Ray & Mary Demaris, of Prineville. Mary plays fiddle. Glad to have another fiddler, Mary.

Some of our people who have had health problems, were with us, George Brumbaugh, Gene Slay, & Ches Fullerton. Ches's hand is healing well but he isn't playing guitar yet.

We were trying to get a head count of those in attendance, but did you ever count chickens? With Phil Olson's help we came up with around 300.

The VFW would like for us to change the date of our show to the first Sunday of the month. At our meeting we voted to meet on the first Sunday, starting in May.

April 8 VFW Hall Redmond Hope to see you there.

We have just gotten home, from the Roseburg convention, and if you didn't go you missed a great weekend. The OOTFA is so fortunate to have such special officers: Sally, Lew & Irene, and they have agreed to serve another year.

If it is not a beautiful morning, let your cheerfulness make it one.

Lee Hanna, Reporter District #3

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#### District 4

Chairman: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230

Co-Chair: Mike James (541) 560-3680

Sec/Treas: Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621

Membership: Freda Serpa (541) 772-2952

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What a great jam we had at Rogue River. Lots of dancers and listeners came, as well as a large group of musicians. The music just keeps getting better and better, and the audience gets more and more enthusiastic. Ain't it great! It was good to see Neva Flood out at the jam again. Our snowbirds are returning, too.

Business meeting was held before the jam and great potluck. We are starting to prepare for the Pear Blossom Parade on April 14th. We have our float (wagon) available, and can have a limited number of musicians. It has been a great way to let people know about our

organization. Hopefully we can get up closer to the front of the parade than our 130+ place of the last two years!

We are also sponsoring a dance at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass on Saturday, March 24, from 1-4 pm. It will be like a regular jam, but after discussion, we decided not to have a potluck this time, but maybe coffee and cookies. Jerry Von Foeken offered to donate \$50 for the sound system if the center does not provide it. Also we are playing for a spaghetti feed at Lake Creek Grange, on March 24 too, but at 7 pm.

It was voted to send the same donations to the State Fiddle Contest and Canyonville Contest as last year.

Freda Serpa and Jim Barrett have been quite ill with the flu. We hope they are finally recovering!

The District 4 members who went to the State Convention had a great time meeting friends old and new, playing and listening to all the good music, and even winning some prizes in the raffle. Lucky Bob Dow won a fiddle, Judy McGarvey won a stylish Western jacket, Gene Williams won a teddy bear, and Joan Allgood won a lovely plant.

Now we look forward to: April 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford. May 5 Prospect Community Center in Prospect. June 2 Cave Junction Senior Center in Cave Junction.

We've all heard about April showers, but ask Lola Williams and Judy McGarvey about a March shower! The fun goes on and on.

Remember: Growing old is mandatory, growing up is an option!

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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#### District 5

Chairman: Phil Fry (541)888-2004

Co-Chair: Katherine Nash (541) 902 1981

Sec./Treas./Membership Sheila Fry

418 Sandstone Lane Coos Bay, OR. 97420  
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What a great time we had at the Roseburg convention! Lots of jamming and a great Friday night show and Saturday dance. It was good to see so many from our district there and playing so well. We were especially proud of Fred Grove who won the Bill Yohey trophy awarded for outstanding back up. He has unselfishly backed up fiddlers and vocalists for many years and is one of the best rhythm guitar players in the state.

Larry Gallagher with the help of Norm Nash and Chuck and Dorothy Booher put together a great workshop for rhythm guitars last month at Winchester Bay grange. We were pleased to see so many turn out for this. We'll let you know when the next one will be. Our anniversary couple for April is Debbie & Rick Reaves on April 6th. Congratulations to you! Birthdays are: Jerene Shaffer April 2nd, Paul Osekowsky the 3rd, Ron Saylor the 8th, Elnora Jorren the 14th, Kathy Nash the 16th, Charlie Miller the 21st and Easter Noblett the 23rd. Happy Birthday to us all!! If you're new to the district, be sure and let us know when your birthdays and anniversaries are.

We have new members! Welcome to Jim Little from Florence & Bill & Thelma Byrd, also from Florence.. Jim plays guitar & bass & Bill is a beginning fiddler and doing really great! Also we have some new students of Allen Todd ...don't have names at this time....next issue.... Some dates you may want to put on your calendars: FLORENCE FIDDLE FEST at the Elks lodge--April 6th & 7th We will be playing and entertaining the public the 5th also, at the Siuslaw High school ( 2975 Oak) from 6:30-10:00. We will be using the Community

(Laurelwood Hall) -off 14th on Maple, for entertaining our out of district guests that day. We will be providing soup, sandwiches and finger food, so if you can, bring something to share.

District 5 jam at Greenacres 12:30-4:00. April 21st North Fork grange 12:30 - 4:00. May 5th St Catherine's 1:30-2:30. May 11th District 5 jam 1-4 Greenacres. May 19th Bullard Beach Park 6:30. May 25th Coquille Senior center play and potluck 5:15 every other last Thursday of the month. There is a jam/practice in Florence at Siuslaw High School every Friday night from 6:30 till about 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. On days when there is no school, we will meet at Laurelwood Hall (off 14th on Maple) .

See you all at the Florence Fiddle Fest April 5,6 & 7th, & again at Greenacres on the 21st.

Kathy Nash, reporter

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#### District 6

Chairman: Mark Carmickle (541) 683-9514

Co-Chair: Curly Roberts (541) 688-1399

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Sec: Maxine Benson (541)746-1083

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The Oakridge jam, organized by Bob Strelow on March 4, was a considerable success. We had a good turnout, including some people normally snowbirds at this time of year, such as Betty and Arnold Canning, Elsie Bostick and Dexter McPherson. The jam highlight, though, was the appearance of Cajun fiddler and Oakridge resident Kelly Thibideau, who put on a pyrotechnic display of Cajun technique. Thanks again to Bob for organizing the jam; we hope it will not be long before there is another.

March being state convention month, there is little on the District Six schedule. Wally Bloom, Darla Miller, Starr McMullen, Ila Mae Carmickle and Mark Ratzlaff represented us very well on the Friday night show.

The April (Sunday, April 1) and June (Sunday, June 3) monthly jams will be held at the Crow Grange. The May jam will be on Sunday, May 6 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon.

Health Notes: Ruth Kennedy has sufficiently recovered from her recent heart surgery that she appeared at the Oakridge jam. Good going, Ruth! Clarence Cannon has just had knee surgery.

Happy Birthday to: Alice McDowell 4/4; Adam Johnson 4/5; Carol Ede 4/12; Barbara McAdam 4/13; Don Peeler 4/15; Sherry Dobson 4/18; Bob Kaiser 4/20; Dee Dee Kaiser 4/22.

Anniversary congrats to Arlo and Louise Hamilton: 4/13/48; Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22/72.

Joe Moyle, reporter district 6

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#### District 7

Co-Chairman: Chuck and Pat Gates (503) 244-6987

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Helen Hakanson 503-659-7250

Our March Jam was at the Lake Oswego Community Center had more than 40 players in attendance! We had a Missouri old-time fiddler, Rusty Marshall, as a guest which added a special variety of style and tunes. We also had a young banjo player from Tualatin who added his special talent to the jam. He was a guest of the Hakanson's and hope he'll be back again. April 8 Oregon City's Pioneer Community Center, May 6 Forest Grove Senior Center and June 3 Estacada Community Center

Here are some future dates that you players might put on your calendar now:

May 19 - Plow Horse Pull at Rock Creek Campus approximate time 12-2 need to hear from players who would not be attending the state contest and would enjoy a chance to play this gig again this year. Please call Ida Colby (503.557.8709) soon if you can do this, need to make a commitment soon (like by April 2 probably). June 15th - Milwaukee Festival Daze play 4-5 p.m. More on this later. July 12 - Oxbow Park (an evening play date) Aug. 3 - Gladstone Chautauqua a morning and afternoon a far as we know now

Bob Fast has been under-the-weather recently. Hope he is feeling better soon. You can find his phone and address in the roster. Know he and Dulcie would appreciate hearing from their friends out there in OOTFA-land!

Oregon City's Pioneer Community Center directions: at 615 Fifth Street. If take exit #10 and go straight on past the "covered wagons" in Oregon City you'll make no turns until you get to Fifth St. Be sure to look that up prior to starting out if you are not familiar with that location. The potluck will be at 12:00 and the jam/show at 1:00. The Center will have a snack center open from 1-4 so you might want to bring a little extra change. If you remember last year this was the biggest jam of the year -- 300 people attended, so you may want to get there a little early to garner a seat for yourself!

You may know that Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Donna and Dick Foreman along with Chuck and Pat Gates have created the CD/tape "Tapioca" containing a variety of tunes and styles which the OOTFA and The American Cancer Society are the joint benefactors of all profits from the sale of either CD (\$15) or tapes (\$10). A member from each district's officers probably knows who in the district has taken a small collection of each to sell in their area. This should be a nice fund raiser for the OOTFA state contest, as well as a way to share some of the music variety we play in OOTFA!

Something else we might all try to do to bring new interested folks to the group, besides things like the "Tapioca" recording is... are you ready for this idea???...inviting a few folks in the 30-50 age range to monthly jam, the state contest, or a gig where they can hear our music. Especially true for people who have played string band type music in their past, or who remember their parents or grandparents playing. If we tried to do that several times a year we'd no doubt find many more eager and able folks to join the active membership in celebrating and sharing the fun and friendship we have going for us, and to help keep the whole thing going as far as leadership and do-man's-ship!

We had another fun-filled state convention! All The District 7 Die-Hards lived it up again! There must be more District 7 people who love to stay up until midnight, night after night to have just a little more fun being part of the music scene, who then conversely love to get up early to start the process all over again.

Sure was nice to hear Wally Bloom, Homer McLain, Guy Kinman, and Wayne Holmes and all those other fine musician we never seem to hear enough of, get up and play those foot stomping, yet lovely tunes! Keep the action coming!

Just think we still have Florence, State Contest, Mt. Hood at all those other fun times yet to come, we'd best get the calendar book out at our house for sure!

Oh yeah the Gates team had them rolling in the aisle again...at our own expense? Hope not! ;-)  
) (Ed note -- at the banquet!!)

Your reporter, Pat Gates

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District 8

Chairman: Dale Colebank 503-634-2747

Co-Chair: Rich Samsom 503-623-5731

Sec/Treas/Membership: Joetta Chrissakis 503-623-9015

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A goodly number of District 8 people attended the OOTFA convention. As usual, it was a fine gathering of friends with lots of music and visiting. Lee and Ruth Jones had to leave early as Lee wasn't feeling well. Get better soon Lee. I'm happy to report that Bob Church is feeling fine.

The Irish Stew Dinner at the Keizer-Salem Senior Center March 10 was well attended by musicians and seniors. The seniors there look forward to us coming each year. They even changed the date this year to fit our schedule.

Districts 7 and 8 co-operated on playing for the Spinning Exhibition at Aurora with District 7 taking it on March 10 and District 8 on March 11. We were very happy to have a lot of 7ers on the second day too! It was so much fun, some of them came twice. Small groups played in 3 different locations around the museum. The make up of the groups changed from time to time as we ate, or looked at the displays, or wandered off to join another bunch of musicians. Sometimes it's hard to explain to people that we aren't "a band". Most any combination of us can provide entertainment. We received many compliments on the music and quite a few dollars in the donation baskets for OOTFA. The Aurora community wants us to play on August 11 and 12 for Aurora Colony Days. More on that when arrangements are made.

Our April jam will be Sunday April 22nd at Oak Grove Grange. It will be a BROWN BAG LUNCH affair. The grange is located off Hwy 22 west out of Salem. Turn north on Oak Grove Road between the Cemetery and the Brunk House. The grange is a few miles and on the right. It's a beautiful country drive, with the cherry trees in bloom. Open at 10, lunch at noon, sign up jam from 1 to 4. Hope to see you there!

Alice Holt, Reporter, District 8

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District 9

Chairman: Edie Koenig 541-493-9564

Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Secretary/treasurer/membership: Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

February 4 Jam Senior Center Burns District 9

Happy April Fool's Day

But I won't pull your leg today. Election of officers was held at the March Jam and we welcome George Sahlberg as Chairman elect, Don Williams as Vice-chair and Rose Modey-Johnson as Secretary/ treasurer. Thanks for being willing to serve. The district voted for a donation to the state contest and to buy a copy of the OOTFA History for the Harney County Library.

Betty and Bill Chapman of District 1E made the trip from Christmas Valley for the jam. What a treat to have Betty do some yodeling.

Gordon Black represented the Burns area at the John Day Jam in March while Julia Milleson, and Ruel and Margaret Teague were kicking up their heels at the State Convention. Edie Koenig, Janet Braymen and Marie Macomber gave up fiddling that weekend to play in the local Chamber Music Society Concert. It's the funny thing about a small town, there just aren't enough people to go around so you end up doing everything. The schedule for April is a potluck & jam at Burns Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the 1st, The Aspens at 7 p.m. on the 13th, potluck & jam at John Day Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the 15th, Ashley Manor at 6:30 p.m. on the 18th. And May 6 Jam Senior Center Burn See you there.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

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#### District 10

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Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501  
Co-Sec: Flo Sangsland & Claire Eaton

Greetings from District # 10 and by the time you read this the State Fiddlers Convention will be history. At our monthly meeting March 10 we rediscussed our obligations to the Convention and especially the Wednesday program since we are the host District and to make sure we had all the bases covered. We had several guests from District 5, Del and Clara Thomas, Johnny Davis, Nancy Nugent and Shorty and Charlotte Dow. John and Vickie Clark and Ray and Thelma Drayer from District 6. Judy Lyons and Jerry VanFoeken from District 4. We want to thank all of you for coming and spending the day with us.

Three of our members recently passed away Mary Deadmond, Bob Russell and Tom Fulton. District 10 extends our sympathy, condolence and prayers to Shorty Dow's and family, Fern Russell and family and to the Tom Fulton family and especially to Mariam Wolcott a long time friend and companion to Tom Fulton. Mary Deadmond was Shorty Dow's sister and he presented a short memorial in honor of his sister. Shorty and Charlotte presented a check of \$ 100.00 to District 10 in appreciation of the companionship, enjoyment and friendship that District 10 had extended to Mary over the years. "THANKS SHORTY AND CHARLOTTE DOW".

We wish a happy April Birthday to the following members. Jan Castillo, Dennis Pickett, Chuck Hasty and Mindy Parsons. We also wish a happy April Anniversary to the following members. Clem and Sarah Berlier and Chuck and Margie Hasty. I know that many of our members Birthday and Anniversary are left out of our news letter due to the fact that we have no record of these dates. I am appealing to all member of District 10 through the Hoedowner to contact Jean Hanson, Jo Barnes or Louie Roy to update their Birthday and Anniversary. Members who are ill or in the hospital are Dorothy Whaley, Sarah Berlier and Dave Knapp. We are still playing at Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes and Senior Centers and other events. Our April meeting will be April 14, Our May meeting will be May 12 and our June meeting had to be changed to June 2 due to fact that the City of Winston rented the Community Building to another group without our knowledge.

A late note from District 10 -- Ida Johnson our oldest member in District 10 passed away early Sunday morning, March 18. She was probably the oldest active member in the State.( age 96 )



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

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SALLY SAYS

WOW, was that some convention huh? We had such a great time. Wasn't great to see those kids there too? I'm going to have to thank all of those people who made it all possible. The trouble is I don't want to leave anyone out, so I hate to name names but I'm going to try. If I miss you please forgive me and let me know and I will mention you later. We have such GREAT VOLUNTEERS in our organization and that means so much to Lew, Irene and me. We could and would not be able to even begin to get the convention off the ground without these wonderful people. Please take the time to pat each other on the back, from all the people who volunteered for "jobs" from the registration table to all the ladies doing the raffle. You all did a tremendous job and "WE" all appreciate it. Without you we wouldn't be able to have such a great time.

Thank you Louie Roy for once again doing a stupendous job of taking care of the "details" and keeping us connected to the fairgrounds, the radio station and for all your dedication to the organization.

Hats off and salute to all districts who do their part for the convention. From the collecting of parking of the RV's to the setting of the tables. The registration desk, to the raffles, setting up tables, chairs, and taking them down again. I thank all of you for your work. To ALICE MCDOWELL and JOY COSTELLO for sitting at the registration table all day, every day to take money for the banquet and answer questions and register people. District 3 taking money for RV parking, The ladies doing the raffles; JOAN ALLGOOD, KATHY NASH, LOLA WILLIAMS, CHARLOTTE DOW, JOAN DANIELS, MYRTLE ARNOLD. Thank you all for your dedicated help. You all contribute so much.

HELEN TRACY, sitting all day and selling all of her wonderful pins, the stickers, watches, and name tags so we don't look foolish when we see each other after a few months and can't remember each others names. Thank you Helen. I truly appreciate those nametags. Thank all of you who bring your instruments to sell and Lew for working on them and helping us with them. I know this is getting long, but feel it is important for us all to know how much it means to be helping each other any way we can. For all the people who helped pick up chairs and stack and move them, everyone who helped take down the banquet set up for the dance, you are all wonderful...Even those who had to play last each night and a couple of ladies who ate last so we could go first and take our tickets. Thank you. Well, you all get the picture, I am grateful that you all want to be a member of OOTFA and help each other. THANKS.....

THANK YOU LEW AND IRENE TOO FOR YOUR HARD WORK... Well, that's all I think I have to say at this time, just thanks to all of you that we had such a GREAT convention. Hope you all had as good of time as I did and I hoped you all learned something too. Till we see you again, hopefully here at the Florence Fiddle Fest April 5,6, 7. Look for details in this Hoedowner. HAPPY TRAILS....Sally

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From the editor:

June 8-9 – 32nd Annual Wallowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise. If you need a motel room, call early – other activities in town that week end. for information, contact Charles Trump, 541-886-7885, or e-mail, chastrump@yahoo.com, or check us out at [www.fiddlerscontest.org](http://www.fiddlerscontest.org).

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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 profits from the sale of this CD will be shared equally between the American Cancer Society and OOTFA. 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 are available, too. If the CDs or audio tapes aren't available in your district, you may order directly from Lew -- \$15 plus \$2.00 for postage. The audio tapes are \$10 plus \$2.00. I know you will enjoy the music as well as your purchase will serve a good cause.

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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

August 25 Canyonville Contest

Warwick Campout Aug 26 -- through Labor Day

1000 Trails – Sep. 15 - 17

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Ace made excellent videos of the Thursday night and Friday night shows at the convention. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. Alice and I have enjoyed ours very much -- they sure bring back memories of the jams. They would be especially valuable for those of you who were not able to attend. Ace has sent OOTFA Fiddle Jam videos to all the colleges in Oregon, all the secondary schools and to most city libraries. The profit from each video puts OOTFA videos into two elementary schools in Oregon. If ten of you ordered videos this month, Ace could send OOTFA videos to 20 more elementary schools. Just think how many videos he could send if 30 or 40 or 50 of you ordered videos. I strongly recommend them.

Ace Wehus Thursday night video -- \$15.00  
1024 S. Elm Court Friday night video -- \$15.00  
Canby, OR 97013  
503-266-4144

Check out "Oregon Videos by Ace" at  
<http://hometown.aol.com/acewehus/myhomepage/profile.html>

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Sally says that if you want a motel near the Elks in Florence, try the following:

Silver Sands: 997-3459 two blocks north of Elks

Villa West : 997-3457 One block south of Elks

Le Chateau (across from Elks) 997-3481

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From Lew: I want to thank all of you who performed so well during the Friday night show at the convention. You put on an excellent show. Just as we might think our grandchild is "the best," I think the show "was the best." I have received many, many fine comments about the show. It is very gratifying to know that people enjoyed the it. And thanks to the emcees, Ken Jordan and Ruel Teague. Roger Germundson spent the whole evening adjusting the mikes. Not much was left to chance. There was an excellent crew to bring each participant to the stage on schedule and off the right direction. Thanks to Jackie Germundson, Joan Daniels and others for being such good helpers.

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The new rosters are available for a dollar each. Most district officers took copies back to your district so check with them. If not, we'll have them at Florence, again at the contest and at Burns. Alice and I couldn't live with out one.

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Have you seen and played Ernie Lovgren's fiddle that he recently completed? He did an excellent job -- and just as important, it has a fine tone.

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This last month I have received a "whole bunch" of donations towards the contest. It started with a contribution from Martha Pederson. At the convention I received generous donations from Districts 4, 5, 9 also from Earl Knudson, Joy Costello, and Bob Hannah. Others told me that more will be coming. Thanks everybody. District 8 had made its donation earlier.

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The membership authorized me to purchase more of the "fiddle patches" that so many of us have on our vests. They will be available as soon as I get them.

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Congratulations to the many winners of the drawings at the banquet. I was the only one that was disappointed that I didn't win anything after my luck other years. Congratulations to Ace Wehus for winning the guitar donated by Fred Hardin. Congratulations to Bob Dow for winning the fiddle that Wally Bloom and I donated. Donna Foreman won the big picture of "the fiddler" that was donated by the Lorings. The three items took in almost \$900 for the contest. Sorry you didn't win -- but many thanks for your contributions. Too bad I can't list all of your names.

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Chuck Gates, in his "own way" emceed the banquet. His "own way" caused his wife to blush and when she blushes we all know it. They are a great team and we appreciate their sense of humor.

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The May 1 Hoedowner will have the information about the contest which will be held the third week end in May. Starr wants to remind you of the contest and extend a personal invitation for as many as possible to participate -- either as a contestant or to show your support by attending. She has selected 5 very fine judges: Hanneke Cassel (Boston, MA), Dan Emert (Pendleton, OR), Amy Gilliam (Lewiston, Idaho), Gary Moore (Seattle, WA), Vivian Williams (Seattle, WA).

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Homer McLain wants a special "thank you" to go out to all of you who sent cards, called and who expressed your concern at the convention regarding his health. He says that friends are very important and that "you are the best."

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Fred Grove was selected for the Bill Yohey trophy this year. He is a very fine representative of the back up across the state. Congratulations Fred!

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A special treat this month was having Howard "Rusty" Marshall from Missouri visit in our home. Rusty comes from a long line of Missouri fiddlers. His wonderful style and flawless playing were well demonstrated at the District 7 jam at Lake Oswego. Rusty and also his father are among our new members of OOTFA.

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We are invited to the Oregon Trail Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest that will be held in LaGrande on Aug. 18. For more information and a pre-registration form, call the LaGrande/Union County Visitors Bureau 1-800-848-9969 or 963-8588, or email [visitlg@eoni.com](mailto:visitlg@eoni.com)

Lew Holt, Editor

CHERYL,

The double spacing is to hopefully insure that it comes out right when "pasting and copying." Last month some words got dropped down a line which put the contest in Florence -- something else in Salem. ☺ Please single space them.

DISTRICT 7 has a change in its heading/officers.

I'll be home if you have any questions/comments.

Lew