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

May

5	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
5	Community Center	Prospect	4
5	North Forks Grange	Florence	5
6	VPW Hall	Redmond	3
6	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
6	Forest Grove		7
6	Senior Center	Burns	9
12	Fire Hall	Silver Lake	1E
12	1000 Trails	Pacific City	8
13	Jam	Klamath Falls	1
18 - 19, 2001	State contest	Salem	OOTFA
19	Children's Fair	Alturas	1E
19	Greenacres	Coos Bay	5
20	Jam Senior Center	John Day	9

June

2	Senior Center	Cave Junction	4
3	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
3	Crow Grange	Crow	6
3	Community Center	Estacada	7
8-9	Wallowa County Contest,	Enterprise	BMOTFA
14-16	High Dessert Fiddle Festival	Burns	
16	State Quarterly Meeting	Burns	
18-23	Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	
30	1000 Trails	Pacific City	8

July

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

Aug

4	Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
4	Picnic	Stewart State Park	4
2-5	Diamond Lake Campout		
18	Oregon Trail Days Fiddle Contest	LaGrande	BMOTFA
25	Contest	Canyonville	
26	Warwick Campout	Williams	

Sep

13 - 15	1000 Trails	Bend/LaPine	
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District 1

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 Co-Chair: Faye Patterson (541) 798-5973
 Sec/Treas/Membership: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313
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1st Sunday -- Meeting, potluck and afternoon of music playing 12 noon to ? at Villa West Mobile Estates Recreation hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr in Klamath Falls.

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.

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 from District 1. Is it spring anywhere else yet? In our district we're still having cold, windy, snowy weather. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be feeling some warm Klamath County sunshine again. We do hope those who were able to attend the Florence Fiddle Festival had a wonderful time.

Several of our group have been ill with colds, flu, sore toes, sore backs and other ailments. Better health is certainly wished for each of you and quickly.

A few playing dates are beginning to come in as spring progresses. Some played for a BBQ at Macdoll, Ca. Firehouse benefit.

Our district decided to do things a little different this year and instead of contributing to the State Contest, we are sending or donation to the Canyonville Contest.

Belated anniversary wishes go to Jim and Jan Lancaster, sorry I don't have the date. Many Happy Anniversary wishes go to Al and Thelma Nelson - 13th and happy Anniversary to Isom and Faye Patterson on the 27th. Happy Birthday wishes to Lu Wells - 10th, Cherie lane - 13th, Sherry Oliver - 20th, Jackie - 24th and George Fernlund - 31st.

Thank you all for the raffle donations for our jams, we can always use more. Also, our district is planning a yard sale as a club fund raiser later on. So, please keep this in mind when you are sorting out "what you can't use anymore" and save it for our sale.

Condolences go out to Ruth Applegate and family in the loss of Bud.

Glad to have Terry and Sharilyn McLain at our jam last Sunday. I'm sure they had a stormy drive coming to Klamath Falls and again returning home that evening to Plush. Please come visit us again and our Northern California members, Howard and wife from Mt. Shasta area came, too.

So 'till next time, get well all of you and stay so and keep playing our old time music.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

District 1E

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Co-Chair: Terry McLain (541) 947-4623

Treas: Shorty Stone (541) 947-3825

Sec: Membership: Sharilyn McLain Box 28

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April is here and almost gone at the time of this writing -- thought it should be spring but we are still having snow. Hard on the little flowers that are to be blooming. who knows what the next day will bring.

April 7 was the jam and potluck -- good crowd.

Some are still on the sick list but keep working don't let it get us down. See what next month will bring and hope and pray the bad bugs are gone and we can have a good summer.

April 9 was the monthly meeting with only 6 members present. If you didn't attend, why not? You belong to the organization too, so please come on May 14 and help tend to the business.

Some have been traveling "here and there" "doing this and that."

Several have continued to go twice a month to play and sing at the long term care. the elderly and nurses enjoy the music and miss it when no one shows up.

May 12 will be the Silver Lake Fire Hall fund BBQ -- hope to see a good turn out for that and will get to visit with our Northern members.

Time is getting away from me so will stop now. If anyone has any news please give me a call 1-541-947-3492 and leave a message.

Keep your hopes and sprits up, spring will be here.

Myrle Shepard District 1E reporter

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Betty Fullerton, 22460 McArdle Rd.,
Bend, OR. 97702

Reports I have received from the recent show, are very good. There were visitors on stage and off. Penny Mead and Barry Bloom were here from Portland, Bob Hanson from District 10, Julia Milleson from District 9, and Regina Slay from California who was here visiting her folks in LaPine.

Kerrs and Hannas went to Florence for the fiddle festival over the weekend. During the daytime every room in that hall had fiddlers jamming, and evenings had onstage show. Fiddle music must have been in those walls for days.

Some things discussed at the district meeting, after the show were; music for a wedding at the Hollingshead Barn on May 26. Retired Senior volunteer program had asked for music April 20, in Bend at Pine Forest Grange Hall. With warmer days, we are thinking of a camp-out at LaPine State Park. Details later as weather improves. There is a piano onstage of the VFW, and discussed having it checked and tuned. Money from sale of Sim's records were voted to go into the Youth Scholarship fund.

Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you are climbing it. Same goes for learning music.

Remember the next show will be the first Sunday of May. (May 6 VFW Hall Redmond) Ladies enjoy being with your families Mother's Day, and have a great day.

Lee Hanna, Reporter District #3

District 4

Chairman: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230

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

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Spring is sprung, the grass is riz; I wonder where the _____ is! (Fill in the blank) Our jam at Roxy Ann this time didn't have snow, but there was snow on Roxy Ann peak. The music was warm and clear, and the listeners and dancers did their thing, so we had a good time. New members included Larry Dawson and James and Millie Monro. Mike James chaired the meeting, as Gene and Lola, along with Joan Allgood and Pat Manion, and Art and Charlotte Bigelow, were at the Florence Fiddle Festival. We hear that they all got the royal treatment, and said the hosts were very gracious. Oh, it's hard to be everywhere, I should be triplets!

It was with immense sadness that we heard of the death of Bud Applegate, a long time fiddler and life member of OOTFA. Our hearts go out to his lovely wife Ruth and their family. Bud was our "good will ambassador", always greeting folks and making them feel welcome at our jams. He was also a heckuva fiddler, and very entertaining. Ruth said he was known as the "bowman" because of his fast work with a bow, especially on hoedowns. One time he went home, leaving his fiddle in the hall, but with good detective work it got returned. We miss you more than you could know, Bud!

We've all been doing a lot of playing at various locations. Our interim jam at the Vitality Center in Grants Pass was a huge success, with an enthusiastic crowd and many musicians. We also played for a wedding anniversary at the Carefree Mobile Village in Phoenix to rave reviews -- and they want us back to just jam or whatever. Somehow this good old music appeals to everyone, young and old. Aren't we lucky to be able to enjoy it just as much when we play it, too?

Bob and Marcia Zelman will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with all their "Fiddler Friends" at the August picnic. They invite us to come and share their anniversary cake, not to mention good wishes and joy.

Bow rehairing is sometimes an issue "us fiddlers" wrestle with, and we were sharing info. Did you know Paul King uses fish line (5# test) for his bow hair? --and it works! Wow, these guys are innovative! I wonder if spider webs . . . Naw!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following District 4 functions: May 5 Prospect Community Center in Prospect. June 2 Cave Junction Sr. Center in Cave Junction and Aug. 4 Picnic, Stewart State Park.

Remember: Music touches feelings that words cannot.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter, District 4

District 5

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It's news time again.....and this time we have a very eventful month to tell about and lots of events still ahead of us. We are more than happy with the turnout we had for the Florence festival and all the great help from District 5 members and others. Special thanks are due to Anne and Dan Hasely who worked really hard with food, transportation and all around hosting of the event. Thanks to Bill Wilkerson, Lloyd Shriber, Jack Kerr and Ken Jordan ...they were excellent emcees. Also thanks to Marge Wilkerson, Sheila Fry and Sharon Gallagher for their contributions and help with the lunch. We also thank Dorothy Booher, Thelma Byrd, Helen Serfass Clirca Miller Ken & Sally Jordan and Joy Costello (from dist. 6) for contributions to the cause. Having the Community center to give our guests a place to eat and jam worked out well, and using the high school for the Thursday night program was an improvement over last year.

We were pleased that so many came early to help put on the program which was well attended by the public this year. A special thank you to Russ & Kathy White who are always so supportive of District 5. They designed and helped distribute beautiful posters again this year. District 5 honored them by purchasing a one year membership for OOTFA and name tags for each of them.

Thanks to all those who came and helped with the grand opening of The Pickle Barrel (a new store in Mapleton). Most of those who came stayed all day, hopefully had a good time and made a little money for the district. We played for Mapleton grange for their ham dinner on the 20th, Green Acres jam on the 21st and Clirca kept things going as usual at the Senior Centers in North Bend (On the 13th) and Coquille.

Our anniversary couple for May is Paul & Cohleen Osekowsky. We missed the April 6th anniversary of Sid & Ruth Earls (55 years) so happy Anniversary to both couples! Birthdays are Ruth Earls, April 21st, Rose Johnson May 4th, Jean Dunn May 6th, Charlotte Dow the 20th, Margie Wilkenson the 26th and Sheila Fry the 27th. Happy Birthday to you 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 Russ & Kathy White Florence, & new students of Allen Todd ...Perry & Devon Ashdown, Marta Kidwell and her children Mira & Tara Wilhelm and Steve & Terri Rinehold & Bailey.

We are happy to report that Pat Kraemer is doing much better and is home now. We have missed you Pat!! Our thoughts are with Walt Beers who at this writing is in the hospital in Portland with pneumonia. Get better soon Walt.

Some dates you may want to put on your calendars: North Fork grange 12:30 - 4:00 May 5th, St. Catherines 1:30-2:30 May 11th, North Bend Senior Center 10:30 May 14th, District 5 jam 12:00-4:00 at Green Acres (there will be a short meeting), May 19th, Bullard Beach Park 6:30 May 25th and Coquille Senior Center 10:30 May 30th. 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 to which everyone is invited, every Fri. night from 6:30 till about 9:00 pm. If there is a playing engagement, (this happened twice in April .. the 1st time on the 6th for the Elks gig and on the 20th for the Mapleton grange gig) there of course won't be a practice. On days when there is no school, we will meet at Laurelwood Hall (off 12th on Maple). Call ahead to be sure if you're coming from out of town.

Keep playin & smilin,

Kathy Nash, reporter District 5

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The April jam was held at Crow grange, a first for this location. There was an excellent turnout of about 100 people.

Coming events: District Six has been invited to play at the "Carriage Me Back" festival in Brownsville Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. The program, open jam format, begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. on Sunday, ending at 4 p.m. both days. The site is at 101 Park Avenue. As District Six is also scheduled to play at the Moose in Lebanon on Sunday, May 6, there is a conflict. We hope that District Sixers will turn out in force at Brownsville on May 5 and do the same the next day at the Moose in Lebanon.

The June (Sunday, June 3) monthly jam will be held at the Crow Grange. It will be pot luck. There will be a meeting at 10 a.m. to mark the official transfer of authority to the incoming chairman, Alan Ede, and crew.

There was a nice article in the April 11 Register Guard about the death, at 94, of Jesse Mae Barens, of Noti. Ms. Barens was an old time music fan. The Poodle Creek Pickers, headed by our own Jack Watson, played for her at home just before her death and at her funeral. Her favorite tune was "Waltz Across Texas." "That was the last thing we played (the night before she died)," Jack said. "Then she went to sleep, and the next morning she was gone."

We are still looking for someone to take care of the District Six sound system. There is some monetary compensation involved. Contact Chairman Mark.

Health Notes: Harry Gates is out of the hospital after a successful heart bypass operation. We look forward to seeing him in action again soon!

Happy Birthday to: Lorraine Larson 5/22; Mildred Nielsen 5/31. Anniversary congrats to Jack and Hazel Walker 5/9/56; and Curly and Allison Roberts 5/17/59.
.Joe Moyle, reporter district 6

District 7

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May 6 Forest Grove Senior Center -- June 3 Estacada Community Center

Our April Jam was at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center. There were close to 40 players in attendance including several very talented children! Tillie McFee's family was there and played up a storm. Sure hope all of our visitors come back again soon as they added much to our day.

Here are some future dates that you players might put on your calendar now: May 19 - Plow Horse Pull at Rock Creek Campus --17705 NW Springville Rd. Time 12:30-2:30. To get there, going West on Hi 26 take Exit #64 (185th) Go R (N.) about 2 miles, Go R. on Springville Rd. for about 1/2 mile to Rock Creek Campus. Guide will direct you to parking lot. Hayride wagon will take you to plowing area where we play. 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, The commitment has been made for this event, so please be there if you signed up or call Ida to check and see if more is a good thing, if you missed the sign-up sheet! June 15th - Milwaukee Festival Daze play 4-5. Stage on Main and Harrison across from City Hall.

July 12 - Oxbow Park (an evening play date)

Aug. 3 - Gladstone Chautauqua a morning and afternoon a far as we know now

Our May 6th jam is at the Forest Grove Senior Center at 2037 Douglas St. Take Hwy 8 through Beaverton and Hillsboro. As you get toward Forest Grove, there will be a 1-way, then a 2-way, and then another 1-way again.

Your reporter,
Pat Gates

District 8

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Salem has been especially colorful this spring with the blooming trees, rhododendrons, azalea and tulips and daffodils. Hope your part of the world is having spring too!

Those of us who went to Florence for the Fiddle Festival had a great time. Lots of music and visiting with friends from around the state. We'll report on the April 22nd jam at Oak Grove Grange next month.

We are saddened by the death of Allen Smith of Sheridan. His unique fiddling style was a treat to hear. His fiddle and guitar were displayed at his funeral. At the service Lee Jones, Donna Oldham and Lew and Alice Holt played Ashoken Farewell and Amazing Grace. Allen's daughters each made a donation to District 8 in memory of their father.

We hope many of you will join us at the State Capitol Building on Friday, May 11th. We'll play from 11:30 until 1 PM. We've done this for several years to promote our OOTFA Contest. This year we were invited to share the time with the Administration on Aging, as May is the month to honor older citizens, and help them remain independent. The AoA will be serving refreshments and giving out literature while we play. We hope this brings in lots of visitors. They are excited about having the "old time fiddlers" participating with them. The legislature is in session, so it should be a busy place. Parking places near the capitol are sometime difficult. So share rides if you can and bring lots of quarters for the parking meter. We'll play as a group, as we won't be using a sound system. (We usually go down to the cafeteria for lunch afterwards so put in a couple of extra quarters into the parking meter.) This is fun - hope to see you there.

The OOTFA contest is the following weekend, Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 at Chemeketa Community College. Hope to see you there.

Saturday May 12th, we play at the 1000 Trails Campground in Pacific City. We'll be able to park near the Lodge, as we've done in the past. We'll play in the evening, probably from about 7 PM to whenever. (We're also scheduled to play there on Saturday, June 30th). 1000 TRAILS PACIFIC CITY -- Take Hwy 18 toward Lincoln City, go North on Hwy101 to the Pacific City turn off. When you get to the four way stop in Pacific City, turn left toward the beach, then turn right, go over the bridge, then go two plus miles. The camp ground is on the right side of the road. For more directions, you may call Thousand Trails at (541) 965-6086.

Enjoy spring!

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, Sure do hope everyone out there is feeling better! After a relatively healthy winter it seems just about everyone has made the sick list now. Spring fever doesn't count but several folks have had lingering colds. Hopefully we are all on the mend. Best wishes for speedy recovery go to Freda Tubbs, Virginia Coble, Lloyd Louie and Tracy Koenig. These folks have all had more serious health issues and are on the mend. So

Gary and Vi Epperly traveled from Bend to attend the John Day jam. Jams in May will be held on the 6th in Burns and on the 20th in John Day. Potluck is at 1 p.m and music follows until 4 p.m. Take note the May jam is the last one in Burns until next fall. See you there!

A trio of musicians were on hand to play at Ashley Manor and Quail Court this month. This means 3 folks got a lot of practice in. Special dates to remember in May are the 11th at the Aspens (Janet's Grandma's 90th birthday) and the 21st at Ashley Manor. See you there!

The High Desert Fiddlers are busy with preparations for the Country Music Jamboree. There's plenty of opportunity to help out and of course there will be some of the finest music around.

Put the dates of June 14,15, and 16 on your calendar and plan to enjoy a great musical weekend.
Janet Braymen, Reporter, District 9

District 10

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Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501

Co-Sec: Flo Sangsland & Claire Eaton

A big THANK YOU from Jean Hanson to all the ladies that brought goodies to the Wednesday jam in the floral building. It was a fun day for everyone with plenty to snack on throughout the event.

Jean's mom has been in the hospital and is now in rehabilitation after a minor heart attack. We hope her recovery is short and she will be able to go back to her home. Fred Young is recovering from hip surgery and we wish him the best. Hope he will soon be out there kicking up his heels. Kater Gates is doing so great after his surgery and we hope he continues to grow stronger every day. He'll be out fishing before too long.

We were very concerned about Bob Church but saw him doing just fine at the Florence Jam. Can't get a good man down.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Helen Tracy for her speedy recovery from knee surgery. We know she will be back on track and taking some more neat trips before too long.

Our April meeting was down on attendance but that was due to the Easter week end. We had lots of fun and very good music. Our guests were Nancy Nuggett and Johnny Davis. Thanks for coming over for our jam.

May birthdays are Tom Shepherd, Gem Moore, Dean Wilson, and Jackie Parsons. Have a GREAT DAY!

Don't forget that our June meeting will be on the 2nd due to a scheduling problem. We will have our meeting at 11 a.m., potluck and then jam from 1 to 4 pm at the Winston Community Building. Hope to see you there.

Fill-in Reporter, Jo Barnes

Chairman Louie Roy reports that we passed two motions at our meeting. 1st donate \$200.00 to the OOTFA State 2001 Fiddle Contest. The 2nd to donate \$ 200.00 to the Canyonville 2001 Fiddle Contest.

Sally Says: Gee, here we are again another month almost gone. We had such a great time at Florence Fiddle Fest, you really missed a good one if you did not come. From Thursday through Saturday night a good time was had by all.

A special thanks for those who worked so hard to put this event on for all of you...Ken Jordan, Kathy & Norman Nash, Dan and Ann Hasley, Russ and Kathy White, Sharon & Larry Gallagher, Margie & Bill Wilkinson, Phil & Sheila Fry, Lloyd and Esther Schriber and Helen & Wayne Tracy for setting up your table again, I really appreciate all you. I do hope I didn't forget any names and appreciate all who helped and for all of you who showed up too. I had to work so missed part of the playing time, but I didn't hear anything but nice things. Glad you all had a good time.

The time is flying and summer is getting closer; we are really getting blossoms on the plants now, they are so beautiful. Saw the bees buzzing today too, good indication that summer is around the corner.

Well, hope your Easter was wonderful and will see you at the next function. Remember the State contest coming up May 18-19, see you there. And it isn't too early to remind all you district chairmen that we'll be having our 4th quarter state meeting on June 16th in Burns. More next month.

Don't forget to smile at someone today, it may be the only one they get... Keep fiddlin....Sally

From the editor:

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. I am happy to report that \$412 was paid to the American Cancer Society, \$412 to pay off the debt for the CDs and \$412 to the OOTFA contest fund. The CDs are still being sold and there will be reports in the future. Keep up the good work everybody!

State contest -- May 18 and 19 Salem

High Desert Jamboree Burns -- June 14 - 16

State Quarterly Meeting - June 16 Burns

Weiser -- the third full week 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

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. Ace has sent OOTFA Fiddle Jam videos to all the colleges in Oregon, all the secondary schools and to most city libraries. From your purchases last month, Ace has been able to send out a "whole stack" of videos to elementary schools. Contact Ace for more information.

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

From Larry Johnson: We just want to take a moment to tell you all how much we appreciate the love and kindness you have given over the years to my mother, Ida Johnson. She was at her height of Glory being with all of you. Thank you for the kind words, cards, thoughts and prayers at this time of our loss. Larry Johnson and family

Tex Ash writes to say that there is an official Western Open Fiddle Championships web site. Read all about it at . . . www.westernopenfiddle.com (Tex and Sharon Ash)

We do not quit playing because we grow old,
We grow old because we quit playing.
-Oliver Wendell Holmes-

Bob Church is happy to report that he is feeling fine and that he appreciated all of your calls and cards.

The story last month about Rusty Marshall coming out from Missouri was written by Linda Easley. Her name was left off. . . .got to give credit where credit is due. Linda didn't care but I want you to know that she wrote the fine article.

Just a little note from the Out-going Chairman Of District 5- Our recently held Florence Fiddle Festival was ,I think the most successful yet. This year we added an "early comers" jam and luncheon. Probably the nicest touch, was that all the food was Homemade, delicious, great quality and donated by our members.

Now, We're not forgetting Ken and Sally for starting FFF originally; our hats are off to them. Let's get down to the nuts and bolts. Kathy Nash and Ann Hasley did most of the work and organizing. Their husbands, Norm and Dan took care of all the leg work.

Pick-up, delivery, what ever needed doing. Even running a taxi service between venues.

The food was great. Ann made chili. Kathy took care of the chowder, soup and stew. Sharon Gallagher made a great submarine sandwich. They worked on sandwiches in the kitchen all afternoon. Someone made a huge bowl of Potato salad. And that was only Thursday. Friday and Saturday morning they served coffee and rolls. Cinnamon rolls made by Sheila Fry and two boxes of Dorothy Booher's home made Danish.

Thanks to Ella Opdal and the other members from other districts who pitched in where needed. Thanks to Charlie and Clirca for bringing up the Coos Bay members nice selection of cookies. What a time. See you next year. Phil Fry

New Members of OOTFA

Robert Benton Eagle Point, Or. Dist 4

Billy/Sherry Champion Grants Pass, Or 4

Beb / Fran Coker Chiloquin, Or 1

Larry Dawson Medford, Or 3

Mary Dobyys Florence, Or 5

Richard/ Jean Jensen Creswell, Or 6

William Karr Eureka, Calif, OS

Gordon / Millie Munro Jacksonville, Or 4

Don Stalter Crooked River Ranch, Or 3

Margot / William Turrell Grants Pass, Or 4

Linda / Orbie Wells Okanogan, Wa OS

Russell / Kathy White Florence, Or 5

OOTFA contest: 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).

Lee Jones wishes to extend his thanks to all of you who called after the convention to ask how he was. He is feeling much better.

Dear Lew, Perhaps you can get the word out in the Hoedowner that we are looking for a good full-sized fiddle for Clara, who is nine years old. We will be at the State Contest, and will be available to try out a few good fiddles that may be for sale through our membership. Clara is asking for an older fiddle, not a new one, with great tone (of course), and at a reasonable price. Thank you, The Bakers

Donations from the contest keep rolling in. Districts 1E and 10 sent in nice donations this month. I need to get all of the donations tallied and printed for the contest program. (and hope that I don't miss any) Your response has been very good. Starr and I met this morning (April 20th) in Monmouth to have a "contest planning" meeting. We both want to thank you for your continued support for the contest. Howard & Lois Gabel wrote recently to volunteer to work at the contest. Last year's runners have volunteered! Joe Hamm has volunteered and we know that others of you are willing -- please give either of us a call if you would be willing to help out. And we just might be giving you a call. . . .

Lew Holt, Editor

OOTFA CERTIFIED CONTEST

May 18, 19, 2001

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4000 LANCASTER DR N. E. SALEM, OREGON

FRIDAY, May 18, 2001

1:00 P. M. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE (Free)

(This is tentative/depending on getting the sound system set up.)

6:00 P. M. Judges and Contestants Meeting

7:00 P. M. Contest begins

TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST (One Round)

OPEN Division (Round 1)

AWARDS -- 2001 TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST

SATURDAY, May 19, 2001

8:00 Judges' meeting with contestants

8:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up) 8:15 CONTEST BEGINS

SENIOR Division (Round 1)

SR SR Division (Round 1)

YOUNG ADULT Division (Round 1)

ADULT Division (Round 1)

JUNIOR Division (Round 1)

1:00 PEE WEE Division (One round)

JR JR Division (Round 1)

SENIOR-SENIOR Div. (Finals)

SENIOR Division (Finals)

OPEN Division (Round 2)

SENIOR AWARDS

7:00 Contest Begins

JR JR Division (Finals)

YOUNG ADULT Division (Finals)

ADULT Division (Finals)

JUNIOR Division (Finals)

OPEN Division (Finals)

(Note -- Schedule subject to change.)

Note:

One round for the Pee Wee Division

One round for Twin Fiddle Division

Three rounds for Open

Two rounds for all other divisions

You are invited to eat at the Blue Moon Café -- just across the parking lot. It is open "just for us."

We are pleased to announce the 2001 Hardanger Fiddle Association of America (HFAA) Annual Workshops. We will be featuring music and dance from Telemark, Norway as well as a significant extension of our Hardanger fiddle construction course. The facilities will be the finest we've ever been able to offer. August 9-12, 2001 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

EXPANDED Four day Hardanger Fiddle Construction Course. This is the ONLY course of its kind outside of Norway. Norwegian instructors from Telemark.

PO Box 23046
Richfield, MN 55423-0046

<http://www.hfaa.org>

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Motel Information: I checked with two motels that have easy access to the contest. Salem Inn is located just off I-5 take the Market St. exit one block towards town. The prices there run something like \$69 for a King size bed and \$79 for two queen size beds -- plus 9% tax. They can be reached by calling 1-800-305-0515. Or 1-503-588-0515 (AAA members get a discount.) The Crossland Motel which is located off Silverton Road near the contest has rooms that start at \$35 for one person, two people, Queen, at \$44.00 plus 9% sales tax. For more information or reservations call: 1-800-EXT-STY or 1-503-363-7557. From I-5 take Exit 256 (Market St.) go east to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd (1.3miles). Turn left onto Silverton Rd. Then two blocks -- just before the freeway -- take aright onto Fisher Rd. Crossland will be on the left.

Contest information: The OOTFA fiddle contest will held at the Chemeketa Community College again this year on Friday, May 18 and Saturday 19. Your membership card for OOTFA will get you in free. We are planning on a jam Friday afternoon if we can everything set up -- probably will. To be eligible for the contest, a contestant must have lived in Oregon for the last 6 months and be a member of the OOTFA. A contestant may join as late as the day of the contest. If you have any questions about the contest, give Starr (541-745-5130) or Lew (503-391-5377) a call. Or you can reach us by e-mail. The rules for the contest are on our web site.

RV PARKING: I have yet to check but I am sure that we will again have permission to park in the gravel parking lot "around the corner" for the contest on Thursday night. And then we'll be able to move up closer Friday afternoon. Please don't start parking by the contest building early. Wait for the signal. We enjoy our relationship with the college and we shouldn't take advantage of a "good situation." There will be a \$5.00 fee each night for parking which we will collect from you. We basically are guests of the college and it is important that we follow their rules and wishes just as we would want guests to do in our home. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HANDICAP PARKING AREAS ARE IN FORCE 24 HOURS A DAY. NON-QUALIFIED PARKING COULD GET YOU A TICKET FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Directions to the contest: From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.), turn east on Market -- (away from town) go to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Continue on across Silverton Rd. Continue to Lancaster and Winema Place about .3 of a mile or so. Turn right on Winema and building 50 is a block on the left.

We are very fortunate to have the Blue Moon Cafe open for us Friday night and all day Saturday. It is just across the parking lot from the gym -- and has a very fine menu especially for us. You are encouraged to take advantage of their fine restaurant.