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

Nov.

3	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
3	Senior Center	Rogue River	4
4	Irving Grange	Santa Clara	6
4	Adult Community Center	Molalla	7
4	Senior Center	Burns	9
10	Community Center	Winston	10
17	Bay Area Sr Center	Coos Bay	5
18	VFW Hall	Willamina	8
18	Senior Center	John Day	9

Dec.

1	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
1	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
2	Senior Center	Gresham	7
2	Senior Center	Burns	9
16	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

Jan. 2002

6	Senior Center	Burns	9
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May 17-19 State Contest

District 1

Chairman: Cherie Lane (541) 882-1595
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 Sec/Treas/Membership: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313
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Nov. 4, First Sunday jam - meeting and potluck, music afterward. Doors open at 12 noon. Villa West Rec Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr., Klamath Falls.

Nov. 11, Second Sunday Jam at 3328 Vandenberg Rd. Klamath Falls. Turn East off Alameda Bi-pass onto Eberlein Ave. Take and immediate left turn onto Vandenberg Rd, go North up the hill to first building on the left. Parking is in front, side and lower level parking lots. Ladies, please bring finger foods, also we can always us donations of small articles for our raffle drawings. Thank you.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday - Clairmont at east end of Main St. K. Falls at 1 PM, then at 2:15 PM we play at Clairmont Retirement Home, one block above and back of the nursing home. We play for one hour at each place on the same day.

Howdy everyone! It's hard to believe I'm settin here writing the NOV. newsletter. Our weather has cooled off, but we're still dry & dusty with no rain in sight yet. We started fall off with a busy month & lotsa good music!

9/22, some of us braved the heat in Montague, CA. for the Hot Air-Balloon Festival and BBQ, after the parade we joined a big bunch of fiddlers & played most of a day & eve. and enjoyed a great dinner!

9/30, Merrill Farmers Festival, Homer, Rosa Lee, Terry & Larry McLain joined us.

10/6, Midland Harvest Festival & Hay Ride, most of us were there to play & enjoy some grrrrreat home made pies.

10/7, Meeting and jam

10/13, Dorris, CA. we played for our supper.

10/14, Jam at the Ext. office, our guests were Gary & Vio Epporly, Frank & Fram Burson, Norm Fieck brought

10/20, Shilo Inn, 10/26, Play for 1/2 hour for Sandra Schmidts home school.

Our Sandy Sandusky is feeling under the weather, so don't forget him in your prayers.

Lew Standiford says to "Thank you all for the cards and letters" he received while he was going through all his testing.

Happy birthdays this month to: 5th, Carol Olson, 8th, Lew Standiford, 20th, Janice Lancaster, & Etta Ferlund.

*** Membership memberships!!!! Don't forget to get you dues in to Grace!!! Soon!

Just a parting thought: as we're all setting around and playing music with our many friends, take notice of their smiles, the twinkles in their eyes, and their music, keep this warm in your heart, because someday, their chair might be empty.

Have a great November, and a Happy Turkey Day!!!

Your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

District 1E

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Where has this year gotten to or gone? September 30 Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Terry and Larry McLain played at the Farm Aide program in Merrill, Oregon. Reported having a good time. Last minute notice but they are always ready to play. Great job you all.

Oct 5 the group from 1E played for the fair appreciation dinner. Those in attendance reported having a good time and dinner. Thanks for your help.

Oct. 6 the monthly jam had some out of district members. Leonard Corbin, District 4; Doc and Marie Walker, District 6. Janet Brayman, District 9 stopped by on way home to say hello. Good to see and hear any member. We enjoy your music and to see your shining smiling face.

Oct. 8 was the monthly meeting. Next meeting is Nov. 12 at the Indian Village at 7 pm. Let's get out and support the group.

Oct. 10 District 1E played for the Society for Range Management at the fair grounds. Guest from Wenatchee, WA, Elyse Benson, helped the group perform. More fun.

Oct. 14 was the fifth day to work on the fiddler trailer. It is looking good and will be ready for use soon.

Several are on the sick list. We all have aches and pains, some more than others. May everyone continue to get better and hope to see you soon.

Nov. 10 District 1E will be in Christmas Valley to help with the Library Fund raiser at the fire hall. Hope to see members from North 1E.

If anyone has any news, please call me.

Keep practicing your music and play whenever you can.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter District 1E

District 3

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Betty Fullerton, 22460 McArdle Rd.,

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We have enjoyed our Summer and now it's gone and Fall is closing in on us. With less out door activities we will be playing more music! Yeah!!!

We had a candle light memorial tribute to the National disaster and Gene Slaya great old time fiddle player who passed away recently. We will all miss him very much! Hope to see Norman Jean Slay at the next VFW show on November 4th, our best announcer! Flowers and a card was sent from District #3 for Gene Slay. Illa Mae and Bob Ervin were our announcers on Oct 7th, they did a great job.

Bill Hersey (banjo player) was introduced at the VFW show. He is 101 years old and is going strong!

George and Shirley Page joined OOTFA District #3 at the Thousand Trails Jam. We had visitors, Jo Barnes who sang and Paul Lakey, fiddle player from District #10, Sutherlin, near Roseburg.

Dennis and I flew to Pittsburgh PA for his mothers funeral. Sure will miss his mom and her playing the accordion.

We had no meeting on the Oct 7th Jam but I'm sure Bob Ervin has a lot on his agenda for the next month, so we encourage all members to be present.

We are looking for people who are interested in playing Old Time Fiddling or old time music. Please let us know, young or old. It's never too late to have fun playing music!

We at district #3 celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries, etc., with lots of Old Time Music.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

District 4

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Sec/Treas: Lola Williams 541-560-3230

Membership: Marie Mickey 541-512-9345

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Nov 3 Rogue River Senior Center -- Dec 1 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

Another glorious day greeted our jam at Lake Creek. The meeting was spirited with lots of input from members. We now have two new mike stands, and the inventory of equipment is ongoing. Two new coffeepots were in use, and now belong to us. Thanks, Judy Lyons, for your efforts.

Pat Manion, co-chair, is tallying up our "community service" hours that we all give as volunteers. When you play for OOTFA at any location, let Pat know how many folks played and for how long. I think we'll be surprised how much we do! A list of upcoming play dates was posted by the food at the potluck--can't miss that! It really helps to have the dates down in writing.

We are in the process of making up another calling list, to contact all members as needed. Many of our members are not able to get out to jams and really appreciate some contact from the District. It really is fun to talk with some of those folks we rarely see -- some great stories! If you are willing to be a caller, let Bob or Pat know.

Our new, refurbished, and old sound system is in use, and it produced a great sound at Lake Creek. Dwight Davis and George Dow are enthusiastic, willing and capable -- setting up and maintaining our professional quality sound system in good order! Thanks, guys.

Judy Lyons announced that we will have a Thanksgiving dinner at the next potluck. Joan Allgood is cooking the turkey, and Judy the ham. Members need to bring "fixin's". Let Judy know what you want to bring.

A special award was presented to Ethel Holstin for her years of great service to District 4, serving as our secretary-treasurer, and many other volunteer jobs as well. Well deserved, Ethel!

Judy Lyons will take over as "sunshine chairman" (or whatever you want to call it) to send cards to those who are ill or having difficult issues or deaths in their families. Let her know who needs a card. Bud Kilgore also offered to do calligraphy as needed for District 4 projects. How nice to have such great volunteers -- and we only twisted arms a teensy bit!

Visitors included Edna Bloom from Medford, and Al Nelson (who plays a mighty fine squeeze box!) from Klamath Falls. Also note that Arnold Jorgenson has moved, and is now living at Royal Oaks Retirement Apartments. Mona Givens and Zelda Cook are recovering from surgery. Our sympathy to Don Lindsey in the death of his stepson.

It's that time again to think about renewing your membership. Contact Marie Mickey to rejoin.

I really would like to say something positive about what is going on in the world today, but it is really beyond words. Fear reminds us that we are still alive. Keep those prayers and thought going in a hopeful

Love like you've never been hurt,
And dance like no one is watching.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

Chairman: Charlie Miller 541-396-4302
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Secretary: Clirca Miller 541-396-4302
Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

Ready or not, the Winter months are just ahead . Lots of occasions to gather together, celebrate, eat and best of all, JAM!

October kept us pretty busy, but after such a busy Summer, it seemed more relaxed than usual. We played at the Scottsburg Post Office on the 8th of Oct. for their 150th celebration. It was a great time! Lots of faithful district 5 folks showed up to perform and the audience was really enthusiastic. They loved us and want us back in the near future.

Still ahead of us for Oct. at this writing: Florence area fiddlers play for the Senior Center and for Shorewood retirement home on the 19th, then of course our district jam at the Bay Area Senior Center on the 20th with a potluck at 12 (11:30-4:00) followed by the jam. On the 26th, everyone is invited to play for the Mapleton Grange for their annual fundraiser at 4:30 P.M. till about 7:00 P.M. Call Bill Wilkinson for details...268-6973.

Now for our November news and schedule: Our Thanksgiving potluck and jam will be at the Bay Area Senior Citizen Center November 17th from 11:30-4:00. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting Oct 20th for some menu items. Everyone with last names from A-L is asked to bring a salad or a vegetable and those from M-Z bring desserts.

The nursing home schedule is : November 7th, Ocean View 1-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. November 14th, Ocean Crest 1-2 p.m. November 21, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle point care center 2:45- 3:45. November 28, Inland Point 11-12 p.m. & Life Care 1:30-2:30 p.m. For Florence area fiddlers, we play at the senior center (11:15) and Shorewood (3:00) on November 16th.

Charlie has asked Cecil Davidson to be in charge of the new sound system and he very graciously has consented. Thank you Cecil. The old trailer was recently sold for \$150.00. Our thanks also to Sharon Gallagher who is doing a great job as membership chairman. We have several new members. Doris

Johnson from Coos Bay signed up at the September meeting and Leo Burnhardt from Florence has been playing with us on our Friday night practice jams at the High School and is a very good guitar player. Also Dale and Lillian Nelson who received special honorary memberships for their generous contribution to District 5. Welcome all of you! We hope you enjoy being part of this organization as much as we do.

There are a couple of changes for the roster: Walter Beers has moved from Mapleton to Florence. His new address is 3760 Hwy. 101 N.# H45 Florence Or. 97439. His new phone is 902-8078. Also, Ella Saverys' mailing address has changed to 69725 Coast Hiway North Bend 97459.

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Tenant Nov. 4th, Bob Bridgman the 11th, Cliff Larson 26th, Juanita Baughman the 29th, also Cecil Davidson the 29th, and Larry Gallagher the 30th.

Till next time, Kathy Nash, Reporter

District 6

Chairman: Mark Ratzlaff 541-935-8506
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We had two great jams last month with good attendance from several districts at each. The Elks Lodge in Sweet Home fed us breakfast then provided a good crowd for our jam afterwards. And the jam at Morning

The November Thanksgiving jam will be held on Sunday, November 4th at Irving Grange in Santa Clara (North Eugene). The grange is located at 1011 Irvington Road. To get there from I-5, take Beltline Rd (Exit 195) west to the River Road exit and go north on River Road to Irvington; turn left on Irvington and the grange is on the right about 3/4 of a mile. If you are coming down Hwy. 99 from Corvallis, get onto Beltline Road eastbound just past Jerry's Home Improvement, then take the River Road exit north, and follow the above directions.

The November 4th jam starts at 11:00 a.m. with a short district business meeting, followed by a potluck at noon, and then we jam until the cows come home. Pies will be provided for dessert! Many thanks to our co-chair Bernie Roberts for arranging the use of the grange.

We want to congratulate our own Helen Tracy for her receipt of a certificate of appreciation at the 1000 Trails State meeting in recognition of all her hard work for the State. Her years of name-tag sales has generated much-needed funding for the State contest, and she also provides an outlet for rosters, fiddler-related stickers and pins, and music tapes and CD's of our members. She expressed her own thanks to her husband Wayne for all his help. Congratulations, Helen and Wayne, and keep up the good work!

We plan to organize a phone tree and will have a sign-up sheet at the next jam if you wish to be called for special events and news that miss the Hoedowner. Chairman Mark Ratzlaff occasionally sends out e-mail notes to district members; if you wish to receive these mailings, send him a note at markratzlaff@earthlink.net.

Our condolences go out to Meg Graf who lost her father recently.

Unclaimed items from the District 6 Sweet Home Elks Lodge jam on October 7th: a zippered bag, a lady's light jacket, an instrument stand. See Mark Ratzlaff to identify and claim.

Reporting for an absent Joe Moyle,
Mark Ratzlaff

District 7
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November Jam: Sunday, November 4th in Molalla Adult Community Center

December Jam: Sunday, December 2nd, at the Gresham Senior Center

Jackie Germundson is our district's membership person, and she does sweet work for us. However she and husband Roger are practicing snowbirds so Myrtle Arnold graciously fills in during those winter months. The Arnold's phone number is in the roster and their email address is redpdx@uswest.net.

Directions for the November jam: Molalla Senior Center 305 Kennel Av. Coming south on I-205 take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. Make a right turn on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211 make a left on Kennel. The Center sets behind the City Park off Molalla Av. Invite your friends to go along for a pretty drive and some fine music!

Our Holiday Jam and Potluck will be on December 2nd at the Gresham Senior Center. Remember that you can look into these events on the web, if you or your library has access. This year, last names N-Z... a hot dish or dessert, and A-M... a cold dish or appetizers and join us at 50 Elliott St. From I-205, take Hwy. 26 (Powell Blvd.) to Gresham. Make a left on Elliott St. The Center is on the right at the corner. The center will be available to us at about 10:40 so that we'll be ready to eat promptly at noon. The district will furnish funds for the turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing.

We will be offering \$50./mo to our fine sound system transporter/setup person to help defray the expense incurred in this district position, which we very much appreciate!

We need ideas for a memorial item as a reminder of Jack Smith. This item needs to be symbolic of Jack's unique qualities. Please share your idea with John Hakanson at 503.659.7250 or johnhakanson@aol.com.

Your reporter, Pat Gates

District 8

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Sec/Treas/Membership: Chris Lang 503-982-6224

2295 Umpqua Rd., Woodburn, OR 97071

Our district has a sad loss to report this month. Our own Donna Oldham had a sudden massive heart attack and died on October 10th. We will all miss her fiddle, mandolin and guitar playing, as well as her friendship. Our sincere sympathy to her family; husband Jim and their children and grandchildren. And also to her brother Norm McGrew and her cousin Thelma Drayer.

My prediction about the September jam in McMinnville was correct. We had a wonderful time. A group of us played at Champoeg Park on September 29th. We received a nice check from The Butteville Store who had a food concession there.

September 30th we played for the Eagle's Auxiliary in Salem. Attendance of Eagles was not huge but, they said they enjoyed us, and we had a good time playing. We ended the program with God Bless America. The audience members stood and sang along, then joined hands in a circle. It was a touching moment.

Wednesday October 3rd was our annual performance for the residents of Capital Manor in West Salem. We were once again asked the question, "Do you all get together and practice?" Our reply was, "No, we just get together and play!"

October 13th found another group of us playing for the Aurora Colony Days celebration at the Aurora Museum. Thanks to Susie Spencer for being there. She wasn't able to play the next day when it was District 7's turn. The museum people tell us how much people like our music. Several ladies listened almost all afternoon and requested quite a few tunes. One was the sister-in-law of the late Loyd Wanzer. Wanzer was a left handed fiddler whose waltzes were especially nice. We received a check from the museum, as well as quite a few dollars in our donation jar. District 7 kindly took the second day at Aurora. We'll be splitting the check with them. The only problem was that District 7 members who played at Aurora couldn't be at our jam at Woodburn that day.

The jam at the Woodburn Grange on October 14th was another fun day. We had a short business meeting. Dale reported on our summer and fall activities. We made plans for the next jams. We decided we should develop a telephone chain for letting members know about happenings. Lew will use the computer data base to work out the details. The meeting was followed by a yummy potluck, which was followed by the jam. Wayne and Esther joined us as well as Joe Hamm and his daughter Linda, who lives in Salem. Good to have Charlie Gibson and his talented family play with us.

Quite a bunch from Districts 7 and 8 plan to go to Manzanita for a jam there. It's good to get to the coastal part of our district a few times a year. Linda Easley made all the arrangements. I'll report on that next month.

Sunday, November 18th we will have our Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy will be furnished by the district. We suggest that if your last name begins with A through L, you bring salad or a vegetable dish. M through Z, bring dessert. This should give us a balanced potluck. In addition, bring your table service and of course your appetite. Other districts are cordially invited to attend too.

Planning farther ahead, on December 16th, we'll have our December Holiday potluck in McMinnville at the Senior Center. We'll switch the A - L people to dessert, and the M - Z's to salads or veggies.

We hope Loita Colebank is back and feeling better. She spent some time in Reno seeing a doctor there for treatment. And hope Rose Boaz is back on her feet again after knee surgery.

BE SURE TO PAY YOUR DUES TO CHRISTINE LANG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT WILL HELP US ALL IF THIS CAN BE DONE RIGHT AWAY.

FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL STONE SOUP WEEKEND

A bright sunny day greeted OOTFA members as they started their performance in the North Oregon coastal town of Manzanita. The date was Saturday, October 20th. Twenty-three players from districts 7, 8, and 10 provided toe-tapping entertainment for 3 hours at the local community building.

Members started arriving Friday in anticipation of the new musical adventure at the coast. Some came

We were pleased to have Charter member, Harriet Modrell and her daughter, in the audience. Harriet's husband Larry was the breakfast cook extraordinaire for many years at the Vernonia Campout.

Before long we all knew we had to do this again. The weekend was christened "Stone Soup Weekend". Linda started a big kettle of soup, to which others added various ingredients. This hearty dish was on going, ever changing, and always delicious. What began as vegetable soup became vegetable beef stew, then a bean and sausage concoction, followed by an almost Cajun dish with the addition of rice. More carrots, potatoes and other veggies were added to keep the crockpot full. Along with homemade bread, sandwich makings, cookies, salad, cider all brought by members, we feasted whenever we were hungry.

A big THANK YOU to Linda Easley for setting up the jam and hosting us at her unique hand built, mostly by Linda, log cabin.

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

November 4 Jam Burns Senior Center --November 18 Jam John Day Senior Center --December 2 Jam Burns Senior Center -- January 6 Jam Burns Senior Center

Howdy -- Fall is in the air, the leaves are falling, and the fiddles are warming up for a winter of jamming. As usual the first jam of the year was competing with a warm, fall day and hunting season so the crowd was small. Perhaps by spreading the word a bit more we can improve on the audience at our November jam. Invite your friends and particularly newcomers to the community. Let's share the wealth of friendship and music. The jam is November 2 beginning with a business meeting at 12:30, a potluck at 1 p.m. and music until 4 p.m.

Make a large note of the dates we play at the Aspens and Ashley Manor. The residents of these establishments look forward to our visits so let's be sure to have several musicians committed to playing. (It's been pretty bleak the last couple of months at Ashley Manor). The Aspens will be November 9 at 7 p.m. Ashley Manor is November 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you are able to open your home for Friday night practice, please let chairman George know ahead of time. Let's help him out and make his job easier as well as our calling committee (Julia).

After the jam packed month of September things have quieted down a bit. We played for a Customer Appreciation Day in the Sentry Market parking lot on one of the last really warm days. Several members took part in the Global Walk and played their instruments down main street.

Julia Milleson returned safely from her trip to New England. Ask her about her adventures. She saw many sites but didn't get much playing time in.

We are saddened by the news of the passing of Jim Robirts. Jim had been battling cancer for some time. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Rose.

It's getting to be the time of year to renew your membership. No need to wait until the last minute, renew now and be all set for the new year. Rose Modey-Johnson will be happy to receive your dues.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

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Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541) 863 6864

Greetings from District #10 . Due to the fact that many of our musicians were on vacation, all of our playing gigs were cancelled for October, so for the month of October we have not been very active. Jean Hanson is still on vacation so I do not have a list of the birthdays or anniversaries for the month of November

DECEMBER PLEASE ATTEND THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10 STARTING AT 11 AM AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS SUCH AS THE MENU, WHETHER IT BE CATERED AND BY WHOM OR NOT CATERED OR NOT HAVE A PARTY AT ALL. HOPE TO SEE A LARGE GROUP TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

Louie Roy, Reporter

SALLY SEZ:

I am continually amazed at how time is passing so swiftly. Seems I remember as a young girl an old timer telling me the older I got the faster it would go....Boy I must really be older than I think then, cuz it is really getting by me. I am sure it was yesterday that we were saying summer was fast approaching us and now here we are with Thanksgiving on our stoop and Christmas gonna be here any minute. It truly amazes me.

I wish to express my condolences to all of you in our fiddle family who have lost loved ones this year. It has been a very sad time for many and so many have passed. I want you all to know that my prayers are with you and I do indeed think of you and am sorry I have not been able to send you all cards. Please accept my apology and know that in my heart I know that all these great people are meeting in a "jam in heaven" to play heavenly fiddle tunes and God is smiling.

Do you know that one of you is going to be our new state president and another one of you will be our vice-president for next year? I will have served my two years and Lew will have served his. Neither of us are eligible to be re-elected. It has been a great honor to be the president of this fine association. I will be appointing a nominating committee chairperson at our January meeting and then it is up to all of us to find some one to fill the president's and vice-president's position for the coming year. The election will be at our state convention in March.

It sounds as though we may all be winding down just a little bit now that fall is approaching. Sounds like a good time to slow and catch our breath and get ready for the holidays and another new year of fiddlin.

I want to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and hope you are able to spend it with your families and the people you love. Take time to appreciate the leaves turning color and the warm sun in the afternoon and the brisk clear mornings.

You all take care and God Bless...Sally. Oh and remember: A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat OR they just like to listen to YOUR voice...

From the editor:

Mark Carmickle reserved September 12-13- and 14, 2002 for our campout next year at 1000 Trails. Mark your calendars.

OOPS. Every editor has to have an "oops section." Last month I should have written that Carl Van Hooser gave us haircuts at the Warwick Campout. And I should have said that the other winner of the fiddle tapes at 1000 Trails was Gene Stephenson.

Ace has many good videos of Oregon fiddlers. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. Contact Ace for more information. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144 Ace reports that more orders have come in and that he has sent 500 videos to elementary schools in Oregon. Can you imagine that!! Every video that you buy and enjoy, he can send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon. Ace called to tell me that he got a "thank you" letter from the Bunker Hill Elementary School in Coos Bay. It brought back old memories. In January of 1952, I quit college and went to Bunker Hill Elementary School as a sixth grade teacher to finish out the year for a sick teacher. I was ready to conquer the world. I made it through my first teaching experience, met my future wife and "lived happily ever after." This January -- just think -- it will have been 50 years ago.

You are invited to take a look at the web site for "Swing Time" a group of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and friends www.oregonswingtime.com And they have a new CD out, too. Sometime back "Swingtime" put out their first CD. Just recently they came out with their second CD. If you are interested, please contact George Taevs, Norman Nash, Ella Opdal or me. One CD is \$12.00.

you when he could. No matter how ill he would be, he just couldn't miss a jam. I will continue to go to OOTFA jams in Redmond, but that will be a while yet, but I know Gene would want me to do that. Again, thank you all for all your kind words, love and support. God Bless each and every one of you. Norma Jean Slay / Dist 3

Myrtle Arnold, our state membership chairman, wants to remind the district membership chairmen to prorate the membership for the remainder of the year for new members -- Nov. 1 \$2.50 plus \$15 for 2002. Dec. 1 \$1.25 plus \$15 for 2002. Of course -- just \$15.00 for 2002. This summer Alice and I drove by a golf course that advertised nine holes of golf for \$13.00. We talked about that for several miles. We enjoyed golf at one time and know the thrill and excitement of the game but we couldn't help reflect on what just \$2.00 more gets us for our OOTFA membership -- Hoedowner every month, state convention, state contest, Newport Fiddle Festival, a trip to Burns, Mt. Hood Campout, Diamond Lake, 1000 Trails, the various fairs, monthly jams and other events associated with being fiddlers -- Willamette Valley Contest, Canyonville Contest, Martha's campout. . . . gosh, what did I miss. I know -- I left out the great potlucks and the many, many friends. And some very good music.

If you mail your membership to your district chairperson, please include the following information --

Name/spouse name

Mailing Address

Phone number

E-mail address

Children living in the home

. . . . and a check made out to OOTFA for \$15.00.

Esther Snider and I are pushing the Tapioca CD. There are not many left. We are anxious to sell the rest of them and to bring this wonderful project to a close. One third of the profit goes to the American Cancer Society, one third to OOTFA and the other third to pay for the making of the CDs.

Along that line, I have been selling CDs/tapes made by Howard "Rusty" Marshall, who visited us from Missouri last April, Charlie Gibson's CD and Andy Shelton's CD. For years we have been asked if we had CDs/tapes. Now it is fun to say, "Yes." I received an order today from one person for each of the CDs that we have. He will have many hours of enjoyable listening -- and a great variety of music and styles. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the CDs.

New Members for November Hoedowner

1. John & Helene Madsen---Springfield
2. George & Lynn Anderson---Elmira
3. Kenneth & Roberta Adams---Salem
4. Ray Finch---Livingston, Texas
5. Dan & Mary Mundy--Oroville, Calif
6. George & Shirley Page---Bend
7. Jack & Helen Page---Redmond
8. Cecil & Maxine Barnett---Philomath
9. Joi-Bailey Saucy---Willamina
10. Paul Ringle & Marva Fabian---Aurora
11. Dan & Krista Doshier---Central Point
12. Doris Johnson---Coos Bay
13. Don(Gumpy) & Ruth Kimmel---Merlin
14. Susan & Thomas Anderson---Welches
15. Leo Bernhardt---Florence
16. Angela Doner---Foster
17. Darren Kinyon---Butte Falls
18. Rachel Long---Rogue River
19. Melba Walker---Springfield

Thank You for all the early renewals

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November is the usual schedule. But for December I'll need to have your news early. The printers are not open the week after Christmas. . . . I'll be more specific next month.

Lew Holt, Editor