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

Feb.

2 Memorial Hall 1E
 2 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 3 VFW Redmond 3
 9 Community Building Winston 10
 10 Senior Center Burns 9
 16 Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 17 Crow Grange Crow 6
 17 Senior Center McMinnville 8
 23 Senior Center Sherwood 7

March

2 Memorial Hall 1E
 2 Community Center Rogue River 4
 3 Elk's Lodge Sweet Home 6
 9 Senior Center Keizer 8
 10 Adult Community Center Lake Oswego 7
 10 Senior Center Burns 9
 14-15-16 State Convention Roseburg

April

6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 14 Pioneer Community Center Oregon City 7
 25-26-27 Fiddle Festival Newport 8/OOTFA

May

17-19 State Contest Salem OOTFA

June

9 Adult Center Canby 7
 13-15 High Desert Fiddlers Burns
 17-22 Fiddle Contest Weiser

July

18 - 21 Mt. Hood Campout???? 7/OOTFA

Aug.

1-5 Diamond Lake Campout
 24 Contest Canyonville
 25-31 Warwick Campout Williams

Sep.

12-13- and 14 1000 Trails Campout 3/OOTFA

District 1

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Howdie to all!! Seems like I just wrote out one of these a few days ago...my my does the time fly! Here

and headed up yonder to the welcoming arms and smiles of all those who were waiting for him, and I hear tell that he left his hearing aids behind -- a good sign he'll be hearing and playing all those beautiful notes again! We will surely miss him down here, as he was always there to lend a hand, repair our fiddles, help us with our music, and share all he had. Many of us will treasure his gifts of fiddles, bows, cases, tapes, videos, etc. forever, and his "big brother" company and advice.

We dedicated our 1/6 meeting to his memory, and had a potluck for his family to come and enjoy. At that meeting we discussed reserving a campground in Hornbrook CA. in Aug. to share with Dist. 4 for a get-together shindig, campout, play music all night, eat good food, complain about gaining weight, dance, and share each others good company, so keep that in mind for some future fun and music, and of course, great food too!!!

1/12, Guess who called me????? Wally Bloom, and they sound like they're doing real good, and said to say "Hello" to everyone for them, they'll be here at the Convention in March. Be great to see him, and hear his wonderful music!

** Gene Standiford and family said to give everyone a real big "Thank You" that sent cards and letters, and made calls to her after Lew's passing. She's got a big hug for everyone, and we hope to see her at the meetings real soon, we sure do miss her!

We had a larger than normal bunch show up at our jam on 1/13, it was great to get some new music and see such nice, friendly faces join us! Terry and Sharilyn McLain Dist. 1E, Pat Manion, Judy and Bruce McGarvey, Joan Allgood from Dist. 4, Norman and Dale Fiock from N. CA, Denis and Hilde Hartinger, Grants Pass. Thanx to all for coming over and sharing your music and dancing, about time we get some dancers here!

We're going to try to drum up some new, willing audiences and will be playing at some different locations soon, I'll try to get the info in early enough so if anyone wants to come and join us, we'll surely be glad you came!

Our prayers and good-wishes go out to all who are ailing, especially our Homer McLain, who needs some good thoughts and prayers. And my Dad had back surgery again this month, so I hope this one will fix him all up, and he won't hurt no more.

And before I forget it again, and get thoroughly thrashed and bashed, and get shut off from the goodie table again, I better get in all those birthdays and anniversaries that I forgot last month, and the new ones too!

It ain't everyday that someone turns 83 and looks so good as our Jo Harris! Happy late birthday Jo! (1/19) And also late wishes go to Al Nelson 1/5, Gary Rarden 1/6, Frances Hughes 1/9, Thelma Nelson 1/13, and Carolyn Rarden 1/20. Late Anniversary wishes go out to Lovely Grace & Lewis Stork 1/15.

Our Feb. "Happy Birthday Wishes" to out to: Tex Cox 16th, and Vivian Burden 21st. And, no Feb. anniversaries to report, must be an unlucky month!

Hopefully most of us can make it up to Chemult 1/26 for the Sled Dog races and lots of music and happiness! Lord willing and the snow don't rise!

Hope you all have a great month, and play lots of music and hug everyone for all your worth! Enjoy life for what it is, and smile lots too!

Till next month, Sherry O, Dist 1 reporter.

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Feb. 2 – Jam and Potluck -- Mar. 2 – Jam and Potluck

Another year has started – as I write this it is snowing like winter time. Some of January we had sun, wind, rain and snow.

January 5th – Jam at Memorial Hall – all attending had a good time.

January 8 and 22 the group played at the Long Term Care.

Several have been traveling for doctor's appointments or visiting. Deanni and Dennis Sheridan both had surgery in January. May you recover quickly. We need to see your shining faces at the jams.

Our best wishes go out to Norma Gumser, her husband, Norman passed away January 3.

February 11th business meeting at Indian Village at 7:00 p.m. Agenda is election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

Our hearts go out to the family members in the state that have passed on. May they play forever where ever they are.

Keep a song in your heart and good words on your lips, playing and singing every chance you get. Bye, bye for now.

Myrle Shepard District 1E Reporter

District 3

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Since the weather can't make up it's mind the musicians are deciding to continue to have fun and play music.

At the Jakab's home they had an all day Jam. Homer McLain said he broke his longest playing time. Others, also said they have played longer then they have ever played before. Isn't that greaaaat!!! We were glad to be a part of that. Norma Jean Slay also came. It was so wonderful to have her and to see her back at the VFW show.

On January 6th at the VFW Jam we had a room crowded with dancers and lots of smiles. People commented it was the " Biggest and Best Jam Ever"!!!

We would like to welcome our visitors and new members for coming and we hope to see them back. Musician Visitors; 1) David Higginbotham, banjo and mandolin 2) Rod White, banjo, guitar and his wife Shaye, violin and Kesh, piano/voice. 3) Dick Kern, fiddle and guitar 4) Mike Hoffman, banjo, bass

New Members: 1) Alan Hillis, hammond b-3 piano, son Ryan, guitar, daughter Robyn piano 2) Ted Shoenborn, bass, and wife Carol, autoharp 3) Verda Henkle, Mandolin and Becky Brown, guitar and sings 4) Clay Ladrow, guitar, banjo, mandolin 5) Lisa Carden, fiddle.

All members are encouraged to attend February 3rd VFW Jam in Redmond. A meeting will follow the show for election of officers and other subjects.

Don't forget to pay your membership dues by the end of January this year or you will not receive a Hoedowner paper.

Remember to remind everyone you do not need to be a musician to be a member of the OOTFA.

January 22nd, February 20th, and March 20th we will have a Jam at the Redmond Library starting at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

District 4

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Sec/Treas: Lola Williams 541-560-3230

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What a great turnout at our new location in the Eagle Point Grange. Lots of room, nice place, and an estimated 200 in attendance! We even ran out of chairs! About 30 musicians were signed up to play, and the Klamath Falls contingent, which included Al, Ernie, Faye, Irene, Isom, and Jerry (in alphabetical order) contributed much good music as well. It was nice to hear Ali Andreas (age 9) from Montague play her great tunes Sourwood Mountain and Cloggin' Around. We had television coverage from KDRV with a nice interview of Pat Manion. showing our musicians. too. Also. a nice article in the Medford Mail Tribune which featured a

in February. We've been doing more playing in Josephine County, to balance out the playing that we do in Jackson county, as our members are pretty evenly divided in both locations. New members included "Red" and Betty Jane Wineman (from last month), and Robert and Mary Ann Zigler, Lynda Goforth (F), Alice Saunders (F), Rick Woodard (F,G), and coming back again, Homer Meeds (G) and Sam Cooper (FG).

Business meeting was held, followed by, as usual, a great potluck. All our sound equipment is now upgraded, so we should be sounding superb. George and Georgia Dow from Klamath Falls donated \$50 for sound equipment -- many thanks! Our community service hours (man/hours played for community) totaled 88 in December. Since we started keeping track in September, we have amassed 399 hours! Pat asked that if we are "playing around" (later rephrased), to submit our hours to him, please. Mildred Kelsey was commended for her fine job on publicity. Folks are asked to please bring their own table service to the potlucks. Lee also noted that to be heard on stage we need to get right up to the new boom mikes which are easier to adjust.

Julia Pantel had surgery, then needed to go back in the hospital for more surgery. She is now home and feeling better. We've certainly missed her great piano playing, as she has been a consistent volunteer for several nursing homes and senior centers. Colds and other ailments have been thinning our ranks this month, but hopefully we'll all be well soon.

Happy Valentine's Day to all -- give your sweetie(s) a hug!

My thought for the day: These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. . . I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

District 4 reporter, Judy McGarvey

District 5

Chairman: Charlie Miller 541-396-4302

Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher 541-572-2742

Secretary: Clirca Miller 541-396-4302

Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

Just got back from the January jam. There was a short meeting at which our chairman Charlie Miller appointed three members to be the nominating committee. Shorty Dow, Fred Grove and Ken Jordan agreed to serve in this capacity. The treasurer Sharon Gallagher reported that we have a balance in our account of \$1,109.00 as of the 31st of December. Larry Gallagher announced that he would like to put together another guitar workshop for this district. Anyone interested should call or email him. After the meeting we had a potluck and then a good jam followed. Some friends from district 10 joined us which is always very special. Thanks Louis Roy, Guy Kinman, Paul Lakey, Jo Barnes and Chuck Hasty, come back again.

The nursing home schedule for February is : Feb. 6th , Ocean View 1:30-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. Feb. 13th, Inland Point 11:00-12:00 p.m.. & Life Center 1:30-2:30 p.m. Feb 16th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45 p.m. Feb. 23rd, Coquille Nutrition Site in the community bldg. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m. For Florence area fiddlers, we play at the Senior Nutrition Center February 22nd at 11:15a.m.-1:00p.m. and Shorewood 3:00-4:00p.m. on the same date. We are also still playing at the high school band room on Friday evenings 6:30-9:45.

The district jam for February will be on the 16th. There will be a meeting for the election of officers at 11:00 a.m. followed by the potluck and then the jam. Hope to see all of you there. The Jam for March will be on the 23rd as the state convention at Roseburg falls on the 3rd Saturday.

We missed Bill & Dorothy Tenant at the jam today. As it turns out Bill has been having a lot of physical problems and was diagnosed with conjunctive heart failureget well soon Bill we love you. Also, Anne Hasley's sister passed away recently and we would like to offer our condolences. Elwood and Helen Serfass would like to thank all who sent cards and/or called or visited during their recent illness.

Welcome to new members: Jarrett & Gayle Wright from Coos Bay and Ronald & Patricia Sprinkle from Mapleton. Sharon Gallagher reports that we have signed up 29 new members this last year. Good work District 5 !

Birthdays for the month of February are: Frankie Williams and Shelby Burt 4th, Kathe Leaf and Carol Hoston 5th, Karen Rhea 10th, Betty McKee 14th, Shirley Coomler 15th, Debbe Reaves 18th and Sidney Earls the 20th.

Happy Anniversary to Ron & Mary Lou Saylor on the 14th.

See you all at the next jam.

District 6

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The quarterly State meeting and jam, held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on January 12, came off pretty well. There was pretty good attendance from around the state, and lots of music and dancing. We look forward to doing it again next year! Many thanks to all the people for helped make the meeting a success. Special thanks from chairman Mark Ratzlaff to all the ladies who helped out in the kitchen; we certainly missed Joy Costello's usual capable presence overseeing this task.

The February meeting and jam will be on Sunday, February 17 at Crow grange. The district meeting will be called to order at 11:00 a.m., with a potluck and jam to follow. This will be an election meeting. If you want to be district chair (or know someone who does), let Mark Ratzlaff know; he would be more than happy to relinquish the responsibility!

There will be a jam at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge on Sunday, March 3. This will be one of their breakfasts (all you can eat for \$3), starting at about 10 a.m., followed by a jam until 3 p.m. or so. We always have a good time at this jam, organized by the redoubtable Harv Harvey.

Come one, come all to the surprise birthday party for Bryan Dunaway at the Jasper Grange on Thursday, February 28. The music will begin at 10 a.m. with a potluck lunch at 1 p.m. The consensus estimate is that Brian will be 92. The only sure indicator we have of his age is that he played in the band of Bob Wills' father!

District six still has the old sound system for sale (all or part). See Mark Ratzlaff. We should be in possession of our new small system by February.

Condolences go out to Bernie Roberts, who recently lost his father.

Happy birthday to: Alvin Ross 2/3, Jim Powell 2/9, Maxine Benson 2/10, Hazel Walker 2/15, Vera Cregar 2/15, and Bryan Dunaway 2/25. Happy anniversary to Wayne and Helen Tracy, 2/28/48.

Joe Moyle, reporter district six

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Here are the list of the Jams for District 7 for the next several months:

February Jam: Saturday, the 23rd in the Sherwood Senior Center 855 N. Blvd.

March 10th in Lake Oswego's Adult Community Center at 505 G Ave.

April 14th in Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th St.

May ? in Orient Grange, 30639 SE Bluff Road out from Gresham

June 9th at the Canby Adult Center, 1250 S. Ivy again on the second Sunday

February will find us at a new location. We'll be at the Sherwood Senior Center on 855 N. Blvd. THIS IS A SATURDAY! This location has a church service on Sundays, and they wanted us to come, sooo. The best I can do for directions are: not too far off Hwy 99, close to the Six Corners and SW Tualatin-Sherwood RD. This site is on flat ground I'm guessing, so if the weather is bad we might have a pretty good chance of getting there. (Do you know that Sherwood is a few miles south of Tigard?)

We know that folks have been wanting our group to play for gigs after the holidays. You could start directing their requests to Helen H., Ida C., Jim T., Linda Easley, or lastly Chuck or Pat. They've all been doing

Our "snow birds" have still been sailing south, and they are missed! The stay-at-homes are much appreciated, it takes us all to put this together. If one person trips, others are there to support the stranded, and that is as it should be!

A special report moment: Our own Jim Toussaint, has been the fiddle player for the current run of the play "The Quilters." It was indeed a very cool opportunity to share fiddle music with an audience that might not otherwise find the opportunity. He did us proud!

Didn't we have a good time at the senior center in Gladstone January 6!! Thanks for the good turn out and glad to see all of you from out of the district, too.

Late minute news – Martha Pederson, a long time member of District 7 passed away. She and her late husband, Thor, loved our fiddle music. Art Lane had surgery – hope this finds you up and about, Art, and on the go again.

Keep giving thanks and being thankful for the joy that manages to shine through the darkest of days. Some happiness should be coming our way each day! Music helps to make it so.

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

District 8

Chairman: Dale Colebank 503-634-2747

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A little rain (quite a lot actually) didn't keep District 8 musicians and toe tappers away from Woodburn on Sunday, January 20. Not only that, but we had many welcome visitors from Districts 6 and 7. We had a good audience of local folks there to listen. Even had to set up more chairs, which is always a good sign.

It was nice to have a good District 8 turnout at the OOTFA quarterly meeting in Springfield. Those attending: Bob and Marie Church, Winston and Lola Grant, Chris Lang, Dale and Loita Colebank, Fred and Charlotte Harding, Lew and Alice Holt. (Hope I didn't miss anyone). The state functions are like a big family reunion. We see our friends from all around the state.

Bob Church spent a few days in the hospital with a collapsed lung. Hope you're better, Bob. We missed you!

Ruth Jones had her second cataract surgery recently and is doing well.

Don and Daisy Simons will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary this week. Congratulations to you!

In February we have our District jam at the Senior Center in McMinnville on Sunday, February 17th. Directions are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

There will be an important business meeting at 11 AM. Important because we'll be electing officers for the coming year. It's not too late to throw your hat into the ring if you'd like to be an officer. Let Marie Bailey or Dale Colebank know if you are interested, or if you have names to suggest. We'll also be talking about our opportunities and responsibilities for the OOTFA state convention in March.

The meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch, and then the sign up jam from 1 to 4 PM. We always expect a good turnout of dancers there.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!!

Alice Holt, reporter for District 8

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

February 10 Jam Senior Center Burns District 9

Howdy!

What a wonderful turnout of musicians, dancers, and audience we had for the January Jam at the Senior Center. It was great to see Leonard and Edie Necochea in fine dancing form. Some may remember the Necochea's from the High Desert Fiddlers Contest when they chaired the event for a couple of years. Musicians on hand included Lloyd Louie, Julia Milleson, Edie Koenig, Rose Robirts, Don Williams, Walt Cooper, Helen O'Clair, Joan Suther, Roy Reed, and Janet Braymen. What a treat to have the fiddles outnumber the guitars!

We had several first time attendees including Anara Naurazbayeva of Kazakhstan. Anara is a high school exchange student living with the King Family (Helen's folks) and a beginning guitar player.

Several comments were heard at the jam about how the group has grown musically and all the new tunes being played. Keep up the great work, folks!

Word was received in early January Hugh Galliher had suffered a massive heart attack. Those of you who have attended the Country Music Jamboree will remember Hugh greeting you on a 4-wheeler and helping you get parked. We wish Hugh well and hope he's on his way to a speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to Hugh at 300 1st Avenue West, Space 16, Jerome, ID 83338.

We also send best wishes for feeling better to Fran Rider.

Play dates for February include the Aspens on 8th, the Senior Center on the 10th and Ashley Manor on the 18th. See you all there.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

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Greetings from District # 10. We have finally got the holidays behind us and now we will start making the final arrangements for the State Convention here in Roseburg March 13,14,15 and 16. At our regular meeting January 12 we were honored to have the following members from District # 5 join us with their excellent musicians and fine music. Johnny Davis and Nancy Nugent, Ned and Val Matthews and Del and Clara Thomas. The following local residents joined us for the first time Jim and Darlene Smith, Ted and Mildred Keller, Marjorie LaBleu and Wand Rime.

Ed Doolittle was in the hospital for a few days and he is now receiving some rehab at the Mercy Care Center. Marie Gates is on the mend and will soon be joining us at our playing gigs. Dennis Allen is again playing his guitar and feeling much better. I again urge all members to give Jo Barnes your birthday and anniversary dates so we can start getting them in the Hoedowner.

The following members were appointed to serve on the nominating committee. Jerri Jackson, Paul Lakey, Louie Pugh, Pat Smith and Margie Hasty and anyone who wishes to run for Chairman, Co Chairman or Treasurer contact any of these members and let them know your desire. At our regular meeting February 9 we will have the nominations and election for the officers for the year 2002 and 2003. You must be a paid up 2002 member or a life member to be able to nominate or vote.(SEE JO BARNES).

At the State Quarterly Meeting in Springfield January 12 several members asked me to list some motels here in Roseburg with their phone # , rates and locations. This is just a few. Going south take the following exits. Going North reverse these directions

Budget Inn exit 125 turn left to Stephens turn right will be on the left. Singles \$31:03 Double \$37:45 tax included. 1 800 414 1648

Comfort Inn exit 125 turn left to 1st light turn left on the right 1 800228 5160 \$ 59:00 + tax continental breakfast

Windmill Inn exit 125 turn left to 1st light turn left on left \$ 55:00 1 800 547 4747

Best Western exit 125 turn right and immediately turn right motel on right 1 800 547 3446 single \$ 48:00 double \$ 54:00

Motel 6 exit 127 turn left go across freeway turn right on airport road. 1 541 464 8000 singles \$ 36:99

Sleep Inn exit 127 turn right go about 5 blocks on left, 1 800 753 3746 \$ 57:00 + tax

All of these motels are close to restaurants or fast food places.

Exit 124 has some very fine Motels and excellent places to eat. There are many fine motels and restaurants in Roseburg and this is just a few and I am not promoting any of them and if you plan on staying at a motel and have other preferences please contact me by phone or email

Birthdays: January 1, Betty Crosby, 27 Doris Dilbeck and 28 Jerri Jackson.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

SALLY SEZ: Here we are again another month gone. Here comes 2002. Thank you all for coming to the State quarterly meeting. It was so nice to see you all, to visit, have a good meeting and then play some GREAT music. Can't ask for a better day than that.

I have asked Bob Ervin, District 3 to be Chairman of the nominating committee for this years coming election of officers. Please if you have a burning desire to be an officer let Bob or any of the district chairpeople know. Also, if you think of someone and they are willing, they can be nominated from the floor during the meeting in March.

I hope you all will have your new district officers elected and present at the Executive meeting at Roseburg. I know what a commitment it is to be an officer, as I have been one for several years in one capacity or the other and I have to say that I really appreciate every one of you for your willingness to "Help Out" and be a leader for your district.

What the Chairperson does is help guide the district as a unit to Preserve and Promote the art of old time fiddling and to encourage younger people to learn and appreciate this type of music. It is our goal to keep this music going for many years. It is my goal to share it with others either by teaching them how to play or playing for their enjoyment. It makes my heart sing when I see the smiles of those who love to hear our music and the far away look in their eyes thinking of a time past that was a major part of their life. When, the music we play reminds them of another day and someone in their family who played the same song out on the front porch, or at the Grange for the dance, or in someone's living room like my great-grandfather did. What joy..

To know that is the reason we play, besides the joy we receive from being able to play and to share it...That says it all folks, but we need people to help us along the way by being the leader "the chairperson". I hope you will agree that the job is important and "someone has to do it" will that someone be you? I hope so. I hope you all will consider to be the leader of our districts because without you there is no old time fiddling organization. We will no longer be and I hate to see that happen. Please folks make a commitment. Believe me, as fast as the time passes you will wonder what happened to the year that just passed with you as chairperson. Well, that is how I feel about this and I hope you do to. The leaders are here to help the organization as a whole, not to promote themselves or just what "they want". We are a team...Lets work that way, enjoy our music and pass it off to someone else...Teach what you know to someone else, give them a lift up, pat them on the back and tell them how good they are when they try. They will be our future. Thanks you guys...Love you all and Thanks for all your support these last 2 years. I am honored to be your President. Sally

From the editor:

On January 16 Ace Wehus called me and invited me to go to Lake Oswego with him. I set the alarm, got up early at 7:00 and drove up to his place. We drove to the National Guard Armory in Lake Oswego where Ace delivered over 50 video tapes and over 50 DVDs of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers performing. The videos and DVDs will have been flown out of Portland by the National Guard by the time you read this and will be in Afghanistan for the American military personnel to enjoy. Ace is a retired airforce veteran so he knows first hand the feeling of the many hours of being away from home and nothing to do. Hopefully when the military personnel play the videos and DVDS that they will both have something to occupy their time and also, a flavor of "back home" in our old time music. Ace is financing this project through the sale of the videos that I so often write about and through the sale of regular CDs and the videos.

I sent copies of Ace's work to Ohio and Scotland recently. Here are two "unsolicited responses" I received. From Ohio -- Lew, What a blast - I would be in hog heaven if I lived anywhere near Oregon, You must have more fun than most of the rest of the country!!

And a note to me from Scotland: Hi Lew, I had the CD on my car all day Thursday, then watched a bit of the film at night, We had a band practice then, and tonight we play at a traditional Scottish evening in Inverness.

.....and what I loved was the honesty of the musicians. You guys were having so much fun, as was the audience I could just see wagon trains, and old pioneers at a campfire, setting down to a few tunes, It must have been such a relief to get music going, you just cant beat live music, no way. Give my regards to the group, just keep on playing, as I can see the joy it is putting in peoples troubled lives. Please give a special yodel-o-he-do to the lady yodeler, She's a gem.
Regards, Willie.

And then a note he wrote to all of you (remember this was unsolicited).

To THE OREGON OLD TIME MUSICIANS PLAYERS AND SINGERS. Just like to send you a thank you. My email friend LEW sent me a CD plus a CDrom, of you guys performing, I have shown them to a few friends in the folk scene here in Inverness, Scotland. We were so impressed, I had to send you a note of thanks, you're putting a bit of sunshine into peoples lives through your music, don't ever stop.

Regards to all.
Willie Doig
The Plaid Folk Band.

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 Every video that you buy and enjoy, he can send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon. Also, now he has CDs of music across the state and the DVDs of our jams. They are \$10.00 each. Any profit goes to sending old time fiddle music to our military personnel and to the elementary schools here in Oregon. He has sent videos to all colleges in Oregon, all high schools and junior highs and about half of the elementary schools. He has about 200 schools to go. Your purchase of one video will send out two videos to schools.

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

I want to comment on the state quarterly meeting in Springfield. District six especially needs to be thanked for their hospitality. It is always a pleasure to go to the January quarterly meeting and jam to meet the local fine folks and to again see our friends from across the state. The weather was on our side so we had 9 districts represented. Pretty good!!

I have in my possession three instruments that have been donated to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Last fall Esther Snider donated a nice guitar. Winston Grant donated a fiddle. (It will hereafter be known as the "Mouse Hole" fiddle) and Adele McMurry of Boring donated a fiddle. It has been decided to raffle these instruments at the state convention. Also, Vivian Williams of Seattle donated a box of very fine, new audio cassette tapes of some very fine fiddlers/musicians. These are the same ones that many of you bought at our contest last May. It has been decided to sell chances on the guitar for \$1.00 each. Also, to combine the two fiddles and sell chances for \$1.00. But – if you buy \$10 worth of chances -- \$10 for chances on the guitar or \$10 for chances on the fiddles – you will be given a choice of one of the fine audio cassette tapes. Or, my friends, if you buy \$5.00 worth of changes for the guitar and \$5.00 worth of chances on the fiddles, you will get your choice of an audio cassette tape that normally sells for \$10.00. You can't lose on a deal like that! I am encouraging you, if you didn't catch on, to please step up and buy chances on these instruments. The proceeds will go to help defray the expenses of the state contest.

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

Name/spouse name
Mailing Address
Phone number
E-mail address
Children living in the home

Esther Snider and I are still pushing the Tapioca CDs and tapes. 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. This project will be drawn to a close this spring so if you haven't a CD or audio cassette, please let Esther or me know and we'll see that you can buy one.

Also, I have been selling CDs/tapes made by Howard "Rusty" Marshall, who visited us from Missouri last April, Charlie Gibson's CD, Swing Time's CD, Andy Shelton's CDs and Wally Bloom tapes. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the CDs or tapes. Helen Tracy has the same titles. She reported at the state quarterly meeting of her sales. She has done very well. Thanks to all of you who are buying the CDs, DVDs, and cassette tapes.

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When Alice and I visited Norm Fiock four years ago, he chartered a coach for the fiddlers on the "Blue Goose" – a steam train that ran from Yreka to Montague. I took video of most of the trip. Yesterday when I made a copy for a new fiddle friend in Ohio, I watched Lew Standiford playing, singing, yodeling – the things that he did so well. I am not ashamed to say that it brought a tear to my eye. He was "one of kind."

It is no fun to lose a good friend. I was saddened this month to learn of the passing of Sandy Sandusky. Over the years Sandy and I have visited, written letters, talked on the telephone, made several trades -- always sharing many stories about fiddles. The first time I ever met Sandy was at Warwick's campout -- Aug. 1987. We were visiting and he said, "Why don't you come to Klamath Falls, we would like to have a state president visit us." That was the beginning of our friendship. One time Sandy came by to see me in North Bend. I took him to the basement and showed him the projects I had tucked away in the rafters, in boxes, on the bench and in my head. Sandy looked at me and asked, "Lew, how long are you going to live?" Sandy didn't like to write letters to me. He always said that if he did that I would mark it up with a red pencil and tell him to have it back on my desk corrected Monday morning. So once he sent me an audio tape -- just chatting with me. Someday I'll run across that tape and I'll be pleased. I have several special jigs and tools about the place that Sandy made for me. He was that kind of a guy.

Ken Cartwright has closed his retail business in Stayton but is still repairing instruments from out of his home. He has the same phone number.

For Sale: Good Karl Knilling Full Size Student Violin and case. Paid \$1500.00 new. Asking \$750.00 or best offer. Call 503-623-4247 or 503-851-0334. (I have seen this fiddle, it is in excellent condition.)

The best to you all.

Lew Holt, Editor