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

March

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

April

6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4  
 14 Pioneer Community Center Oregon City 7  
 14 Senior Center Burns 9  
 25-26-27 Fiddle Festival Newport 8/OOTFA

May

4 Grange Hall Butte Falls 4  
 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  
 16-18 Campout No. Calif. 1  
 24 Contest Canyonville  
 25-31 Warwick Campout Williams

Sep.

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

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District 1

Chairman: Cherie Lane (541) 882-1595  
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 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.

Jam -- Second Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. at OSU Extension Building lower level, 3328 Vandenberg Rd in Klamath Falls. Directions - turn East off Alameda Bi-pass in Eberlein Ave. Take an immediate left, turn onto Vandenberg Rd. go North up the hill to 1st building on the left. Parking is in front and side parking lots, also on

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.

Greetings from the Klamath Basin! We all made it through the winter, and are now into our muddy spring, but very thankful for the water we were blessed with so far, maybe now our farmers will be able to have the water they are entitled to, without a fight again! Feb. started out SO sunny, bright & chipper, you can just see the change on everyone's faces! We're off on a new year -- planning things to come, and getting ready for new officers to be elected all over the state. We have so many things to be thankful for from our current officers, all the hard work and duties that come with their offices, where would we be without them?

At our meeting of Feb. 3, we discussed the camp-out that's been in the works for a while, Faye is making the arrangements for a great time, so hope everyone can come and join us, will have more info next month, but so far the dates are Aug. 16 - 18, down in N. CA. at the Klamath River Country Estates, call Faye for more details. We were joined by John Blasius, Floyd Goodal, Gabriel Garcia, and AJ Jones, and enjoyed their great music, and singing. Hope to see them again real soon!

Feb.10 Our Jam at the Extension Office was very nice, we were joined by some great guests, and thank them so much for their music, and friendship. A big bunch of us got together outside in the warm sunshine and jammed and had a blast, it was so great to be able to do that again! We also were informed that "someone" in our district wants to set an exact time to eat at our meetings, and we'll try it at our next one in March, and have our elections following the food. Seems like we're getting off into an eating schedule over here instead of a playing one!! But, as long as we're all happy, we can just start jogging after the meeting to get rid of the extra pounds! (then we'll be the OR. Old Time Eaters, Fiddlers, and Joggers Assoc. of Dist 1 !!! )

We have no "Happy Anniversaries" to wish for the month of March, but we have 2 "Happy Birthday" folks to sing to this month: Faye Patterson on the 30th, and that spry youngster Irvin Johnson on the 31st. (He's our youngest fiddler, and boy is he good! He's a fast learner!)

Our prayers go to Minnie Cox, her husband "Tex" passed on, he was from Shingle Town, and a great harmonica player, I never got to meet him, but heard lots of good about him from his friends here.

Haven't heard of anyone that's under the weather lately around here, must be a lucky month! But my Dad is still down with his back surgery, and I may have to travel down to help out at his ranch if he doesn't get better.

My son, Gary, placed 2nd at the district wrestling meet in Lakeview, and is going on to the State Championships in Portland 2/21 - 23, and I'm sure proud of him!

Our convention is going to be here before we know it, hope everyone has a safe trip to Roseburg, and that we'll all get together and have one big happy re-union and play some of the greatest music we ever heard -- and all night too if we can! So till then, let's all enjoy our music and friendships, and God bless everyone with good health and happiness. Your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

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District 1E

Chairman Terry McLain 541-947-4623

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Being the Ground Hog saw his shadow, we are again having winter weather. No one was reported being ill due to winter.

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> jam and potluck was held at the Memorial Hall. A crowd of 18 players and singers including the Ortwein children. Good to see and hear them play. Also, we had the little Bell girl dancing with her father, Allen. What energy those little ones have. Those present were able to look at the photo albums from the State Convention. thanks to the Terry McLain family.

Donna and Clyde Lynch were presented a plaque and lifetime membership. Congratulations.

Feb. 5 and 19 several played at the long term care. Thanks goes there. also.

Feb. 24 Jam at Beverly Perry's home 628 N. J St. Fingerfoods – starting time 2 PM. Come one, come all and have a good time.

Feb. 11th was the monthly meeting at the Indian Village. It was election of officers of which the same ones will have another year to be in office.

March 11 will be the monthly meeting. We need all to attend.

District 1E is having a campout at Silver Lake on May 10-11-12. On Saturday night the Lion's Club is holding a spaghetti feed at the firehall – a good place for a lot of fiddle playing. We hope that many of you will join us for this fun week end. More later.

Everyone keep warm, dry and attend the music events. Enjoy seeing those who have been under the weather. Keep practicing and hope to see you soon. Attend the state convention March 14-16 if you can. All have a good time. Must get this off so bye, bye.

Myrle Shepard District 1E Reporter

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District 2

Peg Willis writes to me – and I captured it for the Hoedowner – great job Peg.

I have two groups of kids preparing for Kiwanis Kapers - the big local talent show. Actually it draws acts from all over the place. This year my advanced kids (Shenanigans) are doing a wild and wooly rendition of Old Joe Clark - complete with "the playing of the feet" (French Canadian) and wooden spoons. There are nine kids in that group (ages 8-12). The other group has 18 kids and they are doing Rubber Dolly (ages 4-12). It's always a lot of fun.

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District 3

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Sec/Treas/Membership: 541-382-4583

Betty Fullerton, 22460 McArdle Rd.,

Bend, OR. 97702

Spring is peaking around the corner at us. Yeah!!! March 14th, 15th, and 16th is our Annual State Convention at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg Oregon. We will be electing state officers and conducting other business. Come and play lots of music. All members are encouraged to attend, if you can.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - VFW show in Redmond, hope to see you there. March 20th; There will be a fiddle instructor at the Redmond Library and our regular Jam 7pm to 930 PM. If you are interested in learning or improving your skills, show up. A small fee of \$30 will be divided up among the ones who show up. If this works out we may continue fiddle instructions. We are anticipating two candidates, Cody Doolan and Gretchen Spencer for scholarships to assist them in their fiddle career.

We would like to give a BIG THANKS to Earlene Ervin for all the time and effort of advertising for District #3 OOTFA. :)

We welcome all new members and visitors: Richard Cahall (plays Clawhammer Banjo) and his wife Lorna from Bend. Johnny Hodnett (plays fiddle) and his wife Edna are from Prineville. Henry and Doris Schledewitz new members from Madras. Myrle and Louise Faubion new members from Madras. Bill Smith visitor who plays fiddle and guitar from Redmond.

There is word through the grapevine Hollis and Carol Reel are back from Arizona. Yeah!

Hopes and Prayers from District #3 OOTFA go to Hazel Flock who had a Motor Vehicle Accident early February with serious injuries. Ed Nelson had shoulder surgery Thursday which went well and doing fine. We wish you fast recovery.

At our last Redmond VFW Jam we had elected officers for District #3. Congratulations go out to Dale Anderson Vice Chairman, Rick Brumbach Chairman and Betty Fullerton remained Secretary who does a great job.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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District 4

Membership: Marie Mickey 541-512-9345  
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We had another great jam this month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass, a new location for us. Not only was it beautiful and sunny, but the grange is a great place, with a nice big dance floor, a good stage, and another room for overflow. We had it all filled -- over 250 people attending! We ran out of chairs and had to borrow 20 more from a member. Not only was it a great group of musicians (32 sign-ups), but a lot of dancers, and even more listeners! And. . . most of them stayed till the very end, and then wanted more. Even in the overflow room it was easy to hear, and comments were made about the good quality of the sound. Visitors included Ali (age 9) and Lisa Andreas, with Evelyn Horner from California, New member fiddlers Mary (age 8) and her mother Nancy English with Marvin on the guitar, from Medford, and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls. Ali and Mary played great music on their fiddles (and their moms did, too!). It's sure nice to have these young folks playing with us, they're really special! Ernie's great songs, and accompaniment are always a treat, too. The "regular" group also played a lot of fine music with a good variety of tunes. Evelyn Horner, along with Don Lindsey and Judy McGarvey did some crowd pleasing "triple fiddling". Are we really allowed to have that much fun?

The meeting included the election of officers. Pat Manion will continue as chairman (but it took some good arm-twisting), George Dow will be co-chairman, and Lola Williams will continue as Secy/Treas. Thanks to you all! It was decided to cancel our August 3 jam because of vacations and the Diamond Lake Campout. A large group is planning to attend the annual convention in Roseburg, and we're all looking forward to playing music with all you folks from "far away". Don't forget to bring your good raffle items and door prizes for the convention to the March jam.

We have several on our sick list. Clyde Ellis hurt his knee and wasn't able to make the jam. Missed that good fiddlin'! Julia Pantel is still home recovering from her surgeries. She thanks all those who have sent cards, calls and prayers. Paula Pasley has not been well; her absence has left a gap, and we miss her. Martha Warwick is very ill, and is at home. We send good wishes to all of you!

It was good to see Kathy Luker back again. Guests at the potluck included Betty and Russell Murray, Ruby Pritchard, and Joyce and Gary Spangler. New members this month include: Bill (G) and Helen Herzog, Rogue River; Camilla and Ingrid Alarie, Grants Pass; Eugene and Janet Warrick, Central Point; Robert McKay, Grants Pass; Artie Hammonds, Medford; William Ward and Barbara Farmer, Merlin; Robert and Margie Warrick, Eagle Point; Carl (F) and Dorothy Ehlig, Sunny Valley; and Jackie Daley, Grants Pass.

Well, Judy McGarvey (that would be me) is going to New Zealand right after this is submitted, so when she returns (Mar.1) be sure to ask her about her pictures, adventures, and tall tales! See ya in Roseburg -- be there!

Mar 2 Rogue River Community Center -- Apr 6 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford -- May 4 Butte Falls Grange, Butte Falls -- hope to see you there.

And remember: Not a shred of evidence exists in favor of the idea that life is serious.  
Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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#### 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

One month to convention! That is such a fun time...I hope you all can make it. In the mean time, on with our usual routine. Our February jam was far from routine though, and those of us who were there had a great time. We were entertained by O.C. Morse who is in his eighties and just couldn't sit through all the good music. He danced every tune and at one point just about lost his britches. We were so happy to have a visit from our friends Don & Ruth Loring from district 6. Don & Ruth were the first guitar players to receive the Bill Yohey award and are still the most sought-after back-up in the state. Also visiting were Charlotte & James Weaver, Chuck & Marge Hasty, Bob & Jean Hansen and Guy Kinman from district 10. We also had a visit from Garret Rice from district 3 and Betty Lively's nephew and wife, Chuck & Anita Strader .....Welcome all!

There was a short meeting preceding the jam at which Charlie Miller was re-elected as chairman, Clirca Miller as secretary and Sharon Gallagher as Treasurer. After doing a great job as co/chair, Larry

The nursing home schedule for February is : March 6th , Ocean View 1:30-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. March 8th Saint Catherine's 1:30- 3:00pm. March 13th, Inland Point 11:00-12:00 p.m.. & Life Center 1:30-2:30 p.m. March 20th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45 p.m. March. 27th, Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m.

We have been invited to play at Scottsburg on the 17th for their St. Patrick's Day spaghetti feed from 5-9. The cost of the meal is \$5 .00.

The district potluck/jam for March will be on the 23rd from 12-4 p.m. at the Coos Bay Senior Center. We sure hope all of you can go to convention as well this year. It is at the fairgrounds in Roseburg March 14-16. If you have items to donate for raffle or door prizes bring them on Thursday of the convention or if you can't go but want to donate, contact Charlotte Dow.

We are still praying for Bill Tenent's recovery. We really miss you Bill! Helen Serfass is back with us again and playing as well as ever after some really difficult health problems. It was so nice to see you and Elwood again Helen. Welcome to new member Lela Oerding from Coquille.

Birthdays for the month of March are: Grace Slover 6th, Ella Savery 6th, Wally Holden 10th, Bob McKee 15th, Coleen Osekowsky 18th, Betty Wilson 27th, Abbie Shaffar 28th and Lucille Davidson on the 30th . Happy birthday to you all. Lloyd and Jean Dunn have an anniversary on the 11th. Congratulations and may you have many more.

See you all at Roseburg,  
Kathy Nash, Dist. 5 reporter

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#### District 6

Chairman: Mark Ratzlaff 541-935-8506  
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The election meeting and jam, held at Crow Grange February 17, resulted in the unanimous reelection for one more year of all the incumbent board members: Mark Ratzlaff, Chair; Bernie Roberts, Vice Chair; and Betty Hawkins, Secretary. Bob Kaiser, Treasurer. The pre-potluck turnout was small, perhaps 18 persons, with the number doubling after the potluck --- perhaps future membership meetings should be held after potlucks to ensure maximum membership participation!

The jam itself proved quite pleasant, with the new sound system in action for the first time. Mark Ratzlaff, by dint of thrifty shopping, was able to get an \$800 sound system for \$700, and used the saving to buy a pair of nifty speaker stands. Even after the purchase of the sound system, the District Six treasury still has a comfortable balance of about \$1300.

Mark also announced that the some pieces of the old sound system had been sold, and reported plans were in place to advertise sale of the remainder in the Register Guard. Mark noted that the remaining pieces may be seen on the web at the following address:  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~markratzlaff>

Don't forget the jam at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge on Sunday, March 3. It begins with an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$3), followed by a jam until three p.m. or so. Organizer Harv Harvey, notes, by the way, that breakfast is served from 8 a.m. -- for those of you anxious to get an early start; service ends at 11 a.m. Hot dogs are available from one p.m.

There will be no Eugene-area jam in March due to the state convention; thanks in advance to all who are helping out at Roseburg. The next jam and potluck will be held at Crow grange on Sunday, April 21. Mark your calendars. Bob Strelow is talking about organizing a jam -- like the one last year -- in Oakridge in May; more details later.

Happy birthday to: Wayne Carpenter 3/1, Curly Roberts 3/11 , and Andy Kennedy 3/13.  
Happy anniversary to Alan and Carol Ede, 3/17/57.  
Joe Moyle, reporter district six

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#### District 7

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Here are the list of the Jams for District 7 for the next several months: 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 12 (Mother's Day!) 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

March 10 will find us at our traditional March location. It's where Jack Smith started a jam many years ago. We will have a small presentation honoring the Jack Smith Memorial Fund just before our jam/show starts at one o'clock. The directions to the Lake Oswego Senior Center are: from 1-205 (exit 8) take Hwy 43, Pacific Hwy, to Lake Oswego, State St. turn left on "A" St. Right on 7th to the end, then left on "G" Street. The Lake Oswego Center is on the right side at the end of the street. Hope many of you will find your way there for musical fun and the pot luck lunch!

Two upcoming gigs: Here's another Aurora gig...Saturday, March 9, from 12-4 at the Aurora Museum. For anyone who has been there you know there is fun in store. Not to be missed.

Berry Park Retirement Center on Wednesday, March 27, 2002, during their lunch hour from 12 - 1 p.m. The address is 13669 S. Gaffney Lane in Oregon City. Join Jim T. and the gang for a musical hour and a fine audience.

Ace Wehus continues to chroniclize (is that a word?) the musical lives of Oregon fiddlers. We are gratified for all of his time and efforts. He is making a difference in many peoples lives. Thank you Ace.

It's time to check in with the Finleys, the Fastos and Ida Colby with greetings and thoughts, as each household could use a little sunshine. And our best to Art Lane following his surgery and recovery.

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

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#### District 8

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DISTRICT 8 NEWS - MARCH 2002

It's March, so that means St. Patrick's Day, the arrival of Spring, and most importantly OOTFA CONVENTION. Convention is a time to visit, play music, learn new tunes, and do the annual business of the fiddlers. It's a fun time. Hope everyone can be there.

Our Feb. 17th jam at McMinnville was about a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10. The only thing that kept us from being a 10, was that several of our regulars weren't able to be there. The regular dancers and listeners were there, and lots of new faces too. Glad to see all of you. A couple of our newer members made their debut performances. Cheryl Krueger played fiddle. Jim Hascall sang. Hayley Raxter, a young lady from Portland who is writing a term paper on fiddling also gave us a couple rousing fiddle tunes.

District 8 functions like a well oiled machine. Everyone pitches in to help when things need to be done. Many hands make light work whether it is setting up chairs and tables, doing the kitchen chores or helping carry the sound equipment. You are all appreciated!

At the business meeting we voted to donate \$500 to the OOTFA state contest and \$250 to the Canyonville Contest. We also hope to provide monetary help for district members wishing to go to Booher's workshop.

We elected a new chairman to take office July 1. Dennis Brutke will fill that office and we know he'll do a fine job. Gene Stephenson and Chris Lang graciously agreed to continue as Co-chair and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. We discussed upcoming events and heard reports on past events. Then we had a wonderful potluck dinner and moved on to the music. We were pleased to see so many fine people from districts 7 and 6 who came to join us for the afternoon.

Last month I wrote that Bob Church spent a few days in the hospital. Well, the few days turned out to be almost six weeks. But the good news is, he's looking and feeling much better. He had a collapsed lung. I have had to rewrite my news to say that Bob is home and very glad to be there. We are glad, too. Bob.

Polish up your Irish tunes, and wear something green. Begorra, we'll be playing at the annual Irish Stew Dinner in Keizer again this year. The date is SATURDAY March 9th. The place is the Keizer-Salem Area Senior Center, 930 Plymouth. There are always lots of dancers. We can come early, 10 AM or so for early jamming. We are scheduled to eat at noon and to play from 1 to 4 but I just imagine that we'll be playing a lot more than that. No rent to pay, we can pass the hat. Can't beat that. Specific directions: If you are going down Broadway from Salem, it turns into River Road. Take a right on to Plymouth -- just before Izzy's. If you get to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far, so take a right to Cherry and come back on Cherry to the senior center. Or if you are coming off of I-5 on the Parkway, or from Salem on the Parkway, turn north off the Parkway onto Cherry and a few blocks to the center. (Or down to River Road and north to Plymouth.)

Sunday March 10th, we'll be playing at the Aurora Colony Museum from about noon to 4 PM. (District 7 is playing there on Saturday while we're having Irish Stew in Keizer). The Museum folks have told us our music brings in people and they stay around to listen. This will be the Spinners weekend, with lots of people spinning on the antique wheels the museum owns. Turn East on to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Museum is just one block.

Looking ahead to April - We'll be playing at Oak Grove Grange on Saturday April 13th and hosting the state get together at Newport at the county fairgrounds on April 25, 26 and 27. More on these next month, but mark your calendars. And we'll probably be having our annual picnic on June 1.

Enjoy life everyday. It's not a dress rehearsal!

Alice Holt, reporter for District 8

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District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Is it possible spring is just around the corner? Although cold temperatures have kept the snow around the Burns area one only need to travel to John Day or Ontario to see bare ground and a few blades of grass greening up.

Election of officers for the next year was held prior to the Jam in February. George Sahlberg will continue as chairman. Julia Milleson will assume the vice-chair position in July and Rose Modey will remain secretary-treasurer. Janet Braymen is mired in the reporter job while Edie Koenig has agreed to take on the publicity role. Thanks to all the officers for their work over the last year including outgoing vice-chair Don Williams.

In other business the group agreed to donate ten squares of tile to the Senior Center Floor replacement fund. We have been invited to have Friday night jam at a facility for troubled youth. We'll try it once and see how it goes before committing to a regular date.

Take note and get ready! The April jam will feature gospel music. Get out to the woodshed and brush up your favorite gospel songs.

Play dates for March include the Aspens on 8th, the Senior Center on the 10th and Ashley Manor on the 18th. And then in April – on the 14 Jam Senior Center Burns.

Several folks are planning to make the trip to State Convention and looking forward to seeing everyone and jamming like crazy.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

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District 10

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Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541) 863 6864

Greetings from District #10 We are very busy putting the final touches on the State Convention to be held here in Roseburg March 13.14 .15 and 16 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. On Wednesday March 13

At 7 PM we will have an organized sign up jam and this will be hosted and MCEED by district # 10. Again this year Kings Table will have breakfast Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 8 AM until 10 AM. They will also have lunch Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 11 AM until 2 PM. Something new has been added this year there will be a Spaghetti dinner served Thursday starting at 4 PM until 7 PM for \$6.50 and a BBQ Chicken dinner will be served Friday from 4 PM until 7 PM for \$6.75.

The Saturday night Banquet will be catered by Kings Table and the Banquet ticket will be \$11.95. Jean Hanson was appointed to act as chairman to line out who will bring what to the Wednesday program so we will have a variety of food. Fran Roy was appointed to get the flower arrangement for the tables for the Saturday night banquet. Bob Hanson was appointed to line out the Saturday night dance program. Guy Kinman and Chuck Hasty will represent District 10 as Fiddlers for the Friday night program. Louie Roy will be in charge of the advertising and the go between the Fiddlers and the fair board. Any problems contact him. We again will use the Fairgrounds sound system, it is not only convenient, but it saves some hernias.

Birthdays for March are Jean Hanson, Ed Doolittle, Frances Roy, Jo Barnes, Helen Barlett, Kater Gates, Billie Doolittle, Tiny Stinett and Dan Valier. Anniversary for March are Hap and Merna Jones. We were told that Ed Doolittle is home recuperating and occasionally plays a few tunes on his fiddle. We wish you the best Ed and get better soon.

We had a large group of excellent musicians from District # 5. District 5 Chairman Charlie Miller and his wife Clirca, Del and Clara Thomas, Ned and Val Matthews and Johnny Davis and Nancy Nugent. Thanks a lot for coming over. Tiny Stinett surprised us at our jam, she had arranged unbeknown to any of us for a bus load of residents from the Garden Valley Retirement Center, 18 in all, to visit us and enjoy our music and do a little dancing. The Program Director told me she would reserve the afternoon on the 2nd Saturday of every month to spend with the Fiddlers jam at the Winston Community Building. (THANKS TINY).

We had our election of officers and the following were elected for the years 2002 and 2003. Bob Hanson Chairman -- Louie Roy Co Chairman--Treasurer Gynn Deaton-- Flo Sangsland Secretary.  
Reporter Louie Roy 541-679-6305

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SALLY SEZS: I feel very bad for Lew Holt. He has to remind me to do my article because it comes around so fast I think I must have just done it. So, there goes another month zipping right by. And have you noticed the crocuses are up and we have flowers blooming all over the place.

I hope you have all been making plans to come to convention. We always have a great time there. Lots of jamming, hugs, great music, visiting, eating, just all that really good stuff. We have 3 work shops lined up from beginners fiddle to intermediate and swing all on Friday. Of course we look forward to the meeting on Saturday and election of new officers as well. There is just so many songs to play and fun to have. Please make plans to come and have a GREAT time.

I would ask that you all review the schedule of duties that I passed out at the meeting in January to all the Chairpeople. I know you all do a fine job of pitching in and helping set up, take down, push around and move. THANK YOU all for such a great EFFORT. You are all wonderful and deserve many gold stars for your help.

I would also like to remind you to bring nice things for the raffle (as you usually do) and also you table arrangements. I have been very much impressed with the effort you have all made to bring very nice stuff for the raffle. Lets continue to do that huh? And remember if you intend to receive something, please bring something, one item per each person is much appreciated. Let s have a really great time and good show. This event is for all of us and all of us make it a good event.

I hope that a great majority of you will make it to the Banquet too. Lets give District 10 a big hand because they have done so much work, and have made a great effort in getting everything set up for us and that includes arranging for the banquet. It may seem expensive, but it only happens once a year. Hope to see you all there, you never know, there may even be a few surprises.

As I know you all will, pitch in where needed and lets have our best convention ever. Put on your happy faces, your dancing shoes, that sparkle in your eye and lets go have a great time in each other and the joy of making "our" music. God bless you all and see you there. Sally

“Anyone needing a name tag, please get your orders in soon,” Helen Tracy says. Helen goes on to say if that if you want one for the convention, to give her at call at 541-688-4085 and she’ll give it to you at the convention. “How’s that for service?” she asks.

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Ace thanks all of you who have ordered videos recently. 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 makes it possible for him to send out more to the elementary schools in Oregon. Also, now he has CDs of music across the state and the DVDs of some of our jams. They are \$10.00 each. Any profit goes to sending old time fiddle music 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.

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

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It was decided at the quarterly meeting last September and again at our January meeting to present a standing rule change to the membership at our annual meeting at the state convention.

*(present) 4. Contestants may play without accompanists or with no more than two (2), except the Twin Fiddle Division.*

It is proposed that the Standing Rules: General State Contest Rules: section 4 be changed to read:

*(proposed) 4. Contestants may play without accompanists or with no more than three (3).*

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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, 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! The proceeds will go to help defray the expenses of the state contest.

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Note from Ruth Kennedy: Thanks to all the people who came to visit me in the hospital during my resent operation. Also thanks to all who prayed for me and sent me get well cards. It has been a very difficult time for me, such a serious operation right after my heart surgery of last year and spending 15 days in the hospital with only two days in between. Ruth Kennedy

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By popular demand – Ace has made up two excellent video tapes. One is a two hour tape of Jack Smith and friends over the years. The other one is of Lew Standiford and friends over the years. Both of these videos allow us to relive the music and the personalities of these two great men. They are \$15 each – with the profit going to mail the videos to elementary schools. See Ace or Lew.

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Esther Snider and I are still pushing the Tapioca CDs and tapes. 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 CDs, Andy Shelton’s CD, and Wally Bloom tapes. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the CDs or tapes. Helen Tracy has the same titles. Thanks to all of you who are buying the CDs, DVDs, and cassette tapes.

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Connell 2nd Annual Open Fiddle and Banjo Contest  
March 8th and 9th, 2002

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In my "humble opinion" Districts 5 and 8 have established a challenge to the other districts in the state. These two districts have donated a total \$750 to the state contest fund. District 8, also, donated \$250 to the Canyonville contest. Maybe I am prejudiced, but I am proud of these contributions.

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We had a nice jam in McMinnville recently. The hall was full. We recognized most of the audience/dancers/musicians but there was a couple and an attractive young lady who seemed to be taking in all in. Towards the end of the jam, the mother and daughter walked up to me, introduced themselves. The daughter, 17 year old Hayley told me that she was writing a term paper about "old time fiddlers." Others and I gave her information. I invited Hayley to play a tune for us. She hesitated but I offered her my fiddle, Norm McGrew was right there to offer to back her up and she consented to play. She played Flop Eared Mule and Devil's Dream. And did very well. She was very well received by the audience. Where do suppose she got her first exposure to OOTFA? Yes, she checked one of the videos out of the high school library that Ace had sent out.

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Al Gershen from Grants Pass writes that he has a web page that shows a district 4 jam in pictures. I have checked it – good idea, Al. Thanks for sharing it with us.

<http://communities.msn.com/AldgsPhotos/oldtimefiddlersgrantspass.msnw>

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"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met." - William Butler Yeats

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Alice and I have been attending our state conventions since 1982 and hope to attend many more. One of the highlights of the convention has been the drawings on Friday. Names are drawn on the hour for donated items. Only that person can pick up the prize. Nobody else can pick it up for them. This was started years ago, I am sure, to encourage people to stay in the hall. It works. The items up available for the drawing come from the members. Don't think of them as "white elephant" items but rather when you donate, donate something you would be pleased to win. You are encouraged to bring or send items to the convention for the Friday drawings. Thanks.

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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.

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I received a nice note from Julia Milleson saying how much she appreciated the tunes that were in the Hoedowner recently. Others have told me personally. I have appreciated your comments. I'll check with Cheryl and we'll see what we can do. This issue will have the extra convention pages and then the contest but we'll keep it in mind. Thanks Julia and others.

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You might want to mark your calendar and mentally prepare yourself for "Fiddle Daze" at Newport the last week end in April. We'll start gathering in Newport on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. There is RV parking and motels nearby in town – Mo's chowder downtown, the aquarium, and a very good time with a variety of fiddle activities. There will be more about it in the April Hoedowner – but think about it – it is something you shouldn't miss.

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Bob Church has been in the hospital for six weeks recovering from a collapsed lung. But this afternoon, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, Marie called to say that Bob was home. Alice and I visited Bob often and have enjoyed seeing him getting better – much better. He and Marie would like to thank all of you for your cards, phone calls and wishes for his recovery. It has meant much to them – bringing in a ray of sunshine.

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The best to you all.  
Lew Holt, Editor

8 am - 11 p.m. Jamming and visiting in Floral Building  
7 p.m. - 11 PM Sign up jam  
Coffee and finger food all day

Thursday, March 15, 2002

8 am Community Building open, breakfast available  
10 am Registration and ticket sales  
11:00 Lunch available  
3 - 4 PM Chairs to be set up for night show.  
4:00 Spaghetti Dinner available  
6:30 PM Group jamming on stage  
7 PM Sign up jam begins

Friday, March 16, 2002

8 am Hall opens for breakfast, jamming , etc.  
9 am Registration and ticket sales  
Workshops - Floral Building  
10 am Drawings begin for door prizes  
11:00 Lunch available  
2 PM Quarterly Executive Board meeting  
4:00 BBQ Chicken dinner  
6:30 PM Pre-jam on stage with all fiddlers and backup  
7 PM Fiddlers and i variety show  
Midnight The Hall closes

Saturday, 17, 2002

8 am Hall opens, breakfast available  
10 am Banquet table and decoration set up -  
11:00 Lunch available  
1 PM Annual meeting  
5 PM Annual OOTFA Banquet  
8 PM OOTFA Dance  
11 PM Hall clean up.  
Midnight Convention closes.

RV Parking - \$10 per night on blacktop (no hookups)  
RV Parking - \$15 per night in campground (electric hookups)

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