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

| <u>April</u> | | | <u>District</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Memorial Hall | Lakeview | 1E |
| 6 | Roxy Ann Grange | Medford | 4 |
| 7 | VFW Hall | Redmond | 3 |
| 13 | Grange | Oak Grove | 8 |
| 14 | OSU Extension Building | Klamath Falls | 1 |
| 14 | Pioneer Community Center | Oregon City | 7 |
| 14 | Senior Center | Burns | 9 |
| 20 | Senior Center | Coos Bay | 5 |
| 21 | Grange | Crow | 6 |
| 25-26-27 | Fiddle Festival | Newport | 8/OOTFA |
| <u>May</u> | | | |
| 4 | Grange Hall | Butte Falls | 4 |
| 5 | Moose Lodge | Lebanon | 6 |
| 12 | Senior Center | Burns | 9 |
| 17-19 | State Contest | Salem | OOTFA |
| <u>June</u> | | | |
| 1 | Grange | Eagle Point | 4 |
| 9 | Adult Center | Canby | 7 |
| 13-15 | High Desert Fiddlers | Burns | |
| 17-22 | Fiddle Contest | Weiser | |
| <u>July</u> | | | |
| 18 – 21 | Mt. Hood Campout | | 7/OOTFA |
| <u>Aug.</u> | | | |
| 1-5 | Diamond Lake Campout | | |
| 16-18 | Campout | No. Calif. | 1 |
| 24 | Contest | Canyonville | |
| 25-31 | Warwick Campout | Williams | |
| <u>Sep.</u> | | | |
| 12-13- and 14 | 1000 Trails Campout | | 3/OOTFA |

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Another years' state convention has come and gone again, and for all those unfortunate folks who missed out on it this year, I'm sorry for you, you really missed lots of great music with lots of wonderful folks from all over the place, and such great weather we had over there too!!! Lots of sunshine and warm nights, heck, it was nicer outside than inside.....April Fool! Even the wet, cold weather couldn't dampen our spirits this year, I missed the last 4 years on account of work, but sure enjoyed this year, and I think everyone else did too. Dist. 10 did a wonderful job of setting everything up, and keeping everything running smoothly, and the banquet and raffle was a big sellout again, as was the dance, we had quite a few couples out on the floor right up to the last song, and guess what???. Oh "tangle foot" me even had a couple

was great to see folks I hadn't seen for years again, and everyone looked great! No one has aged one bit, or got any heavier, or any slower!! Ain't it great to be in our organization!!!

But, after all was said and done, and they locked us out at midnight Sat. It was good to head home, and make it safely, as I hope every one had the good fortune to do, and good ol' Klamath Falls looked like paradise after the 4 days of rain! Must have been 75 degrees when we got home, all green and glowing, well, April Fool to you again! But, it was good to be home!

3/3 meeting we discussed the up-coming convention, and decided to not have a meeting at the Villa West the first Sun. of Aug. Also will donate \$100 each to the State and Canyonville contests. Had our elections for officers. Faye Patterson will be our new Chairman, I will be the Co-chairman, and Grace Stork will remain as our secretary-treasurer. Our guests included my son, Bob, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Rogge from Dist 4, and a great job he did on that accordion, it was great to hear his lively music, Thanx Stan!

New members: welcome to Lyle & Norma Wangeman. Guests at our Jam of 3/10 were Charles and Patricia Charles, and George & Georgia Howder.

We will play at the Pelican Pt. retirement center on 3/22 for an hour or so, starting about 12:45. Don't forget our campout in Aug. we'll be sending out flyers to your districts soon, so you can call in your reservations early.

May 5 we will play for a couple hours at the Packing Clinic at the fairgrounds, come join us if you can, it's a nice get-together for all sorts of outdoor clinics and packing demos too, plus a trade show also.

** We have 3 Happy Birthday kids this month to sing to: 6th Lewis Stork, 14th Ray Lane, 28th Bernice Oden

** And a Big Happy Anniversary to Jim and Janice Lancaster!! (good job Jan!)

** Some "get better" wishes go out to Gene Williams, who had surgery, and our Tom Oden who had knee surgery, hope you 2 are up and bouncing around real soon!

** We send our deepest sympathy to the Finley and Church families, "Cactus" Carroll Finley and Bob Church have gone on to the music center up above, and will be missed by all who knew them.

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 lower level by the meeting room where jam is held.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday at 1 p.m., Clairmont Nursing Home at East end of Main St. in Klamath Falls. Then at 2:15 p.m. we play at the Clairmont retirement home which is 1 block above and back of the nursing home.. We play 1 hour at each place on the same day

Did you hear about that poor little snail that got mugged by the turtle??? When the sheriff asked the snail what happened, he replied that "it all happened too fast, I couldn't tell?"

On that note, I'll just wish everyone good health and happiness! And don't forget to play lots of good music!

Your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

District 1E

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April 6 we are having a jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview -- with a potluck at 6:30. May 4 a jam at the Memorial Hall and on May 10-12 we'll be having a campout at Silver Lake.

March 5th and 19th several played at the long term care facility. All enjoyed the music.

March 9th Homer and Rosa Lee McLain motored to Alfalfa to play music with the Jacobs.

Our monthly meeting on March 11 was well attended.

emceed while our district was playing for the dancers. Those folks who sang and played Allen Bell – Doug, Terry, Larry, Homer and Rosa Lee McLain. Thanks to Pat Jinks for his help. All were still jazzed up when they arrived home.

May 10, 11, 12 will be the district 1E campout at Silver Lake. Music will be played at the fire hall. If you have any questions, please contact Terry McLain 1-541-947-4623. There are two trailer parks and a motel in Silver Lake. All are welcome to attend. Saturday night there will be a spaghetti feed. The Silver Lake Lion's Club will furnish the spaghetti. All of you are asked to bring salad or dessert. Hope to see a large crowd there.

Several of our members have been ill but are better now. If the weather would cooperate, everyone would be better.

See you all at the jam April 6 and have a good time. Welcome to our new members. Must stop now and get this off. By for now,

Myrle Shepard District 1E Reporter

District 3

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VFW Hall Redmond District #3

By the time you receive your Hoedowner the OOTFA Convention in Roseburg will be over. This year was a great turnout. Hope everyone learned a lot and played until their fingers fell off. Ha! Ha! We missed the ones who couldn't make it, maybe next year. District #3 would like to thank all the people who donated their time putting this State convention together and cleaning up after.

We congratulate our new State President Ed Nelson and Vice President Bob Ervin both from District #3 plus Irene Ruddock was re-elected as Secretary Treasurer from District #1.

District #3 will be placing our blue book " The Story Of The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association 1967-2000" in the surrounding Libraries.

Reminder that the Redmond Library has a jam 7pm to 9pm on March 20th. It was undecided to have a fiddle instructor at the Library jam for now.

Our next District #3 VFW Jam in Redmond is April 7th. Don't forget April 25, 26, 27 Newport Days at Newport Oregon. Get ready for the State Contest in Salem Oregon on May 17 and 18.

New members are John and Betty Trombatore from Prineville and Dick and Lorna Cahall from Bend.

Haven't got any information on Helen Flock who has been in the hospital from a Motor Vehicle Accident ... we will keep her in our prayers.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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April 6 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford, May 4 Lake Creek Grange in Lake Creek, June 1 Eagle Point Grange in Eagle Point

A beautiful spring day in Rogue River brought out a goodly number of musicians and audience. Judging by all the smiles and the tapping and dancing feet, everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time! Our visitors from Klamath Falls (Ernie Penry and Irene and Jerry Ruddock) add a special extra to the music as well.

Sam Stelle chaired the meeting for Pat Manion who was out of town, and Marcia Zellman filled in as secretary for Lola Williams. Note that we have changed our jam in May to Lake Creek - so erase Butte Falls

We were greatly saddened by the death of Julia Pantel. Her pretty smile and good piano backup will be missed at the many senior centers and nursing homes where she played. Our sympathy goes out to her son Bob and family. Gene Williams is recovering from carotid artery surgery and played at the convention (it must have hurt!). Now it's Lola's turn to have surgery. It was good to see Paula Pasley back after a long absence playing and singing her good songs, with Merle taking the fiddle lead. Clyde Ellis had eye surgery and is doing well. Visitors included Tom and Cathy Serpa (Freda's son) who have just moved here from Tacoma. They are already enthused about digging out grandpa's old fiddles and joining in! It was requested that a group of new 6-12 year old guitar players who have been working with George Dow be allowed to join us at Roxy Ann Grange in April. It was voted on and passed to encourage these young folk to play with us. There was some discussion about whether we should just sign up or draw numbers for the monthly jam, and whether we should play 1 or 2 tunes while we're on stage. No final decision yet. To make the jam run more smoothly, it is necessary that the musicians be ready to go on stage as soon as the previous player is done. With 30+ musicians playing, our time is precious, so be tuned and ready when your name is called. Our new sound system is working well, and comments have been very positive.

We are again planning to play in the Pear Blossom Parade on April 13. Our float (wagon) only holds about 10 musicians, so let Gene Williams know if you are planning to play.

A large group of District 4 folks attended the convention. The weather was cold and miserable, but the atmosphere was warm and friendly. We had a great time! It was fun to see such a great gathering of good folks!

As the weather warms, we get more and more requests to play outside. Guess we'd better dig out our earmuffs! It's really fun to play for enthusiastic audiences.

Remember: When two people agree on everything, only one is thinking.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher 541-572-2742

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Treasurer: Sharon Gallagher 541-572-2742

The convention is over and what a great time we had!! I tried to count all from our district who attended at least part of the time and I came up with 36. What a great representation of our district. It looked like everyone was having a good time, I know we did. Cecil Davidson and Shorty Dow represented our district for the Friday night program and did a wonderful job as did Sally Jordan who was part of the entertainment for the evening. Ken Jordan did a great job as one of the emcees. Saturday evening was the dance and our district did a really good job on the stage. Thanks all who attended the conference and especially all those who performed.

Our districts job was to help District 4 with the raffle/door prize table. A special thanks to Charlotte Dow for all her work in heading up that effort. Also thanks to all who donated items for the raffle and/or door prizes. Our district donated a beautiful lighthouse and calendar as well as some lovely flowers for the banquet tables.

Sunday evening several folks came to Scottsburg and played for their St Patrick Spaghetti feed. Thank you Fred Grove, Cecil Davidson, Cindy Leaf, Shorty Dow, Bill Wilkinson, Cliff Larson, Charlie Miller, Ella Savery, Loren Osborne and Norm Nash. Everyone was wound up and we had a really fun time as well as a very good show. Lucille Davidson was not feeling at all well, but came anyway to both the convention and the Scottsburg gig. We appreciate her dedication and hope her pain is a thing of the past soon.

Our next district potluck/jam will be this coming Saturday March 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and our April jam will be the 20th at the Senior Center in Coos Bay from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Don't forget the fiddlefest which will be held in Newport this year. That is on the 25th, 26th & 27 of April.

The nursing home schedule for April is : April 3rd , Ocean View 1:30-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. March 10th, Inland Point 11:00-12:00 p.m.. & Life Center 1:30-2:30 p.m. March 17th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45 p.m. March. 24th, Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to: Jerene Shaffer April 2nd, Paul Osekowsky the 3rd, Ron Sayler the 8th, Leo Bernhardt & Hal Weiner the 12th, Elnora Jorren the 14th, Kathy Nash the 16th, Ruth Earls & Charlie Miller the 21st. Cindy Leaf and Lew Hodges the 24th and Grant Combs the 26th.

Kathy Nash, Dist. 5 reporter

District 6

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The "surprise" birthday jam for Brian Dunaway, held February 28 at the Jasper Grange, was a stunning success. Perhaps 70 people turned out for Brian, so many that there was some (not serious) talk of moving the jam out into the parking lot. It was everything that a good jam should be, informal and friendly. Kudos to Wayne Carpenter, the driving force behind the event; it was, coincidentally, also close to Wayne's birthday, on March 1. "Happy Birthdays" were sung for both.

The Sweet Home Elks jam on Sunday, March 3, was a more modest success. The turnout, both of Elks and of District Sixers, was smallish, but there was a lot of good music and enthusiastic dancing --- to the point that some dancers were seen dancing the schottische to music that definitely was not! Thanks to Mark for bringing the sound. All in all, yet another very pleasant jam, at which a good time was had by all.

We were pleased to hear that "Redwing", in which district chair Mark and wife Margie are prominent members, recently made a very well-received appearance at a Creswell grange talent show.

Another successful convention in Roseburg. Thanks to all who helped make it a success. Special thanks to:

- John Madsen, for hauling the big Fiddlers signs, which were give to District 8;
- Joan Lomax, for making the beautiful table centerpieces for the banquet;
- Joy Costello and Alice McDowell for working the registration table;
- Bob Kaiser and Bob Strelow for playing wonderfully at the Friday night show;
- All the folks who lent a hand setting up chairs and tables and filling in when needed;
- Wayne and Helen Tracy. Helen, by the way, has passed the 1500 mark in name-tag sales.

Special recognition was given during the State meeting to Don and Ruth Loring, who have attended every convention of the OOTFA, and who are always in high demand as backup at the show. And we were glad to see Wally Bloom put in an appearance

The next District Six jam and potluck will be held at Crow grange on Sunday, April 21. There will be a brief business meeting at 11:30.

The next semi-annual jam at the Lebanon Moose will be Sunday, May 5th, starting at 10:30 a.m., or so. They will, as usual, feed us!

Special birthday congrats to harmonica player Julia Moon, who will be 85 years old on April 8.

Happy birthday to: Alice McDowell 4/4; Adam Johnson 4/5; Julia Moon 4/8; Carol Ede 4/12; Barbara McAdam 4/13; Don Peeler 4/15; Sherry Dobson 4/18; Bob Kaiser 4/20; and Dee Dee Kaiser 4/22.

Happy anniversary to Tom and Barbara McAdam 4/13/98; Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22/72; and Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13/48.

Joe Moyle, reporter district six

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New & repeat Officers for District 7 are announced here! These folks all responded to gentle arm twisting! Linda Easley, Chairperson; Joyce Anders, Vice Chair; Lila Bills, Sec/Treas and Jackie Germundson returns as membership person, along with Myrtle Arnold's assistance during snow birding time. Willing and experienced Reporter will be recent member Gail Foster.

Hopefully, by newsletter time we'll have a new couple to take Joyce and Ernie Lovgren's place as the all important and hard working coffee & lunch organizers. UPDATE: Terry and Andy Jorgensen have come up with a very kind and helpful suggestion to lessen the literal load on the coffee/lunch volunteer. The heavy items will be carried in the sound system trailer and brought in by the hale and hearty-type folks who help the Jorgensens so faithfully. Those volunteers must be able to come early and stay until about 3. This responsibility could certainly be shared between several volunteers over the course of the year. The saga continues... and may be in other districts too!

March 10th was great. A very nice turnout for the Lake Oswego jam. Fine music, a warm sense of "family" focusing on this site of a long-time monthly jam started by Jack Smith. Two current decisions for allocating some of the Jack Smith Memorial Funds were announced by committee chair person John Hakanson. This year's choices are sponsoring the state contest's Senior-Senior Trophies, in Jack's name for five years and organizing a local workshop to enhance the skills of those interested in playing traditional old-time fiddle tunes.

Sunday, April 14, we'll be at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 Fifth Street. If you take exit #10 and go straight on past the "covered wagons" in Oregon City you'll make no turns until you get to Fifth St. Be sure to look that up prior to starting out if you are not familiar with that location. The potluck will be at 12:00 and the jam/show at 1:00. The Center will have a snack center open from 1-4 so you might want to bring a little extra change.

We have lost another fine and special member of the District 7 family. On March 9th Cactus Finley passed from this life. All of us will greatly miss his soft voice and great music that was "so Cactus." Yes, we will miss his friendly greetings and his love to sing. He was always there to back us up when needed. We extend our love and sympathy to Cohleen and their family.

Art Lane would like to extend his "thanks" to all of his friends for their cards and calls. They meant a lot to him during his stay in the hospital and recovery time.

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

District 8

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Neither rain nor snow nor dark of night could keep OOTFA members from having a great time at the annual convention in Roseburg. District 8 was represented by Bob and Marie Bailey, Lee and Ruth Jones, Frances and Rose Boaz, Dale and Loita Colebank, Fred and Charlotte Hardin, Roland Apperson and Joetta Chrissakis, Winston and Lola Grant, Gene and Jackie Stephenson, Lew and Alice Holt. Apologies if I missed anyone.

On March 9th we played at the Keizer Senior Center for their annual Irish Stew dinner. We had a good turnout of musicians, but missed our district 7 friends. They were playing at the Aurora Museum that day. The following day, March 10th, district 8 played at Aurora.

It is with much sadness that I must report the death of Bob Church. At his request, there were no services. Bob and Marie have been OOTFA members for many, many years. We will all miss Bob's great guitar backup as well as his vocals. Bob knew the words to nearly any tune you could think of. We extend our love and sympathy to Marie and their family.

We have two important events in April. Saturday, the 13th we'll play at Oak Grove Grange Hall west of Salem. This is the day of the Blossom Drive, so we hope for lots of listeners. The orchards should be in bloom, as well as other spring flowers. This will be BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH instead of potluck because the elementary school people will be providing desserts and coffee for sale while we are playing. We will be sharing the grange hall. We should be able to get in the hall by 10 AM. To get there: from Hwy 22 turn north on Oak Grove Road. It's at the east side of the cemetery, and west the historic Brunk House.

District 8 will also be hosting the OOTFA Fiddle Contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The dates are May 17th and 18th.

Donna Janszen would like to encourage you to bring items to our jams that can be used for the drawings that we have. If you have an item that somebody else might want, please bring it for Donna.

Alice Holt, reporter for District 8

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

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Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

What a great time we had at state convention. Kudos to all who pulled it together and kept it running smoothly. It was great to see so many familiar faces. Ruel Teague and Janet Braymen played in the Friday night show representing District 9. What an honor it was to be on stage with so many wonderful musicians. Julia Milleson and Margaret Teague rounded out the representation from the district. Let's all start thinking about next year.....it's something you just have to experience!

March's jam was jam packed with fun. Guests included Vivian and Tom Tucker from John Day and Bettyann and Bill Chapman from Christmas Valley. Freda Tubbs is looking forward to the next couple of jams now shuffleboard season is drawing to a close. Freda says she won't have to leave early and can stay to enjoy the whole show.

Hugh Galliher sends his thanks for all the kind thoughts following his heart attack. Hugh tires easily but is gaining strength. He hopes to be at the Jamboree in June.

Remember to have your gospel songs ready for the April 14th jam. We plan to devote about an hour to gospel for this jam. As always the potluck is at 1 p.m. with music from 2-4.

Stacey (Reynolds) Lange recently sent greetings from Missouri. She says the kids are growing like crazy and she's found a group to jam with.

It was fun to have a number of folks at Ashley Manor this month. Hope you all make it back on April 15. We play from 6:30 to 7:30. And don't forget the Aspens on April 19th at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for April 14 for a Jam at the Senior Center in Burns and May 12 for a Jam at the Senior Center in Burns.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

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Greetings from District # 10 by the time you read this the State Convention will be history for the year 2002. On Tuesday March 12 a few trailers started rolling in to the fairgrounds and by Wednesday morning, when we opened the Floral Building at 8 AM, there were many.

Since we are the host District we always try to have everything well organized and make your stay as enjoyable as possible. At 8 AM Wednesday the coffee pots were on brewing and by 9 AM the coffee was ready with a variety of finger foods and pastries. By noon the hall was filling up with a lot of Pickers and Grinners.

At 7 PM we had a organized sign up jam and there were 60 Musicians and Vocalists signed up to entertain the audience. I always like to give credit where credit is due and if it wasn't for the Ladies in this District we couldn't put on a decent program for they are the backbone of District 10 and Ladies please let me congratulate you for a job well done.

At our regular meeting March 9 we voted to donate \$100.00 to the State Fiddle Contest and \$200.00 to

Parsons. Anniversaries for the month of April are Chuck and Margie Hasty, Don and Doris Dilbeck, Clem and Sarah Berlier and Jim and Charlotte Weaver.

District # 10 as the host District for the State Convention feels very satisfied that we organized a very successful and satisfactory and error free program, yes we made some mistakes but that is how you learn and maybe next year thee mistakes will be corrected.

Reporter Louie Roy 541-679-6305

SALLY SEZ: Well, another convention is here and gone. What a goody. Was so great to see all of you fine folks who could attend. It's been a long dry spell. I had a great time and hope you did too. I didn't get to play as much music as I would have because I was busy talking and visiting with folks that I hadn't seen in quite a while, so my fingers are only a little raw and bleeding instead of a lot.

It really brings joy to my heart to see you all and play our music. I really can't think of a better way to spend the days and nights. We had all kinds of weather, some laughter and some sadness with the thought and reality of those who have departed us this year and those who were too ill to come and play. My prayers are with you all. People were missing and we could surely tell, but we went ahead and played music anyway because that is how they would have wanted it.

We had some new people come and sign up as members too who thought we were just about the best group of people they had been around and the music was so good they couldn't leave and had to join.

I commend ALL of District 10 and ALL of their efforts from the sandwiches, cookies, and coffee on Wednesday clear through the entire week-end. Louie Roy thanks for your help in seeing that Lew and I got to where we needed to be and arranging for the radio interview, and meeting with the Fair Manager, the hand mike (that was a greater saver), and getting Kings Table back again next year.

Thanks to EMCs Ken Jordan, Lloyd Schriber, Ruel Teague, Roger Germundson and even a few who announced their tunes at the Sat. night dance. Thanks to Bob Ervin for herding folks off the stage; thanks to Jackie Germundson for herding folks on to the stage and taking the monies at the door with the help of Jan Lancaster, Joan Daniels, Lila Bills, all of the ladies behind the tables Joy Costello, Alice McDowell for sitting all day every day taking in money, the raffle ladies; I'll try to remember all of you, Joan Algood, Charlotte Dow, Kathy Nash, Joan Daniels, Karen Weiner, and sneaking in and out of there helping. Helen Tracy and her nifty pins and name tags and for helping to sign up new members, also Mary Crockett for filling in. And thanks to Chuck Gates for his usual good job of taking care of the drawings at the banquet. To Clirca and Linda for helping with ticket sales for the instrument raffle (I hope I didn't forget anyone, if I did, let me know and I will mention you next month); You all deserve much more praise than I can give you. Without you all of you doing these jobs they wouldn't get done. To everyone who helped pick up, pack up, move, set up, tear down, and re-arrange; bless you all.

Lew did a great job on the Friday night show. We had good variety and talents and I thought he did a great job of picking folks and those folks did an excellent job and did their best. That's all that can be expected.

Congratulations to Ace Wehus on his receiving a special recognition plaque for his efforts with the videos and CD's and special congratulations to Jerry Ruddock for receiving the Bill Yohey award. He deserves it being the fine musician he is.

I failed to mention the past presidents at the banquet and I want to mention those folks now because we had several there and they deserve recognition too. THANKS TO: Wayne Holmes 1971-72, 1972-73; Lew Holt 1987-88, 1988-89; Mark Carmickle 1989-90, 1990-91; Lew Holt 1993-94; 1994-95, Louis Roy 1996-97, Roger Germundson 1997-98, 1998-99, Fred Hardin 1999-2000, Sally Jordan 2000-2001, 2001-2002.

I just want to say thanks again for allowing me to be your President for the past two years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many of you. Congratulations to the new officers for next year. I ask that you support Ed Nelson in the position of President starting in July and Bob Ervin as Vice-President; I am sure they will do a great job. How could they not, with all the great help they will have.

Keep up those smiles and continue to shine on others. It is truly a blessing from heaven above. Until next month then, Sally

From the editor: Well, I did it. On page 4 of last month's Hoedowner, I had the correct days but the wrong dates for the convention – the kind of thing I live in fear of every month.

Chrissakis got her first choice of the two fiddles and Linda Goforth the second choice. Each got the exact fiddle that she wanted. Thanks to Esther Snider, Shorty Dow, Adele McMurry and Winston Grant for their donations of guitars and fiddles.

Lee Jones reports that he lost his guitar tuner at the convention. Did anybody accidentally pick it up thinking that it was theirs? Or find it? Please contact Lee if you did. He sure would appreciate it. Thanks.

Ace has many good videos of Oregon fiddlers. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. He has good videos of the convention shows. 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. Your purchase of one video will send out videos to two schools. The Lew Standiford video has been very popular. Ace and I have sold right at 30 of them. The Jack Smith video has been popular, too. Many of his friends have purchased copies. The videos are a good way to remember our friends and their music.

Dear Fiddle Friends, Canyonville Contest is alive and well due to the transfusion of donations from District #1, District #8, and District #10. The support of the districts is crucial and I " Thank You" for your donations sent in early. This helps me in the planning stages as I work towards a successful Contest-2002. I hope other districts will follow your lead. I appreciate you all. And I'll see you in Canyonville on August 24th.
Gynn Deaton

I was especially pleased at the state convention when District 3 bought copies of history book of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers for all of the city libraries in their district. Isn't that remarkable!

Shorty Dow wants to thank Ken Cartwright for the fiddle cases that he sent down for him.

Saturday night after the dance there was a young couple that I didn't recognize. They tore into putting away the tables with energy that we older people don't have. I wondered who they were and then in a note to me this week, Rosanne Spann mentioned their daughter and her husband being there. Rosanne confirmed later that they were the ones.

Newport Fiddle Daze: The most frequently asked question at the convention was, "Lew, what is the schedule for Newport?" District 8 is the co-host with the state association of the week end at the fairgrounds in Newport. The week end officially starts on Thursday but I would imagine that some of us will arrive on Wednesday afternoon. We are competing with others for RV parking but I am told there will be a place for all of us who bring our RVs. I asked the fair manager if we should collect the money for parking and he told me there is no charge. I didn't argue with him.

Thursday will be a lot like the Thursday at our recent convention – a chance to visit, jam and perhaps a show that evening. Friday we will have a variety of activities during the day and a show that evening for the public. Probably Saturday afternoon we'll have a gospel show and dance bands that evening.

The Lincoln County Fairgrounds are located a few blocks off Hwy 20 -- about a half mile from Hwy 101 - east towards Corvallis. We had a good time there before, let's do it again. Hope to see you there.

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| Mar. 1 | \$12.50 |
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| May 1 | \$10.00 |
| June 1 | \$8.75 |
| July 1 | \$7.50 |
| Aug. 1 | \$6.25 |
| Sep. 1 | \$5.00 |
| Oct. 1 | \$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2003 |
| Nov. 1 | \$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2003 |
| Dec. 1 | \$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2003 |

I received this note from Marian Drake in Portland -- Her web site is:
www.free-music-education.com

She writes -- If you look on the left side of the Home and Index page, and scroll down to Links (click there), you'll see your URL there on the Links page. I just started my Links page and you are the first Link.

You may also be interested in my Chord construction page which is not quite finished. It has the order in which chords are played most often -- useful for guitarists instead of memorizing zillions of chord names. And also there is a Jams and Music/Song circle page for Portland.

Thanks for your web site, and hope to catch some OOTFA jams in Portland sometimes. I know some other folks in the Thursday jam are already interested in your jams.

The best to you all.
Lew Holt, Editor