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

District

May

4	Lake Creek Grange	Lake Creek	4
5	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
10,11,12	Silver Lake Campout	1E	
12	Orient Grange	Gresham	7
11	Community Building	Winston	10
12	Senior Center	Burns	9
18	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
17-18	State Contest	Salem	OOTFA
21	Library	Redmond	3

June

1	Eagle Point Grange	Eagle Point	4
1	District Picnic	Woodburn	8
7 – 8	Wallowa County Contest	Enterprise	Blue Mtn
8	Community Building	Winston	10
9	Adult Center	Canby	7
13-15	High Desert Fiddlers	Burns	
15	State quarterly meeting	Burns	
16	State meeting	Burns	
17-22	Fiddle Contest	Weiser	
18	Oregon host night	Weiser	

July

6	Community Center	Rogue River	4
13	Community Building	Winston	10
18 – 21	Mt. Hood Campout	7/OOTFA	

Aug.

1-5	Diamond Lake Campout		
3 (Sat.)	Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
16-17	Contest	LaGrande	Blue Mtn
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

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Howdie to all! Hope the spring weather is getting into your blood, and you're enjoying the outdoors again! We sure are over here in the Basin. I made a boo-boo last month on the date for the Packing Clinic, it's May 3rd, at the Fair grounds, from about 4 (at Jim Lancaster's wagon) till around 7. Should be fun, hope to see you there.

We have some new members to welcome to our gang over here, George and Georgia Howder, and Don and Barb Fitzgerald. Don has been working with us lately, filming our last 2 meetings for a TV station soon to

some community interest in our group. Thank you Don! He's also looking for a good bass-fiddle to buy, so he can learn and play with us!

We have a wedding to play for coming up July 4th at the Keno PPL Campgrounds, there will be eats and lots of music to be played, should get there about 11:30, and start playing about noon.

Our sympathy goes out to Vivian Burden, her youngest brother passed away last month.

We had lots of guests at our jam, and played lots of good music, Carlene Halousek and Guy sang some very nice songs, Mr. Norm Fiock and his grandson Dale came up from Montegue, Jon Blassius, Klamath Falls and Howard from Mt. Shasta, all played some great fiddle music, and had 2 really great pickers, Larry and Sharon Gallagher, Myrtle Point, and Gary and Vie Epperly, Bend. Thanx to all who traveled here for sharing your great music! We sure enjoy having guests and hearing them play.

Our George Fernlund did a great job of MCing, dancing the jig, and playing his mandolin all at the same time!!! What a talented fella!

**Our Happy Anniversary bunch this month is: 13th Al and Thelma Nelson, and on the 27th Faye and Isom Patterson. Great job!!! **

** We have lots of "happy birthday" kids this month, the 6th is Daphne Settle, the 10th is Lu Wells, 13th Cherie Lane, 20 Sherry Oliver....YIKES!! the big 50!!! 24th Jackie Schmoe, and 31st is George Fernlund.

** Hope that Tom Oden and Jerry and Irene are feeling better.

There's a piece in the Hoedowner this month about the campout in Northern California, gives the directions and phone # to call for RSVP. It's a great looking place, and lotsa room to relax and play in! If you have any questions, please call Faye Patterson, Jo Harris, or me, and there ain't any bog-holes!

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

And last but not least, as I've mentioned before, if anyone has anything you want me to include in the newsletter, you won't have any reason to gripe about it not being in here if you call me and let me know what it is.

Hope that everyone is feeling great, and playing lots of wonderful music! Till next month, this is Sherry O saying "by- by you all!"

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Looks like the pony express didn't make it from Lake County this month. The last I heard was that they are still playing and having a good time. I know that they want you to know about their campout: Silver Lake Campout May 10th, 11th, and 12th. Ask the locals for specific information.

(Myrle Shepard District 1E Reporter)

District 2 (Thanks Peg for sharing this letter with me)

Hi Lew, I can't remember if I told you - my two groups in the big talent show two weeks ago took first and second place in the elementary category. We were very happy. Then last weekend was St. Paddy's Day in Heppner - a town with STRONG Irish roots. We started by playing just a couple of tunes on the KUMA Coffee

performed. They asked us to do a couple of tunes during intermission. That was a lot of fun! One of the girls had a broken arm and couldn't play fiddle. So she was playing bodhran. But the drum slipped out of her hand and went skittering off the front edge of the stage. A lady in the front row picked it up and shoved it back across the stage in her direction. Two of the other fiddlers fielded it like a soccer ball, scooting it back to the drummer. And they didn't miss even a note of the fast Irish jig we were playing! The audience loved it. And we felt very honored to share the stage with The Trail Band!
Peg

District 3

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Hope everyone is enjoying this weather we are having, if you can figure out what season it is! I think all musicians are waiting for warmer weather to get outside and play music.

We are proud to have Bob Ervin and Ed Nelson as our state officers both from District #3. Earlene placed an article with pictures in the Prineville newspaper on April 16th and hopefully to soon be in the Bulletin paper.

Ed Nelson had right shoulder surgery which went well and recovery is good, I think he'll be playing that fiddle before he knows it. Bob Ervin built new stairs to help musicians get off the stage, it works great!!! Thanks Bob.

Carol Marstall had Surgery recently and is recovering well and is back into the swing of things. Yeah!

May 21st is our next Redmond Library Jam, but there will be no jam in June.

Would like to encourage everyone to attend, if they can, the District 1E Silver Lake Campout May 10th, 11th, and 12th. Music will be played at the fire hall. I'm sure the McLain Family will be there. Ha! Ha!

A little reminder to all members -- we need to keep in touch with all members who stray away from OOTFA. We encourage all nonplaying and playing members to come to our monthly meetings. We would like to thank those who are active members that keep things running smoothly at each jam.

District #3 welcomes other districts to come visit and play music with us on May 5th VFW Jam. New Members from last VFW Jam: Pyritz from Terrebonne, Nellie Moss from Sisters, Mary McDaniels from Prineville who wants to learn how to play an instrument.

Fred and Barbara Dulley from Prineville, she plays the guitar, banjo and steel guitar.

Evelyn Davidson and Andy Sweet from Terrebonne, both like to dance.

We at District #3 celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries and any other event this month with lots of Old Time Fiddle Music.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

District 4

Chairman: Pat Manion 541-779-8200

Co-Chairman: (pro-tem) Sam Stelle

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What fun we have at our jams! -- and the April jam at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford had the good music and camaraderie that we all seem to expect, with standing room only at the meeting and the jam. Pat clarified the guidelines for our jam, e.g.: draw numbers for order of play, play one tune first time around, limit time on stage to 4-5 minutes (which means don't sing so many verses or pass the lead too much), and be ready to play when it's your turn. This will enable us to give every musician a fair shake, and keep the music flowing. Pat requested that we take problems or comments to him (says he gets lonesome). and good ideas are welcomed

object was ceremoniously unveiled to reveal a wonderful sandwich board, colorful with the blue and yellow OOTFA logo, beautifully painted and calligraphied by Bud Kilgore. Thanks Bud for the wonderful work! Now others will know who we are!

Visitors included Janet Brayman from Burns, Rich Woodard, a new fiddler from Grants Pass, and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls. Janet's hammered dulcimer gets lots of questions, and the triple HD number with Shanna and Dean was a real treat! John Adams moved to Fairbanks, AK, and says he's found some fiddle groups already.

It was good to have Gene and Lola Williams back after their respective surgeries (isn't this carrying togetherness a bit far?) Bud Kilgore came on crutches, awaiting his hip re-replacement coming up soon. It was good to see Olive Davis back playing some of her good tunes, too. Bob and Marilyn Pantel sent thanks for the roses at Julia Pantel's funeral. Her 43 rose bushes were her joy. Her one request was that we continue playing the old time music that she and we love. Don Lindsey has assumed the care for her cat Rusty, and says the cat almost has him trained already! Martha Warwick is now in Royal Gardens nursing home in Grants Pass. She enjoys cards and visitors (and says the campouts will continue!). Letha Kopsas is also in a nursing home.

We had a great turnout for the convention in Roseburg (about 50?), and had a wonderful time. Pat gave special thanks to all the folks who participated in many different ways. Also we had 91 community service hours this month. Good job, y'all!

The Pear Blossom Parade was a success, with a huge turnout who waved, clapped, pointed, and danced in the streets. Our float included 8 year-old Mary and 12 year-old Lindsey who stole the show -- we love'em!

A special no-host picnic potluck and jam, open to all musicians and friends, will be held on July 20 at Stewart Park starting at 11am. Call Lola for details.

I know: I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are missing.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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

The Newport Fiddle Fest will be a thing of the past by the time most of you read this. I hope district 5 was well represented and that you all had a good time.

A special thanks to Cindy Leaf, Russ Hall, Elnora Jorren, Leo Bernhardt, Ron Estep, Cliff Larson and Norm Nash who played for the 100th birthday celebration of a gentleman in Reedsport on March 20th. What a special celebration! Speaking of celebrations, Charlie Miller turned 90 on the 21st of April. We were not able to attend his big party, but I'm sure it was a blast! Charlie is a pretty spry guy for his age. Congratulations Charlie, way to go!!

A big thank you to our members who are doing a great job of trying to perpetuate old time fiddle music. Pat Kraemer and Phil Fry for donating old fiddles for students, Phil Fry for repairing them and Bob Shaffar and Alan Todd for getting them into the hands of students they are teaching.

Cecil and Lucille Davidson have not been well and we wish them both a speedy and complete recovery.

Our next district potluck/jam will be Saturday May 18th at the Bay Area Senior Center. There will be a short meeting at 11:00 a.m. followed by the potluck. The jam is from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our June jam will be on the 4th Saturday because of the State meeting in Burns on the 3rd Saturday. Mark your calendars for the 22nd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m, at the Bay Area Senior Center.

The nursing home schedule for May is : May 1st , Ocean View 1:30-2:30 p.m. & Heritage main lobby from 3-4 p.m. May 8th, Inland Point 11:00-12:00 p.m.. & Life Center 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 15th, at Oerding Manor 1-2 p.m. & Myrtle Point care center 2:45- 3:45 p.m. May. 22nd, Coquille Nutrition center from 10:30-11:45 and Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m.

A welcome to new members since we last reported : Jan Wechter from Coos Bay, and Richard Rehfeld also from Coos Bay.

Happy Birthday to: Rose Johnson May 4th. Walt Beers. 5th. Mapril Combs. 20th. Charlotte Dow. 20th.

See you all in Newport I hope, and don't forget the State fiddle contest May 17-18 in Salem.
Kathy Nash, Dist. 5 reporter

District 6

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By the time you read this the April jam and meeting will be history. As the meeting will occur after the submission date of material for the May Hoedowner, you will have to read about it in June!

Reserve a space in your plans for the Lebanon jam and feed, at the Lebanon Moose Lodge on Sunday, May 5. We do this jam twice a year, and it is always well attended.

There is no jam scheduled as yet for June. A lot depends on what demands are made on District 6 as the summer season begins. More in next month's Hoedowner.

Don't forget the Lane County Fair, coming up in August, exact dates to be announced. We hope for a repeat of the very successful jam we had last year.

The district is looking for a person or persons to take on the new and reduced sound system. We do pay the sound person for storing and hauling the sound. See Mark Ratzlaff if interested.

Best wishes go out to John Madsen and Jack Walker, both of whom have been dealing with health problems for the last few months.

Happy birthday to: Lorraine Larson, 5/22; Mildred Nielson, 5/31.

Happy anniversary : Ruth and Andy Kennedy, 5/6/50; Jack and Hazel Walker, 5/9/56; Curly and Allison Roberts, 5/17/59; Don and Ruth Loring, 5/31/39.

Joe Moyle, reporter district six

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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 off for the summer, but still will have music to live by...

Specific directions to Multnomah Grange (formerly known as Orient Grange):
30639 SE Bluff Road, east of Gresham. Go one-quarter mile east of the Gresham Fred Meyer on Burnside Road, turn left onto Orient Drive (OR, if you miss that left turn, turn left onto Palmquist then right onto Orient Drive) Continue east on Orient Drive about five miles to the little community of Orient. There is one traffic light about a mile before you get there. From the little community, continue straight ahead on SE Bluff Road about a quarter mile. The Grange Hall, a big gray building will be on the left side of the road with parking on the east side. First-comers use the ramp to the door on the back side of the building. This will be a new venue for District 7, so join us to enjoy a change of scene, but still great music and camaraderie!

The BIG and IMPORTANT ITEM FOR JULY IS: July 18 - 21 Mt. Hood Campout 7/OOTFA sponsored event at a lovely site where everyone is together and we are treated royally in a lovely setting! PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR... AND BE THERE! Roger and Jackie Germundson have the scoop (Q&As!). If you haven't made it there yet you owe it to your

was standing room only and the music was some of the finest of the year. Ace Wehus probably has videos for sale so you may not have to miss it if you weren't there.

Musicians May 8th, 2-3 p.m. Berry Park dance gig. The address is 13669 S. Gaffney Lane in Oregon City. Hope many of you can make it, especially if you've not had a chance to play for a dance yet. Might be a great way to experience how that works. Since its a retirement environment the tunes will not be anything at breakneck speed!

Not going to the State Contest, but needing some great musical fun? Well on Saturday, May 18, 12:30-2:30 come to the Draft Horse Plowing Exhibition, Rock Creek Campus--17677 NW Springville Rd. The directions you want? Highway 26 to 185th. Go right and follow signs to PCC. We'll be playing not far from the entrance to the event so take the main drive on to the grounds and guide a little to the left.

Our friend, Cactus Finley, passed away just before the state convention. The family of Cactus hosted a "memorial jam." On the 20th many friends of Cactus and family gathered at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton to remember him -- to play the music that he loved and was a part of so many years. Those of us who knew Cactus appreciated his willingness to back us up and he would, also, play and sing his favorite song. Russ Phillips invited us all to play and sing and kept the afternoon going. The family had prepared a slide show that told us of Cactus's life. We were all invited to share in the fine food that the family had for us. We will miss the twinkle of his eye, his smile and his willingness to play music with us.

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

District 8

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People of all ages filled the Oak Grove Grange Hall on April 13th. We shared the room with local elementary school for their pie and dessert sale. The set up was advantageous to us and to their group as well. It made for a crowded room, but more is better when it comes to an audience. Many of our "regular" visitors joined us. Ernie and Joyce Lovgren, Alan Ede, Ruth and Don Loring. And it was a nice surprise to see Willie and Edna Carter, recently back from Arizona. Several people asked about joining. "I just love this kind of music," one lady said. The annual blossom day parade brought many visitors in for pie and music. Just a great day in the beautiful setting -- a grange hall, a school and an old church in the country with many orchards in bloom.

Many of us plan to attend the State/District 8 get together at Newport. I'll write about it for next month's Hoedowner.

The OOTFA contest is this month at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. See the schedule elsewhere in this issue. No regular jam in May because of the contest. Even if you don't plan to enter, come and join in the on stage jams. Or just come and listen to good music played by all ages. And if you're hungry, the food at the Blue Moon Cafe is great!

Saturday, June 1st is the District 8 picnic, once again at Dale and Loita Colebank's home. Bring your instruments, maybe a folding chair, your eating ware, and food for the potluck. Loita says, "Bring lots. We'll eat all day!" Good food, good friends and good fiddling can't be beat! Everyone welcome. We expect some out of district folks as well as our own bunch. Plan on coming in the morning and staying all day. Here's how to get to Colebanks: From I-5, take the Woodburn exit--continue east on Hwy 211 crossing 99E towards Molalla. Go 3.7 miles to the blinking light, turn right onto Meridian, go 1 mile to South Elliott Prairie Rd, turn right, go a little over half a mile to the Colebanks. It's log house with a large barn close by. (And lots of cars, and the sounds of music to greet you). Hope to see you there.

Alice Holt, district 8 reporter

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517
Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Happy May Day. The flowers are blooming and the grass is greening up. The sun is shining, the wind is blowing and it only snowed 3 days in April. Welcome to spring in Harney County.

What a good time was had at the April Jam. Visitors galore were there as well as the locals. Ches and Betty Fullerton of Bend were in the area to hunt turkeys and dropped in from the hills to jam. Jerry Stewart of Centralia, Washington brought his guitar with him this trip. Stu Henshaw of Tangent joined in with his claw hammer style banjo. Annie Schlupe of Vale played harmonica. Fiddler Lynn Wilson and guitar pickers Tom & Vivian Tucker traveled down from John Day. Jim Thomason of Canyon City filled in the bass on the gut bucket. Brenda and Lisa Otley of Diamond showcased their twin fiddling. First-timers were Conrad and Dorothy from Scappoose but soon to be local residents of Harney County. Conrad plays guitar and Dorothy plays accordion. And tagging along with Lloyd Louie was Jesse Minthon Dave who was much appreciated because someone needs to be an audience!

The district voted to send a donation for the State Contest at a short business meeting following the jam in April. The May jam will be the last monthly jam until October. Musicians will continue to meet Friday nights to jam/practice.

Upcoming events in May include the potluck and jam at the Senior Center in Burns on May 12 from 1-4. May 8 we will play at the Hines Grade School for Enrichment Day. We'll be in the music room at 1:30 until about 3 pm. May 11th at 5 p.m. be at the Elk's Lodge for a fundraiser for the Riley Fire Department. The Aspens will be May 10 at 7 p.m. Ashley Manor will be May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The High Desert Fiddlers can use some volunteers for the Jamboree June 12 - 16 including setup and cleanup. Look out for Janet at the May jam as she'll be looking for helpers.

Janet Braymen, Reporter, District 9

High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree

June 13, 14, & 15 at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns (early arrivals welcome)

We'll be jamming, playing, jamming, dancing, jamming, eating, jamming, visiting, jamming!
Lots of RV parking available at \$10 per night dry camp, \$12 per night water or electricity.

Two stages this year. One stage is a sign up jam, draw a number and play a tune. One stage will feature 30 minute sets. Sign up your group and entertain. The Band Scramble will be back by popular demand on Thursday afternoon. (It will be judged and the judges may be bribed.) Friday night the Sale Barn Stage will feature a youth jam. Workshops will be offered for fiddle, guitar, hammer dulcimer, bass, and whatever else we can get together. Come on over and have a great time at the Country Music Jamboree!

Information: Janet 541-573-1323, Ruel Teague Motor Co. 541-573-2863, or mail to Janet at: PO Box 904 Hines, OR 97738 hammerin@OregonVOS.net

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Greeting from District # 10. We have the State Convention behind us and now we can relax a little and concentrate on some of the other events that will be taking place this summer. I've been informed that a large group from District 10 plan on attending the State Fiddle Contest in Salem and they do plan on bringing back some 1st place trophies.

There will also be a large group from District 10 going to the High Desert Jamboree for 3 days and then onto Weiser Idaho for the National Fiddle Contest.

Some of the playing events that District 10 have scheduled for the summer are, Drain Fair, Sawdust Jubilee in Riddle, Oregon, Myrtle Creek Summer Festival Myrtle Creek, Oregon, 5 days at the Douglas County Fair Roseburg, Canyonville fiddle Contest Canyonville, Oregon and the Melon Festival in Winston, Oregon. We have several others playing dates that haven't been confirmed as yet.

At the State Convention several new members were signed up. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leblue -- Dan Clifford and his wife Donna and his daughter Leah and his son Cody. Dan plays an excellent fiddle. Leah is

Bob is also an excellent fiddle player. At this time I want to personally welcome all of you into District # 10 and hope you will take an active part.

There were several members from District # 5 who attended our April meeting and Jam. District 5 Chairman Charlie Miller and his wife Clirca, Del Thomas, Johnny Davis, Nancy Nugent, Elwood Serfass and his wife Helen.

Birthdays for the month of May are as follows. Leah Clifford, Harold Cluver, Tom Shepherd, Dean Wilson, Lester Broadwater, Norm Colton, Larry Johnson, Gem Moore and Jackie Parsons. Anniversaries for May are Dan and Donna Clifford and Jim and Jeanette Jenks.

One of our members Gene Perry recently passed away and District 10 sends our condolence and prayers to his family and especially to his wife Geneva. I'm not sure whether I mention that Jim and Darleen Smith recently joined District 10. Jim is an excellent singer and guitar player and Darleen is an excellent worker, welcome aboard. Our next regular meeting will be May 11 at the Winston Community Building located on Grape Street. Hope to see you there.

Reporter Louie Roy 541-679-6305

SALLY SEZ: My gosh I can't believe how fast the time flies, I know I just wrote a Sally Sez a few days ago, hah must have been in my dreams. Well I think spring is here. No wait, I think it is raining, no its sunshine, hold on, maybe wind...Nah, just an ordinary day in Oregon in the month of April. You know what they say about those showers. We do have beautiful flowers pokin' out so there you have it. The very good reason for the rain. I love the rain, being a natural Oregonian.

Another great reason for spring is that our grand-daughter finally came. She was due while we were at convention or near the 12th of March. She finally showed up on the 19th. Unfortunately they had to do a C-section but baby and momma are doing fine. She is a beautiful little girl and grandpa can't wait to take her fishin.. Then, we will teach her a fiddle tune and she will be ready to go.

I hope you all have been making new memories and sharing old ones at you many places of jams and providing music all around the state. We have been doing just that too and having a great time doing so.

I actually don't have much more to say (believe that or not) other than hope to see you all out and about and playing that great fiddle music. Be sure to check the Hoedowner for all the great places to go and play music. See you at Newport. Take care and Blessings. Smile, its free and makes you feel better than any prescription drug . Sally

A special state meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2002 following the state quarterly meeting in Burns. The state board of directors voted to bring to the general membership a proposal to change the standing rules. They now read:

Section 2. Term of office:

The term of office for each President and Vice-President elected State and District officer shall be one (1) year but not more than two (2) consecutive years except for secretary - treasurer which shall be exempt from the two (2) consecutive term limitation.

The proposed change reads:

Section 2. Term of office:

The term of office for each President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer elected State and District officers shall be for one year and have no consecutive term limitation.

From the editor:

Bill Yohey Memorial trophy winners:

1. Don and Ruth Loring 1991
2. Dennis and Thelma Allen 1992
3. Ruel Teague 1993
4. Penny Mead 1994
5. Bob Huffman 1995

9. Ruth Montgomery	1999
10. Norm McGrew	2000
11. Fred Grove	2001
12. Jerry Ruddock	2002

Congratulations to this year's selection – Jerry Ruddock from Klamath Falls. Jerry was presented his trophy at the banquet at the state convention.

Got a check for \$300 from District #4 today. Isn't that great? Will you put a "Thank You" in the Hoedowner. This makes four districts who've donated now. District #1, #4, #8, and #10. Still need judges, of course.... Gynn Deaton

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. Ace has videos of the Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the convention this year.

Hi, Just received a surprise telephone call from Wally Bloom. He thanked me for the three tapes I mailed him of Thurs, Fri & Sat. shows at the convention -- saying how much they enjoyed them. I mailed them out on Monday so sure didn't take long to get to him. He wanted to know how much he owed me & I told him nothing. He had already paid for them by his music he played for us in jamming & on the show. Ace

Calling all fiddlers and players of back-up instruments. Join the Washington Old-Time Fiddlers at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Vancouver, Washington, 4505 E. 18th Street, on Saturday, May 25, for a free fiddle tune workshop. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Workshop hours: 10:30-2. Contact Chlo Metzger (chlometzger@aol.com) (360) 693-6888 in Vancouver, WOTFA Dist. 10

Those of you with a computer might enjoy David Lancaster's new web site about his violins.
<http://www.strad1714.com/>

Several of us attended the Luthier Show at Marylhust College near Lake Oswego. Members Gene Stephenson, Johnathon Franke and Lynn Berg had displays of their fine made instruments. David Elliker-Vaagsverg played his Norwegian Hardanger fiddle. You would have been proud of all of them, too.

Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA (renewals are \$15.00.)

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 a donation to the contest fund from Ernest and Joyce Lovgren in memory of Bob Church and Cactus Finley. Thanks. Also, I received generous donations this month for the contest from Districts 1E, 3, 4, 9 – districts 5, 7, 8 and 10 donated earlier. Others may have sent their checks directly to Irene. I'll find out at Newport. Gynn Deaton sent a nice donation in memory of Lew Standiford. Alice McDowell gave me a nice check at the convention. We received a \$500 check this month from Wells Fargo for the contest. Not bad, huh? Others have donated earlier – but my hand is still out – thanks to you all.

Mancos CO 81328
June 1 & 2, 2002
Boyle Park, Mancos, Colorado
(970) 533-1454
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Anyone interested in coming to the District.1 campout should make their reservations for the hook-up sites soon, there are 32 of them at \$13 per night, 8 sm. on-site trailers at \$17 per night, and loads of tent spots for \$6 a night. We will have a BBQ/potluck on Sat. eve. and Mr. Norm Fiock has graciously agreed to donate the meat and do the Bar-B-Qing for us. It's a beautiful setting, the Klamath River runs thru the back of the property, with a great bridge across, there's bathroom/shower facilities at each end of the place, lots of shade trees and grass, swimming pool, fishing (with a CA. license), a huge rec room, horse shoe pits, volley ball, and we can play all night if we have a mind too! For any more info call Fay Patterson, Joe Harris, or me, Sherry O. The phone number to call for RSVP: Laurie, (530) 475-3555. To get there from hwy 5, take the Hornbrook exit, (about 10 miles S. of CA border) head east on Copco Rd. aprox 3 1/2 mi. to bridge, turn right and follow signs for about a couple miles. From Montague, travel North about 14 miles to bridge. Hope to see everyone there, it'll sure be lots of FUN!!!

The 33rd annual Willowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be held at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise, OR, June 7 and 8. Contestants must register by 7:00 PM on Friday, and 1:00 PM on Saturday for each day's events. Plenty of parking for self-contained RV's. More information is available on the web site at www.fiddlerscontest.org, or you can Email: cntrump@uwtc.net.

Nancy Trump, Contest Coordinator

Thousand trails campout
September 12-13-14

Rental trailer deadlines:

Reserve by June 15th -- Pay by August 15th

(Unrented trailers released back to TT)

Rates: 24ft \$35, 29ft \$40

Sunday-Thurs.

Friday and Sat. \$40 and \$45

2 day minimum on weekends

RV sites:

\$19 (same as 2001)

Reserve and pay RV site by Sept. 1st

Since 1000 trails extended their peak season

To 9/30, you must have a reservation to be sure of an RV site.

All fees must be collected by Wagon Master. You cannot pay at the Gate. Please send check to Mark by Sept. 1st. Make check payable

To Thousand Trails.

Phone mark @ 541-683-9514 or

E-mail at ilamark2@earthlink.net

The best to you all.
Lew Holt, Editor

Here is a tentative schedule for this year's contest. (Subject to change.)

OOTFA CERTIFIED CONTEST

May 17, 18, 2002

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1:00 P. M. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE (Free)
(This is tentative/depending on getting the sound system set up.)
6:00 P. M. Judges and Contestants Meeting
7:00 P. M. Contest begins
TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST (One Round)
OPEN Division (Round 1)
AWARDS -- 2002 TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST

SATURDAY, May 18, 2002

8:00 Judges' meeting with contestants
8:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up) 8:15 CONTEST BEGINS
SENIOR Division (Round 1)
SR SR Division (Round 1)
YOUNG ADULT Division (Round 1)
ADULT Division (Round 1)
JUNIOR Division (Round 1)

1:00 PEE WEE Division (One round)
JR JR Division (Round 1)
SENIOR-SENIOR Div. (Finals)
SENIOR Division (Finals)
OPEN Division (Round 2)
SENIOR AWARDS

7:00 Contest Begins
JR JR Division (Finals)
YOUNG ADULT Division (Finals)
ADULT Division (Finals)
JUNIOR Division (Finals)
OPEN Division (Finals)

(Note -- Schedule subject to change.)

Note:
One round for the Pee Wee Division
One round for Twin Fiddle Division
Three rounds for Open
Two rounds for all other divisions
You are invited to eat at the Blue Moon Café -- just across the parking lot. It is open "just for us."

Contest information: The OOTFA fiddle contest will held at the Chemeketa Community College again this year on Friday, May 17 and Saturday 18. Your membership card for OOTFA will get you in free. We are planning on a jam Friday afternoon if we can everything set up -- probably will. To be eligible for the contest, a contestant must have lived in Oregon for the last 6 months and be a member of the OOTFA. A contestant may join as late as the day of the contest. If you have any questions about the contest, give Starr (541-745-5130) or Lew (503-391-5377) a call. Or you can reach us by e-mail. The rules for the contest are on our web site.

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

RV PARKING: I have yet to check but I am sure that we will again have permission to park in the gravel parking lot "around the corner" for the contest on Thursday night. And then we'll be able to move up closer Friday afternoon. Please don't start parking by the contest building early. Wait for the signal. We enjoy our relationship with the college and we shouldn't take advantage of a "good situation." There will be a \$5.00 fee

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

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

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

We plan to mail many preregistration forms to those that we know will be entering the contest and to others that we hope will enter the contest. If you plan on entering and have not received a preregistration invitation by -- say -- May 6, let Starr or me know and we'll fire one off to you.

Cheryl -- only if there is room for this -- other wise leave it out. Thanks.

In late August in 1988 Alice and I went to a campout near the little town of Williams out in the hills in South Western Oregon. One hot afternoon a bunch of us gathered down by the creek for a jam and visiting. I borrowed a video camera from Tommy and took almost an hour of close up shots of the old timers. Many of the musicians that afternoon were "older people." That was almost 14 years ago.

Last Sunday afternoon I took that video down from the shelf and watched it again. I had not viewed it for many years. The experience was both sad and happy. I went back in time and I was again with my old friends -- watching and listening to them play. They laughed, told stories and played some neat old tunes.

There was Charlie Jensen standing in the shade playing his guitar -- one morning several years later he went for a walk and was struck and killed by a car. His wife, Vi, a great old time fiddlers died a couple of years after that. Charlie and Vi lived in Monmouth.

Glen Brown from Myrtle Creek and I used to play many tunes together. One of our favorite times was at the Schaffar's in Bandon when we played "twin pianos." We went to his funeral years ago. His wife, Jessie, died several years later.

Jim Ramsey from Portland died a while back so his unique style of fiddling is gone.

Ed Doolittle is over 90 and isn't able to play much anymore. He built his own fiddle and played it down on his arm.

Calvin Boyles from Springfield is gone. He was a good mandolin and guitar builder.

Then there was Tex Cox and his harmonica. Tex was from Shingle Town, California but he left us a year ago. He was a cement worker -- helped build the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River.

And then there was old Bill Noble -- a great old fiddle player and gentleman. If he had "been discovered," he would have been an old time fiddler in the national archives. But he lived out on the farm in Langell Valley and if you live that far out, you don't get discovered very easily.

Walt Westberry in a nursing home. His unique old style is silent. I suppose his little dog has been dead for years. Every night Martha would announce that dogs are to be on a leash and be sure to clean up after them. But I don't think Walt ever heard her -- or didn't care. Walt is from the Lebanon area.

I miss them all but through an old video, I was able to go back in time and spend almost an hour with my friends again. Music brought us together that week in 1988 and the old video took me back to that hot afternoon down by the creek to be with them again. Lew Holt

More filler -- if you have room:

From The Orange "R" Roseburg High School newspaper April 2, 1928
Musical Letter

"Home Sweet Home"

"I'm All Alone" and "Feelin' Kinda Blue," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." "I'm Yearning Just For You."
"Dear Old Pal 'o Mine." "All Day Long" "I Dream of You." "I'm Lonesome." "Promise Me" "You'll Listen to My

“In My Gondola” “Kiss Me Again” for “I Love Only You.”

“Honest and Truly,”
“That Certain Party.”
