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

Nov

2 Rogue River Com Ctr, Rogue River 4
 3 Villa West Trailer park Klamath Falls 1
 3 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 3 VFW Hall Redmond 3
 9 Community Building Winston 10
 10 Grange Hall Klamath Falls 1
 10 Senior Center Molalla 7
 10 Senior Center Burns 9
 16 Bay Area Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 17 Grange Crow 6
 17 VFW Willamina 8

Dec

1 Villa West Trailer park Klamath Falls 1
 6 J. M. North's Portland 7
 7 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4

Jan.

11 State Quarterly Meeting Springfield

District 1

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It's been a busy fall month for us over here, the weather is changing fast, the leaves are turning all the beautiful fall colors, buck season is over, elk season is going to start soon, we are slowing down in playing dates and places, but still having a great time when we do get together. It's time to pay our dues, and don't forget to get those flu shots too, we won't be having a Thanksgiving dinner over here, but will have our Holiday dinner at our Dec. meeting, first Sunday of December at the Villa West Trailer park, off Greensprings Rd. Hope some of you can join us and share our music and thanks.

We will have our regular meetings the first Sunday of each month at the Villa West Trailer park off Greensprings, getting started about noon, and the second Sun. of each month we will have our jam at the grange hall, corner of Madison and Shasta Way. Hope to see you all there.

9/21 we played for a small bunch in Merrill at the Farmers Festival, then that eve on to the annual hayride in Midland.

10/13 we had a great jam, lots of happy dancers and listeners, and loads of help from some of our good friends in other districts. We were very happy to have Lee Cushman from Trail and Howard from Mt. Shasta, and always good to see Mr. Fiock and hear his music. And always a crowd pleaser is Maynard and his cute songs from long ago that we all enjoy to hear, he makes us laugh when he brings us those cute jokes too. We have a new guitar picker too, Johnny Rodgers,

and we all enjoyed listening to him. I didn't get the names of some of the other folks who joined us, but they seemed to have a great time and we really enjoyed listening to them.

New members are Johnny and Darleth Rodgers.

10/25 we will play at Roosevelt School for their harvest supper

*** Mark your calendars for July 3,4, and 5th, our Dist 1 campout dates

* I tell you, it is always so great to see one of our great musicians after missing for a couple months, Irv Johnson was back today at the jam, and he sure looked great! I'm getting ready to head in for another surgery on 10/23, and believe you, I'm dreading it, will put my shoulder out of commission for a few months again.

Jan Lancaster and Etta Fernlund are our only 2 birthday gals this month, Happy Birthday to you! And there ain't anyone to wish Happy Anniversary to for the month of Nov.

It's the holiday season already, time to think of all our friends and neighbors, fellow musicians and family folks, time to set by the fire and wonder just where the heck the year has run off too, make plans for the coming year and think of all the pals who have gone on to a better place. Hope it will be a wonderful, happy, and joyous season for everyone out there, and that we can make it warm and happy for someone else too. Till next month, I wish everyone a wonderful, warm season filled with love and close friendships.

Sherry O, Dist 1

District 1E

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(Monthly jams: November 3rd, December 7th, January 4th)

Our monthly jam is always the first Saturday of each month, which means November 3rd, come one, come all-- the more the merrier. On October 5th we were asked to play for the Fair Appreciation Dinner here in Lakeview. Music in trade for a great meal, a perfect exchange. Those helping out were Shorty & Mary Stone, Clyde Lynch, Allen Bell, Perry Forga, Homer & Rosa Lee McLain, Terry McLain, Mary Cathcart, Bev Perry and Edna Schultze. Talk about having fun, there is nothing that warms the heart like that good old fiddlin. We play at the Nursing Home from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. October 29th then again November 12 and 26. November 11th will be our next business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Village in Lakeview. Hope to see all you folks there. On December 14th we have been asked to play for a Christmas Bazaar in Lakeview at the Memorial Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. come for the day or just a little while, should be lots of fun.

NEWS FLASH: It's time to get your dues paid for 2003. Jack and Judi Downey are on the 2003 membership wagon. Keep playing and having fun doing it. WE DO.

Helping out

Terry & Sharilyn McLain

District 3

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It's that time of the year the weather is nice and the leaves have

changed to beautiful fall colors. Thanksgiving is around the corner, hope every one has a great Thanksgiving. :-)

The October VFW show was great!!! We had seven youngsters show up to play. Thanks to Jack and Peggy Kerr for inviting them.

Our next District #3 Redmond VFW show will be 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm on November 3rd and there will be a meeting to follow the show so don't forget to mark your calendars. Hope to see you all at the next Redmond Library Jam on November 12th... 7pm to 9pm. Don't forget!!!!

December 7th is our Christmas Potluck at the Pine Forrest Grange Hall on Boyd Acres Rd. in Bend. it will start at noon and end at midnight!!! All members and their families are encouraged to attend. Bring your tableware and instruments. Let's get ready for the Christmas mood!!!

Bob Ervin will continue to be our activity director for District #3. Yeah!!

I owe Sunny Page an apology for misspelling her name in the last Hoedowner. We appreciate your support to the OOTFA. Sunny states at our Oct. meeting "I'm a person that likes your music with a smile." Thanks Sunny!!!!

We would like to welcome our new members;
From Terrebonne the Kalebaugh Family, Travis plays Standup bass, Heidi plays guitar, Becky age 14 plays fiddle, Rachel age 13 plays fiddle and guitar, Tobin age 10 plays mandolin and banjo, and Tyler age 4 plays fiddle

From Terrebonne The Simpson Family; Steve learning to play bass, Kathy plays guitar and piano, Kristi age 12 plays fiddle, piano, learning mandolin, sax, flute and bass, Kari age 10 plays fiddle, learning mandolin, bass and clarinet, and Garrett age 7 plays piano, learning fiddle and mandolin.

WOW!!!!!! what a large group of family musicians and we are so glad to have them all as members at District #3.

Heard through the grape vine that Don Hanna had surgery recently and is recovering well. We missed you Don at the last show!!!!

We at District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and old time fiddle music.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District # 3

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Another good meeting and jam happened at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. A very enthusiastic audience of dancers and listeners made the musicians feel very appreciated! Our meeting was missing our Sec/Treas (Lola and Gene were hunting), but Marcia Zellman very ably took over the reading of the minutes and reports. Dwight and Bob reported on new sound equipment that is available, and quoted price estimates. It was voted on to buy a new mixer head unit and three monitors. After comparing options, it was decided to "go for the gusto" and get some better equipment that is lighter weight--to make US sound better. We will sell the old stuff we no longer need, keeping a spare set.

We had 170 community service hours this month, and this does not include transportation to and from, or phoning and setting up. This represents a lot of work from many members. Thanks to all! Memorial contributions were made in the memory of Martha Warwick and Don Lacy to the recipients of their choice.

A tentative schedule for next year was presented by Pat Manion. It was approved by the members present, so Pat will follow up and get it finalized soon. Our November meeting at Rogue River Senior Center will be our Thanksgiving "feast". Sign-ups were requested for side dishes, but turkey, ham, dressing, and gravy will be provided. Visitors included Elaine Meyers, from Kentucky, a long time friend of Mary Armstrong, and our faithful Ernie Penry. George noted that his father's (Bob Dow) ranch was finally sold, and he would like to make a donation toward the new sound equipment when all is finalized.

It was good to have Mildred Kelsey back with us. She is one of our "unsung heroes" who faithfully does all our publicity. We miss Paula Pasley who has not been well enough to come and play and sing at our jams. Ruth Kimmel (Grumpy's wife) came through her surgery just fine, and results were good. They wish to thank folks for their caring and prayers. The members of District 4 wish to extend sympathy to the family and friends of Joy Costello. Many here knew her well, and she will be missed.

New members this month include Blackie and Sandy Miller (A) Cindy (V), Steve, and Keith (a great 10 year old fiddler) Campbell, Lois Campbell (A), Richard (M) and Denise Plaskowski (A), William (G) and Janet Rosecrans (A), and Rocky (G,H,V) and Rochelle Davis (BGV).

We continue to do a lot of playing in Medford and Grants Pass. Contrary to what was printed last month (I wanted to see if you were paying attention!), we will be playing one more time at the Grower's Market on October 26.

Nov 2 Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River. Dec 7 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

Hope you can all get out and enjoy this beautiful fall weather, and start getting ready for the upcoming holidays. It's a great time of year!

It's true, isn't it, that only musicians are truly noteworthy?!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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Is everyone enjoying this beautiful weather? Hope so, and hope Mary Lou is having a wonderful time with her grandchildren and that she and Ron return safely. In the meantime, here is the news.

Mary Lou reports that the September jam was really difficult to get to because of a parade going right by the Bay Area Activity Center and many streets were barricaded. Even so 12 musicians showed up that day and many had to carry their instruments quite a ways. Thank you ! We even had some visitors. We were very happy to have Wally Bloom come, along with Hannah Meldrim. Also visiting, were Cecil and Lucille Davidson's daughter, Bobbie Murray, their granddaughter Krista Dawson and her two little girls. Nice to have you all.

Clirca reports that Del Thomas is doing better and showed up to one of the playing gigs. Way to go Del !

More good news, Helen and Elwood Serfass are back from their trip to Pennsylvania. Welcome home!

Clirca would like to thank Cecil, Fred, Helen, Bev and Jonah for playing at the Myrtle Point fairgrounds recently for a special occasion. They did a great job

and were very well received.

October 19th, was our regular district jam at the Bay Area Senior Center. There was a short meeting at which it was decided that we will have a combined Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, Ham and trimmings will be provided by the District. Individuals with last names from A-M should bring a vegetable or salad, those from N-Z should bring a dessert. Everyone is invited to join us on November 16 for our Holiday dinner and jam at the Bay Area Senior Center. Dinner will be at noon and then the jam at 1:00. We also elected Elwood Serfass to be our permanent announcer. Our jam session had over 50 people in attendance. We would like to thank Chuck Hasty, Dan Vallier, Guy Kinman, Bob Hanson and Jim Smith from District 10 who visited and played with us.

Playing dates for November are: Nov. 6 Oceanview 1:30-2:30 and Heritage Place (main lobby) from 3:00-4:00. Nov. 13th Oceancrest 1:30-2:30. Nov, 20th Oerding Manor 1:00-2:00 and Myrtle Point Care Center 2:45-3:45. Nov, 27th, Inland Point 11:00-1:00 and Lifecare Center 1:30-2:30

Welcome to our newest members, Greg and Mary Spracins from Bandon! Birthdays for the month of November are: Dorothy Tennant 4th, Julie Longnecker 7th, Bob Bridgeman 11th, Cliff Larson 26th, Juanita Boughman 29th, Cecil Davidson 29th and Larry Gallagher 30th. Happy Birthday !!

Anniversary wishes to Grant and Mapril Combs on the 29th of November and belated congrats to Hal and Karen Weiner on the 1st of October. (Sorry we missed) By the way, we love to remember everyone on their special day(s) . If we don't mention it, it is probably because we don't have that info. Be sure and let Mary Lou know if you were missed. Guess that's all the news, have a happy Thanksgiving and safe journeys.

Kathy Nash, reporting for Mary Lou Saylor

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The Sweet Home Elks jam October 6 went well, with a large crowd and respectable District Six turnout. We hope to do it again soon. The Elks, by the way, are looking for District Sixers willing to play at the lodge on Saturday evenings. Interested? See Mark Ratzlaff.

The October district potluck and jam at Crow grange October 20 was followed by a well-attended jam at the Willamalane Senior Center in memory (and honor) of Joy Costello. Although there were many highlights, the one that sticks out in my mind is the piano/washboard/fiddle number by Homer McLain (all the way from Lakeview), Meg Graf, Vicki Cox, and Ruth Montgomery. Many District Six faces were also seen at Joy's full-house funeral on October 15; Jim Bottoms, Red Herndon, Jim Powell, Sheryl Manning, and Melba and Joy Walker helped lead the congregation in song. Joy will be missed by all; our condolences and support go out to Earl.

Don't forget the District Six appearance at the Hult luncheon program on Thursday, November 7 at noon. We would certainly like to see everyone turn out in support. This gig gives the Fiddlers a much wider audience than it usually gets, and can only be good for both reputation and participation.

The Thanksgiving jam will held at Crow Grange on Sunday, November 17. There will be a brief business meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a potluck and jam. Turkey and ham will be provided by the district; pot luck for all else.

The annual Lebanon Elks Christmas jam will be Sunday, December 1, starting at about 10 a.m. The Elks, as usual, will feed us. We still need someone to be "Santa"; let Mark Ratzlaff know if you are interested.

The annual state quarterly meeting in Eugene will be on Saturday, January 11 at the Willamalane Senior Center. We need a volunteer to coordinate the kitchen for this one jam.

An early reminder that District Six elections are coming up in February. We need candidates for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Talk to Mark Ratzlaff if interested. The new term of office commences in July.

Lost and Found. A white cowboy hat (Morningstar jam); gray polar fleece pullover (Lebanon jam). Mark Ratzlaff has both.

Thanks to: Teresa Powell and all others who helped out in the kitchen at the Morningstar jam; Dee Dee Kaiser, for heading up the phone tree project.

Happy birthday to: Marie Roberts, 11/2; and Vivian Steele, 11/7. Happy anniversary to: Cal and Ruth Montgomery, 11/14.

Joe Moyle, District 6 reporter

District 7

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September was one of our busiest months. We played a lot of places and a lot of people enjoyed us. I attended one of the early organizational meetings about the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Oregon at OMSI. This nation-wide celebration will start in January of 2003 at Monticello in Virginia. Many wonderful things are going to happen as we remember this expedition which was so important to our local history. Their website is lcbo.org (Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Oregon).

One of the members of the Corps of Discovery was Pierre Cruzatte, a one-eyed, half-French, half-Omaha, trilingual, fiddle-playing Missouri River boatman. He entertained the explorers and the Indians with fiddle tunes of the time. Helen Hakanson has been compiling a list of tunes that were heard in 1803 and before. We fiddlers know a number of them already: for example, Devil's Dream, Fisher's Hornpipe, Red Haired Boy, St. Anne's Reel, Soldier's Joy, and Whiskey Before Breakfast. The tune Liberty is thought to have been composed by Thomas Jefferson. We might want to start practicing these and others on the list so we'll be ready when the celebrating starts. We'll try to get the list in the Hoedowner next month.

We lost one of our best fiddlers when John Waddingham died. Our condolences go to the family and friends.

Just before the Hoedowner was sent off, we received word that Bob Fast had passed away on Saturday, October 19. Bob was one of our truly "old time fiddlers" in Oregon. He had fought a tough battle with his health for many years. Our best to Dulcie and their family.

On October 3, seven of us played at Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital for their Giving Campaign. A woman came by in a wheelchair, pushed by a younger woman. She stopped to listen to the music and introduced herself as Ida May Jones, a member of District 10 WOTFA in Vancouver, WA. I offered her my fiddle and she led us right out on Red Wing and Snow Deer. The hospital contact took lots of pictures of the patient playing with the fiddlers. She was in the hospital for some complications with her heart. Fiddlin' always helps. Everyone sure enjoyed it.

At our Jam at Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, we were all pleased to see Art and Violet Lane. Art is on a two month "probation" from his treatments for cancer and is feeling good. This was his first jam in over a year. He treated us to a couple of his original compositions and played backup much of the time. Vi wants everyone to know how much they do appreciate all the prayers and encouragement that helped them get through this difficult time.

More than twenty musicians turned out to play an Appreciation/Recognition luncheon for volunteers at the Estacada Community Center. For two hours folks were smiling, clapping and tapping toes and dancing to our music. They sure enjoyed it.

Several of us turned out to play at the West Hills Universalist Unitarian Fellowship for their morning service. It was wonderful to see the faces light up when we played Old Joe Clark, Ashokan Farewell and Liberty. Afterwards we played outside in the courtyard for awhile. The pianist for the congregation joined us and played St. Anne's Reel and a couple others on my fiddle, kids were dancing and one gentleman started clogging. Music is so powerful.

The Christmas Potluck has changed this year. District 7 has voted to have a lunch buffet at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey in Portland, the afternoon of Friday - that's FRIDAY - December 6. We have reserved the Banquet Room there from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The no-host all-you-can-eat buffet lunch is \$7.55 per person. This will be musicians and appreciators - no public. We can have a jam after lunch and enjoy making some music together or just enjoy visiting. Please RSVP to me before the end of November so I can let the restaurant know how many folks will be there. That's to me - Linda Easley - at 503-235-1671 or LEasley406@aol.com. This potluck is not limited to District 7. All of our musical friends are invited to join us. Just please let me know. NE Halsey Street is one-way going east, North's is on the south side of the street, there is lots of parking on both sides of the building.

The local civic Boosters of the town of Gaston, in Washington County - TEAM GASTON - have invited OOTFA to come and reestablish a fiddle contest like the ones which flourished there in the '60s and '70s in conjunction with the Barbershop Contest in Forest Grove. They are sponsoring an Open Fiddle Contest on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at the local high school. It will be a one-day contest, like the ones at Canyonville or Willamette Valley. There will be big cash prizes and trophies for each division - Pee Wee, Jr-Jr, Junior, Adult and Senior. It is an Open contest so contestants can be from anywhere. There will be more news in future Hoedowners. Since Gaston is in District 7, we need to really get in and support this as jammers and contestants. There will be very good community and school involvement -- ticket sales contests, raffles, spaghetti feed and more. Please mark your calendars and plan on taking part in it. This is a great way to get started in contests. Let's show TEAM-Gaston that the fiddlers care about and appreciate their efforts.

Everyone please remember to pay their OOTFA membership dues for 2003 before December 15. Since Jackie Germundson has gone south for the winter, send your check for \$15.00 to Myrtle Arnold at 4508 NE Ainsworth, Portland, OR 97218.

It doesn't look like we are doing much this month. There have been several play dates requested that only have space for five or six players. So these are filled with phone calls to individuals. Please don't feel left out. There's lots more opportunities coming up. With the end of the year approaching now is the time to be working on those holiday tunes.

On Sunday November 10 our regular Jam will be at the Molalla Senior Center at 305 Kennel Avenue in Molalla. From Portland, go south on I-205, take Exit 10, Highway 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Avenue, make a right turn on Heintz and a left on Kennel. If you

are coming in on Highway 211, make a left on Kennel. The Center is behind the City Park off Molalla Avenue. Remember that we voted to not do potlucks anymore. If you want lunch, bring your brownbag.

We have some of our regularly scheduled monthly jams for 2003 booked already. They are: Sunday, January 5 (this is the first Sunday) at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone. Sunday, February 9 at the Canby Senior Center at 1250 S Ivy Street in Canby. Sunday, March 9 at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. Sunday, April 13 at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. Sunday, May 11 at the Forest Grove Senior Center at 2037 Douglas Street in Forest Grove. Sunday, June 8 at the Estacada Community Club at 200 Clubhouse Road in Estacada.

Keep on making music,

Linda Easley

District 8

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September 21st and 22nd, we had a great time playing for the first Stayton Covered Bridge Festival. If attendance counts it appears the festival was a huge success. We had enthusiastic listeners both days. Even gained some new members. John and Rosa Lee Woods are listeners and Francis and Cecelia Garceau play guitar and banjo respectively. The Garceaus and their friend Larry from Washington, joined us on stage Sunday. Welcome!

October 12th and 13th, we played another 2 day gig. Both Saturday and Sunday afternoons we played for the Quilt Show at the museum in Aurora. We were concerned about having room for all who might want to play, but the weather was beautiful, so we played outdoors in the courtyard.

Manzanita: Super, Fantastic, Marvelous, Terrific. I can't think of enough superlatives to describe the fun we had at the second stone-soup-log-jam at Linda Easley's log cabin. As many as 30 of us squeezed into Linda's smallish house to jam, eat wonderful food and then jam some more. Saturday we played for the public at the Pine Grove Community Building in Manzanita. It was literally standing room only with over 200 people attending and one of the most enthusiastic audiences we've ever had. They generously expressed their appreciation when we passed the hat too! After paying the rent the donation was split between Districts 7 and 8.

Quite a few of us left Manzanita early Sunday morning and drove directly to our October jam at the McMinnville Grange. At our business meeting, ably conducted by our new chairman, Dennis Brutke we voted to donate \$1000 to the OOTFA contest, \$250 each to the Willamette Valley Contest and Canyonville Contest. The potluck dinner was followed by another fine program of music with 26 fiddlers and specials signed up.

We lost Bob Crump in late September. He had a severe stroke a few days after the September Thousand Trails campout. His memorial service was well attended by fiddlers and other friends and family. Bob built many fine violins including at least a dozen 5 strings. He will live on in the music that comes from the fine instruments he crafted. We extend our love to Joyce and the family.

Sunday, November 17th, we'll meet at the VFW Hall in Willamina for a Thanksgiving Dinner. The district will provide Turkey, Dressing, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. Those whose last name begins with A through L, bring salads or vegetables. M through Z, bring desserts. (No one will be standing at the door checking what you bring, but it helps to balance the meal). Ya'll come and join us. The more the merrier.

Our December jam will be Sunday, December 15th. The place isn't confirmed yet, but we'll let you know in the next Hoedowner. We'll be having a regular potluck since we're doing a Holiday meal in November.

If you can't get to our November jam to pay your dues, please send your dues to Jackie Stevenson. She is meeting the mail man every day, anticipating your letter.

Alice Holt Reporter district 8

District 9

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Howdy: The first jam of the season kicked off in October as planned. Thanks to all the musicians who came out to entertain and to the audience for being there. Hollis and Carol Real (District 3) took time out from scouting elk to play some real old-time tunes. Janet Braymen's sister, Karen Hamlington from Bethel Springs, Tennessee joined in with a guitar and played a piano solo of Rangers Waltz. Karen played with the Old Time Fiddlers in Burns before there was an official group back in the late '70's. Lauren Husbey also played guitar and sang and was attending her first fiddlers jam. Next month's potluck and jam is on November 10. Anyone in the area is welcome to stop in.

Jay Coble reports Virginia is on the mend and they hope to be back at the jams once she is able.

Apparently I missed all the fun while occupied with work this summer. The house warming party at the Toussaints' place was a great time. Jim T.'s folks live in Harney County so we hope he lets us know anytime he's around with a couple of free hours to play music.

Small groups or duo's have been playing at the Aspens each month over the summer. Let's see if we can get a crowd there in November. It will be Friday the 8th at 7 p.m. Ashley Manor is November 18 at 6:30. The folks always enjoy the night the Fiddlers play so lets get out and show them a good time.

Janet Braymen Reporter

District 10

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Greeting from district # 10 We are enjoying the Indian Summer here in the valley, but we really need the rain to cut down on the fire hazard. Our

Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 9 at 12 PM, and we send a special invitation to all the members from other districts to join us. It will be well prepared and served by the hard

working ladies in this district. At our regular meeting October 12 it was voted on not to have a Xmas dinner just an afternoon of jamming and dancing starting at 12 PM until 4 PM.

At our regular meeting in January 2003 date not confirmed at this time, we will be having our election of officers for the years 2003 and 2004, making plans and appointing committees for the State Convention to be held at the Douglas County Fair Grounds March 12-13-14-and 15 since we will not have a meeting in February or March. More on this in the December News Letter.

We are still playing at Nursing Homes and Senior Centers and other gigs that people contact us for to play. Linda Carver from District # 5 joined us in our jam with her excellent singing and piano playing. Thanks Linda come back and join us any time.

Members who are still on the sick list and recuperating at home are Dennis Allen and Ed Doolittle. Birthdays for November are Cecelia Jalo, John Whaley and Fred Young. November Anniversaries are Bob and Jean Hanson and Dick and Leah Shroll. Our next scheduled get together will be on November 9.

Dennis and Thelma Allen want to thank all the members of the OOTFA for their thoughtfulness and concern with their many letters, cards, prayers and phone calls while Dennis was in the hospital with a severe heart attack and a 4 way by-pass operation. He has been recuperating at home for the past several weeks and is doing great in his recovery. He does enjoy visits from his many friends through out the state, but please call because he is still receiving therapy on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: Fall is in the air with cold nights, beautiful fall days and vibrant autumn colors to enjoy. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families from Marie and me.

A few weeks ago Marie and I drove over to John Day and participated in the Blue Mountain Fiddlers show. We were pleased to see Gary & Vi Epperly, Ruel & Margaret Teague and Maynard Thompson. There was plenty of good food and entertainment. I would like to thank Dennis Langford and all the Blue Mountain Fiddlers for their hospitality. A good time was had by all. We returned the next day just in time to participate in and enjoy our Dist. 3 show. Many of the Blue Mountain Fiddlers are also Oregon Old Time Fiddler members. We are very fortunate to have so much "fiddlin" talent throughout the state.

Last weekend was a busy and exciting week for me as our Eastern Cascade Model Railroad and the Central Oregon Area Live Steamers held their 7th annual open house for the public. We had over 1900 people that went through the viewing area and the steamer gave rides to over 1,200. We are already planning for next year's open house and you are all invited.

I recently came across a U.S. News & World Report magazine that devoted almost the entire issue (Jul. 8-15, 2002) to "America's Music From Yankee Doodle to Hip Hop." I am including some excerpts that you may find interesting. "In 1736, America's first fiddle contest was held in Hanover, Va. In 1781, Thomas Jefferson notes the use of the banjar, later renamed the banjo, among his slaves. In 1938, Bill Monroe forms the Bluegrass Boys and soon introduced a new genre of country music - bluegrass. In 1940, band leader Bob Wills breaks concert attendance records with his brand of western swing."

We were all saddened to hear that Bob Crump, Joy Costello and Bob Fast have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce, Earl, Dulcie and their families.

I am pleased to hear of all the playing the different districts are involved in. Keep up the good playing. You are appreciated.

Until next time,
Ed

From the editor: I want to thank Joyce Crump and her family for the generous donation that they made to the OOTFA state contest in Bob's name. She sends a nice card thanking the members of OOTFA for their show of love and concern.

Alice has shared at recent jams the wonderful memory she has of Bob. Wednesday night at 1000 Trails Bob was asked to play a tune on the fiddle. He declined but Alice said, "Come on Bob, please play Roxanna's Waltz with me." He did. It was a happy moment for all us and leaves us with fond memories.

There was standing room only at Joy Costello's memorial service -- a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady.

And now we make plans to go to the funeral of Bob Fast. . . .

Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144. Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested in any of his fine videos. He not only has videos but has branched out into DVDs and CDs of many of our performances. If you missed the shows at TT or would like to see the ladies in purple, or just want to relive the week end, check with him. Ace complete his project of sending video tapes to every college, high school, middle school, elementary school and school library in Oregon. Who could have imagined that he could have ever completed such a project. He has a star in his crown for sure.

Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA
Dec. 1 \$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2003

MEMBERSHIP: Already Myrtle Arnold has received a number of membership renewals for next year. No, they aren't too early -- just right. Why don't you pay your dues "RIGHT NOW." The December 1 issue may very well be your last issue unless you are paid by December 15th or so. Either send a check to Myrtle for \$15 or better yet give/or mail your district membership chairperson your \$15. If you do it now, it won't hurt as much as it does just before Christmas -- and Myrtle can get a lot of her work done before the Christmas mail and rush. How about it everybody!!

A weekly publicity newspaper goes out to people on the Oregon Coast. This last week's paper carried an article worth a million dollars. On the entire front page was a picture of Linda Easley. The center fold, would you believe it, there were more pictures of Linda, pictures of fiddles and a fine story about her and the jam on Saturday in Manzanita. I would estimate that 250 attended that afternoon with standing room only. We talked to people from all up and down the coast who came to hear our music as well as many tourists who came in and stayed. When the hat was passed, there were \$20 bills, many \$5.00 bills—from very appreciative people. I don't think I have ever attended a jam where the joy of music was shared as the musicians shared with each other and with the audience. And the audience back to us.

I don't think I have ever felt as proud as I did for our district 8 at our meeting on the 20th. We had a treasurer's report as we always do. One member asked, "What is the money for?" We knew that he meant for spending to further the cause of fiddling. He said, "I make a motion that we give \$1000 to the state contest and \$250 each to Willamette Valley and Canyonville contests. Motion seconded and passed. Isn't that exciting!

Chlo Metzger sent the following: I thought the Oregon Fiddlers would like to know we at Dist. 10, WOTFA, now have our public jam at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship hall in Vancouver on the 3rd Saturday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. The address is: 4505 E. 18th Street, between Grand Blvd. on the west and Devine Road on the east, on the south side of 18th

Street. Fourth Plain runs the same direction as I8th Street to the North of I8th; Mill Plain Blvd. parallels I8th to the South. Andresen and Grand intersect I8th (at 20th), Fourth Plain and Mill Plain to the west and east respectively. Hope that isn't too confusing. I'll send you a brochure with a map.

Anyway, we have been having extra-good turnouts for the jams, and it is a very good location with a wonderful design and good acoustics. Maybe you and other Oregon fiddlers might come for a visit someday. You'd have a warm welcome.

Yours for OTF-Chlo

I copied this from the History of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Book.

Fiddler of the month for December 1978

BOB FAST

Bob Fast was born October 30, 1918 near Kirksville, Missouri. He was one of nine children and music was very much a part of all their lives. His dad was a well-known fiddler in N.E. Missouri, who won a few contests and played for many dances.

Bob seconded for his father on the banjo, when he was very small. Sometimes he'd get so sleepy he'd start to nod; his dad would reach over and, with fiddle bow, crack him over the head to wake him up.

Bob took very few lessons on the fiddle and played some when he was a teenager, then, like so many others, forgot it for years.

While camping in Eastern Oregon one Saturday night in June, he heard the Weiser Contest on his radio. He thought it was so great to hear such good old-time fiddling. After that he began watching for contests and joined the Old Time Fiddlers around 1970. Since then he has really enjoyed the music and his association with the other fiddlers.

Bob and Dulcie have been married 37 years. (in 1978) They have two children and three grandchildren. Bob is a sheet metal worker, and next to fiddling likes to fish and enjoys the outdoors.

Bob is a fine fiddler and like so many others, has composed some real fine fiddle tunes. He has a style that is distinctively his very own. As he plays, his finger action and his fiddle tunes closely resemble the beauty and fluidity of a flute.

Bob has a friendly, sensitive personality that has endeared him to all his many friends. Minnie Bennett, Historian

Bob passed away on October 19th, 2002.

Membership reminder: This will be your only membership reminder. Please take it to heart and pay your dues "right now." Each year people contact Myrtle and me to say that they did not get their January or February Hoedowner. And they remembered writing a check We tell them that we trust them but would they show us the cancelled check. They most often call back to tell either of us that they couldn't find it – which means – they didn't write it. "But I thought I did!!" Don't be "one of those," write your check right now. Your membership is important.

Either pay your membership chairperson at your November jam or if you don't attend, send a check for \$15.00 made out to OOTFA. Please supply the following information:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children living at home _____

Now that didn't hurt, did it?

Early in October Linda Easley, Alice and I attended a meeting with two community representatives from Gaston. The community wants to put on a contest in Gaston and were asking us for advice. The planning for the contest is just getting off the ground so specific details will follow next month but the community will raise the money and get most of the workers for the contest. They have pride in their community of Gaston and are willing to work to put on a fine

contest. It is an open contest. You'll be surprised and pleased at the prize money to be offered. The date is February 8 – the only open month that does not interfere with our many other fiddle activities. As Linda wrote, we need to support this community effort by our attendance and participation. Of course, why didn't I think of it, you want to know where Gaston is. Look on your state map. Gaston is maybe 7 miles south of Forest Grove on 99W. A little town with pride that you can't believe.

Lew

October 21, 2002

I just received this letter today:

Just received word that Walt Westberry, old time fiddler, had passed away this morning at Lebanon Community Hospital, time of service will be announced later today. Janet, his daughter's phone number is: 541-401-4380.

We remember Walt for his old time fiddling and many of us, also, remember him for his little dog that would follow him to the stage. Here is a paragraph out of the History of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association:

September 1985

Editors note: Highlight of the afternoon performance at the Fair at Rickreall was Walt Westberry's "friend" who went up on the stage with him every time Walt played. She didn't sing or play a note, but she was the most faithful little dog you ever saw, and kept Walt company all afternoon, as she usually does. Give her a "pat" for me, Walt. Thelma Shephard - editor