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

Mar.

1 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 1 Rogue River Community Ctr. Rogue River 4
 2 Green Springs Trailer Court Klamath Falls 1
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 8 Senior Center Keizer 8
 8 Winston CANCELLED 10
 9 Shasta Grange Hall Klamath Falls 1
 9 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 13,14,15 State Convention OOTFA

April

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 5 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 13 Pioneer Community Center Oregon City 7
 24, 25, 26 Newport State/8

May

3 Eagle Point Grange Eagle Point 4
 8-11 Campout Silver Lake 1E
 11 Senior Center Forest Grove 7
 16, 17 State Contest Salem

June

6-7 Cloverleaf Hall Enterprise - BMOTFA
 12,13, 14 High Desert Jamboree Burns
 14 State quarterly meeting Burns
 16-21 National Contest Weiser

July

3,4,5 Campout 1
 17, 18, 19 Mt. Hood Campout State/7
 31 – Aug. 2 Drift Fence Campout BMOTFA
 High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree
 July 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th.

Aug.

2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state

2004

Feb. 7 Contest Gaston

District 1

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Greetings to all, here it is the middle of Feb. and we still haven't had any winter, so be it, it's a perpetual spring! Hope everyone else reading this is having mild weather, and some great sunshine to brighten up your days.

Ray Lane is still out and doesn't sound like he'll be back into the swing of things any too soon, but we can always hope to see him back, smiling, and strumming away with us. Our prayers are with you Ray, hope you are getting better. Gene and Lola Williams made it over here to our meeting of 2/2, great to see them and share their company.

Our officers will stay the same this coming year. Before I forget (again) Mr. Fiock and his son came to our Christmas dinner with a great big cake, and it was sure good, and we sure thank them for that. We had a great jam on 2/9. Thanx again to Fred for a couple brave trips around the dance floor with another lesson for us, it sure is nice for folks to take the time to share such fun and enjoyment with us, just wish one of these days I'd get the hang of that box-stepping thing, reckon I get it mixed up with the toe-stepping thing!! We had some great visitors at the jam also, Mr. Norm Fiock joined us, along with Gene and Lola Williams, and Howard from Shasta. We always enjoy musicians from other districts who take the time to travel over here and share their music with us, breaks the monotony of our "same ol - same ol" over here, and spices things us a bit!

Mark your calendars -- Our meeting is at the trailer court is 3/2, and the Jam is 3/9 at the Shasta Grange Hall.

We have some Happy Birthday folks this month, Jon Blasius is on the 23rd, Faye Patterson on the 30th, and that young, handsome cowboy, Irvin Johnson is on the 31st. Hope you all have a great birthday, and are with us for many, many more!!!

Hope everyone is making plans to get to the State Convention this year, it should be a blast, and there be some great music played too. There's probably going to be folks there you haven't seen since last State Convention!! Have a great day, and practice lots and lots.

Sherry O, District 1 reporter

District 1E

Chairman: Terry McLain

Co-Chairman: Larry McLain

Treasurer: Shorty Stone

Sec/Membership: Sharilyn McLain

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Well, we've finally gotten a little much needed moisture on this side of the Cascades. Let's hope there's a lot more on the way-let it snow, let it snow, let it snow . . . until Convention weekend anyway!

Feb. 10's business meeting brought us new district officers for year 2003.

Chairman -.John "Shorty" Stone. Co-Chairman - Alan Bell. Secretary --Treas - Sharilyn McLain. Reporter - Eileen McLain. Membership - to be appointed at a later date Also, returning as Historian is Mary Cathcart.

On the "injured list" this month--Charlie Threet's hand has been bothering him some and Larry McLain is having surgery on his thumb on the 18th.

Merle Shepard lost her mother recently--our deepest sympathy goes out to her. Bud and Ethel Parker are a little "under the weather", but can't wait to get to the next jam. A big Happy Birthday to Ethel on March 11th by the way.

Our next 2 jams will be--Sat. Mar. 1 and Sat. April 5. Potluck starts at 6:30 and music begins at 7:30. We have plenty of time often to get 4,5,(or more!) turns at the mike, so drop in at the Lakeview Courthouse Memorial Hall. Next business meeting is Mar. 10th at Terry McLain's -7:00 p.m. Fiddlers will play at the Lake District Hospital's Nursing Home facility on Feb. 18th and Mar. 4th from 9:30 'til 10:30 a.m.

And now.....The 2nd Annual District 1E Campout. Mark your calendars for May 8-11 at the Silver Lake fire hall. The schedule of events is as follows: Thursday night-- Open jamming (no sign-up!!)

Friday night--Hat Night....song to match your hat(or vice versa)

Saturday night--Draw Band.....BIG hit last year. Lioness club spaghetti potluck.

Sunday morning--Gospel show. Times will be announced at a later date, and of course in between all this-- snacks and jammin', jammin', and more jammin'. Hope to see everyone there.

"I'm a fiddler with fingers like lightening. They never strike the same place twice!!"

Eileen McLain -- acting reporter for Merle Shepard.

District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach (541) 389-6030

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Hope everyone had a great Valentines Day! :-) There were new faces at the VFW show in February with lots of positive input on the music. Yeah! Our next VFW show is March 2nd 1:30 to 4 p.m. There will be a meeting to follow. We encourage all members to be at the meeting.

Dennis and I would like to Thank some of the Old time Fiddlers for promoting and supporting our Old Time Opry Music Show in Bend second Sunday of every month!! :0)

District 3 applauds Betty Fullerton for serving 5 years secretary as treasurer. You have done a great!!! job Betty. Thanks!!!! We welcome our new Secretary of Treasurer Earlene Ervin. Yeah! Dale Anderson was re-elected for Vice Chairman, Thank you Dale. Rick Braumbach was re-elected as our District 3 Chairman. Thanks for all the hard work Rick, YEAH!

Don't forget our State Election of Officers at the Roseburg State Convention March 13th, 14th and 15th. Hollis Reel and Don Hanna with alternate Carolyn Marstall were selected to represent our District 3 Friday night Fiddle Show, Those who plan to attend Roseburg State Convention, contact Rick Braumbach or Bob Ervin so we can work out traveling arrangements and who will be playing Saturday night for our District 3 dance which starts 9:59 p.m. to 10:14 p.m. Have some songs in mind to play. Make sure to register for RV Parking if you plan to park on the black top behind the building.

Redmond Library Jam will be on every 2nd Tuesday starting March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hope you all will be there to share the fun and your music, great opportunity to practice.

We would like to welcome new members; Elaine Berry from Sunriver and she plays the fiddle. Robert Marvos is from Bend. We are glad to have you as members.

Latest news on Peggy Kerr is she is still having chemo treatments and holding her own. Hazel Flock is in a wheel chair but in good spirits, District 3 sent her flowers. Bernice Hanson (founder of District 3 in 1980) has lung cancer, District 3 sent flowers to her also. So lets keep these people in our prayers.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with some Old Time Fiddle Music and lots of love. Enjoy the early spring weather:).

Ellen Jakab, Reporter District 3

District 4

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Wow -- what a great crowd for our February jam at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. We figured about 225 people for the jam, over 50 at the potluck! We had 35 musicians sign up to play, and the music resounded from wall to wall! Folks were having so much fun listening and dancing, that we couldn't get them to leave until we just quit playing! T'was really great to have the kids playing their great music and the crowd loves them; Travis Warwick and his dad Willie, Keith Campbell, and Mary English with her folks Nancy and Marvin. They are getting so good!

Our business meeting started with a moment of silence for the Columbia tragedy; a sad way to begin, but our hearts go out to those brave men and women (and their families).

Our community service hours this month were 52, assuming all were reported. It seemed like more! Financially, we seem to be taking in more money than we're spending -- wish the government could work on that basis! We voted to send \$400 to the State Contest, and \$200 to Canyonville. We are encouraged to bring items for the raffles and door prizes at the Convention in Roseburg. The district will also purchase a raffle prize or two to help out a little more.

Our old sound equipment is going away, and some more \$ are coming into our treasury. Still a little more to sell, and we have reliable equipment for our use.

Well, it's election time again, and we voted on our chiefs for the next year. Our Chairman will be Gene Williams, Co-Chair George Dow, and Secy/Treas Judy Lyons. A standing round of applause was given for the retiring crew, and we are all looking forward to a great year with the new folks. It was noted that we get such great support from all our members, and "Everyone is so friendly". Donna Frazier commented that her husband was so proud to be a part of OOTFA, said "it's in your soul".

It's good to have Sam Stelle back after being ill. We received word that a former member "Mitch" Mitchell who loved fiddling passed away last month. Our sympathy to Scott Phillips and his wife Linda in the death of her father, and also a beloved pet. Paula Pasley has been having back trouble and unable to attend our jams. Pat and Joan traveled to Washington to be with her daughter following the death of her daughter's husband. Our best wishes and special prayers for all these folks and families.

Still doing a lot of playing all around the area, and continue to get more requests than we can sometimes fill. Check with Don, Peggy, and Judy re the "train song" they're working on!

Did you all eat plenty of chocolate to celebrate Valentine's Day? Remember, it's supposed to be a great anti-oxidant. Tastes even better than broccoli! Now on to spring break!

Mark your calendars: March 1 Rogue River Community Ctr., Rogue River. April 5 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. May 3 Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point.

Remember: Life is a contact sport. Not playing is not an option. I think that includes fiddling!
Judy McGarvey, reporter District 4

District 5

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It is so good to be back home again and I would like to thank Kathy Nash for adding the "FLASH" to my last report as I was unable to attend the last meeting.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for the year 2003 and we wish you the best of luck during the coming year.

We had a very nice crowd of people at our February potluck and jam including a delightful gentleman from Greece by the name of Michael Kourkovmelis. He is in the Coos Bay area visiting his daughter and said he is considering making his home here. Also visiting were Del Thomas's niece, Joyce Herz, her husband Steve and sons Jeremy and Randy from Woodland, WA. It was so nice to have all of you and please come back anytime. You are always welcome !

My husband, Ron and I wish to thank Cecil Davidson and all the fiddlers who did a beautiful job playing our special song, "Slow Poke" and the "Anniversary Waltz" to honor us on our 51st wedding anniversary. We truly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

It looks like March will be a busy month for District 5. Our nursing home schedule is as follows: March 5-Ocean View---1:30-2:30 Heritage Place (main lobby) 3 - 4 p.m. March 12-Inland Point---11-12--Ocean Crest--1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 19-Oerding Manor---1-2 p.m.--Myrtle Point Care Center--2:45-3:45 p.m.

March 26-Life Care---1:30-2:30 p.m.

We will not have a potluck or Jam in March because of the state convention. Our next potluck and Jam will be April 19th. We do hope to see everyone at the convention in Roseburg, March 12,13,14 and 15. Then on March 16 we have been invited to play at the Scottsburg Grange Hall for their annual Spaghetti Feed from 3 to 6 p.m. They always serve a delicious spaghetti dinner complete with all the trimmings. If you wish to attend the dinner the price is \$5.00 per person. So when you leave the convention go by way of Scottsburg, have dinner and play some "Good Ole Foot Stompin Music." The grange will give you a cordial welcome and it's a chance to make new friends .

Among our sick and still needing prayers are Pat Kraemer, Loren Osborne; and Elwood and Helen Serfass. May the Lord be with you all.

Happy Birthday to Ella Savery on March 6, Wally Holden the 10th, Diane Cassel and Bob McKee the 15th, Colleen Osekowsky the 18th, Abbie Shaffar the 28th and Lucille Davidson on the 30th.

Anniversary Wishes are sent to Lloyd and Jean Dunn on March 11th and to Andy and Sandy Hofer on the 21st. Congratulations and may you have many more happy years together.

I heard through the grape vine that Larry Gallagher will be giving an intermediate guitar workshop and Hal Weiner will be giving a claw hammer banjo workshop at the state convention.. These men are very adept at playing these instruments so I am sure they will be having some very educational workshops. Congratulations Larry and Hal !.

Mary Lou Saylor Reporter-Dist. 5

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The Sweet Home Elks breakfast-and-jam jam on February 2 was pleasant, as usual, but with a smaller crowd of both musicians and dancers than usual. 28 people signed up to play. A good time was had by all; we hope for a larger turnout the next time around.

At the District 6 jam and election meeting February 16, Joe Moyle was elected District chairman, Oral Roberts co-chair, and Betty Hawkins, secretary; Bob Kaiser agreed to continue as treasurer. There was a large turnout for the meeting; perhaps fifty people, with twenty names on the jam list.

We look forward to a good District Six turnout at the State convention in Roseburg, March 14-16. District Six will be manning the entrance desk; is third on the performance list at the Saturday dance, and will feature Joan Lomax and Starr McMullen at the Friday night show. There will be no District Six jam in March because of the convention.

Red Herndon and Bob Strelow are organizing a jam and potluck to be held in Oakridge at the Oakridge activity center on Sunday, March 9, starting at 10:30 a.m. The center is on the right, off School St., as you enter Oakridge from Eugene. This is a non-fiddlers jam (electric instruments okay).

A couple of Sundays later, on March 23, Red is hosting yet another of his famous jams at the Jasper grange, starting at 10:30 a.m., or so. Food will be provided by the grange ladies.

Harv Harvey is planning a non-fiddlers (electric instruments okay) jam at the VFW Hall in Sweet Home on Sunday, March 2, from 2 .pm. to 8 p.m. As you come into Sweet Home on Route 20 from Lebanon/I-5, the VFW Hall is on the left, across from the Thriftway Market.

We regret to report that Wanda Davis passed away on Feb. 10. Our condolences go out to John. John wants to express his thanks to all the folks who called and visited and sent cards after the passing of his wife; the support was a real blessing to him and his family."

Health Notes: We are pleased to report that both Jim Bottoms and Norm Oleman, who have been having health problems, are out and about again. John Madsen is under the weather; we are worried about him. Best wishes go out to Theresa Powell, who is recovering from heart surgery.

A big happy birthday to Buck Milligan, who will be 90 on March 13; and to Bryan Dunaway, who turned 90 on February 25. A surprise birthday party and jam in their honor, organized by Wayne Carpenter, was held at Jasper Grange on February 23.

Happy birthday to: Wayne Carpenter, 3/1; Curly Roberts 3/11; Andy Kennedy 3/13; Buck Milligan 3/13; Susie Milligan 3/20. Happy anniversary to: Carol and Alan Ede, 3/17/57.

Joe Moyle Reporter District 6
Hi Fiddlers!

I have the sad job of letting you know that our good friend John Madsen passed away peacefully early this morning. (Feb. 20) John was a good friend of mine since we met ten or eleven years ago in Andrea Wyckoff's fiddle class. He served many years as the sound man for the district, hauling around that huge system we used to have to all the gigs. He was also a very enthusiastic dancer, and just a few years ago had become brave enough to start singing at the jams! He will be greatly missed.

Mark Ratzlaff, Chair, District 6 OOTFA

District 7

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Our Canby Jam on February 9th was a lot of fun. We did 16 pre-jam tunes, 26 signup tunes, 10 post jam tunes and the Hakanson Family finished us out. We had to make kind of a hasty exit because a church service was starting at 4 p.m. Lots of hands made light work of it and everything was just fine.

District 7 has one new family membership this month: Annette Evans and daughter Mary Jean Evans live in Cornelius. Annette plays the piano. Mary Jean is a violinist looking for some fiddlers to play with. Other siblings are Matthew, Amy and Alicia. Let's make them welcome.

Jeanie Morris's husband, Gaylan, received an organ transplant on February 6 at OHSU Hospital. The new kidney started working while he was on the table in surgery. He is recovering comfortably at home. They really appreciate all the calls, cards and letters, prayers and expressions of encouragement. It helped them get through a very difficult time.

Two of District 7's best contest fiddlers, Andy Emert and Donna Reuter, will be judging competitions at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho in June of this year. Andy will be judging Friday's Senior and Senior-Senior Divisions and Saturday's National Grand Champion Division Finals. Donna will be judging Tuesday's Small Fry and Junior-Junior Divisions and Thursday's Young Adult Division.

The Gaston Fiddle Jubilee Contest on the 8th of February was a wonderful success. 70 contestants competed over the 12-hour day and just astounded everyone. Finishing in the top 5 of their respective divisions were District 7 members: Andy Emert, Papa Spain, Bus Boyk, Donna Foreman, Eileen Witley, Daniel Forster, Greg Baker, Dee Johnson, Marshal Baker, Brian Shaylor and Clara Baker. We have some of the finest fiddlers in the state! The contest's youngest participant was six and the oldest was 85. One of the judges was Carol Ann Wheeler. Bus Boyk almost brought the house down with his rendition of *Dark Eyes*. It got him the only standing ovation of the day!

The Contest was very successful and will happen again next year. The entire community helped with it. Cub Scouts provided the color guard, Boy Scouts helped with the smooth operation of the roast beef dinner. The freshman class sold snacks. There was a primary grades coloring contest. Knights of Pythias helped with everything. Everyone please plan on coming to either participate or appreciate next year. It's a lot of talent and a lot of fun!

Tualatin Valley Television videotaped all the best parts of the contest. They will edit it down to two hours. Here's the program schedule on cable:

Channel 21: Wednesday March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Channel 23: Wednesday March 12 at 6:00 p.m.;

Channel 28: Sunday March 2 at 5:00 p.m.; Monday March 10 at 7:00 am;

Channel 30: Monday March 3 at 3:30 p.m.; Saturday March 8 at 12:00 am and Saturday March 15 at 12:00 am.

If you want to purchase a copy of the two-hour videotape of the Gaston Contest, call David J. Renshaw at Tualatin Valley Television and make the arrangements. The phone number is 503-629-8534 ext. 124.

Fiddler Carol Ann Wheeler will return to the performance stage on Friday, April 18 at the Portland Folklore Society's venue in the Multnomah Friends Meeting House at 4312 SE Stark Street in Portland. Two other musicians will share the playbill with her. The building is smoke-free and wheelchair accessible. Doors open at 7:00 and the program starts at 7:30. Tickets are available only at the door - \$8.00 for PFS members, \$10.00 non-members. Carol Ann will play a variety of fiddlin' styles and show us how much she loves this music. Rumor has it that a certain Jim T will join her for a cameo of *The Lover's Waltz*. There's plenty of nearby on-street parking. Let's all come and enjoy this program. It's going to be good!

It's just a couple more weeks until the Roseburg Convention. I hope everyone is planning on attending. It's a lot of fun to see our musician friends from all around the state again. Please be sure to bring your good donations for the raffles. The organization makes a lot of money this way.

Opportunities are opening up to get in your playing time. Sunday March 9, we'll have our regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. Monday March 17, Berry Park Retirement Home at 13669 Gaffney Lane in Oregon City needs fiddlers to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day during the lunch hour from 12:30 - 1:30. They'll even feed us. Sunday April 13 is a regular jam at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street, in Oregon City. Tuesday April 22 we'll play at the Multnomah Loaves and Fishes Volunteer Appreciation Day at 7688 SW Capitol Highway from 12 - 1 p.m.

Everyone keep fiddlin' and enjoying the music.

"I will never again wonder why you do what you do.:" Arlie Holt, 2/16/03

Linda Easley for District 7

District 8

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All the Thank Yous in the world wouldn't be enough to express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and caring. Lew and I do thank each and every one of you who sent cards, who attended the celebration jam at Guthrie Park and for all your caring words. The day was everything we wanted it to be, and more.

Our kids and other relatives all commented on what a wonderful group of friends we have. We've been telling them that, but now they've seen it first hand! We feel so fortunate being a part of the big fiddle family. (See Lew's brother's comment at the end of Dist. 7's news.)

The little red schoolhouse quilt, signed by so many of you, is the most wonderful gift we could imagine. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

You are all special to us, but I must mention a few names who deserve extra thanks. Loita Colebank for piecing and stitching the quilt, not to mention gathering all the signatures! Carol Ann Wheeler and Jim Toussaint for playing their beautiful rendition of "Lover's Waltz" for us. And Linda Easley for composing "The Golden Day Waltz" (on the occasion of Lew and Alice Holt's Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary). She says, "It just fell out of my piano." And to Carol Ann, Jim, Donna Foreman, Bob Huffman, Linda and others who debuted this beautiful waltz at the party. It's wonderful! I think it has the makings of a classic fiddle waltz! Thank you all for being our friends!

The Gaston Fiddle Jubilee contest was a rousing success. District 8 was well represented. Those from our district entering the fiddle contest were: Roland Apperson, Jim Hockenhill, Winston Grant (oldest fiddler award), Christine Lang, Marie Bailey, Darlene Bryant, Dale Colebank, Charlie Gibson, Charmin Wainscot, Zach Konowalchuk, Lew Holt and Alice Holt. Many others were in the audience giving the contestants encouragement.

Frank Geelan is scheduled for surgery Feb. 21st. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Here are the upcoming play dates: Polish up your Irish tunes, and wear something green. Begorra, we'll be playing at the annual Irish Stew Dinner in Keizer again this year. The date is SATURDAY March 8th. The place is the Keizer-Salem Area Senior Center, 930 Plymouth. There are always lots of dancers. We can come early, 11 AM or so for early jamming. We are scheduled to eat at noon and to play from 1 to 4 but I just imagine that we'll be playing a lot more than that.

No rent to pay, we can pass the hat. Can't beat that. Specific directions: If you are going down Broadway from Salem, it turns into River Road. Take a right on to Plymouth -- just before Izzy's. If you get to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far, so take a right to Cherry and come back on Cherry to the senior center. Or if you are coming off of I-5 on the Parkway, or from Salem on the Parkway, turn north off the Parkway onto Cherry and a few blocks to the center. (Or down to River Road and north to Plymouth.)

Hope to see many of you at the convention in Roseburg! Bring some nice things for door prizes, if you would, please.

We're sorry to report that there was a conflict in April at Newport so the April Fiddle Festival had to be cancelled. Rescheduling it would have created conflicts. We still don't have an exact date, yet, for our District 8 April jam. It depends on the date set for the Blossom Festival.

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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Co-Chairman: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

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Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Hello from the rainy high desert . We are still getting that much needed moisture.

Imagine our surprise to have Janet Brayman walk in on a Friday night jam session. She brought Margaret Bailey (her House sitter) along. Margaret is a beginning Fiddle player and we look forward to her joining in with a tune.

Attending the Feb. 9th senior center show was Phil Drain from Mt. Vernon who played his new Lap Steel while Andrew Dunderdale filled in on the Bass. We were delighted to have Marie Macomber's 12 year old Grandson Clayton come play Guitar with us and also sang "Clementine" and Sweet Betsy from Pike" with help from Helen O'Claire and Joan Suther. Marianne Andrews, the Music Teacher for the out-lying Schools, fiddled "Simple Gifts" and "Irish Washerwoman". She and Husband Gordon are dedicated dancers.

Condolences go out to Dottie Coon (our Accordion player) who recently lost her Father.

Newcomers to our area are Gerald and Billie Lanier who moved here from LaPine. Billie joined at the Aspens on the 14th and everyone really enjoyed her great fiddle tunes.

Thanks to George and Hilda Sahlberg for donating a new storage box for our senior center supplies. The staff at the center graciously store the Box between shows so we have less to cart around.

Election of Officers will be held at the March 9th show so get those dues paid so you are eligible to vote. The meeting will begin at 12:30 before the potluck and Jam. Please come early and attend the meeting. Aspens will be March 14th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor is the 17th at 6:30. Hope to see you all there. Brush up on an Irish tune to play.

Hopefully we won't get our winter snow in March so those of us on "the other side of the Mountain" can make it to the convention. in Roseburg.

Julia Milleson, reporter, District 9

District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Chuck Hasty Co Chairman 541 673 2067

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541 839 4501

Secretary: Flo Sangsland 541 874 3195

Membership: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greetings from District 10. At our meeting January 25 at the community building in Winston all the loose ends for the State Convention were taken care of. We certainly hope we didn't overlook some minor detail. At the meeting it was voted on and passed to buy a new trailer for our PA system. We had our election of officers for the year 2003 and 2004 and the following members were elected.

Jo Barnes was elected Chairman---Lyneatte Werlinger was elected Co Chairman--Gynn Deaton was elected Treasurer and Flo Sangsland said she would continue to be the Secretary for 2003 and 2004.

The Fiddlers who will represent district 10 at our Friday night show are Dennis Pickett and Amanda Kobel.

I want to apologize to Doris Dilbeck for leaving her name out of the birthday list for January and by the time I was notified of the error it was too late to correct in the February issue. (Sorry Doris). Birthdays for the month of March are as follows Jean Hanson, Ed Doolittle, Frances Roy, Jo Barnes, Helen Barlett, Billie Doolittle, Tiny Stinnett, Dan Vallier, Barbara Sullivan and John Parsons.---Anniversaries for March are Hap & Merna Jones and Norman & Goldie Colton. Members who are on the sick list are Pat Smith, Norman Colton, Ed Doolittle and Lenora Waggoner. We wish all of you a speedy recovery.

We had a large delegation from district 5 Del & Clara Thomas, Larry & Sharon Gallagher, Shorty & Charlotte Dow, Ella Savery, Harold Householder, Inge Licon and Ruth Nero. We thank all of you for coming over and spending the day with us.

Louie Roy resigned as Co Chairman February 1, 2003, due to other commitments and priorities. Jo Barnes appointed Chuck Hasty Co Chairman.

Our jam for March 8th will be cancelled because of the state convention.

Please don't forget that District 10 will be the host District for the State Convention on Wednesday, March 12 in the Floral Building and we will need several volunteers to set up table and chairs, help at the door, taking care of the coffee and other little jobs that are unforeseen. The doors will be open at 8 AM until midnight. There will be an organized sign up jam starting at 7PM.

This will be the last issue I will write for the Hoedowner as reporter for District 10.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: What a time we had at the Gaston Fiddle Contest. Our hats off to T.E.A.M. Gaston and all of the supporters that made it a huge success. Our own Lew Holt gave some of his expertise to help out which was greatly appreciated. Seventy contestants and a crowd that was there from the start until the last trophy was given out that night.

I need to report that when we checked with the Lincoln Country Fairgrounds people, we found out that there was a schedule conflict and that the week end that we had planned to be there is not available. Checking with District 8, the host district, we were unable to reschedule for a week end that didn't conflict with some other event. I am sorry to report that we had to cancel the Newport Fiddle Festival this year. I know that many of you had looked forward to being there.

Now getting back to the business at hand. As a reminder, the Saturday night banquet at the convention will be catered by Palmers of Roseburg. The cost will be \$14.50 per person. This cost covers the 15% that is paid to the Fair Board, rental of dishes, silverware, labor and food costs. This was approved at the quarterly meeting in Springfield and prior to the approval, there were no voiced objections brought up for discussion by anyone during the meeting.

There will be a choice of roast beef, mashed potatoes & brown gravy OR turkey breast, rice pilaf, & white gravy. Each dinner will also include green beans, two salads, rolls, butter, punch, coffee and choice of three sheet cakes. The meals will be served as we go through the

line. It was suggested that at the time of your ticket purchase, to please let the ticket seller know your dinner choice of beef or turkey, so that Palmers could be informed on Friday, the 14th.

The snack bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday A.M. and Noon. The menu will be posted in the Community Building.

Remember that each District is asked to bring 2 or 3 floral arrangements for our Saturday night banquet tables. Also, all members are urged to bring handcrafts, quilts, afghans, clocks, plates or other items of interest for the annual raffle. Please bring items that you would enjoy and be proud to take home from our Friday hourly door prize drawings.

The RV fee is \$15.00 for parking on the blacktop and \$20.00 in the RV park with water and power.

There will be an election of officers at the meeting on Saturday and nominations from the floor are open for anyone to participate. The quarterly meeting will be held in the Floral Building at 2:00 on Friday. The nominating committee meeting will follow the quarterly meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Roseburg.

Until next time,

Ed

Notes from the Editor:

Linda Easley sent this in: Peg Willis' group "Shenanigans", six kids ages 10-12, with over 31 years of musical study and experience between them, want to go to an Irish fiddle camp and make some music while over there. The three boys and three girls play five fiddles and one guitar. The first batch of their CD sold out in three days so more are being made. Since they have already raised about \$3,000.00, they must be serious. It sure would be nice if everyone in OOTFA could send them a few dollars to help reach their goal. Fiddlin' kids are the best ambassadors we have anywhere! To help, make checks out to "Shenanigans" and send to: Shenanigans Fund, The Heppner Branch of The Bank of East Oregon, P.O. Box 39, Heppner, OR 97836. The bank's phone is 541-676-9125 and Dave Kendrick and Kelly Holland, both fiddle-kid parents, are listed on the account.

Canyonville Contest: For those who may not have heard, Pioneer Days of 2003 runs Aug. 21 – 24. Friday will see the fiddlers (as usual) entertaining for the residents at Forest Glen Senior Residence in the afternoon. Then, we trek to Pioneer Park to play on stage for an hour beginning at 7:00. The contest is Saturday, Aug. 23rd.

Donations from districts are coming in and are so gratefully received. District 4 sent \$200 and District 8 sent \$250. Districts 5 and 7 have pledged \$200 and \$300 respectively. Thank you very much. I, also, want to thank Bob Kaiser for donating a number of trophies for re-cycling. I'm glad to take more if anyone else has some they would like to move on. And, as always, I'm looking for Judges. If there's someone who wouldn't mind doing it but has just not been asked, pleased don't wait to be asked. Let me know you're willing. Gynn Deaton

Old time fiddler, Jim Heard, from Washington died recently. Here's what Peg Willis wrote about him -- Jim Herd was one of my very special friends. I think he ranks right up there with Kevin Burke and Casey Willis on my list of incredible fiddlers. I did an article about him for the NOTFA a couple of years ago. He and his wife were always a joy to visit with. And Lou always has her knitting or crocheting when they came to a show. Jim taught me several of his favorite tunes and I've been told I play them "just like Jim." I hope that's true. I'd like to be able to pass his wonderful style on to the next generation of fiddlers. I am sorry to read that Jim died. I'll sure miss him! Peg Willis

High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree -- Diamond Lake Campout
July 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd 3rd and leave the 4th. Check with Irene Ruddock for more details.

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or you can buy them from Lew Holt. They will be available at the convention.

Saturday - April 5th - 10:00 AM to Noon Fiddle Workshop with Bus Boyk and Hollis Taylor . In Celebration of the book/CD set "THE COWBOY FIDDLE OF BUS BOYK" by Hollis Taylor. Come and learn about this fiddling legend's life and music in this hands-on class, taught by the master himself, Bus Boyk. Focus will be on the style of Bus' solos, twin/triple fiddle arrangements, vocal backup, and a personal look into Bus' bag of licks and tricks, for cowboy, country, swing, western swing, and hot fiddle styles. We will all be playing the music in class, so do bring your instruments. Assisting Bus will be Hollis Taylor and John Stewart Brass, Reed & Guitar Shop 10411 NE 4th Plain Blvd., Suite 115 - Vancouver, WA 98662
(360) 254-9380 Class fee is \$35 in advance - Book/CD set also available
www.hollistaylor.com 24 Telopea Street Redfern NSW 2016 Australia 612 9318 0084

Linda has covered the Gaston Contest quite well in the District 7 news so I'll just say it was a very positive experience – a compliment to the community and a compliment to the 70 fiddlers who came from Oregon and Washington to participate. I'll have all of the contestants names on the web site but space is limited this month so I'll just list the top three in each division: Pee Wee -- Tatiana Hargreaves, Tucker Voetberg, Emily Campagna. Jr-Jr – Elisha Voetberg, Brian Shaylor, Annie Voetberg. Jr. – Amberly Rosen, Zach Konowalchuk, Liddy Voetberg. Adult: Eileen Witler, Holly McDannel, Daniel Forester. Senior: PaPa Spain, Bus Boyk, Alice Holt. Champion: Martin Stevens, Andy Emert, Jay Dean Ludiker. The champion fiddler, Martin Stevens, is 14 years old and from Vancouver, WA. A very talented young man. Alice and I attended a contest meeting in Gaston on the 20th. Mark your calendars for Feb. 7, 2004 !! They loved us!!

Every year about this time Don Halverson from Portland hands me a check – a donation for the OOTFA fiddle contest. He tells me this is his way of "volunteering." Thanks, Don.

Nice checks have come in this month from Districts 4 and 5 – every check, large or small is appreciated. Bob Huffman gave a donation, too, I hear.

Let's get really serious for a bit. Vivian Williams is about as good old time fiddler that you ever want to hear. She and Phil live in the Seattle area. They were coming to Oregon fiddle events before OOTFA came about so they know our state very well. Vivian has judged our contests several times. Last year she sent me a box of some very good fiddle cassette tapes. They were sold with chances on several instruments. This year she sent down 60 cassette tapes – all with some very fine music. George Taevs and Swing Time have donated 10 of their CDs. The cassette tapes and CDs will be given to each of you who buys \$5.00/6 chances on a full size fiddle, a 1/10 size fiddle, a harmonica and a full size guitar – all donated. I figure it this way – and we really need your help and your \$5.00 – if we can sell the 60 cassettes and 10 CDs for \$5.00 each and you get 6 chances for the instruments, then we will take in \$350. You will have something for your money and you just might win one of the instruments. Can I count on you? The drawing will be at the banquet but you don't have to be there to win. So drop me a note if you want to buy five or ten dollars worth of chances and I'll see that you get a tape or two or a CD.

From the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers -- the campout at Drift Fence is July 31 through Aug 2. Info, contact Charles Trump at 541-886-7885 or E-mail cntrump@uwtc.net.

Please take note of this announcement from the BMOTFA -- the 34th Fiddlers Contest is June 6-7 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Same info phone and E-mail. Will have flyers out hopefully by the end of January.

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.

Lew Holt, Editor

Here are a list of motels and their rates and location in Roseburg for the convention:

Motel 6 ---

1 person 1 bed with tax---\$33.48 senior rates available

2 people --1 bed with tax---\$39.96

2 people --2 beds with tax \$43.20

to 4 people ---2 beds with tax \$49.68

541 673 5556

Directions Take exit 125 turn left on Garden Valley and go to Stephens turn right and go to 1067 NE Stephens motel on left.

Travel Lodge

person 1 bed ---\$49.00

2 people 1 bed ---\$54.00

2 people 2 full XL ---\$62.00

541 672 4836

Take exit 124 turn right on Harvard go through stop light motel on right

Comfort Inn

1 Queen bed \$49.00

1 King bed \$55.00

2 Queen beds \$55.00

541 957 1100

Directions Take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley go to stop light turn left onto Mullholland DR to 1539 motel on right

Windmill Inn

1 bed \$53,00

541 673 0901

Directions Take exit 125 turn left onto Garden Valley to stop light turn left Motel on left

Motel 6

1 person 1 bed \$37.79 plus tax

2 people 1 bed \$43.19 plus tax

Just say you are with the OOTFA and get a 10 percent discount

Also register through the internet Motel6.Com and get 15 percent discount

Phone 541 464 8000

Directions Take exit 127 turn left go past I-5 off ramp to first street turn right motel on right

Super 8 Motel

1 bed ---\$39.88 plus tax

2 beds --\$44.88 plus tax

541 672 8880

Directions Take exit 127 turn left go past I 5 on ramp to first street turn left motel is on left

Sleep Inn & Suites

1 Queen 1 or two people \$44.99

2 double beds 1 to 4 people--\$49.99

1 King 1 to 2 people \$54.99

Ask for OOTFA rates

541 464 8338

Directions Take exit 127 turn right go to 2855 NW Edenbower Blvd Motel on left

Dunes Motel

1 person 1 bed \$37.00 plus tax
2 people 1 bed \$40.00 plus tax
2 people 2 beds \$43.00 plus tax
541 672 6684

Directions Take exit 124 turn right go to 2nd stop light turn left motel is on left

Douglas Inn Best Western

1 Queen \$55.00
1 King \$65.00
2 Queens \$70.00
541 673 6625

Directions Take exit 124 turn right go to Stephens Street turn left Motel is on the right

Garden Villa Best Western

1 Queen 1 to 2 people
1 King 1 to 2 people
2 beds 1 to 4 people
\$ 57.00 for any of the above
Pets OK with \$ 10.00 pet fee
541 672 1601

Directions take Exit 125 turn right and turn right immediately motel on right

OOTFA CONVENTION

March 12,13,14,15, 2003

Roseburg, Oregon ~ Douglas County Fairgrounds

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

8 am - 11 p.m. Jamming and visiting in Floral Building

7 p.m. - 11 PM Sign up jam

Coffee and finger food all day District 10 Hosting

Thursday, March 13, 2003

8 am Community Building open, breakfast available

10 am Registration and ticket sales

11:00 Lunch available

3 - 4 PM Chairs to be set up for night show.

4:00 Dinner available

6:30 PM Group jamming on stage

7 PM Sign up jam begins

Friday, March 14, 2003

8 am Hall opens for breakfast, jamming , etc.

9 am Registration and ticket sales

Workshops - Floral Building

10 am Drawings begin for door prizes

11:00 Lunch available

2 PM Quarterly Executive Board meeting
Floral Building

4:00 Dinner available

6:30 PM Pre-jam on stage with all fiddlers and backup

7 PM Invitation variety show for the public

Midnight The Hall closes

Saturday, 15, 2003

8 am Hall opens, breakfast available

10 am Banquet table and decoration set up -

11:00 Lunch available

1 PM Annual meeting

5 PM Annual OOTFA Banquet

8 PM OOTFA Dance

11 PM Hall clean up.

Midnight Convention closes.

RV Parking - \$15 per night on blacktop (no hookups)

RV Parking - \$20 per night in campground (electric hookups)

Detailed schedule available at the door when you register.

Also on our web site: Oregonoldtimefiddling.org