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

April

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 5 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 6 VFW Redmond 3
 12 Oak Grove Grange West Salem 8
 13 Pioneer Community Center Oregon City 7
 13 Senior Center Burns 9
 19 Senior Activity Center Coos Bay 5

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
 25 Community Center Oakridge 6

June

6-7 Cloverleaf Hall Enterprise – BMOTFA
 7 Elsie Stuhr Beaverton 7
 7 Picnic Amity 8
 8 Community Center Estacada 7
 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

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Greetings to all, I hear that everyone had a wonderful time at the state convention this year, shared lots of great music and friendships that span the year between conventions, and the joys

of being together again. I wasn't able to attend this year on account of having to make an emergency trip to So, Calif to help my Dad out after the sudden death of my dear step-mother. She was a joy to us, and is greatly missed.

The last jam was a HUGE success, folks over filled the chairs, and the dance lessons continue, what a great addition that is to the jams, plus all the great musicians that join us there. Thanx to all who help.

We have a new member, Mr. Don Hensley, who plays a great fiddle, and guitar and banjo also. Glad to have you join up! It's always so great to have a new good fiddler on board.

We will play at Crystal Terris on the 22nd of this month at 2:30, then head down to Merrill to the Civic Center for our Fay's big 80th birthday party. She just don't look or act like a gal of 80b does she?

the 29th of this month at the Shasta Hall at 1:00 we will gather for Irvens bit birthday party, and he don't seem to be as old as those numbers add up to either!

4/6 at our meeting at Villa West trailer park Grace Stork will bring a cake and we will bring FINGER FOODS ONLY to have a party for Lewis Stork, and they didn't say how old we will be celebrating for him??

5/2 we will play at the fair grounds at 4:00 for the packing clinic.

** this is a "friendly" reminder about our meetings, seems we all agreed upon the notion to quit the grazing practices at meetings, and stick to finger foods, you know, SNACKS, as of late we have been heading back to the meal mode and getting out of the music mode.

We will be having dance lessons still at our jams, so come and join us, it sure is lots of fun, and helps us get out on the dance floor too.

April 6, meeting at Villa West trailer park, and also Lewis Storks party

April 13, jam at Shasta Hall

May 4, meeting at Villa West

May 11, jam at Shasta Hall

Our heartfelt wishes and sympathy to Homer and Rosalee's family for their loss.

And Ray and Cheri Lane are both on the sick list this month, hope they get better real soon.

Well, that's about all for this month, I didn't have much time to get this together, as I just got back home yesterday, but hope everyone is doing great and having a good month, spring is on its way, and things will green up and flowers will bloom real soon, always brings a smile and better thoughts to all of us.

Sherry O, Dist 1

District 1E

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Allen Bell and Terry, Sharilyn, Larry, Homer, Rosa Lee, Doug, Eileen and Rhayanna McLain represented District 1E as the convention. Did I miss anybody? They didn't bring all of the prizes home but they brought their share. It was "lucky McLain night." They all had a very good time visiting, jamming and eating. Our dance band enjoyed playing for the dancers.

Homer and Rosa Lee went on up to Olympia to visit his brothers before coming back home.

Please remember our nest jam on Saturday, 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. Check with Terry McLain about our next business meeting –7:00 p.m. Probably April 7th but you better check first. Fiddlers will play at the Lake District Hospital's Nursing Home facility at the regular time.

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.

Anonymous reporter, District 1E

District 2

Peg Willis writes: I've wanted to attend the state convention for several years, but it's always on St. Pat's weekend. We always have big doings in Heppner - a town settled largely by the Irish, mostly from Co. Leitrim. So next weekend we play for the radio in the morning, for the Ceili in the afternoon, and anywhere else all day people don't throw things at us. Last year some of us played at the courthouse, and in "the" local store. There are huge crowds and a ton of fun. The Tiller's Folly will play Sat. evening. Last year we had The Trail Band and were invited to do an intermission show for them. That was great!

One of the events of the weekend is "Ewe Do Bingo." It's like this - they mark off a grid on the street and number the squares. People can "buy" a square. Then they turn loose a sheep and wait to see where it "poops." Voila! We have a winner. Please don't tell any civilized people about this. They might think we're country hicks around here! :) :) :)

I had three groups in Kiwanis Kapers this weekend. It's a big Pendleton talent show that brings all kinds of acts from near and far. Singers, rock bands, dancers, baton, opera, comedy - all kinds of things. The Kiwanis clubs put it on the first weekend of March every year to raise money to be reinvested in the community. There's good prize money too! :) Blazin' Bows (my little people) took second in the elementary division. Mulligan Stew was first. Shenanigans placed first in the Middle School. My kids have placed first in their divisions for the last five years running. And two years before that I had two first place winners and the Grand Champions as well (The Pick 'n' Bow Company).

That's it from your eastern Oregon correspondent . . .

Peg

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It's that time to prepare your garden!! I'm sure everyone is ready for spring! I am ready for some warm weather :)

Our March 2nd VFW show in Redmond was standing room only again. YEAH!

Lots of dancers on the floor and smiling faces. Eric Henry of the Redmond Spokesman and Bend Bulletin was there taking pictures for the Spokesman newspaper.

Our next VFW show in Redmond will be April 6th at 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a meeting to follow so we encourage all members to be present.

Redmond Library jams are April 8th, May 13th June 10th at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come and enjoy the fun playing music and learn new songs.

Can't wait to go to District 1E campout on May 11th at the Silverlake Fire Hall, Last year was a blast!! Be thinking of a hat that represents the song or title. Hope to see everyone there.

Betty Chapman was a visitor from Christmas Valley of District 1E, she plays the guitar and sings. Welcome Betty.:)

Another State Convention this year that was great! What a variety of musicians and instruments. Everyone played so much that there were complaints of sore fingers. He! Ha! It goes to show how dedicated a true musician is :0). Ed Nelson from District 3 took President and Bob Ervin took Vice President again YEAH!. Thanks for all the hard work and we appreciate all your efforts and time for the OOFTA. District 3 would like to thank all who participated in setting up and cleaning up at the convention :).

Hollis Reel received the Bill Yohey trophy as recognition for being the "back up" accompanist for the year. He was speechless. YEAH! Hollis. :0)

Don and Lee Hanna, Ches and Betty Fullerton played and sang music for Hazel Flock at her home, We think she really loved that :0).

We love and miss Jack and Peggy Kerr. We hope your recovery is going well. May God Bless you and continue to heal your body. XOXOX

Bernice Hansen founder of District 3 passed away Sunday 10th, she will be greatly missed. A card was sent from District 3 to the family with lots of love and sympathy.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music. Enjoy Spring and happy planting flowers and your gardens.

Ellen Jakab, Reporter District 3

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Our March meeting and jam at Rogue River was very well attended. We had over 160 people sitting in the audience (after scrounging up every chair in the area), plus the many who had to stand (or dance) and the 32 musicians on the sign-up. We had to quit playing after the jam time was over to make everyone go home! Visitors included Jerry Truppa (now a new member), Don Maddox (last of the "Maddox Brothers and Rose" group, who played a rousing version of "Orange Blossom Special!"), and John Renfro. A past member and old friend Bud Chancellor also came out.

Judy McGarvey's mother passed away in February, and Joan Allgood's son-in-law died in Omak, WA, early in February. She and Pat spent the rest of the month there with her daughter. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to these families.

Kathy Serpa will be our new kitchen manager (for the potlucks), replacing Judy Lyons who has done a great job for two years. Those are hard shoes to fill! The upcoming convention (now over) was discussed, and all were encouraged to join the fun. We had 90 hours of community service in February. New members included Burton and Patricia Davis and Krystal, and Carl and Maxine Palmer.

My thanks to Marcia Zellman who contributed the previous information, as I was unable to attend the meeting and jam.

The convention in Roseburg was sure fun! Boy, the music never stops, does it? It's always good to see so many folks from the other parts of the state that we get to play with all too seldom. At least 50 of our fine members from District 4 showed up at the convention to show their support during the festivities. We also won our fair (?!) share of the bouquets and raffle prizes. (No one, though, can keep up with the McLains!) Our musicians in the dance band did us proud -- on Saturday night they were among the 10 best bands!

Even though we are facing frightening news every day, making music and sharing it creates pleasure for all of us -- the players AND the listeners. Keep contributing your wonderful gifts!

April 5 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. May 3 Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point.

June 7 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

"Realize that life is glorious, and that you have no business taking it for granted. Care so deeply about its goodness that you want to spread it around. The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong."

Judy McGarvey, reporter District 4

District 5

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This year's State Convention is over and everyone had a great time. We had approximately 30 people from District 5 who attended and we would like to thank District 10 for all the hard work they did to make it so successful. We greatly appreciate their efforts!

Our district was well represented by Ken Jordan who was asked to emcee the first half of the Friday night show and Charlie Miller did a beautiful job on a special he performed on his accordion. Bob Shaffar, Norm Nash and Bev Hill were asked to represent Dist. 5. Ryan Shaffar accompanied Bob on the guitar and Abbie backed them up on the piano. What a thrill to see three generations of Shaffars on the stage. Ryan is the grandson of Abbie and Keith and the son of Bob and Jerene. Charlie wishes to thank all the performers and their backups. for their excellent showmanship.

We heard though the grape vine that Bev Hill, Hal Weiner and Larry Gallagher did a terrific job conducting their workshops. Let's give them all a "Big Hand " for a job well done !

We also wish to thank everyone who stayed for the Saturday night dance. Because of them District 5 sounded very nice and drew a lot of dancers to the floor.

Eleven members attended the Scottsburg spaghetti feed and reported that the food was delicious ! They had a great time playing for the crowd, even though they were tired and their fingers were sore from playing at the convention all week-end. These country folks at Scottsburg

are always so kind and appreciative .

On St.

Patrick's Day our group in the Florence and Mapleton area played for the Florence Senior Center and the Shorewood Retirement Home. What a joy it is to entertain these seniors .

Among our sick are Leo Bernhardt and Marge & Bill Wilkinson. I received word that Walt Beers is facing surgery and needs our encouragement . Still needing our prayers are: Helen and Ellwood Serfass. Did you know that Pat Kraemer has been in the hospital in Portland for a couple of weeks? He has been fighting a battle with his health. He would appreciate a card. We wish him well. We have all of you in our thoughts and will continue our prayers for each of you. We are so pleased to see Loren Osborne back playing his fiddle after his long stay in the hospital.

Our schedule for the month is as follows: April 2--Ocean View-1:30 to 2:30--Heritage Place-3 to 4 p.m. April 9--Inland Point-11 to 12 p.m.--Ocean Crest-1:30 to 2:30 p.m. April 11-Baycrest Village (formerly St. Catherines)1:30 to 3 p.m. April 16-Oerding Manor-1 to 2 p.m.--Myrtle Point Care Center 2:45 to 3:45 April 23--Life Care--1:30 to 2:30. On April 19 we will be at the Bay Area Activity Center located at 886 S. 4th St. Coos Bay. We will have a potluck at 11:30 and a Jam will follow from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Charlie has asked me to print

this reminder:

On May 17 at the Bay Area Senior Center we will have a meeting at 11 a.m., a potluck at noon and a Jam to follow from 1 to 4 p.m.

Happy Birthday to Jerene Shaffar--April 2nd, Paul Osekowsky-3rd, Ed Foerster-5th, Jerry Barrows and Ron Saylor-8th, Leo Bernhardt and Hal Weiner-12th, Elnora Jorran and Cy Wenberg-14th, Kathy Nash-16th, John Bealey-19th, Ruth Earls and Charlie Miller-21st, Lew Hodges and Cindy Leaf-24th, and Grant Combs-26th. Happy Anniversary to Sid and Ruth Earls & Rick and Debbie Reaves- April 6th, Cliff & Phyllis Larson-22nd; and Larry & Sharon Gallagher-25th. Our best wishes to all.

Bullards Beach State Park Summer Schedule . All of the dates below will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. June 6 and June 20--July 11 and July 25 -- August 8--and August 29.
Mary Lou Saylor District 5 Reporter

District 6

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The State convention in Roseburg was highlighted by a very fine Friday night show, due in part to excellent performances by Joan Lomax (that woman can sing!), Starr McMullen (that woman can fiddle!) and Curly Roberts (that guy blows a mean harp!) A big thank-you to Phyllis Coffin for making centerpieces, to Mary Crockett for helping at the front door, and as always to Helen Tracy at the name tag table. It was a delight to hear Wally Bloom fiddling; Don and Ruth Loring maintained their unbroken convention attendance record.

The birthday jam for Buck Milligan and Bryan Dunaway on February 23 at Jasper Grange turned out well. The party, organized by Wayne Carpenter, featured a large birthday cake and a lot of very pleasant jamming. Bryan, by the way, turned 93, not 90, as we said in the last Hoedowner.

Harv Harvey's jam at the VFW Hall in Sweet Home on Sunday, March 2, went well. A fair number of people turned up to play in the rather smoky hall with a house band for back up, of all things. It was unusual, but fun.

The Red Herndon and Bob Strelow organized jam and potluck at Oakridge at March 9 was a success. There were perhaps fifty people in the audience, including a recovering Jim Bottoms, and a list of twenty names, including Elsie Bostick and Dexter McPherson, just back from wintering in Arizona --- see, spring can't be that far way! And, by the time you read this, another jam at Jasper Grange on March 23 will already be history - one of a series organized by Red Herndon.

Looking ahead, thanks to Howard Gabel for arranging a jam at the American Legion hall in Lebanon, on Sunday, April 20, which is also Easter. Mark Ratzlaff apologizes for date confusion, which led to scheduling a jam on Easter! Breakfast will be served from eight a.m. until noon --- this is so that the people who go to church will have time to get there for breakfast. Lunch items will be for sale after noon. The Legion asks that some gospel music be played at the start. Directions: From I-5, enter Lebanon via Highway 34; go around the old school gym on either side, proceed two blocks to Main, and turn right. From Sweet Home, come up Highway 20 (which is Main St.). Main diverts to Park; go to Vine; turn left one block to Main and the Hall.

Looking still further ahead, our usual spring jam will be held at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on Sunday, May 4, starting at about 10:30 a.m., or so. Lunch will be served as usual.

Also in May, on Sunday, May 25, there will be another Oakridge jam organized by Bob Strelow. This is a District 6 jam, so please leave your electric instruments at home. The jam will be in the Oakridge Activities Building. As is customary, the Center will be open about 10:30, a potluck to follow and the jam after the potluck. Directions: The Center is on the right as you enter Oakridge, off School St. Turn right at the Dairy Queen to School, then right on School.

There will be no monthly jam in June, due to Weiser and the quarterly meeting at Burns.

Health Notes. Teresa Powell, who is recovering from heart surgery, is out and about, we hear.

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

Happy anniversary to: Joe and Leah Canaday 4/9/50; Tom and Barbara McAdam 4/13/98; Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/13/48; Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22/72; and Red and Joyce Herndon 4/25/56.

Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

District 7

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Our regular Lake Oswego Jam was lots of fun. There were lots of players and lots of listeners. When we run out of chairs, it's standing or leaning room only but people don't seem to mind. I am always in awe of how little time it takes for lots of hands to get the job done. Thanks everyone. Lew Holt had the new 2003 membership rosters available to buy. They are certainly a good investment. Be sure to get some if you haven't yet.

Two new memberships signed up at the jam and several application forms were taken. Katherine and Ralph Allen of Lake Oswego signed up. She plays an accordion and he is an associate. Katherine grew up with our old-time music. She has been looking for us! Beverly

Kole, also of Lake Oswego, joined us. She has been playing fiddle for years and now has the time to have some fun with it. Let's make them all welcome as we meet them at our jams.

The new officers for the upcoming 2003-2004 fiscal year are almost a repeat of this last year: Linda Easley and Joyce Anders will continue as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Lila Bills will continue as Secretary/Treasurer until Barb Petrin is able to take it over in the fall. We are still looking for someone to take over the transport and set-up of the sound system. If you are interested in doing this please let us know.

Fiddler Chet Haven has had to sit things out recently as he recovers from a broken bone in his fiddling hand. He's almost over six weeks in a cast so he'll be back with us soon. Our Friend Ann Williams is undergoing another round of chemotherapy for cancer right now and could use some cards and letters of encouragement. Piano friend Ida Colby, who has been troubled with some difficulties of late, is doing another round of surgery in an effort to solve the long-standing problem in her back. Guitarist/Fiddler Jeff Walter has had a very successful surgery on one of his knees and is now better than ever. It's wonderful when the pain stops.

The Annual Convention in Roseburg has come and gone. District 7 was well represented at the Friday night show with Fiddlers Jim Toussaint and Carol Ann Wheeler each doing a single then coming together to do Lover's Waltz as a special duet. Then at the very end of the show, Starr McMullen joined them and they did a spectacular rendition of Orange Blossom Special which just brought the house down. It was terrific! Yours truly sang The Chocolate Ice Cream Cone to everyone's amusement.

District 7's own Bus Boyk and Fiddler Hollis Taylor have collaborated on a book/CD titled "The Cowboy Fiddle of Bus Boyk". On Saturday April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to noon there will be a Fiddle Workshop with Bus and Hollis at the Brass, Reed & Guitar Shop at 10411 NE 4th Plain Blvd., Suite 115 in Vancouver, WA 98662. The phone number is 360-254-9380. The class fee is \$35.00 in advance, send it "Attn: Suze". The book/CD set will be available the day of the workshop. 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.

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. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7:30. Tickets are only available at the door. 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 is plenty of nearby on-street parking. Let's all come and enjoy this program. It's going to be terrific!

The Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra is in need of Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass Players of advanced to professional skills. If you are looking for something different, fresh, and new, come join Oregon's newest and most progressive Chamber Orchestra residing in Wilsonville. Rehearsals are 7-9 Tuesday nights at the Community Center. For information and stimulating conversation, call Michael Shaw at 503-504-8788 or 503-692-4137.

Opportunities to play are coming up fast. Sunday April 13 our regular monthly jam will be at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. The phone is 503-657-8287. On Tuesday April 22, the Multnomah Loaves and Fishes needs players for their volunteer recognition lunch from 12 - 1 p.m. They are at 7688 SW Capitol Highway in Multnomah. They'll feed us if we let them know how many are coming. On Sunday May 11 we'll have our regular monthly jam at the Forest Grove Senior Center at 2037 Douglas Street in Forest Grove. The phone is 503-357-7910. On Saturday May 17 the Washington County Historical Society needs us to play at the 37th Annual Draft Horse Plowing Exhibition from 11:30 - 1:00 at the PCC Rock Creek Campus at 17705 NW Springville Road. Take the SW 185th Exit off Highway 26 and

go north past West Union Road. Turn right onto NW Springville Road. On Monday May 19, between 6:30 and 8:30, two small groups are requested to play at the "Wagons" - The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City. On Saturday June 7 the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton wants us to play for a fund-raiser dance between 1 and 4. On Sunday June 8 we'll have a regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 Club House Road in Estacada. On Saturday June 28 we've been invited to play for another fund-raiser at the BEAT Riding Center in Banks. They provide a horseback experience for disadvantaged children. Directions and times to follow.

Stay on the music road.

Linda Easley for District 7.

District 8

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Once again District 8 played for the Irish Dinner at the Salem/Keizer Senior Center. This year we had a choice of stew or corned beef and cabbage. Many were wearing green, even though it was a couple weeks before St. Patrick's Day. The music kept the floor full of dancers.

A good group of District 8ers trekked down to Roseburg for the OOTFA convention. As usual, it was great to see our friends from around the state, to talk, eat and play music together. Who could ask for more? Thank you District 10 for hosting the convention. They treat us royally, especially on Wednesday, when they have a huge table of finger foods along with coffee and tea. They just keep the food coming all day long! Hey, being the last dance band to play wasn't all bad. We got to play a few minutes longer than everyone else!

The Blossom Drive is coming up, and we'll be playing for it again. This is a Salem area event where folks are invited to drive around the countryside to see the fruit trees in bloom, as well as other spring flowers. There are a number of places to stop for special programs, and we're one of them! We'll play at Oak Grove Grange Hall west of Salem on SATURDAY April 12th. The school will be selling pie and other goodies to raise money for extras needed at the school. Bring a few extra dollars to enjoy dessert and help them out. Bring a brown bag lunch if you want more. And please, after we've eaten, let's keep the tables free for the paying customers. We hope lots of folks will stop by and listen for awhile. We should be able to get in the hall by 10 AM. To get there: take Hwy 22 out of Salem towards the coast, turn north on Oak Grove Road. It's at the east side of the cemetery. The road is between the cemetery and the historic Brunk House.

Our regular District 8 jam for May will be SATURDAY, May 10, at the Community Center in Woodburn. May 16 and 17 are the dates for the OOTFA fiddle contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Hope to see you there. District 8 will have a picnic at Dennis Brutke's place on Saturday, June 7. Hope you can all make it. Visitors are welcome too. Directions and details later.

In the Cookies of life...Friends are the Chocolate Chips !

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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It was with mixed emotions that we welcomed Ruel and Margaret Teague back from Quartzsite, AZ. We are delighted to have them home but sadly the illness and subsequent death of Margaret's Mother, Sylvia Saum, was the reason for their early return. On February 22nd the family gave a beautiful memorial service at the senior center where Sylvia had spent many hours playing cards. Ruel fiddled a couple of her favorite tunes. " This World Is Not My Home" and "Boil That Cabbage". Playing guitar back-up were Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson.

Another returnee from Arizona was banjo player Roy Reed. The banjo always a great touch to our jams. Had a short visit with Pat Scott, a former member, who has moved back to Burns. Her health doesn't allow her to play anymore but she's hoping she will be able to host a jam. Anyone interested in hosting a jam session please give George Sahlberg a call so he can put it on the calendar.

Janet Braymen was home briefly for another jam and jamboree meeting to finalize plans so the flyers can be printed.

A short meeting was held march the 9th for election of officers with Julia Milleson being elected chairman and Walt Cooper being elected as co-chairman. Rose Modey-Johnson agreed to continue in the position of secretary/treasurer/membership. A vote was taken to donate \$200.00 to the state fiddle contest and arrangements were made to purchase the center pieces for the convention.

Following the meeting and the big potluck feed we jammed until 4:00 p.m. Phil Drain from Mt Vernon and the Otleys from Princeton were there to play with us, as well as Fran Rider who sang a couple of songs and Clyde Wensenk and Casey Cooper did a little Guitar back-up. We really enjoy having other musicians join in and I'm sure the audience enjoys them too.

Rusty and Joan Knight were in the audience. Rusty suffered a stroke a while back and is working hard to get back to fiddle playing. Joan Suther announced that she had been given a special letter of appreciation from the Fair Board for performing last fall at the Fair. She also had certificates from the Fair Board for Walt Cooper and Lloyd Louie who accompanied her.

Our friends to the north attended the recent fiddle contest in Connell, Washington and did a great job. Ben Shaefer of Canyon City won 2nd in the Jr. division and his sister Amanda placed 5th in the Young Adult division. Ivan McDaniel of John Day placed 3rd in the Senior division. Congratulations.

On March 16th members Beth Walberg, Rose Mody-Johnson, Marie Macomber, Janet Yekel, Helen O'Clare and Julia Milleson performed with the Chamber Music Society Concert Choir and Julia also played Violin with the Orchestra.

There was some confusion about last month's Ashley play date as it was a holiday but Don Williams made some quick phone calls and Don along with Billie Lanier, Joe Enneberg, Conrad Coon, Ruel and Julia put in some extra playing time for the residents. Remember the next Ashley Manor play date is April 21st at 6:30 pm and Aspens is April 11th at 7:00 p.m. Our next Senior Center Potluck and Jam is April 13th at 1:00 p.m. and Music and Dancing from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Julia Milleson, reporter, District 9

District 10

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Another year of OOTFA State Convention has passed with a lot of renewing old acquaintances and meeting new friends. We all enjoy getting together and playing the music we so much enjoy.

On Wednesday March 12th District 10 hosted all the early arrivals present with coffee, tea and finger foods. The Women of our District did a great job. Thank you all. There was a sign up jam and the stage show started at 6PM and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

District 10 has purchased a new Enclosed Trailer to transport and store their sound equipment. We are considering placing signs on the sides and back. Would that advertise what is inside and invite theft?

We have several new young musicians thanks to Dennis Pickett. He has several students and we enjoy their performances and watching their progress.. This is what it is all about, to preserve and promote the art of old time fiddling and to encourage the younger people to learn and appreciate this type of music. Thanks Dennis Pickett for providing the OOTFA with these future musicians.

April birthdays are Jan Castillo, Chuck Hasty, Jennetta Jenks and Dennis Pickett. April anniversaries are Chuck and Margie Hasty, Jim and Charlotte Weaver and Don and Doris Dilbeck. Please let me know if I have omitted anyone.

Our members who are ill and need your prayers are: Lenora Waggoner, recovering at Rose Haven nursing home. Fred LeBleu recovering from a heart attack at Mercy Hospital. Ed Doolittle is recovering at home. We miss you all and wish you a speedy recovery.

District 10 has enjoyed hosting the annual convention once again. Good music and good friends, see you all again next year.

Our next meeting will be April 12th at the Winston community building. Business meeting at 11:00AM, Potluck at 12:00 and jam from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Guest's are invited.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

ED SED: I am pleased to report that we had a very good annual convention in Roseburg. The Friday night show was superb and the Saturday night banquet was the best food that I have ever had at any banquet. I asked Don and Ruth Loring to sit at the head table so we could all acknowledge and celebrate their 35 consecutive years of coming to the OOTFA annual conventions. It is this kind of dedication that makes our association so great.

It was my greatest pleasure to present the Bill Yohey award trophy to Hollis Real. Here is a man, who for years has backed up people on stage, foregoing his own chance to play fiddle. He has consistently played old time music and has unselfishly passed along his style and tunes to any number of people. His patience while teaching is outstanding! Congratulations Hollis. You clearly deserve this award.

My thanks to each and every one of you who helped with the ticket sales, CD sales, T-shirt sales, parking, setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, table decorations, scheduling, MC's, workshop instructors, name tag sales, organizers, video recordings, bookkeeping, raffle ticket sales and presenters. You are all equally appreciated and without you, our convention would not have been the success that it was. Many, many thanks to each of you for your help and participation. We couldn't have done it without you!

Your state officers will remain the same for the next fiscal year.

Until next time,
Ed

Notes from the Editor:

At the convention this year our RV had battery problems so I couldn't park next to the community building. Saturday morning I had a large pile of stuff to carry to our RV in the campground. Isom "volunteered" to help me but as we went out the door, we were greeted by a hard shower. Jon Granby from Madras scooted out the door and was soon back with his camper. We loaded with all of my stuff and he delivered it to my RV. There were other "acts of kindness" at the convention but I want to share this one with you. Thanks, Jon.

Sunday afternoon when Alice and I got home, we checked our mail, of course. In the mail was a flyer inviting me to my 50th year college reunion at the U of O. I smiled as I checked the prices. I thought of comments about prices at the convention. Let me share these prices with you. Friday lunch -- \$20.00. Welcome reception -- \$20.00. Brunch -- \$25.00. Class Banquet -- \$45.00. Ahem, get what I am saying? Our banquet wasn't so bad after all.

We may be home but the convention isn't over. Actually, I am enjoying parts of it more than I did when I was there. I am watching one of Ace's videos and I am just a few feet away from each musicians. Contact Ace if you might want one of his videos. I haven't seen the Friday night show yet but I sure like the Thursday night video. All profits from the sales of his videos go back to OOTFA. Nope, he is not getting rich from all that he does for us.

To all of our friends from Peggy Kerr; What a lift to get the Get Well Card the fiddlers signed in Roseburg, was to Jack and me. Jack was pleased to read all the names, too. It only made us realize even more how special the "Fiddle Family" is to us. A big THANK YOU to all of you for caring.

Linda Easley sent this in: Peg Willis' group "Shenanigans", six kids ages 10-12, want to go to an Irish fiddle camp. 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. How about you sending them a check. 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

A big thanks to all of you and to the districts who donated last month to the state fiddle contest. LeRoy Sims donated two of his new CDs two of his new CDs which brought in something

like \$58. Vivian Williams and Swing Time donated cassette tapes and CDs that brought in several hundred dollars. (I am still working on the books.) I received nice checks from District 4, District 3 and Alice McDowell. The guitar, two fiddles and harmonica were all donated. Congratulations to the winners. Jack Bloom won the guitar. Ken Hooton a fiddle. Dennis Picket a fiddle and Dulcie Fast the harmonica.

How come? How come Scott Phillips bought one ticket and won one of LeRoy's CDs? How come Scott Phillips bought one ticket and won another big prize. He should have bought a lottery ticket. Alice and I bought 45 tickets and didn't win anything but that might have been Chuck's fault. He was doing the drawing.

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.

I received a nice note from Helen Tracy. I am quoting part of it. . . . John Madson passed away Feb. 21st after a long battle with cancer. He was such a great OOTFA member, like Joy Costello, Jim Powell and Wanda Davis who all have passed away recently. Always ready to help you with anything. I call them "working" members, totally helpful in making our organization a success. John's home was full for the memorial services. the minister did such a nice service. (Helen sent me John's obituary for the state archives.)

Along that line, didn't Mary's words at the end of our state meeting bring a lump to your throat and/or a tear to your eye. Yes, we are friends and we should let people know that.

The other night Alice and I were watching an old video -- 1988. We were again taken back in time to enjoy a Saturday afternoon at Greenacres with John Settle, Al Lively, Claude Strader, Fred and Vera Virtue, Deveta Walton, Paul Williams, Carl Dean, Ernie Allen, Carlton Smith and Louie, the fellow who greeted us at the door. They are all gone now but still alive on the video. I imagine that most of you don't know these names. Every district has their "old timers" that the locals remember if they have been members long enough. But if you had been at the convention in 80s, you would have met many of these people. Our association today is what it is because of many of these old timers. They should not be forgotten.

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

BMOTFA -- the 34th Fiddlers Contest is June 6-7 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Same info phone and E-mail.

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. s.

Lew Holt, Editor

NEW MEMBERS TO OOTFA FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

1. Walter & Shirley Orum--Prineville, Or.
2. Carl & Maxine Palmer--Grants Pass, Or
3. Burton & Patty Davis --Medford, Or
4. Lee & Bobbye Parrish---Roseburg, Or.
5. Carol Christianson--Keizer, Or.
6. Katherine & Ralph Allen---Lake Oswego, Or.
7. Beverly Kole-- Lake Oswego, Or.
8. Layna Hafer--Weiser, Idaho

9. Lisa Andreas--Montague, CA
10. Don & Terri Hamlin--Roseburg, Or
11. Paul & Joyce King--Shady Cove, Or.
12. Jerry Truppa--Grants Pass, Or
13. Bobbie & Gene Greger-- Florence, Or.
14. Richard & Verda Thomas--Creswell, Or.
15. Dan & YoLee Quinn--Roseburg, Or.
16. Gary & Jeanette Dever--Roseburg, Or
17. John & Sue Woodman--Roseburg, Or.
18. Hugh & Audrey Body--Roseburg, Or.

Myrtle Arnold has asked me to remind the membership chairmen to use the following prorated dues for the rest of this year:

April 1	\$11.25
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 2004
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2004