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

Oct.

4 Lake County Courthouse 1
 4 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 4-5 Neskowin Valley School Neskowin 8
 5 Villa West Mobile Estates K.F. 1
 5 VFW Hall Redmond 3
 11 Community Hall Winston 10
 12 Shasta Grange 1
 12 Sherwood Senior Center Sherwood 7
 12 Senior Center 9
 18 Potato Festival Merrill 1
 18 Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 18 Pine Grove Community House Manzanita 7/8
 19 VFW Willamina 8
 19 Grange Crow 6

Nov.

1 Rogue River Community Center 4
 9 Molalla Adult Center Molalla 7
 15 Senior Center McMinnville 8
 22 Grange Crow 6

Dec.

6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 7 Moose Lebanon 6
 7 J.J. North's Grand Buffet Portland 7
 20 Senior Center McMinnville 8

2004

Feb.

7 Contest Gaston

March

31, April 1, 2, 3 State Convention Roseburg

District 1

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Howdy Everyone – The frost is on the pumpkins, the days are getting longer, and the snow is slowly returning to the mountaintops. Must be Fall!

Our October schedule is as follows: The last Farmer's Market this year (for us) on 9th Street between Main and Klamath on Oct. 11th. Our regular monthly meeting at Villa West Mobile Estates will be on the 5th, and the Jam & Dance on the 12th at Shasta Grange. On the 18th, we're

scheduled to play at the Merrill Potato Festival, and maybe also at the Civil War Enactment. Hope we'll see you at least once this month, if not more often.

Thank goodness the September Jam and Dance had lots of guests, because otherwise, we would have been pretty sparse musician-wise. Our numbers were down because Don Fitzgerald was off to the Camel Races, Jo & Dick Harris were away, Ben Coker was sick, and Fran was swamped with a state convention project she's working on. We welcomed Gary & Vi Epperley from Bend; Otto & Ladonna Christensen from Silverton; Shorty & Mary Stone from Lakeview; and Phil & Sheila Fry from Coos Bay. But wait – there's more: Larry & Sharon Gallagher from Myrtle Point, Lisa Andreas with Allie & Andrew from Montague; Greg & Jack Matthews from Merrill; and Evelyn Horner from Lake Shasta. Faye was delighted to have Evelyn visit – did you know she in the Western Fiddle Hall of Fame? Wow – sorry I missed that get-together!

It was good to see Ray Lane up and about.

Faye Patterson knows a lot of fiddle tunes, but now she has the bragging rights for winning 1st Place in the Canyonville contest. Congratulations Faye!

October Birthdays on the calendar are: Ethel Martin on the 10th, Carrie Rarden on the 15th, and Isom Patterson on the 16th. None of our couples chose October for a wedding date apparently – so no anniversaries in our district this month.

Remember: Anything you're good at contributes to happiness – so keep on practicing! (And leave some Halloween candy for me!)

From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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Greetings, Fiddle Folk,

Boy, what a fun Labor Day weekend we had here! On the stage with us from District 1 was Jim and Jan Lancaster, along with Isom and Faye Patterson. Also, Irven Johnson and Lu Wells were visiting from Klamath Falls. A few non-OOTFA musicians from Chiloquin, Bend, LaPine and even Lake City, CA helped us out on stage as well, and we were very happy for all their support- it was a grueling(haha) 6 hour show!! Homer McLain was able to take a break from his radiation treatments and joined in, so it was really a special time for us and the audience as well. He hung in there for the whole show too, bless his heart.

There are just a few important dates coming up. The Lake County Fair Board has called on us to entertain them with music for their Appreciation Dinner beginning at 6 o'clock on Sept. 19th. at the fairgrounds. On the 27th of Sept. we are scheduled to play a benefit show for the United Way, also at the fairgrounds, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It's a luau theme so I hope somebody can do a rendition of Pearly Shells!

Now, our regularly scheduled monthly jam is on Oct. 4th in the Lake County Courthouse basement. Potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. and music starts as soon as we finish eating(and visiting some). We encourage everybody to come on out - musician and listener alike. Stop by if you happen to be in the area, we often get 5,6,7 or more times up at the mike, and often jam afterwards till the wee hours!!

Long Term Care Facility play dates are Sept. 23rd and October 7th.

Senior Center play dates are Oct. 8th at 4:00 p.m. and Oct. 17th at 11:00 a.m. Our business meeting for October will be Monday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

October birthdays include Clyde Lynch(19th), Mary Cathcart(25th) and Homer McLain on the 21st. Well, hope that's all the news.

Eileen McLain, reporter district 1E

OOPS: (Lew here) Last month for no apparent reason the following was left off the district 1E news after it was sent in. Do you suppose it is too late to put it in this month's news? Guess not. Maybe you saw how abruptly their news ended last month. Here it is:

We've also got an entry in the Roundup Parade on the 1st of Sept. at 10 a. m. Gee whiz, a long holiday weekend full of fiddlin'. Who could ask for anything more?

The next gig in the works is a fundraiser benefit concert for the United Way with a tentative date of Sept. 27th. No jam is scheduled for September Birthdays for September are: Larry McLain 8th Terry McLain 8th of course! Charlie Threet 12th Sharilyn McLain 14th.

Well, dear hearts and gentle people, I think that about covers it. Just enough space to squeeze in one tiny joke. Q: How can you tell if the stage is level?

A: That's when the fiddler dribbles out of BOTH sides of his mouth!

Eileen McLain, reporter for District 1E

District 3

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Well the weather is changing and snow is peaking around the corner. I think it is time to go inside to play music and stay warm. Like we did at the Thousand Trails!!!! Wasn't that wonderful! I heard someone say this is the best OOTFA program that they have ever been to since the history OOTFA.! Lots of dancers and musicians. The Scarlet Ladies in RED and men were great! :o) Thanks to everyone that helped with the arrangements and cleaning up. I think we owe Bob Ervin from District 3 a Big Applause!!! THANK YOU BOB and everyone else who helped put this event on. Hope to see everyone at Thousand Trails next year in September :o)

Since we are applauding Bob we would like to say thanks for bringing your motor home to Prineville for the August 15th OOTFA show "You're a life saver on a hot day." !!

The September 7th OOTFA District 3 was a great turnout. Hope to see all members at the next show at the Redmond VFW Hall on October 5th 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. We encourage all members to come to the meeting following the show. Come and Listen and Dance to good old time music.:o)

We welcome Neal and Betty Ford from Monroe, Oregon.... District 6.

Redmond Library Jams are still pending. We will let you know when there are dates available.

District 3 will keep all who are sick in our prayers and wish fast recovery and May God Bless You.

We would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Fiddle Music.

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather.

District 3 reporter Ellen Jakab

District 4

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Our September jam at Fruitdale Grange showcased many of our fine musicians, and the audience was very enthusiastic—applauding, dancing, and tapping their whatevers. Lots of smiles, and all seemed to have a good time. A special event was having the top three winners of the Junior-junior division at Canyonville close the jam with a rousing triple fiddle arrangement of “Bile ‘em Cabbages”. I mean, of course, Keith Campbell, Mary English, and Travis Warwick. How the crowd loves those kids! It was good to see Merle Pasley at the meeting, but we miss Paula, who has not been well recently. Visitors included Melva Kent from Medford, and Ernie Penry from Grants Pass.

We’ve been playing a lot of places, and are getting set up for playing in Grants Pass 7 performances a month, on a regular basis, as well as our 8 to 10 regular monthly places in Medford, plus “specials” now and then. Makes for a lot of driving for some of us, but folks really seem to enjoy the good old “Old Time Fiddle” stuff! In August we had 73 community service hours, which is kinda amazing with so many folks on vacation.

We discussed the Pear Blossom Festival in April, and are looking for someone to head this up. It would be nice if we could get a sponsor to provide our float again as our old wagon is not the best. If you are interested in heading this up, or know a business that might want fiddlers on their float, let Gene know.

Those of us who attended the Thousand Trails campout (too many to mention, and I’d probably miss a few!) had a lot of fun. The weather was pleasant during the day, and COLD at night! Gene says their propane actually froze and the stove wouldn’t light. The Cajun bunch did a great job of energizing the crowd – what a sound—great! Numerous other District 4 musicians participated, and added some great music to the Gospel and other programs. We really had a great time (and who lost their underwear??).

Judy Lyons and Jerry Van Foeken, Mary & Frank Armstrong, and Marie and Huck Mickey had a good time and represented us well at the Warwick Campout. Hope I didn’t miss anyone else.

Jam Schedule: October 4: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass (yes, that’s right –2nd time in a row) Nov 1 Rogue River Community Center -- Dec 6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford

So, to all – keep playing that great music, and don’t forget to smile!
Sometimes I put in these sayings for me (just in case you were wondering . . .) So:
No one gets too old to learn a new way of being stupid!
Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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Two groups of intrepid musicians entertained appreciative audiences at our final play dates at both Bullard Beach and NACO. Ken would like to thank all of the musicians who participated.

Sharon and Larry Gallagher, Norm and Kathy Nash, Lew and Colleen Hodges, Vern and Lila Campbell and Hal and Karen Weiner participated in the campout and meeting at 1000 Trails

in La Pine. Both Hal and Larry conducted workshops. I know that many of us still have sore fingers from jamming non-stop for four days. Thanks to District 3 for such a great event!!

Nursing home play dates for October include 10/1 - Ocean View, 10/8- Inland Point & Ocean Crest, 10/10 - Bay Crest Village, 10/15- Oerding Manor. & Myrtle Point Care Center and 10/22 -Life Care.

Happy Birthday to Dan Hasley on October 3rd , Helen Serfass 4th, Byron Marks 8th, Andy Hoefler 9th, Karen Weiner 14th, Ned Matthews 14th, Dan Pullis and Bill Wilkinson 23rd, and Mary Lou Sayler 25th. We hope you all have many more!

Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to Hal & Karen Weiner on October 1st , Oren & Barbara Pruitt 23rd , and Shorty and Charlotte Dow 31st.

Our next district meeting will be on October 18th at the Coos Bay Senior Center. We will be planning our annual holiday event and discussing the potential of hosting a campout next summer as both Mt. Hood and Klamath campouts have been canceled. The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. It will be followed by a potluck at noon and our jam will start at 1:00 p.m. We invite all districts to join us.

Hal Weiner, reporter District 5

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October already--days are shortening, leaves are turning, nights are chilly. But the good music which is the center of our organization continues hot and heavy into the Fall! Our next jam is scheduled for October 19th at the ever-hospitable Crow Grange in beautiful downtown Crow. The day begins with a District meeting around 11:00 AM, followed by a potluck at noon and a good jam to follow. Hope to see many of you there! As always, thanks so much to Joe and Leah Canaday for opening the Grange to us and for running the kitchen for the potluck.

September saw many folks from all over the State joining Ruth Montgomery in Veneta to celebrate her 80th birthday with a potluck and jam. Ruth has been an active member of this district for many years and always sparks up a jam with her solid bass work and lovely singing. Many of her friends showed up to wish her a Happy Birthday! Earl Knudsen also hosted a rousing celebration of his 92nd birthday at his home with a substantial OOTFA turnout plus many of Earl's relatives. There was a jam under a tent in Earl's scenic backyard, which started early and ran late because everyone was having a good time. I love to see our music incorporated into celebrations!

Looking ahead, our Thanksgiving jam is scheduled for November 22nd at Crow Grange, and in December we have our semi-annual appearance at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. Anyone out there interested in being Santa this year at Lebanon--see Joe Moyle!

Don't forget Red Herndon's jam at Walterville Grange on October 5th starting at 10 AM, with lunch available from the ladies of the Grange.

Best wishes to Jay Sykes who has been fighting bouts of pneumonia all summer, as well as recovering from heart surgery in late July. Marge reports that he is home and quite weak, but is slowly improving, and she asks for your prayers. Best wishes also go out to our treasurer Bob Kaiser who has been fighting complications from pneumonia as well. Dee Dee reports that he is

slowly getting his strength back, enough that he can get up and around a bit. And our wishes for a speedy recovery go to our secretary Betty Hawkins who had surgery in September. We hope better health is coming for you all!

Birthdays for October: Lucille Childers 10/6; Ila Mae Carmickle 10/8; Jack Walker 10/9; Frieda Chandler 10/12; Don Loring 10/26; Ruth Loring 10/30.

October anniversaries: John and Vivian Steele 10/16/48.

Don't forget, folks: As Reporter I can report only on things I know about. Please contact me if you have news you want to see published in the Hoedowner! And another reminder: Renewals for 2004 are coming due; send your check for \$15 to Mark Ratzlaff at the address listed above.
Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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District 7 has four new family memberships. Bernie and Lois Clark; he plays harmonica and she is an associate. They live in Beaverton. Jim Hannum is an associate who lives in Estacada. Dennis and Barbara Knudsen; he plays accordion and they both sing. Their daughter, Christina, also sings. They live in Beaver Creek. Don and Laraine Sears; Don plays violin in the East County Community Orchestra and will be fiddling with us. Laraine is an associate. They live in Portland. Let's make them welcome when we meet them.

We've heard that composer-guitarist, long-time District 7 member Art Lane is quite ill. He has been battling cancer for some time. Cards and letters of support and encouragement would be helpful. Let's keep him and Vi in our thoughts and prayers.

Our King City Jam got the playing year off to a good start. We had a good meeting before our jam. Several things were voted on: The Mt. Hood Jamboree has come to an end. The relationship with the RV Park has been changing. With so much going on at the same time, it's difficult to get a solid base of musicians for each day. It was decided to bring it to an end. There will be no more Mt. Hood Jamboree, it has been cancelled.

It was also decided that our December Jam will be at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey again this year. We have reserved the banquet room for Sunday December 7 from 1 to 5. The cost is \$9.90 per person paid at the door. This pays for the room rental, the all-you-can-eat-buffet and the gratuity. We must guarantee a minimum of 70 paying customers or the organization will have to make up the difference. Barb Petrin, our secretary/treasurer, will check people in as they enter, so we will have an accurate count of members. We'll set up our sound system and have a good jam after we eat. All members of OOTFA are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. Also, take this opportunity to pay your 2004 membership dues. Myrtle Arnold will help you do it.

The silverware and serving utensils that were used for the potlucks are just so much baggage now. If there is a chance that some of your personal property is in the box you have until the end of the year to recover it. Gayl Ratigan has the box.

Our situation with the sound system is rather precarious right now because of unforeseen complications in our volunteers' lives. Ron Burton will provide sound service for us in October, November and December. Then we will reconsider our situation. Thank you Ron, for coming to our rescue.

Thirty-three people signed up for the King City Jam, so we jammed for half an hour then once around on the sign-up. Chuck Gates took the mike and announced that it was raining. Spontaneous applause erupted in the room. It was the return of good old Oregon Liquid Sunshine. Chuck Williams came to thank everyone for the prayers and support for his wife Ann who died in August. He and Donna Foreman played a nice rendition of *Westphalia Waltz* in her memory.

We got a nice thank you from the Trinity Place Adult Daycare for playing at their 10th anniversary celebration. There are lots of opportunities to play our music coming up. Hope to see everyone at them.

Sunday October 12, OOTFA jam at Sherwood Senior Center at 855 N Sherwood Boulevard in Sherwood. Because of the regularly scheduled church service in the building in the morning, we will start our jam at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as we can get in) and end at 4:00. Take 99-W out past Tigard, turn left onto North Sherwood Blvd, then turn right at the sign for the Library/Senior Center. It's across from Hopkins Elementary School.

Saturday, October 18, we're scheduled for our annual performance at the Pine Grove Community House at 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita from 1 - 4. They really enjoyed our music there last year, hootin' and hollerin' and dancin' all around! Manzanita is 13 miles south of Cannon Beach and 24 miles north of Tillamook on the North Oregon Coast. I'm hosting a Log Jam Session at my house at 146 Merton Lane in Manzanita starting about noon on Thursday the 16th and ending sometime after the Saturday performance. We'll start a "Stone Soup" Thursday morning and we can keep adding to it. Everyone come when you can! Call Linda Easley at 503-235-1671 for more information.

Tuesday October 21 we are invited to play at the Powell Valley Assisted Living Home from 3 to 4. It's at 4001 SE 182nd Avenue in Gresham. It's between Division and Powell. Use their parking lot.

Thursday October 30 we need to play at Providence Laurelhurst, the daycare for the frail elderly. We'll play from 12:30 to 1:30. It's at 4540 NE Glisan Street in Portland, enter from the south side of the building. On-street parking can be difficult. This one is a lot of fun.

Sunday November 9 is our regularly scheduled OOTFA jam at the Molalla Adult Center at 315 Kennel Avenue in Molalla. We can go in the building at 11 a.m. The jam for the public will be from 1 to 4. Coming south on I-205 take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. Make a right turn on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211, make a left on Kennel.

Sunday, December 7 will be our annual Holiday Jam at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey from 1 - 5 p.m. The cost will be \$9.90 per person paid at the door. You must specify that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers when you pay at the door so we can keep a count of the members. We must have 70 paying customers. We can set up our sound system and jam until 5 o'clock.

Saturday February 7, 2004 The Gaston Fiddle Contest at Gaston High School. More to come.

District 8

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Our jam at the Falls City United Methodist Church was a rousing success. We shared a tasty potluck lunch with the church members, then played for 2 hours. Many came to hear the

music. Penny Mead and Jeff Walter joined us from District 7. Thanks for coming! A surprise musician was Gloria Throne from Kansas. She was visiting in Mt. Angel for awhile, saw the article in the Salem paper that we would be playing. She called, telling us she was a bass player. And, WOW, she's a great bass player! She tells us she may be back in this area sometime. We hope so.

Colebanks, Holts and Gene Stephenson played at Champoeg State Park for one of their open house festivals. The weather was hot, but we survived. They sent a nice check for District 8.

The annual Thousand Trails Campout was great fun. Lots of musician friends there and large audiences for each of the shows. And wow, what a lot of talent! I thought the shows were the best ever. District 8 members attending were: Loita and Dale Colebank, Jim and Jo Hockenull, Otto and Ladonna Christiansen, Christine Lang, Fred and Charlotte Hardin, Bob and Marie Bailey, and Lew and Alice Holt. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone.

We played at the Covered Bridge Festival in Stayton on September 20 and 21. I'm writing this the evening of the 20th, just before it's sent to the printer. The chairs were full under the canvas cover where we played. Lots of hand clapping and singing along. Oh, and WE had fun too!

Keep Elaine Connors in your thoughts and prayers as she is having shoulder surgery to be followed by physical therapy. We hope she'll be playing her fiddle soon!

A warm welcome to Curly and Allison Roberts who have moved from Eugene to Salem. Hope to see you soon at our jams!

Les Tucker placed first in the Sr. Sr. Division at Canyonville. Lew Holt placed 4th in Sr. Sr. Division. Alice Holt placed 2nd in Senior Division. Zach Konowalchuk was 3rd in the Open Division.

Our first play date in October is at the Neskowin Valley School Harvest Festival. The festival will be October 4th and 5th in Neskowin. We will be playing from 11 to noon on both Saturday and Sunday at the Neskowin Valley School. If you are coming from the south on Hwy 101, turn onto Slab Creek Road at the sign that points to the school and the George Vogal Group campground. RVers are invited to stay at the campground, no water but porta potties. The campground is a little over a mile from where we will play.

Neskowin is maybe 15 miles north of Lincoln City on Hwy 101. They are excited about having us there. There will be covered stage, a PA system and a person to take care of the sound. We will be playing both Saturday and Sunday. Hope you can attend. Sounds fun and the weather will be good.

Come to Manzanita on Saturday, October 18th. This will be a combined Dist. 7 & 8 affair. If you are coming to camp at Linda Easley's cabin, we'll be having Stone Soup again. The idea is that everyone brings a few vegetable, meats etc. and we toss it all in the soup pot. It can change from day to day, but it's always filling and delicious. You can also bring bread, salad or dessert. All that jamming makes hungry fiddlers! PLEASE READ DISTRICT 7 NEWS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

We'll be playing for the public on Saturday, October 18 from 1 to 4 PM at the Pine Grove Community Hall in Manzanita. It's on the main street in Manzanita.

The next day, Sunday October 19, we'll have a District 8 jam at Willamina at the VFW hall. Bring your brown bag lunch. The VFW Hall is on the main street at the east end of town. IMPORTANT: We'll be having a meeting to discuss buying a replacement for our sound system trailer. We also need to discuss our Holiday Potluck dinner. This would be a good time to pay your 2004 DUES.

November, December and January jams are all scheduled to be at the McMinnville Senior Center. They will all be Saturday jams.

Alice Holt, reporter District 8

District 9

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District 9 has just finished up another Harney County Fair playing 6 shows over the 4th and 5th of September and won a blue ribbon on their parade entry. Thanks to the decorating crew of Walt Cooper, Marie Macomber, Edie Koenig, Ruel Teague, Don and Lawanda Williams and Julia Milleson; and especially to Jim Toussaint who also played on the float. Saturday after the Fair we enjoyed a great evening of food and music at the home of Don and Wilda Toussaint(Jim's parents) to celebrate Don's 80th birthday. Burns players able to attend were Billie and Gerald Lacier, Don and Lawanda Williams and Julia Milleson.

Ruel Teague has done himself proud winning second place at the "Oregon Trail Days" contest in La Grande and at the contest in Canyonville as well. Lisa Otley, our 13 year old player of Princeton, also played in her first contest in La Grande.

Over the Labor Day weekend district 9 members Ruel and Margaret Teague, Ivan McDaniel of John Day; Annie Schlupe of Vale and Julia Milleson played in the Blue Mountain fiddle shows at Sumpter, Oregon. What a nice surprise to spot Ernie and Joyce Lovgren and Wayne and Rose Modey Johnson in the audience. Ruel and Annie also helped with a "gig" in Baker City that Saturday morning.

The last big show of the season at Thousand Trails was great and so many new faces this year. Attending from Dist. 9 were Ruel and Margaret Teague, Annie Schlupe and Julia Milleson. (a special pat on the back for all those who stay home and cover for us while we are out having fun.) The Scarlet Ladies in their red and purple outfits were a hit again this year... and that wiggled man who snuck in...we'll never tell...! On Saturday morning an impromptu jam was set up for a fire fighter crew who were being fed breakfast at the lodge. They were so thrilled with our playing they pooled their money and bought the Guitar that was for sale and gave it to a fire crew buddy.

We know fall is just around the corner as we will begin our Senior Center potlucks and jams on the second Sunday of each month starting October 12th. There will be a business meeting at 12:30 before the potluck. Please try to attend.

Julia Milleson

District 10

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Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6864)

Greetings from District 10.

At our September 13 jam, we welcomed new members Chuck and Genevieve Hanson. Our thanks to Bill and Pat Thompson from District 4 for their participation in our jam, We always welcome visitors. Every one enjoyed the many finger foods.

Carolyn Lee, Donald Dilbeck, Genevieve Hansen, Jim Smith, Dick Shroll, and Opal Rust celebrate birthdays in October.

Our members who are under the weather are: Ed Doolittle, at Rosehaven Nursing Home and Lanora Waggoner is still at home.

We would like to offer our sympathy to Bob and Jean Hanson on the loss of Bob's brother.

At our October 11th meeting there will be a business meeting at 11 am and potluck at 12 noon followed by a jam 1 pm to 4 pm. It will be held at Winston Community Center, Winston.

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

ED SED: Thousand Trails is now past and I will have to say we had the largest gathering of guests that I recall. All three nights were packed. You might say that we were filled to the rafters with standing room only. I talked to two couples from Bremerton, WA. and they told me that one of the couple's was at Thousand Trails last year and saw the program. When they got home they told the other couple that they couldn't miss out this year and they all showed up. They liked it so much that they plan on coming to Roseburg next year on their way home from Arizona. I also heard at Thousand Trails that we have not seen the last of the Scarlet Ladies.

Once more I would like to thank Bob Ervin and all of his volunteers for a job well done and another successful Thousand Trails Campout. The weather was ideal too. Thanks to both the Contest Review Committee and the Standing Rules & By-Laws committee for all their hard work together in constructing update suggestions. This was not an easy task and each committee member is commended for all their dedication to the betterment and preservation of the OOTFA. Their recommendations will be presented and voted on at the meeting in Roseburg.

Several months ago I passed out a rough draft from Lew, of an officer's manual to the chairpersons regarding suggestions for their district. This rough draft was to be looked over and returned to Lew with any changes that the chairpersons and previous chairpersons would like to see implemented. Please have your comments written in and ready to return to Lew by the January meeting in Springfield.

Myrtle Arnold reminds us to renew our dues before Dec. 15 or we will not receive the January 1st Hoedowner if we are not current.

Watch the Hoedowner for the date and time of the quarterly meeting in January at Springfield. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the convention in Roseburg on March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 2004. This is two weeks later than last year.

Ed

From the editor: Please disregard my fax number -- it is not operating right now.

From Hal Weiner: The OOFTA Cookbook is coming! The board has approved producing a professional quality cookbook with up to 250 recipes. Any time fiddlers meet there is always great food, and having our own cookbook will be a great opportunity to share our recipes. In order to have the cookbook available in time for our annual meeting in March, I will need any one who would like to share their recipe to send it to me no later than December 15th. Earlier will be better!! It is recommended that we have no more than 5 recipes person. Since we will be limited to 250 recipes in order to keep the cost down, I may need to select specific recipes. But the price will be \$4.99 each. What a deal!! Please send your recipes to me atbanjowine@yahoo.com or to Hal Weiner, PO Box 261, Florence, OR, 97439.

Recipes need to include the following:

1. Category (Appetizers, Main Dishes, Salads/Dressings, Soups/Stews, Desserts, Breads/Pastries, Vegetables, Miscellaneous)
2. Recipe Title
3. Ingredients (please use these abbreviations (c., tsp., Tbsp., pkg*, .can*, qt., pt., oz., lb., ea.)
*please state size or weight of can or package)
4. Directions
5. Submitted by: (Name and District)

In order to determine how many cook books we need to order, I am accepting pre-orders. Please let me know how many cookbooks you would like to order. I will also need these pre-

orders by December 15th. You can pay for them at the Annual Convention, or I will mail them to you later if you will not be attending.

Thanks, Hal Weiner

"Bass wanted. Looking for a decent, affordable acoustic standup bass to buy. If you have one with good sound and in good condition for sale, contact Fran or Bob
E-mail: hrobert61@qwest.net Tel: 503-335-6656"

I must say how honored I was to receive the first annual "Gotcha Award" from the Scarlet Ladies. It left a deep impression (four stitches took care of it) And, Alice, if you'll quit bending my arm, I'll get back to the Hoedowner. Ouch!

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

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

I found this interesting -- In 2002 Donna Reuter, Gary Schuh, and Eileen Witler judged the Washington State Contest. Also in 2002, Donna Reuter and Eileen Witler judged Jana Jae's contest in Grove, Oklahoma. This summer Donna Reuter and Eileen Witler judged the contest in Republic, Washington, and Starr McMullen, Bob Heinith, and Eileen Witler judged the LaGrande contest. Ruel Teague has judged several contests in the last few years, including I believe the one at LaGrande.

Things just don't happen by chance. The dishes don't get done by chance. The floor doesn't get swept, the bed doesn't get made, the washing doesn't get done, dinner doesn't get cooked are you with me? Membership in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers just doesn't happen. It is up to you to make the first move. Paying your dues in the near future is very important for those who keep the records. You are encouraged to pay your dues to your district membership chair person. If you can't get to an October or November jam, take a minute and mail your check for \$15.00 made out to OOTFA to your district's membership person. Then each membership person sends your membership to Myrtle Arnold who must record your membership, deposit the money, keep her records and then she sends the information to me and I update the information for the roster. You know -- even if you do not plan to renew, if you will tell your membership person, or me, or Myrtle, we can make a note of that and "not worry about you." The rest of you we "worry about." Why don't you pay your dues "right now" even if it is the first of October.
Thanks.

I found the following recently in an old "Strad" magazine. Think about it if you will: "Try to give the impression you are looking forward to entertaining the audience."

Thousand Trails. Where else can you sit in your RV or go for a walk and see quail running across the road, big grey squirrels running up a tree, flickers and a variety of other birds? Mars was red and bright in the sky, the moon was full, the stars were bright. We city people don't get to enjoy those sights very often but we did again this year at Thousand Trails.

Contact Ace for videos. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144.

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or contact Lew -- that's me.

CANYONVILLE CONTEST: We had a fairly cool day for the contest and the fiddlers turned out 42 strong. Thanks to all of you fiddlers, backups, judges, workers, and listeners. And a special "Thank You" to those district who donated generously to this contest and to those who gave me trophies to recycle.

Jack Walker did his 16th year as Emcee and tells me that he can't do it next year so I'm looking. I also hope to NOT have as much trouble finding judges.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the pre-contest activities (playing at the retirement home, Pioneer Court program, and the Jam on stage at the park) and for making the Canyonville Contest a success.

Gynn Deaton

New members this month.

1. Jim Asters---Central Point
2. Lee & Katie Campbell---Grants Pass
3. Pat Cozad---Sherwood
4. Bernie & Lois Clark---Beaverton
5. Dennis & Barbara Knudsen---Beaver Creek
6. Jim Hannum---Estacada
7. Don & Loraine Sears---Portland
8. Chrystal Hanson---Medford
9. Harold & Arlene Douglas---Grants Pass

My thanks to all of you beautiful and wonderful Scarlet Ladies, including LeRoy Newport and Pat Manion. What great fun! You were all just terrific and the audience loved you. Thank you Bob Ervin, Hal Weiner, Ace Wehus and Ed Nelson for all your help and support. A special thanks to our "award recipient" Lew Holt.

We have been asked to do a "special" at the Friday night show in Roseburg. If you would like to read the poem and have fun with it, please let me know. The names will be collected, folded, put in a jar and then a name with two alternate names will be drawn at the Springfield quarterly meeting in January. You do not need to be present for the drawing, but you will be notified. Thanks again to each of you. Blessings to all, Marie Nelson

On October 8th I leave for Japan. Arriving on the 9th, a fiddler will pick me up at the airport. He will be taking me on many adventures for the next 5 days. I'll see you when I get back.

Lew

PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE
CONTEST, CANYONVILLE, OREGON

Saturday, August 23, 2003

PEE WEE DIVISION:

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| 1st - Miya Saito Beckman | Bend, OR |
| 2nd - Paige Pearce | Red Bluff, CA |
| 3rd - Kiarra Saito Beckman | Bend, OR |

JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIVISION:

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| 1st - Keith Campbell | Williams, OR |
| 2nd - Mary English | Medford, OR |
| 3rd - Travis Warwick | Williams, OR |
| 4th - Shannon Werlinger | Roseburg, OR |

JUNIOR DIVISION:

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| 1st - Margaret Glaspy | Red Bluff, CA |
| 2nd - Hilary Johnson | Redding CA |
| 3rd - Carolyn Beard | Puyallup, WA |

4th - Amanda Kobel Winston, OR
INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:
1st - Faye Patterson Merrill, OR
2nd - Elizabeth Johnson Redding, CA
3rd - Ed Nelson Bend, OR
4th - Teresa Plybon Winston, OR
5th - Mark Carmickle Eugene, OR
SENIOR DIVISION:
1st - Ila Mae Carmickle Eugene, OR
2nd - Alice Holt Salem, OR
3rd - Judy McGarvey Medford, OR
4th - Ivan McDaniel John Day, OR
5th - Alma Reitan Anderson, CA
SENIOR-SENIOR DIVISION:
1st - Les Tucker Woodburn, OR
2nd - Ruel Teague Burns, OR
3rd - Anne Huber Redding, CA
4th - Lew Holt Salem, OR
5th - Don Maddox Ashland, OR
OPEN DIVISION:
1st - Eileen Witler West Linn, OR
2nd - Johny McDonald Quincy, CA
3rd - Zach Konowalchuk Newport, OR
4th - Willie Warwick Williams, OR
5th - Garrett Openshaw Redding, CA
6th - Nicki Carlisle Shingletown, CA
ACCOMPANISTS:
1st - Bill Murphy Battle Ground, WA
2nd - Bob Hanson Roseburg, OR
3rd - Jim French
4th - Frank Moore St. Helens, OR
5th - Darren Reitan Anderson, CA

Lew