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

Nov.

1 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 1 Rogue River Community Center 4
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 9 Shasta Grange 1
 9 Molalla Adult Center Molalla 7
 15 Grange Hall Winchester Bay 5
 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

Jan.

3 Grange Eagle Point 4
 10 Willamalane Senior Center Springfield 6/state
 11 Senior Center Gladstone 7
 17 Senior Center McMinnville 8

Feb.

7 Contest Gaston
 8 Adult Center Canby 7
 21 Senior Center McMinnville 8

March

14 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7
 31, April 1, 2, 3 State Convention Roseburg

May

21 - 22 State Contest Chemeketa Salem

District 1

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Happy Turkey Time Everyone – Well, can you believe that the year 2003 is nearing a close? Boy – me neither! It's been a fun time, but we still have more to do before it's completely over. So here goes for November: our monthly meeting on the 2nd at Villa West Mobile Village will be a Thanksgiving Day potluck (yum, yum!). Check with Jo Harris for specifics. On Wed the 5th, we'll be playing at the conference on aging at Shilo Inn at 3 p.m. Our regular 2nd Sunday Jam & Dance is at Shasta Grange on the 9th. We've agreed to perform at Clairmont Retirement Center

on the 19th at 1 p.m. They will bring the lower level people to the top for one performance, instead of us playing one hour at each area.

We would like to send a big Thank You to Phil Fry from Coos Bay for sending Anna a fiddle, complete with rosin. She performed at our October Jam & Dance, and every time she plays we notice improvement. Probably helps that Jon Blausius is providing the lessons for her. Jon is great asset to our district. Did you know – he offers lessons and repair work? Give him a call.

If you missed the October Jam & Dance, you really missed a high-energy time! Sometimes we can't last til 3:30, but this time, we were still going strong well after 4 o'clock! Isom was pulling the plugs on the mics and monitors, and we just kept on playing. Guest singers Arthur McCoy and Diane Arnold helped liven things up, each with great voices. And young fiddler John McGowan joined us too. The only bad part to the entire day was that annoying fly that managed to bother just about everyone there!

Our playing days at the Farmers Market are over for this year, but they have already indicated they want us back next year! Claim we help perk things up when we perform. That's always good to know!

November Birthday Wishes go out to: Carol Olsen – 5th, Jan Lancaster 20th, and Etta Fernlund 22nd. And our only Anniversary this month is for John & Darleth Rodgers. Get Well Wishes go to Ben Coker who seems to be on the mend, and Ray Lane – whom we hope to see at our gatherings again soon.

And one other piece of good news, Anna's fiddle is now paid for. So all in all, things are going well for us in District1.

Remember: As Anatole France once said "*To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.*" From your friendly District1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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Howdy from District 1E,

I do believe we have a slow month ahead of us. Time to catch a breath!

November's regular monthly jam is Nov. 1st at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. Potluck is at 6:30 p. m. and music begins around 7:00 p.m. Come join us! Last month's jam our "founding father" Homer McLain was able to join us for awhile, and although I missed it, everyone says it was a memorable event.

Nov. 10th is the business meeting at the Senior Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Nursing home dates are Oct. 28th, Nov. 4th and Nov. 18th.

We haven't got our dates solidified yet for the Senior Center shows, but they will always be on Fridays from now on. Check with Perry Forga -- he should know shortly.

Nov. 8th is our annual fundraiser for the Christmas Valley Library Fund 6:00 -9:00 p.m. at the Christmas Valley Grange Hall/Community Center. What a good time we have at this one! I wouldn't say they're starved for live entertainment up there, but they're hungry at least. Speaking of...there's a potluck and spaghetti feed as well.

No birthdays or anniversaries to report for November.....I told you it was a slow month!!

Now, for the music joke: Q: Why did Beethoven kill all his chickens? A: Because they were all going "Bach, Bach, Bach" On that note.....see you next month, Eileen McLain.
Reporter, District 1E

District 3

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Well hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Soon all musicians will be playing music inside where it's cozy and warm. I'm sure there will be events going on even during the winter. Remember, the Jakabs will be having their first all day jam of the season starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday November 1st . Hope all can come so you can keep your musical skills up and enjoy the fun. . Music is in the soul!

I would like to say thanks to all the musicians and members who come and give support to the OOTFA at the VFW Hall. There's a few musicians that don't come or can't make it due to certain circumstances. District 3 would like to say we love you and miss you and hope all is well.

Our October 5th VFW show turn out great as usual . We had a special event that happened which was... Bob Ervin played his fiddle for the first time on stage and played " I'll Always Love You" to his wife Earlene for their 55th anniversary. Yeah!! BOB you did it again.

We would like to thank our visitor Grant Winston for coming to our show and playing his fiddle.

New reinstated members are Bud and Barbara Corwin. Thank you for your support.

Dates to put on your calendar: Redmond Library music practice jam will be on Oct. 21st, November 18th, and December 9th. If you want some practice or just play some music , be there!!! ;O)

Our next Redmond VFW show is November 2nd hope to see all members there 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. VFW provides a food bar for any of you who get hungry. Bring your partner and warm up your dance floor. We encourage all members to be at the meeting that will follow the show. We will have a Christmas potluck party for District 3 at the Pine Forrest Grange Hall. Anyone that wants to help out can be there at 11:30 a.m. All members bring your own utensils we will eat at 1 p.m. then play music and dance .

District 3 give our deepest sympathy to Janice Brewer daughter and family of (their father)Loren Holzouser of Bend who passed away recently. A card was sent and some of the musician of District 3 played at the funeral. He was not a member of the OOTFA but gave many contributions to District 3 over the years. We will miss him. God Bless you.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIPS FEES ARE DUE!! Please send dues to Earlene Ervin if you want a Hoedowner in January 2004. MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 15th.

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 Music.

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. I'm Thankful are you?

Ellen Jakab District 3 Reporter

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It seems summer is almost over, but we still have hot fiddlers and warm welcomes from the dancers and rest of the audience. Our jam at Fruitdale Grange was not quite as well attended (it's hunting season), but still every bit as enthusiastic as we could wish. Visitors included Mary White, Bernadette Davis and Mary Munsen, all guests of Burt Davis, one of our newer members. It was good to have Clyde Pugh back playing with us again, too. Travis Warwick and Keith Campbell sure do great twin fiddles, and are good by themselves, too. It's sure fun to watch these kids grow and improve!

We were greatly saddened by the death of long time member Sam Stelle. Sam played guitar, loved to sing, and played the fiddle. He was a faithful player at many of our gigs in Medford and Grants Pass. He had his own group called the Rogue Drifters that played around the area for years. His "Faded Love" and "Don't Squeeze My Charmin" were always popular with the crowd. Our hearts go out to his wife Virginia and their family in sympathy. At the family's request, a donation was made in his name to the District 4 Scholarship Fund. Shortly before he became ill, he made it known that his fiddle will go to our 11 year old fiddler, Mary English, who will soon grow into that great old fiddle! What a wonderful way to keep the old music alive!

Tommy Grissom's monthly jams at Fountain Plaza, the retirement home where he lives, continue to be a joyful celebration of some wonderful music. We love the jamming, and the residents feel they are royally entertained, so we all benefit!

We continue to play many hours at many places all over the area, but we can still use more musicians. Some of our newer fiddlers (Judy Lyons, Lee Ferguson, Cindy MacDonald, and Scott Phillips) are starting to be a little bolder, and are joining us at some of the gigs, and doing a great job of entertaining! Sure is fun to start off a program with multiple fiddles! We had 116 community service hours for September.

The "5 o'clock Jammers" are outgrowing their description as "beginning fiddlers" as they are getting so good! They have played at several church services and church family camp and are in demand more and more for special events, as well as our monthly jams. Keep up the good work, folks!

It seems the cooler weather sure brings on the need for more "comfort foods", so just remember that "Stressed spelled backwards is desserts"!
District 4 reporter, Judy McGarvey

Upcoming jams:

Nov. 1 Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River

Dec. 6 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

Jan. 3 we are scheduled to play our monthly jam in January (Sat. the 3rd) at Eagle Point Grange in Eagle Point.

District 5

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At our jam session September 20th, a group of 9 stalwartly musicians fought their way through an hour long traffic jam to get to the Coos Bay senior center, as the annual Prefontaine race and parade transpired right outside of the center and most of the streets around the center were blocked off. It was great to have both Johnny Davis and Ned Matthews feeling

well enough to play at the jam. We even managed to get three new members, whom we are pleased to welcome - Maxine E. Johannesen, Gladys Johnston and John Proctor, all from Coos Bay. We would also like to welcome new member Dennis Ellexson from Florence who plays guitar, banjo and flute!

Eight of our members entertained a group of Elderhostel attendees at Driftwood Shores in Florence on October 8th. The Elderhostel program was on the history of the Oregon Coast and the participants had a rousing good time listening and singing to our music. A small group also played at the Senior Center in Florence on October 31.

All of our best wishes go to Norm Nash, who is recovering from major oral surgery. Also be in prayer for Johnny Davis who is recovering from surgery and also Grant Combs is recovering from surgery. Cecil Davidson and Loren Osborne have reported as being sick too. You all get well in a hurry would ya?

Now that the busy summer season has finished, the number of musical activities have slowed down. For November our nursing home play dates include 11/5 - Ocean View, 11/12- Inland Point & Ocean Crest, 11/14 - Bay Crest Village, 11/19- Oerding Manor. & Myrtle Point Care Center and 11/26 -Life Care.

Happy Birthday to Dorothy Tennant and Jim Hill on November 4th, Jolly Hibbits 19th, Cliff Larson 25th, Cecil Davidson 29th, and Larry Gallagher 30th. We hope you have many more!!! Our apologies go to Dan Pullis for getting his birthday wrong in last month's Hoedowner. It should have been October 26th. Also, Sorry Ned Matthews birthday was the 21st of October and was reported as the 18th.

It seems that November was a quiet month for marriages for our members, since none have an anniversary this month.

At our district meeting on October 18th, we decided to have our holiday potluck and program November 15 starting at 11:30 am at the Grange Hall in Winchester Bay. The grange hall is next to the fire hall.

If you don't know where it is please stop and ask for directions at Winchester Bay. The turkey, ham and mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Those with last names beginning with A-M bring a salad or vegetable and N-Z bring a dessert. Coffee will be provided.

It was decided at the meeting to have a pre-program jam for all fiddlers and players for a hour or so and then start a program with folks signing up on the sign up list and picking who they want as back up. When the jam is finished, the stage will be cleared and then the program will commence. It was voted on and passed that we would try this for the next 2 months to determine if it is workable for us, then if it does not work out we will go back the "old jam" format or try something else.

The district will continue to explore hosting a campout this summer. More information will be forthcoming in a future Hoedowner.

Please note that the weekly jam session in Florence at the North Fork Grange has been re-scheduled to Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please remember to Email or send me your recipes for the OOFTA cookbook. If we want to have the cookbook available for the annual convention, I need your recipes no later than December 15th. So far I have only received 30 recipes. Please remember to include ingredient amounts, oven temperatures and baking times. Send recipes to : ootfacookbook@yahoo.com or send via snail mail to Hal Weiner, PO Box 261, Florence, OR 97439.

Hal Weiner, reporter District 5

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We had a fine jam at the Crow Grange with an excellent potluck and a good District meeting. Thanks to Co-chair Oral Robbins for leading the meeting in Joe's absence, and thanks to Crow Grange for hosting the Fiddlers! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 22nd, when Crow Grange will again be the site for our Thanksgiving jam and potluck. The District will provide turkey and ham for the potluck at noon. On December 7 we will meet at the Lebanon Moose Lodge for our annual Christmas jam, with lunch provided by the Lodge. We are still looking for a volunteer to appear as Santa for this jam--here is your chance to become the Jolly Fat Man for a day!

The State quarterly meeting will be held at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Saturday, January 10th; doors open at 9 AM, State meeting at 11 AM. As hosting district, we are looking for a volunteer to oversee the kitchen for the potluck; there are always lots of folks willing to pitch in and help, but we need one person to oversee everything. Please let Joe know if you would like to do this.

We bid a fond farewell to Dexter McPherson, who has moved to Vancouver, Washington to be near his children. He is not that far way, and will return occasionally. He is address is: PMB-21, 13023 N.E. Highway 99 Suite 7, Vancouver, WA 98686. Cell phone: 360.931.4086. Come back as often as you can, Dexter!

We are delighted to report that Bob Kaiser is back on his feet after serious illness, and is feeling almost like his old self. He and Dee Dee thank everyone for their kind words, cards and calls. Betty Hawkins is still under the weather, though at home and slowly improving. Ken White had shoulder surgery in early October and is now sporting a sling; he is dealing with some pain, but hopes to be playing again by December. Helen Tracy is dealing with problems with her vision, and we wish her the best. Gary Lake has been diagnosed with cancer, and he and Donna ask for your prayers as he begins treatment.

Reminder: Time to renew your membership! I need your renewals by December 15th in order for you to receive a January Hoedowner. Send renewals to Mark Ratzlaff at the address above.

November birthdays: Marie Roberts, 11/2; Vivian Steele, 11/7; Mary Crockett, 11/30.
November anniversaries: Ruth and Cal Montgomery, 11/14; Linda and Carthal Harvey, 11/15;
Jack and Mary Crockett, 11/24; Howard and Lois Gabel, 11/27.
Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 has two new members: Joe Gisi from Portland and Austin L. Ourada from Beaverton. Be sure to make them feel welcome when you meet.

Joe Hamm is well recovered from his recent surgery, looking and sounding better than ever. Bernie Clark is going through some severe dental problems and having a lot of work done.

The Sherwood Jam was small but enthusiastic. We had about 14 players, so everyone got a chance to strut their stuff at the mike. A visitor, Don Wood, played guitar, sang and yodeled. It was very entertaining.

Don't forget that 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 (includes gratuity) 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.

Remember to pay your 2004 membership dues to Myrtle Arnold now that Jackie Germundson has gone south for the winter.

The situation with the sound system is almost resolved. We have a volunteer who needs to get a trailer hitch installed on his car. Then he will be able to take over the storage, setup and breakdown of the system. More information to come as things get taken care of.

What a great time we all had at Linda's in Manzanita on the coast. Her log cabin was packed with musicians and of course there were the pots of stone soup. She sure is a great hostess. We hope that she will soon be "pain free" and ready to climb "high mountains." The jam on the 18th in the Manzanita Community building was probably one of the most "rip roaring" jams we have ever experienced. What a great audience! And musicians from all over!

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. turn right on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211, make a left on Kennel. Public invited.

Friday, November 21 we're invited to play at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan Street in Portland from 6:30 to 7:30. They want some festive holiday entertainment.

There's a terrific House Jam coming up on November 29th at Hattie Kielhorn's house. It's the Left Overs Jam on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. So on Saturday November 29, from 11 to 5, bring the leftovers from your Thanksgiving feasts to share at the jam. This is a lot of fun and a lot of music! Hattie Kielhorn's is at 16405 SE Royer Road in Clackamas, OR. Her phone number is 503-658-2174. Take Highway 224/212 off I-205, (Exit 12-A), continue to Damascus on 212, turn right on SE Royer Road. The house is 1.25 miles on the right side. There's lots of parking.

Sunday, January 11, 2004 is our OOTFA monthly jam at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, in Gladstone (south of Milwaukie). From McLaughlin Blvd (Hwy 99E) turn east on Arlington, then north on Portland Ave. The senior center will be on the left side about 5 to 6 blocks up. Hope to have an excellent turnout! Public invited.

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

Sunday, February 8, 2004 will be our Regular OOTFA jam at the Canby Adult Center at 1250 South Ivy Street, in Canby. Public Invited.

Sunday, March 14, 2004 will be our regular OOTFA Jam at the Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Street, in Lake Oswego. Public invited.

Gail Foster, Reporter (temporary) district 7

District 8

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The Covered Bridge Festival at Stayton was, once again, great fun. And this year the district got paid for playing! Our friend and fellow member, Ken Cartwright, does the sound for all the groups who play there. He does a fantastic job! Thanks to all who came!

Another success was playing for the Neskowin Valley School Harvest Festival. The school is a beautifully converted barn set in a lovely rural area. The many craft and produce vendors, yummy food, even a garage sale, gave us lots of opportunities to look and buy. We played under a tent outside, and later from a balcony overlooking the "cafe" area. They presented us with a check the day of the event, and later we received a thank you card in the mail telling how much they enjoyed us. They would like us to come back next year. We especially enjoyed the one hour show put on by our members, Zach and David Konowalchuk.

The campground up the road from the school gave new meaning to the word primitive! Set in the coastal rain forest, it was a truly wild and beautiful place. It was too cold to play much music, and it drizzled. But Pete and Ken had a fire going in the fire pit. The Lorings joined us both days. Pete Petersen from Dist. 7 was there. Also our coast members, Barbara Bartholomew, Ted Hunt, and the Konowalchuk family.

Contrary to the words of the song, All the good times are NOT past and gone! All of us who went to Manzanita for the combined district 7 and 8 jam, can attest to that. And the "log jam" at Linda's log house was so much fun that we expected the "Too Much Fun Police" to show up any moment! There was an abundance of food, walks on the beach, lots of visiting, and the music seldom stopped. What a great audience we had at the Manzanita Pine Grove Community Center on Saturday. They were also very generous when the hat was passed. When the rent was paid, the money was divided, and each of our districts got a little more than \$120. We feel that we had a unique experience at the jam at Manzanita. Three wives of the charter members of the OOTFA attended the jam. Harriet Modrell from Garibaldi, Mildred Miller from Garibaldi and Nylene Beck from McMinnville.

The regular District 8 jam was at Willamina VFW Hall on October 19th. We voted to buy an enclosed trailer to replace our sound trailer that was destroyed in the fire at Colebank's barn. Fortunately, most of the sound equipment was not in the old trailer. The trailer has been ordered and is within our budgeted amount.

We will have a Thanksgiving Potluck at our November 15th jam, that's a SATURDAY, at McMinnville Senior Center. The district will provide turkey, ham, potatoes and gravy, and coffee. Bring a salad, dessert or something else to fill out the meal, and join us. We love visitors! Here's how to get to the Senior Center. If you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

Our jams for Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb., will all be at the McMinnville Senior Center. Each will be on the 3rd SATURDAY of the month. Mark your calendars and join us when you can.
Alice Holt District 8 reporter

District 9

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Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We were delighted to have so many out-of-town visitors come play music with us this past month. Jake and Aline Swartwood stopped by so we had 3 extra jam sessions. Don O'Brien of Oregon City was here for a Friday night jam and even played his fiddle for us. Royce Ackerman

(President of the Utah Old Time Fiddlers) and his wife Susan were at the Senior Center program on the 12th and Royce did the parody "Ghost Chickens in the Sky" and "I'm My Own Grandpa" which were a big hit with the audience. Also at the Senior Center show we enjoyed the yodeling of Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley. Tom and Vivian Tucker from Mt. Vernon rounded out the guest list. Tom does a great job of picking guitar and is a beginning fiddler as well. Vivian sings and plays guitar. They are our newest members. Welcome!

Ruel and Margaret Teague, Annie Schlupe of Vale, Ivan McDaniel from John Day and Julia Milleson played for a show in John Day on Sept. 27th following the Grant County Fair Board banquet.

Walt Cooper played guitar for "Bully the Kid" a play put on by the Harney County Youth Theatre Guild. Edie Koenig is on their board of directors and her daughter Tracy played the "Bully." For the final performance in Burns, Walt Cooper, Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson played some old-time audience participation numbers before the play began. The Youth Guild really put on a polished performance.

At a brief meeting on Oct. 12th the members were reminded to check out the Hoedowner and get their recipes for the new Fiddler Cookbook sent in before December 15th and to get their dues paid early as well.

Aspens play date is November 14th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor will be the following Monday, November 17th at 6:30.

Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

District 10

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Greetings from District 10. We hope all are enjoying this beautiful Fall weather.

District 10 had our meeting October 11, 2003. It was decided to have our Thanksgiving Dinner catered, this will be November 8, 2003. We would like to invite guests. There will be a Jam following.

Since our last letter we have lost Ed Doolittle. We wish to extend our sympathy to Billy and the family.

A note from Bob and Jean Hanson, "Many thanks to all those who called and sent cards to express sympathy for the loss of Bob's brother Richard. We appreciate it very much."

Guests at our last meeting were Gabriel Harmon and Diane Spain.

Birthday for November is Ashley Cluver.

We wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266
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ED SED: I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. It seems the older we get, the more we realize not to take our friends for granted and to know just how much we have to be thankful for. I am grateful for our Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and thankful for each of you and your friendship. The Indian summer and fall colors have been a sight to behold. Many say it is their favorite time of the year.

Many thanks to Louie Roy whom I asked to meet with the fairgrounds manager of the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Louie spent a considerable amount of time with Harold Phillips and there was an agreement made with

consideration to the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association members attending the state convention. Parking on the black top will be \$10.00 per day and parking with hook-ups will be \$15.00 per day. However, for the people that choose the hook-up locations, it will be their responsibility to let the main office know that they are members of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association attending the convention or they will be charged the full price of \$20.00 per night. The special considerations from the fairgrounds will be added into the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association state convention contract. Again, thank you Louie for taking the time to arrange and meet with Mr. Phillips.

Hats off to all who play at the jams, rest homes and other events. You bring much joy and hope to others through your music. It's wonderful to see so many young people take such an interest in the music and pursue their own fiddling.

There are two reminders. (1) The 2004 membership dues need to be paid by Dec. 15th or you won't receive your Jan. 1st Hoedowner. (2) The January quarterly meeting in Springfield will be held at 11 a.m. on January 10, 2004. There will be a potluck at 12 noon. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Until next time, keep fiddling,
Ed

From the editor:

WOW: What a fun filled 3 days we had at Thousand Trails this year, 03. We had musicians from Calif., Wash., Id., and I even talked to one from NE., They were all just great. Those who didn't attend this year really missed out on some great old time fiddling and superb back -up people. Where would we be without our back-up people?

I especially want to thank everyone for their great cooperation in helping with things that needed to be done. When I asked for help I almost had to get out of the way, there was such a stampede of volunteers. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I would like to thank Dist. 3 members who turned out to help. I couldn't have done this without your help. We had 35 members present.

Also, the assistance that we received from the staff and management of Thousand Trails was great. They were fun to work with, they made my job easy to do. Thank you.

I am looking forward to another fun filled week-end at Thousand Trails next year. The dates will be Sept. 16-17 & 18-04. Once again I thank everyone for all their help and I'll see you down the trail somewhere.

Wagon Master Bob Ervin

From Hal Weiner: The OOFTA Cookbook is coming! 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 at atbanjowine@yahoo.com or to Hal Weiner, PO Box 261, Florence, OR, 97439. (See District 5 news)

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)

A personal note here if I might. Oct. 8th I flew to Japan where I was picked up by an American Fiddler who has lived in Japan for 20 years. Last summer I wrote to him to ask if he would translate two letters for me to two Japanese aviators who participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor. He wrote back, "why don't you come over and talk to them in person." So I did. I spent Oct. 11 with one airman, exchanging gifts, eating and becoming more involved in his story of the war. On Oct. 12th, I spent two hours with another airman. Both men are among less than five living airman who participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor who are still alive. When you have a couple of hours someday, I'll tell you the whole story. Yes, I got in some fiddling, too.

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

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

Recently Linda Easley, Alice and I met with the people in Gaston regarding their contest that will be held on Saturday, February 7th, 2004. Such enthusiasm. Several contestants wished that there was two divisions for the "older contestants" so we dreamed up a "Super Senior Division" for those contestants over 70. To be able to schedule this division, we will cut the OPEN division back to two rounds. Last year there were 70 contestants. We hope that many of you fiddlers will join us again this year for this unique contest. Good prize money, too. Oh, yes, here is a new one for you. To encourage "well dressed" contestants. We decided to award a money prize for the best dressed contestant for each division. Fifth place will be a trophy and the money will be awarded to the best dressed contestant. Pan cake feed in the morning and stew for dinner.

You have read a half a dozen times in this issue about getting your dues in on time. No, you won't be billed. Your dues run from January 1 to December 31st. Here is how it is done. If Myrtle has not been notified that you have paid your dues by the 15th of December, she will send in a list just a few days later of those that need to be dropped. If you pay the 27th, she will have sent your name in and you will not receive a January 1st Hoedowner. It is important that all district membership chairman get the information to Myrtle ASAP. If you have it tucked away, that doesn't count. Myrtle has to have it in her hand or in her computer. Last Sunday at Willamina we took in 25 renewals out of a small group. Last summer I drove by a golf course and it said that a round of golf was \$15 -- and that is cheap. That gets the player 9 holes of golf in a couple of hours. The same amount paid for your dues gets you many opportunities every month to be a part of this fine association -- jams -- contests -- state convention -- campouts -- parades -- potlucks -- hand shakes and hugs. and this Hoedowner. Every year I get a call that somebody hasn't received their Hoedowner and they know that they paid . . . but . . . they can't find the check. Our memories play tricks on us sometimes. Why don't you write that check "right now." Give it to your membership chairman at your November jam or even -- why not mail it to your membership person -- what ever. But pay it.

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.

December Hoedowner: I'll get back to all of the reporters and contributors to the Hoedowners. Remember -- every year we run into scheduling problems. The printer takes the week off after Christmas when our Hoedowner would normally be printed. Our schedule will be something like this -- and I'll be getting back to you -- but if you will get your news to me by Sunday evening, December 14th, I will take a vitamin pill and get it sent to the publisher the 15th and maybe it can be printed that week. And then addressed or what ever after Christmas.

New members this month.

1. Joe Gisi--Portland
2. Roscoe & Pat Perry---Ethel Wa.
3. Austin Ourada--Beaverton
- 4 Keith & Denise Hedeem---Sun River
5. Charles & Genevieve Hanson---Roseburg
- 6 .Edna Lee Schulze--Lakeview
7. Del & Evelyn Fackler--Quartzsite. Az
8. John & Marie Upton---Livingston Tx.
9. Lee & Karen Fields---Sweet Home
10. Maxine Johannesen--Coos Bay
11. Gladys Johnston--Coos Bay
12. John Proctor--Coos Bay

Thank You

Myrtle

Lew