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

2004

Feb.

1	Villa West Mobile Estates	1	
1	VFW Redmond	3	
7	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
7	Contest	Gaston	
8	Shasta Grange	1	
8	Court House	Lakeview	1E
8	Senior Center	Burns	9
8	Adult Center	Canby	7
9	Meeting	Senior Center	1E
13	Pelican Pointe	1	
21	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
21	Grange Hall	Crow	6
21	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

March

6	Community Center	Rogue River	4
7	VFW Redmond	3	
14	Adult Center	Lake Oswego	7
14	Senior Center	Burns	9

April

3	Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
4	VFW Redmond	3	
8, 9 & 10	State Convention	Roseburg	

May

2	VFW Redmond	3	
21 - 22	State Contest	Chemeketa	Salem

Sep.

The dates for Thousand Trails is September 16-17&18 this year.

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District 1

Chairwoman: Faye Patterson 541-798-5973  
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Happy Valentine's Day Everyone !

It's that time of year for the annual election of officers for our district. We will be holding elections at the February meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>. You'll need to be present to make your vote count and your

voice heard. Jo nominated Don Fitzgerald as Chairman. He agreed to do it, but only if Faye Patterson will agree to be Co-Chair. Grace Stork had agreed to continue as Secretary. There will also be nominations accepted from the floor. This is a very important meeting, so please attend.

The Klamath Basin welcomed the year with major winter weather. That didn't keep the die-hards from attending the jam sessions in January. We had 32 attendees at the December Christmas dinner at Toozers. Too bad we didn't realize until too late that they could smoke there. One couple had to leave, but those that stayed had a good time.

Our condolences to District 1E with the passing of Homer McLain in late December. He will be surely missed by those who knew him. At our January meeting, we agreed to donate \$25 to the Lakeview Fire Department in his honor. Fran suggested that when the weather clears enough to allow safe driving, members of District 1 drive over to Lakeview and hold a Homer McLain Memorial jam session. The membership all agreed that was a great idea. So – be forewarned over there – we're coming!

The February schedule is as follows: Villa West Mobile Estates on the 1<sup>st</sup> (elections), Shasta Grange on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Pelican Pointe at 12:30 p.m. for cake & ice cream on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We play at Clairmont Retirement (upper level) at 1 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m., we will be playing at the Klamath County Library Main Branch on Klamath Avenue.

It may seem too early to be thinking about summer campouts, but it'll be here before we know it. Illa White has agreed to head a committee to see if there's a great place close-by we can go, have a fun campout and get some music going. Please let her know if you would like to help or have some great ideas.

At our January Jam and Dance, we welcomed the Hanson family. They have indicated they are going to become members. Hooray! Russell and Sandy Hanson, originally from Minnesota, both play guitar, and young son Derick on mandolin. Russell's dad Paul played his dobro. Derick's friend Charnay from Sacramento is just learning the mandolin, and had fun trying out other instruments while she was here. She really lit up when she tried out my bass, and she was pretty enthused on Irene's fiddle too!

Our February birthday hearts and flowers go to: Vivian Burden – 21<sup>st</sup> and Ben Coker – 27<sup>th</sup>. Our only February anniversary belongs to: Ray and Illa White on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

Remember: "Seven days without laughter makes one weak!" Keep those fiddlin' fingers warmed and ready to play and hopefully we'll see you sometime this month. From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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#### District 1E

Chairman: Shorty Stone 541-947-3825

Co-Chairman: Perry Forga 541-947-3116

Treasurer/Sec: Sharilyn McLain 541-947-4623

Membership: Bev Perry 541-947-2334

Hello fiddle folks,

For those of you who may not have heard, long-time 1E member, Homer McLain, age 67, died at his home on Dec. 27. He'd been battling brain cancer, but went in his sleep with no pain and was surrounded by family and friends as he passed.

The funeral was held on Jan. 3rd. Providing wonderful inspirational music for the service was the Booher Family from District 3. What a treat. Several OOTFA members from other districts braved the worst snowfall in years to attend as well. We feel we need to mention these by name as thanks for coming. From District 1 came Jan & Jim Lancaster, Irene & Jerry Ruddock, and Ernie Penry. District 3 was represented by Dennis & Ellen Jakob, Ed & Marie Nelson, and Leroy & Judy Newport. Alan and Julie Bell came from Medford (District 4). Jim (Pat) & Jeannette Jenks came from District 10, and Ken and Roseanne Spann came all the way from Lebanon. (District 6).

Most of these stayed to jam, as well as almost all of our 1E musicians, so it was one to remember, although probably not long enough by Homer's standard of 3 a.m.!!!

Of course, the McLain family would again like to thank those who came "in spirit", those who sent cards/ food, phoned or offered their help. Your kindness was deeply appreciated.

I don't think Lew Holt would mind if I quoted him..... "I don't believe any one person in our association spread the joy of fiddling more than Homer. He shared his music, his smile, his time and his home. He was a friend and truly loved and admired by us all. We will miss him. Lew"

Now, 1E members, be sure to show up at the next business meeting as we'll be electing new officers for the coming year. That will occur February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center, Lakeview.

The next jam will be on Saturday, February 8th. Potluck is at 6:30 p.m. and the music begins at 7:00. Jam is held in the Lakeview courthouse basement. Fridays in February we will play at the Senior Center in Lakeview from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The play dates for the Lake District Long Term Care Facility are on the 3rd and the 17th of Feb. We have no special play dates for February-we must be in the winter doldrums

We do have a few birthdays coming up in Feb. though. Happy Birthday to Bev Perry(1st), Mary Stone(4th) and Gloria Myers(9th).

For those of you who may have been wondering, our Silver Lake Camp-out will still be held May 6th through the 9th at the Silver Lake Fire Hall. Don't forget to bring your goofy hats!

Say, by the way, what do you get when you put a diminished chord together with an augmented chord?..... a demented chord.

Via Con Dios

Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

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### District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach 541-389-6037

Co-Chair: Dale Anderson: 541-382-9094

Sec/Treas/Membership: Earlene Ervin

6189 N.E. Wainwright Road

Prineville, OR 97754

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Even though the weather was bad at the January VFW show we still had a great turnout with lots of dancers and people in good spirits and glad to see the holidays are over. Now we are looking at spring and just can't wait to get into the garden and flowers!! :o)

At our last VFW Show we had Janet Brayman to come and play her hammered dulcimer which was great!!!! Thanks for coming Janet. Our next VFW Show will be February 1st 2004. We encourage every one to come and join the fun also there will be a meeting to follow the show to review the scholarship contract and will be passing them out. So if your interested in learning to play Old Time Fiddle please attend.

There will be Election of officers in March for District 3. Be thinking of who you would elect in office. It's just around the corner!!!!

DATES to remember so them put on your calendar: There will be Practice jams at the Redmond Library February 10th, March 9th and April 13th at 7 p.m. So if you want to learn some new songs and practice go to the library jam we would love to have you!! :o).

Get prepared for the State convention in April 8th thru 10th in Roseburg. There will be more information to follow in the Hoedowner. Never too early to get ready :o).

Dennis and I went to Homer McLain's funeral January 3rd 2004. We gave our deepest sympathy to the McLain Family and we will miss Homer 's smile, kindness and love he shared with us all. Also his funny hats and left handed fiddle playing will never be forgotten. Rosa Lee said " what do we have to share today? and what do we have to give today? The answer is LOVE". In my song I wrote for Rosa Lee and Homer said "Trading gifts of love and to show them it's from our heart and God above." What a message!!!

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 did have great Holidays. Now we need the sunshine and new growth. Music is in the HEART AND SOUL keep sharing and growing.....:o)

Ellen Jakab District 3 Reporter

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District 4

Chairman: Gene Williams 541-560-3230

Co-Chairman: George Dow 541-770-6949

Sec/Treas: Judy Lyons 541-056-0618

Membership: Marie Mickey 541-512-9345

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Medford, OR 97501

Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

'Twas a cold and frosty day at the Eagle Point Grange in January, but the snow had melted some before refreezing. The turnout was pretty good, despite the weather, with many musicians, and lots of "groupies" in attendance. We missed Tommy and Joyce Grissom who were ill, and Lola Williams who was also unable to come. Stan Rogge was in the hospital with internal bleeding, but is now home. We hope you folks all get well real quick like! Visitors included Doug McGarvey (Bruce and Judy's son from Germany) and Jill McGarvey-Salazar (daughter) from Ashland

As is usual for our jams, the musicians put on a great show, and it seemed to go all too quickly.

The nominating committee met and has a potential slate of officers for next year. Your attendance at our February 7 meeting at Roxy Ann Grange is very important because that is when we vote on officers for 2004, who will take office starting in July.

The news of Homer McLain's death was received with great sorrow. His obituary was read at the meeting. Homer was known to many of us, and he will be sorely missed.

Grumpy and Ruth Kimmel sure do a great job of keeping us playing in and around Grants Pass! Ruth is so good about getting a list of gigs out at the beginning of the month, and Grumpy hauls and sets up sound. What a pair! We love 'em! We continue to have numerous requests to play in our area, and last month had 81 community service hours.

Don Maddox had a nice article published in the NOTFA newspaper. Way to go, Don!

Gene and Lola Williams, Don Maddox and Shirley, Rocky and Rochelle Davis, and Bruce and Judy McGarvey went to the quarterly meeting in Springfield. Wow, that's great music with all you folks from all over. A small contingent then went to Florence to celebrate Norm and Kathy Nash's 45th wedding anniversary - more great music! Don't we have a great bunch of music makers from all over this state?

You know? Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been. I've always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, "Ain't that the truth!"

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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## District 5

Chairman: Ken Jordan (541) 902-9240

Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher (541) 572-2742

Secretary: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981

Treas/Mem: Sharon Gallagher (541) 572-2742

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At our meeting on January 17th, 2004 Larry Gallagher was elected as chairman for next year. Hal Weiner was elected as Co-Chair, and will remain as the Reporter for the district. Kathy Nash will serve as Secretary/Treasurer and Sally Jordan will be Membership Chair.

It was decided that we will send \$200 to the State contest and \$200 to the Canyonville contest.

Ken requested that each person who attends our monthly jams donate at least dollar to help defray our rent costs.

Ken communicated the plans for the state convention. District 5 will be working at the reservation desk and the raffle. We will plan on a short meeting in March to set up a work schedule. For the Friday night program, Cecil Davidson and Bob Shaffar will represent the district. For the Saturday night dance, Norm Nash and Sally Jordan will be our dance band coordinators.

During January our fiddlers played at the Florence Senior Center, the Florence Winter Festival, and many nursing homes throughout the district. Our play dates for February are: 2/3 - Ocean View and Heritage, 2/10- Inland Point & Ocean Crest, 2/12 - Bay Crest Village, 2/17- Oerding Manor. & Myrtle Point Care Center and 2/24 -Life Care.

We will also be playing at the Florence Senior Center meals program on Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to noon. We will be playing on February 14th for a dance at Heritage Place in Bandon from 7-p.m. Also mark your calendars for March 20th, as we have been invited to play for the St. Patrick's day celebration in Scottsburg from 4-6 p.m.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Clara Thomas who has undergone bypass surgery. We also send our get well regards to Jolly Hibbits.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Phil Fry on January 5th, Harold Householder 7th, Russ Hall and Loren Osborne 12th, Darlyne Foerster and Sally Jordan 16th, Barbara Pruitt 20th, and Chuck Booher 27th. More than 100 people from all over the state showed up for a surprise party in Florence on January 10th to wish a Happy 45th Anniversary to Norm and Kathy Nash.

Those who wish to make dry camping reservations for our Winchester Bay campout (August 12-15) need to call Sharon Gallagher with their reservations and plan to send a check for the camping fee (\$8 per night) to Sharon as soon as possible. We must give up our reservation block on March 15th, so we strongly encourage any one who would like to come to the campout to make their reservations now.

Our next jam will be on February 21st at the Coos Bay Senior Center. We will have a potluck at noon and music will follow at 1-4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hal Weiner, Reporter, District 5

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## District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle 541-343-5894

Co-Chair: Oral Robbins 541-343-4005

Secretary: Betty Hawkins 541-746-5579

Treasurer: Bob Kaiser 541-687-8878

Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct.,  
Veneta, OR 97487

What a great time at the State meeting in January! It is always nice to see folks from all over the State, and fortunately many were able to navigate the roads to get there. We were delighted to have Curly and Allison Roberts show up. And nice to see Ruth Kennedy back on her feet again and singing.

Our district provided a very fine potluck lunch, and many thanks to all the cooks! Special thanks to Karen Weiner for running the kitchen, and to all the folks who helped her. Much appreciated was all the help we got setting up chairs and tables. I want to especially thank Chairman Joe and his wife Emily who both did so many things behind the scenes to prepare for this meeting and for schlepping the sound system and cleaning up afterwards. Special thanks also to Richard Marino for staying late to put away chairs.

Our next jam occurs at Crow Grange on Saturday, February 21st. The day will begin with a business meeting at 11:00 AM, where we will elect the District board for the next year. This is an important meeting, and we hope to have a good turnout. The usual potluck will follow, and jam will commence around 1 PM.

Looking ahead we have the State convention on April 8-10. Phyllis Coffin has graciously volunteered to make the centerpieces for the banquet--she did a great job last year! Be thinking of items to donate for the raffle and door prizes.

In health notes, we are delighted to report that Gary Lake is responding well to his chemotherapy and is currently feeling pretty good, with enough energy to resume work on his hotrod! Elsie Caves, who had a stroke last month, is recovering in a care center, and though it is slow going for her, the doctors expect her to make a full recovery. Wayne Tracy is out of the hospital after 24 days (!) and has moved to a new care facility. Helen thanks all the folks who sent cards to him for his birthday. See the note from Helen in Lew's notes.

February birthdays: Maxine Benson, 2/10; Hazel Walker, 2/15; Phyllis Coffin, 2/20; Bryan Dunaway, 2/25. Anniversaries: Wayne and Helen Tracy 2/28/48.  
Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6

FYI: Red Herndon's private jams have morphed into a music association with a newsletter listing play dates. For more information contact Red at (541)726-1107.

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#### District 7

Chairman, Linda A. Easley, 503-235-1671  
Vice-Chairman, Joyce Anders, 503-630-2510  
Secretary/Treasurers, Barb Petrin-- 503-639-1688  
Membership, Jackie Germundson 503-663-6851  
31808 SE Victory Road, Troutdale, OR 97060  
Special Events, Ida Colby, 503-557-8709

District 7 has two new family memberships to report this month: Charles and Lynne Kamerman and their children Abraham, Golda, Israel, Ira and Ezra. They live in Eagle Creek; and Jess and Edna Kennedy who live in Clatskanie. Let's remember to welcome them when we get the chance.

Our first jam of the new year at the Gladstone Senior Center was just terrific. I'm sorry if you missed it. We had some spectacular fiddlers and some marvelous beginners. Six-year old member Henry Hakanson made his debut at the microphone with "Lightly Row" and "Go Tell Aunt Rhody". Two of our jam fiddlers, Clara Murphy and Eileen Witler, will be judges at the upcoming

Gaston Fiddle Jubilee and Contest on Saturday, February 7 at the Gaston High School. The third judge will be Jay Dean Ludiker.

We all got to meet District 7's new sound man. He is Randy Yearout, an electronics engineer who designs amplifiers among other things for a living. He did a great job for us at the jam. He also plays guitar, mandolin and sings. He will be responsible for our sound system setups this year.

The condolences of the membership go to Secretary/Treasurer Barb Petrin and her family on the recent death of her mother in Minnesota. The condolences of the membership also go to Vice-Chairman Joyce Anders and her family on the death of her father, OOTFA member Red Miller. Red was in the audience at all the jams and really loved the music. Ten musicians played at his funeral and the pastor said it was just as it should be. Helen Hakanson is slowly recovering from a recent difficult bout with the shingles. Hattie Kielhorn has been in Portland Adventist Hospital recently and needs cards and calls of encouragement as she recovers at home.

On Saturday February 7, the Gaston Fiddle Jubilee and Contest will take place at Gaston High School, 306 Park Street in Gaston OR. There will be a Super Senior Category this year and rumor has it that there will be a prize for the best-dressed musicians. Entry forms and information are available from Lew Holt or from the OOTFA website online: [oregonoldtimefiddling.org](http://oregonoldtimefiddling.org).

On Saturday, February 14th in The Dalles, OR, (District 3) member Ellie Hakanson will be performing "From the Journals of Lewis and Clark" on fiddle as the guest soloist with the Willamette Falls Symphony. It takes place at the Granada Theatre, 223 East 2nd Street in The Dalles. The concert starts at 4 PM, doors open at 3:15 PM. For information call 541-296-8600 or go to website: [www.thegranada.org](http://www.thegranada.org). Tickets for the performance only are \$15 general, \$20 reserved. For tickets, call 541-296-3355.

On Sunday, February 22nd in Oregon City, Ellie Hakanson will be performing "From the Journals of Lewis and Clark" on fiddle as the guest soloist with the Willamette Falls Symphony Orchestra along with the Oregon City High School choir. The concert begins at 3 PM at the Gregory Forum, Clackamas Community College, 19600 S. Molalla Avenue. Tickets are available at the door. Adults: \$10, students and seniors: \$7.

Our next regularly scheduled jam will next be at the Canby Adult Center at 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby on Sunday February 8. Coming from Portland take 99E to Ivy Street and turn left (south). The center is on the corner of Ivy and 13th, left side. Informal jamming starts about 11 and public jam starts at 1:00. The public is invited so bring all your friends.

Tuesday February 24 from 12:30 to 1:30 players are needed at Providence Laurelhurst. This is the daycare for the frail elderly and they love us! They're at 4540 NE Glisan, parking is on-street and chancy. Enter the building through the third door from the sidewalk on the south side.

Wednesday February 25 from 1 - 2 p.m. we're needed at the Farmington Square Assisted Living complex at 17950 SW 115th Avenue in Tualatin. Park on the street.

Sunday March 14, 2004 will be our regular OOTFA Jam at the Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. This is the jam that Jack Smith organized a number of years ago. While Jack is not longer with us, we carry on there in his memory. This jam is one of the best. The public is invited.

Linda Easley from District 7

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District 8

Chairman: Dennis Brutke 503-835-3723

Co-Chair: Jackie Stephenson 503-981-9324

Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

567 Leasure St.

Woodburn, OR 97071

We all have stories to tell about the snow and ice storm of January 2004. Many of us were house bound and glad we didn't have to go out. Walking was treacherous, let alone driving!

Dale Colebank, Chris Lang and the Holts made it to Springfield for the OOTFA quarterly meeting. Chris represented our district at the meeting, giving an excellent report. We showed a picture of our new sound trailer. It is serving us well.

Once again we had a great jam at McMinnville in January . Robert and others kept bringing in more chairs. Almost wasn't room for dancing, but dance they did! We had visitors from Districts 6 and 7. Ya'll come back next time, okay? We had 16 fiddlers, and 11 vocals or specials. Have you heard Alan Ede sing "Ghost Chickens in the Sky"? The audience loves it.

We extend our condolences to Don and Daisy Simon on the death of their son-in-law. We also send good wishes for health to all who are having problems of any kind.

We hope to see many of you at the 2nd Annual Gaston Fiddler's Jubilee Contest February 7th. It promises to be as good or better than last year. The Gaston Community puts on the contest. All we have to do is show up.

Next jam is SATURDAY February 21st at McMinnville. Be sure to attend the meeting at 11AM. We are electing officers for the coming term. Our nominating committee will be presenting the following slate of officers: Marie Bailey for chairman, Ray Cunningham for vice-chairman and Chris Lang for secretary/treasurer. Nominations will be open from the floor.

Come early and bring a brown bag lunch. The jam will be from 1 to 4 PM. 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) If you are coming from Newberg, just reverse the directions. Left becomes right and right becomes left but north and south stay the same. Got that?

On March 13 we'll be playing at the Keizer Senior Center for our March jam. This is the center's annual Irish Stew dinner. They are looking forward to us being there.

We felt badly about not making it to Homer's memorial, but with the weather the way it was, we felt that driving to Lakeview would not have been the wise thing to have done. We all feel the loss of Homer. Nobody can take his place.

On an internet bulletin board, I found a story that made me think. A 100 year old lady in a nursing home, had not spoken to anyone for a long time. Then a visitor with a newborn baby came to see her. She put the infant in the woman's arms, and the woman began to sing a lullaby to the baby. Such is the power of music. Those of us who play at nursing homes often see the residents respond to music. Sometimes they appear to be asleep, but a hand or toe will be keeping time with the music. Those who do communicate often tell us it reminds them of the music they grew up with. It's gratifying to know that music brings joy to their lives.

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

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#### District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Walt Cooper 541-573-3417

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Over the holidays Don and Wilda Toussaint hosted a jam as Jim was down from Portland for a visit. Wilda sets a sumptuous buffet table and friends and neighbors from the surrounding area were invited to enjoy an evening of fellowship and music. Jim's brother Don is learning guitar and played along with us.

Lee Tiller, the Nazarene minister, joined us for the program at the Aspens. He plays guitar and we hope to enjoy his music again.

A very small crowd turned out for January Senior Center potluck and jam but we still had a great time. Don Williams brought a CD of Don Hanna's fiddling which we enjoyed before starting our program. It was also nice to see Gordon and Marianne Andrews back on the dance floor (she's been down with a bad back) and Marianne even played 3 songs and sang for us.

Imagine my surprise while making the jam calls to have Roy Reed (banjo player) answer his cell phone from Quartzsite where he is basking in 60 degree plus weather. Our temperature made it all the way to 29 degrees that day!! He'll be back in the snow and cold by Feb. 1st to celebrate his birthday. Now wouldn't you think he'd stay in Arizona to do that!!

Hopefully our Feb. 8th Senior Center potluck and jam will have a bigger crowd. and remember we play Feb. Friday 13th at 7:00 at the Aspens and on Monday Feb. 16th at Ashley Manor.

Looking ahead to March 14th we will be holding a brief meeting at 12:30 before our regular potluck and jam. This will be for election of officers for the coming year so please plan to attend and make your wishes known

Buckle up and bundle up and keep those playing fingers warm  
Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

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#### District 10

Chairman/ Membership:

Jo Barnes (541-459-4522)

255 Raintree Ave. Sutherlin, OR 97479

Co-Chairman: Chuck Hasty (541-673-2067)

Treas. Gynn Deaton (541-839-4501)

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6864)

Greetings from District 10. Our winter weather has been fairly good to us, many of you have not fared as well.

At our January meeting our new officers were elected; Chairman -- Lyneatte Wirlinger, Co-chairman/membership chairman--Jo Barnes, Secretary Flo Sangsland, Treasurer-- Gynn Deaton.

There was a good turnout for the meeting. It is so good to see Chuck Hasty feeling so good and enjoying playing again.

Lyneatte Wirlinger is the program coordinator now.

Happy Birthday to Dot Meadows. Happy Anniversary to Bob and Dot Meadows and Bruce and Lyneatte Werlinger.

February 14th we will have a jam with finger food, at 1 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a special meeting to plan for the Convention, Meeting will be 11 am; potluck at noon and jam at 1 p.m.

REMEMBER OUR OOTFA STATE CONVENTION APRIL 7-8-9-10<sup>th</sup> at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, Oregon. We hope to see you all here. Make your plans now.

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

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ED SED: What a nice turn out for the quarterly meeting, lunch, and jam in Springfield. Thanks to all of you for braving the ice and road conditions. To all of you who were not at the meeting, the convention banquet this year will be a spaghetti feed OR Italian chicken dinner. There will be two different sauces for the spaghetti, one with meat and the other meatless. Each dinner will include green beans, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10.75, however the state will be paying \$2.75 toward each dinner and your cost will be \$8.00.

We need

each district chairperson to get a list of names and dinners selected to Jo Barnes by March 31st.

It is time once again for the nomination of officers. There is no limit to how many can be nominated for the same office so please don't hesitate to throw your name in the hat. You can also

nominate someone from the floor during the annual meeting at the state convention on April 10th. Ken Jordan is the nominating chairman. Please be sure that Ken receives all nominee names. We look forward to a good response.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND. There will be a vote at the annual meeting on wording and suggested revisions of the bylaws, standing rules and official state fiddle contest rules. Copies of the proposed changes are available from your district chairperson and on the internet. Please look these proposals over as they will be voted on at the convention.

Don't forget the change of convention dates to April 8, 9, 10, 2004. Parking on the black top (dry camping) is \$10.00 per night and parking in the RV park with hook ups will be \$15.00. Be sure and let the fairgrounds office know you are with the OOTFA or they will charge you \$20.00 per night. A reminder that the Floral Building will be open for ONLY ONE DAY, Wed. April 7, 2004.

We are sorry for the passing of our dear friend Homer McLain. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to Rosa Lee and all the McLain family.

Until next time, keep fiddlin',

Ed

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Editor's report. The support for the contest has been excellent this month. For many years Mrs. Medack from Mt. Angel was one of our greatest supporters with her contribution for our contest. She passed away several years ago but her husband, Clarence, has continued giving a generous donation in her memory. Thank you Clarence. Ernie and Joyce Lovgren handed me a check for a nice donation in honor and memory of Homer McLain. Thanks. last year Jim Hascall from Dayton, donated a nice guitar for the raffle at the state convention. This year he has donated a fiddle and a tuner for the raffle. Jim is the kind of guy that goes out of his way to help. He is often one of the last ones to leave, not leaving until the floor is mopped and the chairs are put away. He and Jeanne are great supporters of our association. Thanks Jim and Jeanne.

I was excited to read in the District 5 news that they have made a nice donation to the state fiddle contest. Thanks to all of you down in District 5 for your donation.

I want to thank Henry and Anne Huber and Steve and Heather Kenyon for their recent donation. Kind of makes one feel proud to know that all of these members care enough to contribute. Thanks.

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Helen Tracy's note: (dated 1-14-04) "Please thank all of our lovely OOTFA family for their lovely cards and messages for Wayne's birthday. It was a surprise for him and he enjoyed it sincerely. The nursing home overdosed Wayne Dec. 15; he was still sedated Dec. 16 and they called me after 8 PM Dec. 17 to tell me he was being sent to Sacred Heart Hospital for 'evaluation.' The next day was his birthday so you know how happy it was! He remained hospitalized for 24 long days--a horrifying experience for us. I moved him to a new facility Friday and we hope things will improve and I'm sure they will. Thank you dear friends. We love you. Wayne and Helen Tracy"

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New Members for December & January

1. Red & Ariel Adams---Tiller
2. Richard & Janet Barnes---Azalia
3. Dan & Ann Hansley----Florence
4. Steve & Carol Daniels---Florence
5. Shirley Stone---Eagle Point
6. Alta Griffin----Fort Morgan, Colo.
7. Victor & Kay Parkhurst---Christmas Valley
8. John & Florence Mack---Medford
9. Raymond Goeser---Salem
10. Lynne & Charles Kamerman---Eagle Creek
11. Jonathan & Marion Granby---Madras
12. Margaret Keene---White City
13. Con Reynolds---Eagle Point
14. Dearl & Barbarjo Hooten---Eagle Point
15. Scott & Shelley Herron---Eugene
16. John & Pem Winquist---Eugene

17. Slim Williams-- Granite Bay, Calif.  
18. Jess & Edna Kennedy---Clatskanie  
19. Fred & Barbara Dulley---Prineville  
20. Allen & Helen Myers---Bonanza  
21. Don & Jo Scoggins---Klamath Falls  
Thank You Myrtle

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Kathy Nash writes:

Norm and I would like to thank all those who helped to make our 45th wedding anniversary so very special (what a surprise!!) . Many of you braved the weather to come in person, others were there in spirit.. We appreciate you all. We certainly felt the love and well wishes. We will always remember your part in our special day. Norm & Kathy Nash

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I can't begin to express the good that Ace Wehus is doing by recording many of our fiddle players -- both on DVDs and CDs. Fifty years from now, people won't have to wonder what and how we played in the early 2000s. Ace has allowed players and their music to be "forever."

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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.

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Hats off this month to Amy Booher who has a long list of fiddle students. Many of her students will be contestants at Gaston this month and many more will be in our state contest in May.

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Late Hoedowner. Last month our Hoedowners were mailed on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> but evidently they were held up in the mail, at least up in this end of the state. Amy puts out an interesting newsletter for her students.

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Pre-registrations for the Gaston Old Time Fiddlers Jubilee are pouring in -- just as cards come pouring in just before Christmas. Enthusiasm is running high. In the preregistration envelope that a contestant will pick up, there is information saying that during the final rounds cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the best dressed man and woman in each division. So get out your Saturday night "going to town" clothes and get dressed up for the contest. Breakfast will be served at the fire hall starting at 6:30 Saturday morning -- all you can eat for \$6.00. Then for the dinner break, a nice roast beef dinner will be served in the gym where the contest is held. The cost of this nice meal is \$7.00. You are encouraged to participate in these meals to help out the Gaston Community. All profits from the contest go to kids -- scouts, schools, etc. If you any questions, please give me a call or send me an email. I plan on going to Gaston on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, so don't wait too long to contact me.

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District 1-E Campout in Silver Lake, Oregon is still on for May 6 - 9th 2004. It's at their little old Fire Hall not to big, but not too small. Those that have been there know we don't have too much fun all we do is sit around and play music how much fun could that really be. Dry camping in the parking lot and road side. There are two RV parks one on each end of town, both are about 1/4 mile from the fire hall either one of them is good. For more information contact me at [ternsher@gooselake.com](mailto:ternsher@gooselake.com) or phone 541-947-4623. Would like to see all that can make it .  
District 1-E Campout Terry McLain

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Calling all Scarlet Ladies.

We will be performing at the convention Friday night show. Anyone who would like to participate, it's not too soon to get your glitzy purple and red outrageous costumes together and plan on joining us for a lot of fun and laughs. Bob Irvin will be our announcer and Judy Newport will give her rendition of the poem. Marie Nelson

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Lew, Editor

Homer Delbert McLain died at his Lakeview home on Saturday, Dec. 27, 67, from natural causes. Homer was born to Homer LeRoy and Alma (Tuttle) McLain at Newport, Wash. on Oct. 21, 1936. He moved to New Pine Creek in 1941 and attended Kelly Creek School and Lakeview High School. He married Rosa Lee Maxwell on April 5, 1957 in Carson City, Nev.

Homer worked as a ranch hand in Adel, New Pine Creek, Merrill and Crooked Creek. He also worked in the saw mill at Canby, Calif. and L.P. in Lakeview and was a fireman, dispatcher and 1st responder for the Lakeview E.M.S. for 22 years. He always enjoyed his jobs and the people he worked with.

He was a long time member of the Old Time Fiddlers. He was an accomplished musician and his favorite instrument was a fiddle. He also played the accordion, organ, saw and the guitar. He enjoyed his music but most of all he loved the people.

In 1963 Homer was introduced to the gospel and chose to serve God with all his heart and soul. It brought him great joy and peace all of his days, even to the end of his life.

Homer is survived by his wife, Rosa Lee of Lakeview; sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas P. and Eileen of Lakeview, Terry and Sharilyn of Lakeview; Larry and Marianne of Lakeview, Delbert and Lorena of Lakeview, Gayle and Sue of Adel, brothers George of Olympia, Wash., Clyde of Yreka, Calif., Harvey of Lakeview and Gayle of Olympia; sister, Pearl Lytle of New Pine Creek; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clarence and Fred and sister, Mildred McLaughlin.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lakeview Volunteer Fireman, 245 N. F St., Lakeview, 97630 or Lakeview Home Health and Hospice, 700 S. J St., Lakeview, 97630.