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

2004

April

3 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 4 VFW Redmond 3
 17 Jam Shasta Grange 1
 17 Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 17 Grange Crow 6
 17 Senior Center Dallas 8
 18 Pioneer Community Oregon City 7
 8, 9 & 10 State Convention Roseburg

May

1 Community Hall Prospect 4
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 2 Moose Hall Lebanon 6
 8 Community Building Winston 10
 6-9 Silver Lake Campout 1E
 16 Corbett Grange Corbett 7
 17 Grange Woodburn 8
 21 - 22 State Contest Chemeketa Salem

June

5 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 5 Community Building Winston 10
 12 Grange Crow 6
 12 Picnic Woodburn 8
 13 Senior Center Estacada 7
 17 - 19 High Desert Jamboree Burns -
 and State Quarterly meeting.
 21 - 26 Contest Weiser, Idaho

July

29, 30, 31 --1, 2 Aug Diamond Lake Campout

Aug.

7 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 12-14 Campout Winchester Bay 5
 28 Canyonville Contest Canyonville

Sep.

16,17 & 18 Campout 1000 T LaPine State/3

District 1

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Happy Easter Everyone! Spring is certainly perking us up here in District 1! During these gorgeous sunny days, many of us are out and about, enjoying the nice warm weather. The ground is green, and several flower varieties are blooming.

The OOTFA State Convention is in Roseburg at the Fairgrounds on April 8, 9, & 10. Be sure to get your order in for either the new 2004 roster, and/or the fundraiser cookbook. Call Faye or Irene to order your copies or for more details. Reminder to our district: we will not be having our usual Jam & Dance on April 11th (because of the convention and Easter). This month only, it will be on Saturday April 17th.

Our April schedule shows the following: Friday the 2nd at Pelican Pointe, Sunday the 4th at Villa West Mobile Estates, Saturday the 17th at Shasta Grange (Jam & Dance), and the 28th at Clairmont Retirement (upper level) at 1 p.m. We are also scheduled to play at the annual Packers Clinic on the 30th at the Fairgrounds. Check with Faye or Don for time (unknown at publication).

Judy McGarvey visited us from District 4, and Howard Priddy visited from Mt Shasta. Bob Huffman from Portland was a houseguest recently at Virgil & Jackie Schmoe's, which set off some impromptu jam sessions. Welcome to new member John Northcraft (bass player)

Our very best Get Well Wishes to Steve Curry. He is recovering from a broken shoulder and leg, received when his horse fell on him. Hurry back Steve, we need your guitar picking and singing.

Special April Birthday Greetings to Lewis Stork on the 6th. Special Anniversary Congratulations to: Don & Barb Fitzgerald on the 22nd, and Jim & Janice Lancaster celebrating on the 26th.

"I've never known a musician who regretted being one. Whatever deceptions life may have in store for you, music itself is not going to let you down" by Virgil Thomson. From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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

Well, we're all getting pretty excited about Roseburg, maybe with the change in the convention dates we'll have nice enough weather to jam outside!! The first convention I ever went to was about 4(5?) years ago and it was beautiful weather(at least one day) and there was lots of jamming outside, and I thought that was just awesome. Still waiting This past month we've been carrying on with our senior center dates and nursing home sessions. A 90th birthday party performance for Jess Lightle was a nice diversion from our routine and everyone really seemed to enjoy the music-young and old alike. And, ahem, speaking of birthdays, Edna Shultz has one on April 15 and Billy McLain on the 14th.

Lakeview Senior Center play dates are April 2, 16, 23, and 30. We start at 10 a.m. and play until noon. Stop by and give the old regulars a hand if you're in town. Lake District Long Term Care Facility (nursing home) dates are April 6 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30.

About the District 1E camp-out at Silver Lake (May 6-9):

1. First of all, we are having baked hams instead of spaghetti for the Saturday evening potluck (Ham is the perfect food for a bunch of fiddlers if you ask me!)

2. We now have the comprehensive list of "accommodations" as follows:

In Silver Lake-- K&K RV Park (541) 576-2258, Silver Lake Trailer Park (541)576-2789, Silver Lake Motel (541)576-2131, 6 miles away-- Pitcher Ranch Bed and Breakfast. It's a bit spendy, but sounds like it may be worth it-especially if you can pool your resources with another couple. (541)576-2526. Here's their web address-www.oregonoutback.com/accommodations.html, approx 20 mi.--Christmas Valley Desert Inn(541)576-2262, Lakeside Terrace(541)576-2309, Summer Lake Lodge(541)576

If any of you have any questions about the camp-out, you're welcome to call Terry or Sharilyn McLain @ (541)947-4623.

Y'all come..... Larry and Marianne McLain's daughter Rhayanna is getting married June 26 at the fairgrounds here in Lakeview. Dist. 1E fiddlers are playing for the wedding and Rhayanna is inviting any of the fiddlers from the other districts to come along and join the festivities.

I don't mean to make this sound like a footnote, but we have a new member (reason for celebration for 1E!!) We've got another great guitar player/singer in Matt Hanks , who comes to us from Lake City, CA. Welcome aboard, Matt.

Now, would y'all like a joke? Here goes.....What does it say on a blues singer's tombstone? "Didn't wake up this morning....."

For 1E, Eileen McLain

District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach 541-389-6037

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

Sec/Treas/Membership: Earlene Ervin

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Spring is here and flowers are growing. Pretty soon a lot of musicians will be playing outside in that wonderful sunshine. Yeah!

District 3 will finalize the contract for the fiddle scholarship. We will keep everyone posted of any updates. Make sure you're at the meeting to follow the VFW show on April 4th if your interested in playing the fiddle.

Earlene Ervin was nominated for Secretary Treasurer for the second year. Thanks for taking that job again, you are doing a great job. :o).

Art Bigelow was nominated for Co-Chairman and Dale Anderson was elected for Chairman . District # 3 welcomes you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. :o).

Don't forget our State Election of officers at the Roseburg State Convention on April 8th, 9th and 10th. Bring your instruments and let's play, play and play until our fingers hurt. Yeah!

For those who plan on attending Roseburg State Convention can contact Bob Ervin and Rick Braumbach for any questions. Make sure to register for RV parking if you plan to park on the black top behind the building. See you all there.

Redmond Library Jam will be on April 13th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hope you all will be there to play music and have fun, great opportunity to practice with others and learn new songs.

Thanks for coming Winston Grant who plays fiddle from District 8 Eddyville, Oregon.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with some Old Time fiddle music and lots of love. Enjoy the early spring weather.

Reporter District 3 Ellen Jakab

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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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

There will be no District meetings in the months of April and May. However there will be the regular jams and potlucks. The potluck will be at 11:30 am, the on stage jam will start at 12:30 p.m.

Sign-up jam will start at 1 p.m., ending at 4 p.m. April 3rd jam will be at Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. May 1st Jam will be Prospect Community Hall, Prospect. June 5th Jam will be at Roxy Ann Grange, Medford.

Kathy Serpa, Kitchen Chairman, is retiring at the end of June. If you are interested in doing the kitchen, let Lee Ferguson or Gene Williams know.

Jerry Hudson has had a set-back, our thoughts are with you Jerry and Peggy. We sure have missed Peggy at the jams.

Judy McGarvey has announced she is planning on running for State President.

We have had lots of play dates this last month. One I would like to mention was at the Elks Club in Medford. For the Children's Miracle Network. Twenty Two members played for 3 hours.

We're happy to mention we have two more new members.

Rogue River Senior Center has been a difficult place to have coffee and desserts. As they have to be carried across the alley, to another kitchen where we are playing. As a trial we rearranged the seating and playing stage. This allowed everyone to see and hear the musicians.

Everyone seemed to be pleased with the new arrangements and sound.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in Roseburg.

Gene Williams, reporter, District 4

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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Happy Easter to everyone!!

Many thanks to all the musicians who played for the Suislaw Museum open house and the North Fork Grange fundraiser last month. We also all had a great time "fiddling for the green" at Scottsburg on March 21st.

Assignments for the convention in Roseburg were made during our meeting on March 20th. Thanks in advance for everyone who volunteered to help out.

Our play dates for April are: 4/7 - Heritage Place at 1:30 p.m. & Ocean View at 3:00 p.m., 4/14 - Inland Point at 11:00 am & Ocean Crest at 2:00 pm, 4/16 - Bay Crest Village at 2:00 p.m., 4/21 - Oerding Manor at 1:20 p.m. & Myrtle Point Care Center at 3:00 p.m. and 4/28 - Nancy Devereux Center at 12:30 & Life Care at 2:00 p.m. We have been invited to play at the harbor in Brookings for their Slugs, Stones and Cones festival from 1-3 p.m. on May 8th. This is at the far reaches of our district members and we would love to have anyone from other districts join us in Brookings, especially anyone from District 4. Limited free camping for

OOTFA players may still be available for May 8th. Call Pat Silveria at 541-469-2684 for further information. We will also play in Brookings from 1-3 p.m. on May 30th for the Azalea Memorial Weekend and again on July 4th from 1-4 p.m.

Our get well wishes go out to all our members who have been "under the weather".

Happy Birthday to all our April Fools...Jerene Shaffar on April 2nd, Ed Foerster 5th, Jerry Barrow and Ron Saylor 8th, Leo Bernhardt and Hal Weiner 12th, Cy Wenberg 14th, Kathy Nash 16th, John Bealy 19th, Charlie Miller and Ruth Earls 21st, Lew Hodges 24th, Grant Combs 26th. Happy Anniversary to Rick & Debra Reavis and Sid & Ruth Earles on April 6th, Cliff & Phyllis Larson 22nd and Larry & Sharon Gallagher 25th

We have GREAT news!! We are able to extend the date for dry camping reservations for our Winchester Bay campout (August 12-15). Contact Sharon Gallagher with

your reservations and plan to send a check for the camping fee (\$8 per night) to Sharon as soon as possible. We now have until the end of July before we have to give up our reservation block, but we still encourage any one who would like to come to the campout to make their reservations now. We have already received reservations and are looking forward to a great time for all. We will provide more details in a later Hoedowner.

Our next jam will be on April 17th at the Coos Bay Senior Center. Potluck will be at 12:00 p.m. with the jam to follow at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

Hal Weiner, Reporter, District 5

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.,
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Well, Convention time is upon us! If you plan to attend the Saturday night banquet please let Chairman Joe Moyle know, along with your choice of entree (Italian chicken or spaghetti). Joe is also asking for folks to volunteer to spend a few hours sitting at the desk for the front door duties.

March was a month mixed with both rain and sun. We were saddened at the passing of Wayne Tracy and send our heartfelt condolences to Helen. We will miss seeing Wayne striding about the Convention hall in Roseburg, joking and gossiping with his delightful sense of humor. We were gladdened to hear that Linda Harvey is out of danger following her serious heart attack, and is now recovering at home after a stay in a rehab facility. Harv sends thanks from the Harvey family for all the cards, calls and prayers. We also have good news about Gary Lake who has completed his chemotherapy and is looking forward to a good summer! Ellamae Lenox suffered a heart attack in late February and is recovering in the Mennonite Home. Tom McAdam spent a brief time in the hospital with an infection but is home as of this writing. Best wishes for better health!

At the February meeting the District reelected Joe Moyle to serve another term as Chair. Bob Strelow was elected as Co-chair, and Bernie Roberts was elected Secretary/Treasurer; their terms of office will begin in July. Thanks so very much to these members who are willing to step forward and fill these offices! Bob Kaiser, our current Treasurer, requested to be replaced immediately due to health problems, so Bernie will take over that position immediately. Thanks so much to Bob for serving faithfully for many years. When I was chairman, I appreciated not having to worry about the financial end of the District's business because I knew it was in Bob's capable hands. Thank you, Bob, and we hope you will be feeling better soon!

Our current Secretary Betty Hawkins is still recovering from a stroke, and so Bernie will be filling in for her as well. Betty has been another of our hard-working volunteers, and I was fortunate to have her serve with me during my chairmanship. She did so many tasks behind the scenes, including arranging groups of Fiddlers to play when requested and handling the Membership duties for many years. Thanks for all your hard work, Betty, and we hope you will be back at the jams with us soon--I need to hear you play "Won't You Ride in my Little Red Wagon!"

Dave Boyd recently moved to a new residence and would like folks to know his new address--so you can send him that money you owe him! (Just kidding.) He now resides at Ya-Po-Ah Terrace, 350 Pearl St., # 1109, Eugene, OR 97401.

Thanks to Joe and Leah Canaday for hosting another fine jam and potluck at Crow Grange in March. This grange has been a good friend to the Fiddlers for many years, and also hosts other music jams and dances each month. We are fortunate to have such a welcoming place to gather. In fact, we will gather there again on Saturday, April 17th for the usual potluck and jam. In May we will meet at the Lebanon Moose Lodge on Sunday May 2nd for the popular jam and dance, with lunch provided by the Lodge. And in June we will again convene at Crow Grange for jamming on June 12th.

April birthdays: Alice McDowell, 4/4; Adam Johnson, 4/5; Julia Moon, 4/8; Carol Ede, 4/12; Barbara McAdam, 4/13; Don Peeler, 4/15; Sherry Dobson, 4/18; Bob Kaiser, 4/20; Dee Dee Kaiser, 4/22. Happy anniversary to: Joe and Leah Canaday, 4/9; Tom and Barbara McAdam, 4/13; Arlo and Louise Hamilton, 4/13; Joe and Emily Moyle, 4/22; Red and Joyce Herndon 4/25.
Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6

District 7

Chairman, Linda A. Easley, 503-235-1671
Vice-Chairman, Joyce Anders, 503-630-2510
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Our March Jam at the Lake Oswego Senior Center was lots of fun. Thirty-one musicians signed up and took a turn at the mike, giving us lots of music and song. This was the jam that Jack Smith started a long time ago. There were lots of Jack's tunes played and reminiscences about him and his fiddling. We are happy to announce that at our meeting that we voted to contribute \$500 to the state fiddle contest, \$300 to the Canyonville Contest and \$200 to the Willamette Valley Contest. We are so pleased to see all of the kids that the contests reach. THE FUTURE OF FIDDLING IN OREGON IS IN VERY GOOD HANDS.

District 7 has seven new family memberships this month. We are growing! Lori and Ivan Andresen live in Forest Grove. Lori is the fiddler. William and Ann Bezuk live in Rhododendron. Their son James is a fiddler. Renee and Anna Breuer are mother and daughter who live in SW Portland. Anna is the fiddler. Charlotte and Harry Goldsmith live in Forest Grove. Charlotte is the fiddler. David Harrison lives in SE Portland. Miki and Hedenao Kimura live in Beaverton. Miki plays the fiddle. Susan and Harold Maag live in Clackamas. Their daughters are Gina and Rachel, who play the fiddle. Let's be sure to make our new members feel welcome when our paths cross at the jams.

Ace Wehus is about the same. He and Dorothy sure appreciate all the cards and calls and expressions of encouragement that people have sent them.

"The new officers for District 7 for fiscal 2004-2005 will be:

Chairman - Jim Kuether; Co-Vice-Chairs - Dick and Donna Foreman;
Secretary/Treasurer - Barbara Petrin; Membership - Jackie Germundson and Myrtle Arnold; Special Events/Performance Schedules - Ida Colby and Linda Easley; and Newsletter - Gail Foster. This will be an exciting new management team."

There are lots of opportunities to come out and share the delightful music we enjoy so much. Saturday April 3 we're needed at the Wilsonville Shrine Temple at 8651 SW Salish Lane in Wilsonville (503-658-4427) from 6 - 7 p.m. Take Exit 286 from I-5 go down to the light and turn left. Go mile and the building is on the right. They are celebrating with a Western theme. This is a fundraiser for critically ill children.

Tuesday April 13, from 2 - 3 p.m. Meadows Courtyard needs musicians at 13637 Garden Meadows Drive in Oregon City. (503-656-8113). I always go south on I-205, take Exit 10, right up

the hill to Beavercreek Road, turn right, go through the light, then left at the light onto Molalla Avenue, past two lights and right onto Garden Meadows Drive, then left into the parking lot.

Sunday, April 18th is our regularly scheduled OOTFA jam at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. I always have to check the map for this one. The public is invited.

Saturday May 15 The Washington County Historical Society wants musicians for the Draft Horse Plowing Exhibition at the Rock Creek Campus of PCC. Directions: Go west from Portland on Highway 26 to 185th Avenue. Go north 3.5 miles to Springville Road and turn right. Go about a quarter of a mile on Springville Road and turn left into the entrance of PCC-Rock Creek and someone will tell you where the fiddlers are playing and where to park. We'll start between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. The public is invited.

Sunday, May 16 will be our regular OOTFA jam at the Corbett Grange in Corbett. The address is 37493 Grange Hall Road in Corbett. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the right. The highway curves right then left again. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The Grange is the only building on this road. Or take the Scenic Columbia Gorge Highway and enjoy the wildflowers. The public is invited.

Sunday June 6 from 2 - 3 p.m. the Oregon City Library needs players at 362 Warner-Milne Street in Oregon City. From Interstate 205 take exit 10 to Highway 213. Proceed about four miles up the hill to the light at Beavercreek Road. Turn right onto Beavercreek Road. Continue through two stoplights - second light is Molalla Avenue. Turn into the second driveway on the right (behind Danielson's store). The library is on the right at the far end of the building. You'll see theatres on your left. Public invited.

Sunday June 13 is the OOTFA regular monthly jam at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the public. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one!

Saturday June 26 the BEAT Riding Academy at 41919 NW Wilkesboro in Banks needs players for their fundraiser. We did this last year and they fed us a good barbecue and it was a lot of fun. They provide a horseback experience for disadvantaged children. Directions are West from Portland on Highway 26, turn left towards Banks onto Highway 6, go about a mile and a half, turn left onto NW Aerts Road, go about a quarter of a mile. Turn right onto NW Wilkesboro Road, cross over the railroad tracks and you're almost there. They will have someone there to help us park. Scheduled time to follow.

Wednesday June 30 at the Tualatin Senior Center from 12:15 to 1:15. Particulars to follow.

Linda Easley, Reporter, District 7

District 8

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Co-Chair: Jackie Stephenson 503-981-9324

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Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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It's officially spring now, though it's been looking like it for some time. The bright flowers and green growing things are feasts for the eyes.

My prediction that we would have a great jam at McMinnville proved to be true! We had a large turnout for our meeting. Our officers for the year beginning July 1 will be: Marie Bailey, chairperson, Ray Cunningham, co-chair, and Christine Lang, who will continue as secretary-

treasurer. Thanks to all of them for being willing to serve the district! And a big thanks to outgoing officers Jackie Stephenson and Dennis Brutke who will finish his second term as chairman at the end of June. We'll be thanking them again then!

In other business, District 8 voted to donate \$500 to the OOTFA Fiddle Contest, \$150 to the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, and \$150 to the Canyonville Fiddle Contest. Fred Hardin spoke eloquently about the value of fiddle contests, especially for our younger fiddlers. The father of some of our young fiddlers says the contests are comparable to a recital for students.

We were honored to have 2 new fiddlers attend our jam. Seventeen year old Josh from McMinnville, played, "My Own House Waltz." He likes Irish and Scandinavian fiddling. And 7 year old Trevor Whittaker from Independence, played Red Wing and Stone's Rag. Trevor placed 4th in PeeWee division at Gaston. Welcome guys! We hope you'll be back. Several visitors from District 7 joined us too. Always good to see (and hear) you!

The annual Irish Stew Dinner Jam at the Senior Center in Keizer was also a rousing success with a number of visiting musicians from Districts 6 and 7. (I was home with bronchitis, and missed it). Lew says there 25 sign ups. They have asked us back for next year.

An e-mail letter from Harriet Modrell's daughter Joy, says that Harriet has shingles. She's on pain medication, but still feeling pretty uncomfortable. Get better soon Harriet!

The annual OOTFA Convention is one of the highlights of the fiddle year. Lots of jamming, visiting, tune workshops, and more jamming. If you have nice door prizes for convention, they are always welcome. This is a fun thing. Registered member's names are drawn every hour Friday. You have until the next drawing to pick up your door prize. If you're not there, your name goes back in the box, so you have another chance. If you donate a prize, be sure it's something you wouldn't mind winning.

Our next district 8 jam will be in a new location. The Senior Center in Dallas will be our hosts. The date: Saturday, April 17th. The center is located at 955 Jefferson St. Going into Dallas from the north, go down Main St. to the light. Turn left, turn left at the next left and look to the left for the Senior Center. In other words, it is one block south of the court house and near the library. The doors will be open at 10 AM for early jamming. Bring a lunch bag if you want to eat. The signup program will run from 1 to 4. The Dallas seniors are looking forward to having us there.

On May 15th our regular jam will be at the Woodburn Grange Hall. Again brown bag lunch. We hope to have visitors for both these jams. Directions next month. Looking even farther down the road - June 12th, District 8 picnic at the Colebank's. July 10 and 11 we are invited to camp at Silver Falls and play. On the 24th of July we are having a jam from 1 to 3 in Garibaldi -- just like the old days. On July 31 we play at 5:00 at the Antique Caterpillar show near Brooks.

And don't forget gang, district 8 starts off the dance Saturday night at 8:00 at the convention. All district 8 musicians are invited to be on the stage. Marie Bailey and Les Tucker will represent our district at the Friday night show.

Happy Fiddling and Listening!

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Walt Cooper 541-573-3417

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We held our election of Officers on March 14 just prior to the potluck and jam. Julia Milleson will continue as Chairperson with Lloyd Louie being voted in as co-chair and Rose Modey Johnson agreed to continue as Sec/Treas/Membership

another year. It was also voted upon to make a \$200.00 donation to the State fiddle contest and extend an invitation to the O.O.T.F.A. to hold their quarterly meeting during our Jamboree in June.

Thanks to Jim and Lola Johnson and Amanda and Ben Schaefer of Canyon City who came early to attend the meeting and staying to play.

Following the meeting, Bob Ervin, State Vice President, and wife Earlene were introduced and Bob spent a few minutes talking to the group and fielding questions.

Other guests coming to play were Joe and Carolyn Marstal (Dist.3) of LaPine.

Sorry I wasn't able to stay and hear more of the playing but Janet Brayman, Rose Modey Johnson and I had to leave early to perform at the Spring Community Concert. Edie Koenig also sang in the chorus.

Hugh Gallaher of Jerome, Idaho spent a few days here on his way home from Quartzsite and played with us at the Aspens as well. Eight (8) year old Bailey Johnston came and played a few songs. It's great when the young kids take an interest in our music.

Walt Cooper has racked up extra hours toting and manning our sound system for two performances put on by "Once in a Bluemoon productions". The audience greatly appreciated the added sound.

In February we played an extra half hour at Ashley Manor as Lee Tiller brought a guest, Louie Chandler, who played guitar and sang. Work in Prineville right now is keeping him from attending our Friday night jams. Our play date for the Ashley Manor in April will be the 19th at 6:30 PM.

Note: on Friday April 2 we will be playing for an open house at the Aspens from 2 until 4. Please mark this on your calendar. Our regular Friday night for the Aspens will be the 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you all at convention.

Julia Milleson, Reporter for District 9

And Janet adds regarding the High Desert Jamboree that so many of us enjoy:

The High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree is June 17, 18, 19, 2004 at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns, Oregon. If you've been before, expect similar activities. If you've never been, we'd be pleased if you stopped by. RV parking and camping is available for \$10 per night dry and \$12 per night with hook-up. (You might have to share the water with your neighbor). Showers and a RV dump station are included in the fees. Three buildings will be open for our use. The "main hall" features 2 shows per day of sign-up jams. The "Sale Barn" will have several shows featuring 30 minute sets, a youth jam on Friday afternoon and will be available for electrified jams during unscheduled times. Any group wishing to reserve stage time for the long sets (30 minutes) is encouraged to contact Janet in advance. The "Exhibit Hall" is open 24 hours for jamming (except during scheduled workshops). Food will be available at the Jamboree. Admission is by donation..... We pass the hat to cover our expenses. Contact Janet at 541-573-1323 for information, or the Harney County Chamber of Commerce at 541-573-2636 if you desire information about the community. Signs will help you find your way once you get to town. If in doubt, turn south at the 2nd stop light. Hope to see you in June. It is a jammin' good time.

District 10

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Co-Chairman: Lyneatte Werlinger (541) 957-8616

Treas. Glynn Deaton (541-839-4501)

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

A sunny spring greeting from District10. We are making plans for the OOTFA Convention here in Douglas County.

We had our March meeting, potluck and Jam. We have a new member Tricia Aloisi; she joined in with her fiddle. Welcome Tricia.

Our birthdays for April are Jan Castillo, Chuck Hasty, Jeannetta Jenks, Jaica Werlinger and Margorie LeBlue, "Happy Birthday to All". Also congratulations for Anniversaries to Chuck and Margie Hasty, Jim and Charlotte Weaver and Don and Doris Dilbeck.

We will have no meeting in April due to the Convention. Our next meeting will be May 8 with meeting at 11 a.m., potluck noon and jam at 1 p.m. It was voted to hold future businesses meetings monthly. Our June meeting will be held on the 5th due to unavailability of the Winston Community Building.

The 2004 OOTFA Convention is just around the corner. Preparations are being made for a great time. This is a time to renew old friendships, meet new friends and enjoy good music.

District 10 will be welcoming early arrivals at the Floral Building on Wednesday. There will be food coffee and tea. At 7 p.m. there will be a sign up Jam.

WE WILL SEE YOU APRIL 7-8-9-10 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Have a safe trip.

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

ED SED: Spring is here, the birds are singing and the days are warmer with longer daylight hours. Should make for some good fiddle jamming outside at the convention, weather cooperating. We are looking forward to a good turn out and hopefully our snowbird and out of state members will also be able to come this year.

Don't forget to look for copies of the proposed changes to the "standing rules and by-laws and also the proposed changes to the State Fiddle Contest". There will also be copies of the present rules, etc., to compare with the new proposals. Changes will be voted on at the Saturday Annual Meeting. The election of officers will also be held then.

Scheduled times for the work-shops are:

9:00 a.m. Guitar, Dale Colebank; 10:15 a.m. Fiddle class, Alice Holt; 11:30 a.m. Banjo class, LeRoy Newport; 2:00 p.m. Playing fiddle by ear, beginning harmony and breaks, Vance Bonner.

Something that was brought up several years ago and I still feel that it should be considered, is an "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Hall of Fame". Several other states have a fiddle hall of fame and what better way to acknowledge our present, and past fiddle players as well as the future fiddle players. Lets all give this some serious thought.

District 9 Chairperson, Julia Milleson, has invited us to hold our summer Quarterly meeting during their High Desert Jamboree in June. I accepted their offer and our meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19th.

We are sorry to hear of Wayne Tracy's passing. Our condolences to Helen.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention.

Until next time, keep fiddling,

Ed, President Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

Bob Ervin writes: Thousand Trails: (LaPine) Sep[ember 16,17 & 18 Finally, we have completed all the arrangements for Thousand Trails Meeting. I am ready to start taking reservations. As we have a limited number of cottages, yurts, and trailers available I would advise everybody to get their reservations to me as soon as possible. At the present I only have 1 cottage left. I will be prepared to take reservations at the convention. All prices for cottages, yurts and trailer rentals and meals are the same as last year, also R.V. spots. I will be more specific as to prices for everything in upcoming issues of the Hoedowner, so be sure to watch for this.

Now, I would like to say a few words about the proposed changes to our by-laws. We will be asked to vote on the changes at the convention, which is the way it should be. I have taken considerable time to study these suggested changes and find that most of them would not affect the

way the by-laws are presently written that much. However, there are one or two places where a word was deleted or added to a sentence that does change the meaning significantly.

Therefore, I urge all members that plan on being at the convention and voting on these changes to obtain a copy of the changes and study them closely. (Your district chairman has a copy.)

The by-laws are a very important part of our organization. We will be expected to abide by them until some-time in the future when the members elect to change them again. Thank you. Bob Ervin, Vice President O.O.T.F.A.

From the editor:

(Ken Cartwright wrote this letter to me one night on email. I asked him if I might share it with you.)
Hi Lew, Do you recall that I learned my fiddle repair craft from my Grandfather? Six months ago, I got an email from some people in Pennsylvania who had acquired a fiddle from a yard sale and they were doing some research on the name inside.

They did a google search of the Cartwright name and my name kept coming up. A.E. Cartwright was the name of my grandfather and the name inside. What did I know about it?

My grandfather died when I was a young man -- out of the service and travelling. I never acquired one of his fiddles and always lamented that I'd give a lot to have one. He was not an exemplary fiddle maker, but he was my hero and my surrogate father, so anything by him would have been appreciated.

When I saw the name and the place of construction, I was a little too enthusiastic. They wanted a lot of money for the fiddle. I protested and told them that aside from the fact that it was a family instrument, it had a possible resale value of \$300 and that's all I would pay. They said no and that they would place it on Ebay, which they did. I watched the placement and the sale and it never even reached minimum.

I was concerned that I had made the wrong decision and that it had gotten away from me again. Time went by and I sent them a email about the instrument and a couple of weeks ago they contacted me and asked if I was still interested in it at \$300. I said I was and bought it. I'm in the process of repairing it and making it ready to play. I'm so excited by having it that I can hardly wait to strike a bow to it.

The dates of the Diamond Lake Campout or High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree
July 29, 30, 31 Aug 1 go home the 2nd of Aug. Irene Ruddock

Thanks for the contributions. District 7 made a generous contribution to the contest at their last meeting. The Lovgrens made a donation in memory of Wayne Tracy. District 9 has made a nice contribution to the contest. Districts 3 and 4 sent in contributions and District 5 had sent theirs earlier. We are on our way! Your generosity with your contributions for the contest is "frosting on the cake." Last year we had close to 70 contestants. And half of the contestants were 17 years old and younger. I think back to when Alice and I attended our first contest. There were maybe 2 or 3 Pee Wees playing simple tunes. We have contestants now in Pee Wee division that are fabulous and this goes on up through the Junior-Juniors, and Juniors. I look for even a greater number this year. Peg Willis will be bring a "bunch of kids." Amy Thomas Booher will be bringing a "bushel of kids" -- as well as older contestants. Your district contributions and your personal contributions are appreciated.

Joy Smith has donated a nice 3/4 fiddle, Jim Hascall has donated a full size fiddle and tuner, and Hal Wiener has donated a banjo-uke. These will be raffled off, probably at \$5.00 for six tickets. But everybody is a winner. The first 50 people who buy six tickets get an excellent cassette tape donated by Vivian and Phil Williams from Voyage Recording in Seattle. (If you buy twelve tickets for \$10, you get two tapes of your choice.) You can't lose.

Starr McMullen reminds us that the Willamette Valley contest will be held August 7th at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. This is a fun contest -- you should try it out this year. Contributions gladly accepted. Contributions have been made by Districts 7 and 8.

Gynn Deaton writes: I want to express my appreciation for the following donations to the Canyonville Contest: District 4 - \$300, District 5 - \$200, District 7 - \$300, District 8 - \$150, we'll gladly accept more contributions--both from districts and individuals. Thanks. Gynn Deaton

That was a nice article about Phil Fry in The World in Coos Bay and his violin making. Alice happened to find it on the paper's website.

A fiddle friend, Pat Grogan, died a year or so ago. His widow has three of his fiddles that she has for sale. They have been in storage and need restoration. The prices range from \$200 to \$400. I will have them at the state convention if they haven't sold between now and then. She, also, has microphones, amplifiers, tape recorders and speakers. If you are interested or want more information, you may call Mrs. Grogan in Salem at 503-363-2680.

Folklore Society third Friday concert April 16, 2004 show:

I am pleased to welcome Jim Hockenull (District 8) as a performer in the Portland Folklore Society Third Friday concert series! The concerts are held at:
Multnomah Friends Meeting House 4312 SE Stark St. (503) 232-2822
The schedule for 4/16/04: 7:00 p.m. Doors Open 7:30 - 8:00 John Twist, Portland singer songwriter
8:00 - 8:45 Jim Hockenull, Old time fiddle and banjo
8:45 - 9:15 Intermission- 9:15 -10:00 Mark Graham & Orville Johnson, great harmonica/guitar duo
Admission is \$8 for PFS members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for 12-18 years, and under 12 FREE.
For more info: Jack Bohl 1000 NE 53rd Portland, OR 97213 (503) 282-1327
jackbohl@earthlink.net

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.

After Elsie Bostick died, Dexter donated a box with a variety of fiddle things that Elsie had. There are some cute little music box fiddles, Greg Baker books/tapes, etc. They will be at the convention for drawings.

1998 33' Hurricane, SO, 17,700 miles, 5,000 Watt Onan Gen., 460 Ford Eng., hydraulic jack pads, two TVs, Video, Two Air conditioners, walk around bed, large bathroom & dressing room, non-smokers, just like new. Class A, \$39,000.00 (And Chuck and I filled the gas tank and the propane tank the other day.)

NEW MEMBERS FOR APRIL HOEDOWNER

1. Gerald & Jakayan Sanders---Sweet Home
2. David Harrison---Portland
3. Jim & Lola Johnson---Canyon City
4. Janice Nuttall---Falls City
5. Traci Aloisi---Sutherlin
6. William & Ann Bezuk---Rhododendron
7. Miki & Hedenao Kimura---Beaverton
8. Jerri Slayton---Quartzsite Az.
9. Susan & Harold Maag---Clackamas

10. Ken & Sue Stanton---Grants Pass
11. Ailene Koster---Grants Pass
12. Mildred Bandy---LaPine
13. Jim & Cyndi Cantrell---Bend
14. Dan & Jan Bissell---Salem

District 1-E Campout in Silver Lake, Oregon is still on for May 6 - 9th 2004. It's at the Fire Hall. 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 or phone 541-947-4623. District 1-E Campout Terry McLain

Calling All Scarlet Ladies

Our performance is just around the corner at the convention. This is for everyone from the very youngest member on up. It's about what we are going to do WHEN we get old, so if you feel like having a fun & silly good time, just get your outrageous & glitzy red hat & purplecostume/outfit together and join us. Marie Nelson

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6. Joe Pancierzewski - The Fiddling Engineer
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Roseburg, Oregon

1. Each District is asked to bring 2 or 3 Floral arrangements for Banquet tables.
2. All members are urged to bring Handcrafts quilts, afghans, clocks, plates, or other items for the annual raffle.
3. Please bring items you would be proud to take home, for the Friday and Saturday drawings, etc..
4. Each District is assigned 15 minutes to play good danceable music for the Saturday night dance.
5. Louie Roy is in charge of the Friday night show, any questions see him.
6. District 10 is in charge of advertising, food, catering, all activities Wednesday, setting up chairs, tables and taking them down.
7. PLEASE GIVE DISTRICT 10 ALL THE HELP YOU CAN. THIS IS A BIG JOB SO DIG IN. THANKS.
8. Louie Roy and District 10 will be our contact for assistance, special needs.
9. Work shops to be announced.
10. The nominating Committee is composed of all Oota District Chairpersons and will be looking for persons who are interested in or willing to hold a State office. Please contact one of them if you want to volunteer or want to recommend someone.
11. Districts 1, 1E, 7 and 8 are assigned to set All District chairpersons are in charge of up tables with tablecloths, floral arrangements, making the following assignments in their place cards at the head table and any other extras which may be necessary for our Saturday Night banquet.
12. Districts 3 and 9 are in charge of all parking for the RV'S and overnights on the black top. The fee is \$ 10.00 per night. In the campground the fee is \$ 15.00 with hookups. Write on the envelope you are with the OOTFA
13. Districts 5 and 6 will be in charge of the front desk activities including registration, accounting for Banquet tickets, etc..
14. Districts 4 and 5 will be in charge of selling tickets on various raffle items and hourly drawings for door prizes.
15. See Helen Tracy for name tags, bumper stickers, Fiddle tapes, etc.
16. Wednesday April 7, District 10 will be our Host at the Floral Building. Doors open 8:00 a.m. for early birds. Jamming, finger food, coffee all day compliments of District 10.
17. Breakfast 8:00 a.m. and lunch at 12 noon.
18. Quarterly meeting Friday with Nominating Committee meeting to follow. 3:00 p.m.
19. Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. annual meeting and election of officers.
20. Pricing for the Banquet will be \$ 8.00 per person. Notify your chairman ASAP if you haven't yet -- chicken or spaghetti.

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