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

2004

May

1 Community Hall Prospect 4
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 2 Moose Hall Lebanon 6
 8 Community Building Winston 10
 9 Shasta Grange 1
 9 Jam Senior Center Burns 9
 6-9 Silver Lake Campout 1E
 15 Jam Coos Bay 5
 15 Grange Woodburn 8
 16 Grange Corbett 7
 21 - 22 State Contest 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

10-11 Silver Falls Silverton 8
 24 Jam Garibaldi 8
 31 Antique Caterpillar Show Brooks 8
 29, 30, 31 --1, 2 Aug Diamond Lake Campout

Aug.

7 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 12 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8
 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 Mother's Day to everyone who either is a mother or had one!

Spring in Klamath Basin is such a challenge. After all our lovely sunny days, Mother Nature does her spring fling thing and changes seasons on us! During the weekend of April 17th when we had our spaghetti feed fund-raiser for Steve Curry, it was snowing! This city born gal still isn't used to snow covering the green leaves on the trees, especially if it's after Tax Day.

Word back from those attending the state convention in Roseburg was that it was a lot of fun. Seems like that always happens when you get a bunch of talented musicians together.

At our April member meeting, Philip & Sheila Fry were visiting from Coos Bay, District 5. Enjoyed their company and hope they will consider coming back again. Also visiting from Ashland, District 4 was Don Maddox and his spoon-playing good friend Shirley Stone. If you are wondering, yes, it is the very same Don Maddox of the Maddox Brothers and Rose band. Seems like Don and Shirley have the reputation of getting their picture taken wherever they go. Happened here too! They even came back to attend our fund-raiser. Thank you both for being part of our group.

We held the spaghetti feed for Steve Curry to help with some of his medical costs. Being laid up with a broken ankle and a broken shoulder at the same time makes things tough. Had a lot of people show up, and had lots of great food. Thanks to everyone who helped. It sure is nice to know we care about each other. The music just kept going and going. We made sure that Steve as the guest of honor did more than his usual share of picking and singing. Dick Harris was a little concerned with all the supplies that kept getting loaded into his car afterward. Decided he might need to get an even bigger car and get even less gas mileage!

Our May performance schedule is as follows: Sunday the 2nd at Villa West Mobile Estates, Saturday the 8th – 10 AM at Veteran's Park for the Audubon Society, Sunday the 9th at Shasta Grange (Jam & Dance). We are also scheduled to play at the Fort Klamath Living History celebration at 10 AM on Saturday the 22nd, then at OIT later that same day. Hope you can make some or all of these sessions.

Special May Birthday Greetings to Lu Wells - 10th, Cherie Lane – 13th, Jackie Schmoie – 24th, and Darleth Rogers – 26th. Anniversary Congratulations to: Al and Thelma Nelson (54th) on the 13th, and Faye and Isom Patterson (65th) on the 27th.

“Good Moms let you lick the beaters. Great Moms turn off the mixer first.” From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

District 1E

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Did we all have fun at the convention? More fun than a barrel of monkeys playin' fiddles? I think it was one of the best I've ever been to, despite the mix-up with the dinner-it was just a glitch in an otherwise perfect weekend.

Congratulations to the new officers, and thanks to the exiting officers for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks also to Pat Jenks for his raffle donation during the convention of a beautiful custom made "Homer McLain" mandolin. Proceeds from the raffle of the mandolin will go towards sending a few fiddlers (hopefully, but not necessarily, youngsters) to fiddle camp or for lessons. Tickets are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10 and will also be for sale at the 1E Silver Lake camp out.

Now that the state convention is over with, we at 1E are focused on our camp out at Silver Lake Fire Hall on May 6-9. We cordially invite each and every one of you to come and join in as we play, eat and visit, and play some more. We have a very loosely organized schedule that allows plenty of time and space for what we enjoy doing most-jamming !! There's dry-camping around

the hall, a motel, a B&B, and 2 full hook-up RV parks in the town of Silver Lake, so we've got lots of room for you. If you need information about these places or if you have any questions you can call either Terry McLain @(541) 947-4623 or Eileen McLain @(541) 947-4474.

While we were away at Roseburg, our remaining fiddlers held down the fort and played a new gig at the Lakewood Pointe Assisted Living Center here in Lakeview. They had a great time playing for the residents and staff and opened the door for a new "venue" for the fiddlers. Well done!

Play dates for the Nursing Home are May 11 and 25. Senior Center dates are May 7,14,21, and 28.

1E birthdays are Marianne and Rhayanna McLain(no, they're not twins, but mother-daughter) on the 5th of May, Bernice Forga on the 19th and Amanda Stewart on the 26th. OK, now we'll see you in Silver Lake?

Here's one for the long-suffering banjo players out there:

Q: Why are banjo jokes so darned simple?

A: So fiddlers can understand them.

Eileen McLain reporter, District 1E

District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach 541-389-6037

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Well another month has gone by and it is still snowing at times. :o):(

Our VFW show in Redmond turned out great. Our next show will be May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting to follow so we encourage all members to be present. Put on your calendar that there will be no VFW show in Redmond for the month of July. No more Redmond Library Jams after May until after Labor Day. We will let you know of the dates later on.

Can't wait to go to District 1E Campout May 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th which is Mothers' Day. It will be at the Silverlake Fire Hall. We all will miss Homer McLain this year but I think we all need to bring our hats again this year to represent a song or title in Homers honor. Hope everyone will be there and enjoy the fun. Every year is a blast.

Also put on your calendar July 23rd and 24th District 3 will be doing Crooked River Ranch gathering.

Another State Convention this year that was great! On Thursday there were over 80 people who played one song each, WOW! There are a lot of dedicated musicians. District 3 congratulates Bob Ervin, our elected President of OOTFA. YEAH! District 3 has had two elected Presidents in a row. :o) Good to see the eagerness of District 3 members get involved. YEAH! We would like to thank Ed Nelson from the bottom of our hearts for all your hard work and we appreciate all your efforts and time to the OOTFA. Your Just Great Ed. :o) District 3 would like to thank all who participated in setting up and cleaning up at the convention. :o)

We would like to thank all visitors and new members that joined District 3. Visitor; Betty Chapman fiddle player from District 1 E. New member Ed Sharlet, a whistler and his wife Stacy from Bend.

New members Jimmie who plays guitar and sings and his wife Cindy Cantrell who plays mandolin and sings, from Bend. New members LaRee and Kyle Doescher from Bend and Children Cheyenne, Austin, Dakota.

New members H. G. and Wilma Charles of Redmond.

We think that Charles Bigelow will be having surgery on April 27th as planned so far.

District 3 sent a card to Judy and Leroy Newport. Her mother passed away on April 8th. District 3 sent a card to Jimmie and Cindy Cantrell. Her 21 year old son in LA, CA passed away on April 19th. May God be with those who have lost their loved ones.

District 3 will keep all who are sick in our prayers and wish fast recovery and May God be with you.

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

Ellen Jakab ,District 3 Reporter

District 4

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

May 1st Jam will be at Prospect Community Hall, Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Jam at 12:30 p.m., sign-up jam from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. June 5th at Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at 12:00 p.m., jam at 12:30 p.m. and sign-up jam from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. July 3rd. at Walch Park, Lake Creek. Were having our annual picnic from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Will have a sign-up jam starting at 1:00.

Peggy Hudson wishes to thank everyone for cards and phone calls on behalf of the loss of her husband. Our hearts go out to you, Peggy.

Good to have Pat Manion and Joan back from Arizona and also Cliff and Dotty Cooper. Joan is ailing with a itchy bitsy ailment and Cliff is not well. We hope to see them all soon returning to our jams. We also want to wish Jim Barrett well as he has been ailing. Please let me know if any other members are not doing well.

I have a guitar stand that was left at Fruit Dale Grange in Grants Pass. Identify and its yours.

(Gene says "Last jam at Fruit Dale April 1st there were 220 seated listener's and 40 musicians. No seating was left. Ran out of parking space and had to park in the bank parking lot. We have several members who drive a hour plus and only get to play one song. Some don't like to drive that distance so they don't come. This is a situation that has been on-going for quite awhile. If we want the OOTFA to grow in our area. We will have to make some changes. Suggested changes might be two different jams a month or two districts. Other reasons would be less players at each jam allowing musicians the opportunity to play more. It will help to preserve and maintain our congeniality. We all enjoy each others company and we don't want to lose that. This needs your serious consideration.")

We can have a discussion at our next meeting in June on what Gene says. Congratulations to all the new State Members.

Reporting Gene Williams, District 4

District 5

Chairman: Ken Jordan (541) 902-9240

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A big THANKS to everyone from our district who volunteered to help out at the convention in Roseburg. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and most of the musicians went home with sore fingers!!

We really want to thank those ladies who spent a GREAT deal of time at the tables signing people up and selling tickets. Sharon Gallagher, Karen Weiner, Charlotte Dow, Colleen Hodges, Joan Daniels, Barb Pruitt and for a short time Sally Jordan. Also want to thank Alice McDowell and Lola Williams for your help also. Your dedication to "helping" is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Ken Jordan and his fine Emcee job for the shows. Way to go Ken.

Ken would also like to thank everyone who turned out to play at the Elk's Club on April 18th, lots of BBQ and fun.

We would like to welcome our latest member, John MacRae from North Bend. John plays guitar and sings lively Scottish tunes.

At our meeting in Coos Bay on March 20th we voted to donate \$100 to the RSVP, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Coos County on behalf of our district. Many of our members participate in this volunteer organization and all of the time that is spent playing at nursing homes is under the RSVP.

We had a great jam session on April 17th at the Coos Bay Senior center.

Ken Jordan announced our play dates for this summer at NACO in Florence. They will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 29th, July 3rd, and September 4th. We welcome musicians from any district to join at these performances. Those wishing to purchase dinner before the NACO performances need to call Betty's Cafe at 541-997-8298 to make a dinner reservation. Also our firm play dates for Bullard Beach for this year are June 11th, July 9th, (August to be scheduled) and Sept 10th, so we will be very busy this summer.

Our Warmest Anniversary Wishes go to Loren & Lela Osborne - May 2nd, Paul & Colleen Osekowsky and Jack & Julie Longnecker - May 24th, and Jerry & Susan Barrows - May 28th. Happy Birthday to Marianne Burns- May 3rd, Rose Johnson - May 4th, Walt Beers - May 5th, Jean Dunn - May 6th, Mapril Combs and Charlotte Dow - May 20th, Margie Wilkenson- May 26th, and Sheila Fry May 27th.

Our next jam session will be at the Coos Bay Senior Center on May 15th. We will have a potluck at noon and the jam will start at 1:00 p.m. All districts are invited to attend.

On a sad note we are sorry to hear that Bob McKee, Lifetime member passed away. Bob was best remembered for his banjo playing. We give Betty our sympathy. Some donations are suggested to go to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association in his name.

Hal Weiner Reporter District 5

District 6

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Treasurer: Bob Kaiser 541-687-8878

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Well, here's hoping that those April showers have led to May flowers! I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Convention in Roseburg. (Thanks for the sandwich, Mary!) Thanks so much to Phyllis Coffin for making the centerpieces, and to Oral Robbins and Mark Ratzlaff for representing the District in the Friday night show. Thanks also to their back-up, Ralph Hatleberg, Red Herndon, Gary Lake and Ruth Montgomery. Wally Bloom and Starr McMullen also produced crowd-wowing performances.

We had another sad month with the passing of two of our members, Tom McAdam and Hazel Walker. Tom's piano playing and cheerful persona were bright spots at the jams. Hazel was not a musician but always accompanied Jack to the jams for dancing and conversation. Besides being a delightful person, she made the most delicious sandwiches for the breaks at the grange dances! We hope the families of both of these dear people know how highly each is regarded, and how deeply they will be missed.

Thanks again to Crow Grange for hosting another fine potluck and jam in April. Mark your calendars for another visit there on June 12th. Our next jam will take place at the Lebanon Moose Lodge on Sunday, May 2nd. Music starts around 10:30 AM or so, and the Lodge will serve lunch.

A brief note about our potlucks. Recently the main dishes have been a bit scarce. If you attend the potlucks, please come prepared to feed others as well as yourself. And please bring your own table service. The ladies at Crow Grange have been kind enough to provide plates and silverware for those who forget to bring their own, but that means they have to wash them afterwards--an unnecessary imposition on their hospitality.

Ruth and Don Loring and their family are planning a celebration at the Albany Senior Center, Saturday, May 29th, from 11 AM-4 PM. This will be to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary and also their 40th year with the fiddlers. (They attended their first fiddle contest in Weiser, Idaho in June 1964.) All fiddlers are invited for a jam, so bring your instruments and a potluck dish as usual. Please, no gifts. Directions: Take Albany exit, follow signs to downtown-Hwy. 20. You will then be on Lyon St.. Proceed to 1st Ave.. and turn left. Go three blocks to Washington St., then turn right. The Albany Senior Center is straight ahead on the river front.

In health notes, Gary Lake has begun another course of chemotherapy, and we wish him success. Howard Gabel reports that Lois is feeling very well after her surgery of last winter and is busy chasing grandkids. Both Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser are struggling with ill health. Frank Chandler will be undergoing bone-marrow testing soon. Our wish is for better health for all these members.

Happy birthday to Lorraine Larson (5/22), and happy anniversary to: Buck and Susie Milligan (5/3/53); Andy and Ruth Kennedy (5/6/50); Zane and Phyllis Coffin (5/18/52); Don and Ruth Loring (5/31/39).

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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Our April jam at the Oregon City Senior Center had over 30 musicians on stage, including 7-year-old Isabel Hart who made her performance debut in preparation for the up-coming contest. She played Red River Valley and the Eighth of January and did a real good job.

District 7 has three new family memberships: Janice Avidan and Leslie Hart and their children Isabel and Ethan, (Isabel is the fiddler and one of Andy Emert's students), they live in Portland; David and Linda McIrvin live in Warren; Helen McQuaw lives in Portland and plays both fiddle and harmonica.

Eileen Witley, long-time OOTFA member, competition fiddler and judge, and former contradance band member, is now teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Morning, afternoon, and evening appointments are available. Children and adults of all skill levels are welcome. Please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

I got a nice note from Helen Tracy, addressed to the membership of District 7: Thank you dear friends for your lovely card and well wishes. I didn't realize we had so many dear friends. The past year has been a difficult one to survive. I suffered a stroke 3 days after convention 2003 and lost my vision totally in my left eye. I'll continue to do name tags but no more sales - I can't see well enough - I hoped to see you at Convention this year and have reservations but I have other problems now and it's "iffy". Thank you all for caring - God Bless You - I love you. Helen Tracy. (Helen did make it to the convention and it was real nice to see her!)

Our friend Hattie Kielhorn's new address is Miramont Pointe, 11520 S.E. Sunnyside Road, Room #813, Clackamas, OR 97015. Miramont Pointe is an assisted living facility and the general phone number there is 503-698-1600. Hattie's telephone number is 503-698-1791.

The convention in Roseburg has come and gone. It was lots of fun and very musical. The Bill Yohey Award for Excellence in Backup went to District 7's Chuck and Pat Gates in recognition of their many years of bass and guitar backup. They make the fiddlers sound so good! And D7's own Myrtle Arnold was the first recipient of the newly established Homer McLain Memorial Award in recognition of her many years of efficient behind-the-scenes service to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. She is absolutely vital to the smooth operation of our organization. Let's be sure to congratulate our winners.

Pete Peterson was a winner of one "Lew's raffles" and he chose Joy Smith's donation of a three-quarter sized fiddle. He then very graciously donated it to District 7 for the purpose of providing a beginning fiddler, a child, an instrument to get started with. We will work out the particulars of how this will be implemented.

There will be lots of opportunities to play and share our music. Be sure to put these on your calendar and come have some fun: Wednesday May 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Marquis Wilsonville Nursing Home Facility at 30900 SW Parkway Avenue in Wilsonville. This is a brand-new facility. Take exit 283 off of I-5; get in the middle lane on the off-ramp; turn left onto Wilsonville Road; go under the freeway, past the off ramp; the first legal right turn is onto Parkway; go past the 76 station, past Denny's mile just past the Best Western Motel; turn left onto the property. The Nursing Home building is the first one-story building there. Park in the front of the building in their lot.

Saturday May 15 The Washington County Historical Society wants musicians for the Draft Horse Plowing Exhibition at the Rock Creek Campus of PCC from 11:30 - 1:00 at the PCC Rock Creek Campus at 17705 NW Springville Road. Take the SW 185th Exit off Highway 26 west of Portland and go north past West Union Road. Turn right onto NW Springville Road, go a little ways then turn left into the campus. There will be someone there to tell you where to park and where to play.

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.

Tuesday, May 18, from 12:30 - 1:30 in the afternoon, we'll play again at the Providence Laurelhurst Elderplace at (503-215-3615) 4540 NE Glisan. Parking is on-street and chancy but this is a lot of fun and they sure like us. Come and have some fun.

Wednesday May 26, from 2:30 - 3:30 at Miramont Pointe Assisted Living Residence at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road, in the Main Room by the piano. This is where Hattie Kielhorn is living now. The phone number of the residence is 503-698-1600. Going out from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of the big sign. When you leave the parking lot, there is only a right turn but two blocks later, there is a place to do a legal U-turn to go back where you came from if necessary.

Sunday June 6 from 2 - 3 p.m. the Oregon City Library needs players at 362 Warner-Milne Street in Oregon City.

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. Particulars 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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District 8 fiddlers played for an appreciative audience at the Dallas Senior Center on Saturday, April 17th. The chairs were full, the reception from Dallas was warm, and we had an all around great time. District 7 Pat and Chuck Gates joined us, and Ernie and Joyce Lovgren were in the audience. Glad to have people from out of our district come to our jams. Both Lew and Pat are graduates of Dallas High School. (Not the same year.)

We all enjoyed 8 year old Trevor Whittaker's fiddling. He is from Independence. Trevor loves fiddling and it shows. He's already got some great tunes in his repertoire!

Almost 91 year old Don Simons hadn't planned to play, but it wasn't too hard to convince him that he should. He sang "Don't Squeeze My Charmin" by request of his fans, and played "Chinese Breakdown." Good going Don!

It was good to have Otto and Ladonna Christiansen back from the south. Otto sang a couple tunes I hadn't heard before. Don't know how he got his mouth around so many words per second on the "I've Been Everywhere" song!

The annual OOTFA convention was very nice. Thanks to all who made it happen! We enjoyed the larger building and its much better acoustics. The weather was perfect, and the jamming was super. It's always so nice to see our friends from around the state. And Henry and Ann Huber from California who came up just for the convention.

You'd have been proud of Jim Hockenhill's set at the Portland Folklore Society's monthly concert. Jeff Walter, of District 7, played back up guitar with Jim. About a dozen of us loyal fans attended. The other folks in the audience loved it too; that was obvious from the applause!

District 8 May jam is at the Woodburn Grange on Saturday May 15th. We hope to have visitors from District 7 and anyone else who can make it too. We'll be "brown bagging" it again. Take the OR-214 exit- exit number 271- toward WOODBURN. Turn onto NEWBERG HWY/OR-214. Go .8 of a mile. The grange is at the corner of Newberg Hwy and Settlemeier. The grange is right at the corner.

The OOTFA State Fiddle Contest is Friday and Saturday May 21st and 22nd. It will be at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Building 50. This is the same location as the last several years. Come and hear some great fiddling! The word is, there will be lots of young folks entering. Amy Booher and Ginny Hollon (both District 8ers) will be bringing students, as will Peg Willis. It's great to have such dedicated teachers getting new fiddlers started.

Mark your calendars, friends: May 15-Woodburn, June 12-picnic at the Colebanks, July 10-11 – Silver Falls campout and jam. July 24 jam in Garibaldi. July 31 – Antique Caterpillar Show at Brooks. August 12 – Polk Co. Fair

Here are a couple musical puns: He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

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Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Ruel and Margaret Teague, Ann Schlupe, Marie Macomber, Janet Brayman and Julia Milleson represented Dist. 9 at the convention. Lucky raffle winners were Ann Schlupe who won a fiddle and Marie Macomber who won a banjo. Marie has already learned a couple of chords so look for her to be playing at a jam soon. Ruel, Annie and Julia made it home in time for the Easter jam at the senior center.

The crowd was very small, but Betty Chapman from Dist. 1E, Christmas Valley came and yodeled and Annie played some harmonica numbers before heading on to Vale.

Out next senior center potluck and jam will be Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day, and the last senior program for the season. Our monthly visits to the Aspens and Manor will continue through the summer with Aspens being May 7th at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor May 17th at 6:30. The open House program at the Aspens on April the second had a good turnout of Musicians (thanks all).

We will be playing for M.O.P.S. (Mothers of preschoolers) on Thursday, May 20th at the First Baptist Church. The time will be from 9:30 until 10:00 and since our working people can't help at this time we will need all those who play to support this show. It will be a paying "gig."

Conrad Coon has been unable to play with us for some time due to hand surgery. Joan Knight has been having some very serious health problems and needs our prayers at this time. If you know of anyone who should be sent a card let Julia know.

As Rose Robirts was the only member from Dist. 9 to submit recipes for the "Fiddlers Cookbook" Julia presented her with a copy of the book. Way to go Rose!

Had a nice phone visit with Wilma Marler, Dist. 9 member who lives in Ontario. She has spent the winter (isn't it still winter?) with her Daughter in Washington State and was anxious to get started on her yard work.

Jake and Aline Swartwood stopped in Burns on their way to Washington and we did a lot of extra jamming at Ruel's. Clyde Wensenk was there to do some singing and Margaret fed us scrumptious strawberry shortcake.

Congratulations to the newly elected state officers. Thanks goes to Dist. 10 for hosting the convention and wasn't Douglas Hall a great place to hold our convention?

Linda Easley also deserves a pat on the back for designing some new membership pamphlets and giving each district a packet. Contact your membership Chair or Chairperson if you know of someone who might be interested in joining. Happy Mother's Day

Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

District 10
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Treas. Gynn Deaton (541-839-4501)
Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

We had another great Convention, with beautiful weather as a plus. Jo Barnes has contacted the Rolene's Catering Service, Rolene apologizes for the shortage of food. She had taken over at the last minute after the food was ordered. She has agreed to do the Banquet next year and guarantees there will be enough food. She was very embarrassed.

The Roseburg J.C.'s provided the breakfast, lunch and dinners Thursday, Friday, and Breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Their Profit was \$1574, which will go into the community for July fireworks and under-privileged children's Christmas shopping tour.

We want to thank the members of District 10 for their contributions of food and help on Wednesday in the Floral Building. Thank you also to those who helped set up sound equipment, tables and chairs. We enjoyed the music.

New members are Jim and Joy Sweet.

Jim and Darleen Smith are moving to Roswell, NM. Their new e-mail, jimcarlsmith@msn.com. Their phone 505-622-4483. We will miss them. They have promised to come back to visit us.

Our May birthdays are Harold Cluver, Norm Colton, Gourilla Harmon, Lyneatte Werlinger, Joy Sweet and Fred LeBlue. Our May Anniversaries are Jim and Jennette Jinks and Rusty and Ruby Lillard. Congratulations to all.

District 10 will have their next meeting, potluck and Jam beginning at 11 AM on May 8th at the Winston Community Center. Guests are always welcome.

Remember the June meeting will be on the 5th.

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

ED SED: This year for our convention, the second week in April was just what we ordered. Good weather, sunshine, no snow or ice to fight and lots and lots of good music and visiting. District 10 did an outstanding job Wednesday for the early birds. Plenty to eat and a good turnout for jamming and the evening show. Friday we had four workshops and I heard good reports about all of them. Friday night we had 80 musicians sign up to play and only about four no shows.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the ladies who spent many hours behind the tables doing countless jobs that contributed to such a successful convention. Thanks to all who put on the workshops, the MC's that put on the programs, and especially to all of "YOU", who sat through a very long meeting that unfortunately was necessary to get everything completed at one time. Many thanks to the By-Laws, Standing Rules and State Contest Committee Members who have diligently met over the past two years to prepare this document. This was not an easy task and it could not have been accomplished without each of you. At this time, I would like to formally dissolve our two committees, as they have completed their assignments and a job very well done.

I have now appointed a permanent committee, consisting of Fred Hardin, Jerry Ruddock, Sharilyn McLain and myself to look into and form an Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Hall of Fame. I feel this is something that should have been looked into years ago. This committee will be active until we get the basics worked out. We will probably then have a committee to nominate Past, Present and Future inductees. Past members would be recognized posthumously.

I have also appointed Sharilyn McLain to chair a committee, consisting of Ken Jordan, Gene Williams and Larry Gallagher to study number VII under the Standing Rules. They will present a proposal at our next convention or possibly sooner.

I want to congratulate Chuck and Pat Gates, the newest winners of the Bill Yohey Trophy. For many years they have graciously played guitar, fiddle, bass, and banjo backup whenever and wherever needed. It was my honor to present this prestigious trophy to Chuck and Pat.

Congratulations to our newly elected state officers: Sharon Gallagher, Sec./Treas; Irene Ruddock., Vice Pres.; Bob Ervin, Pres. Their terms will begin July 1, 2004. Let's wish them well and I hope you give them the good support as you have given me.

Someone left a camera at the convention. Please contact Rosa Lee McLain with identifying information. (541-947-2903.)

Hope to see a lot of new faces at the State Contest.
Until next time, keep fiddling,
Ed

From the editor:

Homer McLain Memorial. Homer was a friend of everybody. He loved people and he loved to share his music. Because he was loved by so many, his family decided make an award in his memory so that his name will serve those who do so much for our association.

It is difficult, not to find somebody, but, rather, to find a deserving person in the list of many who might to be honored. But we feel that we have come up with a deserving person.

One of the best kept secrets in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers is the person we are about to honor tonight by bestowing her the first Homer McLain Memorial Award. The person we are about to honor spends many hours each year working for our association. She is not in front of a microphone, or out in the crowd making waves but rather she checks her mail, and works long hours so that we might have an association.

Because of her many years as secretary/treasure and as membership chairman, we are happy to announce that the first person to receive the Homer McLain Memorial is Myrtle Arnold of Portland. Congratulations Myrtle.

(Because of family obligations, Myrtle was unable to attend the convention to receive her award. It was presented to her by Linda Easily, chairman, District 7.)

It was a surprise and a great Honor to receive the HOMER McLAIN AWARD.
With Pride, Pleasure & Joy it now hangs in my family room.
THANKS TO ALL OOTFA members.
Myrtle

Hi, to all my fiddling friends and members of the " Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association."

Let me first introduce myself, to those of you who may not know me. I am Robert W. Ervin. I have been your Vice President for the past two years. I am a member of district 3. Now, I have been given the honor of being elected your president starting in July for the next year, a position I take very seriously. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me and I will do my best to earn your trust.

WOW!! what a great convention we had at Roseburg. I want to thank our President Mr. Ed Nelson and his staff for the superb job they did, I don't think we could have had a better Friday night show. Thank you Louis Roy for a job well done, and all of District 10 for setting everything up. Also, all the other districts for their excellent help.
Until next time, Bob Ervin, V.P. OOTFA

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 an 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.

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

It is scary sometimes to start a project but when a project turns out better than I had hoped, looking back, it was fun. I had 70 cassette tapes that were donated by Vivian and Phil Williams, Voyage Recording, in Seattle. For every \$5.00 worth of tickets, the buyer was given a \$10.00 cassette – very good ones. This was one drawing where everybody was a winner –some just won better than others. We took in \$351 in sales. I don't know where the one dollar came from. This money will help finance our state contest. I want to thank Jim Hascall for his donation of a fiddle and tuner, Joy Smith for a fiddle, Earl Knudsen for a banjo, Hal Weiner for a banjo, Shorty Dow for a uke, Elaine Conners for a bow and Ken Spann for a fiddle. The last winner received a stack of videos that I had. If they aren't any good, I want that person to notify me and I will send him a good video of fiddle music.

Starr McMullen reminds us that the Willamette Valley contest will be held August 7th at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis Contributions gladly excepted. _____
Lew I am going to DSL so my new email address will be ROYL0@msn.com. That O is a zero. Louie Roy

REMEMBRANCE OF HAZEL WALKER

By: Gynn O. Deaton Canyonville, Oregon

Hazel was such a sweet and giving person. She voluntarily began taking pictures and videos of each of the competitors (during both rounds) at the Canyonville Fiddle Contest some seventeen years ago. This means many hours of sitting and concentrating on the activities onstage. Through her efforts, I have a picture album and video for each of those years. A history of our contest for that period of time. Jack acted as emcee for all those years. He gave it up for 2004 and had just planned to enjoy the contest from the audience while Hazel took her photos as usual.

I understand that Hazel and Jack have made a practice of visiting hospital patients and especially the children at Christmas. With Jack dressed in his Santa costume, they brought happiness to those unable to spend Christmas in their home. This is only one example of the compassion they have for others which they show by deeds of kindness.

The Walker family is such a close-knit family. Hazel and daughter, Sherry, were always doing things together. They visited my husband, Jim, when he was in Sacred Heart Hospital, in Eugene, for a knee operation a few years ago. He was so surprised and appreciative that he still mentions it now and again. Sherry has been working the computation desk at the Canyonville Contest for the past three years and plans to do it again this year. Her husband, Rick Dobson, has handled the sound system for several years and performed special numbers on his dobro. A very accomplished musician. He and Sherry are delightful young people to be around as they have a great sense of humor. Their love and respect for Jack and Hazel always so apparent.

We enjoyed several events (other than Canyonville Contests) with the Walkers. Their anniversary, Hazel's retirement party, Samantha's (Sherry's dog) birthday party. What a fun loving family living life to its fullest despite medical problems in the past couple of years.

Jim and I very much wanted to attend Hazel's service but it was not to be. Jim had a severe nose bleed for two days in a row. I hope the family knows we would have been there if we could have. We think so much of them. We take comfort in the fact that Hazel and Jack had been out dancing Saturday night and had a great time. They went to bed late and she just never woke up. If we could only pick our time, we would all wish to go to our long sleep in just that manner. We love and miss you, Hazel.

At the recent Northwest Fiddle contest in Washington state, our Starr McMullen won first in the adult division and our Eileen Witle took second. Congratulations ladies.

Thanks to District 9 and to Alice McDowell for their generous donations. They handed me some nice checks at the convention. CD sales were good and each person donates a portion to the contest. I thank you all. (I'll name them later.)

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.

ANNOUNCING: A NEW FIDDLE TEACHER

Eileen Witle, long-time OOTFA member, competition fiddler and judge, and former contradance band member, is now teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Morning, afternoon, and evening appointments are available. Children and adults of all skill levels are welcome. Please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

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

New Members for May Hoedowner

1. Renee & Anna Brener--Portland
2. Lori & Ivan Andresen ---Forrest Grove
3. Charlotte & Harry Goldsmith---Forest Grove
4. Paul & Bernadette Abernathy---Hamel, Ill.
5. Lance & Holly Marshall---Corvallis

6. Donald & Jessie Snyder---Albany
7. David Kearney---Silverton
8. Ken & Kathy Zoss---Kuna, Id
9. John MacRae---North Bend
10. John & Patti Northcraft---Malin
11. Harry Robins---Silver Lake
12. Janice Avidan & Leslie Hart--Portland
13. Sheri West---Turlock, Ca
14. Don Fritts---Nampa, Id.
15. Jim & Denise Platt---Salem
16. Ron & Mikki Hittner---Keizer
17. Jeff & Melody Jones---Ashland
18. Robert & Glenda Benton---Eagle Point
19. Bob & Donna Chase---Williams
20. Bud & Ella Fuller---Grants Pass
21. H.G & Wilma Charles---Redmond
22. LaRee & Kyle Doescher---Bend
23. Ed. Sharlet---Bend
24. Helen McQuaw---Portland
25. James & Kristal Tadlock---Salem
26. Don Hamlin---Roseburg
27. Eric Sprado---Eugene
28. Marsha & Michael Wynn--Corvallis
29. Mark & Monica Otter---Hubbard
30. Cheryl & Kelsey Wood---Winchester
31. Garrett Rice---Bend
32. Dan & Yolee Quinn---Roseburg
33. Tom & Pamela Potter---Winston
34. Keenan Lynch---Roseburg
35. Katie & Darlene Keller---Winlock, Wa.
36. George & Ruth Hermach---Eugene
37. Thomas Hayes---Roseburg
38. Carol Lee Fletcher---Springfield
39. Doug & Debra Brewer---Roseburg
40. Phil & Norma Coy---Grants Pass
41. David & Linda McIrvine---Warren

Contest videos. If you are interested in videos of the convention, check with me. I should be able to help you out. (Lew)

Former Oregon Champion fiddler, Hollis Taylor, wrote recently to Eileen Witler: "I was going to take this fiddle back with me, but I have decided instead to leave it and try to sell it. I got this fiddle from bill's widow, then a student had it, then she needed money and I bought it from her again. bus and I love the tone. it's an instrument bill won the state and Weiser championships on, I believe. anyway, it has his name on the case and is in addition to sounding great a special instrument in my mind, but I can't have this many!!!

People can see it by calling my mother for an appointment after I have gone. It's had a few cracks in its day, but it was worked on, I think at Kerr's but not sure, a few years back. I have \$2,300 in it and that's all I am asking, but would need cash for that price. best, Hollis 503 620 9615

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Lew, Editor

Contest information: The OOTFA fiddle contest will be held at the Chemeketa Community College again this year on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. Your membership card for OOTFA will get you in free. We are planning on a jam Friday afternoon at 1:00 if we have everything set up -- probably will. To be eligible for the contest, a contestant must have lived in Oregon for the last 6 months and be a member of the OOTFA. A contestant may join as late as the day of the contest. If you have any questions about the contest, give Starr (541-745-5130) or Lew (503-391-5377) a call. Or you can reach us by e-mail. The rules for the contest are on our web site.

We are expecting many more young people this year. To avoid over scheduling on Saturday it was decided to move the Senior Division and Senior-Senior Division to Friday. (See schedule)

Motel Information: Salem Inn is located just off I-5 -- take the Market St. exit one block towards town. They can be reached by calling 1-800-305-0515. Or 1-503-588-0515. The Red Lion and Phoenix are also near by. The Crossland Motel is located off Silverton Road near the contest. For more information or reservations call: 1-800-EXT-STY or 1-503-363-7557. From I-5 take Exit 256 (Market St.) go east to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd (1.3 miles). Turn left onto Silverton Rd. Then two blocks -- just before the freeway -- take a right onto Fisher Rd. Crossland will be on the left.

RV PARKING: I have yet to check but I am sure that we will again have permission to park in the gravel parking lot "around the corner" for the contest on Thursday night. And then we'll be able to move up closer Friday afternoon. PLEASE DON'T START PARKING BY THE CONTEST BUILDING EARLY. Wait for the signal. We enjoy our relationship with the college and we shouldn't take advantage of a "good situation." There will be a \$5.00 fee each night for parking which we will collect from you. We basically are guests of the college and it is important that we follow their rules and wishes just as we would want guests to do in our home. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HANDICAP PARKING AREAS ARE IN FORCE 24 HOURS A DAY. NON-QUALIFIED PARKING COULD GET YOU A TICKET FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Directions to the contest: From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.), turn east on Market -- (away from town) go to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Go past Silverton Rd. Continue on Lancaster to Winema Place about .3 of a mile or so. Turn right on Winema and building 50 is a block on the left.

We are very fortunate to have the Blue Moon Cafe open for us Friday night and all day Saturday. It is just across the parking lot from the gym -- and has a very fine menu especially for us. You are encouraged to take advantage of this fine restaurant.

We plan to mail many preregistration forms to those we know will be entering the contest and to others that we hope will enter the contest. If you plan on entering and have not received a preregistration invitation by -- say -- May 6, let Starr or Lew know and we'll fire one off to you. Pre-registration is very important.

Here is a tentative schedule for this year's contest. (Subject to change.)

OOTFA CERTIFIED CONTEST

May 21, 22, 2004

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4000 LANCASTER DR N. E. SALEM, OREGON

FRIDAY, May 21, 2004

1:00. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE (Free)
2:30 Short judges' meeting
3:00 Sr-Sr Division Round one
3:45 Senior Division Round one
6:00. Judges and Contestants Meeting
7:00 Contest begins
Sr-Sr Division Final Round (cut to five)
Twin Fiddle Division (One Round)
Senior Division Final Round (cut to five)
9:30 Awards -- Sr-Sr, Senior and Twin Fiddle

SATURDAY, May 17, 2003

8:30 Judges' meeting with contestants
On stage jam (All fiddlers and back-up)

8:45 CONTEST BEGINS
Young Adult Division (Round 1)
Adult Division (Round 1)
Junior Division (Round 1)
Open Division (Round 1)

1:00
Pee Wee Division (One round)
Jr-Jr Division (Round 1)
Open Division (Round 2)
Pee Wee Awards

7:00 Contest Begins
Jr-Jr Division (Finals)
Young Adult Division (Finals)
Adult Division (Finals)
Junior Division (Finals)
Open Division (Finals)

(Note -- Schedule subject to change.)

One round for the Pee Wee Division
One round for Twin Fiddle Division
Three rounds for Open
Two rounds for all other divisions

Judges: Good news---

Margaret Brank, Winlock WA
Laura Cash, Nashville TN and Stayton OR
Jay Dean Ludiker, Spokane WA
Gary Lee Moore, Seattle WA
Andy Shelton, Corvallis OR