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Dec.

4 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 4 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 5 VFW Redmond 3
 5 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6
 5 J.J. North's Portland 7
 12 Grange Shasta 1
 12 Senior Center Burns 9
 18 Senior Center McMinnville 8

Jan.

8 Bellevue Grange Ashland 4
 8 Willamalane Senior Center Springfield 7/OOTFA
 9 Senior Center Gladstone 7
 15 Senior Center McMinnville 8

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Feb.

5 Open Contest Gaston
 13 Adult Center Canby 7
 19 Senior Center McMinnville 8

March

13 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7

April

8-9 State Convention OOTFA

May

20 – 21 Contest Salem OOTFA

Aug

August 18 - 21 for next years Winchester Bay Campout.

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Merry Christmas Everyone !

Our mornings in the basin lately have been down right chilly! But as we all know, that's to be expected in the late fall and early winter months.

At our November Jam & Dance we welcomed several visitors; Evelyn Horner from Weed; Lisa Andrisch from Montague (in full leg cast no less); and Howard Purdy from Mt Shasta. It was great having all of you join us. Bud Ullman on banjo came back for another session with us also.

The December schedule is as follows. The membership meeting at Villa West on the 5th will also be our Christmas Dinner get-together. It is a scheduled potluck, so be sure to check with Jo Harris as what you should bring – if you don't already know. We play with the Tappin Troupers on the 7th at Plum Ridge at 6:30pm. Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 12th. We're invited down to Dorris, CA on the 15th at noon, meeting with Walter Gilliland at the Town Hall by the big flag. On Thursday the 16th we again join the Tappin Troupers, this time at noon at Reames Country & Golf Club. We will be playing at the Rehab Center on Wednesday the 22nd at 1:30pm. There will not be any gathering in Chiloquin for December due to the holidays.

We voted to have Ben Coker research and purchase three new microphones for us. He has them already, and it will be exciting to hear how much better we sound. Oh wait, I remember now – the greatness of sound we make is directly proportional to the amount of practice we put in. I guess that means more at home jam sessions?

"Careful Driving" thoughts continue to go out to our various members as they travel the roads during these winter driving months to visit family and friends.

The December Birthday Cake goes to: Irene Ruddock. And Happy Anniversary to Phil & Sheila Fry 12/9 and Jerry & Irene Ruddock 12/18.

Bye for now – and I'm asking Santa to be extra generous to each and everyone of you. (Hope you've been good all year!) From your friendly field reporter for District #1 – Fran Coker

District 1E

Chairman: Rosa Lee McLain 541-947-2903

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Membership: Bev Perry

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I'll try to get the important stuff out of the way first. On Dec. 11 we're invited to play at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to set the mood for the Xmas Bazaar. Our December jam will be on Sat. Dec. 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. also at the Memorial Hall.

Next business meeting is at 7 p.m. on Dec 13 at the Senior Center in Lakeview. We were honored to have "the Prez" at our last meeting and it was good to get to know Bob and Earlene, and Bob's thoughtful and ambitious plans for our organization. Great meeting!

We'll play at Lake District Long Term Care on Dec. 7 and 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Lake County Senior Center play dates are Dec 3,10,17,24, and 31 from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon.

December birthdays are Myrle Shepard (10), Susan Berutti (11) and Eileen McLain (13). Good luck to Bev Perry with her back surgery Dec. 10.

Our gig at the Christmas Valley (held in Fort Rock) Library Fundraiser was an unqualified success! Boy, do they love their old time music up there! The place was packed, with a line at the door to get in. A special thanks goes out to Vance Bonner from District 3, Jan and Jim Lancaster from District 1 and Judy Dark, a new member (that evening) to 1E, for helping out the "old faithfuls", making it an enjoyable night for musicians and audience alike.

Here at District 1E we'd like to wish each one of you a happy holiday season and hope your new fiddle, guitar or banjo shows up under the Christmas tree! Get together with friends and family and share the gift of music. 500 words yet? Here's the shortest poem in the world, entitled "Fleas".....Adam had'em.
Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

District 3
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Welcome to cooler days, colder nights, and the pretty colors of nature.

Our last VFW Show on November 7th was a full house with lots of dancing, laughter, music and food from the VFW. The show was dedicated to the Vets and the military men and women. Guest instrument player, Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley, joined the district.

If you want to receive your Hoedowner on line send an E-Mail to Lew Holt. The state can save money this way.

District # 3: Dates to remember: December 5th VFW Show in Redmond will start with a jam session at 1:00 PM. The show will begin at 1:30 and end at 4:00 PM Come join the fun. December 11th Christmas Party at Pine Forest Grange starting at 12:00 noon. We will began eating at 1:00 PM. Ham, rolls, and turkey will be provided. Bring a Potluck dish and your instrument.

December 14th Redmond Library Jam 7-9 PM. Bring instrument and a tape recorder. Membership dues must be paid by December 15th in order to receive your January Hoedowner. Send your dues to Earlene Ervin.

May God bless those who lost love ones. Bless all who have been sick and had surgeries. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all this month. We hope you keep Old Time Fiddle Music in your heart.
District # 3 Reporter: Rhea Bigelow

District 4
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The cold nights and beautiful leaves make this time of year special – and it added to the joy at our monthly jam at Eagle Point Grange. Chairman Lee Ferguson conducted the meeting, followed by a feast of turkey, ham, and wonderful sides dishes! We have great cooks in our group! A sound specialist (friend of one of our members) came to evaluate our sound system, and give us some hints to make it even better. We voted to add another sound system so that we can have one each in Medford and Grants Pass to alleviate some of the hauling that Grumpy has so graciously provided. He says the only problem with our new portable sound system is that Ruthie can't lift it up into the van!

Jim Barrett, a long time member, was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service to District 4. He set up chairs, mopped, started the fire with wood, and taped many of the jams. Thanks Jim! George Dow has undergone surgery and has been unable to attend any of our functions. We wish you well, George!

Don Maddox went to the Western Open and came back with a 1st Place in Jukebox, Oldest fiddler, and 9th place in senior-senior. I'm sure he'll show you his medals! Good job, Don!

Visitors included Ruth Rose from Medford, a friend of Lee Cushman's, and the special treat of a visit by Guy Kinman and Bob Hanson from Roseburg. Thanx for coming, folks, you made it special!

A small but hardy group played for the Christian Women's group at the Country Club in Medford and for the Visitor's and Convention center volunteers at the Elks Club. Our fame is spreading! Our community service hours for October totaled 137! We've had several requests for special Christmas programs. Check the website at <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4.htm> for a printer friendly schedule of our gigs. We can use all our musicians during this holiday season, so y'all come! Note that there is a change in the date for the January jam because of the holiday.
Dec 4: Roxy Ann Grange, Medford Jan 8 Bellevue Grange, Ashland

Wishing you all the joys and fellowship of the holiday season. Remember: A friend is a gift you give yourself.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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Hope you all had a great Turkey Day!! I am sure that everyone at the District Holiday Party in Winchester Bay went home full of good food, good music and in good spirits.

A discussion as to where our jams and meetings will be held will be the main topic of discussion at our meeting on November 20th We will not be having a jam session in December. Our next meeting will be at 11:00 am on Jan 15th at the Winchester Bay Grange. It will be followed by a potluck at noon and a jam session at 1:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend, as we will be discussing our meeting facilities for the year and electing officers for next year.

We will be playing at the Lakeside Lions Club for their Community Christmas party on December 3rd at 7:00pm and at Pony Village on December 15 from 6 to 8pm.

Our nursing home schedule for the winter and spring is:

1st Tuesday, Elderberry , Florence 2:00 - 4:00 --1st Wed. Coquille, Oerding Manor -1:20 - 2:20; -- Myrtle Point Care Center 3:00 - 4:00 -- 2nd Wed. North Bend, Inland Point 11:00 - 12:00; -- Ocean Crest 1:30 - 2:30 -- 2nd Friday, North Bend, Bay Crest Village 2:00 - 3:00 -- 3rd Wed. Bandon, Heritage Place 1:00 - 2:00; --Harmony Estates 3:00 - 4:00 -- 4th Wed. Coos Bay, Nancy Devereux Center 1:00 - 2:00; -- Life Care 2:00 - 3:00

Please make a copy and put in your calendars. In order to conserve space we will only publish this list quarterly.

Our prayers and best get well wishes go out to Ken Jordan, Lucille Davidson and Ned Matthews and their families. Ned will be in the Hearthside Nursing Home recovering from heart failure and battling Alzheimer's disease.

We want to add Margie Wilkinson to our get well list and wish her the best. Margie is recovering from a major surgery.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!!

Hal Weiner, reporter, District 5

District 6

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Notice the correction of Mark's phone number

We had a great Thanksgiving jam at Crow Grange. Many thanks to all the wonderful cooks, and a special thanks to the turkey-cookers Jack Crockett and Bob Strelow. As always the Grange was a welcoming host--many thanks to Joe and Leah Canaday.

Our next jam will take place in Lebanon at the Moose Lodge on Sunday, December 5th. Music starts around 10:30 AM, and the Lodge provides a fine lunch to the Fiddlers. Bring some extra change, as pies often get auctioned after the jam. This will be your last chance to renew in person with me, and your renewal must reach the State by December 20th to receive your January Hoedowner. Many thanks to all who have already renewed.

In January we host the State quarterly meeting at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on Saturday, January 8th. And February will bring District elections; if you are interested in serving on the new board, contact Joe Moyle.

Best wishes to Andy Kennedy who is recovering from hand surgery, and to Joyce Herndon who had a tumor removed. Best wishes to Lloyd Shriber who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery. Hope all of you have speedy recoveries!

Happy birthday to: Thelma Salley, 12/1; Mark Carmickle, 12/6; Rick Dobson, 12/10; Marlene Chatoian, 12/14; Betty Hawkins, 12/19; Lloyd Shriber, 12/23; Della White, 12/24; Oral Robbins, 12/25; Richard Marino, 12/27; and Ellen Strelow, 12/27. Happy anniversary to Frank and Frieda Chandler, 12/9/60; and Bob and Ellen Strelow, 12/17.

Happy Holidays! Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6

District 7

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Good member Ida Colby had a growth on her little finger removed surgically. It was benign but there is still a question as to the outcome and healing and if it will be usable to play the piano. She can use our good thoughts in that regard.

Our fiddle friend Chris Lang is successfully recovering from the removal of a pre-cancerous growth in the intestine. She needs our thoughts and encouragements also.

Myrtle Arnold went to the Molalla jam and reports that they had a good turn out of musicians and listeners. More fiddlin' fun coming up in December and beyond:

Sunday December 5 between 2 and 5 p.m. we'll have our Holiday Buffet at J.J. North's Grand Buffet at 10520 NE Halsey in Portland. The cost will be \$9.95 per person paid at the door. Specify that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. There will be a short meeting of the District 7 membership. If you haven't submitted a photo for the directory please bring one, or be prepared to have your photo taken.

Friday December 10 we'll play in the Clubhouse at The Highlands in Tigard. It's at 12930 SW Peachvale Street in Tigard. We'll start about 7:30 and play for 45 minutes.

Sunday January 9, 2005 we will start the New Year with our monthly OOTFA jam at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone from 10:30 to 4.

Wednesday January 19 from 2:30 - 3:30 we'll play at Miramont Point at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas.

Wednesday January 26, 2005 from 5 - 6 p.m. we are needed to play at the birthday celebration at Laurelhurst House at 15 SE 55th Avenue in Portland.

Saturday February 12, 2005 is the celebration of the City of Gresham's 100th Anniversary. We will be scheduled to play for two hours but we don't know where or what time yet.

Sunday February 13, 2005 is our regular monthly jam session at the Canby Adult Center at 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby from 10:30 until 4 p.m.

If you need specific directions to any of these events, contact a district officer.

Gail Foster, Reporter, District 7

District 8

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Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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I know I've said it before, but our November jam was one of the best ever. We gathered at the Senior Center in McMinnville to eat our Holiday dinner. Thanks to all who brought such great food.

Our jam session, with many visitors from Districts 6,7 and 9, kept everyone's toes tapping and the dancers dancing. It's always a pleasure to have Janet Brayman show up with her hammered dulcimer. She really "wowed" the audience with Clarinet Polka. One lady's comment about the afternoon, "Where else could you hear such wonderful music?"

Some of our members have had surgery and illness. Don Simons, our district's most senior fiddler, had to have his foot amputated. He and Daisy live in assisted living in Dallas. Chris Lang, our secretary treasurer, had surgery. We hope she's back with us soon. Darwin Wattles had shoulder surgery. Hope it's feeling better. Our best wishes also, to Lee Jones who has been having some health problems.

December's jam will again be in McMinnville at the Senior Center. It's Saturday, the 18th. No potluck this time, but bring your "brown bag" lunch if you wish. Doors open by 10, so come early and jam. January and February, we'll also be at McMinnville. Bring your lunch to these jams and come and join us!

Happy Holidays to all, and as Garrison Keillor says Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.®
Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We had a beautiful day when we played for the Sod House Ranch Heritage Days near the Malheur Refuge Headquarters. Making the trip were Ruel and Margaret Teague, Joe and Micky Enneberg, Walt Cooper, Janet Brayman and Julia Milleson. Before Ruel and Margaret left for Quartzsite Ivan and Punk McDaniel came down from John Day for an impromptu jam session. What a great way to spend an afternoon.

Plans are all set for our Holiday party to be held at the Senior Center on Dec. 12th (our regular meeting day). Janet Yekel has volunteered to fix the turkey, stuffing and gravy and the Sahlbergs will do the potatoes. Bring along a potluck dish to compliment the meal and enjoy the day with us. Of course two hours of music will follow the meal.

We had a fair turnout for the Nov. jam. Paul and Darlene Wingfield are new members and Paul surprised us by bringing along a guitar and singing a couple of numbers during the program. The Andrews were back to dance and Marianne also played and sang "Simple Gifts" and had Julia join her in playing a Scottish song "The Aaran Boat". Kim Tyler, a new guitar student, also came and sat in with the group. We expect to see more of her. What a surprise to have a tour bus stop for their break. and who should be aboard but Tom and Vivian Tucker of Mt. Vernon! The bus driver was coerced to into letting them stay long enough to play and sing "Waltz Across Texas". Come back when you can stay longer!

Remember the play date for Aspens will be Friday Dec. 10th 7:00pm and Ashley Manor on Monday the 20th at 6:30pm. Thanks to all the musicians who turned out for the last Ashley Manor play date.

Hope you all get to spend Christmas with family and friends.

Julia Milleson, District 9, Reporter

District 10

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Treas. Glynn Deaton (541-839-4501)

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

Should be in Sunday

From the Prez: SEASON GREETINGS to my fellow members. Yes, it's that time of year again. For Earlene and me it is a wonderful time when we have a chance to get together with all our family and friends and to know the joy of holding and playing with our great grand children, there are five of them. I know it must be the same with you folks. Of course, there is always lots of fiddling going on, what a pleasure it is. I hope all of you had a great

Thanksgiving, and Earlene and I wish each and everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and an extraordinarily HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well by now you have probably had a chance to read and examine the November issue of the Hoedowner. This is the first issue that includes all of the changes, we made to bring down the cost of publishing it. I am very pleased with the results. I only hope you are too. It was only through the efforts of the of the finance committee and your state officers. I want to extend my thanks to each of them. Also, I want to thank Lew Holt our editor. When we informed him of the changes we thought were needed, he immediately met with the publisher and made things happen. Great team work folks. Thank you. By the way we did save a bunch of money this month as the result of these changes. It was down from last months bill of \$1319.87 to \$962.76. Quite a savings.

I also drove down to Salem last month to meet with Starr McMullen and Lew to see what we could do to trim the expenses of the contest. After a two hour meeting of intense discussion and a few changes, we were successful. They were both very cooperative, my Thanks to them.

On November 8th. Earlene and I drove down to Lakeview to visit with District 1E, what a fun bunch of people. We were very well received and had a good time. Rosa Lee McLain invited us to stay overnight with her, thank you Rosa Lee, Terry McLain came over and we fiddled around and played music till almost midnight. All in all a very good trip.

We are all saddened to hear of Ken and Sally Jordan's unfortunate experience, they are in District 5. Sally's mother passed on of cancer and Ken has some medical problems. Of course our condolence and sympathy go to Sally and our best wishes and prayers be with Ken.

The January Quarterly Board meeting will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday January 8th, 2005 at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield, Or. Doors open at 9:00 A.M. Pot luck at noon. Jamming all day. Bob Ervin, President , OOTFA

From the editor: I had a very pleasant surprise at our last District 8 jam. Helen Washburn bought a fiddle at an antique shop on her way down from Canby. She volunteered to donate it to the state contest raffle. I will set it up and have it ready to sell chances. Last year we had several good donations that brought in almost \$400. If you have a guitar, fiddle, banjo or other musical instrument and would be willing to donate it for the contest raffle, please contact me.

At the Western Open. Alex Hargreaves won the Junior-Junior Division and his sister, Tatiana, came in 3rd (out of 36) Starr McMullen won the Adult division and Eileen Witley came in 4th. Don Maddox won the Adult Jukebox division. Trevor Whitaker came in 3rd in the Pee Wee Division and Kian Dye was in the top ten for the Junior – Junior Division. These people are all from Oregon – makes one feel very proud of them. And the competition was tough.

Donna Reuter in Hood River -- private fiddle lessons -- (541) 386-2633. Or fiddledr@aol.com for more information.

Hi Lew, here is the October 31 balance for the Hoedowner
income: \$2,157.71; expenses: \$1,689.37; Balance: \$11,878.61. There was a savings of \$362.00 on the bill for the Hoedowner over last months bill.

Thanks to Donna Snead for her nice donation to the state contest for 2005. And thanks to Barbara Bartholomew from Newport for her generous donation to the contest. And we just received a very nice contribution from Clarence Medack from Mt. Angel.

LeRoy Newport writes -- I now have a new website. If you would like to know about my band and its history just click on the link below. See you in the spring at Roseburg, thanks.
www.leroynewportsband.com

Ben Coker has a nice 1902 Salvador DeDuro fiddle for sale. He invites anybody who might be interested to give him a call at 541-783-3478 -- Chiloquin

Lew--Just a reminder If all who send check by mail for dues also send a stamped envelope for the return of their membership card would save money for OOTFA.

Thanks -- Myrtle

New Members for December Hoedowner

1. Bob & Cathy Peters---Salem
2. Lee & Gail Tiller---Hines
3. Joe & Mickey Ennebug---Hines
4. Roy Reed---Burns
5. Wayne Robinson & Danny Weaver ---Medford
6. Leo & June Pauls---Boise Idaho
7. Calvin & Emma Whitnah---Richland
8. Thomas Hayes---Roseburg
9. Alta Clark---Coquille
10. Allen & Phyllis Emang---Corvallis
11. Margie Bennett & Earl Knight---Eugene

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.

Eileen Witle--Teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

Sheri West was one of our young fiddlers in the Medford area, grew up, joined the Navy, gone for a period of time but has now returned to the Medford area. Sheri has a very nice CD which I have sold several for her. If you are interested in one of Sheri's fiddling CDs, contact her at P.O. Box 5251 Central Point 97502 541-665-0673

For Sale-1000 trails/Naco West and camper resorts memberships for pennies on the dollar! all offers will be considered. Thelma Drayer 541-946-1595.

I have 2 guitars made by Bob Crump in 1996. One is a classical guitar, and the other one is a tenor guitar. These are both new instruments with good tone. If interested contact me, Joyce Crump for more information. Phone (503) 472-3443 E-mail jcrump@viclink.com or may be seen at 809 SE Border Lane, McMinnville, Oregon.

Lew, Editor