

March 1, 2005

From the Prez: As you read this, we are approaching a very important time of the year for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc., the election of next years officers. Nominations are now in order. If you wish to nominate someone, contact your District Chairperson or Marie Bailey of District 8, she is the Nominating Committee Chairperson for the state. Nominations will also be taken during our annual meeting for State Elections, on April 9, 2005, at 10:30 AM. And yes, I will be a candidate for president once again. Now is the time for us, as members, to direct the future of our organization. I urge you to remember, it is YOUR organization and its future is in YOUR hands.

We are facing some important issues in the next few months and I would like to have as many members as possible have their concerns addressed. Please make plans to come to a meeting for the good of our order.

We are going to have to decide the future of our association with Thousand Trails. Over the last 13 or 14 years we have enjoyed our relationship with them, they have been very good to work with and have not charged a thing for the use of their buildings. However if we stay there, or wish to leave will be entirely in YOUR hands. The reason I am bringing this up now is because the rent on the RV parking spaces have gone up to \$32.00 per night, an \$11.00 increase. Please give this some careful thought.

A special note to those members who have not yet paid their 2005 dues and are , have been dropped from membership as members of the OOTFA we are one large family and no one wants to loose you. If you do not plan on renewing your membership, please let us know why maybe it's something we can fix.

Other important business that is coming up is possible changes to our "STANDING RULES". We will be voting on these during our annual meeting at Roseburg on 4-9-2005, please plan to attend this meeting. These changes were listed in the February issue of the Hoedowner, also your chairperson has them. I have asked them to discuss these with their members. I can only hope they have. Also I have mailed information packets that concern your district at the convention to your chairperson, ask them about this.

Parking rates at the convention are as follows \$10.00 On blacktop no hookups---\$15.00 on blacktop with electrical hookup---\$20.00 in the RV park with all hookups such as [Water and Electric] , RV dump is available.

We have a great banquet planned this year. A great menu at a fair price, only \$10.95 per plate .Also, something new this year is a children's plate only \$5.50 for those ten and under. By the way the deadline to

purchase banquet tickets is FRIDAY EVENING AT 5 PM, LETS DON`T FORGET. You may purchase these tickets at the front table. We have been guaranteed we will not run out of food this year. Don't forget we will be voting on standing rule changes during our annual meeting. Stay warm, stay safe, and stay true to the purpose of our order- to promote and play OLD_TIME MUSIC and enjoy fiddling around.
Bob Ervin, President, OOTFA

District 1

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Well, you can tell spring is just around the corner. Even though we still have some snow on the ground as I write this, the days are slowly getting lighter earlier and lasting longer. Might be seeing some hardy blooms popping up soon!

Thank you everyone who came to the February meeting and helped elect our new slate of officers. As of July 2005, our leaders will be: John Northcraft, Chairman; Faye Patterson, Co-Chair; Sheila Fry, Treasurer; and Fran Coker, Secretary. We decided to split the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer as we had two very capable people who could only take on a portion of the position. It should work out just fine. Congratulations to you all. Following the elections, District One presented Grace Stork a lovely plant and thank you card for her long time service to the organization as Secretary/Treasurer. Thank You Grace.

We also voted to send a donation to the State contest in honor of Ace Wehus, and a donation to the Canyonville contest in honor of Art Lane. Jim Lancaster presented the district with a check from the Chemult Dog Sled Races. Terry and Sharilyn McLain came over from Lakeview to visit and jam at our meeting, and Bill and Ann Bonser brought their friend Betsy. And yes, you all were right, I did manage (somehow) to enjoy myself at the jam session, even tho the Super Bowl was on too.

Our March schedule is just our regularly scheduled Sunday events (so far). The monthly meeting at Villa West on the 6th from noon to 4pm, the Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 13th from 1pm to 4pm, and Chiloquin Community Center on the 27th starting at 1:30pm. Reminder to all – our April Jam and Dance will be on the 17th due to the State Convention in Roseburg on the second weekend. Please mark your calendars.

Welcome to new members: Jack and Verna Evatt of Bonanza, and Bud Ullman of Klamath Falls. Glad you've joined us, and hope to see you at many more functions.

Shamrock-shaped March Birthday wishes go to: John Blasius (23rd), Dennis Tucker (25th), Faye Patterson (30th) and Irvin Johnson (31st). And no anniversaries for the month of March.

Bye for now – and as they say - “It there’s not a spring in your step, you obviously need more music.”

From your friendly field reporter for District #1 – Fran Coker

District 1E

Chairman: Rosa Lee McLain 541-947-2903
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Hello fiddlers,

Not much going on this month. Let’s get the mundane out of the way, then on to the good stuff(1E camp out)

We’re playing every Tuesday now at the Lake District Long Term Care Facility, so there’s no need to list the dates-just remember, every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30. The same goes for the Lake County Senior Center-every Friday from 10:30 ‘til noon. "Come rain or come shine." The March jam is on the 5th, at the NORTH building of the fairgrounds, and the next business meeting is on March 7th, 7 p.m. at the Lake County Senior Center. Please try to attend, as we’ll be voting for new officers.

We’ve no gigs in the works for March as yet, and no birthdays either. Ho hum Now, we’re gearing up for the annual district 1E camp out at Silver Lake, OR. This year’s dates are May 12th through the 15th. Again, we’re using the Fire Hall, so if you’ve been before, you know where it is and if you haven’t been before, you can’t miss it! ‘Tis a very small town. Most of us just dry camp around the fire hall, but if you’d like a little more, here is a list of other accommodations.

In Silver Lake: Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789 -- K&K RV Park(541)576-2258-- Silver Lake Motel (541)576-2131-- Approx. 20 mi. out: Christmas Valley Desert Inn(541)576-2262-- Lakeside Terrace(541)576-2309 --Summer Lake Lodge(541)943-3994

Here’s the itinerary for the weekend-Friday night is "Hat Night." Plan to do a song to match your hat or vice versa. This is just a blast! What a bunch of imaginative people we have. Saturday night is "Draw Band Night." We begin with district 1E supplying baked hams & fiddlers bring a potluck dish. Then, we all put our names into cans according to what we can do musically-i.e.: Sing, fiddle, "other," guitar, etc., and

then we draw from each can to form a band. Never mind that you’ve never played with any of them before-that’s the nerve-wracking fun of it!

Sunday we all wind down with a gospel show that’s sure to leave you with a good feeling about spending the weekend with such good friends. It’s all over with around 11:00 a.m. giving most folks plenty of time to get down the road.

Hope to see you all there. As the song says.. "Adios Amigo" "Adios Amor" "This Is Where the Cowboy Rides Away" "Auf Wiedersein" " We'll Meet Again"" Goodnight Sweetheart" " Jamaican Farewell" "I'll be Seeing You In All The Old Familiar Places" "Bye Bye, Love" "HappyTrails".....

Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

District 3

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Just think only six more weeks of winter. Then, we can start going on our campouts. Our last VFW Show Feb 6th was great! About 250 people turned out. Good music, good food & friends make for a lot of fun.

Our voting for chairman, co-chairman, treasure, secretary will be held at the VFW Show in Redmond on March 6th. Please attend. As a reporter, I need to turn in my news to Lew Holt by 18th of every month. Any news for the Hoedowner needs to be sent to me by the 12th of every month.

Two committees have been by appointed by our Chairman:

1. Investigate the need for a smaller sound system for smaller venues.
2. Recommend improvements for the Variety show / jam sessions .

New Members: Bill & Kim Tittle Bill plays guitar , David & Kay Gutcher, and Rae Bratton

Dates to Remember: March 6th VFW Show 1-4p.m Redmond
-- March 8th Library Jam 7-9p.m Redmond
– April 3rd VFW Show 1-4p.m Redmond
-- April 12th Library Jam 7-9p.m Redmond

May God bless those who are sick or have had surgery. Happy Anniversaries & Birthdays to all this month

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow

District 4

Chairman: Lee Ferguson 541-772-6462
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Membership: Marcia Zellman: 541-899-7677
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Medford, OR 97501

Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass was "rockin!" with all the great music and a packed hall at our February jam. Not only a great feed, but lots of "happenings".

At the meeting we voted to raise our donation to the Canyonville Contest, and continue to support the State Contest as we have before. Announcement was made about the Convention, and Lola Williams agreed to arrange for the table centerpieces for our District. Our new condenser mike is working so well, we voted to acquire another so that we have one each in the Grants Pass and Medford areas. We are also adding a "snake" to improve the sound system for large jams.

Officers were elected for next year by a unanimous vote. They are: Judy Lyons, Secretary-Treasurer, Lee Ferguson, Co-Chairman, and Judy McGarvey, District Chairman.

A special award of appreciation was presented to Jerry Von Foeken for his untiring efforts in setting up and taking down, and graciously welcoming new and returning folks. Thanks, Jerry!

Visitors included Pat Caswell and Doug Gepner from Roseburg, Malva Kent from Medford, and Bob Jenkins from Medford. A young musician and singer named Nathan (didn't get the whole name) was a great performer, too. Marcia Zellman has been tracking down all the names on our district roster and talked with an old fiddler named Van Southwood who lives in Williams. He still plays a little, but can't get out now, so he really misses the music. Frank Armstrong is recovering from his recent surgery and managed to come to the jam for a short time. Tom Mendez had a car accident and is recovering at home. Don Lindsey was ill following a tooth extraction. We really miss you folks! Get well soon!

Our lost and found contains a red western hat, a vest, and some Tupperware. Are they yours? Also Rick Reichert had a dark blue fanny pack at the jam that turned up missing. Did someone pick it up with his or her equipment? It has a tape recorder, pliers, string winder, rosin, a notebook and misc. picks, batteries, etc. and a tuner case. If it turns up with your stuff, Rick would like to have it back.

What a lot of playing going on; our community service hours totaled 155 for the month! We had two gigs on

Valentine's Day at the same time, in different cities, and managed to cover them both. A special for the Salvation Army was well received – we not only had a great spaghetti dinner, but got gifts as well. Our gig schedule continues to be on the website at <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4.htm>. Come and play!

Mar 3 Rogue River Community Center, Apr 2 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford, May 7 Eagle Point Grange Keep that music going, and we'll hope to see many of you at the Convention!

Danny Kaye said it well, "Life is a great big canvas. Throw all the paint on it you can!"

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

Chairman: Larry Gallagher (541) 572-2742
Co-Chair: Hal Weiner (541) 902-2371
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981
Membership: Karen Weiner (541) 902-2336
PO Box 261, Florence, OR 97439

Due to a scheduling error, our jam in Winchester Bay on January 19th was canceled, but we had a good time playing for the Valentine Dance at Heritage Place in Bandon on the evening of the 19th.

Our next jam will be on March 19th in Winchester Bay. Potluck will start at noon with music to follow at 1:00pm. We always welcome visitors from other districts.

We still need volunteers to help with convention activities. If you are planning to attend the convention please contact Sharon Gallagher. Even an hour of your time will be appreciated.

If any of you ever buy any products from the Internet, before you make that purchase, go to the OOTFA web page, click on "Links" and then click on the logo of the site. If you purchase an item OOTFA gets a commission ranging from 5-15%. Now we have Amazon, Musicians Friend, Zounds, Barnes and Noble, Appollos Axes, Sheet Music Plus, and BMG Music. By the time you read this we should also have Best Buy added. With Best Buy, you will be able to purchase from their web site and either have it shipped or pick up the item in their store.

We want to send out our Best Get Well Wishes to all our district members who are "under or the weather" or "on the mend".

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle 541-343-5894
Co-chair: Bob Strelow 541-782-4803
Sec./Treas. Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764
Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct.
Veneta, OR 97487 541-935-8506

We were saddened to lose a very fine member with the passing of Gary Lake in January. He was a versatile musician and an all-around great guy, and he is greatly missed. As one might expect, his funeral was standing-room-only. Our sympathies to Donna and the family.

The Crow Grange hosted our February meeting and jam where we elected a new slate of District officers, and the members heard about several new locations for future jams. Our greatest appreciation goes to Crow Grange and specifically to Joe and Leah Canaday for being so welcoming to the Fiddlers for many years.

Our next jam will take place on Saturday, March 19th. I wish I could tell you where it will be held, but as I write the venue has not been decided, but we will know by the time you read this. Please contact a District officer to find out the location of our March jam!

No jam is scheduled for April as that is Convention time. On May 1st the Lebanon Moose Lodge has asked us back for jamming and lunch. The Coburg Grange has invited us to play there on May 21st. Looking into summer, the Coburg Golden Years has asked the Fiddlers to play on July 16th, and the Lane County Fair is August 17th--stay tuned for more details later.

Happy Birthday to : Wayne Carpenter, 3/1; Andy Kennedy, 3/13; Buck Milligan, 3/13; Susie Milligan, 3/20; and John Parsons, 3/21. Happy Anniversary to Alan and Carol Ede, 3/17/57.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

PS: District Six meeting: Election of Officers: Bob Strelow, Chair; Joe Moyle, Co-chair. --- Reappointed as Secretary Treasurer: Bernie Roberts --- Replacing Mark Ratzlaff as reporter: Judy Eads.

Meeting Venues: Meetings will now be held two times annually at Coburg Grange; Crow Grange; and the Plumber's Hall in Springfield.

Next Month's jam: Saturday, March 19, at the Plumber's Hall located at 2861 Pierce Parkway. Directions: From I-5, take I-105 east to Mohawk Blvd; left on Mohawk to Marcola Road; right on Mohawk about two blocks to 28th Street; left a short distance to Pierce Parkway; sign at hall says "UA Local 290 Training Center."

Coming events: April, no jam planned; May 1, Lebanon

Moose; May 21, open jam Coburg Grange; July 16, Coburg Golden Years; August 17, Lane County Fair

District 7

Chairman: Jim Kuether 503-663-3634
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Sec/Treas: Barbara Petrin 503-639-1688
Membership: Myrtle Arnold
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Portland, OR 97218
503-284-1208

If you were lucky enough to have attended the February Jam of music and dance at the Canby Adult Center you enjoyed a good one. Someone left a well-loved and well-used grey Stetson-type hat on one of the tables. If it's yours call 503-235-1671 to claim it. New member Russ Davis made a \$50.00 donation to the District "because he just loves this kind of music!"

District 7 has 4 new member families: Marilyn Block lives in Molalla; Russ Davis plays guitar and sings and lives in Canby; John and Greta Gerhardt live in Milwaukie; and Rita Schmeiser also lives in Canby and is learning to play guitar. Let's be sure to welcome our new members as we cross their paths.

At our March jam at Lake Oswego, we'll have a short meeting during the jam to resolve the new officers issue and to decide how much D7 should donate to the State Contest. Any other business can be brought up at the meeting. Everyone be sure to come and take part in keeping our organization strong and vital. Our play dates are coming up as follows: Tuesday March 1 from 2 - 3 p.m. we are needed to play at Laurelhurst House at 15 SE 55th (SW Corner of E Burnside and SE 55th) in Portland. The entrance is on 55th and we can park on the street or in the QFC grocery store parking lot. This is the first time we have been here so let's make it a good one.

Sunday March 13, 2005 will be our regularly scheduled monthly OOTFA jam session at the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. This is the one that Jack Smith started many years ago and is the time to remember him and his music. Public Invited!

Saturday March 19, we are needed to play in the meeting room in The Refectory Restaurant at 1618 NE 122nd Avenue from 1 - 1:45 p.m. for the Christian Business and Professional Women's Club.

Saturday April 2 we are needed to play at the Wilsonville Al Kader Shrine Temple for the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club's annual fundraiser and auction for The Candlelighters. It's at 8651 SW Salish Lane, Wilsonville. We played for them last year and had a good time. We'll

start at 6 p.m. Going south on I-5, take exit 286 and go east over the freeway, turn left at the second light. It's the big building taking up the whole second block on the right hand side.

Sunday April 17 (not yet confirmed but probably) Oregon City Adult Center for our regular monthly jam.

Sunday May 8 (probably but not yet confirmed) The Corbett Grange for our regular monthly jam.

Sunday June 12 (not yet confirmed but probably) The Estacada Community Center for our regular monthly jam.

Linda Easley for Gail Foster who is in California with her new grandson.

District 8

Chairman: Marie Bailey 503-835-7185
Co-Chair: Ray Cunningham 503 763-8848
Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224
Membership: Jackie Stephenson
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February 19th the jam at McMinnville brought out lots of happy fiddlers, back up players and singers. We are always so pleased to have District 7 folks join us. And Janet Brayman was there from District 9 with her hammered dulcimer as well. Thanks for coming! Thirty were signed up to do one tune each. Then we had time for a few second time players and ended with all of us jamming.

The meeting preceding the jam had a report of our newly formed scholarship committee. We will be offering scholarship help for those in our district taking fiddle lessons. We voted to give \$500 to the OOTFA contest, \$100 to Canyonville Contest, \$100 to Willamette Valley Contest, and \$300 to our District Scholarship fund. Fred Hardin commented that over half the contestants at the Gaston contest were 17 or younger and the same for our state contest last May. We feel that scholarships will continue to promote fiddling for the young, and not so young.

A unanimous vote was cast for our 3 officers to continue on for the coming year. Thanks to Marie Bailey, chair; Ray Cunningham, Co-chair; and Christine Lang, Secretary-Treasurer for your work this past year, and your willingness to continue to serve.

A bird stole the show, though, yes, a big Sand Hill Crane stood outside on the patio, looking in to see what we were doing. Ask Lew Holt or Pat Gates if you want a picture. Long time members, Don and Daisy Simons still need our prayers. Don had his other foot amputated.

They would appreciate a card or a visit too. Their address is: 474 South Gate Dr. Monmouth, OR 97361 (503-838-0953)

District 8 was well represented at the 3rd annual Gaston Fiddle Jubilee Contest. Our own Fred Hardin did a great job as emcee. Not enough room to list all of our participants from district 8. Weren't Amy Booher's students great? Amazing what 5 to 8 year olds can do with a fiddle. Way to go everyone.

March 13th, Sunday, Keizer Senior Center Irish Stew Dinner. We're sorry this conflicts with District 7s jam. We can come early, 10 AM or so for early jamming. We are scheduled to eat at 12:30 and to play from 1 to 4 but I just imagine that we'll be playing a lot more than that. No rent to pay, we can pass the hat. Specific directions: If you are going north on Broadway from City Center of Salem, it turns into River Road. Take a right on to Plymouth -- The Center is located at 930 Plymouth. If you miss Plymouth and get to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far, so take a right to Cherry and come back on Cherry to the senior center. Or if you are coming off of I-5 on the Parkway, turn north off the Parkway on to Cherry and a few blocks to the center.

To be confirmed, but we will probably be at the Senior Center in Dallas on April 16.
Alice Holt District 8 reporter

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206
Co-Chairman: Lloyd Louie 541-573-7862
Secretary/treasurer/membership:
Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We had 14 players attend the Feb. 13th jam and it was nice to see so many dancers. I spotted some new faces in the crowd and a couple of fellows from Seneca came down to enjoy the afternoon. Bill and Betty Chapman (Dist.1E) were also with us again.

On Feb.12th a group of us did a benefit for the Boxing Club and enjoyed some of their Indian Tacos as well.

George Sahlberg has been back in the hospital again--this time for knee surgery--and now is recuperating at home. Dorothy Coon was also in the hospital for a series of tests. Hope it is nothing serious. The flu bug has about made the rounds so hope everyone is getting back up to snuff. Condolences were extended to Fran Van Cleave on the passing of her father Steve Miller, a long time Rancher in this area.

NOTICE: ELECTION of new officers will be held at a business meeting on March 13th at 12:30 prior to our regular potluck and jam at the Senior Center. All paid up members are urged to be there to cast your votes.

We will play at Aspens at 7:00pm on March the 11th and Ashley Manor at 6:30 on the 21st. It has been good to have so many players come out for this as the residents really look forward to our music.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the State Convention raffles are reminded to get them to Julia no later than April 1st. Thank you.

Are you dusting off your Irish tunes? It's that time already!

Julia Milleson, District 9, Reporter

District 10

Chairman: Lyneatte Werlinger (541)957-8616
Co-Chairman / Membership Jo Barnes : (541-459-4522)
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Treas. Glynn Deaton (541-839-4501)
Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

Our February Potluck and Jam was very successful with lots of good music and food. At our meeting we elected officers for the coming year. Our current Chairman, Lyneatte Werlinger, has agreed to stay for a second term which makes us happy. Co-Chairman will be Don Hamlin, Secretary will be Barbara Sullivan and Gwen Deaton has agreed to remain as Treasurer. District 10 has elected to set up a Young Fiddlers Scholarship program. Lyneatte Werlinger will be chairman with her committee being Barbara Sullivan, Don Hamlin and Joyce Pickett. Any donations, contributions or great ideas are warmly welcome. Also if anyone knows of children that would be interested, please contact the committee.

We always enjoy visitors that come to our jam session. Betty Crosby was back to visit. Other visitors were Joyce LaChance, Terry Fox, Berne Hill, Bob Hoehne, Don Clifford, Dan Vollier and MaryAnn along with some local visitors. Don Clifford and Bob Hoehne both joined in with the Jam session. Bob Hoehne is teaching the fiddle to several young people and he is going to bring them to one of our jam sessions. Garden Valley Retirement came with a bus load of their seniors to enjoy the music.

We send our best to Thelma Allen and we hope she will be back with us soon. This month we started a monthly raffle that was fun for both members and visitors.

Saturday, March 12th at the Community Building in Winston will be our next meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and Jam at 1:00. Hope to see you all then.
Clare Eaton, Reporter District 10

From the editor: First of all let me thank all the districts who are donating to the state contest. Your names will be in the program at the contest.

Dorothy Wehus would like to thank everybody for their nice cards and letters after Ace's death. She wants to thank everybody for their generous donations to the fiddle contest in memory of Ace.

New Members for March Hoedowner

1. Sam Cooper---Ashland
2. Leonard & Carol Ferrara---White City
3. John & Greta Gerhardt---Milwaukie
4. Ernest Bertin---Alberta Canada
5. Glenna O'Neal Breese---Quartxsite Az.
6. Pam & Todd Darling--- Sweet Home
7. Marilyn Block---Molalla
8. Kenneth & Darlene Reeves---Jacksonville
9. Jim & Carol Lockard---Coburg
10. Mike & Melisa Ryan---Florence
11. Don & Martha Belding---Silver Lake
12. Darci & David Holmes---Salem
13. Russ Davis---Canby
14. Rae Bratton---Oakland
15. Bill & Kim Tittle---Terrebonne
16. Rita Schmeiser---Canby
17. Bud Ullman---Klamath Falls
18. Jack & Verna Evatt---Bonanza

Thank You
Myrtle