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2005

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District 1

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Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone !

Happy Sunny Springtime Everyone !

Reminder to everyone that the 2005 Fiddlers State meeting will be in Roseburg from April 6th thru the 10th (allowing for travel time also). This also means that our monthly Jam & Dance session will be on the 3rd Sunday this month only – the 17th.

We had a great time at the 1st annual Winter Wings Festival in mid-February. This was a reincarnation of the Bald Eagle Conference. We performed twice during the event. Our late morning session had less than 20 people in the audience, with several of those being musician spouses, but for the early afternoon session, the auditorium was packed. (Must have been lunchtime that got them all energized!) Lots of fun and a very appreciative audience.

Our March Jam & Dance was jammed packed. Ben & I had our booth at the Home Show, and it sounds like we missed a great time. Thanks to Patti Northcraft for taking on "hostess" duties and being our official greeter. Howard Purdy from Mt Shasta was here for a visit, Jonathon Hagerty on fiddle, plus Anna and Yvonne stopping by to say "hi!"

Welcome to new members: Donald Bell and his daughter Teresa (guitar and harmonica), Donald Hensley – returning member from awhile ago, Russ McFall from Tulelake, and Morgan Gaddes.

For St. Patrick's Day, we were invited to play at the Klamath Stakeholders conference in Tulelake, CA. They fed us a fabulous steak and chicken dinner from Norm's Yummy Cowboy Cuisine. That was another fun event with an appreciative audience.

Get Well wishes go out to Irven Johnson and Jan Lancaster. We hope you each get to feeling better very soon. Besides, we miss seeing you!

Our April schedule is as follows: The monthly meeting and potluck at Villa West on the 3rd from noon to 4pm, the Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall on the 17th from 1pm to 4pm, and Chiloquin Community Center on the 24th starting at 1:30pm.

April Birthday wishes go to: Lewis Stork 6th, Allen Myers 7th, Ray Lane 14th, Illa White 29th, and Bernice Oden ?. And our anniversary spotlight for April shines on Jim and Jan Lancaster – congratulations.

One last reminder – Faye and Isom have now moved to Klamath Falls. Their new phone number is: 541-850-8779.

Bye for now – and as they say - “When our time on earth is over, we should come sliding in sideways, smile on our face, body beat up from use, chocolate in one hand, fiddle in the other, and hollering “Wahoo, what a ride!”

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

District 1E

Chairman: Rosa Lee McLain 541-947-2903

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Sec/Treas.: Sharilyn McLain 541-947-4623

Membership: Bev Perry

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Spring is in the air. Next thing you know we'll be fiddlin' outdoors. Can't wait. In the meantime, there are election results to report! Rosa Lee McLain will again be at the helm of district 1E with newcomer Dale Bryant as the vice-chairman. Sharilyn McLain will again be our secretary/treasurer. Eileen McLain will be reporter; Bev Perry is taking care of memberships; Merle Shepard is the keeper of the scrapbooks with Rhayanna Bryant helping her out by taking pictures at our various functions.

Because most of us will be in Roseburg at the convention at the beginning of the month, we'll have our jam(and potluck) at Bev Perry' house on April 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The business meeting for April will be on the 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lake County Senior Center. Lake District Long Term Care appearances are still each and every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for about an hour and we play every Friday at the Senior Center in Lakeview at 10:30 a.m. 'til noon. Happy Birthday to Billy McLain on the 14th of April and to Edna Schultze on the 15th.

Here comes another reminder about the 1E campout May 12 through the 15th in Silver Lake. Come on over to the friendly “Oregon Outback,” mate, for the best time you've ever had at a fiddlin' function. See last month's Hoedowner for a list of accommodations or feel free to call me, Eileen McLain @541-947-4474 or Terry McLain @541-947-4623 for the list.

Seems as though we're all pretty healthy specimens this month, no hospital stays to report-- I used to have mad cow's disease, but I'm alright noooooooooow!

Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

District 3

Chairman: Dale Anderson 541-382-9094

Co-Chair: Art Bigelow 541-312-3017

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Spring is almost here and campouts are being planned. Our District VFW / Variety show was great! We had lots of dancing, good music and, good food.

Visitor's: Janet Brayman / Burns, Bill & Betty Chapmen / Christmas Valley

Our next VFW show will be April 3rd. Elections were held for the Year 2005-2006. The following were elected: Chairman: Dale Anderson -- Co Chairman: Art Bigelow -Treasurer: Secretary: Earlene Erwin

The District approved purchase of New Speakers for the sound system.

We now have 71 members.

Dates to Remember:

April 3rd	VFW / Variety Show	1-4 p.m.	Redmond
April 12th	Redmond Library Jam	7-9 p.m.	Redmond
May 1st	VFW / Variety Show	1-4 p.m.	Redmond
May 10th	Redmond Library Jam	7-9 p.m.	Redmond

May god bless those who have lost love ones or have been sick or have had surgeries. We wish happy birthday and anniversaries to all this month. May old time music be in your soul. Keep on the sunny side of life.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow, District 3

District 4

Chairman: Lee Ferguson 541-772-6462
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The March Jam at Rogue River brought out a good crowd to celebrate the beautiful spring weather and the great music. Visitors included Diane and Dick McCowan from Murphy. At our meeting we discussed the convention and need for raffle donations. Lola Williams will do our table decorations.

We received a nice thank you from Gynn Deaton for our contribution to the Canyonville contest. Five trophies will be engraved for District 4 celebrities. Ethel Holstin will again do the accompanist count.

We tried out our new "snake" at the jam. Our sound system is now quite good. People were again reminded to "back off" the new condenser mike, as it is quite sensitive and can support more than one performer at a time.

A small group played for a private birthday party, and we received a donation of \$200 for our scholarship fund. It's growing! Any young people who are interested in fiddle camp or other fiddle opportunities should contact Chairman Lee Ferguson for information.

We have a couple new locations in Grants Pass – new retirement homes that really enjoy our music. The Salvation Army spaghetti feed was also a great place to play. Our community service total for February was 157 playing hours. Thanx folks for all your time and effort getting out to these gigs! Our schedule is on the website at <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4.htm> Check it out, and come join us when you can.

A special award of the month went to two folks this time. Bob Zellman was recognized for his consistent unfailing help in setting up and taking down, as well as being our parliamentarian and supporting the musicians at the gigs. Marcia Zellman was recognized with a certificate and a corsage for her research as membership chairman, tracking down many of the members who have fallen through the cracks due to inability to get out, health reasons, or other complications. Well deserved acclaim to both these fine folks! Our roster is getting as up-to-date as we can make it, with many thanks to Marcia. We are unable to find info about Alice Krogstadt and Mona Givens. Can you help?

Sad news reached us of the death of Glen Williams (Gene's cousin) who was such a nice guy, and a heckuva guitar player as well. His "Onion Song" was a popular request that always brought chuckles. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Lila and family. He will be missed. Gene and Lola Williams are finally healthy after a long winter of illnesses. Freda Serpa has been ill with serious respiratory problems. Paula Pasley "just can't make it out", but sent her love. Several other members have had the local "crud" and take a while to recover. We wish you all well, and welcome you back ASAP.

Apr 2 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford May 7 Eagle Point Grange Jun 4 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. Mark your calendars.

A thought: Wisdom has two parts: 1) having a lot to say, and 2) not saying it.

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

Chairman: Larry Gallagher (541) 572-2742
Co-Chair: Hal Weiner (541) 902-2371
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Over 50 people came to our jam at Winchester Bay on March 18th and everyone seemed to have a great time. We were pleased to have Fred Young and Carroll Lakin from District 10, Tom Cropper from District 8 and glad to see Mike & Dolores Booher from over their way. We signed up new members, Daniel & Margaret Partner. Daniel plays a wonderful fretless banjo in the minstrel style.

Our next jam is scheduled at the Green Acres Grange south of Coos Bay on April 16th with a potluck at noon and jam from 1-4 pm.

Our nursing home schedule 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

We currently have no other gigs for April. We hope everyone enjoyed the convention. I'm sure I did!!

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle 541-343-5894
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We had a great time at our new venue at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union training hall, with a fine potluck and a fun afternoon of jamming. A big thank-you to Mark Carmickle for arranging the use of this facility.

We have no District jams scheduled for April, as we hope most members will be heading to Roseburg for the annual State Convention April 6th through 9th. On May Day (1 May) we will be guests of the Lebanon Moose Lodge for jamming and lunch--always a great time. And on May 21st the Coburg Grange has invited us to jam there from 11 AM to 3 PM--no potluck, as the Grange ladies will have food available. Our June jam will also be at the Coburg Grange on June 25th. Looking into summer, we will play at the Coburg Golden Years on July 16th and at the Lane County Fair on August 17th.

Don't forget the State Fiddle Contest coming up May 20-21 in Salem--get to practicing! You don't have to be a whiz-bang fiddler to participate in the contest--many folks do it for fun and to help promote fiddling to the crowd which attends.

Best wishes to John Steele who is recovering from cracked ribs--which haven't kept him off the dance floor!

Happy birthday to: Fran Davis, 4/2; Alice McDowell, 4/4; Julia Moon, 4/8; Carol Ede, 4/12; Barbara McAdam, 4/13; Don Peeler, 4/15; Sherry Dobson, 4/18; and Dee Dee Kaiser, 4/22. Happy anniversary to: Joe and Leah Canaday, 4/9/50; Arlo and Louise Hamilton, 4/13/48; Joe and Emily Moyle, 4/22/72; and Red and Joyce Herndon, 4/25/56.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter.

District 7

Chairman: Jim Kuether 503-663-3634

Co-Chairs: Dick and Donna Foreman 503-630-3577

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A fine jumble of fiddlers showed up at the Lake Oswego get-together. Jack Smith would have been proud!

Condolences of our membership need to go out to Jim and Joyce Kuether and family on the recent death of Jim's brother in California.

District 7's own Andy Emert, fellow fiddler and state champion, will be teaching at the Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop in Wallowa, Oregon, July 11 -15. For more information write to Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, PO Box 148 Enterprise, Or, 97828 or call 541-426-3390 or visit www.wvmusicalliance.org.

Saturday April 2 -- Wilsonville Al Kader Shrine Temple for the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club's annual fundraiser for The Candlelighters. 8651 SW Salish Lane, Wilsonville. 6 p.m. Going South on I-5, take exit 286 and go east, turn left at the second light. It's the big building on the right hand side.

Wednesday April 6, we are invited to help Hattie Kielhorn celebrate her birthday at Miramont Pointe at 6:30 in the Talbot Room. Come for dessert and coffee and festivities. Bring instruments!!! Miramont Pointe is at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of their big sign. When you leave the parking lot, there is only a right turn but two blocks farther on there is a place to do a legal U-turn to go west again if you need to.

Sunday April 17, will be our regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. Because of a scheduled church service that ends at 1:00, we will begin our jam after that. We can jam for the public from 1:30 to 4. So come and get tuned up about 1-ish.

Sunday May 8th will be our regularly monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. 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. Informal jamming will start about 11--sign-up jam from 1 - 4.

Sunday June 12 our regularly scheduled OOTFA Jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center in Estacada.

Friday July 1 We are needed at Pacific Gardens at 14145 SW 105th in Tigard from 3 - 4 in the afternoon. Call for directions.

District 8's Alice Holt has come up with a great idea for a new word - a word to mean a collective noun for a group of fiddlers - jamble, a jamble of fiddlers. Let's all start using it.

Reporter: Gail Foster

District 8

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Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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We didn't find Leprechaun gold, but we found some mighty tasty Irish Stew at the Keizer-Salem Senior Center on March 13th. We had a good turnout of musicians, even though our neighbors to the north (District 7) were also having a jam the same day. We had dancers and listeners, many who stayed until the last tune was played. This is the 4th year we have entertained for the center's Irish Stew dinner. I think they like us!

A treat for Lew and me was to have Lila Larsen attend with her accordion. We played with Lila for many years in District 5. She had been living in Lebanon, and just recently moved to Keizer. I hope she won't mind if I tell you she is 94 years young. She plays a fine music on her accordion too. See, music keeps you young!

I think we managed to play every request from the audience. It's always fun to see who can play requests.

Saturday, April 16th is our monthly jam. It's at the Senior Center in Dallas. When we played there a year ago, we had a good crowd. The doors will open at 12:30. Drive through downtown Dallas, turn left at the traffic light, turn left at the blinker light and the center is on the left. (one way going south)

We hope to see you in Roseburg for the annual convention April 7th through 9th. We'll be hurrying home on Sunday to attend Hanneke Cassel's concert at the Mt. Angel Performing Arts Center at 3 PM. Hanneke grew up in Port Orford where her parents are members of District 5. Hanneke is a former OOTFA State Contest Champion. She graduated from a Music School and now lives in Boston. She does a Northwest Tour each year.

Future dates to remember: The OOTFA Fiddle Contest is May 20th and 21st at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. District 8 will jam at McMinnville on May 28th. On Saturday, June 4th we'll have a picnic at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's home in Dallas. Bring food to share, table service and folding chairs. Driving directions to Hardin's will be in the next Hoedowner. In July we'll be playing at Silver Creek Falls the weekend of the 9th, and at Pacific City on the 16th. Camping available at both locations.

Enjoy Spring!!

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

Out of town guests showing up to play at the Aspens on the 11th were Vance Bonner, Bend (Dist.3), Jeff and Marlene Stevens and son Kyler from Redmond (Dist. 3) and Scott Burnham of Des Moines, Iowa, who was here for the Elk Foundation banquet. Vance and the Stevens' also stayed over and played at the Senior Center jam on Sunday. Other guests joining us Sunday were Tom and Vivian Tucker of Mt. Vernon and Betty and Bill Chapman of Christmas Valley (Dist.1E).

Prior to the jam we held a meeting to elect new officers. Since Lloyd Louie opted not to step up to the chairman position or remain co-chair, George Shalberg was elected as chairman with Dorothy Coon elected as co-chair. Rose Johnson agreed to stay on as Secretary/Treasurer/Membership person. Thanks for offering to serve our organization.

We also voted to give a \$200.00 donation to the State contest and cards were signed for a fan in North Carolina who donated \$50.00 to our jamboree and also another card for Anita and Russ Hunt who designated their homes for our jams after moving to Summerville. Anita parents Joe and Mickey Enneberg make sure the house is open for us each week. If you want to host the jam there let Julia know before her Thursday calls. If not, just bring along some goodies to share with the group.

Rose Johnson, Janet Brayman and Julia had to leave early to perform at the Spring Community Concert. Lisa and Brenda Otley of Princeton also came into town to perform for the concert. Congratulations are in order for Brenda who recently participated in a Chamber Music competition and walked off with one of the scholarships. Way to go Brenda!

With record breaking temperatures here recently it sure feels like travel time! See you all at Convention.

Julia Milleson, District 9, Reporter

District 10

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Co-Chairman / Membership Jo Barnes : (541-459-4522)

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Treas. Glynn Deaton (541-839-4501)

Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6109)

Winston Community Building was really "Rockin" with lots of great music. Jan Castillo, Joe Ross, Don Clifford, Delmer Beck and Carol Beck all joined with their instruments and everyone had a wonderful afternoon. Louise Trimble and Bud Richardson also came for a visit. Bud played and Louise sang a couple of songs. We wish to thank all the people that came to play music with us as well as the visitors that came to listen.

It was real nice to have Bob and Jean Hanson back with us. They have been down in Arizona playing music and having a good time for the past two months. We all missed you.

We had our raffle again this month with Jan Castillo and Jean Hanson being the lucky winners.

There will be no monthly Jam in the month of April due to the Oregon State Convention here in Roseburg on April 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. Come and join us on Wednesday, April 6th, as we start this year's convention.

Our condolences to Gynn Deaton. Her mother passed away on March 15.

Happy Anniversaries and Birthdays to all those in the month of March. I understand that there were a lot of Birthdays in the month of March.

Saturday, May 14th 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 Prez: By the time you receive this Hoedowner and read this, our convention and all the fun we have there, jamming, visiting, a great banquet, workshops and on course some serious business will all be history. We will have made some important decisions concerning the future of our organization, one of these being Thousand Trails and our future there. As I am writing this I don't know what the outcome of this will be, but what ever happens I am trusting in the judgment of our members and I know they will make the right decision. Also, we will have voted on some Standing rule changes or additions. I hope the members will see fit to vote in favor of these. There are some other thing coming up in the future that will require our attention but we will take these all in good time.

It has been brought to my attention that some of the districts have voted to have only two business meetings a year. Our By-Laws state districts must have at least four [4] business meetings a year. "Refer to the section on meetings page two Section 2 District Meetings."

And now in case some of you receive this Hoedowner prior to the convention here is the convention schedule.

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association Convention

April 6,7,8,9, 2005

Roseburg, Oregon-- Douglas County Fairgrounds

Wednesday April 6, 2005

8am - 11pm Early Bird jamming and visiting in Floral Building

7pm - 11pm District 10 hosting organized jam

Coffee and finger food all day

Thursday April 7, 2005

8am

Douglas Hall doors open for convention setup.

Visiting and lugging boxes

Breakfast available

10am

Registration and ticket sales

Banquet Tickets - \$10.95 under 10 years \$5.50

3-4pm Chairs to be set up for night show. District 10 and others to help.
6:30pm Group jamming on stage
7pm Sign up jam begins

Friday April 8, 2005
8am Hall opens for breakfast, jamming and other activities.
9am Registration and ticket sales.
Workshops Larry Gallagher in charge- time & place to be announced
3pm Nominating committee meeting Marie Bailey, Chairperson and all District Chairpersons Place to be announced.
5pm Sale of Banquet tickets stop.
5pm Show tickets sales begin- admission: \$5.00 adults, 12 and under \$2.00. Members with 2005 OOTFA card or life member card, Free. Remember, the first one-third rows of chairs roped off for paying public.
6pm Pre-jam on stage with all fiddlers and backup
7pm Fiddlers and variety show
Midnight The Hall closes

Saturday April 9, 2005
8am Hall opens for breakfast and other activities
9am Quarterly Executive Board Meeting
10am Banquet table and decoration set-up District 1, 1E 7 & 8
10:30am Annual meeting and election of officers
Bob Ervin president
5pm Annual OOTFA Banquet
8pm Dance--Play by Districts
11pm Hall clean up. Everyone is requested to help. Please and thank you.

Midnight Convention closes

RV parking \$10.00 per night black top [no hook ups]

RV parking \$15.00 per night black top with electricity only

RV park \$20.00 per night with electricity, water dump near by

Bob Ervin, President, OOTFA

Hi everybody. I just wanted to let everyone know there has been some new developments in my negotiation with Thousand Trails. As you all should know by now, last fall Thousand Trails informed me that the new rate for the RV spots there would be \$32.00, of course I told them I didn't think our members could afford this. Anyway from then until now we have been dickering back and forth and this is the outcome and their last offer. I think it is one we can live with. They have said if we would guarantee them that 20 spots would be reserved for two nights they would let us have them for only \$24.00 a day. This should be no problem because we have continually had more

reserved spots than this. That would be an \$8.00 decrease from their original offer. I think this offer is in the ballpark as far as price goes. I know of two parks in Bend that are \$45.00 And \$30.00 with hook-ups and one or two that are less than \$24.00. Anyway I wanted you all to have this information to think about.

I have also communicated with Irene Ruddock and she tells me if we would decide to move to Merrill, OR. that there are RV parks there with reasonable rates: Motel Mobile Manor Full hook-ups----\$15.00 per night 6 spaces
Merrill Motel--- \$40.00 per night. Cabin with 3 rooms and kitchen-- 2 with double and 1 with twin and double. 2 baths \$18.00 per person. 2 cabins with queen size beds \$50.00 a night plus tax. They have a few spaces to park RVs and a dump site.

However, if we were to decide to move to Merrill which is South East of Klamath Falls, I am sure most of you would use more than \$3,00 worth of gas getting there. \$3.00 is the increase over last years rate for an RV spot at Thousand Trails. Think it over carefully. See you at the convention.

Bob Ervin Wagon Master for Thousand Trails

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. My records show appreciated contributions from 1E,1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Convention Workshops:

Lew Holt	beginning fiddle	Thursday 11:00 AM
George Taevs	bass	Thursday 2:15
Ruel Teague	back up guitar	Thursday 1:15 PM
Hal Weiner	banjo	Friday 10:00 AM
Marie Bailey	intermediate fiddle	Friday 1:30 PM

We have a member who is looking for a video of the Thursday, April 8, 2004 convention jam. Did anybody out there video Thursday night and would be willing to share? Ace didn't attend last year so we didn't get a video. I will have last year's Friday night show DVDs for sale at the convention.

State Convention Schedule for the Friday Night Invitational Variety Show April 8, 2005

Emcees will be Fred Hardin and Ken Jordan

6:00 Pm On stage jamming by all musicians

6:45 PM Stage will be cleared

6:50 Program introduction by Chairman Louie Roy

6:55 National Anthem

7:00 PM show will start

8:30 15 minute intermission

During intermission Lew Holt will have other musicians from throughout the state who are not on the program on stage to play for the audience who choose not to leave their seats, this way more musicians are involved and the audience doesn't have to sit and twiddle their thumbs.

8.45 2nd half of show will start and will last to about 10.15 PM 10.15 PM grand finale

All musicians and vocalist please remember to have your back-up ready when your scheduled time comes. All musicians are allotted 5 minutes so don't waste time telling jokes introducing your back-up, etc. Also please remember that all who take part in this program must be a paid up or life time member of the OOTFA.

Again -- Helen Washburn in Canby has donated a fiddle for the raffle. Hal Weiner has donated a nice 4 CD set of Bob Wills. Larry Gallagher donated two guitars and Sally Jordan donates a fiddle. I know the enthusiasm will be competitive for these fine instruments. I think we'll do something like this – buy \$5.00 (6 chances) worth of tickets for the mandolin and you will receive a very good \$10.00 cassette tape. (This will be a special raffle for this fine mandolin.) Fifty cassette tapes were donated by Phil and Vivian Williams from Seattle. We are fortunate that two out of state people have donated \$500 worth of commercial fiddle music tapes to help our contest. Bill Gandy from Grants Pass donated the Washburn mandolin. We want to have at least \$200 worth of tickets before we raffle the mandolin.

Starr McMullen wrote recently. I saw Leroy Sims last weekend and he said to say "Hi" to all in Oregon. I recently won the adult Division at the Spring Fling Contest in Imperial and the Ajo, AZ contest. In Ajo I also came in second in the Grand Championship division. Pat and I had a great time over there. I return to Oregon in March, but won't be able to make the state convention as it is the same weekend as NW Regionals in Spokane. Starr

Andy Emert writes: Hi Lew, I will be teaching the class in Wallowa, July 11-15. The sponsor of the workshop is Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, a nonprofit group that seeks to unite persons of all ages in the pursuit of fun music within the community. This is an all-ages kind of workshop and several teachers will be on hand to teach fiddle, guitar, and other instruments. Andy

Applications for a scholarship will be available at the state convention – one scholarship will be awarded to an OOTFA member by drawing.

New Members for April

1. Arnold Jones & Wanda Clark---Macdoel Calif.
2. Bud Ullman---Klamath Falls
3. Rita Schmeiser---Canby
4. Jack Evatt---Bonanza
5. Buren V. & Anna Taylor---Salem
6. Dick & June Bell--Grass Valley
7. Jeff & Donn E Williams---The Dalles
8. Donald Bell ---Klamath Falls
9. Sharon & Roger Bowen---Shelby, Mont.
10. Jennifer & Jimmy Polk---Salem
11. Janice & Robert Stover---The Dalles
12. Shirley & Barge Massey---Merlin

Thanks Myrtle

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

The Contest is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 27th at the Canyonville Middle School Gym as usual. I need judges and helpers and of course donations. I want to gratefully acknowledge the district donations so far. They are: District 1-\$200, 4-\$500, 5-\$250, 7-\$300, 8-\$100

Thanks so much. We're off to a great start! Oh, and be sure you send me names of fiddlers you want to honor on your trophies. District 1 will honor Art Lane, District 8 will honor Leonard Maahs and I'm waiting to hear from the rest.

Gynn Deaton

Hi Fiddlers!

I learned recently of the passing of Vilas Sansom, a former OOTFA member and a fine fiddler in the Springfield area. He died March 13th at the age of 89. I am sure that many of you will remember him.

Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6 OOTFA

Oral Robbins writes: The Willamette Valley Country Music Assn is doing a Jam at the Jasper Grange for the "Relay For Life" Cancer people. April 23rd The jam will run from 3:00 PM til 8:00 PM There will be a Roast Beef dinner at about 5:00 PM -- \$6.50. All proceeds will go to the cancer society. AHEM!! I will be cooking the roast beef, but don't let that stop you from coming and enjoying the jam

Donna Reuter in Hood River private fiddle lessons -- (541) 386-2633. fiddledr@aol.

Daniel Forrster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons. dforster@gabrielsbanner.com

Gene Bach writes: Golden Old Time Music Festival Friday, June 3rd – Sunday June 5th. If this is something that interests you -- our Website address is: www.goldenoldtimemusic.com. This looks like a good musical week end in Yreka, CA. Or give Gene a call or drop him a note. Gene Bach 439 Rolling Hills Dr Yreka, CA 96097 530-842-1611 info@goldenoldtimemusic.com www.goldenoldtimemusic.com

Scottish Fiddle Technique Workshop With Ryan And Cali Mckasson

Date: Saturday, April 2

Cost: \$15.00; \$10.00 For Scottish

Fiddle Club Members

Time: 12:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Sponsor: Portland Scottish Fiddle Club

Reservations: Bernie Payne 503-524-5437

LOCATION: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2201 SW Vermont, Portland

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.

Sheri West -- fiddle and mandolin lessons in Southern Oregon. Fiddleist@aol.com or (541) 665-0673.

Some catch up rambling – We'll be hurrying home from the convention to attend Hanneke Cassel's concert at the Mt. Angel Performing Arts Center (503-873-9611). We see her every year at the Folk Life Festival in Seattle during the Memorial Day Week end and have to get to her concert an hour early to get a seat.

As of this writing, I will estimate that volunteers have typed and sent to me over 500 pages of the 1976 interviews. And many more pages to follow. This represents literally hundreds of hours of typing. We will be forever grateful to these volunteers.

I will have draft copies of the "Newspaper Clippings" book at the convention. Again volunteers have typed over 300 pages of old and new newspaper clippings from the last 40 years.

The new roster will be available at the convention. Because of a computer glitch, the roster may have a new format – straight across the page. Some of you will thank me, others will & me. Hound your local officers for a copy. They are cheap at twice the price. (I am having help – may be able to go back to the old way.)

Alice and I stopped by Edna Yohey's the other day. She donated three nice, little silver fiddle pins to be raffled at the convention.

And if Lloyd Louie reads this, I have a blue fiddle cap for him – that he has asked for – for many years.

JayDean Ludiker fiddle camp August 7 - 11 at the Rockin' B Ranch in Liberty Lake WA. For more information or to register call JayDean at 509-927-7529 or email jaydeanl@earthlink.net

Lew, Editor

And only if there is room – don't use it if it makes us over weight,

Here is an example from one of the 1976 interviews -- Earl Willis and Linda Danielson talking: (1976)

EW: Now this Guy Kinman's (From Roseburg) a good fiddler, he's a good hoedown fiddler.

LD: He sure is.

EW: Where'd he come from, I never heard of him till just the last year.

LD: I know he's been around for a while, but I never really noticed him until about the last year.

EW: He's been around Roseburg, I believe, jam sessions down there and everything, Grants Pass, why I didn't run onto him? I don't know. I'll tell you who I think one of our outstanding young fiddlers is, Billy Warwick. (From Williams, age 19, Oregon Junior Champion several times.)

LD: Yeah.

EW: He's outstanding to me.

LD: Yes, he is good.

EW: 'Course, we've lived down there and saw Billy grow up, he's a little kid you know, runnin' around there scratchin' on the fiddle seven or eight years ago and he's just terrific, real good.