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The Hoedowner

October 1, 2005

From the Prez: Holy Cow! I just returned from a grand week-end at Merrill, OR. District 1 was host to the State quarterly meeting as well as the second regular business meeting of the year. They did a bang up job. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Cookies and snacks all day long, coffee, orange juice, hot tea. I don't know how we could ask for more. But, there was a superb catered meal on Saturday evening plus all the excellent music we always have. I was very pleased with the way the meetings turned out. The members voted to put the budget requirements plus the OOTFA Distinguished Service Award into the by-laws.

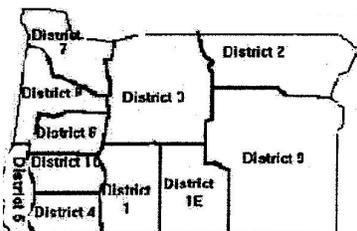
Just a reminder to all our members to consider paying their 2006 dues early, as this will insure that you will continue to get your Hoedowner without interruption. It will also make Mark Ratzlaff work a lot easier. You see, Mark receives the information that a person's dues have been paid and records this, then he must get this information to the publisher to get the person's address on the mailing list, this all takes time. It would also speed things up if everybody will pay dues to their district membership Chairperson.

On September 3, Earlene and I made a visit to district 4 in Medford. I would like to compliment Judy McGarvey for the way she conducts the meeting, also the other officers as well. Everything was very orderly. We were very well received by the members of the district. Thank you very much district 4.

COMMON COURTESIES THAT APPLY TO MOST JAMS;

1. Tune your instrument before joining the jam.
2. Be ready, when it is your turn, to name a tune and its key, and lead off, or ask for a tune to be lead by another, or pass.
3. Select tunes that most of the players know, and one that is in keeping with the style of the jam.
4. Pass the lead around to all who want it, before ending the tune. The person who names the tune should be the one to end it. If you don't want a lead just nod it off to the next person, by letting them know you are passing, before the tune recycles. That way, there won't be a "gap" in the flow.
5. One person at a time should be playing the lead, (unless it's a free for all jam) all others should play supportively, or rest.
6. No more than one player at a time should play fills or counter melody, and these should support the lead and not overpower it.
7. Keep the rhythm volume low enough to not overpower the lead.
8. Designate a steady rhythm player to follow, such as a Bass, to avoid a "scattered" beat.
9. Talking should be pertinent to the flow of the jam, only.
10. Doodling around on your instrument between turns is very distracting to the person who's turn it is and makes it difficult to get their tune started.

If you follow these simple courtesies the jam will flow smoothly and your welcome will be insured. This information is meant, only, to acquaint you with the basic forms a jam can take, and the general courtesies followed by most players, Each group creates it's own form according to the wishes of the members.
Bob Ervin President, OOTFA



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Happy Spooky Halloween to everyone!! WOW!!! District 1 sends out a giant THANK-YOU to all the OOTFA members who came to the quarterly State Meeting and Jamboree in Merrill. We feel we met our original mission and goal that you all have a good time and want to come back again. Your vote of confidence to return next year is a wonderful show of support. We worked very hard behind the scenes so you would have an enjoyable time. To paraphrase my favorite President, "You can please some of the people all the time, all of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time." We did the best we could to keep everyone happy, and feel we succeeded fairly well.

Thank you also to everyone in District 1 for pitching in and helping as needed wherever needed. The committee chairs have already met to go over the various suggestions and comments we received, and discuss improvements we can make for next year. Plus, with your help at the raffle, we were able to raise \$600 toward our music scholarship fund. So again, thank you everyone for coming to way-southern Oregon for the September state meeting.

It was also great to hear the dulcimers, as they are certainly one of the origins to our old-time music. Thank you for bringing them and performing.

On a personal note, this was my first large scale OOTFA event. It was great fun to have the chance to meet members from around the state. I appreciated having the opportunity to back-up some of the bands (and hopefully by next year, I will not make nearly so many mistakes -- thanks for being tolerant of a novice). I learned a lot, made new friends, and can

now match some faces to familiar names, which should be one of the outcomes to these kind of events. My personal highlight was that awesome Jam on Saturday morning (too bad we had to break for lunch before the Gospel Show). A fabulous way to spend my vacation -- and definitely worth doing again next year!

Our District 1 October schedule is going to seem fairly tame after this September: 2nd -- monthly meeting and potluck, noon at Villa West Mobile Estates, 9th - Jam and Dance, noon at Shasta View Community Hall.

Happy Boo-thday wishes to our District 1 October birthday people: Isom Patterson and Ann Bonser. We have no October wedding couples. Bye for now and remember - If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours! From your friendly field reporter for District

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Hello fiddlers. Don't you just love this time of year? Warm days and crisp, cool nights-perfect.

The first thing I'd like to do is thank District 1 for putting on the fourth quarter State Meeting this past weekend. It was very well organized for their first one, and everyone had nothing but good things to say about it. Kudos.

Another thanks goes out to Phil and Sheila Fry and Jerry and Irene Ruddock for coming to our rescue Labor Day. We had a 6-hour gig to do at the Lake County Fair, and they made it a lot easier on our group just by showing up to play music!

Our only gig in September is on the 30th, @ 6:00 for the Lake County Fair Appreciation Dinner. No gigs are scheduled for October yet, but our usual sets are still on of course. The

Lake District Long Term Care Facility's dates are Oct. 11 and Oct. 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Lake County Senior Center dates are easy to remember-every Friday from 10:30 'til noon.

October birthdays sneak up on Clyde Lynch on Oct. 19 and Mary Cathcart on Oct. 25. Everybody is in pretty fair health as far as I know. No one is in the horse-pistol anyway. Good.

Here are some words of wisdom for those of us who tend to be a little critical of others: Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes...that way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes!

Eileen McLain, reporter,
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Days and nights are getting cooler with Fall being here.

Our last VFW Jam was Sept 4 at the Redmond VFW. Guest performer was Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley. The Jam was dedicated to: Norma Jean, Austin Doescher, and Bob Ervin for their birthdays. The food, music and dancing were good. Thank you to all performers who played. Come and join our next Jam session Oct 2nd at the VFW of Redmond.

We will be trying something new for our next Jam session. The stage will be on the floor in front of the stage, instead on the stage.

District 3: Please pay your dues for the year 2006 by the end of December in order to get your January Hoedowner. Dues need to be sent to our district treasure.

District 3 will be donating \$300.00 to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina. We challenge other districts to do the same.

A recent campout was District 5 at Winchester Bay. The weather was good and the music/concert was great. Jack Kerr from District 3 won a contest for all around playing and singing. Thank you District 5 for a lot of fun.

Our last of the season campout was at Merrill hosted by District 1.

District 3 New Member: Lea Leushenko Tucker.

District 3 had a jam session Pine Forest Grange on Sept 10th with a potluck lunch. There was good food, and music being played. Jack Smith sang a song that was about him learning his education out behind the barn. Chester Fullerton sang a song: Fitting in Charlie's shoes. Charlie Bigelow giggled after he sang that song. It seemed Charlie liked that song. Our next Pine Forest Grange Jam session will be Oct 8th in Bend. Come and join the fun.

District 3 will not be having Library jam sessions at the Redmond Library any more. We will be having them at Pine Forest Grange once a month instead.
Dates to Remember:
Oct 2nd 1-4p.m VFW Show Redmond
Oct 8th 10-4p.m Pine Forest Grange Bend
Nov 6th 1-4p.m VFW Show Redmond
Nov 26th 10-4pm Pine Forest Grange Bend

Closing Thoughts: May god be with those who lost love ones or are sick. Our prayers for a fast recovery are with you. Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to all this month. May you all see in the sunny side of life. And, have old time music in your hearts and souls.

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It finally cooled off a bit for our monthly meeting at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford. Chairman Judy McGarvey held a short business meeting. Judy Lyons informed us that our account balance grew again -- up again over last month. Even though August was a slow month for performances, District 4 still provided 34 hours of community service.

District 4 will now provide 2 name tags to new members at no charge. Next, District 4 will have it's own web site. Rick Reichert will be the webmaster, and will present detailed cost and possible website names to the membership for approval next month.

OOTFA state president Bob Ervin attended our meeting with his wife Earlene. Bob told us that the main reason for moving the spring OOTFA state meeting to the Polk County fairgrounds was financial. \$800 for Polk Co. instead of \$3,000 for Roseburg! Bob also suggested that for paying gigs we send only our best musicians. He feels that those who hire us are expecting a higher level of musicianship than we sometimes have at the monthly jams. Bob also mentioned that Myrtle Arnold has retired from doing state membership, and that Mark Ratzlaff is now the state membership chairman.

Lee Cushman just got married! His wife's name is Ruth. Congratulations to you both!

Lee Cushman and Richard Ferguson gave us some great advice on using the microphones. We also used the new, wireless mic that Richard purchased recently. It works great for voice, and we'll try it to see if it works as well for instruments.

The Canyonville fiddle contest was a great success for District 4 members. Lindsey Gasik took First Place in the Junior division. Judy McGarvey took 2nd and Lee

Cushman 3rd in the Senior-Senior division. Peggy Hudson took 5th for her guitar backup. Congratulations to all!

Judy handed out a calendar of District 4 upcoming gigs for September. (Also available on-line at: [http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/.](http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/))

Special awards were presented to Alex Phillips and his group of Special guests. Alex is a very generous person, providing entertainment to the handicapped, and a bit of relief to their normal care-givers.

In the spirit of the "back-to-school" season, most of this month's raffle prizes were school supplies, with the grand prize being a DVD of Ace Wehus's fiddle tunes. (Many thanks to Lee Ferguson for selecting the prizes.)

Visitors this month included Janet Kinsley's parents Carl & Doris McFarland of Santa Rosa, California, and also Maggie Cushman of Medford.

New members this month are Klint & Sharman Johnson with children Nathan, Annalese, Jacob and Leah. 10-year old Nathan is quite the musician! He plays both ukulele and fiddle.

Ethyl Holstein is recovering, and has asked for visitors and calls. She is at the Fairview nursing home in Grants Pass. Donna Fresier is also ill, as are Clyde Ellis and his wife. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to everyone!

"Music is a discipline, and a mistress of order and good manners, she makes the people milder and gentler, more moral and more reasonable." Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

PS: I have over run my allotment of words so I'll just say "Merrill was awesome!"

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Our hats go off to District 1 and the city of Merrill for providing a wonderful venue for the campout. The music, food, facilities, and camaraderie were all FIRST CLASS!! Thanks.

We have a new nursing home schedule for the winter months.

The first Tuesday of the month 1:00pm at Elderberry in Florence.
The first Wednesday, 1:20-2:20pm at Coquille Oerding Manor and 3:00-4:00pm at Myrtle Point Care Center.

The second Wednesday, 11:00am-noon (lunch served) at North Bend, Inland Point, and 1:30-2:30pm at Ocean Crest.

The third Wednesday, 1:00-2:00pm, Bandon Heritage Place and 3:00-4:00pm at Harmony Estates.

The fourth Wednesday, 1:00-2:00pm at North Bend Bay Crest Village and 2:30-3:30pm at Coos Bay Life Center. Please mark your calendars for these play dates.

We will play for the Coos County Stockman's Association during dinner on November 12th at 7:00pm in the Oaks Pavilion at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point.

We hope that everyone got the message that our jam this last month was canceled because there were too many conflicts. Our next meeting will be at 11:00am on October 15th at Winchester Bay Grange. Please plan to attend, as we will be discussing the campout, our holiday dinner plans and the results of the meeting in Merrill. A potluck at noon and jam session at 1:00pm will follow.

Best wishes to all birthday and anniversary folks this month.

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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Summer is now just a (hopefully pleasant) memory and the Fiddlers are gearing up for a music and fun-filled winter. We're looking forward to lots of good fiddlin' and friendship at the next jam on Saturday, October 15th, when we visit District 6 chairman Bob Strelow's home grounds. That's south of Eugene on Hwy 58. The Grange is on the corner of Moss and Second Streets in Lowell. The business meeting is at 11:00, followed by a potluck and an afternoon of good country music.

Here are Bob's directions to the grange. From I-5, take Highway 58. Turn left at the covered bridge into Lowell. (The road intersects Jasper Road.) Go to the CG Market and turn right on Moss.

Coming through Jasper to Lowell, turn left at the CG Market (Moss Street). The grange is on the corner of 2nd and Moss, which is the first intersection. Bob says we can't miss it but if you need help, I know from personal experience (I get lost easily) the folks at the market will be glad to head you in the right direction.

OOTFA member Earl Knudson celebrated his 94th birthday September 10th with a big party at the Springfield Elks, hosted by the Willamette Valley Country Music Association. According to our favorite country music Emcees, Lloyd and Esther Shriber, a good time was had by all. Nearly thirty musicians performed. Among the many well-wishers were all of Earl's kids and several other family members. Congratulations Earl!

Over a hundred friends and relatives attended a Memorial Celebration at the Albany Senior Center for long time OOTFA member John Grammer, who passed away earlier this summer. His widow, Gladys, wants to thank all of you who

participated in his memorial service.

It's not too early to be making plans for Thanksgiving. The District 6 Thanksgiving Jam will be at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union training hall in Springfield. More details and directions next month.

A special welcome to new OOTFA members James and Barbara Mehlinger and M.J. Fusilier from Eugene. Also Jeanie Hartman and Rosemary Villani from Veneta. Hope to see you at the Jams.

Lots of birthdays to celebrate this month, so check this out. You may want to run out and buy an extra b-day card. Special greetings to Louise Childers 10/6; Ila Mae Carmickle 10/8; Jack Walker 10/9 and Frieda Chandler 10/12. And it's almost a double birthday for the Lorings. Don was born on October 26th and Ruth on the 30th. I wonder if they have to share the birthday cake? Happy anniversary this month to John and Vivian Steele who celebrate their 57th anniversary on October 16.

By the way, if we don't have you on our birthday and anniversary list we'd like to remedy that. I try to have a sign up sheet at the jam each month. So don't be shy, let us help you celebrate your special day.

Don't forget the open jams at the Central Grange the first Friday of the month and the Crow Grange the second Friday. Everybody's welcome.

Judie Eads, District 6 Reporter

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About a dozen D7 folks just attended the Merrill Campout. D1 put on such a wonderful event that we voted to come back next year. Lots of wonderful music, plenty of food and a chance to make new jammin' friends! Worth the trip! Lots more jammin' to do

in the district for the next several weeks:

Saturday, October 8 we play at the Oregon City Farmer's Market at the intersection of Beaver Creek and Kaen Roads. Take Exit 10 up from I-205 to the light at Beaver Creek. Turn right, go through the light at Fred Meyer's and the light at Molalla Avenue, continue straight. The market is on the left at Kaen.

Sunday, October 9, we'll be at the Hillsboro Senior Center for D7's monthly jam. It's at 750 SE 8th Avenue, Hillsboro. Informal jamming starts about 11, public performance from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Take Hwy 26 west, take Stadium/Cornelius Pass Exit go south on Cornelius Pass Road. Turn right onto Cornell Road which becomes 10th street in Hillsboro. Turn right onto Maple. The Center is at 8th and Maple. 503-648-3823.

Saturday, October 15 We'll play the public performance with District 8 in Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 - 4 at 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. Manzanita is 13 miles south of Cannon Beach. Laneda turns right off Highway 101 at the Manzanita Hardware. The Community House is toward the beach on the right.

Wednesday, October 19 we play at the Marquis Wilsonville at 3:30. Going south on I-5 take Exit 283, go left under the freeway, take the first right onto Parkway and continue past Denny's and the Best Western. Turn left into the parking lot at 30900 SW Parkway Avenue. We play in Building A - the lower one on the right.

Saturday, October 22 we are invited to play at a private party -- a Pumpkin Carving Party - in the afternoon in NE Portland. The time is from 3-5. The place is 1551 N Sumner Street in Portland. We did this last year and had a lot of fun!

Friday, November 11 from 1 - 2 p.m. at Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Directions next month.

Sunday, November 13 we'll have

District 7's regular monthly jam at the St. Helens Senior Center at 375 S. 15th Street in St. Helens. Informal jamming will start at 11:00 with a public performance from 1 - 4. Directions next month.

On SATURDAY, December 10, from 3:30 until 8:30 we'll be able to celebrate our holiday feast and jam at J.J. North's Grand Buffet in Gresham. Directions next month.

Please note Myrtle Arnold's new address: Myrtle Arnold 2941 SE Llewellyn Ave Troutdale, OR 97060 503-666-3529

Gail Foster, Reporter District 7

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We just returned from a wonderful music filled weekend in Merrill, hosted by District 1. What fun to visit with and play music with our friends from around the state! A goodly number of Californians were there too! After my tune Friday afternoon, I realized that the 6 of us playing together were each from a different district! That's one of the things that makes the statewide functions so great. Thanks for everything, District 1!

Winston Grant had a stroke and is in Corvallis Manor recuperating. Lew and Lee Jones talked to him on the phone recently. He is getting along well. We all wish him a speedy recovery. His number is: 541-738-4637. The address is: Corvallis Manor Nursing Ctr., 160 NE Conifer Blvd., Corvallis, OR.

We played at the Falls City United Methodist Church in September. Their remodeling project is coming along nicely. It was good to have Don Simons there. Thanks to his grandson Tim Joslin who takes such good care of Don and takes him to jams.

Playing dates: October 8th, Saturday, we are invited to play again at the Neskowin Valley School Harvest Festival. We've had a great time playing there the past 2 years. Neskowin is north of Lincoln City. Driving north on Highway 101, turn onto Slab Creek Road at the sign that points to the school and the George Vogal Group campground. The road is at the north end of a bridge. Follow the road for several miles. You can't miss the school. If you choose to bring your RV, you may park at the school. We'll play inside the building from 11am to noon. Then play outside from 1pm to 2pm. That gives us time for lunch. Hint: they have delicious food for sale there!

Oct. 15, Saturday, we'll play for the public in Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 - 4. This is a combined District 7 and 8 jam in conjunction with the campout at Linda Easley's cabin in Manzanita. Other districts welcome too as always. See district 7 news for more complete information.

On our way home - Oct. 16th, Sunday we'll be at McMinnville Senior Center. Turn south on McDaniel St. (opposite MacDonalds) on the north end of town on 99W. We will be having a meeting, so plan to be there by 11ish. Bring your brown bag lunch. Sign up show from 1 to 4. Y'all come!

Nov. 20, Sunday, McMinnville Senior Center. This will probably be our Holiday dinner/potluck. We'll be planning it at the October meeting.

Sunday, Dec. 18, Saturday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 18, will all be at the McMinnville Senior Center.

'If you look at what you do not have in life, you don't have anything. If you look at what you have in life, you have everything.'

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

District 9

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Fair time always seems to bring out the chilly weather but we had a good turnout. Thanks go to Annie Schlupe of Vale, Hollis Real of Redmond, Ivan McDaniel of John Day, Phil Drain of Salem (who also does the sound for all the Fair activities) and Hugh Galliher of Jerome, Idaho who came to give us a helping hand. Hugh and Carole Hamilton (also of Jerome) along with Ruel Teague, Janet Brayman, Don Williams, Walt Cooper, and Julia Milleson put together a quick float decorated with boots as the theme was "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots." We didn't put on a banner but still got a third place ribbon. Jim Toussaint didn't make it in time for the playing gigs but did ride on the float along with Lisa and Brenda Otley of Princeton, Cheyenne and Jimmy Lange of Canyon City, Hugh and five of our regulars who braved a cold morning ride.

Our first fall Senior Center potluck and jam will be held on October 9th with potluck at 1:00pm and music from 2:00 until 4:00pm

Aspens will be at 7:00pm on the 14th with Ashley Manor at 6:30 pm on the 17th.

Lisa and Brenda Otley attended the Booher Fiddle camp this year and Lisa played the new music for us at a recent Friday night jam.

Ruel and Margaret Teague, Annie Schlupe of Vale, Marie Macomber and Julia Milleson were the fortunate ones to attend the first state meeting in Merrill and what a welcome everyone got...and where else could you find free RV hookups! The Continental breakfast was a big hit and the catered banquet was as sumptuous as advertised. It was great to see so many new faces and have a chance to get acquainted with some of the new musicians as well as seeing all our other friends. THANK YOU District 1 for such a great time. We look forward to seeing you all next year

Thanks! Julia Milleson. Reporter

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We played at the Melon Festival in Winston September 9th, with a good turn-out, and lots of fun was had by all.

At our Sept. 10th jam our visitors were Scott and Janet McAdoo; Ruth Abbe and Louie Pugh; and Jerry & Millie Winger. Also nice seeing Dorothy and Robert Meadows; and Jan Castillo with Alta and Dorothy. It was nice seeing you all there.

We were saddened to hear of John Whaley's passing the 4th of September, he was a friend of the fiddlers.

We're hoping to see more members out for our meetings.

And, don't forget our "HOOTENANNY" at our next jam October 8th. Bring your gut buckets, scrub boards, etc., and your instruments. Dress in your favorite hillbilly attire. Prizes for best dressed hillbilly. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the editor: Somebody left a CD player at Winchester Bay - yet, unclaimed. Holler if you think it is yours. (Lew) Gynn Deaton writes -- I have a woman's denim colored long sleeve shirt, Size Large. (Canyonville Contest)

Hi Lew, I wanted to let you know I will be teaching a year long fiddle class in Portland at the Community Music Center starting end of September. You can call me for details 971 242-1100
Andy Emert

I, Irene Ruddock as vice President and also as a member of District I wish to thank District 1 for doing a great job putting together the Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree in Merrill, OR. It took

great teamwork of all the members and it was a job well done. A special Thanks to John Northcraft, district chairman.

To the Editor: Those who may be interested in helping out musicians who have lost their livelihood, instruments and everything else because of Katrina, may wish to donate to a musicians fund. Information can be found at the ASCAP web site at:
http://www.ascap.com/press/2005/090805_katrina_help.html

Oregon Cultural Trust -- If you have donated money to OOTFA, you are eligible to donate a matching amount up to \$500 per person to the Oregon Cultural Trust. The money provided to the Trust goes to support arts, music and cultural activity in the state. You get back 100% of this money as a direct tax credit from your Oregon State income taxes. When you take advantage of this tax credit you are using your tax dollars the way that you want to use them (for the arts), rather than how the legislature decides to use it. As an example, if you have donated \$50 to OOTFA during the year (and have receipts or canceled checks to prove it), you can donate up to \$50 to the Cultural Trust by December 31, 2005. On your 2005 income tax form, you can then subtract the \$50 from the amount of taxes that you owe, making the Cultural Trust donation no real money out of your pocket. For more information see the web site at <http://www.culturaltrust.org> or contact Hal Weiner.

New members for October Hoedowner

Cheryl Hall, Yakima
Carl & Emma Whitnah, Richland
James & Barb Mehringer, Eugene
MJ Fuselier, Eugene
David Kunze, Florence
Nick Maniscalco, Florence
Mhair Merryman, Reedsport
Dan & Diane Schaeffer, Reedsport
Donna Faye Sneed, Sandy
Denise & Ed Grandstaff, Portland
Dwight Fredenburg, Salem
Lea Tucker, Bend
Clint & Nancy Miracle, Myrtle Creek

Matthew Cheppell, Winston

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership
Chairman

I have DVDs of the convention -- one DVD for all day Wednesday, one for Thursday, one for Friday, and one for Saturday night. They are \$5.00 each -- one \$7.50 with postage -- two \$12.50 with postage. Three \$17.50 with postage. Four \$22.50 with postage.

State Contest DVDs. I have one DVD for Friday. One DVD for Saturday with the OPEN Division and Pee Wees. I'll have the other divisions on Saturday soon. Same price as above.

Now I have an excellent DVD - 3 hours and 33 minutes -- of the Saturday night sign up jam at Merrill. (Thanks to Katherine Allen for running the camera all evening.) \$5.00 if I hand it to you. \$7.50 by mail. It is worth it just to see Jon Blasius do his trick fiddling after the show was over.

if you have an email address and if you are not receiving email updates from me, it must mean that I don't have your email address. Please drop me an email so I'll have your email address.

Lew as per our conversation this morning we have a 3/4 violin for sale that is in excellent condition. I have been told by Brandon's old violin teacher, Amy Booher, that it has great tone quality and is worth around \$500.00. (I would entertain offers in the neighborhood of that). If anyone is interested please contact me at the e-mail t.aye@comcast.net or they can call us at 503-557-9386. Tim Aye

You might put in the Hoedowner that a size Large cotton lady's shirt was found. Apparently, it was worn as an outer garment and when it got too hot was put aside and forgotten. It is the brand "Maryland Square" and a denim color. Thanks. Gynn

The Oregon Bluegrass group writes -- Starting Oct. jams will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month through May at the Umpqua Community Center.

From I-5 take the Sutherlin Exit, go west to Ft. McKay Rd. Only 1/4 mi. or so--go left only way to go. Out about 8 miles, on the left to the Center, across from Henry's 'Winery. Time: 12:00 noon until 5:00.

Object to promote and teach Bluegrass Music, encourage our youth and just have fun. Workshops, lessons, multiple jams, songbook available several rooms also available. Future plans, will be over week end get together, and week long workshops. Open to the public. More information: Marnie Albritten Phone: 541-440-0684 marnie59@jeffnet.org

RED'S JAM is TEAMING UP WITH HAL'S TEAM RELAY FOR LIFE. Saturday, Oct 22nd, 3:00p.m. until 8:00 PM. at the Jasper Grange, just southeast of Springfield. Chili or Chicken soup dinner with rolls and Brownie dessert \$6.00. All proceeds go to American Cancer Society. Statewide OOTFA members are more than welcome to join us for this worth while event. Oral

Me make a mistake? How could that be? Last month I said that Alice and I played with June and Jim (state president in 1975-77) Secure and I listed the other two playing with us -- not Chuck and

Pat as I wrote last month but rather should have been, Don and Ruth Loring. Late hours and old age will do it to me every time.

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

Eileen Witler reports that if you or anyone you know are interested in fiddle lessons, give her a call at 503-701-1578 and get started.

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

It was good to see Les and Lois Tucker at Merrill. Les was state president 1979 - 81.

At the Vernonia Campout in 1983 Maxine Benson and others prepared a scrapbook for Bill Yohey "This is Your Life." It goes into great detail about Bill and those around him -- and -- the OOTFA. Several months ago I borrowed it from Edna, Bill's widow. Today I took it to the copy store to make a copy for the archives of OOTFA. It is a tremendous document, like no other, with many pictures and narration. Another piece of the jig saw puzzle that will allow us to remember those who have contributed so much to our association.

Alice and I have had our share of fiddling lately. Along with district jams, nursing homes, county fairs -- we were gone 4 days to Winchester Bay, then the next week end 4 days to Canyonville, then the next week end 4 days to Ketchum, Idaho. Home the next week end. Then 4 days to Merrill, 4 days to John Day and then continuing with something every week end in October. Lew

CALENDAR

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

Oct.

1 Grange Eagle Point 4
1 Whaler's Rest Newport 8
2 Villa West Mobile Estates Klamath Falls 1
8 Pine Forest Grange Bend 3
8 Harvest Festival Neskowin 8
9 Shasta View Com. Hall Klamath Falls 1
9 Senior Center Hillsboro 7
9 Senior Center Burns 10
9 Hootenanny Winston 10
15 Grange Winchester Bay 5
15 Grange Lowell 6
15 Community Center Manzanita 7/8
16 Senior Center McMinnville 6
20-22 Western Open Fiddle Contest Red Bluff, Cal.

Nov.

5 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
12 Stockman's Association Myrtle Point 5
13 Senior Center St. Helens 7

Dec.

3 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
10 J.J. North's Grand Buffet Portland 7

Jan.

7 Willamalane Center Springfield 6/state