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Old Time Fiddlers Association

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The Hoedowner

November 1, 2005

From the Prez: Happy Thanksgiving!! Yes, on Thursday, November 24 is Thanksgiving Day. A time to think back and count all our blessings. As I sit here today thinking about the days gone by, I can't help realizing how fortunate I was to have found my wife, Earlene when I did and that she agreed to spend the rest of her live with me. Just finished 57 years. We raised three boys with no problems and now we have grandchildren and great grandchildren and all are in good health. What more could a person ask for? Also, we belong to a great fiddle family that gives us enjoyment and satisfaction. I hope this doesn't sound to corny, but it's the way I feel. I can only hope you all are as fortunate as I have been.

Now, to get down to business. As a state officer it is my duty to see that all our members know of the business of the state. Therefore, I am going to report some things that happened at the meeting at Merrill, Or. On September 17, 2005, the members present decided to take up a collection for the relief of the victims of the Katrina Hurricane. If this did not come to a \$1000.00 the state would make up the difference, this has been done. Also, the idea of an operating budget at the state level was approved. The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Distinguished Service Award (formally called Hall of Fame Award) was finalized and approved. These two programs will go into the By-laws. It is very important that the members know and understand the rules and procedure for nominating someone for this award. Therefore, I am including the

criteria in my letter this month. By the way you can nominate anyone from around the state, it doesn't have to be someone from your district only. See your Chairperson for nomination forms.

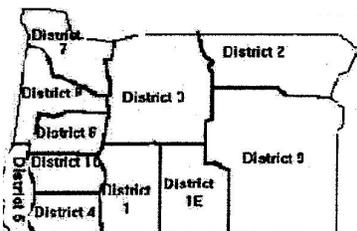
Rules For: Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Distinguished Service Award:

The Districts will submit names of candidates to the president. Who will appoint a committee to select the person/persons to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Distinguished Service Award.

We will have a plaque made with gold name plates on it to be engraved with the inductee's name. This plaque should be displayed at all of our Quarterly functions and especially at the Convention. In addition, a certificate will be awarded to the inductee with the name, 'Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Distinguished Service Award,' with his/her name and the year awarded. This will be awarded at the annual Convention. Also, we will have an Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Distinguished Service Award for entertainers who have passed away. This will have the person's name, address and date of death.

CRITERIA: For selection Committee:

1. Should have outstanding service to OOTFA's goals.
 2. Should have been a contributing member for a minimum of 5 years.
 3. Contributions should strengthen OOTFA organization.
 4. Should be more than holding office.
 5. Deadline for nominations-- January 1
- Approved at Merrill, Oregon meeting September 17, 2005
Bob Ervin President, OOTFA



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 Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

We are still thinking about how much fun we all had at the September meeting and jamboree here in Merrill. Hope you are too, and making plans for either returning or coming next year.

At our October meeting, Faye Patterson turned in her resignation as Co-chair effective immediately. We will miss her active participation and definitely want to thank Faye (and Isom) for all her hard work and dedication to this organization. We hope she continues to join us in making music, as there is hardly any song she doesn't know.

Please be thinking about one of our members - Walt Gilliland. At last report, he was transferred to the veterans hospital in San Francisco, and was not doing well. We wish him the best, as we miss his cowboy poetry and songs.

Our District 1 November schedule is as follows: 6th - monthly meeting and potluck, noon at Villa West Mobile Estates, 10th - noon at Crystal Terrace (they will feed us), 13th - Jam and Dance, noon at Shasta View Community Hall, and 17th - Klamath Rehab at 10:30am.

Happy Birthday wishes to our District 1 November birthday people: Carol Olsen 5th, Jan Lancaster 20th, Etta Fernlund 22nd, Bud Ullman 30th. Our November Anniversary couples are: John and Darleth Rodgers, and Les and Lois Tucker. Bye for now and remember - When you attend your Thanksgiving dinner, be sure to wear elastic waisted pants for the most comfort.

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

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Howdy folks,
 I hope you're all having fun raking leaves on these warm autumn days. You'd better stay at it. The yearly estimate of leaves falling in the U.S. is in the hundreds of billions. I'm sure glad I got that new rake.

Our next jam will be on November 5 at the Lake County Fairgrounds beginning at 2:30 p.m. The next business meeting will be November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Senior Center. Plan on playing November 12 at the Fort Rock Grange Hall at 5:00 p.m. I believe we'll be car pooling, as it's more than a stone's throw from Lakeview. Hope to see some of our North Lake members there.

November regularly scheduled play dates are: Each Friday at the Lake County Senior Center from 10:30 'til noon and at the Lake District long term care facility on Nov. 8 and 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There aren't any birthdays to report for November. Let me know if your birthday or anniversary needs to be added to the list, please. Also, I think so far everybody is healthy and wealthy and wise. Don't forget to get your flu shot!

You know, it's not so bad getting older . . . A reporter was interviewing a 104-year old woman. "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure." Bye for now, Eileen

Eileen McLain, reporter,
 District 1E

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Howdy from District 3: Our last VFW show was Oct 2nd at the Redmond VFW. Guest performer: Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley. We had 15 musicians with the floor as the stage. There was a lot of good music, dancing and good fun from the VFW. Birthday celebrations for Hollis Real and Rhea Bigelow. Anniversary celebration to the Chapman's. Our next show at the VFW will be Nov 6th, 1-4p.m.

New Members: JJ and Peggy Buckner from Redmond. JJ plays guitar.

District 3 had a jam session at Pine Forest Grange Oct 8th. There were eight musicians jamming away in a circle. We had a potluck lunch at 1:00p.m. Donations were needed to help pay for the rent of the building. Our next circle jam/potluck will be Nov 26th. This will be the Bigelow's 29th anniversary. Time 10-4p.m, come and join the fun and, help the Bigelow's celebrate.

Our recent campout was at Merrill host by District 1. There was good food, also, great concert music and, dancing. Thank you District 1 for hosting the campout. We had 14 members from our district there. A big thank you to all of the Districts who hosted campouts this year. What a great concerts we had. We sure have a lot of good talented members.

District 3 needs all members to pay dues by 15th Dec. The cost is \$20:00 per year, dues need to be paid to our district membership chairmen Earlene Ervin.

Please send them to: Earlene Ervin 6189 NE Wainwright Rd, Prineville 97754.

Dates to Remember: Nov 6th VFW Redmond 1-4p.m -- Nov 26th Pine Forest Grange Bend 10-4p.m -- Dec 4th VFW Redmond 1-4p.m -- Dec 10th Christmas Party Pine Forest Grange Bend 10-4p.m

Closing Thoughts: May god be with those who lost love ones or

is sick. Our prayers for a fast recovery. Happy Birthday 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.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow

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Saturday, October 1, 2005, It was cloudy and rained a bit for our monthly meeting at the Eagle Point Grange. This reporter missed the meeting, but learned that it was a good one.

We voted to have just one big holiday meeting in December. District 4 will provide the turkey & ham. The November meeting will be our normal potluck lunch.

Judy handed out a calendar of District 4 upcoming gigs for October. (Also available on-line: <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/>.)

Halloween is coming right up, so this month's raffle prizes were spooky! Drawing winners received cutouts, socks, and bags of candy spiders. One lucky winner received a DVD with three scary movies! (Many thanks to Lee Ferguson for selecting the prizes.)

Visitors this month included Ted & Rosemary Kays of Medford / Quartzite, and Allen Bell of Eagle Point.

Al DeWees is still very ill. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

District 4 Meeting info for the next 3 months: November 5: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass --
December 3: Roxy Ann Grange, Medford --
January 7: Eagle Point

Grange, Eagle Point

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

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Happy Turkey Day to everyone!!
We hope the frost was not too heavy on the pumpkins this year!

At our meeting on October 15th, it was decided to send a \$200 donation to the state for the disaster relief fund. We had a discussion about lifetime members. The district will provide name tags with "Lifetime" noted for all of our Lifetime members. Chairman Larry appointed a committee to determine which members are entitled to Lifetime status.

A second committee was created to make nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. The committee will collect background information on potential candidates and then submit the best one or two to the Chairman by January 1.

A nominating committee was also appointed to recommend officers for next years election. After the meeting was adjourned all enjoyed a hearty potluck and a rollicking jam that followed. We had a good turnout for the jam with over 25 musicians and 40 people in the audience.

We will be having our annual Holiday dinner at the Winchester Bay Grange on November 19th at noon, with a jam to follow at 1:00pm. The district will provide Turkey and fixings. Those whose last names are from A-G should plan to bring desserts and from H-Z should bring salads. Any one from other Districts are invited to join us.

It was agreed that we will host our 3rd Annual Winchester Bay campout in 2006 on August 17-20, 2006. Put these dates on your calendar and start making plans to learn a new song about

"Trains" as that will be the theme for our song night next year. We will provide more detailed information in a future Hoedowner.

We will play for the Stockman's Association in Myrtle Point on November 12. We will meet at The Gallagher's home at 5:00pm for a potluck and play at the Fair Ground Pavilion from 7 to 9pm.

Our condolences go out to the family of Helen Serfass. There will be a memorial service at 1pm on Sunday, October 23rd at Christ Lutheran Church in Coos Bay.

Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to those "Novemberites",

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

District 6

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We had a nice turnout for the jam at the Crow Grange on Sept. 24th, but for some people that was just the beginning of a day-long, country music celebration.

A few hardy folks actually did make it a full day of dancin' 'n stuff, warming up first at the Crow Jam, then doing the CMA Jam down the road at Elmira. After that it was back to Crow for their first winter dance with Jack Walker's Poodle Creek Pickers. Your intrepid reporter wimped out and only made the first two, but I hear those who were still on their feet had a fine time at the dance.

November is "Turkey Month" and District six is making the most of it with a big Thanksgiving potluck and jam in Springfield on November 19th. It'll be at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Training Hall. And we'll go from about 11a.m. to three or four. District six will be providing both turkey and ham. The rest of us get to furnish the trimmings, so bring on the green beans, scalloped potatoes, pies and.....

How to find the Union Hall -- Take I-5 to 105 East to the Mohawk exit. When you get to Mohawk Blvd, turn left, then immediately get in the right hand lane. You'll go over the overpass to the second traffic light, which is Marcola Road. Then take a right on Marcola to 28th Street. At 28th, take a left. The Plumbers and Steamfitters building is on the right. It's a big building which seems to be sitting out in a field. Whew!!! I'm sure there's a more direct way but this was the best my unnamed sources could do.

If you didn't make it to Lowell last month you missed a humdinger! Good food (lots of desserts) and some fine fiddling. We had about a dozen first time visitors, including some from District 3. Those making the trip down from Prineville were Jack Kerr, Don Hanna and his wife Lee and Barb and Fred Dully. We appreciated their making that long trip to jam with us.

Our treasurer Bernie Roberts, recently received kudos from the state for his fine work in organizing our bookkeeping so well. OOTFA's State treasurer sent a congratulatory note to Bernie last month after their annual inspection of our financial records. Great job Bernie!

Many of you will remember Casey Jones (no not that one). This Casey plays a real good fiddle and he just celebrated his 92nd birthday on October 10th. He came to the Lowell jam with his daughter and they had a great time.

Congratulations to Willie Carter who placed 2nd in the contest at John Day at the end of last month.

Other birthdays this month include Marie Roberts, 11/2, Vivian Steele 11/7, and Mary Crocket, who barely made the birthday list by being born on the last day of the month, November 30th.

Celebrating November anniversaries are: Cal and Ruth Montgomery, 11/14; Linda and Harve Harvey 11/15 and Jack and Mary Crockett on 11/24.

On a sadder note, for those of you who've missed Alan Ede at our jams lately, we just learned that Alan has recently been diagnosed with a debilitating case of Parkinson's disease. Hope to see you back with us again soon Alan.

We want to give a warm welcome to Earnie and Gloria Packard, and Lena and Dave Stubbs. Glad to have you aboard. Stop by and say hello next time you get to a jam, okay?

Don't forget the regular Friday night jams at Central Grange the first Friday, and Crow Grange the second Friday of each month when you're looking for friends and fiddlers.

Judie Eads, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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Our prayers and good musical vibrations need to go out to a few of our good friends and fellow musicians. Howard Olson, who was diagnosed with cancer in his liver and pancreas. The doctors will be doing further investigation to find out specifics about his treatment. In the meantime, Howard needs cards and calls of encouragement and thoughts and prayers for comfort. He is at 16305 SE Salmon, Portland, OR 97233 and 503-253-8190.

Our musical friend Russ Phillips is quite ill. He has an asbestos-caused cancer and that's why we haven't seen him much lately. He and his wife Butchie are at 4929 Mintone Drive in Milwaukie, OR 97222. The phone is 503-659-3972. They need your cards and calls of encouragement and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our fiddle friend Papa (Thomas D.) Spain has been in the VA hospital with a severely infected gall bladder which will be removed soon. He is at 2325 SE 154th Avenue in Portland, OR 97233. The phone is 503-760-4810. We certainly wish him well

in his recovery from the surgery.

On a lighter note, one of Eileen Wither's students, 9 year old Jack Aber, made his debut at the mike at the Manzanita jam. Eileen's fiddle teaching studio has moved to 6020 SE Lexington Street in Portland - cell phone number is still the same -- 503-701-1578.

"Carol Ann Ledbetter (formerly Carol Ann Wheeler) will represent the State of Oregon in the upcoming National Ms. Senior America 2005 Pageant, which will be held at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas November 10 through 12.

Carol Ann is an Oregon fiddle champion and a member of District 7. In the talent competition she will play a spectacular 2 minute 45 second medley of different styles of fiddling. Guitarist and D7 member Jeff Heberle will play backup. The Hotel is conveniently located on the Monorail at 3535 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada."

There are several District 7 events coming up in this fall:

Friday, November 11 from 1 - 2 p.m. at Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. From I-205 take the 10th Street Exit (#6?) go up the hill to Day Road, left onto Day Road, the first left is Horizon Drive which ends in their parking lot.

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. Take Highway 30 to St Helens. At the first light in town turn right (you'll see Wal-Mart) onto Gable Road which becomes Old Portland Road. Turn left onto 15th and the Center is on the left side within the block.

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 at 10520 NE Halsey in Portland. You will be responsible for paying for your own dinner.

Specify that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

We just received word that Ernie Leffler from King City passed away. Memorial services were held on the 22nd in Newberg.

Gail Foster, Reporter District 7

District 8

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Once again we played at the Whaler's Rest Campground south of Newport. With welcome help from Gary Epperly and Joan Long, district 6ers, we had a great time. The chairs were filled with happy listeners. They were very responsive to the music and sang along on many tunes.

The weekend of October 13 to 16 was music filled fun at its best. Districts 5 (Hal and Karen Weiner), 6 (Paula and Jerry Sanders), 10 (Fred Young and Carroll Lakin) and many from Districts 7 and 8 played at the jam at Pine Grove Community Building in Manzanita. What a great variety of music we had! A workshop on playing button accordion preceded the jam on Saturday. The rest of the weekend many gathered at Linda Easley's log cabin. What fun! We ate---played music---ate---played music---ate----you get the picture!

Sunday we had another jam on the way home at McMinnville. A great bunch of musicians there too. And it's always good to see our regular dancers! Our newest member is Johnny Williams, a guitar player and vocalist. Welcome Johnny! Many thanks to Chuck Gates and Ron Beatty - district 7 member -- for helping with the cleanup. The senior center gives us such a good deal on rent, that we need to stay and clean up.

This Month: Our November jam will be Sunday the 20th. This will be our Holiday Potluck dinner, so

bring a dish to share. The district will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and ham. If you haven't already signed up, please bring salad, dessert, or other fill ins. We hope for a big turnout, so please be generous.

And come early for the FIDDLE WORKSHOP!!! On November 20th, Eileen Witter will give a workshop from 10:30am to 11:30am, on "Ornamenting a Tune." Thanks Eileen!

DECEMBER WORKSHOP. Carol Ann Ledbetter will teach fiddle techniques to improve a tune on December 18th. This will be at the McMinnville Senior Center and will precede our December jam.

On the health front, Winston Grant is doing well after his stroke. He and Lola are now living at the Stoney Brook Assisted Living Center 4650 SW Hollyhock Circle Corvallis, OR 97333 541-738-2614.

Roland Apperson had a heart attack and spent a few days in the McMinnville hospital. He is now back at work in Baker City and doing well.

Our good friend, and frequent visitor, Alan Ede has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He is on medication that is supposed to be very effective.

Ernie Leffler, long time member of district 8, passed away in October. We send our love and condolences to his family. Lew and Alice Holt and Norm McGrew played at his service.

Lew and Alice both completed in the Grant County Fiddle Contest at John Day. Alice placed 5th, and Lew was 4th. (Yeah, he beats me sometimes.) We had a great time meeting old friends and new ones.

Enjoy the season; we all have much to be thankful for, even when the world is troubled.

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

District 9

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Our opening fall program at the Senior Center had a very small crowd as the Central Oregon Symphony was here for a program stop on their tour. Maynard Thompson from Dist. 3 and his brother Ira visiting from Kansas were guests as well as Betty and Bill Chapman Christmas Valley Dist. 1 E. Betty brought some fliers for the Nov. 12th Library fund raiser to be held at Fort Rock. Bill and Betty and Gordan and Marianne Andrews (our dancers) were celebrating wedding anniversaries and requested "Waltz Across Texas" which was dedicated to both couples.

On Saturday Sept. 24th John Day sponsored a contest and Ruel Teague not only won first place in the Senior division but took home the top accompanist trophy as well. Ruel also did his harmonica special. Other specials were performed by Willie Carter and Don Maddox A cowboy singer (didn't get his name) filled in during the breaks.

Joan Suther, Janet Brayman and Julia Milleon provided music for Ashley Manor in Sept. We can always use more players there! We only play for an hour starting at 6:30 and they are scheduled for Monday Nov. 21st so mark your calendars. Aspens will be Friday Nov. 11th at 7pm.

it was a nice surprise to see Bill and Wanda Cummings from Weiser and Lyle and Dorothy Powell from Mt. Home, Idaho who stopped in at the Casino on their way home from the John Day contest. (Bill placed third in the contest.) Lyle and Dorothy were headed over to Albany to visit with his sister Ruth Loring and her husband Don.

Jim Toussaint was here for a visit with his folks Don and Wilda Toussaint near Princeton and the fiddlers and neighbors were invited out on Sunday Oct. 16th for a supper of three delicious soups, Wilda's specialty breads and a variety of pies for dessert. After eating, Jim formed a jam circle of 8 performers and the dancers took over the kitchen and

we proceeded to jam for nearly two hours. We watched a huge pale moon rise and had a full moonlight night for the drive home. What a wonderful way to spend an evening.

Now that Rose Johnson is back from her visit to Minnesota be sure to look her up and get your \$20.00 dues paid up for next year.

Give some thought to who you would like for new officer as Dorothy has resigned and also it's not too soon to be thinking about our holiday party

We hope to see you at the senior center for a potluck and jam on November 13th.

Thanks! Julia Milleson. Reporter

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Our "Hootenanny" turned out to be lots of fun, we all dressed up and had a blast. Barbara Sullivan and I sang "Ya'll Com", turned out good, for someone that doesn't sing. Bob Hanson learned a hillbilly song, turned out great. Hope to have another Hootenanny next year. Thanks to everyone who made this one a success.

Happy Birthday's and Anniversary's to everyone out there.

We were happy to see a bus load of people come out to listen from Garden Valley Retirement Center.

For our Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 12th, we'll be having a potluck, Lyneatte will be cooking the turkey.

At the meeting we decided to have a practice type workshop for those who want to learn, or learn more things; from 11 to 12, the potluck at 12 and a brief meeting

from 12:30 to 1. Then the Jam at 1:00.

Also, we have a new PR person, Flo Sangsland, to do some advertising.

We would love to see you all come out to play, listen, or dance.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the editor: Thanks to Don Maddox for his generous donation to the Old Time Fiddlers. And congratulations to Don for being inducted into the Sacramento Western Swing Music Hall of Fame. It is a compliment to him to receive this honor. We are proud of you Don.

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. 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.

Hi Lew,

I'm an OOTFA member and am now giving 5-string banjo lessons at Artichoke music in Portland. Mark Petteys PS check my website for more info:
www.teleport.com/~petteys

New members for November Hoedowner

Johnny Williams, McMinnville
Jerome Ustby, Astoria
Earnie and Gloria Packard, Cottage Grove
Dave & Lena Stubbs, Eugene
Charley & Ruthellen Overland, Saratoga, CA
Nathan & Katrina Beck, Eagle Point
Klint & Sharman Johnson, Medford
Allen & Julianne Bell, Eagle Point
Peggy Buckner, Redmond

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman

Story time - After Joetta Christakis read about our campout at Merrill, she wrote in an email -- I taught school in the Merrill school building the OOTF occupied last weekend for years. Also lived in Malin at the time and farmed in Tulalake. Russ McFall was one of our neighbor farmers. You can remind him he was trespassing on my land when he toured you at the internment camp.

My married name at that time was DuVal, married to Gary. WWII homesteaders who drew winning numbers in the land give away lottery for that area developed farms.

Another story. On Oct. 9th Alice and I attended the District 7 jam in Hillsboro. When Alice was visiting with a lady, she said that her brother was Leonard Maahs and that she was the last of the 7 brothers and sisters still alive. Alice called me over to meet her. Leonard was one of the great old time fiddlers of District 8. I shared with her that I had 90 minutes of video of Leonard - which I have sent to her. Several years ago a lady wrote to me asking if I had a picture of Rusty Modrell - that he had been a friend many years ago in Central Oregon. I didn't but I did send her an hour video of Rusty that I had made in 1992. She was very pleased. These two fiddlers live on in the videos.

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

Hi Lew - Once again I'd like to request your assistance in getting the word out that my fiddle teaching studio has moved to 6020 SE Lexington Street in Portland - cell phone number is still the same - 503-701-1578. Thanks so much, Eileen

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

The contest at Gaston has been scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, 2006. Hope to see you there.

Pioneer Days Time Fiddle Contest - 2005
Canyonville, Oregon

Canyonville's 39th annual fiddle contest was held on August 28, 2005 with a total of 44 fiddlers competing in 7 divisions for a total of \$1,825 in prize money as well as trophies. The top five accompanists were awarded a total of \$205 plus trophies.

PEE WEE

1st Abigail Copenhaver Yuba City, CA
2nd Alisha Copenhaver Yuba City, CA

JUNIOR/JUNIOR

1st James Bezuk Rhododendron
2nd Darin Smith Potter Valley, CA

3rd Keith Campbell Williams
4th Chanel Reid Medford, OR
5th Gavriella Harmon Myrtle Creek

JUNIOR

1st Lindsay Gasik Central Point
2nd Carolyn Beard Puyallup, WA
3rd Travis Warwick Williams

SENIOR

1st Mark Lund Carson City, NV
2nd Alma Reitan Anderson, CA
3rd Paula Sanders Sweet Home
4th Hal Weiner Florence, OR
5th Richard Bain Tryon, NC

SENIOR/SENIOR

1st Willie Carter Lebanon
2nd Judy McGarvey Medford
3rd Lee Cushman Trail
4th Chuck Hasty Roseburg
5th Anne Huber Redding, CA

INTERMEDIATE

1st Pat Scott Red Bluff, CA
2nd Eileen McLain Lakeview
3rd Janice Roberick Rochester, WA
4th Randy Warner Washoe Valley, NV

OPEN

1st John Francis Berkley, CA
2nd Margaret Brank Winlock, WA
3rd Eileen Witle Portland
4th Laura Smith Potter Valley, CA
5th Starr McMullen Corvallis

ACCOMPANISTS

1st Jim French
2nd Bob Hanson
3rd Frank Moore

4th Bob Gardner
5th Tie: Jeff Walter & Peggy Hudson
I thank all the fiddlers, accompanists, and listeners who turned out for the contest; the judges, Evelyn Horner, Bob Strelow, and Don Hanna; emcee Fred Hardin; accompanist judge Charlotte Hardin; registration - Jean Hanson, Barbara Sullivan, Catherine Allen; and Betty Crosby; runner Edna Carter; judges helpers Ellen Strelow and Lee Hanna; score tabulation - Irene Ruddock and Jack Walker; tickets - Jean Hanson, Barbara Sullivan and Bruce McGarvey. Thanks to Sherry Dobson for still pictures and video. My very special "Thanks" go to Lew and Alice Holt for their help in many areas and to Bob Hanson and District 10 for providing the superb sound.

I might add that the contest came out O.K. financially due to the total of \$1,550 donated by Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, & 10 and the total of \$1,110 donated by merchants and individuals.

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CALENDAR

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

Nov.

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5 Lake Co. Fairgrounds Lakeview 1E
5 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
6 VFW Redmond 3
10 Pine Forest Grange Bend 3
12 Stockman's Association Myrtle Point 5
12 Community Building Winston 10
13 Senior Center St. Helens 7
13 Senior Center Burns 9
20 Senior Center McMinnville 8
19 Grange Winchester Bay 5
19 Jam Springfield 6

Dec.

3 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
4 VFW Redmond 3
10 J.J. North's Grand Buffet Portland 7
18 Senior Center McMinnville 8

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Jan.

7 Grange Eagle Point 4
7 Willamalane Center Springfield 6/state

Feb.

4 Contest Gaston