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7 Quarterly meeting/jam Springfield 6/state
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April

6, 7, 8 State Convention Rickreall

May

19, 20 State Contest Salem

District 1

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Happy New Year Everyone!! Here it is 2006 already. Wasn't that long ago that we were worried about what would happen when all the computers rolled into 2000! My how time flies.

Not a whole lot going on right now in our district. We played Christmas tunes for a very brief session at one of our local Snowflake Festival happenings in early December. Our annual Christmas dinner was not as well attended as some years, but we had a good time for those who were willing to brave the winter elements that day. Thank you to Irene Ruddock for providing some surprise Christmas presents for the drawing, and thank you to the generous people who provided the wonderful decorations and great food.

Howard Priddy did not have his shoulder joint replacement surgery as originally reported, but should have had it done on Dec. 30th. Howard - we hope it went well and you are doing OK. Walter Gilliland is hanging in there and holding his own.

At our Jam and Dance session, we had a guitar playing guest who became a member before she left – Welcome to Shirley Rogers. We also had another guest, Gary Taylor and his wife Yvonne. They had visited previously, but this time Gary brought along his guitar and helped with musical backup.

Our District 1 January 2006 official schedule is as follows: 1st – monthly meeting noon at Villa West Mobile Estates, 8th – Jam and Dance, noon at Shasta View Community Hall, and 20th – Klamath Rehab on Washburn Way at 10:30 a.m. (Klamath Rehab will be moving sometime this year, so we will keep you posted as best we can).

Happy Birthday wishes to all our District 1 January birthday people: John Rodgers 3rd, Phil Fry 5th, Al Nelson 5th, Frances Hughes 9th, Thelma Nelson 13th, Jo Harris 19th. Our January Anniversary couples are: Grace & Lewis Stork on the 15th, and Jack and Verna Evatt on the 18th. (I'm still on the hunt for missing birthday and anniversary information – if you don't see your name in the Hoedowner, please let me know and we'll get it corrected. Thanks!)

Bye for now and remember – Rowing harder doesn't help if the boat is headed in the wrong direction. (Hope those New Year Resolutions have you heading in the right direction). From your friendly field reporter for District #1 – Fran Coker

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Dear fiddle friends,

How are we all coming along with those pesky New Year's Resolutions? Aha! Just as I thought. Why don't we change them to "I resolve to play more (or listen to more) old time fiddle music," and we'll all be able to keep them-duck soup.

Our little group played at the holiday fair in the Lake County Courthouse last weekend and were joined by Phil and Sheila Fry, Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, and Jerry and Irene Ruddock from District 1. We always have a good time with these folks, who of course stayed for our monthly jam. Thanks, guys for fleshing out the skeleton crew we usually operate with.

Last week we had our business meeting and Christmas party combined, at the home of Bev Perry. The white elephant gift exchange is always a fun time.

Starting in January, our monthly jam will occur on the third Saturday of each month at the Lake County Fairgrounds. We're also trying to set up a jam every few months in Paisley to help encourage our friends in North Lake to join in more often. (This one's still in the planning stages.)

January gigs at the Lake County Senior Center are each and every Friday from 10:30 until noon. Lake District Long Term Care Facility gigs are on Jan. 3, 17, and 31, from 10:30 'til 11:30. Looks like it's all community service gigs this month, folks. Except: January jam: Saturday, the 20th Lake County Fairgrounds 2:30 p.m.

A slow news day, for sure! No birthdays in January. We did have a new birthday on December 6th, though. Rhayanna (McLain) Bryant gave birth to the cutest little baby girl named Alexis. Congratulations to her and husband Dale.

Well, I'll go now so I can work on my resolution list. I thought I'd try something a little more "do-able" this year. 1. Gain weight-at least 20 pounds. 2. Stop exercising- waste of time. 3. Read less-makes you think. 4. Watch more TV- I've been missing some good stuff. 5. Procrastinate more- think I'll start tomorrow.

Adios, Eileen McLain, reporter District 1E

District 3

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Howdy and Happy Holidays; Our last VFW Show was Dec 4th. We had 21 musicians on stage as two groups. Good Christmas music and, old time songs. One hundred sixty non-members attended the show. Food for the VFW was prepared by the Bigelow / Doescher families. We had a meeting afterwards with 29 members attending. Our next VFW show in Redmond will be January 1st. That's right -- New Year's Day.

District 3 has a new format for the VFW show. There will be 2 groups of musicians. Both groups will have 30 minutes on stage at a time to play.

District 3 had a Circle Jam session at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. Dates were Nov 26th and Dec 10th. It was the Bigelow's 29th anniversary and Chet Fullerton's 80th Birthday on Nov 26th. Thank you all who attended and celebrated with them. There was a Christmas Party on Dec 10th. Forty members attended the party. Four of our members had on their name tags. I guess they forgot their names and, had to be reminded who they were. Come join us in the fun and laughter at our next Circle Jam. January 14th, 2006. Time: 10-4 p.m. Pine Forest Grange in Bend.

District 3 has a nomination committee for next years Officer's. Election will be on March 5th. Members of the committee: Ed Nelson, Mike Hyman, and Ted Schoenborn

Dates to Remember: Jan 1st VFW SHOW 1-4 p.m. Redmond. Jan 14th Pine Forest Grange 10-4 p.m. Bend. March 5th VFW SHOW 1-4 p.m. Redmond. March 11th Pine Forest Grange 10-4 p.m. Bend.

Closing Thoughts: May god bless those who have lost love ones and; is sick. Our prayers for a fast recovery. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all this month.

"There are times; I would like to return to the simple things in life. When all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes. But, you didn't know what you didn't know. And, you didn't care at the time. Remember life is simple at youth. And, youth can be in your heart.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow, District 3

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Dec 3, 2005 What a beautiful, clear, crispy-cold day it was for our December meeting and jam at the Roxy Ann Grange. This was a combined Thanksgiving / Christmas event, with a HUGE holiday lunch and all the fixins! Many thanks to Judy Lyons and both Lee & Richard Ferguson for cooking the turkey and ham. And thanks to you all who brought those yummy side dishes and desserts!

Our "trade or donate" western shirt exchange was a great success! Quite a few changed hands, and \$25 in donations was added to our scholarship fund. We'll do it again in January, so please bring your good used western shirt to Eagle Point next month.

If you haven't already done it, PLEASE RENEW YOUR OOTFA MEMBERSHIP!

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Artie Hammonds for her great work on the sign-up jam whiteboard every month. Thank you, Artie!

November was another busy performance month! In addition to our "regular" play dates, we provided entertainment at the annual St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless in Medford. Many thanks to Jon Gasik for arranging this event. In all, we gave over 110 hours of community service time in November. The 2006 schedule and December calendar are available on the District 4 website: www.ootfa4.org. Click on "Calendar".

District 4 Meeting info for the next 3 months: January 7: Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point. February 4: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. March 4: Bellview Grange, Ashland.

Lee Ferguson is hosting a beginner's banjo jam, alternating weekly between Medford and Grants Pass. Call Lee for details. Also, many thanks to Lee for selecting the great drawing prizes!

We wish a speedy recovery to Don Lindsey, who recently had eye surgery, and to Frank Armstrong, who was in the hospital but is home and doing okay.

In sadder news, Danny Weaver passed away. He visited our jam with the Living Opportunities program. Also, Ruth Applegate recently passed away. Her husband Bud was a great hoedown fiddler who died about 5 years ago. Ruth was one of our membership chairmen in years past, and was active as a "desk person" at the jams. A very nice person. There were no services, and her family has asked for no calls. Cliff Cooper recently passed away. He was a very active member until his health deteriorated a few years ago.

There are many wonderful old-time tunes that just don't get played often enough. Please consider spending a few minutes playing this month's "Old-Time Tune of the Month": Little Liza Jane. This is the "old-time" version, played in the key of A. (It's also known as just "Liza Jane".) To hear this tune, please visit the Tunelist on the District 4 website: www.ootfa4.org

"All music is important if it comes from the heart" (Carlos Santana - Guitarist)

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

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Happy New Year!! I hope by now you have all made your resolutions for the year and that everyone can keep to them. It is sad to report that there are still many members who have NOT paid their dues for 2006 and will not be getting this copy of the Hoedowner.

Our next meeting and jam session will be at the Bandon Far West Hall on January 14. The hall is located on Hwy 42S just East of Hwy 101 in Bandon. Please plan to bring a brown bag lunch, as there are no facilities for a potluck. We will have a brief meeting at noon while we eat our sandwiches. We need to discuss the situation at the Winchester Bay grange and the potential impact on our August campout. After the meeting we will have a jam session at 1:00 pm.

A small, but intrepid, group of fiddlers played for the Greentrees Christmas party in Florence on December 10. Thanks to all who helped out.

Our February jam will be back in Winchester Bay on February 18th. Potluck at noon with jam to follow at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Also don't forget the Winter Folk Festival in Florence on January 21-22. There will be two days of great oldtime, folk and bluegrass music with many of our OOTFA members playing. (The Agin' Cajuns with the Greenes and Jim Hockenull, LeRoy Newport and the Sidekicks, Daniel Partner, The Gorsetones, The Poodle Creek Pickers, and six other great acts).

Reporter, Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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It's 2006 and I guess before I go any farther, I'd better apologize for last month's big "oops". The note about the December jam was just a tad late but several of you got there anyway. I'm sorry if you missed it because both the food (especially the pie) and the music were outstanding. December 4th the Moose Lodge in Lebanon served us a scrumptious turkey dinner. We have been going there well over 20 years. Because we have been good, a jolly Santa came passing out candy canes. Thanks Santa. We enjoyed them.

Now that I've confessed last years sins or omissions, I'll consider the slate cleared for the new year.

The District 6 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Plumber's Hall was well attended. The tables were beautifully decorated for the season and the food was abundant. The crowd sang, played, danced and ate with gusto. Thanks to all the people who put it together.

January 7th is the OOTFA state quarterly meeting and jam in Springfield at Willamalane. The business meeting will start at ten o'clock. It'll be followed by a potluck and jam until three or four o'clock. If the potluck is up to it's usual standards, you won't want to miss it. Besides it's a great chance to meet and greet other fiddlers from all over the state. Don't know

that the middle of an article is the place for a p.s. but here it is anyway. Just in case there's a repeat of December's faux pas (and guess how long it took me to spell that one correctly), I'll be sending out reminder emails to all the district sixers I can find.

Also there's an important meeting coming up next month. It's time for elections again, so mark February 18th on your calendar now! It will be at the Plumber's Hall. More details next month.

You may have heard that Lew Holt, editor of the Hoedowner, is stepping down after this issue. He's always been helpful (and often very gentle with my writing efforts) and I've appreciated working with him. Good luck with your next project Lew!

Of special interest to District 6, our own Joe Moyle has been designated as the new Hoedowner editor. Anything you want to send to Joe, his email address is JosephM955@aol.com . Congratulations Joe.

Our good friend Oral Robbins is home bound for a while. He says he doesn't feel too bad but his current cancer treatment has affected his immune system and he has to avoid crowds for a while. You can email him at oral-r@efn.org.

We have quite a list of birthdays this month including New Year's baby Joe Moyle (didn't I mention him earlier?) . He was born on January 1st. Evelyn Fackler 1/12, Martha Greene 1/14. Alan Ede 1/16 and Zane Coffin 1/18. Both John Childers and Ken White were born on January 22nd. Leah Canaday 1/26 and Ruth Montgomery 1/27. Happy Birthday to you! (y'all can sing when you read that last sentence <grin>).

I can't believe it! Weren't there any wedding bells in January? Either nobody in District 6 got married this month, or the grinch got into my folder and erased your names. Maybe next Month?

Happy New Year Fiddlers !

Judie Eads, District 6 Reporter

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If you weren't at the Holiday Jam at JJ North's you really missed a great time. Over 85 people showed up to eat or play or both! Good food, good friends, good music.

Good member Becky Torland is back home at 4560 SW Luradel St in Portland 97219, after several months in assisted living. "It's good to be home."

Howard Olson is doing as well as possible and is not in any pain. It sure is nice to see him when he comes. He wants to thank everyone for the cards, calls and letters of encouragement that he has received recently. Keep 'em coming.

Sunday January 8, 2006 is our regularly schedule OOTFA Jam at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. From 11 - 4.

Sunday February 12 will be our OOTFA Jam at the Canby Adult Center 1250 S. Ivy Street in Canby.

Sunday March 12 Lake Oswego Adult Center 11 - 4 p.m. It's at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego.

Reporter, Gail Foster, District 7.

District 8

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As the end of 2005 approaches I've been thinking about our district activities for the last year. It's mostly good, but we have had some losses too. We are saddened at the loss of our long time members, Daisy Simons and Ernie Leffler. Ernie lived in Dist. 7 for the last few years, but had been a District 8 member for many years. Robert and Mary Terry's son passed away in the fall. Some others have had serious health problems and

surgery. Our wish is for continued healing and good health to all.

On the good side, we have great jams. We love to have District 7 (and other districts) join with us. Many of us also attend their jams. We're all one big musical family!

Many of us have attended the various fiddle contests, convention, camp outs, played for county fairs, nursing home, and many other places. 2006 offers us more opportunities to share our music with others. We established a District 8 scholarship fund, which is already helping some young people take lessons, and we're scheduling workshops for all interested fiddlers.

Eileen Walter gave a workshop at the November jam, teaching a tune and how to ornament it. Carol Ann Ledbetter taught a workshop at the December jam. The main subject was twin fiddling, back up fiddling and how to tell the difference. Thanks to both these fine teachers! Jim Hockenhull has agreed to give a workshop in February on playing Cajun style fiddle.

The jam December 18th saw a smaller than usual group. Some stayed home because of predicted bad weather. Sure enough snow started falling at about 1 o'clock. By 2:30 we decided to call it a day so everyone could get home before dark and before the snow got "too deep."

We hope to see many of you at the OOTFA Quarterly meeting in Springfield.

JAM SUNDAY January 22nd. McMinnville Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at noon. Sign up jam from 1 to 4. If you can, stay for a few minutes to help with the clean up and putting the room back in order.

JAM SUNDAY February 18th. McMinnville Senior Center. Be there by 10:30 am for the workshop on Cajun style fiddling given by Jim Hockenhull. Brown bag lunch at noon. MEETING: Marie has called for a short but important meeting while we eat lunch. We will be electing officers for the coming year, and discussing our duties for the convention in April. Sign up jam from 1 to 4.

In March we'll play for the Keizer-Salem Senior Center's Irish Stew Dinner. It's on March 12th. This is always fun. There are lots of dancers, and the stew is tasty! More information and

directions in the March Hoedowner. (We feel badly about it conflicting with District 7 but we had no choice!)

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. And will have a Happy New Year.

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

A New Year and we have a newly elected chairman to get us off to a good start. Janet Brayman took advantage of the holiday crowd and held the election with George Sahlberg getting the vote.

We had a dozen musicians including guests Jim and Lenora Thomassen from Canyon City. Gene Thomas has recovered from his back surgery and is back playing with us as well. The senior center card players came to play cards in an adjoining alcove and enjoy the music too. The Christmas cactus door prize went to Gordon Andrews and the Christmas mugs filled with goodies were won by Lenora Thomassen and Hilda Sahlberg.

Everyone was very busy over the holidays with the Community Orchestra and Chorus program, their church programs and caroling. The "Sage Rats" Joan Suther and Janet Brayman, did two did two performances in a variety show to raise money for heating oil for the needy---and if these cold temperatures keep up we'll all fall in that category! Walt Cooper also provided the sound system for the Christmas parade.

I checked in with Wilma Marlbor, our Dist. 9 member way over in Ontario, and she is doing well and spending this year at home.

Last month Janet Brayman, Conrad Coon and Julia Milleson played for Ashley Manor. Jan. 16th at 6:30 is the next time for Ashley Manor and we need more players! The Aspens is scheduled for Friday Jan. 13th at 7:00 p.m. See you all there.

Remember our senior potluck and jam programs are held the second Sunday of each month starting Jan. 8th Feb. 12th etc. The potluck is at 1:00 pm with music to follow from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

District 10

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& PR 541-863-6109

We had a brief meeting on December 10th, following our regular Pot Luck. The social part of our get-to-togethers is always very enjoyable. Once again the food was great and we all enjoyed the music. Thank you everyone that took part and all the visitors that joined us.

When Jan Casillo arrived, she brought several Blue Grass players with her. That added to our jam and we all had a Fun Day. Our member, Jan, played the base and sings.

One of our guest was Joe Jones back again from Boise, Idaho. He has a great singing voice and is our Sharon Werlinger's Grandfather. Other guests were Louise Trimble and Bud Richardson. Bud played the guitar and Louise sang some songs. Thank you everyone for coming.

Saturday, January 14th will be the next time we gather for our meeting, pot luck and jam. At 11:00 AM, we start off with a practice - learning session so anyone wanting help or is a little shy. We welcome any and all that would like to come. Don't be shy. At 12:00, we will have our pot luck followed by a meeting. The regular Jam started at 1:00 PM. We hope you all will come out and join us.

Happy Birthday Wishes to all the January Birthdays and Best Wishes for a Great 2006.

Clare Eaton, Reporter District 10

From the Prez: FLASH-FLASH-FLASH IMPORTANT NOTICE To all members of the OOTFA. Lew Holt has retired from being editor of the Hoedowner. Joe Moyle of district six will now be the editor. Lew will still do the January 1st Hoedowner, but this will be his last one. Reports for the February Hoedowner should be sent to Joe at: JosephM955@aol.com

Lew, I know that I speak for all our members when I say thank you many times over for all the years you served the OOTFA as editor of the Hoedowner. It is a demanding job and I know there must have been times when you would much rather have been going to a jam and playing your fiddle or other more pleasurable activities, but no, the job had to be done and you did it. Thank you for a job well done.

Now I want to thank Joe for coming forward and volunteering to take this over. I have full confidence in his ability and I am sure he will serve us well.

In the December Hoedowner I said that each month I would write something from our By-Laws so here goes. Recently I had this question from two of our members. Does a person have to be a resident of Oregon to be eligible to be an officer? The answer can be found under "Article IV Officers" of the By-Laws, Section 5. It so states "Qualifications to serve as an officer"

- a--Shall be a member for at least [1] year prior to taking office in July.
- b--Must be at least twenty-one [21] years of age.
- c--Must be a resident of the State of Oregon.

There you have it. By the way we are looking for a few good people to serve as district and state officers in 06. Contact your district chairperson or to be a state officer contact Larry Gallagher or myself. We will welcome you.

I am happy to announce that we now have the seven inch OOTFA back patches available. We will have them at the board meeting at Springfield on January 7th for those who wish to purchase some. See Sharon Gallagher.

The board meeting at 10:00 and jamming will be at the Willamalane Community Center, formerly called the Willamalane Senior Center. January 7, 2006. The address is "215 West C Street, Springfield, OR." The meeting will start at 10:00 AM sharp. If you have not been there before, here are directions. From I-5, take I-105 east, getting off almost immediately at the Pioneer Parkway/City Center exit. Turn Right on Pioneer Parkway, and Right again at "C" Street, which dead ends at the parking lot. Hope to see you there.

Now, briefly I would like to say a little about the up-coming convention which will be on April 5-6-7-8 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, OR. This is about fourteen miles west of Salem. I am about to go over my five hundred word allotment so watch the February Hoedowner for complete information on this. So long for now. Hope you all have a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bob Ervin President, OOTFA

Notes from Lew: I mentioned to our state president a month ago that I had been the editor of the Hoedowner for a long time and if somebody else came along that I would bow out. I started in April, 1997 so if I figured correctly I have done 105 consecutive monthly Hoedowners. I thought it was time that "I moved on." I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with so many fine people. I feel honored to have been the Hoedowner editor. All of you have made the job enjoyable. Thanks for the opportunity to chat with you each month.

New members for January Hoedowner:
Shirley Rodgers, Klamath Falls
Walter & Ruth Paul, Hines
Bob Clark, Grants Pass
Delsa & Joe Corder, Eagle Point
Bert & Tsandra McFarland, Grants Pass

Keith & Margaret Baldwin, Ashland
Darrel & Reta Chastain, Kaiser
Shirley Stewart, Lakeview
Red & Evelyn Gieszler, Hillsboro
John & Wylma Temples, Florence
Randy Curtola, Florence
Jim & Patti Foglio, Milwaukie
Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman

I received word a while back that Grace Zeigler died. Not many of you will remember Grace, a quiet, charming lady who lived out of Myrtle Point. Roy was district chairman at one time in District 5. Years ago they moved to eastern Oregon to be nearer to family. People fade away but they shouldn't be forgotten.

Clarence Medack in Mt Angel recently made a very, very generous donation to the state contest fund. Before Mrs. Medack passed away, she made a generous donation each year. After her passing, Clarence has continued. Thanks Clarence.

Let me tell you a banjo story – no joke, this is for real. Last summer Frank Geelan walked up to me with a banjo. He said, "Here, take it, do what you want with it." It was valuable old banjo. I wanted the money to go towards a project that would perpetuate Frank's gift to the fiddlers. To make a long story short, Hal sold it to a man in Denmark for \$950 – clearing \$933.00. Working with others, it was decided to use the money to print the 2nd Oregon History book. The book will have a paragraph dedicating it to Frank for his generous donation. And hopefully the money will come back through sales to perpetuate the fund for printing future books.

Over a year ago I asked for volunteers to type newspaper articles about fiddling activities. I asked for 10 volunteers, 28 responded. They emailed the articles back to me. They are now in a document of over 300 pages – and I just discovered some more old articles that should be included. Lately I have scanned many pictures that go with the articles. They will be inserted in the proper place in the book. Recently I went through the 300 pages attempting to put the articles in chronological order. Some I can't date. The purpose of the whole project is to make available much of the history of OOTFA that has been recorded through newspaper clippings. Scrapbooks in closets do not allow many to have the information. But a book gets a 100 "scrapbooks" out there for members to read and to remember those who have made our association what it is today. And we have the third book to finish – 800 pages of 26 interviews of fiddlers that Linda Danielson did in 1976.

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

Eileen Walter writes -- fiddle teaching studio has moved to 6020 SE Lexington Street in Portland - cell phone number is still the same -- 503-701-1578.

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. If you haven't received an invitation, give me a call or drop me a note. Check our web

site for more information. The contest in Gaston will on Saturday, February 4 in the high school. There is no fee for preregistration but there will be a registration fee of \$5.00 at the contest if you are not preregistered. There will be generous cash prizes. The divisions are: Pee Wee, Jr. Jr., Junior, adult, senior and super senior. This is subject to change. I haven't met with the Gaston Committee yet and after we study last year's participation, there may be division changes. (One senior and two adults???)

Lew

Where are our state champions? Recently I watched a DVD of a big country show back east. The lead fiddler through the whole two hours was our 1995 champion, Casey Willis from Pendleton. Laura Weber Cash stopped by a couple of years ago. She had chatted with one of neighbors down town, their conversation led to Laura fiddling in Japan and to the Holts who were having a fiddle class that evening. A friend told me that he saw her on a Johnny Cash special recently.

Joey McKenzie is still involved with fiddling – a store in Texas, I believe. Students, competition. I read about him on the Fiddle-L. Jacie Penner is married and living in Idaho. Teaches and competes. Hanneke Cassel went to music school in Boston and is playing around there, touring and has been well received. We see her in Seattle at the Folk Life Festival. Andy Emert is still fiddling, works in a music store in Portland. Taught at a fiddle camp last summer. Andy Shelton is a student at OSU and a serious musician. Gary Schuh still plays and lives in the Portland area, I believe. Justin Booher is in the music business in Washington State. Rudi Booher still plays very well. John Melnichuk has a bluegrass band in Washington. Carol Ann Wheeler is still a champion player. She was in the top ten recently in the MS Senior America Pageant.

OOTFA Convention 1981

Jeannette Robinson	Gervais
Florence Jones	Sheridan
Jim Jones	Sheridan
Helen & George Stout	Sweet Home
Roy Zeigler	Myrtle Point
Grace Zeigler	Myrtle Point
Al & Betty Lively	Bandon
Violet M. Brown	Medford
W.A. Sweet	Aumsville
Jim & Bea Morris	Waldport
Catherine Hall	Bandon
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gleason	Dallas
Billie Doolittle	Myrtle Creek
Homer & Rosa Lee McLain	Lakeview
Stan & Addie Gonshorowski	Eugene
Vivian & J.B. Steel	Eugene
Edgar & Ida Highsmith	Junction City
Jonas & Margaret Cox	Talent
Audrey & Cora Reynolds	Ashland
Cecil & Bernice Bobell	Merlin
Ray & Alice Krogstad	Grants Pass
Virginia Wilkinson	North Bend
Hilda & Lee Reynolds	Philomath

Dorothy Bennett		Newport
Mary & Wayne Holmes	Eugene	
Ruth & Don Loring		Albany
Bill Noble	Bonanza	
Fred & Geri Virtue	Coquille	
Jason De Main	-----	
Pete De Main	Coquille	
Florence Cawing	Ridgefield, WA	
Bill & Edna Yohey	McMinnville	
Donald Domes	Gold Beach	
Anna M. Domes	Gold Beach	
Lydia Enlow	Tenmile	
Marion Enlow	Tenmile	
Guy & Roselle Kinman	Roseburg	
Harold & Martha Rogers	Yoncalla	
Helen Roberts	Drain	
Frank Kent	Roseburg	
Gene D. Lowe & Mary	Grants Pass	
Paul R. Shanklin	Roseburg	
Von & Johnnie Garrett	?? Roseburg	
Dorothy O. Houston	Roseburg	
Pat & Bob Stary	Crescent City, CA	
Bill & Dorothy Cory	Crescent City, CA	
Jack & Clemie McCasland	Medford	
Irven & Anne Johnson	Klamath Falls	
Barney Alexander	Portland	
Evelyn Wagner	Waldport	
Keith & Abbie Shaffar	Bandon	
Lynn E. Everson	Roseburg	
Evelyn Everson	Roseburg	
Al Tester	Roseburg	
Grace Slover	North Bend	
Don & Lula Sielge	Eugene	
Chuck & Ann Williams	Vancouver, WA	
Paul & Delores Lakey	Drain	
John Melnichuck	Portland	
Era & William Good	Fall Creek	
Bob & Manie Church	Independence	
Juanita & Dusty Yourey ??	Central Point (Could that be Yancy?)	
Martha Warwick	Williams	
Carlton Smith	-----	
Peter Haugen	Grants Pass	
Roger Haugen	Roseburg	
David & Kristy Mooney	Marcola	
Louise Mooney	Springfield	
Dawn & Wally Bloom	CANADA ??	
Durgh & Judi Bryant	Medford	
Bessie & Cliff Buker	Waldport	
John & Vi Griffith	Veneta	
Reba Houston	Roseburg	
Ralph J. Houston	Roseburg	
W. D. Washburn	Sutherlin	
Gladys Washburn	Sutherlin	
Mr. & Mrs. Skeie	Crescent City, CA	