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District 1

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April 2 – Monthly meeting and Jam, noon, Villa West Mobile Estates

April 9 – Jam and Dance, noon, Shasta View Community Hall

Happy Easter Everyone !

Amazing how as I write this in mid-March, the winds outside are howling and the snow is a'blowing. Hasn't Mother Nature noticed that it will be officially Spring by the time you read this?

We held our elections at the March meeting, with congratulations to the following: John Northcraft – Chair, Jerry Ruddock – Co-Chair, Bud Ullman – Treasurer/Membership, and Fran Coker – Secretary. At the meeting, we also decided to honor Irv Johnson at the March Jam and Dance with a birthday cake. Welcome back to both Don Bell and Dick Harris. Haven't seen either one much lately due to health problems, but glad to see them both up and looking good!

One of our long-time members, Tom Oden, died March 5th. His funeral was well attended, but we were all saddened to hear of his passing.

During last month's schedule, one of our most interesting gigs was having a small group meet “Granny Dee” at the airport and play a few tunes. She is 93 years old and has walked across America. (You go Gran!)

Our official April schedule is as follows: 4/2- noon - monthly meeting at Villa West Mobile Estates; State Convention at Rickreall April 5th-8th; 4/9-noon -Jam and Dance at Shasta View Community Hall; 4/16 – 10:30am – Rehab; 4/16 – 1pm – Linkville House. Thanks to Darcy McFarland doing some quick scheduling with the schools, we also play 4/11 at Malin Elementary School -2pm (small group), 4/14 at Merrill School - 2pm (small group), and 4/25 at Conger School -1:15pm (small group). Then on Friday April 28th, we will be meeting at Shasta View Community Hall at 6:00 pm for anyone wanting to practice together. This is a new thing we're doing, but much needed. We hope this give us all the opportunity to improve our playing and timing for our public performances. Please meet with us on the 4th Friday of each month.

John has confirmed that we are once again scheduled for the 4th of July car show in Malin. Please mark your calendar (and he promises we will not be under the PA speakers this year!)

For any member who does not already have one, Sheila is taking orders for the official yellow OOTFA membership pins. They are \$7 for the pin backs, and \$8 for the magnetic backs. It would be great if more of us got them.

Happy April Birthday wishes to: Lewis Stork, Al Meyers, Bill Bonser, Ray Lane, AJ, Jack Evatt and Bernice Oden. Our only Anniversary couple is Jim and Jan Lancaster – congratulations. And remember: “Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again!”

Fran Coker, District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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April Jam: 15th, Lakeview County Fairgrounds

Business Meeting: 10th

Dear Friends,

March came in like a lion over in this neck of the woods, so we're hoping for an exit that's warm and fuzzy.

Right now we're in the midst of planning for the 1E camp out at Silver Lake. Not too early to dust off your funny hats, as we're planning "Hat Night" for Friday night at 7:00. Saturday night we'll do the Draw Band

event. Sign up at 2:00. We'll draw the bands and you'll play at 7:00. For our dinner this year (5:00 p.m.), we'll supply the ham, and the rest of you can bring a potluck dish. Yum, that's the best part of the weekend!

OK, for those of you who don't care to dry camp around the fire hall, here are some more "luxurious" options:

In Silver Lake: Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789

K&K RV Park (541)576-2258

Silver Lake Motel (541)576-2131

Approx. 20 mi. out: Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541)576-2262

Lakeside Terrace (541)576-2309

Summer Lake Lodge Lodge (541)943-3994

Well, hopefully I've covered everything about the Silver Lake camp out. If you've any questions, you can call Rosa Lee McLain @ (541)947-2903 or Terry McLain @ (541) 947-2643.

We had some visitors at our jam today. Jerry and Irene Ruddick, Darleth and John Rodgers, Phil and Sheila Fry from District 1, and Dennis and Ellen Jakab from District 3. Thanks for showing up folks. It sure makes it a lot more fun! Our next jam will be on April 15 (yikes!) 2:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds this time. The next business meeting is April 10.

Senior Center play dates are still every Friday from 10:30 until noon at the Lake County Senior Center in Lakeview, and our nursing home dates will be April 11 and 25, from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m., of course.

We've got a couple of birthdays this month. Billy McLain's is April 14, and Edna DeBoy on the 15th. We wish Shorty Stone a speedy recovery from his illness. He's been in and out of the hospital a few times this past year.

By the way, I saw an interesting ad in the classifieds the other day - For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain. May your parachute always open.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

District 3

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April 2	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.
April 22	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	10-4 p.m.
May 7	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.
May 13	Pine Forest Grange	Bend	1-4 p.m.

Our last VFW Show was on March 5th. There were 26 musicians on stage, with 94 people watching the show. Thanks to all who performed. What a good show! The district had a business meeting afterward which had a good turnout of members. Please try to attend future business meetings -- you will get a lot of new and updated information. Our next VFW show will be April 2nd with a business meeting to follow.

District # 3 has circle jams at Pine Forest Grange in Bend. Our last jam was March 11th; 26 members attended, of which 19 played in the Circle Jam. If you are not a member but bring a request that everyone wants to play, you can play that day only! After that, you must become a member to play. Our next Circle Jam is April 22nd. The district will be paying for building rental.

New Member:

Robert Gross

Closing Thoughts: Just think: spring is coming soon. And warmer weather with campouts, too.

May God bless those who have lost loved ones or are sick. Happy anniversaries, birthdays to all this month.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

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April 1 Roxy Ann Grange Medford

May 6 Bellview Grange Ashland

June 3

Fruitdale Grange

Grants Pass

The skies were clear on March 4, but a cold breeze kept whistling in thru the back door at the Bellview Grange in Ashland. We had a great turnout, and signed up nine new members! Our "trade or donate" western shirt exchange hit a snag this month, but we'll do it again in April so please bring those good, used shirts and blouses! The shirts find a happy new owner, and the donations go to the scholarship fund. Judy Lyons will also have some of the large, six-inch fabric OOTFA patches for sale at the April meeting.

The OOTFA state convention at the Polk County fairgrounds is coming right up! It's in Rickreall on April 6, 7 & 8. District 4 will be manning the front table & registration. The Saturday night banquet promises to be a good one, so please make your reservations early. \$10.95 in advance, \$11.95 at the convention. Rick Reichert will hold a beginning mandolin workshop on Friday, April 7 from 3-4pm. Please check the final schedule for the workshops in the main building at the fairgrounds.

The drawing prizes this month were mostly green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. From blinking buttons to a tall "Cat in the Hat" style top hat to live shamrocks to a fiddlin' frog garden rock... How does Lee Ferguson keep being so creative? We sure have fun with our monthly meeting drawing!

We often have visitors at our monthly jams, and this time we were graced with the presence of 4-year old Cheyenne Wallace, who seemed to have a good time. (Lola Williams' granddaughter.)

I never did get our community service hours for February, so will have to report those next month. The 2006 schedule and March calendars are available on the District 4 website: www.ootfa4.org. Click on "Calendar".

For those of you starting on your summer calendars, here are a few events to add:

July 6 & August 17: Valley of the Rogue State Park

August 9-12: State Fiddle Camp at Thousand Trails in LaPine

We've had quite a few folks feeling poorly lately. Laura McFall had a second hip replacement and is moving slowly, but hopes to be back dancing soon. Ethyl Holstein no longer drives, and gets a bit lonely sometimes. How about giving these folks a call to say hello?

There are many wonderful old-time tunes to choose from. Please try this month's "Old-Time Tune of the Month": Cherokee Shuffle. It's a wonderful old tune in the key of A. For other great old-time tunes, please visit the Tunelist on the District 4 website.

"Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons. You will find it is to the soul what a water bath is to the body."

(Oliver Wendell Holmes)

Rick Richert, District 4 reporter

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April 15 – Winchester Bay Grange

July 18 – Yachats Smelt Fry

August 17-20 – Winchester Bay Campout

Thanks to all the fiddlers who turned out to play at the Siuslaw Museum Open house and the Heritage House St. Patrick's Day Dance.

Prior to our meeting on March 13, our District voted to fund scholarships for Dan Levenson's Old time Fiddle and Banjo Workshops to be held in North Bend on March 26th. We will provide an update in next month's Hoedowner on the results.

At our meeting on March 13, Mapril Combs and Orin Pruitt were elected as Co-chair for next year. Jolly Hibbits was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations to all!! We also agreed to form a scholarship committee chaired by Pat Casey and Jolly

Hibbits, who will investigate workshops and other means of promoting old time music with our scholarship funds. We also agreed to purchase two new boom microphones. We discussed moving our jams around the District and will continue to explore that. Watch the Hoedowner for announcements of jam locations.

We had a fast (one tune) visit from Bob Strelow from District 6, but it was good to see him at our jam anyway!! Although the community turnout was sparse, everyone enjoyed themselves and St. Paddy was well served with many an Irish tune.

Our next jam will be in Winchester Bay on April 15 with potluck at noon and jam to follow at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in!!

Happy Natal Day and Knot Tying Celebration Day for those April Fools

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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April 15, Central Grange Veneta
May 7, Moose Lodge Lebanon

Happy Spring Fiddlers!

It is Spring, isn't it? At least according to the calendar, although my body and my garden are not yet believers. But the great thing is that an afternoon of playin', singin', and listenin' to country music can sure chase the winter blahs away.

Speaking of fiddler jams, District 6 chairman Bob Strelow has been working for some time to include our more northern friends. Last month we had our first (at least in recent history) jam at the Riverside Community Center in Albany. The building took a while to warm up but those who were there raised the room temperature pretty quickly. As usual, the noon potluck provided a fine feast.

The District 6 jam April 15th, is at the Central Grange, just west of Eugene on 126. It's also in a new location for us, although many Eugene area folks are familiar with the grange from attending their monthly Friday night jams. Speaking of Central Grange, Old Time Fiddler member Bernie Charlebois and friends are now hosting an afternoon jam there on the second Tuesday of each month. You might want to check it out.

Now for directions to Central Grange! I got these from an unimpeachable source (Oral Robbins) and actually managed to find the grange following them, so they must be right. Here goes. Follow 126 from the intersection of Belt Line and west eleventh in Eugene (You'll see a Target store on one side and a Walmart on the other, I think. <grin>) Drive just about eight miles on 126 until you see the Perkin's Point entrance on the right. Directly across the highway you'll see Central Road. Turn left on Central. You'll cross some railroad tracks almost immediately when you make that left turn. Central Grange is almost exactly two miles on the right. I'm always suspicious when someone says, "You can't miss it" but even I couldn't miss this one. Soooo. hope to see you there on April 15th.

Message from Chairman Bob about the state convention in Rickreall on April 6, 7, 8. Don't know if you'll have your Hoedowner by then but here it is. Bob says our district is helping with registration and tickets so he's looking for volunteers. Also for those who want to play in the Saturday evening program, please meet at the bulletin board for a bit of practice at 3pm.

For those of you on my email list, you'll get the same info before the Hoedowner arrives. If you think you're on the list but never get an email from me or if you'd like get "tween time" emails, just send a message to me at fnllyjud@efn.org.

There are several birthdays to celebrate this month, starting with Fran Davis 4/2, Alice McDowell 4/4 and Adam Johnson 4/5. Then Julie Moon on the 8th, Carol Ede the 12th and Barbara McAdam on April 13th. Later this month Don Peeler is having a birthday on 4/15, Sherry Dobson 4/18 and DeeDee Kaiser 4/22.

Spring anniversaries include Joe and Leah Canaday on April 9, Louise and Arlo Hamilton 4/13 . Also Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22 and the Herndons, Joyce and Red on April 25th.

Congratulations to all for making it another year and for sharing your special day with the rest of District 6. And thank you Joe for standing in for me last month.

Correction from last month: The monthly jam at Central Grange is on the first Friday night, while the Crow jam is on the second Friday night.

Judie Eads, District 6 reporter

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April 2	Laurelhurst Club , 11-4	Portland
April 20	Rose Villa, 2-3	Milwaukie
May 14	Corbett Grange, 11-4	Corbett
May 20	Willamette Locks, 11-12	West Linn

There were just a few musicians at the Lake Oswego jam but we sure had a good time. Thanks to Les and Peg Tucker from District 8 for providing the sound system. Thanks also to Kathryn Allen for being our Master of Ceremonies. It was her first time and she did a great job! Thank you Paula and Gerry Sanders from District 6 for joining in and adding so much to the fun!

We really need someone to store the sound trailer and to haul it to the jams. There are a lot of hands ready to help set it up and run it. Any takers? Just step right up and do your part to help the organization. Contact Jim Kuether for more information: 503-663-3634 or jimbo4@pcez.com.

District 7's Scholarship Committee is offering three \$100.00 scholarships to the Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Music Camp. To be considered for one of the scholarships, members of District 7 can write a letter to the committee telling it what they hope to gain from the classes and whether they would be willing to talk about their experiences at the

camp and play a tune at a regular OOTFA jam. Mail or email your letter to Donna Foreman, Scholarship Committee Chair, at P.O. Box 1727, Estacada, OR 97023 or email Foremandd@att.net by April 30.

Sunday April 2 from 11 - 4 come to the regular OOTFA Jam at the Laurelhurst Club at 3721 SE Ankeny Street in Portland. Ankeny is the first street south of Burnside and the Club building is on the north side of beautiful Laurelhurst Park. This is the first time we have been here so let's make it a good one!

Thursday April 20th we're needed to play at Rose Villa Retirement at 13505 River Road in Milwaukie from 2 - 3 p.m. They have a nice big room and a real nice piano! So, players who double on the piano, please come!

Sunday May 14th will be our regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the right. The highway curves right then left again. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The Grange is the only building on this road. Informal jamming will start about 11, with a formal sign-up jam from 1 - 4.

Saturday May 20th from 11 to 12 noon we need players at the Willamette Locks in West Linn to celebrate the oldest river locks west of the Mississippi River. Built in the 1870's the locks allowed river traffic to move around the Willamette Falls where the river drops 40 feet. To get there: on I-205 from the South, take Exit 8 and turn right onto Willamette Falls Drive, from the North, take Exit 8 and turn left onto Willamette Falls Drive. Just past the West Linn Police Station, turn right onto Mill Road (DON'T CROSS THE BRIDGE!). Tell the assistants that you are with the Fiddlers and need to get to the stage and they will tell you how to get there and where to park.

A hale and hardy welcome to our new members: Linda & Edd Boddy from Portland, Susan & James McMahan, from Oregon City, Tim Thornton & Ann Blair who live in Warrenton, and Daniel & Janijo Weidner who join us from North Plains. Be sure to give them a warm "Hello" when you meet them along the musical trail.

Gail Foster, Reporter District 7.

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April 6, 7, 8 Polk Co. Fairgrounds Rickreall

I think spring has really arrived! The flowers and trees raise our spirits with their bright colors this time of year.

Our jam on Sunday, March 12 drew lots of musicians, and lots of happy listeners and dancers. We had 20 signed up to play. Alan Ede from District 6 joined us. It was nice having Alan playing his guitar and singing. He did a great "Who Threw the Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?" Many other Irish tunes were played and sung, to honor the theme of the day. The Senior Center gave us a lovely dinner of Irish Stew before we played. Joe Hamm and Dorothy Wehus joined us from District 7. Joe left in time to attend the District 7 jam. Joe, his daughter Linda Schaeffer, and great grandson Jakob Nelsen all played. Ed Spencer from Alaska was also there. He and his wife are visiting Fred and Charlotte Hardin. Ed plays fiddle and harmonica and sings. Always good to have you!

Member Health News: Janice Kilbourn broke her ankle. She's recovering at Marion Estates in Sublimity until she can get around a bit better. Hope this doesn't interfere with treading your spinning wheel Janice! Lee Jones is experiencing health problems. He will be starting some new treatments soon. We all wish you well, Lee. Good to have Marlene Hart play with us at Keizer. She's had health issues lately. Former OOTFA member Dallas Goff passed away recently. He and Carol have lived in Idaho for many years, but some of us knew him from the campout in Southern Oregon.

We're ready for convention! We hope you'll all come. If you've never attended the annual OOTFA convention, this is your chance. District 8 will provide coffee and finger food all day Wednesday, much as District 10 has done in the past. Wednesday and Thursday are informal days with lots of jamming. Join in or start a tune circle. Visit with old friends and make new friends. Take a workshop. Learn new tunes. Sign up and play in a jam Wednesday and Thursday nights. Come and listen to the Friday night show featuring our talented young fiddlers, and older ones too. Attend the annual meeting and see how OOTFA makes decisions that affect all of us. Enjoy the banquet Saturday night and the dance that follows.

May will bring us May flowers, and of course the OOTFA fiddle contest. As in the past few years, it will be at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The dates are Friday and Saturday, May 19th and 20th.

See you at Rickreall for the convention!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

April 9 Senior Center, 1-4

April 17 Ashley Manor, 6:30

As I sit here typing my monthly report on a cold and windy day it seems strange to think that our convention will be getting underway in Rickreall as you read this. Hope

the weather improves by then....even the "valley rains" would be a nice change.

We had a great turnout for our March Senior Center program; Betty and Bill Chapman (Dist.1E) Christmas Valley were with us once again. I think folks would be delighted if Betty yodeled on every number! Walt Cooper introduced special guests Mr. and Mrs. David Wheeler and Joan Suther; husband Rick Vetter introduced co-worker Mrs. Rubio and grandson Scott

We are encouraged by the number of inquiries coming in already about our June Jamboree.

There has been some local jamming at the Pine Room Restaurant on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:00 pm, though the public hasn't caught on to this special music yet.

The Aspens will be April 14th at 7:00pm and Ashley Manor will be April 17th at 6:30. The Senior Center program will be April 9th with potluck at 1:00 with music to follow from 2:00 until 4:00pm. Happy Easter.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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March 8th, a good time was had by all, good food, good music, lots of visitors and dancers. Shannon Werlinger and Amanda Kobel have been working on a little "skit" they did for us. They sure are a joy to have with us.

How nice it was to see so many members, visitors and dancers. Everyone had a great time. It was nice seeing the Bluegrass group, Jan Castillo, Bud and Flo Starr, Scott and Janet McAdoo. We joined in with them and had a good time. Bud and Louise played and sang, too. Glad to have you all.

A new member, Ron Bass plays the guitar and helps us out at nursing homes and jams, glad to have him join us.

Joe and Mary Jones just moved here from Idaho. He has been playing and singing with our jams and nursing homes and enjoy having him.

Chuck and Margie Hasty went to Fort Townsend WA for well deserved few days of visiting.

Vernon and Carlene Witcher's grandson Anthony was injured in Iraq; we wish him and the family the best.

Hap Jones passed away; we extend our condolences to Merna and the rest of the family.

Flo Sangsland has been under the weather for awhile; we hope she gets well soon -- we miss her.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary wishes to all in April.-

We won't be having a meeting and jam in April due to the Convention in Rickreall. Our next meeting and jam will be May 13th, so see ya'll there.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the Prez:

As I write this article realizing that the term of my presidency is fast drawing to a close [only 3 months left], I'd just like to say how much I have enjoyed serving you, the members of this excellent musical family. During most of my adult life I have been the leader of many fraternal organizations, including labor unions, at one time or another. Yet, I have never experienced the level of respect, support, cooperation and friendship that I have in the OOTFA. Together we have accomplished many things during the last two years. Before the end of April we will have replaced the funds in our certificate of deposit, making it \$10,000 again; we are financially stable once more. So, I would like to thank you all because these things could not have happened without your help. I only hope you will do the same for the newly elected officers in the coming year.

I hope you are all coming to the convention and I hope you ordered your choice of meals early, but please don't let that stop you from coming if you didn't. I am sure the caterer will order some extra food so you should be able to purchase a ticket there. It will \$11.95 for the banquet ticket but for all the fun we have visiting and jamming with others we may not have seen for awhile, and the comradery plus a delicious meal, it should be well worth that. There will be jamming for those early birds that come Wednesday in the Arts and Crafts building. The accommodations available were listed in the March Hoedowner along with their phone numbers -- please refer to it. Remember, bring your RV or tent or camper even if you don't plan on staying in it; RV spaces are only \$10.00 with water and electricity, but we need fifty [50] spaces filled to get that rate.

As I mentioned in the February Hoedowner, we now have the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 completed. Copies will be near the entrance. We will be voting on these during the meeting so familiarize yourself with them.

Lew Holt now has the new history books ready to go. We only had 100 copies printed so get your order in early. They are \$12.00 or \$15.00 by mail and are disappearing fast. There will still be some left at the convention, I think. They cover the history of the OOTFA from 1960 through 2005. Should be interesting.

The September Board meeting at Merrill, Or. will be on the 11th through the 16th for those of you who will be making long range plans. Don't forget about the "High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree" in Burns, Or. On June 15-16-17 at the Harney County Fairgrounds. There will also be a board meeting.

Well folks, this is about all I know at this time. I know I will see you all at the convention and we will all have a grand time. Bye for now.

OOTFA
President
Bob Ervin

From the Editor Emeritus:

Nothing but good news this month -- as usual. The other day I received a nice generous donation for the contest from District 3. Amy, Starr and I thank District 3 very much.

Recently Myrtle Arnold brought me a box from Dulcie Fast of back issues of old Hoedowners. This afternoon I went through them. Dulcie has them all neatly bundled by year -- starting in 1971. It makes a nice collection for our archives. We have one full set starting from the first issue back in 1966 but I was glad to get the back up set. If anybody has a set of 2005, I would appreciate another set.

Alice and I drove down to Albany recently to visit with Ruth and Don Loring and to pick up some "archival" things that Ruth had for me. She had copies of some old 33 1/3 records of OOTFA members, newspaper clippings and pictures. We are working on "History Book Three" collecting newspaper articles and pictures that aren't in the History Book two. Thanks Ruth. I am working on a CD, too, of some of the fiddlers of the past.

Even on the 18th I have sold 21 copies of the Newspaper Clippings book. I hope that by the end of the convention we will have sold the rest and there are requests to print more. The nice thing about this project is that Frank Geelan donated a banjo that we sold for \$950. The money went to print the book. It almost paid for 100 copies. And when we have the 100 copies sold, the money will have all come back. And then we can start over again.

The third book is started and we have the 26 interviews that volunteers typed a year ago to be compiled into a 4th Fiddler History book. We hopefully have this 4th book covered by a nice donation of a Martin D-18 guitar by Jack Kerr.

Convention: I am predicting that there will be two comments after the convention. One group will say, "I am sure glad I went." And the others will say, "I wish I would have gone after all the nice things I heard about the convention." We in District 8 can and do appreciate all that District 10 has done over the years. Now we know.

I have enjoyed working on the Friday night show. There will be over 30 fiddlers and specials. I wish I could have included more but I was limited by the time we had that evening. I'll either be a "hero or a goat" when the evening is over. Just kidding. I think you will enjoy the show very much. DVDs should be available following the convention.

Lew.

From the Editor:

The 2006 Rosters will be available at the Convention for \$1 each. Many thanks to Margie Hanna for her help in putting them together.

Do you know new members Joe and Mary Jones, possibly of Roseburg? If so, please ask them to contact State Membership Chair Mark Ratzlaff with their correct address and phone number.

New Members to Welcome:

Daniel & Janijo Weidner, North Plains
Susan & James McMahan, Oregon City
James Thornton, Warrington
Ami & Arden Goldberg, Neskowin
Phillis & Jim Moses Fitzpatrick, Lakeview
Christina & Robert Gross, Bend
Peter & Penny Roderer, Central Point
Dick & Midge Thierolf, Ashland
Shawn Watters, Selma
Mary & Ron McKenna, Medford
Frank & Alberta Portillo, Phoenix

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman
