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October

District 1

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October

1	Villa West	Klamath Falls	12 P.M. to 4 p.m.
7	Farmers Market	Klamath Falls	
8	Shasta Community Hall	Klamath Falls	12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
14	Rosragland Theater	Klamath Falls	7:30 p.m.
14	Wedding	Klamath Falls	6 p.m.
15	Rosragland Theater	Klamath Falls	2 p.m.
19	Rehab	Klamath Falls	10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
19	Linkville House	Klamath Falls	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
19	Main Street Jewelers	Klamath Falls	5:30 p.m. till dark
21	Potato Festival	Merrill Civic Center	10 a.m.

On Sept. 2, we played music for the gun club out at Sportsman Park. We arrived about 4 p.m. and played till dark, real dark. We had a good meal; I overheard Irene say " I know I put some butter on my plate, but now I can't find it;" -- that's how dark it was. Everybody enjoyed the music; we will be looking forward to this event again next year.

On Sept. 3, we had our regular meeting at Villa West. There was a good turn out there even though quite a few members went over to Lakeview to join in the fun and music at their fair and parade. Thanks for the invite and the hospitality, District 1E.

On Friday, Sept. 8 we played a couple hours at the Tulalake Fair. State Vice Chairman Chris Lang played both days at the fair, and also on Sunday at Shasta Community Hall. Thank you Chris! It was a pleasure having you with us. The next day, September 9, District 1E and District 1 joined together to do a gig in Cedarville for the Co-op people. We had a special treat to have Dillon Flournoy, a young fiddler from Likely, CA, pitch in and help us out. We played about three hours and then had a good meal to top off the day.

The big day has arrived for the convention in Merrill Oregon. I would like to extend a big thanks to the crew that put on this event, starting with: Josephine Harris for the outstanding stage decorations; Phillip and Shelia Fry; Becky Dye; Chris Lang; Darleth and Johnny Rodgers; Patty and John Northcraft; Ben Coker; Bill and Ann Bonser; Jerry and Irene Ruddock for handling the workshops; Allan Cosand, city representative; and Clair Duncan, the Wilson Hall caretaker. A big thank you goes out to the city of Merrill for donating the hall for our convention again this year. We counted 35 RVs Thursday parked near the football field in the grass area; sorry we didn't have enough electricity and water to go around.

John Northcraft dedicated this year's shows to Mr. Dick Harris. Dick has been a 35-year member of OOTFA and an outstanding rhythm guitar player from here in Klamath Falls. He has had a losing battle with cancer for the past year or so. As of Tuesday, he returned home from hospital with a very dim future. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, DICK.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Isom Patterson, Ann Bonser and Don Bell; happy anniversary to Steve & Cori Currie .

Well, I hope I didn't miss any more items or names for recognition in this issue. Yep, I did thank you District 1E for the use of some of your sound system.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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October

21-22 Fiddle and Guitar workshops Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakeview

Here I am again with a list of names of those who helped our district with a gig over Labor Day weekend. You know, we'd run out of tunes pretty quick if it weren't for their help,(we were on stage for six hours) and this is the only thanks they get, so here goes: to Dennis Tucker, Jim Lancaster, Darleth and Johnny Rodgers, Mike Horton, Fran and Ben Coker, Phil and Sheila Fry, Patty and John Northcraft, and, last but not least, Faye and Isom Patterson, many thanks. We certainly had a great time.

The next weekend, some of our members toured down to Cedarville, CA, and helped out district 1 with a gig for the Surprise Valley Rural Electrification annual members meeting and dinner. What a good meal, and we got a nice fiddling performance from newcomer (sign him up!) Dylan Flournoy.

This weekend is the Merrill quarterly meeting and I can't wait to get over there and visit and jam, visit and jam.

Next month, our monthly jam will be part of the fiddle and guitar workshop weekend with Irene and Jerry Ruddock. The three-day event will start out with the jam and potluck beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, the 20th. On Saturday (21st), the workshops will begin at 8 a.m., we'll break at noon for an hour and begin again at 1 p.m. Following the afternoon lessons we'll do a potluck supper. Sunday activities will be announced at the Saturday workshops. So much depends on who and how many show up. You're welcome to come for a day, or bring your RV and stay for the weekend. Last year we had a great turnout, and, believe it or not, had more than enough jamming even for Terry and Larry McLain!

District 1E is still playing at the Lake County Senior Citizen's Center each Friday from 10:30 a.m. until noon, and will be at the Nursing Home on October 3,17, and 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. October birthdays are: Clyde Lynch, on Oct. 19, and Faith Kersey, on October 20.

I think we're all pretty much in good (well, OK) health. Even Shorty Stone got gussied up and made it out to our new chairwoman Bev Perry's BBQ and jam last month, and sang and strummed just like a young'un. By the way, we gained four new families to the club at the BBQ. Next month, I will list their names.

Don't forget to make it to the next business meeting on October 9, folks. We need your input to iron out some details of the upcoming workshop. It's at 7 p.m. in the Lake County Senior Center.

I guess th' th' that's all folks. You know I've been pondering a few of the great mysteries of life lately, and there's one thing I can't figure out. Just how the heck does Teflon stick to the pan?

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

District 3

Chairman: Dennis Jakab 541-548-2387

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Sec/Treasurer: Joyce Wallace 541-548-6865

Membership: Earlene Ervin, 6189 N.E. Wainwright Road, Prineville, OR 97754 541-447-5451

October

1	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.
21	Grass Valley jam	Grass Valley Park	1-4 p.m.

November

5	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.
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December

3	VFW Show	Redmond	1-4 p.m.
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The weather is cooler with colder months ahead. I can't believe the year is almost over. Our last show at the VFW was September third. The show had two groups on stage performing, with great toe tapping and dance music being played. Thank you to all who performed.

Business news:

Our next show will be October 1st at the VFW. Please come and support us. We will have a meeting after the show. Please attend to get up-to-date information.

District 3's 2007 membership dues are due December 1st in order for you to receive your January Hoedowner. Dues are \$20 per family living at the same address. District 3 members should send their dues to our membership chairman: Earlene Ervin, 6189 NE Wainwright Rd, Prineville Or, 97754.

Great Companionships:

Blend one person with a fiddle. Sprinkle with a song; add guitar and banjo players to the mix. Set the date, pick a time and the Old Time Fiddlers will be there.

The Bigelows want to thank everyone who came to their jam session. To all who missed out, Art played Red River Valley on his fiddle. It was a lot of fun!

If any members want to have small jam session at their home, contact: Dennis Jakab (548-2387) or Bob Ervin (447-5451) Thank you!

Thanks Bob Ervin for the fiddle camp at Thousand Trails August 9-12th. He had 30 players signed up. Bob says the camp was so good that he is planning on doing it again next year.

Thanks to District 5 for the campout at Winchester Bay August 17-19.

Thanks to District 1 for the campout at Merrill Sept 14-16th. What a good time we had there! The Saturday night dinner was great!

Closing Thoughts:

Did you know that our district was started in 1979 by Iris Buckle and Don & Bernie Hanson. Don Hanson held our first meeting at the Bend Senior Center. State President Les Tucker appointed Don as the first District 3 chairman.

Happy Birthday / Anniversaries to all who have them this month. Our prayers go out to members who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

District 4

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October

7 Eagle Point Grange

Eagle Point

November

6 Fruitdale Grange

Grants Pass

Another of our beautiful summer days greeted those who attended the September jam at Roxy Ann Grange. As usual, lots of music, lots of good food, and meeting and

greeting many of those who are back after their summer trips. Next month we will go back to our regular potlucks.

Judy Lyons submitted her resignation as Secretary/Treasurer, due to increasing work and family obligations. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her years of excellent work. Barbara Basden accepted the appointment to finish out the rest of the fiscal year. Many thanks, Barb, for being so willing to step into some very large shoes! Rick Reichert has resigned as Reporter, so this position will be filled temporarily by yours truly. Rick will continue to do his skillful and much appreciated job as our Master Webmaster. A few OOTFA state rosters are available for \$1 each - check with Marcia Zellman.

The LaPine fiddle camp was great! We gave five scholarships; the response was very positive, with some very nice thank you notes. Quite a few members of District 4 attended the Diamond Lake Campout, which is always a great weekend! Many thanks to Irene and Jerry who make it happen! The Winchester Bay "train" weekend was also a great weekend, and we were well represented. Now we're all looking forward to seeing everyone at the Merrill weekend. The fun just never stops!

We have had numerous folks incapacitated with various problems. Al DeWeese fell and fractured his pelvis; he is recovering at home. Shorty Reeves has been ill, but was back singing and playing his fiddle at the jam. Bob Shaffer continues to recover, too.

It has been a busy summer for us, with numerous gigs including the Jackson County Fair, Valley of the Rogue Park, Butte Falls 4th of July Picnic and Parade, Jacksonville street playing, Britt Children's Festival, Jacksonville Art Festival, and our usual retirement and assisted living programs, with various other organizations and meetings. They love our "old time music" and keep asking us back.

As we continue to reach the milestones of our advancing years, some hints might be in order:

1. Socks first, then shoes
2. Clothes go in dryer. Food goes in microwave.
3. Don't forget to...uhm. Oh boy, something about pills...
4. Flush
5. Call what's-his-name
6. Look for glasses

Judy McGarvey, acting District 4 Reporter

District 5

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Co-Chair: Oren Pruitt (541) 347-6236

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October

12	Ocean Ridge Retirement Center	Coos Bay	5:30 p.m.
20	Mapleton Grange	Mapleton	4 p.m.
21	North Fork Grange	Florence	12 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our campout in Winchester Bay. All had a great time jamming, eating and

talking all day and all night. We are already planning next year's Jamboree!! The winner of the best train song was Bob Hansen – congratulations Bob!!

We have a good turnout of District 5 members at Winchester Bay on September 2, but the crowd was very sparse. At the Dora corn feed on September 9th we were well fed and watered so that later that evening we could play at Sunset Bay, although by 7:30 p.m. our fingers were frozen solid!! Thanks to all of the musicians who helped out.

Even though this will not be in time for the printed version of the Hoedowner, those who get it on-line need to know that on September 23, at noon we will have our District 5 meeting in Bandon at the Farwest Hall. It will be followed by a jam from 1-4 p.m. You can brown bag prior to the meeting, or enjoy one of Bandon's interesting restaurants. We'll be voting on potlucks, talking about meeting locations, planning for the Holiday Potluck date and location, and other issues.

On September 30, at noon we are invited to play at the BLM barbecue, North Spit, in Coos Bay. Call Mapril or email her for directions. It's somewhere out by Horsfall Beach. We get a free lunch, and a t-shirt!!

On October 12, at 5:30 p.m., we will play at the Ocean Ridge Retirement Center, Coos Bay. Come at 5 p.m. to eat with them. This is an Autumn Festival, "Taste of the Seasons." On October 21 our District 5 monthly jam will be at the North Fork Grange in Florence. We will have a potluck at noon and jam from 1-4 p.m.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to those who celebrate in the month of the pumpkin!!

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6

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October			
14	Monthly Jam	Plumber's Hall, Springfield	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
November			
18	Thanksgiving Jam	Plumber's Hall, Springfield	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
December			
3	Christmas Jam	Lebanon Moose	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

My how time flies. Doesn't seem possible that summer is almost over, but the chill in the air this morning leaves no doubt. Since we managed to get in the results of the Lane County fair last month, there isn't a whole lot to talk about for this issue.

Our October jam will be on October 14th at the Plumbers Union Hall in Springfield. There will be a business meeting at 11 a.m., followed by a "brown bag" lunch. NO POTLUCK for this one.

Our Thanksgiving dinner will be November 18th and again at the Plumbers union hall. The district will furnish the turkey and ham. Side dishes and desserts are up to you members.

Belated birthday congratulations to Earl Knudsen, who just celebrated number 95 last week. If there is a more devoted fiddle player around, I haven't met him/her yet. Earl is a bit of a legend around here. Who else would take up fiddling at 80 years +? Keep on fiddlin' Earl!

We wish a speedy recovery to Loyd Shriber who is recuperating from heart surgery.

I'm still looking for a reporter to take on the Hoedowner report duties. Come on folks, this is your organization. and if it is to survive, we need you to get involved.

Bob Strelow, acting District 6 Reporter

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October

5	Rose Villa Retirement Home	Milwaukie
8	Estacada Community Center	Estacada
14	Pine Grove Community House	Manzanita

November

9	Deerfield Village	Milwaukie
12	St. Helens Senior Center	St. Helens

December

9	Holiday Dinner, Jam and Visit at North's	Portland
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District 7 enjoyed a big picnic at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's place in Oregon City. About 50 people showed up to eat, play and listen. It was a big success.

Please welcome our new members: Keven & Sherry Lafferty, from Welches; Sally & Fred Smith, from Colton; Steven & Angie Hanson, also from Colton; and Edith Anderson, Hillsboro. Be sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel comfortable. The youngest additions to your District 7 family are the Emert twins, Samuel and Alexander, born September 5th. Congratulations to Andy Emert (District 7 fiddler, state champion) and his wife Sola.

Thursday October 5 from 2 – 3 p.m. we're needed to play at Rose Villa Retirement at 13505 River Road in Milwaukie. They have a nice big room and a real nice piano! So players who double on the piano, please come!

Sunday October 8 we'll have our monthly jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive in Estacada down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get into the building about 10:30 for informal jamming and from 1 – 4 we'll perform for the public. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one! Public Invited. Kelly is going to fix hamburgers like she did before.

Saturday October 14 we'll play in a public performance with District 8 in Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 – 4 p.m. at 225 Laneda Avenue. 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. We will have the building from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with our advertised free public concert from 1 – 4 p.m..

Thursday November 9 from 2 – 3 p.m. let's play at the Deerfield Village at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie. This will be the first time we have played at this (smallish) facility, so let's give them a really good show!

Sunday November 12 from 11 to 4 p.m. 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 about 11:00 a.m. with a public performance from 1 – 4 p.m. 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.

Saturday December 9 our annual Holiday Dinner, Jam and Visit will be at J.J. North's Grand Buffet from 3:30 – 6 p.m. The cost of each dinner will be \$10.95 per person PAID AS YOU ENTER THE BUILDING. We get all we can eat and we get to jam in the Banquet Room! All members come!

Gail Foster, Reporter, District 7

District 8

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Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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October

14	Pine Grove Community House	Manzanita	
22	Senior Center	McMinnville	1-4 p.m.

November

1	Capital Manor	West Salem	
19	Senior Center	McMinnville	1-4 p.m.

Several District 8 members attended fiddle and guitar workshops in Wallowa and/or Thousand Trails at LaPine.

Winchester Bay weekend saw lots of jamming, visiting and enjoying the coastal beauty. Thanks for your hospitality, District 5!

Our Mount Angel concert on the lawn was a great success, again! Beside members from districts 7 and 8, we welcomed Mapril and Grant Combs from district 5 and Anne and Henry Huber from Redding, California. Mapril taught in Mount Angel for several years, and Anne has played with us several times. Most of us went to the Marquam Inn for dinner afterward. Chairperson Darlene Bryant says thanks to all who played, to Dale for setting up the sound, and to Lew for emceeing. She puts it well that our ability to "cross-over" with other districts makes for a very interesting mix.

In July at Silver Falls, Dale Emery joined us with his fiddle. Dale's family and employees of Emery Construction invited our district to play for his 90th birthday party. Thanks Emery family for your generous donation to our district. Dale received a new fiddle made by Wally Case. He was like a kid with a new toy! His energy is to be envied!

September 2nd a group played at Champoeg State Park for Heritage Day. Volunteers, most in period costume, demonstrated pioneer skills, while we provided music. It was good to have Alan Ede, Chuck and Pat Gates join us. One highlight was when a group of teen aged boys from Portland sang with Fred on You Are My Sunshine.

District 8 split its forces on September 3rd. The following went to Agate Beach to play for a Motor Coach group: Raymond Goeser (one of our young fiddlers) and his parents; Dale and Lolita Colebank; Chris Lang; Gary Epperly; Joan Long (both dist. 6); Bob and Marie Bailey; Barbara Bartholomew; and Fred Hardin.

Meanwhile, the Bryants and the Holts played for a 50th anniversary party at Scotts Mills. We had fun playing background music for three hours, and District 8 got the \$200 we were paid.

We will have played at Neskowin Valley School's Fall Festival on the 23rd. I'll report on it next month. On the same date Todd Whitaker and others have a workshop at Guthrie Park south of Dallas with Carol Anne Wheeler as the instructor for 25 young fiddlers. Members of district 8 contributed to the expenses.

Sunday, October 22nd we'll be at McMinnville Senior Center. Come early, bring a brown bag lunch and join in the fun. Marie Bailey will teach a workshop on back up fiddle starting at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

We'll start November by playing on Wednesday the 1st at Capital Manor in West Salem from 7 to 8 pm. This is always fun and the audience enjoys it too. Take the last West Salem exit off Hwy 22, turn left at the intersection. Follow the street and Capitol Manor will be on your right.

"We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams."
-Willy Wonka

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

Chairperson: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517
Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868
Secretary/treasurer/membership:
Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

October

8	Senior Center	1-4p.m.
13	Aspens	
16	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

We bade farewell to Johnnie "Cactus" Smyth, a long time supporter of our District 9 fiddlers, on August the 21st. Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper, Janet Brayman and Julia Milleson were invited to play for his funeral service. We will certainly miss his "hee-haws" and the clapping to our music.

Ruel and Julia each made a brief afternoon visit to John Day to play for the Grant County fair. Ruel, Annie Schulpe of Vale and Ivan McDaniel of John Day also represented District 9 at Sumpter for the Labor Day shows..

We've had a visitor: Bob Clark of Cottage Grove, who plays guitar and sings. He attended some of our jams and played along with us at our county fair. Lisa Otley from Princeton, Helen Duntun of Baker City and Kim Tyler sat in for a few short numbers. Phil Drain (sound man from Salem) helped us out with his bass playing. Thanks to Janet Brayman (great computer art work) and Ruel Teague, we got together on Friday night before the parade and put a float together. Ruel, Janet Walter Cooper, Joan Suther, Don Williams and Julia Milleson worked fixing the float and they also rode and played the music for the parade. Cheyenne Lange, Ruel's great-granddaughter, rode with us and her brother James helped great-grandmother Margaret Teague do the driving for the float ----- we were honored with the Judges Choice Award for our efforts. Walt Cooper also set up the sound system for the parade announcers.

Congratulations to Stacey Lange and Dwight DeFord of Canyon City, who were united in marriage on August 15th and will be having a celebration in Burns on September 17th.

On October 8th we begin our Senior Center shows with a potluck at 1 p.m., with music to follow from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The following Friday (October 13) will be the Aspens, with Ashley Manor on Monday, the 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

District 10

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Co-Chair: Don Hamlin 541-673-5689

Secretary: Jo Barnes 541-459-4522

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541-839-4501

Membership: Lynn Smith 541-679-9621

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October

14 Business Meeting

11 a.m.

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1 p.m.

Jeanne Hanson would like to apologize for not getting the news in the Hoedowner last month. It made it to the computer, but not the Hoedowner. I had to go to Minnesota for a few weeks.

At the meeting in September, we voted to only have four meetings a year: January, April, July, and October. There will still be the potlucks.

Joe Jones broke his foot, so he's laid up for awhile. Hope you get better soon Joe.

Marge Hasty is doing a lot better now, and is getting back to her witty self again.

Shannon Werlinger is on vacation in Idaho, and having a good time.

Good to have Claire Eaton back with us again for the winter.

Condolences to Isabelle Williams on the death of her husband, Frank Williams.

October again, time for our 3rd annual HOOTENANY!! October 14th, at 1 p.m., come to the potluck and bring your favorite dish. Also, dress up in your best HILLBILLY costume and bring your acoustic instruments, your wash boards, gut bucket, or fiddle, guitar etc. We're gonna have a great time, so ya'll come and join in with us. There will be a prize for the best dressed hillbilly. Meeting time is 11:a.m.---October 14th, 2006.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the Prez:

The Merrill Jamboree was a great success. Everyone said they had a good time and would like to come back next year. I would like to say a special THANK YOU to the District 9 and all of the out-of-district members that really put in a lot of work to make it a great jamboree --- and to all the others that helped. I know that Jerry and I weren't any help to them as we had been hunting and didn't get back in time. Sorry!!!!

There was one change made to the standing rule number 1: This will be an addition. Donations which are specifically designated for district scholarship purposes will stay one hundred percent within the district.

I have asked Fred Hardin and Lew Holt to arrange the Friday night show with input from Chris Lang and myself.

The next Board meeting will be held in Springfield January 6th, 2007 at 10 a.m.. Remember that if you have any nominees for the Distinguished Service award to get them into me before the Springfield meeting so that they can be reviewed by a committee to choose whose name should be put on the board according to their works.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

I'll start out with good news this month. So many times my emails are sad. But this is a good one. Linda Schaffer sent this letter:

"I am writing for the Hoedowner to express my gratitude for the exceptional five days I had in Bend at the "OOTFA Fiddle & Guitar Camp". I took guitar from Jack Kerr with the Don Hanna playing the fiddle for us. Jack brought to us a wealth of information about the guitar, with the express goal to back up the Old Time fiddle tunes. Picture the Lodge back porch at Bend 1000 trails, perfect weather, with just the right breeze passing by, the Cascade Mountains, Little Deschutes River loop in view. Laughing, story telling, Jack's pleasing, melodic voice, and Don blending, his awesome talent on the fiddle. Every question was thoroughly answered and applied with the playing of guitars. I am so thankful to Bob Ervin for making this happen, all the teachers that passed on their wealth of knowledge, and Joe Hamm's financial support. Thanks so much.

Linda Schaffer"

Isn't that great!

The following addresses had permanent fatal errors ----- banjobill@earthlink.net, ches@snocrest.net, rojrow@open.org, harv@dswebnet.com (I hear they have moved to Arkansas.) I am removing them from my email list. If the above people have new addresses, I would appreciate getting them.

The joy of fiddling and the joy of our music often are expressed in many ways. When a group of us played for a corn shucking contest at the state fair last month, a man came up and wondered if we had any CDs. He was literally captured by our music. I sent him a stack of CDs and DVDs that will keep him busy all winter. His enthusiasm for our fiddle music (and Chuck on the banjo) was sincere. When we played at Silver Creek Falls, 89 year old Dale Emery joined us for the first time. He had a great time and we especially enjoyed him singing "Arkansas Traveler." A group of us played for his 90th birthday party. For the thrill of his maybe 150 guests, he joined right in and played along. Now he is a new member of OOTFA.

We want to thank Gynn Deaton for all of her work for the 40th anniversary of the fiddle contest in Canyonville. She has been running it for 37 of those years. Friday we added something a little different by playing for an hour for the nearby retirement home and then going downtown to play on the stage for an hour for the public. We all had a good time this year as usual and appreciate all of her work. Thanks Gynn.

Lew.

From the Editor:

Oral Robbins tells us that he is organizing the Oregon Relay for Life benefit jam and dinner for the American Cancer Society, which will be held at Jasper Grange (in Springfield) on Sunday, October 29. It will be an open jam plus dinner. The jam is free, but the dinner will cost an amount yet to be determined. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Oral -- it ain't a coincidence -- is a cancer survivor.

Bob Ervin passes the following along:

"I just wanted to say how pleased I was with the OOTFA fiddle camp. It far surpassed my expectations. Of course, it was only because of the support of the members who attended and the expert ability of the instructors that made it all possible. We had over 30 people in attendance and everyone expressed a desire to do this again next year -- and we will.

In fact, as long as there is interest, I am planning on making it an annual program. I have already made arrangements for the camp in 2007 to be at Thousand Trails once again, on August 8-9-10 and 11. We are planning on adding a mandolin class as well as fiddle and guitar. Our president, Irene Ruddock, has said old time music has such great

old time rhythm feeling and melodies, and when these old hoedowns, waltzes, jigs and so on are played with danceable rhythm and feeling make for very good listening; I agree with her one hundred per cent. In fact, as members of the OOTFA, we should do our best to live up to legacy left us by the founding fathers and mothers of this great organization; to preserve old time fiddling and old time music.

This is the reason I have started the fiddle camp. Once again I just want to say thanks for everybody's support; I will be looking forward to next year.

So long for now. Bob Ervin"

Some of you will have noticed that there was no report from District 10 last month. We delayed submission of the Hoedowner to the printer for one day, but when nothing appeared, went ahead. Please note that the deadline for submission of Hoedowner material is the 16th – if material is received after that date, there is a real risk that it will not make it into the Hoedowner.

Gynn Deaton writes: "The 40th annual Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest at Canyonville saw a total of 22 contestants. eight were from California, three from Washington, one from Idaho, and 10 from Oregon. Our average turn-out through the years has been 35 so this was a definite downturn. Nevertheless, we had a good contest; the results are below:

PEE WEE:

Emmyanna Gaumer, Red Bluff, CA

JUNIOR/JUNIOR:

1. Ryley Gallagher, Red Bluff, CA
2. Mahalee Gaumer, Red Bluff, CA
3. Trevor Whitaker, Independence, OR
4. Melissa Whitaker, Independence, OR

JUNIOR:

1. Andria Ellis, Red Bluff, CA
2. Caid Sanders, Sweet Home, OR
3. Juve Ruiz, Bellevue, Id

SENIOR:

Pamela Sanders, Sweet Home, OR

SENIOR/SENIOR:

1. Willie Carter, Lebanon, OR
2. Gayle Clarity, Woodburn, OR
3. Judy McGarvey, Medford, OR

4. Anne Huber, Redding, CA
5. Don Maddox, Ashland, OR
6. Lew Holt, Salem, OR
7. Kenneth Brank, Winlock, WA
8. Dale Beard, Graham, WA

ADULT:

1. Don Hamlin, Roseburg, OR
2. Jerry Gallagher, Red Bluff, OR

OPEN:

1. Darren Reitan, Red Bluff, CA
2. Johny McDonald, Quincy, CA
3. Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA

ACCOMPANISTS:

1. Darren Reitan, Red Bluff, CA
2. Bob Hanson, Roseburg, OR
3. Peggy Hudson, Grants Pass, OR
4. Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA
5. Caid Sanders, Sweet Home, OR

Thanks to the fiddlers, accompanists, and listeners. The judges were Bob Heinith, Alice Holt, and Philip Fry. Jean Hanson, Barbara Sullivan, Betty Crosby, Florence Sangsland, Sheila Fry, Bruce McGarvey, Jack Walker, and Sherry Dobson helped out. Thanks to the emcee, Fred Hardin and to all-around helper, Lew Holt. Lew, incidentally, won the Homer McLain award -- he was speechless."

New Members to Welcome:

Steve & Tricia Plass, Tulelake, CA
Rose Cassano, Grants Pass
John Mack, Medford
Ginny & Bob McCann/Marz, Cascadia
George & Georgia Howder, Magalia, CA
Theresa Folsom, Coos Bay
Jeffery & Judith Miller, Tombstone, AZ
Chester & Bette Wick, Waldport
Brian Stiner, Salem
Cheryl Horner, Eugene
Kevin & Katheleen Sprague, Woodburn
Ronald Odegard, Prineville
Sydney Newell, Portland

Dale & Betty Emery, Stayton
Charles Kanavle, Rogue River
Kristin & Kent Martinson, Central Point
Bob Earley, Springfield
Donald Hendrix, Redmond
Peggy & Michael McFarland, Lakeview
Kirby & Andrea Letham, Lakeview
Myra Emmons, Lakeview
Joseph & Julie Steinbruck, Lakeview

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman
