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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fall is definitely here. The leaves are turning such pretty hues of reds and yellows and the air is beginning to get a little nippy. I hope all of you have been out to enjoy all this beauty.

I appointed Roger Germundson and Hal Weiner to make up a "Record Retention Policy" for our organization. They have finished this task; it will be brought up at the board meeting in January. Also they made up a "Conflict of Interest Policy and a Code of Conduct". After reading both of these, I am pleased to say I agree with both of them; they will also be brought up before the board. All the board members should try to be there as this is important to our organization.

Don't forget to get your nominations for the "Distinguished Service Award" in before our meeting in January.

Fiddle music consists of many different tempos such as Hoedowns, Schottisches, Waltzes, Two-steps, Jigs, Polkas, etc... Try to learn some of each type of music. It will give you a good lesson in tempos and rythms.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

Amy mentioned in the Junior Hoedowner about the get together at her house recently. In her invitation she sent a list of jam tunes that would be played that evening. You would have been so proud as the young fiddlers played : Red Wing; You Are My Sunshine; Tennessee Waltz; Westphalia; Maggie; Red River Valley; Boil the Cabbages Down; Coming Round the Mountain; Golden Slippers, and many more.

Now we need your help. Amy and I need some feedback from you about the Junior Hoedowner page. What are your comments? What are your suggestions? Its purpose is to inform and involve young people as much as possible and to let the general membership know what young people are doing. We are investing in our future.

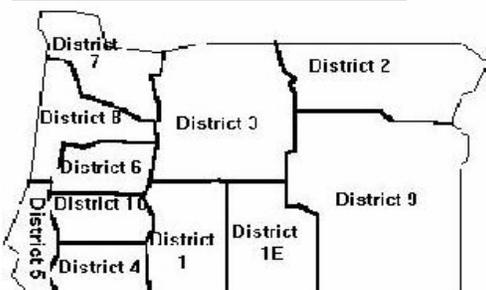
Some readers might call it bragging but I am going to call it "informing." A group of us gathered at Linda Easley's log cabin at Manzanita for "Stone Soup" and fiddling (and a walk on the beach). We were invited to play Friday evening at a nearby assisted living facility. Never in 27 years being a member of OOTFA have I listened to a group play together so well as a team. (No, I wasn't playing so I can brag.) The audience just a few feet away was involved singing along, clapping, laughing, showing their approval. Then the next day 16 members gathered at Pine Grove community building in Manzanita to play for 150 or more people. Again the spirit of being a team impressed me -- fiddlers from districts 7 and 8. While the musicians were introduced as individuals, nearly everyone asked the others to join in. Nobody was threatened; they all played together for the audience. (Also the room was packed and there was no place for the musicians to sit -- so everyone had to keep playing. But who's complaining!) After an hour we gave the audience the opportunity to "stump the band" with their requests. They were able to

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II:

"Purpose – To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this



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This is the shortest schedule since I have been newsletter writer. At this rate we are going to get rusty. Well, I have a few more days before my deadline to send this in; maybe some more events will show up.

District 1 has purchased another sound system, one that can be used with a 12-volt battery or 120 volts. It seems to be real handy at the Farmers Market and places that we play where there isn't a plug-in close by. It all comes with an easy rollaway case. It weighs about 50 pounds, not counting the battery. The Bonsers have been hauling it around in their Volkswagen to some of our country gigs. It all fits in a nice hard shell case with wheels -- that is, if you put everything in proper order: huh, Bill.

I see in the October issue of the Hoedowner that Eileen

McLain is giving up the job of newsletter editor for District 1 E. I always looked forward to her interesting stories and tricky comments, and will sure miss them. I look forward to the new newsletter editor from District 1-E. I met her yesterday; I'm sure Bev will do a fine job. I had better get around to thanking everyone for the help on our State Meeting and Jam there in Merrill. We really appreciated the extra help -- too many names to put in this newsletter. I think I can say for all of us members here in District 1 that it was a pleasure; we look forward to next year. The fiddle and guitar workshop was put on by District 1-E. Several members' from Klamath made it and I saw a few members from other districts, too. I'm sure everyone had a great time; I even learned something: " Don't take your eye off your dish of Banana Cream

November

4	<i>Villa West Potluck and Jam</i>	12 – 4 p.m.
11	<i>Shasta Community Center</i>	12-4 p.m.
15	<i>Linkville House</i>	2 – 3 p.m.

“ Pudding” Thank you all District 1-E.

November birthdays are: Lisa Pratt, Bud Ullman and Etta Fernland. Etta, our prayers and thoughts are with you --tell George we miss our dancing Mandolin player. The Anniversary folks for November are: Les & Lois Tucker and Johnny and Darleth Rodgers {hope I didn't forget anyone}. Remember dues are due; be sure to get them paid soon, so you will be in the state roster that comes out toward the first of the year.

Johnny Rodgers,
District 1 Reporter

Time to renew for 2008! Get your \$20 renewal to your District membership person ASAP!

District 1E

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This is my first time as reporter -- Eileen is a hard act to follow, but I will do my darnedest.

At our October meeting we had a new member join up... we want to welcome Diane Jolly.

On October 12-14, we had our workshop. We welcomed two more new members: Lyle and Pat Springer. We also welcomed Mike Foster, Darleth and John Rogers, Allie and Jake Swartwood, who came over from District 1. Other visitors were Pat and Jeanette Jenks from District

November

3	<i>Jam</i>
12	<i>Business Meeting</i>

10, Ruth and Mahlon Couch from District 3, and -- all the way from Christmas Valley -- Faith and Ron Kersey. Good to see you two from way up there!

A lot of good food and better music. Every one had a great time.

Mary Ann wants to thank all of her helpers: Bev, Merle, Rosa Lee, and Eileen. You made every thing work out so easy. Thanks again.

On a very personal note, Larry and Mary Ann McLain

ended up over at Florence, where they stopped by to see Ken and Sally Jordan. Very small amount of music but a whole lot of visiting.

Keep on jamming.

Bev Perry, Reporter District 1E

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November 4 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.
December 2 Christmas Party, Pine Forest Grange Bend
January 6 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

Our last show was October 7th, at the VFW. Good turnout, good music, and lots of dancing. Thanks to all who performed on stage. Our next show will be November 4th at the VFW. Members meeting to follow the show. Please attend for updated information.

Membership dues are due by December 1st. In order to get your January 2008 Hoedowner please pay your dues to our district membership chairmen, Earlene Ervin. If you want a name tag, order it through Earlene Ervin.

If you have a nomination for the Hall of Fame, turn your nomination in writing to Irene Ruddock or Bob Ervin. Submit a brief description of the candidate's achievements, including,

honors, etc. Candidates must be a member, live in Oregon, can be either male or female, not be a fiddler or entertainer. They have to work, support and promote old time fiddling.

If you want to play at the Primeville Eagles, contact Bob Ervin. The event occurs on the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.

December 8th will be our district Christmas party, at Pine Forest Grange in Bend. The district will provide turkey and ham -- everything else is potluck. If you have children coming, please RSVP for Santa. Contact: Bob Ervin.

Bob Ervin wants to thank everyone who came to the barbecue at his son's home.

Spot light: Arthur Bigelow.

Art has been co-chairman of our district. He sets up the sound system and cleans up at campouts. Art has been a member for 6 years. He is now learning to play fiddle. Thanks to Art for being there.

Closing Thoughts: Throughout the future, whatever life holds, friends can always be close to you heart. Keep old time fiddling in your heart. May God bless those who are sick or have lost love ones. Happy birthday/ anniversaries to all this month.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

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November 3 Jam, Ferndale Grange Grant's Pass
December 1 Jam, Roxy Ann Grange Medford

District 1 and 1E did an outstanding job on the biennial convention, from the stage decorations to the cookies that flowed all day -- and the great Saturday night banquet.

Harold "Doug" Douglas, from GP, had a heart attack last month. He is now the proud owner of a pacemaker. He's up, singing and playing again.

We are saddened to report that Kenneth "Shorty" Reeves passed on September 20 in Jacksonville. Shorty battled cancer for 17 years. He was a member of the Western Hall of Fame in Seattle, Washington and

Sacramento, California. Here, he had a band, "Mr. Shorty's Rogue Valley Express." A memorial was held for Shorty on Sunday, October 7. Members of his old bands and District 4 paid tribute and entertained about 200 people.

Leonard Ferrara presented the Veteran's flag for Shorty's wife, Darlene. Shorty was a soft-hearted, caring, dedicated man. He always showed up when asked; we will miss him in District 4. Our condolences to all family members.

Our jam on October 6 was held at Eagle Point Grange. We had a business meeting and potluck, then jammed

all afternoon.

We are still busy playing at rest homes. We added two new ones last month. Our next jam is a Ferndale Grange in Grant's Pass on November 3. On December 1, we will play at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford.

Bea Johnson, District 4 Reporter

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November

17 Holiday Dinner and Jam Winchester Bay 12-4 p.m.

December

15 Jam Winchester Bay 1 p.m.

Because the cut-off date for the Hoedowner is now almost always before our jam and meeting dates, our reports will most likely always be a month behind, so we will report on what happened at our October meeting in December.

We're busy playing at nursing homes this fall, seven in Coos County, two in the Florence area. All "old" members are reminded to help new members and guests feel welcome and supported. It can be awfully scary

playing on stage at a mike for the first (or hundredth) time! The reason we have been asked to have a circle jam before our formal on-stage performance is to be able to provide a venue for visitors and new members to participate without feeling they have to "perform". We've had a couple of practice sessions, just for fiddlers, in the Coos Bay-Bandon area which have been helpful. We have two guitar players in our group who also play fiddle, and they're expanding their horizons a bit by fiddling

more.

Please come to our Holiday Potluck and jam in Winchester Bay on November 17. The district will provide the turkey. Potluck will start at 11:30 a.m., and the jam will run from 1-4 p.m. Members from other districts are invited!

Happy Turkey and stuffing to all!!

Hal Weiner,
District 5 Reporter

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November

3 West End Building Lake Oswego 1-3 p.m.
9 Deerfield Retirement Milwaukie 1:30 p.m.
11 Sandy Senior Center Sandy 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
16 King City Rehab Tigard 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
30 Daughters of the Union Veterans Portland 12 p.m.

December

District 7 has two new members: Davis & Marilyn Dent, from Southwest Portland. Be sure to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome at our musical gatherings.

A small group of us played at the End of the Oregon Trail Wagons in Oregon City for two groups of Japanese High School girls. They all sing "You Are My Sunshine" in English; two of them had studied violin so they played a little. Linda Easley did the Chocolate Ice Cream Cone song and one of their leaders translated it into Japanese line by line. Chuck Gates' banjo was playing in Japanese also! One of our fiddlers was Israel Kamerman, who at age 15 is a very slender 6'4". He was surrounded by short Japanese schoolgirls all getting their pictures taken with the "tall fiddling American". On October 6, a few of us helped Don McLaren with his fund-raiser at KBOO radio. He went more than \$300 over his quota! Somebody likes us! Two students of Connie Dunnington -- Maddison and Josie Baird -- performed for their Grandmother's Historical Home Open House in Portland recently. The fiddlers dressed in period cos-

tume and performed their favorite old-time fiddle tunes.

We've got some nice things coming up. So, come and have some fun with us:

--- Saturday, November 3, Lake Oswego (West End Building). Fiddlers are needed to play from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Willamette Room of the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way in Lake Oswego. Drive to the back of the building where you see the sky bridge. Enter through the back doors and there will be a sign directing the group to the Room.

--- Friday, November 9, at Deerfield Retirement from 1:30 p.m. It's at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie. Mary Jorgensen is our contact; her cell is 503-653-4064.

--- Sunday, November 11, from 10 - 5, we've got the Sandy Senior Center at 38348 Pioneer Blvd in Sandy. This is a regular monthly Jam; everyone is invited to come and play or listen and just have some fun. Our district Chairman Donna Foreman has called a short meeting before the public jam, so come and participate, then enjoy the fun!

--- Friday, November 16, from

11 - 12 noon at King City Rehab at 16485 SW Pacific Hwy. in Tigard. (503-620-5141 Connie \$50) we haven't been here for a while (maybe never) so let's all show up and give the folks a fun time!

--- Friday, November 30, at 12 noon we are needed at the New Happy Fortune Restaurant at 2145 NE 82 (cross street is Tillamook; phone is 503-253-1647) to entertain the Daughters of the Union Veterans. They'd like a few patriotic and a few Christmas tunes as well as old-time.

--- Sunday, December 9, 2007, from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m., we have a reservation at the Banquet Room of North's Grand Buffet Chuckwagon for our December Holiday Dinner and Jam Session. As of this date, the price for one meal is \$10.59 for all you can eat. And please leave a gratuity on the table for the picker-upper. If you haven't paid your 2008 membership renewal, you can do it now.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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District 6

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District 6 had its business meeting on September 29 at Central Grange. Chair Bernie Charlebois reported on the OOFTA State meeting in Merrill. He said it was a good meeting and they really enjoyed themselves. He reminded us that a new President and Vice-President for the State would be needed, as Irene Ruddock and Christine Lang's terms in office will be ending. If you have anyone in mind to run for these offices let Bernie Charlebois know. As new business, the District voted to purchase a new sound system. Also, it was voted to purchase a banner with the Fiddlers Logo and District 6. Joe Moyle and Ken Luse were thanked for organizing several paying gigs for the District. It has been a great help to the treasury. It was decided the district would purchase the ham and turkeys for the Thanksgiving jam with the side dishes and desserts being potluck.

Our Thanksgiving Jam will be on November 10 at the Plumber's Hall. It is UA Local 290 Union Hall, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield OR 97477. Directions: take Hwy 126 to Springfield, exit at Mohawk Blvd., go north over 126 and take Marcola Road

to the right. Stay on Marcola Road until you turn left onto 28th Street. As 28th turns to the right there is a driveway called Pierce Parkway; the Union Hall is right there.

I'm also announcing the Christmas Jam, as some of you don't get the Hoedowner soon enough to make plans. It will be December 2 at the Lebanon Moose and I've heard Santa might drop in. The lodge provides the dinner and they are great cooks. The hat will be passed with the donations being divided between the lodge and the fiddlers. Directions: From I-5, take exit 228 (Hwy 34) toward Lebanon. Go through Lebanon toward Sweet Home. The Moose Lodge is on the southeast edge of Lebanon, on the right, about a mile past Wal-Mart.

Our sympathies go out to Dena Matson on the passing of her mother Gretchen Raddatz on Oct 2nd.

Peggy Stratton fell and broke both legs above the knee. She will be staying with her daughter for a few months. She would really like cards or a phone call. Her address is: Peggy Stratton, in care of Paula Shuermann, 8704 Lancaster Drive, Pasco, WA 99301 Phone # 509-492-4585

November

10 Thanksgiving Jam and Potluck Plumber's Hall 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

December

2 Christmas Jam Lebanon Moose 10:30 a.m - 4 p.m

Her other daughter, Tootie Williams, is also staying there.

Frank and Frieda Chandler have moved to the Mennonite Village in Albany. They would enjoy cards or a visit. Their address is 2525 47th Ave SE #272, Albany, OR 97322.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter's first Saturday jams on Nov 3rd and Dec 1st will be potlucks at Jasper Grange from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wayne's Thursday jams will be potlucks at Jasper Grange on Nov. 15th and Dec. 20th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. After the first of the year they will be the fourth Thursday. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck of the second Tuesday at Central Grange from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Friday night jams are the first Friday at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. Both are finger-food potlucks and are from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Marie Roberts 11/2, Vivian Steele 11/7, Vickie Clark 11/14, John Clark 11/24 and Roseanne Spann 11/26.

Anniversaries: Don and Jessie Snyder 11/3, Ken and Roseanne Spann 11/10, Cal and Ruth Montgomery 11/14 and Howard and Lois Gabel 11/27. Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

Notes from the Editor:

Remembering Tommy Grissom: Gynn Deaton wrote us recently the following: "When Tommy Grissom passed away recently, we lost one more good friend in the long procession of "fiddle" friends who have left us. When my husband, Jim, and I joined the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers way back when (1968 or 1969), we had no idea what a young organization it was or how many good friends we would find. When I accepted the chairmanship of Canyonville's Pioneer Days Old-time Fiddle Contest, the door to beautiful friendships was opened as fiddlers from all over the state participated. Tommy and Joyce Grissom came to Canyonville every year. Tommy was an excellent guitar player and much sought after as backup for the contestants and as the contest grew from half a dozen entries to as many as 45, he did a lot of backup work. Joyce volunteered her help right away so I kept her busy selling tickets, etc. During those first years, Jim and I traveled and helped out at other contests and went to fiddle events in many places. We visited with the Grissoms more and more as our friendship grew.

One of the things I always admired about Tommy was his willingness to work with the kids. Who can ever forget Tony Spatz, who was truly a prodigy. He was probably five years old (or younger) when he entered the contest for the first time. He would gaze all around the room while playing (quite well I might add) and Tommy would try to keep him focused on the job at hand. Tony grew into an amazing fiddler at an extremely young age and I know Tommy was a great help to him with his steadiness and encouragement. Tony continued to come to Canyonville even into his teen years and then went on to Branson, MO and had his own band. Haven't heard of him for years but am sure he is still playing beautiful music. Tommy also played guitar with another young fiddler, Sheri West. Sheri came to Canyonville every year until she went into the service and then came back to judge the contest a few years ago. I know she counts Tommy as a true friend. Our youngest son, Carl, was born in 1970, the first year I was Chairman of the contest so he grew up with the contest. Since we had access to the Home Ec room, Jim would fix our meals there during the contest. One time, he fixed some shrimp in

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November

24 Saturday Jam McMinnville Senior Center

December

15 Saturday Potluck and Jam McMinnville Senior Center

Hope everyone has been able to enjoy the gorgeous fall color. Of course, we have to rake the leaves after they fall!

A couple of late September events brought in some dollars for the District. We played for Washington Mutual's barbecue at Riverfront Park in Salem. Lots of fun, and good food too. Their donation goes to our scholarship fund.

Fresh to You Market in Stayton invited us to play for the Tour de Plants event. We were pleased to have Frank Moore join us with his great back up guitar. Musicians played for two hours on Saturday and again on Sunday.

Capital Manor was our next event. Melissa, Trevor and Todd Whitaker joined us there. Brian Stiner, another of our young fiddlers, also played. During the evening Lori Stiner, Brian's Mom, found a diamond and took it to the desk. It had been

lost the day before from an heirloom ring belonging to one of the residents. The diamond's owner was very happy to get it back! Thanks Lori!

The jam at Manzanita was wonderful. Some of us made a long weekend of it, camping and jamming at Linda Easley's log cabin. Of course there was an obligatory walk on the beach as well. The public show was Saturday at the Pine Grove Community House. The room was filled to capacity with enthusiastic listeners. Even though it was a warm sunny day, the crowd stayed for the two hour program.

We will have met at McMinnville on October 20th and played at Bauman Farms on the 21st. More on these next month.

Saturday November 24th we'll be at McMinnville. Open about 10 a.m. We'll be bringing our own lunch since it's only two days after Thanksgiving. Our Holiday Potluck will be in

December. Here are the directions to the Senior Center. If you are traveling from the south through McMinnville going north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

Saturday, December 15th we'll have our Holiday Potluck at the Senior Center in McMinnville. More next month. Hope to see you all there!

A violinist plays the notes from a page. A fiddler plays the tune he/she hears in his/her head.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 10

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November

10 Thanksgiving Potluck and Jam 12 - 4 p.m.

December

8 Christmas Potluck and Jam Winston Senior Center 12 - 4 p.m.

We had a good meeting with a quorum, and a small but good potluck, thanks to all those who brought all the good food and helped out.

Lloyd and Esther Shriber from District 6 visited, had potluck with us, and listened to the music. It sure was nice seeing them again. Esther is recovering from a fall, hope she gets better soon.

The bluegrass group joined us for the jam. We enjoyed having them.---The visitors seemed to be having a good time, with lots of

dancing and clapping.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Also, we wish a good recovery to everyone that's under the weather.

Jack Clarno passed away Oct. 3rd, after many years of fighting cancer. Many of you knew him. Our condolences go out to the family.

We've been playing at the nursing homes every month. The patients look forward to us coming to play, and really enjoy it.

Our Thanksgiving potluck and jam will be held November 10, potluck at noon, jam at 1 p.m.---The Christmas potluck (noon), jam at 1 p.m, December 8 at the Winston Senior Center.

See you all next month.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

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November

9 Aspens 7 p.m.
19 Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.

We kicked off our fall season with the potluck and jam at the Senior Center on October 14th. Rose Robirts and son Duane Schmidt, wife Pat and two boys were visitors from American Fork, Utah. Besides dancing up a storm with his mother, Duane recited two of Don Higgins poems: "Grandma's Shoes" and "Buying a Bra" which the audience got a big kick out of.

with us for a while as he and Margaret are headed for Arizona.

Ruel Teague, Janet Brayman, Walt Cooper, Billie Lanier and Julia Milleson played for the Business Magazine tour at the Sage Country Inn. They treated us to their lunch.

Congratulation to Ruel and Margaret Teague who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a big party at their cabin. A bear had shown up a couple of days ahead of time and took a chunk out of the side of the cabin but didn't get inside. Their foster son, Johnny Tyler and wife Alice were here for the party and Johnny played with us at a jam.

Other recent visitors were Florence Krueger's sister pal and husband Don McGuffey from Cody,

Wyoming. They liked the music so much they attended a couple of our jams. Another sister, Armintha Williams, joined them for one of the jams.

Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson attended the fiddle contest in John Day and each brought home a first place trophy. Stacey De Ford also won in the open division.

November play dates for the care centers are: Aspens Nov. 9th at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor the 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Hope you are all enjoying the fall weather. Have a great pumpkin day.

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter

From the Editor cont.

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the oven. He and I ate a few but Carl was really putting them away (or so we thought). He was probably about 6 years old and would take a handful and go outside with them. Soon, he was back wanting some more. We didn't know until later that he was selling them and Tommy was his customer. Carl gravitated to Tommy naturally because he would always take the time to talk to him. They had a mutual admiration society going between them.

Another time we were visiting Tommy and Joyce in their trailer and having something to drink (coffee or soda pop). When Tommy asked Carl what he wanted to drink, he said, "a Harvey Wallbanger". This just cracked Tommy up and a story he loved to tell.

Sadly, Tommy's later years brought many health challenges. He and Joyce were unable to travel to Canyonville

and we only got down to Medford once to visit them. We will always remember Tommy for his musicianship, his terrific sense of humor, his enjoyment of life, and his kindness to all. "

District Six has purchased a new sound system. We have a Fender Passport system available with three microphones, stands, speaker stands, monitors and cables for \$250. Call Bernie Roberts at 541.689.5764, or email him at beroberts285@comcast.net.

January State Quarterly Meeting. It may seem a ways off, but here are the directions on how to get to the Winston Grange Hall (to be repeated in coming issues) for the January State Quarterly Meeting : Going north or south on I-5 take exit 119 to highway 99 south and highway 42 west. Stay on Highway 99 south through Winston to Thompson Street. Turn left on Thompson street and go approximately seven blocks to Grape Street. Turn left on Grape street; the community building is on the immediate right.

Joe

From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

play every request. The day was warm and sunny, but the audience stayed until the end, so we knew they were enjoying the music. Even though they showed it during the program, they expressed it best with their standing ovation at the end. I was proud to be a member of OOTFA.

I want to thank everybody for their good wishes, cards and phone calls. My wrist is improving

and hopefully I will be playing a few tunes one of these days. But it has sure limited my typing. At the hospital my daughter asked the doctor how my head was. He replied that the only thing wrong with my head was that I was 78 years old and on a ladder.

Happy Thanksgiving
Lew



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January

12 State Quarterly Meeting, Winston Grange
Winston 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

New Members to Welcome:

David & Marilyn Dent, Portland
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Kelly Peile, Lakeview
Carol Cwiklinski, Tillamook
Diane Jolly, Lakeview

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