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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

ATTENTION !!! ATTENTION !!!!!

The January meeting place has been changed due to the renovation of the Grange hall in Winston. They told Bob Hanson that it would be closed until the 14th so we couldn't use it. We will meet at the, Riverdale Grange, in Roseburg, across from the Country Club. Address is 4856 N. W. Garden Valley Blvd. Take ramp 125 off the Freeway. This will be open at 8:00 a.m. for people who arrive early with coffee and a continental breakfast on hand. THANK YOU, Bob, for all your work in finding another place; we appreciate it.

There are several motels handy. There is a Motel 6 and a Motel 8 that are less expensive. I am sorry about the inconvenience; these things happen and we have to adjust accordingly. If you need additional information, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

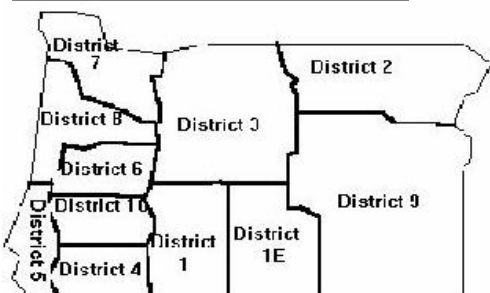
Oregon will be the host state at Weiser in June 2008. If you can let me know if you can or are tentatively are planning on going so that I can send an approximate

head count to the contest committee it would be appreciated. I have asked if they could get a closer place to park. The way it is now, we have to walk quite a way; I think it is too far if you are carrying instruments every day. Also I could send you a list of jam tunes to practice so everyone will be able to play all of them.

Sharon will have the new 11 inch round patches; they will be \$2.00 a piece.

I wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your President, Irene Ruddock



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 kind of music".

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January

6	Meeting, Poluck, Jam	Villa West	12-4 p.m.
13	Senior Dance and Jam	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
17	Gig	Shasta Senior Home	1:30-2:30 p.m
17	Gig	Linkville Senior Home	3-4 p.m.
19	Sled Dog Races	Chemult	

We have just put another year behind us; we have had some good time, and some sad times.

We have improved our sound system with new speakers and added a sound system to run on 12 volts for playing in remote places. We have enjoyed having the State Meeting and Jam in Merrill Oregon for the third year in a row. We will have Jake and Allie here with us this winter; they have bought a new home here in K Falls. So I was told they wouldn't be spending the winter down south like in the past. Johnny and Darleth will be planning on leaving for warmer weather along about the middle of December, like last year. I was planning on

asking Bud Ullman if he would like to take over my job as newsletter person for February and March during our absence. As it turned out I caught a bad cold and didn't make it to the turkey potluck last Sunday, but may catch him next Sunday at Shasta Community Center. If all fails I guess I can do it from down south. We now have a laptop and can do it from there. I made a couple of mistakes in the December issue of the Hoedowner: I missed Jake and Allie's anniversary for December, and I reported the wrong date for the death of George Fernland; it should have read October 24th, the same as Ray Lanes. Please accept my apology, Etta.

The Sled Dog races will be

held in Chemult on January 19. Jerry & Irene are going up around noon to set up the sound system. Then we will just sit around and jam until the sled dog folks arrive late in afternoon for their meal. I missed last year, but suppose it will be about the same schedule.

January Birthdays: Johnny Rodgers, Phil Fry, Al Nelson, Thelma Nelson and Jo Harris.

January Anniversaries: Grace and Lewis Stork, Jack and Verna Evatt.

I would like to wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR from all District 1 members. I forgot it last month; can't get use to planning the newsletter a month in advance.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1

From the Editor Emeritus:

It was kind of fun to be the substitute-editor last month but nice to have Joe back being the real editor again.

In the "nice things bucket" this month I found a check - a very generous check - from Clarence Medak from Silverton, as I do every year when he sends in his membership. Before his wife passed away she would send in a donation to the contest. After her passing Clarence has continued sending a check in her memory. Thanks Clarence.

At the January meeting I would like to remind all district chair people about district donations for the contest. I have heard, "But we don't have any contestants from our dis-

trict why should we contribute?" Our By-laws say: To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music. Our contest and other contests bring out the young people and give them a chance to play fiddle music. Over half of the contestants at the Gaston Contest last year and at our state contest last year were young people. They like the challenge and it gives them purpose for practicing their tunes - playing them their best. So your donations help the cause and encourage young people that will allow our association to be here many years from now - after we are gone. Amy, Starr and I encourage you to be generous.

Speaking of Gaston - the contest will be on Saturday, February 9th. I have information on our website Oregonoldtimefiddling.org but if you don't have a computer, in a nutshell, if you are entering, please pre-register. Send me a letter with your name, address, phone number, division, age if a Pee Wee or SR.SR (for youngest and oldest awards). If you send me an email, the same information, will be fine, too. Oh, yes, before February 5, please. No charge for pre-registration but \$3.00 if you don't pre-register. I will not send invitations this year so let this be your invitation. Thanks everybody. The judges this year are Donna Reuter, JayDean Ludiker and Peg Willis. I am proud to have this trio as the judges.

Lew

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January

6 VFW Show Redmond 1-4 p.m.

Here we are starting another year and my wish for all is that it be happy and prosperous. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Our last show was December 2 at the VFW in Redmond. We had a good turnout of musicians. Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley and Annie Schluppe from Vale were able to attend. They are both from District 9. Although the attendance was down due to the weather, the music was great and there were many dancers out on the floor.

Our Christmas potluck on December 8 turned out to be lots of

fun with good food and music. Thanks to Earlene Ervin and Betty Fulleton for preparing the turkey and ham. Also thanks to those who brought the accompanying food.

And now, GOOD NEWS for District 3 beginning fiddlers. Bob Ervin with the assistance of Barbara Higgins has started fiddle classes for beginners with three students attending at the present time and the possibility of two more starting in January. The only requirements to attend classes are: They must be a member. For the beginner classes, contact Bob 447-5451.

District 3 has also started a fiddle workshop held at the Redmond Library, the dates through February are: January 26th and February 9th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. respectfully. Ya all come!!

Bob also wanted me to remind District 3 members and others that the Fiddle Camp this summer will be August 6, 7, 8 and 9 at Thousand Trails, same as last year. More about this later.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones. Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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Hope your Holidays were happy and bright.

Don and I had to miss the December Jam because of a family funeral. Life on Life's terms. From all information we have received we missed a wonderful day.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to Don "Grumpy" Kimmel, our alternate chairman, for a stepping in and, from all reports, doing a great job. We heard the pot luck was a big success. Roxy Ann Grange was full of people dancing and listening, with lots of fun and laughter.

We want to welcome Joe Wrabeck a new member of OOTFA.

Along with our regular jams at Central Point Senior Center, Royal Gardens. Rogue Valley Retirement, Three Fountains, The Jammers, North Ridge, Jackson House, Pioneer Village, and Waterford Rest Homes, we are playing a New Years party for Belles and Beaus in Jacksonville.

William Green is still in the hospital. Please keep him and Kathy in your prayers.

We also want to thank Rick, our web master, for being an expert at what

he does for our District.

He gets the schedule out then gets the changes out to everyone even when we are only given a three-day notice.

Now we think that that's really dedication. So. THANK YOU Rick for a job well done this year.



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January
19 Jam Winchester Bay 1:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!! Hope all of you had a warm, dry and wonderful Christmas. The southern group of nursing home players held a practice session for Christmas songs, and prepared several traditional, seasonal tunes which were played during December.

a fiddle please contact me at banjowines@hotmail.com. Solid top hand-carved fiddles are \$35 and include a case and bow. Since the Hoedowner is due before our December jam, I will report on that happening in January. For those who enjoy folk music check out the Winter Folk Festival at www.winterfolkfestival.org There will be on-going jam sessions on January 17-20 at the Pierpoint Inn in

Florence. If you would like to opportunity to jam with Tom Chapin, The Limelitters and many other great musicians come on over. Contact Hal Weiner for more information.

I will have the opportunity to place one more order for fiddles before the convention. If anybody needs

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 7

January
20 Gladstone Senior Center Gladstone
25 Courtyard @ Russellville Portland
February
10 Estacada Senior Center Estacada
March
7 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn
9 Lake Oswego Adult Center Lake Oswego

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Everyone had great fun and lots of food and jamming' at North's on Sunday. It was wonderful to have so many young fiddle students performing. The youngest child was just under four years old! Andy Jorgensen was on hand to take mug shots for our Directory and Myrtle Arnold collected membership dues. Be sure to welcome new members to our District 7 family: Adrian & Kevin Campbell, from Portland, John & Maureen Bowman, from Boring, and Dwight Hale and Marie Diercks from St. Helens. Also, Walter Beers, Gresham, has transferred to us from District 5. Welcome everyone!

1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone just south of Portland, a few blocks east of McLoughlin Boulevard. There's lots of parking around the building. Public invited!

Friday January 25, we need to play at the Courtyard at Russellville Park at 20 SE 103rd. We'll play from 2 to 3. We'll play in the area next to the dining room. We'll use their microphone. Parking is difficult here due to construction. Come early in case you have to drive around.

Sunday February 10th our regularly scheduled OOTFA Jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the pub-

lic. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one! Public Invited!

Friday March 7, 2008 Tanner Springs Assisted Living at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn from 3:30- 4:30. From I-205 take the 10th Street Exit (#6?) go up the hill to Day Road, left onto Day Road, the first left is Horizon Drive which ends in their parking lot.

Sunday March 9, 2008 Lake Oswego Adult Center from 11 - 4 p.m. at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming then the sign-up jam will start at 1 and we'll finish at 3:45. This is the jam that Jack Smith set up and is so much fun. Come!

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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January

19 Monthly Jam, Potluck and Meeting
Central Grange 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

February

23 Monthly Jam, Potluck and Election Meeting
Central Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Christmas Jam at the Lebanon Moose was wonderful. The Moose served 107 meals, not counting those cooking or serving the food. Quite a crowd! The electricity went out just before the meal was served, but the hospitality was warm and the food was great. They didn't hold the pie auction because people started leaving shortly after the meal was finished. Several people stayed and held a circle jam. The lights came back on about 3 p.m.. I'm looking forward to the next Moose Jam the first Sunday in May. It sure is nice to have two bass players. When Ruth Montgomery had to leave early because of a prior commitment at her church, Ken Luse was able to help her out. I understand we have another bass player as a new member plus Peter with his wash tub. Now there won't be any excuses for not keeping time.

Our next gathering will be January 19 at Central Grange, 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR 97403. Note: the time is 10a.m.-4 p.m. There will be a meeting reporting on the OOTFA State Quarterly meeting in Roseburg. It should also be the first outing for the new sound system. If you remember at the last meeting the membership voted of purchasing a new sound system. Bernie Char-

lebois was the chair of that committee with Oral Robbins and Joe Moyle helping. The system has been checked and sounds great.

Keep Ruth Loring in your thoughts. She wasn't able to make it to Lebanon as she was in the hospital with a blood pressure problem. I talked to her tonight and she is doing better, but I'm sure she would like some cards though.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter hosts a jam on the first Saturday on the month from 11a.m.-4 p.m., at Jasper Grange with the Ladies of the Grange cooking the meal for a nominal fee. He also hosts a jam on the fourth Thursday of the month at Jasper Grange from 11a.m.-4 p.m. which is a potluck. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Central Grange. The Friday night jams are the first Friday at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. They are from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and are finger-food potlucks.

Birthdays: My apologies to Richard Marino and Ellen Strelow as I listed their birthdays as 12/17 instead of 12/27. Joe Moyle 1/1,

Martha Greene 1/14, Alan Ede 1/16, Zane Coffin 1/18, Allison Roberts 12/19, Ken Spann 1/20, John Childers 1/22, Ken White 1/22 and Leah Canaday 1/26.

Anniversaries: Willie and Edna Carter 1/11.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter



From the Editor:

Best wishes for the holiday season and the new year to all.

The only thing I have to say this month, is to the rein-

force the message from President Irene: The quarterly meeting and jam on January 12 will be held at the Ridgedale Grange in Roseburg, NOT in Winston, as previously announced. See you all there!

Joe

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January		
19	Workshop and Jam	McMinnville Senior Center
February		
16	Meeting and Jam	McMinnville Senior Center
March		
15	Jam	McMinnville Senior Center
16	Irish Stew dinner	Keizer Senior. Center

Another year has flown by. We've had lots of fun and music along the way. Let's all have another great year!

In November, we had a great turnout with 26 musicians signed up! Good to have Joe Hamm, and Chuck and Pat Gates from District 7, and Caid Sanders from District 6! Josh Woods, one of our scholarship students, came and played for us. Good to have you, Josh! Come again! And Brian Stiner, another young fiddler also played.

Since I have room this month, I'll list the players at the November Jam. Alice Holt fiddle, Chuck Gates fiddle, banjo and bass, Norm McGrew vocal and guitar, Dale Emery fiddle and vocal, Jim Hockenhull fiddle and vocal, Loita Colebank vocal and bass, Ray Cunningham fiddle, Stan Kilbourn fiddle, Frank Geelan harmonica, Marie Bailey fiddle, Dale Smith fiddle, Bob Bailey vocal

and guitar, John Shafer fiddle, Betty Case vocal, Dale Colebank harmonica, fiddle, guitar and bass, Leigh Ann Webb accordion, Darlene Bryant fiddle, Cliff Mesick banjo, Caid Sanders fiddle and guitar, Josh Woods fiddle, Brian Stiner fiddle, Lew Holt fiddle, Les Tucker fiddle, vocal and guitar, Curly Roberts harmonica, Pat Gates fiddle and guitar, Jerry Janszen fiddle, Jack Bryant, dobro, Vern Smith, bass, Wally Case, guitar.

District 8 voted to have the turkey and gravy catered for our Holiday Potluck and Jam in December. The desserts and side dishes will be potluck. We know it will be/has been another fun get together with friends.

WORKSHOP: January 19th at McMinnville Senior Center, Jim Hockenhull will teach a workshop on Old Time Fiddling. It will run from 10:30-12:00. Bring your fiddle

and learn about old time style. Be sure to bring a TAPE RECORDER or whatever recording device you use. Cost of the workshop is a donation to District 8's scholarship fund. If weather should cancel us out, we'll re-schedule the workshop at the February jam.

IMPORTANT: We will be electing new officers at our February meeting. Darlene has served as chairman for two years, and is not eligible to run again according to OOTFA by-laws. If you have suggestions for any of the district offices, please contact Fred Hardin fredhardin@worldnet.att.net 503-623-5812, or Alice Holt aliceholt@aol.com 503-391-5377.

Hope to see many of you at the OOTFA quarterly meeting in Roseburg on January 12th!

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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January			
11	Gig	The Aspens	7 p.m.
21	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30 p.m.

There is not much to tell this month.

The Holiday Dinner was delicious, although the turnout was small. We always have a fine time, anyway.

At one of our recent jams, Joe Lee brought along his brother,

Dan, who was here visiting from Oregon City. Darlene Austin, who used to play accordion with us, invited us over to her new house for a jam, which everyone enjoyed.

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter



District 10

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<p>Our Christmas potluck went very well, loads of food. Thank you Joe Jones for making the delicious turkey, and Thanks to everyone else that brought all the rest of the good food.</p>	<p>was back with us. They have been under the weather. And to everyone else that is under the weather, hope to see you soon.---Happy Birthday, and Happy Anniversary to all those that had them.</p>	<p>I don't know exactly how many miles it is out there, maybe 2 or 3 miles. The building will be open at 8:am for coffee and rolls etc., meeting at 10, potluck at noon, and jamming at 1pm.</p>
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<p>There were lots of new faces, some from Alaska, Eugene, Tri City and all around the area. The stage was packed with players, so it gave some of us a chance to take a break and do some dancing. Also it was nice seeing Thelma Allen there, haven't seen her in awhile, she's looking good. Glad to see everyone so happy and festive.</p> <p>Flo Sangsland and Don Hamlin</p>	<p>The January 12th quarterly meeting has been changed from Winston, to Roseburg. From the South, take the Garden Valley exit 125, turn left at the lights, and go way out on Garden Valley. It's across from the Country Club golf course, at the Riverdale Grange on the left. From the North, take the 125 exit, turn right at the lights, and go out Garden Valley, same directions. There will be other directions in the Hoe-</p>	<p>Hope everyone had a nice and happy Holiday season.</p> <p>SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!</p> <p>Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter</p>
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State Calendar

January

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

August

6-9 Fiddle Camp
Thousand Trails

New Members to Welcome:

Phyllis Commeree, Burns
Phillip & Hannah Todd, Tualatin
Delores & Bob Zenor, Estacada
Ted & Betty Simpson Dernovek, Estacada
Ed & Edie Dake, Grants Pass
Zona Dungey, Grants Pass
Bob Griffith, Medford
Willie & Becky Warwick, Williams
Frank & Lin Babcock, N. Bend
John & Lori Dougherty, Woodburn
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These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$8.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$9.00 mailed. Please send a check to , Earlene Ervin made out to her.

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