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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank District 10 for the nice job they did putting on the State Meeting the 12th of January. The music and food were great. Meeting all our friends was equally great; it is nice to have these meetings once in awhile just to meet up with friends and get to listen and play music.

Jerry and I had to leave early because we weren't sure what the roads would be like going home. Fortunately they were just wet, so we had no problems. It was much better than going, as it was quite slippery from the time we left home until we were off the hill going into Medford.

I gave all the chairpersons their scheduled duties for the convention and also the dance schedule. It would be nice if each chairperson would give each one in their district a copy so all would know what should be done.

Lew Holt and Fred Hardin will be putting together the Friday night show for the convention.

They have asked each district to:

1. assign two fiddlers to play and to send them their names.
2. bring nice raffle items, something that they would like to receive themselves.
3. bring at least three table decorations as we have had to get extras in the past.

The banquet will be catered

by the Dalles High School group.

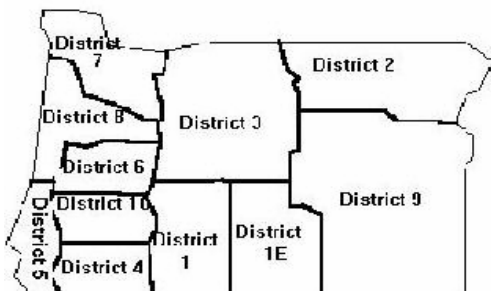
The menu will be:
Chicken or prime rib
Baby red potatoes
Green salad
Corn with peppers and butter
Fudge and lemon chiffon cakes
The prices will be \$12.50 or \$12.95.

If anyone wishes to run for a state office, please let the chairperson know. We need people to step up to the plate and help keep this organization going. That goes for all the districts too.

Each officer was asked to sign the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION (OOTFA) CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT. May we never ever have to use it.

Hope to see EVERYONE at the convention,

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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The new year finds us with several new members, and continued strong turnouts at our second Sunday dance-jam affairs. We bought a new, legitimate trailer that will haul our gear without worries about leaks, security, or roadworthiness. It's expensive but worth it, and will last us a long time.

February activities include the usual monthly meeting on the 3rd

and Shasta View dance-jam on the 10th. Also, at retirement homes there are appearances at Shasta View Center on the 21st and Linkville House, also on the 21st.

February Happy Birthdays include Vivian Burden, Ben Coker, Lynn Foster and John Howard. And happy umpteenth anniversary to Roy and Illa White.

This month the District 1 Research

Division will continue its work on the perennial problem that no matter how much we tune banjos, they still sound like banjos.

Bud Ullman,
for Johnny Rodgers,
District 1 Reporter



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<i>February</i>			
2	Jam	Lake County Senior Center	4 p.m.
11	Business Meeting, Election of Officers		
<i>March</i>			
1	Jam	Lake County Senior Center	4 p.m.

It's definitely winter here in Lake County. We have had approximately 26 to 30 inches of snow in the last couple weeks with possible flurries tonight. Slick roads and sidewalks have kept some of our members at home by the fire, but when weather allows they've been out in force. We had a great turn out for the holiday fair held at the Lake Co. Fairgrounds on Nov. 30th. A smaller group, including Jerry and Irene Rud-dock, played the following weekend for Myrle's holiday bazaar held at the Senior Center. On December 29th Terry and Sharilyn McLain hosted a holiday jam at their home. Our monthly jam was held on January 5th; somehow the Senior Center was double booked, we ended up jamming at Terry and Shar-

ilyn's. It turned out to be one of the biggest jams we have had in quite awhile.

Bev Perry has been a little under the weather and several others have been bitten by the terrible cold/flu/respiratory bug that has been fluttering around. I know that Daniel Letham had a birthday and Mary McFarland played happy birthday for him at our last jam. Eileen McLain had a birthday on Dec. 13th and she and Doug celebrated their anniversary on the 31st. Sorry if I missed anybody.

2008 Silver Lake Campout will be held May 1-4.

Our next jams will be on February 2nd and March 1st at the Lake

County Senior Center at 4 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING on February 11th, election of officers, please plan to attend we need a quorum.

Have a great month

Sharilyn McLain,
for Bev Perry, Reporter
District 1E



District 3

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February

3 VFW Show Redmond

March

2 VFW Show Redmond

15 Jam and Potluck Pine Forest Grange

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We had a good turnout and everyone attending had a good time at our January 6th jam at the Redmond VFW. Members from out of town were: John and Elizabeth Farwell and their friend, Elizabeth Pyott -- all from Chicago.

Other visitors were Mark and Katherine Leavitt with their children, Sara Anne, Beth, Chris, Emily and Kate from Redmond. Sara Anne, Beth and Emily accompanied by their mother on the piano and father on guitar played some toe-tapping music for us. It is won-

derful to see young musicians eager to play old time music. We hope they will return, become members and play for us again soon. Deborah Patterson from Prineville was also a visitor. She plays guitar and sings. We are eager for her to return and become a member.

Our next jams coming up will be February 3 and March 2 at the VFW Hall in Redmond.

There will be a jam and potluck for all District 3 members and guests at the Pine Forest Grange March 15th. The address of the grange is

62314 Boyd Acres Road, Bend, OR. For more information call Bob at 447-5451. YA ALL COME!!!!

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace
District 3 Reporter



District 4

February

2 Jam Fruitdale Grange Grant's Pass

March

1 Jam Live Oak Grange Rogue River

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HAPPY and a HEALTHY New Year to everyone from District 4.

Our January potluck was great. We had lots of good food. John Renfro brought his famous Texas chili. His chili as a hit, especially with me. Thanks, John.

Don J, our chairman, moved right through our meeting. Our treasurer, Lee Ferguson, had the secretary/treasurer report with copies for all to read. She does an awesome job. Thanks, Lee.

Our jam was well attended; the chairs were filled with lots of dancers.

Marcia, our membership person, was busy registering new families -- a big addition to our district. We would like to welcome Dess and Ruby Mills, Marty and Kate Davis, Steve, Cindy, Jarod, and Amylie Wheeler, Doug VanDorn, and Roy and Elva Schnurr to District 4.

Marcia is always on the job -- except for once when Bob let her off to take

a vacation. It took two of us to fill her shoes while she was gone. We really appreciate her being a person we can depend on.

Our next two jams are: February 2 at Fruitdale Grange, Grant's Pass, and, March 1 at Live Oak Grange, Rogue River.

William Green is in and out of the hospital with chemotherapy treatments. Betty Vale has had a knee

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District 5

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Happy hearts and flowers to all. Our jam in Winchester was quite fun despite the small turnout. We had a circle jam for the entire time and had several beginner fiddle students join in as well as several other new players. Several District 5 members attended the meeting and jam in Roseburg on January 12. Thanks to District 10 for hosting. The selection of food and music was outstanding.

February		
16	Meeting, Potluck, Jam 11 a.m., 12 and 1 p.m.	Winchester Bay
March		
15	Meeting, Potluck, Jam 11 a.m., 12 and 1 p.m.	Winchester Bay

The February jam will be at Winchester Bay on the 16th. There will be a meeting at 11, potluck at noon, jam from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A nominating committee for new officers will be appointed at the February meeting. Call Oren Pruitt if you'd like to hold an office.

The March jam will be at Winchester Bay on March 15 with a meeting at 11, potluck at noon, and a jam from 1:00-4:00. New officers will be elected in March. We need a good

turnout at both of these meetings!

We need the help, support, and participation of ALL members to keep things rolling. And a big welcome is extended to all of our new members! Glad to have you!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all those born or betrothed in Cupid's month

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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February		
10	Estacada Senior Center	Estacada
March		
7	Tanner Springs Assisted Living	West Linn
9	Lake Oswego Adult Center	Lake Oswego

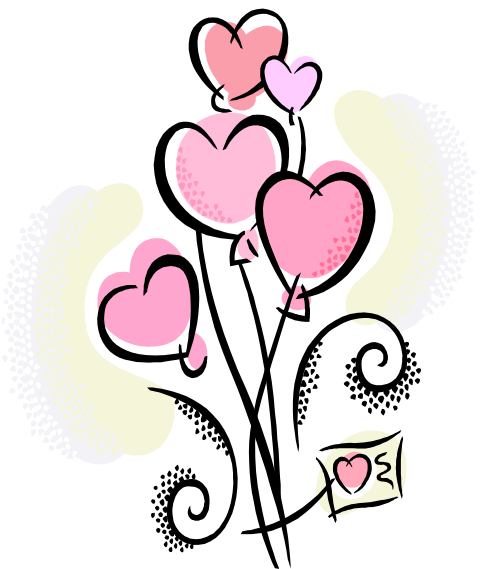
Although the weather is cold we have some jamming events coming up that will keep you warm:

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 Highway 224. We can get in the building about 11 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! Association Meeting is needed here to decide on donations to the various contests this year.

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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February
23 Monthly Jam, Potluck and Election Meeting Central Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March
22 Monthly Jam, Potluck and Election Meeting Central Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
April
19 Monthly Jam, Potluck and Election Meeting Central
20 Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our January meeting won't take place until after the deadline for the newsletter, so I will report on that in the next Hoedowner. It will be at Central Grange, 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR 97403. Hope to see you there.

I would like to thank District 10 for their wonderful hospitality at the State Quarterly Meeting in Roseburg on January 12th. They did a great job in organizing everything. I would like to encourage everyone to attend one of these meetings. It a great opportunity to learn how the OOFTA organization works. Plus, you will meet a great group of people dedicated to preserving the old time fiddle music, encouraging young people to learn the music of the past and teaching new and old tunes to each other. I would encourage all of you to attend the next State meeting in Rickreall in

April. Remember the meeting in February will be for elections of new officers, so if you have anyone in mind let the nominations committee know. Also, nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting February 23.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter hosts a jam on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.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 11 am - 4 p.m. This jam is a potluck. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am - 4 p.m. at Central Grange. The Friday night jams are the first Friday of the month at Central Grange and the second Friday of the month at Crow

Grange. They are from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and are finger-food potlucks.

Birthdays: Maxine Benson 2/10, Gary Epperly 2/16, Norm Oleman 2/18, Phyllis Coffin 2/20 and Dave Stubbs 2/25.

Anniversaries: John and Jackie Parsons 2/3.

If I haven't mentioned your birthday or anniversary, it means I don't have your information. Contact me if you want it noted.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter



District 4 cont.

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replaced, and is in recovery. Don and I are looking forward to

the State quarterly meeting in Roseburg on the 12th.

Remember. our elections are coming up, so start looking for replacements for jobs that are open

NO ONE KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO UNTIL THEY TRY.

Bea Johnson, District 4 Reporter

From the Editor:

Eileen Walter has has asked our help in getting the word out about the first annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest, to be held at Hood River, May 2-4. It will begin with a concert on Friday, May 2, and continue with a Weiser-certified fiddle contest, two fiddle contest, acoustic instrument picking contest, and an entertainment contest. The venue will be the Hood River Middle School at 17th and May. More information can be had at www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com. Joe

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February
16 Meeting and Jam McMinnville Senior Center

March
16 Irish Stew dinner Keizer Senior. Center

Spring bulbs are sprouting up here in the Willamette Valley, so we know it won't be winter forever.

Our December Jam was well attended. We had a bountiful potluck dinner, with dishes brought by members. Meat was cooked by a local McMinnville establishment. We had 27 signed up to play or sing, providing us and the audience with an enjoyable afternoon of music. We appreciate the Doman kids, Steven, Ronnie and Shawnie coming, as well as young Brian Stiner. And of course we welcomed our friends from districts 6 and 7.

January 19th at McMinnville Senior Center will feature a workshop led by Jim Hockenull. Old time fiddle style is the focus. I'll report on it next month. Because of Hoedowner deadlines, it seems I'm late reporting on events. Just one of those unavoidable things.

Saturday, February 16th we will again meet at McMinnville Senior Center. We'll have a business meeting starting at 11 a.m., which will include election of next year's officers. We'll have our brown bag lunches and the sign up jam will be from 1 p.m. to about 3:30. We need to clean up before leaving. Please help if you are able.

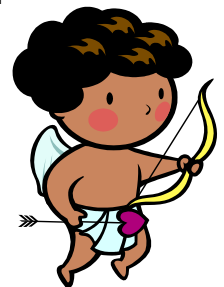
We're looking for other venues to have jams because of a substantial raise in rent. We'll probably cancel the McMinnville Jam in March, but we are scheduled to play March 16th at the Keizer Senior Center. They have an annual Irish Stew Dinner at a reasonable price and there's a great dance floor. Some of those Keizer seniors love to dance! So ya'll come on over and join the fun.

Several from our district attended the OOTFA quarterly meeting in Roseburg on January 12th. Chair-

man Darlene Bryant, state vice president Chris Lang, Fred and Charlotte Hardin, Les and Peggy Tucker, Wally and Betty Case, Lew and Alice Holt. Some stayed overnight, and some made a one day trip. The weather was a little rainy, but not bad. We had a chance to visit with friends we don't see very often, and jam too.

There are lots of fun fiddle events coming up in the next few months. Convention. Contests. Jams. Stay tuned for more information!

Alice Holt,
District 8 Reporter



District 9

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Rose Johnson 541-573-6237
Reporter: Julia Milleson 541-573-2770*

February
10 Jam Senior Center
18 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.

We've had lots of snow and some foggy mornings but the fog lifted for our Senior Center potluck and jam Sunday Jan. 13th. It was nice to have Lloyd Louie with guitar, vocal and fiddle. Lloyd has to miss our Friday jams because of his work schedule.

Hopefully Joan Suther will be back from her trip to Africa to join us for our Senior Center jam February 10th. We will play Ashley Manor on Monday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The dancers, Gordon and Marianne Andrews were back

and Marianne played a couple of fiddle tunes and sang as well.

Julia Milleson
District 9 Reporter



District 10

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February
9 Meeting and Jam Buckaroo Barn, Winchester
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The quarterly meeting went well. It was nice visiting with some old friends that I haven't seen in awhile, from out of town. The hall was packed, and we had some really good music.

Thanks to all that brought the good food for the potluck. It looked like there was enough to feed an army, and a special thanks to the busy ladies that put the food out, and worked in the kitchen.

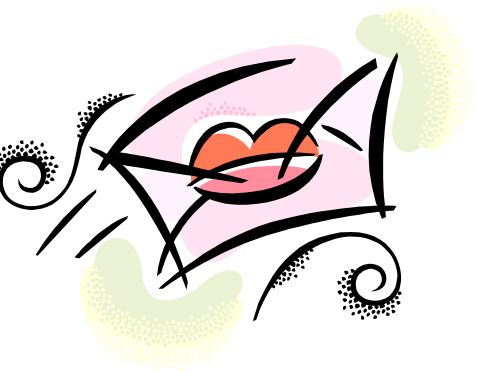
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. I don't have a list of them. Also, to anyone

that's under the weather, hope to see you up and around soon.

Being we won't be having our monthly jams in Winston any more, they will be held at the Buckaroo Barn in Winchester on old 99. From the South, take exit 127, turn right and go until you cross the tracks, then turn left and go, I think, a mile or two on the right. From the North, take 127, turn left and go straight, cross the tracks, turn left and out to the Buckaroo Barn. The building is a square-dance hall.---There will be a MEETING at 11:a.m.,

potluck at noon, and jam at 1:p.m. February 9th.

Stay warm now.
Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



From the Editor Emeritus:

Thanks District 10, for hosting us for the state meeting on January 12. Donuts, cookies and coffee were there for us all day. Nice potluck and a nice jam. President Irene did a great job conducting the meeting. And the weather wasn't too bad, either.

My hat is off to District 1. It was the first district to send in a donation for the contest. Several other chairmen said that their checks would be coming in the near future. Individuals have already made generous donations. We have received almost \$200 in memory of George Taevs. Thanks members, for your thoughtfulness. You may have noticed that I don't give the amounts that districts and individuals donate. I don't want anybody to think theirs is too small

-- every dollar is appreciated.
I wonder if "fiddle kids" have spare time? I don't hear of any of them sitting around. The Salem paper the other day listed Raymond Goe-ser as a winner in a swim meet. Also, Taylor Blevens was a winner, too. Hannah Kearney plays often in church and she's giving fiddle lessons too. Alex Hargreaves spent some time in France recently. Melissa and Trevor Whittaker play often and are busy with their farm animals. These are only a few -- many other young fiddlers are busy, busy people, too.

I am honored to have two songs written for me in the last few weeks. Both are titled "Bartlett's Revenge". Gene Williams played his for me at the Quarterly meeting

jam, and Myriam, from district 5, called me on the phone and sang hers to me. Thank you both very much, and I'm trying hard to not give anyone else fodder for tune writing! No pear picking, and no ladders!

Gaston Contest - when you receive your Hoedowner, there will still be time to send in your preregistration for the Gaston Contest (If you haven't already.) The contest is Feb. 9th. So please send it soon. I need your name, address, phone number, division you are entering and email address. You can e-mail the information to me. There is information on our website.

Lew

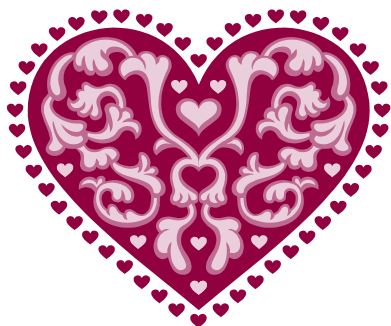


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State Calendar

February

9 Gaston Fiddle Contest Gaston

April

10-13 State Convention Rickreall

May

1-4 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake

2-4 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

16-17 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa College, Salem

June

11-14 State Quarterly Meeting Burns

16-21 Weiser National Fiddle Contest Weiser

July/August

July 31, August 1-3 Diamond Lake Campout Diamond Lake

August 6-9 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

August 14-17 Winchester Bay Campout Winchester Bay

September

11-13 State Quarterly Meeting and Jam Merrill

New Members to Welcome:

Dwight Hale & Marie Diercks..... St. Helen
Adrian & Kevin Campbell.....Portland
John & Maureen BowmanBoring
Ricky & Remy Crum Central Point
Marsha Lovitt..... Medford
Larry Land & Pam Lehtd..... Klamath Falls
Bruce & Tracy Pinkerton..... Redmond
Anna SloanBurns
Dennis & Dona Townsend..... Hines
Liz Hallett..... Ashland
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