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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We have snow, snow and more snow. This last week it has been a little nicer and some of it has melted off only to turn into ice. At least most of the highways are cleared off and it is very pretty out there.

Our next event is the convention. Your district chair persons have the duties and the dance schedules for each district. Remember to bring raffle items that you, yourself, would like to buy tickets on and wish to take home with you.

The cost of the tickets for the banquet will be \$11.95 for adults and \$6.00 for 5-10 year olds for either chicken or beef. Please have your selection in by April 7th for a head count and send in your money to either Fred Hardin or Lew Holt.

There will be jamming on Wednesday in the craft building with snacks furnished. We need the chair person of each district to send to Lew Holt your selections of who you wish to represent your district at the Friday night show.

Remember there will be an election of officers at the convention so if anyone wishes to run for office, be sure to get your name into your chairman or Jack Kerr, who I asked to be the chairman of the election committee.

Everyone that can is asked to bring their RVs so that there will be at least 50. That way we can keep the price down for parking.

Practice...Practice...Practice for the contest coming up in May. Be sure to check the Hoedowner for dates of all the activities.

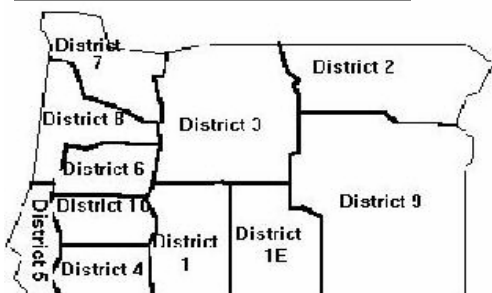
Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor:

Denny Langford, president of the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddle Association, writes to ask our help in publicizing two fiddle contests the Association is sponsoring. The first will be held in John Day, at the Grant County Fairgrounds, on Saturday, June 7. For more information, contact Ivan McDaniel, at 541.575.2574. The second is in LaGrande, at the Union County Fairgrounds, on Thursday, July 31. For more information, contact Val Stockhoff at 541.562.5873, or vstockhoff@conic.com. Lew Holt was a judge last year at the John Day contest, while President Irene judged the contest at LaGrande. Les Tucker, we are told, won the Senior Division at one of the contests. There will be, Denny says, money payouts and nice trophies.

Tim Aye writes: "I did want to let you know that if you come across anyone looking for a 3/4 violin We have one for sale. It is in Very Good condition and has a wonderful sound. It is a Defranco. It is every bit worth \$300 but would take \$200. You may contact us at Tim or Elaine Aye at the attached e-mail or call us at 503-557-9386. This is truly a very good deal for a person needing a violin."

Joe



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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March

2 Villa West
 9 Jam and Dance Shasta View Community Hall
 20 Shasta View Care Center
 1:30-2 p.m.
 20 Linkville House 3-4 p.m.

Much of January and the first part of February were cancelled because of snow. After the collapse of several buildings in Klamath Falls, our members' time was occupied by shoveling their own roofs or rustling up the cash to pay someone younger to do so. Nearly everyone has survived at last count, and we are encouraged that outside the home of Jim Lancaster in Chemult the neighbors report guitar

sounds coming from under a particularly large snow bank, so we're encouraged we'll have him back for jams at least by spring.

March events include the monthly meeting on March 2 at Villa West; the jam and dance on the 9th at the Shasta View Community Hall; and back-to-back on the 20th at Shasta View Care Center (1:30-2:00) and Linkville House (3:00-4:00).

Clinics are in the works for various instruments in the coming months. We'll keep people posted as details get worked out.

Bud Ullman, for Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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March

1 Jam Lake County Senior Center 4 p.m.

No report received this month.

Gaston Fiddle Contest Results (February 9, 2008):

Top five winners.

Open Division (no age limit)

1. Elisha Voetberg Centralia, WA
2. Liddy Voetberg Centralia, WA
3. Eric Jepson Lone, OR
4. Starr McMullen Corvallis, OR
5. Eileen Walter Portland, OR

Super Senior Division (70 years old and older)

1. Les Tucker Woodburn, OR
2. Lew Holt Salem, OR
3. Alice Holt - Salem, OR
4. Dale Colebank, Woodburn, OR

Senior Division (60 - 69)

1. Jerry Parks Lebanon, OR
2. Darlene Bryant Turner, OR
3. Paula Sanders Sweet Home, OR
4. Richard Vanderhorst Lynden, WA

Adult Division (19 - 59)

1. Amy Booher Salem, OR
2. Bethany Carpenter Adna, WA
3. Robyn Freatman Portland, OR
4. Kerry Griffin Durham, OR
5. Lexi Garrity Adna, WA

Junior Division (13 - 18)

1. Lilja Voetberg Centralia, WA
2. Annie Voetberg Centralia, WA
3. Tabitha Gholi Portland, OR
4. Alex Carpenter Adna, WA
5. Melissa Whitaker Independence, OR

Junior - Junior Division (9 - 12)

1. Tucker Voetberg Centralia, WA
2. Wilhelmina Frankzerda Summit, OR
3. Trevor Whitaker Independence, OR
4. Emily Campagna Hermiston, OR
5. Joseph Haddock Pilot Rock, OR

Pee Wee Division (up through 8)

1. Matthew McCravey Hood River, OR
2. Vance Voetberg Centralia, WA
3. Summer Hansen Colton, OR
4. Ean Hildreth Tualatin, OR
5. Rudy Voetberg Chehalis, WA

Accompanist (top three accompanist - most times on stage)

1. Rod Anderson - Spokane, WA 60
2. Jeff Walter - Portland, OR 47
3. Les Tucker - Woodburn, OR 25

Youngest fiddler

- Evan Hildreth 4 years old Tualatin, OR
 Oldest fiddler
 Les Tucker 81 years old Woodburn, OR

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We had a good turnout in spite of the weather and the Super Bowl game. Everyone attending enjoyed their afternoon of being inside visiting with friends, listening and dancing to the music of yesteryear at the VFW in Redmond. The musicians were great as usual, New members were Lew and Barbara Becker from Bend and Coralee Parks from Crooked River Ranch.. Lew plays fiddle and Barbara plays guitar; Coralee plays fiddle. Visitors from District 10 were Al and Sharon Thompson.

Remember to be thinking about election of officers at our next business meeting in March. We will need to elect the whole slate of officers for 2008/2009.

Our next jams coming up will be March 2 and April 6 at the VFW Hall in Redmond.

Redmond Library workshops are scheduled for March 8 and April 19. They have been well attended so far.

There will be a St Patrick's jam and potluck for all District 3 members and guests at the Pine Forest

March

2 VFW Show
8 Workshop
15 Jam and Potluck

Redmond
Redmond Library
Pine Forest Grange

April

6 VFW Show
19 Workshop

Redmond
Redmond Library

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!!!! Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and potluck will be at 12:00 noon.

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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At the business meeting, Don asked if anyone wanted to run for any of the positions, and no one responded. Everyone that was in office is still in office. We need people to start getting involved. Next year, the people in office now will have to step down and we need people to get involved to keep the Old Time Fiddlers going.

still have had lots of people who braved the weather, suited up, and showed up. They brought lots of food that was enjoyed by all. We had over 20 musicians to keep people dancing and singing along. In spite of Old Man Winter, we all enjoyed the day.

We have added two new places to play: Waterford in Medford, and Oak Lane in Grants Pass.

Due to Old Man Winter, we have some people unable to get to our jams -- they were at home where it was safe and warm. We

Don "Grumpy" Kimmel had a pacemaker installed on Sunday. He is home and doing well. Things happen so fast. He was at the jam on

March

1 Jam Live Oak Grange
River

Rogue

April

5 Jam Roxy Ann Grange

Medford

May

3 Jam Live Oak Grange Rogue River

Saturday, and had a pacemaker put in on Monday.

Members who have passed: Alex Philips and Marvin McNutt.

Members who family that have passed are: Leonard and Fred Corbin; Homer Meeds.

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

Bea Johnson, District 4 Reporter

District 5

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I have included a schedule for your long-range planning purposes, subject to change, of course. Our nursing home play dates will continue until May 31 for the Coos County group and for Elderberry in Florence as well.

April 10-15, Rickreall, state convention, we play at the Saturday night dance from 9:25-9:40 p.m. We and District 7 are in charge of overnight parking. Please let Mapril know by email or phone who from District 5 plans to attend the convention.

April 19, Winchester Bay, jam, 1:00-4:00 p.m., no potluck, just play!

April 25, Heritage Place, Bandon, play for their "Spring Fling" from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

May 17, Winchester Bay, jam 1:00-4:00 p.m.

June 14, Coquille Community Building, Coos-Curry Electric Co-op annual

meeting, time TBA
July 19, NACO, Florence, 7-9 p.m. These folks make a nice donation, let's show them a good time!

August 9, NACO, Florence, again, from 7-9 p.m.

August 14-17, our District 5 campout at Winchester Bay, lots of fun!!!

The summer park dates have not yet been established. Yes, there are some conflicts with the State calendar.

However, not everyone goes to Weiser or Burns or south of McCullough Bridge, or north of McCullough Bridge, so maybe we can still cover everything! It will get crazier after Bullards and Sunset Bay make their requests.

We're all volunteers, so let's just have fun with this!

At our February 16 meeting, Jolly Hibbits reported that we only have 38 paid family members as compared to 50 last year. It was decided to donate

\$750 to the State contest and \$500 to the Florence Winter Folk Festival Kids Konzert and traditional music education program. We tabled further discussion on other methods and opportunities to support old-time music education in the community for a future meeting. It was voted to buy a carrying case for our new portable amp. Also thanks to Shorty Dow for his \$300 donation!

Wonderful spring weather brought out over 40 people including musicians to our jam session. It was fun to have Don Hansen from District 10 join us. We had three new members join (Francine & Leroy Schoeppach and Tawana Lewis) - welcome!!

Our next meeting will be on March 15 in Winchester Bay at 11:00

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We have two new members this month. Both hail from West Linn: Henry & Maria Herwig and Gholi and Lisa Hasson. Be sure to give them warm welcomes when your musical paths cross.

You missed a good one if you weren't at Estacada last month on the tenth. There were 32 musicians there having a good time testing out the new mike that soundman Randy Yearout found for us. We sure have a good sound system. We even had three lap dulcimer players who played old time fiddle music! It was a great jam.

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!

Sunday April 20 we'll go to St. Helens Senior Center at 375 South 15th Street in St. Hel-

ens. Randy will bring in the sound at 11 and we'll play for the public from 1 - 4. The Center will have a fundraiser with a \$5.00 spaghetti plus the trimmings luncheon. Everyone come and have some fun and help the senior center.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 2, 3, and 4. This is the First Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest!! It's at Hood River Middle School at 17th and May Streets in Hood River! For more information go to the website: http://www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com/

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

- March
15 Meeting, Potluck, Jam and Election Winchester Bay 11 a.m., 12 and 1 p.m.
April
19 Jam, no Potluck Winchester Bay 1-4 p.m.
25 Spring Fling Heritage Place, Bandon 6:30-8:30 p.m.
May

- March
7 Tanner Springs Assisted Living West Linn
9 Lake Oswego Adult Center Lake Oswego
April
20 St Helens Senior Center St. Helens
May
2, 3, 4 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

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March
 22 Jam and Potluck Central Grange
 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
April
 19 Jam and Potluck Central Grange
 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
May
 5 Jam Lebanon Moose 10:30-4 p.m.

Our January meeting took place on the 19th at Central Grange. Among the things discussed was the possibility of moving the meetings and jams around to different venues to make it easier for some of the members from the northern end of the district to attend. Also, Ken Luse reported on the possibility of forming an affiliation with the Shedd to encourage and educate people about Old Time Fiddle Music. The staff at the Shedd Performing Arts Center seemed interested. A nominations committee was formed with Mark Ratzlaff as Chair.

Our condolences go out the Hawkins family on the passing of Betty Hawkins. She was a long-time member of the Old Time Fiddlers of District 6.

Our February meeting and elections of officers will not take place until after the Hoedowner deadline, so I will report on that in the next newsletter.

Our March meeting, jam and potluck will be on March 22nd at Central Grange, 87200 Central Road, Eugene, OR 97403. It will be from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Hope to see you there.

For those of you who are planning on attending the State Convention in Rickreall in April, Lew Holt said that he thought the RV parking would still be the same as last year. If 50 or more parked the fee would still be \$10 per night and there would be hookups

Bernie Charlebois's jam on February 12th was well attended. There were 29 musicians signed up and 83 people in attendance.

Other jams: Wayne Carpenter hosts a jam on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m.- 4p.m. at Jasper Grange, with the ladies of the Grange cooking the lunch for a nominal fee. He also hosts a jam on the

fourth Thursday of the month at Jasper and that is a potluck. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck on the second Tuesday of the month 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: Wayne Carpenter 3/1, Ed Sather 3/4, Curly Roberts 3/11, Andy Kennedy 3/13, Buck Milligan 3/13, Bernie Charlebois 3/18, Susie Milligan 3/20, John Parsons 3/12.

Anniversaries: Ed and Dorothy Sather 3/14, Sal and Darlene Fiducia 3/15, Alan and Carol Ede 3/17, and Wayne and Annie Carter 3/30.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

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a.m. Please attend as we will be electing officers. The meeting will be followed by a potluck at noon and a jam session from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come on over to the coast.

Cheery day of naissance and nuptials to all those who March to a different beat.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter



Ken Cartwright/Luthier

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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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March		
16	Irish Stew dinner	Keizer Senior Center
22	Jam	McMinnville Grange
April		
10-12	State Convention	Rickreall
May		
3	Jam	Dallas Civic Center

February 16th many of us gathered at McMinnville Senior Center. We made several important decisions at the meeting before the jam. Voted to buy a smaller trailer for our sound system. We have a buyer for the larger trailer. Discussed our duties as host district for the OOTFA convention. Discussed locations for future jams.

New officers were elected as follows: Chairman: Lew Holt, Co-Chair: Darlene Bryant, Secretary: Marie Cunningham, Treasurer and Membership: Wally Case. Many thanks to last year's officers, Darlene Bryant, Marie Bairly and especially Christine Lang who served as Secretary for 6 years! Thanks Wally for continuing as Treasurer.

The jam was great fun, as usual. Alan Ede, District 6, and Tammy and Keven Snelling, and Bob Huffman, District 7 joined us. We had 26 signed up to play or sing, and a great audience of listeners and dancers. Dennis Brutke's 93 year old mother sang along with him. We welcomed charter member Harriett Modrell and her daughter Joy Rohrer from Garibaldi.

A group of us played at Colonial Gardens on the 14th. Residents and their families had a lovely Valentine's Day brunch, while we played for their entertainment. We heard many comments on how much they enjoyed the music. An employee told me that one lady never talks, but that day she was singing along with the music. That gave me a nice warm feeling. Music can reach people sometimes, when nothing else does.

Leanne Webb's father passed away December. Our condolences to Leanne and Larry. Jeanie Hascall has had several medical appointments in Portland. She will be having bone repair surgery. Best wishes from all of us Jeanie, for a speedy recovery.

Dates for your calendars: Sunday, March 16th, Keizer Senior Center. This is their annual Irish Stew Dinner. We always enjoy the day there, having dinner and playing for the dancers. The center is at the corner of Plymouth and Cherry St.-- a few blocks off the Salem Parkway.

Saturday, March 22, McMinnville GRANGE HALL. The grange is on Old

Sheridan Road, at the south end of McMinnville. If you come north on Hwy 99W go straight across the intersection with Hwy 18. If you come through McMinnville, turn right at the last light. The grange is on the left.

As the host district for the OOTFA convention, we'll be furnishing finger food for early arrivals on Wednesday. If you can bring something, please call Darlene Bryant. There will be other duties as well. I know you'll all help where you can.

On May 3rd, we'll play in Dallas at the Civic Center Auditorium. It's on the south end of the city on Jefferson St. And of course the OOTFA contest is in May at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"?

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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 Reporter: Julia Milleson 541-573-2770

March		
9	Jam and Election of Officers	Senior Center
14	Aspens	7 p.m.
17	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

As we head into March -- and the "wearin' of the green" -- we're all hoping for warmer weather.

We welcome new associate members Florence Krueger, Phyllis Comere, Anna Sloan, Roy Hair and Rosie Duron.

Also Dennis and Donna Townsend, who have played with us for a while, and Eric Guthrie. Eric is a beginning fiddler and has only been playing about a month. He made his debut at out February Senior Center potluck and jam doing "Boil Them Cabbage Down". Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley was once again a guest as the roads are good for traveling. We missed her.

Marianne Andrews has a beauti-

ful purple and gold banjo made by local musician Dorman Miller. She bought it to play and sing "Oh Suzanna". She also did "Simple Gifts" on her fiddle.

Ron Jahns dropped by and did some fancy guitar picking, which is always a treat.

Paul Hyland occasionally gives up the card playing to play guitar and sing.

Glad to have Joan Suther back safe and sound from Kenya Africa and when she isn't off on her job in Arizona or Portland we get to hear her great singing.

Janet Brayman's folks, Allan and Pauline, hosted a recent jam at their place out by the airport. Had a nice crowd even with nasty roads.

Cards have been signed for

Linda Borelli (cancer treatment), Lloyd Louie with recent surgery and some time in the hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We've had a planning meeting for our June Jamboree- a little change in dates this year as it will be Wednesday through Friday, June 11-13. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NOTE: Election of officers will be held March 9th at 3:30 following our regular potluck and jam at the Senior Center. Please plan to attend and vote for your new officers.

Aspens will be Friday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Ashley Manor is the following Monday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m..

Remember Daylight Saving Time begins on March 9th.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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We had a good turnout for our February meeting and Jam. And, we elected officers for the coming year.

We're renting the Buckaroo Barn for a few months to see how it goes. It's a very large building and a very small stage, but we made do, and everyone had a good time.---

We had some guests, Shasta Ray, and two ladies with him. He played guitar and sang. He's a beautiful singer. The ladies were a bit shy to get up there, but,

one at a time, they did, and sang with Shasta harmonizing.

(I didn't get the ladies' names). He moved here a few monthes ago from the Midwest. Hope to see them again.---

Thanks to everyone that brought the good food for the potluck.----

Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all that had them, and to those that are under the weather, get well soon.

Our next potluck at noon, and jam 1 p.m. will be March 8th at the Buckaroo

Barn in Winchester. Even though the Convention at Rickreall is the same time as our jam April 12th, we'll still have a meeting at 11 a.m, potluck at noon and jam at 1 p.m. So, all of you that don't go to the convention, hope to see you at the meeting, potluck and jam, April 12th.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

A big thank you for the contest donations this month - generous donations from Dale Emery, Alice McDowell and Districts 6, 7 and 8. (I reported district 1 last month.) Way to go gang. A big hearty thanks from Starr, Amy and Lew and all the contestants.

The Gaston contest was a success again this year. The contest results appear at the end of Hoedowner. Speaking of contests - note that Starr McMullen and her gang will be holding the Willamette Valley Contest in Corvallis again this year the first Saturday in August, August 2nd. Starr would like to encourage you to participate in this fun contest at the Benton Co. Fair.

Moments from the past: A week ago I looked to the back of the senior center in Canby and in walked Carl Van Hoosen. Not many of you will remember him. Carl is 96 years old. He joined OOTFA in 1968. Alice and I first met him in the early 80s at the campout at Martha's. Carl is a retired barber. He would cut our hair in the shade down along the creek. He was one of our early fiddlers. He lived at Yachats. He sends his greetings to all of you.

I couldn't help but think about changes in OOTFA when I saw the three lady judges at the Gaston Contest. Compiling the history of OOTFA and of the contests over the years, I noticed that there were no lady fiddlers in the early years in our association - let alone lady judges. My how times have changed.

Some convention chatter: If you are driving up I-5 from the South, you can take the exit to Corvallis and go north on 99W 20 miles to Rickreall. The Polk County Fairgrounds are on the right just before you get to Rickreall. Or take one of the several exits from I-5 (Exit 253 or Exit 256) into Salem, working your way across town to Hwy 22 crossing the bridge over the Willamette River and then continuing on to the junction of Hwy 22 and Hwy 99 north of Rickreall.

Exit right, go under the overpass, turn right at the stop sign, go through town and the fairgrounds are just across the bridge on your left.

We can't stress enough the importance of your bringing your RV to the convention. RV parking is only \$10 which includes electric hook ups. We need 50 RVs parked so we can get the fairgrounds at a lower rate. Please, please bring your RV even if you only live a few miles away -- we need them to meet our quota.

There will be a cafeteria open starting Thursday noon. It is just off the main hall. It will open during the convention.

Please, please, buy your banquet tickets in March. Don't wait until the convention because we have to turn in a count by April 4 so the caterer can order the meat. Specify your choice of beef or chicken. Your tickets will be held for you at the convention where you can pick them up.

Friday night we'll have our show for the paying public. Participation in this show is by invitation only. District chairmen will furnish the names of two fiddlers from their districts and Fred and Lew will create a show around these names (filling in with specials). We will be featuring many of our young fiddlers. The 6:30 on stage jam Friday night will be just the young people. Amy will have young fiddlers on stage from 6:30 to 7:00 on Friday night. It was one of the most popular features of our show last year.

We'll have sign up jams Wednesday and Thursday nights. They will be open for all of us. Of course the district dance bands Saturday night after the banquet. Your district chairman has the schedule. Although the convention doesn't officially start until Thursday, the crafts building will be open Wednesday morning for us "early birds." District 8 will have snacks and coffee all-day and there will be jamming all day.

OOTFA History Book Two will be available at the state convention. There are 378 pages of newspaper articles and photos.

You are encouraged to buy a copy.

Banquet tickets again: Tickets for 11 and older are \$11.95. Tickets for 5 through 10 are \$6.00. Children 5 and under are free. Specify how many tickets and whether each ticket is for beef or chicken. Make checks to OOTFA and mail them so they arrive before April 7. Mail your requests and checks to Fred Hardin, P.O. Box 1, Dallas, OR 97338

Motels: Courtesy Inn 270 N. Pacific Ave. (Hwy 99) Monmouth, OR 97361 Ph: (503) 838-4438. Be sure to mention that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Dallas - Riverside Inn & Suites 517 Main St. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph: (503)623-8163. Say you are from OOTFA

Best Western - Dallas Inn & Suites 250 Orchard Dr. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph 503-623-6000. For reservations call 1-800-528-1234 Say you are from OOTFA

Directions: From Salem to Dallas, take Hwy 22 West. After crossing under the Hwy 99W overpass, turn left at the sign for Dallas. Go approximately 5 miles. Best Western - turn right at the intersection of Ellendale Road and Hwy 223 - at the traffic light.

The Riverside Inn - in Dallas - the same except at the light at the top of the hill in Dallas, turn left or south onto Main St. or towards "down town Dallas" for approximately half mile to the bottom of the hill.

The motel in Monmouth is 4 miles south of the fairgrounds on Hwy 99.

RV parking. This year there will be signs for RV parking which will direct us away from the front parking. It is good business to save that parking for our "paying customers."

We think we have every thing covered, so we look forward to seeing you April 10 -12 or on Wednesday the 9th if you come early.

Lew



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State Calendar

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

7 John Day Fiddle Contest Grant County
Fairgrounds
11-14 State Quarterly Meeting Burns
16-21 Weiser National Fiddle Contest Weiser

July/August

July 31 LeGrande Fiddle Contest Union County
Fairgrounds
July 31, August 1-3 Diamond Lake Campout
Diamond Lake
August 2 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fairgrounds
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:

Henry & Maria Herwig..... West Linn
Lois Jackson Eugene
Jim Hobbs Eugene
Dwight Anderson & Judith Mathis Springfield
Lloyd Anderson Eugene
Kitty Jolly Eugene
Rosie Duron Burns
Florence Kruger Hines
Harold & Sharon Thompson Glide
Marty & Kate Davis Medford
Vess & Ruby Mills Medford
Roy & Elva Schnurr Medford
Leslie Van Dorn Grants Pass
Steve & Cindy Wheeler Medford
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