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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION

ATTENTION!!!!

SORRY, I GOOFED!!!!!!!!!!!!

At the convention, we voted in new officers for the next term and we did not follow the bylaws correctly in voting for Vice President. The bylaw reads: 'ARTICLE IV Section 1. President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer must be elected by SECRET ballot if TWO (2) or more names are placed in nomination for an office.'

There were two (2) nominees for the office of Vice President, Judy McGarvy and Bob Ervin. Because the vote was invalid, there will be a special meeting in Burns to rectify this. It will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 13th, 2008.

Hal Weiner and Sharon Gallagher ran unopposed, so Hal will be your new President for next year and Sharon will remain as your Treasurer.

The Bill Yooley award went to Les Tucker, from Woodburn and the Homer Mclain award went to Jo Harris. The two new names receiving the Distinguished Service Award were Bob Huffman and Irene Ruddock.

The convention was well attended, although there were not quite as many as last year. I'm sure the high fuel prices had something to do

with that. Everyone who attended had a good time and the banquet was great. I wish to thank everyone who pitched in and helped with all the work. It really went fast and no one person had to do it all. Didn't have any glitches until yours truly goofed up the election.

Again, thanks for all your hard work to make a great convention.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

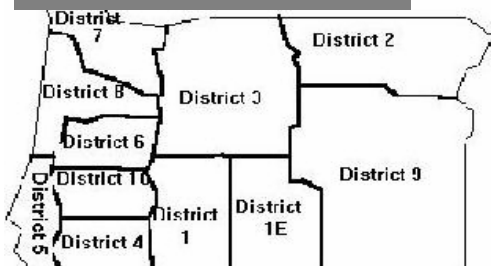
## From the Editor Emeritus:

The party is over but the memory lingers on -- what a great convention. It could only be great because of all the great people that attended. Others may write of the specifics but I just want to say what a great bunch of people all of you are. We can do all the planning we want but never know if we will have an audience. We almost had too many. We sold over 400 tickets and had many OOTFA members so we must have had an audience of between 500 and 600. I stood by the front entrance as the audience left, shook hands and heard many fine comments about the show.

Here is a letter I received from a tour group leader -- kind of nice when we received a check for 29 people.

Hi Lew, Our group loved the show on Friday evening! Thank-you so much for the seating you saved for us, everyone was so thankful to be right there in front. The staff there was so helpful and seemed happy to see us. We loved it, and everyone wants to come back again. Thanks again, we'll be in touch, hopefully

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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 kind of music".

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Well. it's spring now, and the weather had some good days, and some bad ones. I have heard so many stories of how much snow we had here in Oregon. It gave the fiddlers lots of time to jam inside where it was warm. We have had good turnouts at the retirement homes this past month. The new instrument trailer we bought this winter is sure a vast improvement over the old one. I know John Northcraft sure appreciates the help loading and unloading it, and we want to thank him for hauling it around for us. So, now the old trailer is going up for sale. We are asking \$100 for it, and it does have a waterproof cover. You can call Bonser or Northcraft.

Cleaning out the locker at Villa West turned out to be quite a chore; sure was a lot of stuff in there,

which filled up John's pickup with some special packing.

Our first meeting of the month will be held in the Shasta Community Center from now on. It was nice of Irene and Jerry to have us all out to there place for the first meeting of the month, being that the Shasta hall was in use. We had a good turnout, almost thirty of us, with some good-sounding music. We know you were getting ready to head up to Rickreall the very next morning – so, from all of us a very big thank you.

We elected new officers for next July. They will be: John Northcraft, Chairman; Ann Bonser, Co-Chairman; and, Bud Ullman, Secretary and Treasurer. I am sure that all of our members are thankful that our club leaders spend so much time on our behalf.

At the time of writing, most members will be planning to attend the State convention at Rickreall. I'm sure several members are watching the price of gas, for that will be a big concern for us here in the southern end of the state. Then the Silver Lake Campout will be coming up this month, and fuel cost will be a concern for members from the north end of the state. The Silver Lake Campout will be May 1-4.

May Anniversaries – Congratulations to: Al and Thelma Nelson; John and Patti Northcraft; Fay and Isom Patterson.

May Birthdays: Lois Tucker, Lu Wells, Cherie Lane, Darleth Rodgers, Sheila Fry, Jake Swartwood, and Phil Fulbright.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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Hi. Boy, did we have a good time at Rickeall or what! If you didn't git a enough playing time in it was your own fault.

In addition to the dates noted above, we play at the Sen-

ior Center every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. camping and a good time.

We would like to thank Larry McLain, every one that helped to put the for Bev Perry, Reporter, District 1E convention on. It was the best from start to end. Had good music, food,

<i>May</i>		
2	Packer's Clinic Fairgrounds	4-5 p.m.
3	Packer's Clinic Fairgrounds	5-6 p.m.
4	Potluck and Jam Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
11	Mother's Day Sr. Dance & Jam Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
15	Gig Shasta View Retirement Home	1:30-2:30 p.m.
15	Gig Linkville ent Home	3-4 p.m.

<i>April</i>		
22	Nursing Home Gig	10:30 a.m. – noon
<i>May</i>		
5	Nursing Home Gig	10:30 a.m. – noon
20	Nursing Home Gig	10:30 a.m. – noon



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Our last show was April 6 at the VFW Hall. Thanks to our musicians, everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon of good music and dancing. We had one visitor, Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley, District 1E

There was no business meeting.

The District needs a few

willing members to step forward and volunteer to serve as officers for next year. You need to do this soon as the new year starts July 1 and we need to elect new officers before then. Requirements are: Must be a member of the District for at least one year. You don't have to play an instrument to serve.

May God bless those who

are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday / Anniversary to all this month.

Practice at the Redmond Library is going well and we have added two more dates, Saturday May 24 and Saturday June 21.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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<i>May</i>			
3 Jam	Live Oak Grange	Rogue River	
<i>June</i>			
7 Jam	Fruitdale Grange	Grant's Pass	

Don and I just got home from the State convention at Rickreall. What An Event. The hall for the Friday night Show was full: standing room only. About 30 children who played violin were so good. What a site -- the new generation of fiddlers is on its way. Also our two fiddlers at the Friday show -- Gene Williams and Lee Ferguson -- did great.

Our new president is Hal Weiner; our new vice president is Bob Ervin.

I want to thank everyone from District 3 and 4 that helped man the raffle table. We were busy most of the time. We had seven tables FULL of wonderful raffle prizes. We had seven instruments: four violins; one old potato mandolin with a really old case; one dulcimer with beautiful engraving; and, one guitar..

District 4 did a GREAT job supporting the State Convention with about 26 people and perhaps 14 musicians in attendance. Jim Winslow and Dotty had planned on coming but Jim was ill. Get well soon Jim.

I also want to thank Chuck & Pat Gates, Bob and Earlene Ervin, Elizabeth Davis, Colleen Hodges, and Don Johnson for the awesome job of getting the raffle prizes out to the winners.

Don held our April Business meeting; it was a short one. The lunch had plenty of food and deserts. The jam started at one p.m.; Don announced all the players As Don ( Grumpy ) Kimmel was at home being a nurse to a very ill Ruthie. She has been in all our prayers. The Grange hall was full of listeners and dancers enjoying lots of good music. After we got home

from Rickreall we discovered Grumpy was in the hospital with kidney stones. PAIN !!! Hope he gets well soon.

We thank Scott and Lola for volunteering to work together as our membership " people " Working together gets things done .

Bea Johnson, District 4 Reporter



**District 5**

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What a great convention!! We had a great turnout from our District with 23 members attending. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success, especially Lew Holt and Fred Hardin.

At the election Hal Weiner from our district was elected President and Sharon Gallagher Secretary/Treasurer.

Since the cut-off for the Hoedowner is before our April jam, check next month's issue to see what happened. Our next jam will be in Winchester Bay on June 21 from 1- 4:00 p.m.

Our Coos County nursing home schedule runs through May 28. The Florence group will continue

to play at the Elderberry Nursing home as long we have musicians who are available.

Here is our summer schedule  
 July 5, Saturday, Bullards Park, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 July 10, Thursday, Sunset Bay, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or later  
 July 18, Friday, Bullards, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 July 19, Saturday, NACO, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
 August 9, Saturday, NACO, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
 August 14-17, Thurs-Sunday, camp-out at Winchester Bay  
 August 19, Tuesday, Sunset Bay 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 August 23, Saturday, Oregon Council for the Blind, Sunset Bay, noon

**May**

11 Rhododendron Sunday, Mothers' Day Shore Acres Gazebo 1:00-3:00 p.m.

17 Jam, no potluck Winchester Bay 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**June**

6 Jam Sunset Bay 6:30-7:30 p.m.

14 Coos-Curry Electric annual mtg Coquille Community Bldg

Time TBA

21 Jam Winchester Bay jam 1-4:00 p.m.

27 Jam Bullards Park 6:30-8:00 p.m.

August 29, Friday, Bullards, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We may be asked to play at the Fair again, in late July, and there may be other random gigs. Add in Burns, Weiser, Diamond Lake and LaPine, other campouts and parties and it will be summer filled with music and camaraderie. If there are any of these that we need to cut for any reason, please contact Mapril or our new chairman, Ruth Weyer.

Happy May Flowers to those were hatched or hitched in May.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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If you missed hearing Eileen Walter's fiddle students play on KBOO on Saturday April 5, you really missed a good one. With Jeff Walter backing them up, the kids all stepped up and played their best. The grown-ups all praised each one for having done a great job. It was a wonderful program! The future of fiddling in the State of Oregon is in really good hands!

The Convention at Rickreall was great! Good fun, good fellowship, good food, good workshops, good raffle items and everything else. Terrific!

The time has come to consider serving as an officer of District 7. You don't have to be a musician and it doesn't take a lot of time. Elections will be at the June - Estacada Jam, so think about it! Then take your turn.

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: <http://www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com/>

Friday May 9, we are invited back to Deerfield Retirement Living from 1:45 to 3:00 at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie. Mary Jorgensen is our contact and her cell is 503-653-4064.

Sunday May 18, we'll have our monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the right. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The

**May**

9 Deerfield Retirement Living

Milwaukie

18 Corbett Grange

Corbett

**June**

6 Tanner Springs

West Linn

8 Estacada Senior Center

Estacada

27 Cherry Wood Village More info to come

28 Sternwheeler Days, Cascade Locks More info to come

**July**

12 Scholls Community Church

Scholls

Grange is on the left.

Friday June 6 at 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 June 8th 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 public.

Linda A. Easley, for Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

.....She walked on while all about her pieces of old songs and warm rain fell.....

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Attention: In the last Hoedowner I listed the May jam as being on May 5th. That was incorrect. It is on Sunday May 4th at the Lebanon Moose, 4070 S. Santiam Hwy., Lebanon OR 97355. The ladies of the Moose will be cooking the lunch, and can they cook! The lodge is south of Lebanon on Hwy. 34 toward Sweet Home, about a mile past Wal-Mart on the right.

I wish to extend MANY thanks to all who worked so very hard to make the State convention such a success. A special thank you to Lew Holt and Fred Hardin for their hard work.

Our condolences go out to two fiddle families this month. First to the family of Don Snyder. He passed the first week of March and he will be missed. Second, to the family of "Buck" Milligan. Buck passed on Easter Sunday, March 23 at the age of 95.

There will be a Memorial Jam for Buck Milligan on Saturday May 3rd at the Jasper Grange, 36785 Jasper-Lowell Road, Jasper, OR 97438. The jam will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. A memorial service will start at 2:00 p.m. and

feature special music by the Booher Family. Lunch, prepared by the ladies of the grange, will cost \$6.00, with proceeds going to the grange. NOTE: This is not a regular OOTFA jam, but is hosted by Wayne Carpenter; electrified instruments are permitted. Call Bernie Roberts if there are any questions at 541-689-5764 or e-mail him at [beroberts@comcast.net](mailto:beroberts@comcast.net).

Mark your calendars for the "Relay For Life" jam on May 17th at the Jasper Grange from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served from 12-3 p.m. for \$6.00. Tickets will be sold so you can eat at your convenience. Oral Robbins, who is part of "Hal's Team", tells me that the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Would you like to learn how to play the fiddle and need help getting started? District 6 is planning practice sessions for beginning fiddlers ONLY. For information please call Ila Mae Carmickle, at 541-683-9514, or Darla Knudsen, at 541-998-2064.

Looking ahead, the annual District 6 jam at the Lane County Fair will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Au-

gust 13. As we are last on the program, the actual jam runs longer than the scheduled one hour. Other districts are invited to attend.

Other jams: The first Saturday of the month Wayne Carpenter hosts a jam at Jasper grange from 11a.m.-4 p.m.. The ladies of the grange cook the lunch for a nominal fee. The fourth Thursday of the month Wayne also hosts a jam and potluck at Jasper. Bernie Charlebois hosts a jam and potluck the second Tuesday of the month at Central grange from 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.. The Friday night jams are the first Friday at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. They are from 7:00 -10:30 p.m., and are finger-food potlucks.

Birthdays: Annie Carter 5/5, Jackie Parsons 5/19, Marcella Lenninger 5/23 and Lynn Nelson.

Anniversaries: Andy and Ruth Kennedy 5/6; Norm and Irene Oleman 5/16; Zane and Phyllis Coffin 5/18; and Don and Ruth Loring 5/31.

Darla Knudsen, District 6 Reporter

**From the Editor**

**District 9's Janet Brayman** writes: The High Desert Fiddlers once again invite OOTFA to join us for three days of musical fun at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns, Oregon. For 2008, the jamboree will run Wednesday through Friday, June 11 - 13. You are welcome to arrive on Tuesday and stay thru Saturday night. The OOTFA State board meeting will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m. We will have a couple of buildings open for jamming on Saturday as well. The early start this year is due to a conflict of dates with the Great Basin Highland Games and Scottish Gathering.

We are cooperatively sharing the fairgrounds and staying with our schedule of the weekend just prior to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. Next year we will be back on track because June 1st won't be on a Sunday! The remodel of the main hall is complete and electrical work has been completed for about 30 RV parking spaces. Overnight parking is \$15 for hookups and \$10 for dry camping. You might find yourself parked in a different location than previous years.

We're planning for two shows each day plus workshops as well as the alternate buildings available for jamming. Other activities on Saturday include horse cutting, a 4-H dog show, a rock show, the Scottish Gathering and Pioneer Day but Wednesday thru Friday is all Jamboree! Info at [www.highdesertfiddlers.com](http://www.highdesertfiddlers.com) or 541-573-1323.

**Marty Davis, of Medford**, writes: "I want to hire a young fiddle player to work with me at some fairs in Washington and Oregon this summer. I need someone who can play by ear and is talented. He does not have to be great but I want a player that is pretty good and outgoing. I prefer a boy as I don't want to travel and share a room with a girl.

This won't be big pay but all expenses will be covered and a small wage. There will be lots of exposure for whomever is interested. On stage playing is the best way to progress. I have had a number of young players in past years that have won state and national contests at Weiser. Randy Sloan when he was 12 and Loretta Brank when she was 14. They are contemporaries of Mark O'Connor."

If interested, check out Marty's website at [www.thelegendofthepioneers.com](http://www.thelegendofthepioneers.com), which lists this summer's performance schedule. Marty can be contacted at [DAVIS-BEAR@aol.com](mailto:DAVIS-BEAR@aol.com).

**Anyone interested in this one?** The official Kentucky State Championship Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be held July 18-19 at Rough River Dam State Resort Park Falls, Rough, Kentucky with 16 categories and prizes of \$5,300. More info can be found at [kentuckyfiddler.com](http://kentuckyfiddler.com).

Joe

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*May*  
*3 Jam Dallas Civic Center*  
*June*  
*7 Picnic at Hardin's Place Dallas*

The big news to report this month is the OOTFA convention at Rickreall. And wow! Was it ever a good one! Good weather, good friends, good food, good music, what more could we ask. The show Friday night was fantastic, with musicians of all ages. The house was packed. Mellissa and Trevor Whitaker played the National Anthem. Raymond Goesser played during the show and several others from district 8 played in the kids pre-show jam. Trevor wowed the audience with his Orange Blossom Special finale!

The banquet caterers were students from Dallas High School. They prepared a superb meal for us.

Our own Les Tucker was presented the Bill Yohey memorial award for back up musicians. Way to go Les! You earned it!

Thanks to Peg Tucker and Darlene Bryant for keeping us supplied with coffee and food on Wednesday and all the generous people from Districts 7 and 8 who brought finger food. Also thanks to everyone else who helped in so many ways. I

believe OOTFA to be the most cooperative organization I've ever belonged to. When something needs to be done everyone pitches in to help. Thanks!

Now going back a little, we had a couple playing dates that were after the April Hoedowner deadline. March 20th some of us played at the Woodburn Senior Estates coffee hour, and got \$50 for the district. We heard lots of positive comments afterward.

March 22nd we had a jam at the McMinnville Grange. Twenty four musicians played in the sign up jam. Several others played in the opening jam. Three of our scholarship students played. Brian Stiner on fiddle (he's playing like a pro now). Chase Dougherty and Omar Perras, both guitar students of Dale Colebank played. Both showed their skills at picking a tune as well as chording Les Tucker brought the sound equipment in our new, more compact trailer. It's going to be much easier to manage in the coming years.

Marie Cunningham and Jeanne Hascall are both doing well after surgery.

Marie is playing her guitar again. Jeanne will take a little more time to heal. Hope everyone has recovered from the sore throats, coughs, and other cold symptoms that have been plaguing us.

May 3rd, Saturday, we're playing in Dallas at the Civic Center on S.E. Jefferson St. near the corner of Jefferson and Court. There is a parking lot across the street, and some parking next to the center.

Our annual OOTFA Fiddle Contest is again at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Hope you can all come to play or listen and enjoy the contest. See directions in Lew's Editor Emeritus column.

Saturday, June 7th we'll have our district picnic at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's new home. It's only a block from the other house and we'll provide directions to get there next month.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

**District 9**

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Anita and Russ Hunt of Summerville were here to play for the March "gig" at the Aspens. Anita is Joe and Mickey Enneberg's daughter. Ron Jahns also played that evening Donna Toesend, Janet Brayman, and Julia Milleson were late as it was also dress rehearsal night for the Chamber Music Society concert.

John Davis from Princeton was at a recent jam and played a mouth organ - or is it a Jew's harp or juice harp? Anyway it was nice to have him come in and join us. Mark Sullivan, a guitar player and singer was visiting his mother at the Aspens and we finally talked him into doing some numbers with us. Hopefully he'll join us again.

Ruel and Margaret Teague arrived home in a snow storm but didn't bring any of that warm Arizona weather with them. Ruel, Billie Lanier, Janet

Brayman, Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson entertained for a large crowd at Mr. Dent's birthday party. Margaret Bailey, who was a former neighbor, was here from Klamath Falls for the party and visiting with friends. Before her job move, she had come to a few of our jams with her fiddle.

Janet Brayman's cousin Toni and Tim from Tualatin were visiting at a recent jam. We also signed a card for her uncle, John Asmus, whose wife, Gerrie, had just passed away. John did some of his recitations at our jams when they were visiting from Idaho.

Others receiving cards were LeWanda Williams, for surgery; Wayne Johnson, for cataract surgery; and Madelyn Hendersen on the death of her husband, Edwin.

Dennis and Donna Townsend

brought a guest, Marsha, to one of our jams. She was here for the Water Fowl Festival. Dennis has been invited to play in the week-long festival in Juneau, Alaska. Donna will go if there is an opening but, if not, will spend time visiting relatives in Washington. Beside playing his twelve string guitar and singing, Dennis also played a mountain dulcimer, the piano and even a couple of fiddle tunes at a recent jam.

Joan Suther and Marie Jarreau Danner are teaming up for a performance on April 26th at the Nazarine church. Marie is a local musician who composes some of her own songs which she plays on the guitar and sings. She has been doing solo work around town and at the Library and Aspens. This should be a very good show.

Hey, it's great to have news to report, and not have to rack my brain trying to fill a small column!

Spring is coming isn't it?

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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Chairman: Don Ham- May 10

Meeting, Jam and Potluck Buckaroo Barn 11 a.m.

We didn't have a potluck and jam in April, as most of us went to the Convention at Rickreall. Friday and Saturday were beautiful days for the convention, jamming inside and out. The Friday night show went very well.

There was standing room only. I think there were about 500 people. The Saturday night dance went well too. We were second to last to play, but it gave us a chance to do some dancing.

From the Editor Emeritus:

we can come see you guys another time this fall. Jim, Homeland Tours

I want to thank Don Hannah for his generous donation to the contest. Thanks to Districts 3, 4 and 10 for their very much appreciated donations. Did I mention Gayl Ratigan last month? If not, thanks Gayl. And a thanks to all of you who worked so hard stacking chairs, sweeping, setting up. Rhea you did a great job getting us ready for the banquet! Did you know that Don and Ruth Loring have attended every convention since the first one. They are the only ones.

It is contest time May 16, 17, 2008 CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FRIDAY, May 16, 2008

1:00. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE

2:30 Short judges' meeting
3:00 Sr-Sr Division Round one
3:45 Senior Division Round one
6:00. Judges and Contestants Meeting
7:00 Contest begins

Sr-Sr Division Final Round (cut to five)

Twin Fiddle Division (One Round)

Senior Division Final Round (cut to five)

9:30 Awards - Sr-Sr, Senior and Twin Fiddle

There's a few people here that have been under the weather -- hope everyone is up and around soon.

Today some of us gathered at Bob Hanson's for a birthday party for Chuck Hastey, who is "91" years young. The guys jammed in the living room and the ladies chatted in the kitchen, and all had cake and ice cream---Hope everyone else who had birthdays

SATURDAY, May 17, 2008

8:30 Judges' meeting with contestants

On stage jam (All fiddlers and back-up)

8:45 CONTEST BEGINS

Young Adult Division (Round 1)
Adult Division (Round 1)
Junior Division (Round 1)
Open Division (Round 1)

Lunch Break

1:00 Pee Wee Division (One round)
Jr-Jr Division (Round 1)
Open Division (Round 2)

Pee Wee Awards

Dinner Break

7:00 Contest Begins

Jr-Jr Division (Finals)
Young Adult Division (Finals)
Adult Division (Finals)
Junior Division (Finals)
Open Division (Finals)

AWARDS

(Note -- Schedule subject to change.) One round for the Pee Wees, one round for Twin Fiddle Div., three rounds for Open Div. Two rounds for all other divisions.

Some simple rules -- must be a member of OOTFA, resided in Oregon at least 6 months prior to the contest, 4 minute time limit, tunes must be a hoedown, waltz, and tune of choice. Up to 3 back up, no amplified instruments, see our website for more details.

But most of all, you are en-

and anniversaries had happy ones.

We will have a MEETING at 11 a.m., potluck at noon, and jam at 1 p.m. May 10th at the Buckaroo Barn in Winchester.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

couraged to preregister. Not only that but you will save \$3.00. Send you pre-registration to me, Lew Holt 1625 19th St. NE Salem, OR 97301 or to LewHolt@aol.com. All I need is your division, name, address, phone number, email address and if you are not a member, then \$20.00 for your 2008 membership. I would like to have your preregistration by May 10 so please don't put it off.

The contest will be at the Chemeketa CC in Salem on May 16 and 17. DIRECTIONS TO THE CONTEST: From I-5 take Exit 256 (Market St.), turn east on Market (away from downtown) Go to Lancaster Ave. turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Continue on Lancaster to Winema Place about .3 of a mile. Turn right on Winema and Building 50 is a block in on the left.

RV parking is available. Contact me for motel information. We need volunteers to work a variety of ships. Care to volunteer? Cash prizes and trophies will be the same as last year.

Lew





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## State Calendar

### 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:

Larry & Elizabeth Olsen & Family, Kodiak, AK  
Raymond & Kathleen Brown, Harrisburg  
Richard & Shirley Roynon, Springfield  
Arthur & Janet Choate, Springfield  
Felix Tse, Portland  
Rex & Marilyn Kropf, Brownsville  
Lyn & Bev Myers, Silverton  
Heather Stroup, Lebanon  
Sherman & Jacque Taylor, Malin  
James & Lisa Phillips, Ontario  
Dawna Fae Bradley, Rogue River  
Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chair



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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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