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Greetings From your President

Hopefully you will all be celebrating a Happy Valentine's Day with your favorite sweetheart.

I would like to thank District 10 for hosting our Winter Board Meeting on January 10, 2009. We tried our first meeting via conference call with District 1 and 7 participating via the phone. We had a few glitches, but I believe that this will be a great way to enable District's which cannot attend in person to participate in our Board meetings.

We are starting to plan for our Annual Convention to be held at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall on April 8,9,10 and 11. Lew Holt and Fred Hardin have agreed to be in charge of the Friday night performance. Thanks Lew and Fred! Each district should select their two best fiddlers and send their selections to Lew Holt no later than March 1. In addition,

you can send an non-fiddler recommendation, but the selection of those special acts will be at the discretion of Lew and Fred.

You should also be thinking about your donation for the raffle table. This year, please only bring high quality, excellent condition items that you would be proud to bring back home with you. Handcrafted items such as quilts, afghans and woodwork, musical related items, baskets of goodies, and instruments are always a good donation. In addition each district is asked to bring two or three floral arrangements for the Saturday

night banquet.

Because of other commitments, I will NOT be running for OOTFA office next year. The election for officers will be held at our Annual meeting on April 11, 2009. Anyone who is interested in being an officer, please contact your District Chairperson and let them know of your interest, so they can provide your name to the Nominating Committee.

Our State Contest will be held on March 20-21, 2009 at the Chemeketa Auditorium in Salem. The contest is a wonderful opportunity for many young people, and our future Old Time Fiddlers, to participate in a musical event. I urge all Districts and individuals to support the contest through donations. Donations can include instruments that can be raffled or sold.

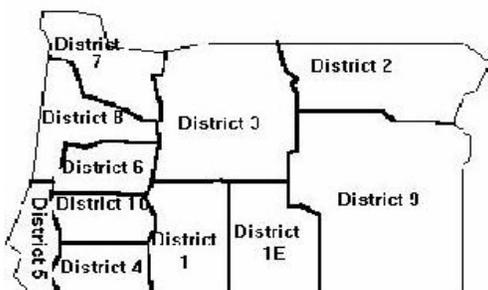
I also am challenging all fiddlers to enter the contest. If I can enter it and win third place, anyone can!! It is good fun, great camaraderie and you might even earn some money!

We have a wonderful venue this year, so let's make 2009 our best attended contest ever.

I will provide more details about the convention, our annual meeting and the contest in next month's Hoedowner. In addition, there will be a few minor clarifications to our By-laws and Standing Rules regarding holding biannual meetings and the contest that will need to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

Keep on plucking and bowing.

Hal



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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February:

1 Meeting and Jam Shasta Community Center 12- 4 p.m
3 Gig Plum Ridge 11 a.m.-12 noon
3 Gig Crystal Terrace 1 - 2 p.m.
7 Practice Luther Square Hall 1:30- 4:30 p.m.
8 Senior Dance and Jam Shasta Community Center (finger food) 12-4 p.m.
14 Practice- Luther Square Hall
19 Gig Shasta View Care Center 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
19 Linkville House 3 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday practices at 7215 So 6th Street have been permanently moved to Luther Square Hall at the corner of Homedale and South 6th street unless we (or they) have to use the hall for their own parties, or have another gig going on. Park in the church parking lot, not the senior center lot, which is reserved for tenants. Practices will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Saturday. If everyone follows the rules we will be able have a great time there; it is a nice place, don't

abuse it.

I called in by phone, and listened to the quarterly OOTFA conference meeting at Roseburg; I think it went very well. There was a hitch when some of the people weren't standing in just the right place, their voice came through very broken. Hal said that could be taken care of. It is a great idea, Hal, for those who cannot actually be there. Thank you Hal.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a

Happy New Year. Bill and Anne Bonser had a few over for New Years day and those attending had a great time playing and visiting. Thank you Bill and Anne.

February birthday wishes go out to: Vivian Burden, Ben Coker, Lynn Foster.

There are no anniversaries this month

Irene Ruddock, acting District 1 Reporter, for Johnny Rodgers

District 3

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February

1 Pine Forest Grange Bend 12:30 - 3:30

Welcome to our new members: Dave and Claudia Campbell and Redmon and Toni Campbell. They are all from Madras, Oregon. When you see them at our next jam, make them feel welcome. .

Bob Says:

“As I write this, it is the fourteenth of January, though it looks and feels like a nice spring day in April or May. Today is predicted to be 59 or 60 and NO wind. This is a welcome relief from the single digits and flooding of a few weeks ago.

The winter quarterly board meeting was held January 10th at Winston. This is a meeting which all district and state officers are expected to attend. Because I was unable to attend, I asked our

vice chairman to go in my place. I am sure Jack Kerr will have a full report when he returns. By the way, our president has said that the by-laws have been updated as 2008. They are available on line. You should be able to download them. As far as I know, there are none printed up, so if you don't have a computer my advice is to contact Hal Weiner. His email and other information is on the front of the Hoedowner.

I am sorry to report Virginia Fraser passed from this world January 5th. She was a long time member of OOTFA and District 3. She and her husband Pat loved to come and dance and never missed when they were able. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. Our condolences go out to Pat and the rest of her family.

Something else to think about is that on the last day of June, Jack Kerr and I will no longer be able to hold office in the District because of the two year term limit in the by-laws. We will be asking for volunteers to fill these two vacancies. I know it is a big responsibility, but you won't be alone. Jack and I will be around to assist in anyway we can. If you think you would like one of these offices, I would be glad to discuss it with you. Maybe I can help.

Our next regular District 3 business meeting will follow the jam on February 1. Hope you are there.”

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

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

From the Editor

Oral Robbins and I drove south to the quarterly meeting at Riverdale Grange in fine weather -- not so usual around here, lately. Riverdale Grange, from a distance, doesn't look like a grange at all, but resembles some grander building. Drawing closer, though, the familiar assemblage of pickups and RVs appears, and, inside the building, the usual friendly welcome, and jammers jamming, waiting for the meeting to begin. One dollar buys an all-day cup of coffee. No wonder I am an Old Time Fiddler

Eileen Walter writes: "Come and have a great time at the second annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest: May 1-3, 2009 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest - Weiser certified - \$4,000 prize money. Hood River Middle School - 602 May Street. Camping on site, vendor booths, workshops with Brian Wickland & others, concerts, jams, food. Two custom instrument raffles fiddle, twin fiddle, entertainment

showcase, and acoustic instrument contest. For more information, go to www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com."

Jeanine Orme wrote Lew and Alice Holt (who passed it on to me): "I wanted to let you know that my new book "Texas-Style Fiddlin' Workshop" is now available. The book features contest style fiddle tunes at an intermediate level. A more complete description can be found at www.melbay.com. Please share this with any fiddlers who you think would be interested.

"The book can be purchased directly from Mel Bay on their web site or from me. To purchase a book from me, send a check for \$24 (includes shipping and a mailer) to: Jeanine Orme 13010 SW Davies Rd. Beaverton, OR 97008"

Joe

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February

7 Jam

Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

March

7 Jam

Live Oak Grange, Rogue River

April

4 Jam

Roxy Ann Grange

District 4

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Because of their remodeling, we didn't have a meeting or a potluck at our Eagle Point monthly jam. The District 4 staff did a great job of informing folks at the last minute, which is when the staff got the word! We still had a good turnout and lots of music. Our program manager Len Ferrara, with the able assistance of Pat Manion and Gene Williams, kept the program moving. It was great to have Jack Kerr visit us again with his great voice and good guitar back up, and as a bonus we get Peggy back, too! We tried an innovative way to involve more of the audience by taking a short break in the middle of the afternoon to do a Virginia Reel. Many participated, and some watched, but all seemed to be smiling! It got the blood flowing!

A small contingent of us attended the quarterly meeting at

Roseburg. What fun to see y'all and join in the good music. The conference call included some who couldn't attend, so they could be a part, too (but they miss out on the music!).

Peggy Hudson is scheduled for shoulder surgery January 16, so she will be out of commission for a while. Get well quick, Peggy.

Nominations are upcoming for state and district offices. If you would like to volunteer, let your officers know, as there are many opportunities to serve. Holidays are over and we have our routine gigs for retirement homes, senior centers, and nursing homes, as well as some special requests.

We played at 12 places this month, in addition to our monthly jam and weekly jammers group. Most of the gigs have been manned by a core group of about 3-6 players,

so we really need more to come out and help. As we said to our playmates, can't you come out and play? Check our District 4 website for schedules, or call one of the staff.

The State Contest is earlier this year, March 20-21. The State Convention is April 9-11. Start making plans to attend - it's a great experience!

Sometimes I feel like Ulysses S. Grant who said: "I only know two tunes. One is

Yankee Doodle, and the other isn't!"

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Judy McGarvey

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February

4	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1:20 p.m.
	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3:00 p.m.
11	gig	Baycrest Memory Care	1:30 p.m.
	gig	Ocean Crest	3:00 p.m.
18	gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1:00 p.m.
21	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1:00 p.m.
25	gig	Hearthside	1:00 p.m.
	gig	Baycrest	2:30 p.m.

The weather has certainly improved since a month ago when I was writing this column. Now let's hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow on Groundhog Day! Did you know the legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish saying, "If Candlemas Day be bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year"? If he sees his shadow there'll be six more weeks of winter and if he doesn't see it spring is just around the corner. There are tiny irises blooming in my garden and the daffodils are starting to peek out above ground. That's a good omen!

There were several District

5 members in attendance at the state quarterly meeting in Roseburg in January. The weather was beautiful, the potluck dinner was bountiful and delicious and the jam following was very enjoyable.

For those of you playing at the nursing homes, please note the change of time for several of the gigs listed above.

Preceding the monthly jam on March 21 in Winchester Bay, there will be a short meeting for the election of new officers, at 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other memorable events this

month. And don't forget to keep working on all those New Year's resolutions you made.

Life is not about waiting for storms to pass-----it's about learning how to dance in the rain.

Mary A. Weist,
 District 5 Reporter



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February

7	Jam and Potluck	Norm Nash Celebration of Life	1-5 p.m.
		Gladstone	
15	Jam	Tualatin Senior Center	
March			
8	Jam	Lake Oswego Adult Center	11a.m.-3:30p.m.

Saturday February 7 there will be a Celebration of Life Potluck Jam in honor of Norm Nash at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1:00 to 5:00, 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. Bring a potluck dish, instruments to play and memories to share.

Sunday February 15 our monthly jam will be at the Tualatin Senior Center at 8513 SW Tualatin Road in Tualatin. Randy can get in with the sound at 11 and we'll join him with informal jamming. Then from 1 to 3:30 we'll put on a sign-up jam for the public. Take

the Tualatin/Sherwood Exit from I-5 and go west to Boones Ferry Road and turn right. Go straight and Boones Ferry becomes Tualatin Road. Turn right into the Durham City Park and go as far back as possible to the Senior Center.

Sunday March 8 we're at Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Avenue in Lake Oswego. We can get in about 11 for jamming fun, then from 1 to 3:30 we'll put on a free sign-up program for the public. This is a fun one. They really like us here.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter



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February

21 Jam and Potluck Long Tom Grange
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

March

14 Jam, Potluck, Election of Officers Central Grange
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

By golly here it is 2009, a whole new year for us to pick and fiddle around and make sweet music. 2008 was a good year for District 6 with many of us attending the State meetings and also many of the jamborees and then going to Wieser for the national jamboree and fiddle contests, as Oregon was the host. District 6 was also well represented at the High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree in Burns, with several of our members making a good showing.

December was a busy month for our District with several gigs at nursing and assisted living homes. These folks really do enjoy the music we play and the songs we sing for them. This reporter also had the privilege of attending the New Year's Day potluck and Jam at the North Fork Grange on the coast again this year. Not as many in attendance due to the weather but those of us who did make it, had a fun day despite the weather. Our State president and his lovely wife Karen, were in attendance. It is always a pleasure to hear Hal play his banjos, guitar, fiddle and I'm not sure what else. He even sings once in a while in

the key of "R".

The State quarterly meeting held at Riverside Grange at Roseburg was well attended by District 6 members, with our District Chair person, Darla Knudsen, giving a very good report on the district and its happenings. For the first time, some of those district chair persons who could not attend the meeting were able to take part via tele-conferencing.

The fiddle classes, given by Ila Mae Carmickle are going well. The people attending seem to be quite enthusiastic and enjoy the fun and good times we are together. Ila Mae and Mark have been very gracious in letting us use their home for these classes.

We continue to have many gigs, playing for the Nursing and Retirement homes. At least one per week. There are also many opportunities to play music at the various jams. If you know some one who is not a member of the OOTFA and plays music, mention it to them and let them know about the many opportunities there are to play, many highlighted in the Hoedowner.

Some non-OOTFA jams, open to all: Wayne's jams

1st Saturday and third Thursday of each month
Jasper Grange. Amplified instruments allowed

Bernie Charlebois Jam

2nd Tuesday each month
Central Grange. Amplified instruments allowed

Acoustic jams and dances each month

1st Friday eve Central Grange
2nd Friday eve Crow Grange

February Anniversaries: Arnold and Betty Canning 2/3

February Birthdays: 10 - Maxine Benson, 16 - Gary Epperly, 18 - Norm Oleman, 29 - Phyllis Coffin, 23 - Arnold Canning, 25 - Dave Stubbs

Oral Robbins, District 6 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

Before we went to the state quarterly meeting in Roseburg I asked Mark Ratzlaff if he would bring me the extra Hoedowners from previous months - since I last got them from him. I have/we have two complete sets starting with the very first Hoedowner in 1966. They read like a history book - they were the basis for our OOTFA History in

2000. Dulcie Fast sent me a set several years ago. I have them carefully put away in a plastic container in the basement along with the others so the won't ever get damp. I must have 500 videotapes - many of them from Ace Wehus. And then Katherine Allen and I have added many more to Ace's videos. This period of time will be "forever" because of these videos. OOTFA will continue to live through

the videos.

I wanted to video the quarterly meeting jam the other day but it was a nice to time to sit back and relax - a nice time to visit. When I walked into the hall I knew every person there but one but then later he came to shake my hand and remind me of our previous conversation - so I was wrong. Of course others came later than I didn't

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District 8

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February 21 Meeting and Jam McMinnville Senior Center
March 20-21 OOTFA FiddleContest Chemeketa Community College, Salem

We're all glad the snow is gone!!! We cancelled our December Jam because of the weather. Everyone was happy to stay home and off the roads as much as possible.

Several of us from district 8 attended the Quarterly OOTFA meeting at Roseburg. Les and Peg Tucker, Fred and Charlotte Hardin, Dale and Lolita Colebank, Lew and Alice Holt and Darlene Bryant all made the trip on a very nice day. The meeting went well, as did the jam afterward. It was nice to see many friends from different parts of the state.

Our January 17th Jam at McMinnville drew a nice crowd. It was good to see friends again after canceling last month's jam. Nearly 30 were signed up to play and/or sing. Three of our young scholarship students played: Chase Dougherty, Brian Stiner and Omar Porras. As always, we loved having visitors, musicians and listeners, from District 7. Lew and I left early to play at the Polk County Historical Museum in Rickreall, so we missed the jam. Thanks Robert Terry for

setting up chairs! Robert is our best Chair-man! We appreciate everyone's help in doing the "little things" that make everything go smoothly.

Jim Hockenhull taught a Cajun tune before the regular jam. It was Joie Blon, sometimes referred to as the Cajun National Anthem. I counted 20 people in the room. Jim did a great job showing us how to get a Cajun "feel" for the tune. Now we need to practice it! The \$32 collected will go to our scholarship fund, thanks to Jim.

Long time member Don Simons passed away in early January. He had recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Don was a loyal supporter of District 8 for many years. He served as chairman for several years. Our condolences to his family.

Saturday, February 21st is the date for our jam and meeting. The place is the McMinnville Senior Center, 2250 NE McDaniel Lane. We will be electing officers for next year. Please attend and cast your vote. Ray Cunningham is the nomi-

nating chairman. If you have a suggestion for an officer, or you'd like the job yourself, let Ray know. There will be an opportunity to nominate from the floor at the meeting.

Lew would like to personally thank all of those who helped at McMinnville -- the chairs were put away quickly by a good group of workers, Fred emceeding, Les doing the sound and help from Norm McGrew, Marie, Darlene and all of you -- thanks.

Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



From the Editor Emeritus: cont.

I like to keep records of jams that I attend. I used to ask the emcee if I could have the sign up sheet but if the jam has a sign up board, I can just take a picture and I have a list that is easy to copy. I have many, many lists from across

the state that I must organize someday. They are in the computer. I have ever one of district 8 jams listed since 1996 and most often the tunes that were played and sung. Some may ask "So?" And all I can say is that I enjoy it and hopefully future generation will appreciate it, too. Oc-

asionally I work on another book which is just basically pictures of people. Hopefully I'll complete someday. But don't hold your breath.

Lew



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February

8 Jam and Potluck
13 Gig
16 Gig

Senior Center 1-4 p.m.
Aspens 7 p.m.
Ashley Manor 8:30 p.m.

Oops- I have to correct an error in my last months report. It was actually Winfield, Kansas where I attended the music festival -- not Wichita.

We had a big snow for Christmas and are now being lulled by beautiful balmy days.

Our snow has all melted into the ground which is good but we're getting spoiled for the winter still to come.

A few have been bitten by the flu bug and John and Linda Borelli are off to California for some heart testing for John. Don Williams has had cataract sugery.

We missed Joe Enneberg at our Jan. 11th jam at the Senior

Center. Andrew Dunderdale (a sound man) sat in with us that day and Gene Thomas played guitar and sang. He has such a nice strong voice --- he doesn't really need a mic. It's always nice to have new and different talent.

Janet Brayman, Madelyn Henderson and Julia Milleson were involved with special music for the Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve service.

Our next Senior. Center potluck and jam will be February 8, 1:00 p.m. for the potluck and music from 2 - 4 p.m.. The Aspens will be Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m.. President Dona Town-

send has asked us to keep Valentine's Day in mind for the program. Ashley Manor will be February 16, at 8:30 p.m.

It is not too soon to start brushing up on Irish tunes; St Patrick's Day will be here before we know it.

Julia Milleson,
District 9 Reporter



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February

14 District Jam, Meeting and Potluck 11 a.m. Riverdale Grange

Everything went smooth at haven Nursing Center, we had two the state meeting, and I got to see visitors that played and sang with and visit with a lot of people and us: Howard and Sandy Andreasen, friends that I only get to see once a from Washington. They were passing year, in fact some I hardly recognizing through visiting relatives. nized, but we had a great visit.

I want to thank everyone that brought all the delicious food. We had all kinds of goodies to snack on after the meal, (and before). And thanks to all the ladies that worked in the kitchen getting the food around and out, and cleaning up. You all know who you are. It made for a great potluck.----Also, the music was beautiful, and well organized. Don Hamlin was the MC and did a great job. Thank you all!!

When we played at Rose- There are two more Nursing Centers we play at during the month. There are a few members that are under the weather. Hope they are up and about soon. We miss them.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all that had them in January. Hope you had nice ones.

February 14th, Valentines day, we will be having a "meeting" at 11 a.m., potluck at noon, and jam at 1 p.m., at Riverdale Grange.

Hope to see you all there.

Have you paid your 2009 dues yet?

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter





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State Calendar

March

20 - 21 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa
Auditorium

April

9 - 11 Annual Convention Rickreall

May

1-3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood
River

July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest Union County
Fairgrounds, LeGrande

August

6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.
12 forward Thousand Trails Workshop

New Members to Welcome:

Bob & Jackie Drinkwater, Burns

Jonathan & Julie Tillie, Roseburg

Sonny Kurtti, Lakeside

Debra Carriere & Dan DeBrito, Corvallis

Dave & Claudia Campbell, Madras

Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership



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Here**

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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