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## Greetings From your President

Wow! What a great convention! Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great success, especially Districts 7 and 8. The Friday night show arranged by Lew Holt and Fred Hardin had standing room only. The Saturday banquet that was catered by the Dallas High School Culinary class was delicious. The workshops arranged by Donna Foreman were well attended. Thanks to Darlene Bryant, Virgil Schmoie, Paul Hirschmann, Eileen Walter, Jeff Walter and Ginny Hollon.

At our annual meeting the members approved the changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules recommended by the Board. As a result of our election, your new officers starting July 1 will be Jack Kerr- President, Judy McGarvey – Vice-President, and Sharon Gallagher – Secretary/Treasurer. I am sure they will serve you well.

I am pleased to announce that Ruth and Don Loring and Bill Yohey were the recipients of our annual Distinguished Service Awards. Ruth and Don have attended every convention since it started 41 years ago, were the first recipients of the Bill Yohey award, and were always available to help or teach anyone. Bill Yohey was one of the charter members of OOTFA, was an officer many times, and a talented musician. The Bill Yohey award was presented to Dale and Loita Colebank. The Colebanks are always ready to provide back-up for anyone, to teach, and to provide a helping hand. It was my pleasure to be able to present these awards to these very deserving individuals.

Several other recognition awards were presented, including Certificates of Appreciation to Starr McMullen, Amy Booher and Lew Holt for their involvement in the OOTFA Fiddle contest; Mark Ratzlaff for his efforts with Membership; Joe Moyle for the Hoedowner; Scott Phillips for his help as Parliamentarian; Chuck Gates for

his role as “Announcer Extraordinaire,” and two “Mouse Behind The Scenes” awards to Les Tucker and Fred Hardin. If I have forgotten to recognize someone, I apologize.

Coming up April 30-May 3 is the Silver Lake Campout. This is great fun and is one of the annual events I always look forward to attending. Hopefully by then my voice will be back, because I already have my hat song ready. Keeping on fiddling around....

Hal

## From Your Editor:

I write this from furthest Minnesota, which is maybe not so far away, since many Oregonians of more recent vintage seem to have migrated from the Midwest, seeking to escape, no doubt, the cold, the snow, and the flooding.

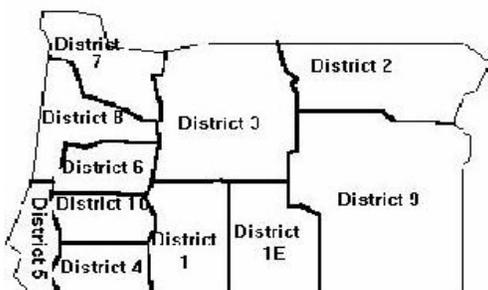
Lew Holt received the following from Bill Yohey's daughter, Jeanne:

“Thanks again for honoring my Dad, Bill Yohey, at the dinner last Saturday. It meant a lot to me and to my Mom. Even though he's gone, his legacy continues through the Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association. His dream of keeping old time fiddling alive and passing the torch to those who are eager to learn is being fulfilled. The friendships and bonds that are formed are icing on the cake. Listening to the jamming brought back many sweet memories. Best wishes to you and all of the members.”

Condolences go out to District 9 reporter Julia Milleson, who lost her mother on April 14.

Anyone looking for a three-quarter sized bass? We have one for sale: a Shimro upright, ¾ size, with Europhobic strings for richer tone. It comes with a bow, two stands and a custom soft case. Price: \$1550. Call Deon at 672-6571.

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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**May**

2	Practice	Luther's Square	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
3	Potluck & Meeting	Shasta Comm. Center	12 to 4:00 p.m.
5	Gig	Plum Ridge	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
5	Gig	Crystal Terrace	1 to 2 p.m.
9	Practice	Luther's Square	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
10	Senior Dance and Jam, finger food		
11		Shasta Community Center	12 to 4 p.m.
16	Practice	Luther's Square	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
21	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1:30 to 2:30

The Rickreall convention is over as of Easter Sunday. Hope all of you that attended had a good time. It was a pleasure to see old friends again. We had a lot of circles to choose from which to join in, and play till your heart's content. The Friday night show was awesome. There was a lot of outstanding talent by the younger folks. Makes a fellow wish we had started at that age. The banquet and raffle looked to be a big success. I attended the late night jamming with the McLains and almost lasted as long as they did. Each year I learn the chord pattern for a few more songs. So spent a

little more time playing instead of just watching. Watching for the hand signal is sure important. It is almost impossible to hear the word with the chatter of folks standing near, plus nearby circles of other jammers. I noticed each time a person played a tune without signal of the key the fellow players and backup guitar players took a few seconds to find the key.

I would like to thank Lew Holt, Hal Weiner, Fred Hardin, Chuck Gates, Sharon Gallagher, and all the other folks that put in a lot of hours to put on the convention. I know there are a lot of hours put in behind the scenes, to bring about the convention

success. Our hats are off to you all, and a big thank you from the fellow OOTFA members.

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

May Anniversaries: John and Patti Northcraft, and Fay and Isom Patterson

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter



**District 1E**

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Reporter: Eileen McClain

I promised last month that this would be short and sweet, so here goes. Don't forget that our District 1E camp out will be happening April 30 through May 3 at the fire hall in Silver Lake, OR. Have your "hat song" worked up and ready for Friday night. I'll quickly go over the schedule for y'all.

**April 30:**

9:00 a.m. Fire Hall opens, free coffee Jamming all day 5:00 p.m. Potluck (for those interested)?? After supper, circle jammin', and the hall closes when the teddies dance. If you come, you'll soon know what we mean by that.

**May 1:**

7:00 a.m. Fire Hall opens, free coffee Jamming all day 2:00 p.m. Begin sign up for Hat Jam contest 5:00 p.m. Potluck 6:00 p.m. Hat Jam More circle jammin' Hall closes when the teddies dance.

**May 2:**

7:00 a.m. Fire Hall opens, free coffee Jamming all day 2:00 p.m. Sign up for Draw Band contest 4:30 p.m., Potluck: Dist 1E will provide ham. Fiddlers and community are asked to bring salads or desserts. Again, circle jammin' and the hall closes when the teddies dance

**May 3:**

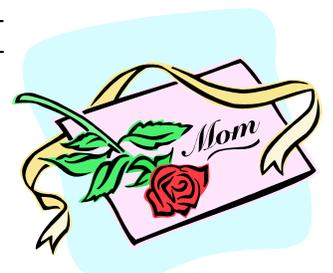
7:00 a.m. Hall opens, begin sign up for gospel show(sign up at the entrance), free coffee. 9:00 p.m. Gospel show When show is over, clean up of hall begins.

If you have any questions at all about the camp out give Rosa Lee McLain a call @ 541-947-4474 or Terry McLain @ 541-947-4623 or Larry McLain @541-947-2448 or for those more digitally dexterous, email me @ [mclain1956@centurytel.net](mailto:mclain1956@centurytel.net). Sounds like there's nothing but McLains in 1E, doesn't it? Pretty close....

I'd better let you know about the places to stay in Silver Lake again, if you don't fancy dry-camping. (I know I don't) Here's the RV parks' addresses and phone #s...

Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789  
 K&K RV Park (541)576-2258  
 Silver Lake Motel (541)576-2131  
 Please don't park on the helicopter landing zone in the parking lot of the Fire Hall (marked by a huge white "H". By the way, this short report took me a long time. I have the oldest typewriter in the world- It types in pencil.

Ta Ta for now  
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May

3 Gig Pine Forest Grange, Bend 12:30-3:30 p.m.

We had a nice turnout for our April 5 jam; Betty Chapman was our only visitor. We all enjoy her music.

We send our sympathy to George Brumbach's family. He passed away in February. We will all miss him. Among his favorites were the "King and I" and "Riding Down the Canyon."

Bob says: "Well, it is all over now and what a fantastic time we had. I'm referring to the Oregon Old Time Fiddle Convention in Rick-erall, April 15 - 19. It is an annual event, one that most members look forward to. I have explained what

takes place during the convention in previous articles so I won't go into detail again. If you ever get a chance to attend a future convention, don't pass it up. You will enjoy every minute of it. By the way, Jack Kerr was elected President of the association. Congratulations, Jack! My congratulations to the people who arranged everything. It was a job well done.

"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

I would like to stress the success or failure of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association begins and ends at the individual district levels. Without the districts and their members there

would be no OOTFA. Because of this, I beg you to stay involved. Help your district and the OOTFA grow and prosper.

District 3 still needs to elect officers for the coming year. If we hope to continue as a district and part of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Our next jam will be May 3. I hope to see you 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

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May

2 Jam

Live Oak Grange

June

6 Jam

Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

July

4 Jam

Butte Falls Park

August

1 Jam

Riverside Park, Grants Pass

The April jam at Roxie Ann Grange was a beautiful spring day with music springing up everywhere. For the last hour we did a "circle jam" with all playing together, and got many good comments. We are still working on Trillium sponsorship. We are looking for suggestions for new places to meet for the monthly jams, as several locations are upping their prices to beyond what we are willing to pay. Elections were conducted, and our current officers were reelected by unanimous decision.

It was good to see Red Wine-man and Betty Jane after a couple months each in the hospital. She says they are back to dancing five nights a week! Mary Armstrong is at Royal Gardens following hip replacement where she sang from her wheelchair. Peggy Hudson was at the contest, jam, and convention playing again. We hope for continued recovery for all these folks.

Our condolences go to the families of Marty Davis in the death of his mother and Lloyd Walch, a long time member and brother of Shirley Stone,

who died last month. A donation was made to the State Contest in Lloyd's name.

Many thanks to all who helped with the convention. Lola Williams did the table decorations, and we appreciated all the nice raffle prizes and the folks who worked the raffle table. Scott sure knows how to sell tickets! Cathy Frutchey and Pat Manion represented District 4 very well in the Friday night program - we're so proud of them!

On Grants Pass "first Friday" we played at the Great Northwest Music Company where one of our newest members, Andy Martin, gives lessons and has a music store. Some of his students played along and had a great time as the public strolled through.

We really enjoyed playing at Fort Vannoy Elementary School for their 150th anniversary. We had four groups of 40-50 kids each who learned and had a ball doing the Virginia Reel. The "Belles and Beaux" in elaborate period costumes assisted with some of the dancing. There was much interest in fiddling from the kids,

and we let them try our fiddles. Their faces just light up when they draw a bow across the strings and get a sound! (noise?) We even made the evening news on Channel 12 - where Scott did a nice (short) interview, too.

We are playing a heavy schedule and need more fiddlers to help out! Schedules for the next two months are passed out at each monthly jam, and you can check the calendar on our website for gigs and locations (and there's even a map!), or call one of the officers for more info.

Now that your taxes are all done and that's over for another year, just remember- You can't have everything. Where would you put it . . . ?

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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Table with 3 columns: Date/Event, Location, Time. Includes entries for 6 Gig, 13 Gig, 16 Monthly Jam, 20 Gig, 27 Gig, 30 Jam.

May

Hope all of you attending the state convention enjoyed it as much as I did. Lots of wonderful music to hear, friends old and new with whom to visit and play, good food to enjoy, interesting work-shops and tours to attend and other fun activities.

Again several people made comments about how much they enjoyed our Winchester Bay Camp-out last year and stated they plan to attend again. The theme this year will concern Ocean and Sea so, everyone, get your music selected and get your act perfected. The visitors last year thought we were a very friendly and fun bunch so

let's all live up to our reputation.

Sharon Gallagher was again re-elected to the position of state secretary-treasurer at the state convention. At our own election of officers at the March meeting the entire slate was re-elected for another year. Doing a good job everybody!

The on-stage program for the Brookings-Harbor jam on May 30 will begin at 2 p.m. but the hall will be open at 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to come earlier for small -group jamming. There are several musicians anxiously awaiting the opportunity to jam with and become members of the District 5 group. The Chetco Grange Hall is located at the

right corner of 101 at the first stop light south of the Chetco River bridge in Brookings-Harbor.

The drawing of raffle tickets for two nights at the Edgewater Inn in Coos Bay will be held the first of June. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5; half the money made will be used in the scholarship program. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets should contact Ruth, 541-759-3419. Ruth also has the Old Time Fiddlers coffee mugs for sale for \$10.00.

Our congratulations to Hal Weiner for placing 6th in the senior (Continued on page 7)

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Reporter: Oral Robbins, 541-343-4005

May

3 Monthly Jam Lebanon Moose 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

June

13 Monthly Jam Irving Grange 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

August

20 Senior Day Lane County Fair tba

The last month has been just a little hectic for this reporter and our chairlady as we have both been under the weather, so to speak. The district has been doing well with continued gigs and the fiddle classes, thanks to the efforts of our other members. I personally want to thank Lloyd Anderson and Art Choate for stepping in and helping Ila Mae and Ken Luse with the accompanying of intermediate fiddle class.

We have had some real nice non OOTFA jams this last month. On March 14th our district meeting was held at Central Grange with Chairperson Darla Knudsen presiding. With a quorum in attendance, a business meeting was held. Ila Mae Carmickle reported on the fiddle classes. Darla Knudsen described the Rudi Booher fiddle workshop held in January with the maximum enrollment of 25 students in each. Rudi is interested in doing another workshop which may

include his brother, Justin. This has been a profitable venture for the district. Mark Ratzlaff reported we now have 191 members in the district, including several new members.

District Sixer Bob Hannah of Corvallis is in the hospital recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. Get well quick, Bob!

We reelected our present incumbent officers for another term. You are all doing a great job.

Our next jam will be May 3 at the Lebanon Moose, 4070 S. Santiam Highway, Lebanon, OR 97335. It is not a potluck, as the Moose will feed us. The June jam and potluck will be June 13 at Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene, OR 97404. There will be a business meeting.

Looking ahead, please note that our annual appearance at the Lane County Fair will be on THURSDAY, August 20, NOT Wednesday,

as in years past.

May Anniversaries: Andy & Ruth Kennedy 5/6/1950; Norm & Irene Olesman 5/16; Zane & Phyllis Coffin 5/18/1952; Don & Ruth Loring 5/31/1939

Congratulations on 70 years of marriage, Don and Ruth!

May Birthdays: Annie Carter 5/5; Bob Hannah 5/11; Marcella Lenninger 5/23; and Lynn Nelson.

On a sad note, we lost our old friend and fiddler Earl Knudsen, March 17; Earl was 96. There will be a memorial potluck for him on April 25 at Central Grange, beginning at 11 a.m. Potluck, Bring your instruments; Earl wanted a party.

Words of wisdom: The two best times to play music are when its raining, and when it ain't.

Oral Robbins, District 6 Reporter

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<b>May</b>		
1 - 3	Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest	Hood River
10	Senior Center	St. Helens (on Mother's Day)
22	Tanner Springs Assisted Living	West Linn
<b>June</b>		
14	Community Center	Estacada
<b>July</b>		
1	L.O. Adult Center	Lake Oswego
3	Deerfield Village Assisted Living	Milwaukie

May 1, 2, 3 -- The Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest. Come and have a great time at the second annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest being held on the first weekend in May at the Hood River, Oregon Middle School. The contest is Weiser certified, includes regular fiddle divisions, twin fiddle, showcase, Jr. & Adult picking divisions, \$4,000 prize money, beautiful handmade trophies, vendors, custom instrument raffles, Friday workshops with Brian Wicklund and others, Friday night concert, Sunday hootenanny, jams, food, camping on site...For more information see [www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com](http://www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com)

Sunday May 10 we'll go back to St. Helens Senior Center on Mother's Day. It's at 375 S. 15th Street in St. Helens. We can get in about 11 a.m. and start having fun. Then the sign-up jam will start at 1 p.m. We've had a lot of fun out here, so let's do it again!

Friday May 22 at 3:30 p.m. they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down

to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Sunday June 14, we'll have our regular June Jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 Clubhouse Drive in Estacada. Turn right at the first light in town, then turn right again and drive down left to the Center. Kelly will have hamburgers and goodies for sale for lunch and snacking. We can get in about 11 a.m. and start having a real good time.

Wednesday July 1 we're invited to The Lake Oswego Adult Center to play for an early 4th of July party at 11:30 a.m. The Center is at 505 SW G Street. They love us there so let's give them another really good show.

Friday July 3 we're invited to play at 2:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Assisted Living at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie (507-653-4064). This is a small venue but they just love us here.

If you are in the mood to jam on the banks of the Sandy River this summer, Sharon Sandgren has invited fiddlers and musicians to come and jam at the Sandy River Bluegrass event at Glen Otto Park in Troutdale. It's Saturday, July 11 from noon to 9:30p.m.; the cost is \$10 at the concert gate to support AMR's River

Rescue Program. Eight bands play throughout the day. For a map and details go to [www.Sandyriverbluegrass.com](http://www.Sandyriverbluegrass.com). Jamming freely around town encouraged!

Friday July 24 at 3:30 p.m., they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Saturday July 25: MARK THE CALENDAR! We'll have our third annual District 7 PICNIC at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's again out in Oregon City. Bring instruments, some grub and a chair and we'll meet under the big trees in the back yard. The address is 14918 S Glen Oak Road in Oregon City. Everyone is invited.

Monday July 27 from 6 - 8 p.m., we are needed to play for a neighborhood party at Bella Vista Park 401 NW Bella Vista Drive in Gresham. From Powell, turn north onto Towle Street

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**From the Editor Emeritus:**

I may be guilty of rambling this month but I have several things to share with you -- such as, thanks to Darlene Bryant for her generous donation to the contest.

Wow, what a contest this year. There was a very talented group of fiddlers and hardly a seat left in the auditorium Saturday night. A group of us here in Salem donated enough money to take out ads in two papers with a \$2.00 off coupon. It was a gamble whether we would get our money back -- whether it

was worthwhile. But I have a stack of over 60 coupons, some we didn't take and others quoted our article in the paper that told them to mention the article to get \$2.00 off. I estimating that we had around 100 responses, multiply that times 2 or 3 or more people to a coupon, it starts to add up real big. And then we had a 8x10 picture in the paper with a fine article that interviewed Jim Hocken-hull, Donna Foreman, Chuck Gates and me. It was worth a million dollars.

The other day when I looked at the obituaries (at my age you do that, you know) I was surprised to see the

obituary of Grace Slover. I don't imagine that many of you, if any, knew Grace. She had been a member of OOTFA for as long as I can remember. As the crow flies, she lived maybe a mile from us in North Bend. She enjoyed the fiddle music but she only attended jams once in a while. We were often in contact in early years. Also, Alice and I were saddened to learn that Florence Groves has passed away. We knew her for many years.

The contest was just barely over and it was time for the convention. What

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<b>May</b>		
16	Jam	Dallas Senior Center
<b>June</b>		
2	Gig	Dallas Retirement
6	District 8 Picnic	Hardin's in Dallas
27	Gig	1000 Trails, Pacific City
28	Strawberry Social	Aurora

Another fabulous, fantastic, fun filled OOTFA convention is behind us. We'll all be rested up and back to normal soon. Many thanks to Darlene Bryant who coordinated the Wednesday finger food. Darlene writes: Thanks to Donna Foreman and the District 7 ladies who so graciously and bountifully brought finger food for the Wednesday early jam. Thanks also to District 8 members who contributed food, and helped spell me in the kitchen. We got the gas stove going and didn't trip any breakers! Bea Johnson, District 4 brought the cornflake cookies. If you want that recipe, I know she'd share. Thanks again to all who came, brought and ate!!

The Bill Yohey trophy is given to a deserving person for backup each year at the convention -- and sometimes to a deserving couple. This year it was awarded to Loita and Dale Colebank. Congratulations!

Wally and Betty Case have been selling raffle tickets for the fiddle

Wally made to benefit District 8's scholarship fund. The BIG bottle of tickets was poured into a box, stirred well, and one ticket drawn out. The lucky winner was (drum roll, please): Mark Ratzlaff, our state membership chairman. Thanks Wally, for this contribution to fiddling.

Lew thanks everyone for the thoughtful birthday greetings, and balloons, as he celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday.

Dale Emery had day surgery on Wednesday, the first day of the convention. He's doing fine at home. But he missed the convention. No more heavy lifting Dale!

Jeannie Hascall is still having some problems. We wish you well, Jeannie!

We have lots of playing opportunities coming up.

May 16 - Saturday, we will play at the Dallas Civic Center. (No jam in McMinnville this month). The address is: 955 SE Jefferson. Going through Powell and Division.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

down town, turn left at the last traffic light, go one block, turn left and in a few feet you are there.

June 2 ,Tuesday: we're invited to play for the Dallas Retirement Village outdoor event. It starts at 11am. Address: 310 W. Ellendale.

June 6, Saturday: District 8 picnic at Hardin's in Dallas. Address: 712 NW Ashley St. Plenty of room, so ya'll come!

June 27, Saturday: Thousand Trails Campground in Pacific City. They like to know who is coming, please call Lew if you can attend.

June 28, Sunday: Strawberry Social at the museum in Aurora. Lots of fun, yummy strawberry shortcake, and plenty of music. Check the calendar at the top for more events. Details on these later.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



**District 7 cont.**

and at the first stop sign, turn left onto 4th which goes to the park. It's between

**From the Editor Emeritus: cont.**

a great time we all had. I received a note from Virgil Schmoe, who taught one of the workshops. He would like feed back from those of you who attended his workshop. "I will not take offense," he says. Virgil wants suggestions to improve his future workshops. Feel free to contact him at [Virjack2001@cvc.net](mailto:Virjack2001@cvc.net) I received one unsolicited comment in a letter, "p.s. that guy Virgil sure can play fiddle! wow." That should make him feel good. But do comment on his workshop if you will.

The new rosters are out -- check with your chairman so see if he or she brought any home from the convention. They are worth the \$1.25 thanks to Mark Ratzlaff.

Speaking of Mark, at the banquet he was called up by president Hal and was given a plaque in recognition for his work. Then I had the honor to present him "The Homer McLain" award. Several years ago the McLain family, after Homer's death, started an annual trophy to recognize members who have contributed to our association beyond the call of duty. Mark spends many hours dealing with the membership; he was certainly deserving. It was a pleasure to present the Homer Award to Mark.

At the convention I was thinking about conventions "years ago." When I was president back in the middle 80s, the convention was Friday and Saturday. We would get into the hall at the fairgrounds at Roseburg Thursday to set up.

As a new president back then I was "naive" and went in too early on Thursday so we were charged for Thursday. So Thursday became another day for the convention. We can almost be guilty of that for Wednesday now.

Edna Yohey was invited to the banquet this year along with her daughter and son in law to be there when Bill Yohey was recognized by receiving the Distinguished Service Award. She did not know he was being honored. I watched her as president Hal led up to his name. I could tell that she was very pleased.

A short comment -- thanks everybody for the birthday wishes. I'm mighty proud turning 80 ---and for your other nice comments. Lew

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**May**

8 Gig The Aspens 7 p.m.  
10 Jam and Potluck Senior Center  
18 Gig Ashley Manor 6 p.m.

We had beautiful weather and a good group of people for our Senior Center potluck and jam, which fell on Easter Sunday. Even had a few new faces and another dance couple. Janet Braymen is back from a wedding in Tennessee; Dennis and Dona Townsend are back from performing at the Juneau Music Festival; and Ruel and Margaret Teague are back from the "Sunny South." Dennis, Dona and Ruel made it back from convention in time for the afternoon show and we learned that Ruel won a guitar and Dennis won a fiddle in the raffles. How Great!! John and Linda Borelli made a brief trip back from California after his heart surgery, which went well; he was sporting a new, red, Breedlove mandolin.

What a sorrow to learn of

Ivan McDaniel's passing - even too late to attend the service in John Day. Ivan often joined us for our Senior Center jams and we delighted in his tunes - many that he wrote himself. He also had a droll sense of humor that will be missed.

The "Sagerats", Janet Braymen and Joan Suther, as well as Billie Lanier performed April 2 at the Art Gallery, which features an artist of the month. It was a large and noisy gathering.

We agreed to cancel our April 17th jam in order to support the concert sponsored by the "Harney County Arts in Education Foundation," which is raising money to support music programs in the schools throughout the county.

On May 2nd, a group of us will be going to John Day for Freda

Tubbs' 90th birthday party. She was an Associate Member when she lived here in Burns. She has especially requested Walt Cooper's rendition of "Truck Drivin' Man", her favorite song.

Our May nursing home play dates will be: The Aspens on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. and Ashley Manor on the 18th at 6:00 p.m. Our last Senior Center potluck and jam of the season will be May 10th, which is also Mother's Day. Come and Join us for a great time.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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**May**

9 Meeting, Potluck and Jam Riverside Grange 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As you know, we didn't have a jam this month. Some of us went to the Fiddler's Convention at Rickreall. It was nice visiting with the people we haven't seen in a year. Everyone jammed here and there, wherever we could find a spot. The Friday night show went very well, the kids were up first to play. There's sure a lot of great talent there. We all had a good time.

Jim (Pat) Jenks was hospital-

ized; we all wish him and his family the best. Claire Eaton is out of the hospital now and doing well. By the time you get this, Chuck Hastey will have had surgery at the end of the month. Hope everyone else is doing okay.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all who had them. (Chuck Hastey's 92nd birthday is April 18.)

May 9th will be our next meeting: 11 a.m.; potluck, noon; and jam at 1

p.m., at Riversdale Grange in Roseburg. Hope to see you there.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

**District 5 cont.**

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division at the state fiddle contest.

New people becoming members of District 5 recently include Della Pepion from Bandon; Stuart and Valerie Stein and daughter Shannon, from North Bend; and Janet Haney from Florence. Welcome to all of you and hope you enjoy our group.

Our deepest sympathy goes out

to Fred Grove and his family. His wife, Florence, died of recently diagnosed cancer on March 19. Memorial services were held on March 26 in Coos Bay.

And now a bit of information we all really need to know: At five minutes and six seconds after 4 AM on the 8th of July this year, the time and date will be 04:05:06 07/08/09. This will never happen again. Now don't you feel educated? (And who had time to figure this out?)

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter





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## State Calendar

### May

1-3 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest Hood River

### June

18-20 Country Music Jamboree Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns

22-27 Wieser Contest Wieser, Idaho

### July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest Union County Fairgrounds, LeGrande

### August

1 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis

6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.

12-15 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

20-23 Winchester Bay Campout Winchester Bay

### September

17-19 Merrill Campout Merrill

## New Members to Welcome:

Stella Kallianis, ..... Keno  
Lauretta DeForge, .....Portland  
Dave Emmenegger, ..... Woodburn  
Kathryn & Christopher McElwee, ..... Parkdale  
Hajime & Pamela Nagashima, .....Portland  
Katherine and Thomas Osten ..... Harris  
Kent Slawson, ..... Wilsonville  
Juliane Smith & family, .....Portland  
William & Janet Clark, .....Astoria  
Jack & Dorothy Brenna, .....Salem  
Yvonne Brod, .....Tigard  
John & Beverly Cochran, .....Salem  
Betty Dawkins, .....Portland  
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