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Amy Booher,

Greetings From your President

November has fled and there is no doubt that winter has arrived. The snow players are fidgeting and chomping at the bit to go out and do their thing. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

One of the many things that I am thankful for, is for the many young folks becoming proficient in some musical endeavor.

Peeweeps, Junior Juniors, Juniors & Young Adults, thank you so much for your contribution to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. It is such a joy for the rest of us who are older to see and hear you as you develop your musical skills. Some day you will be the ones who will carry on the work and fun of our organization. From what I see and hear the OOTFA will be in good hands.

Many thanks also to you mentors and instructors who spend

so many hours of your time in the development of our future leaders and musicians. Many of the districts are providing workshops for the advancement of their members and others who happen to be visiting their district. Keep up the good work.

Now in respect to my comments last month regarding the use of electric/acoustic instruments. I have no plans to push this as an agenda. Much emotional and little rational response was raised.

-- both pro and con. The overall welfare and harmony of our organization is worth far more than the introduction of movements that create discord among our members.

I hope that you all are in good health and ready to enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Jack

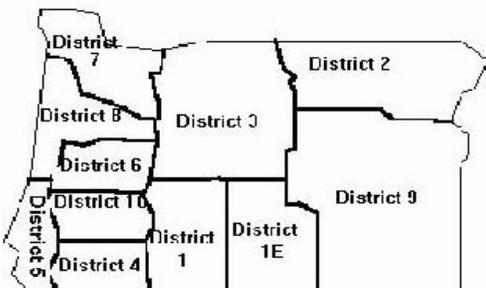
From the Editor Emeritus:

I have been exchanging email letters with Nancy Leith, the daughter-in-law of Don Leith, second president of OOTFA - 1968-69. As I wrote recently she is seeking information about her father-in-law and about any fiddles he owned. To go back 40 years is quite a challenge but it doesn't hurt to ask.

have given them to me. It finally dawned on me that probably it was Dulcie Fast. After Bob had died she gave me tapes. It was very interesting to hear Bob Fast, Shorty Allen, and other old timers playing. As I drifted off to sleep, I heard the emcee announce that the next fiddler would play "Me and My Fiddle." It jolted me wide-awake.

I thought "Me and My Fiddle" The other day I ran across a shoebox of cassette tapes. I played several that go back to the early 70s. At first I couldn't imagine who might

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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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December

1 Gig Plum Ridge 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Gig Crystal Terrace 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
6 Xmas party & jam Shasta Community Center 12:30 - 4 p.m.
13 Senior dance Shasta Community Center 12 - 4 p.m.
17 Gig Shasta View Care Center 1:30 p.m.
Gig Linkville House 3 - 4 p.m

There will be practice every Saturday at Luther Square from 1:30 - 4 p.m. unless other events are scheduled.

Several district one members attended the guitar classes and jam. We enjoyed the pizza lunch and music over in Lakeview Nov.7th Thanks for the great hospitality. Three of us made it till 8:00 pm.

I am doing this on a laptop: the typing is very tough, one note at a time. While typing and you let your thumbs drag on the curser, it makes a mess. My good computer crashed Sunday night.

It had my newsletter in it all ready to be sent. Dang computers!!

I am skipping the birthdays and anniversaries; if you have

one, have a good one.

Johnny Rodgers,
District 1 Reporter

Time to renew for 2010! Get your \$20 renewal to your District membership person.

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December

4 Holiday Fair gig Lake County Fairgrounds 4 p.m.
5 Jam Lake County Senior Center 4 p.m.
12 Holiday Bazaar gig Lake County Fairgrounds

Season's Greetings.

It's not too early to say that is it? After all the day after Thanksgiving is the official start of the Xmas shopping season. And of course, that's what it's all about isn't it? Humbug.

Our workshop on November 7 had the best turn out we've ever had. We didn't do much fiddle workshopping, but Larry McLain had a whole roomful of students. Of course, we jammed and jammed afterwards. Thanks to the Klamath Falls bunch for coming over and special thanks to Jack Kerr and Peggy Hudson. They broke the record for miles

traveled. Good to see them.

Last week we shared the stage with some little folks from the Sunshine Children's Center at the benefit taco feed on the 14th, and boy did they put on a show. Wonderful singing.

Our next jam will be on December 5 at the Lake County Senior Center at 4 p.m.. Next business meeting on the 14th - same place a 7 p.m.. If you get this news in time, our next gig will be on Friday, December 4 at the Holiday Fair (Lake County Fairgrounds) starting at 6:30 p.m., and then on Saturday, December 12, at the Holiday Bazaar, starting around 10

a.m.

Well, sorry folks, I don't have a Thanksgiving joke this month. I've been busy writing a book.

I've got all the page numbers done, so now I just have to fill in the rest!

Bye for now, take care.....

Eileen McLain,
District 1E Reporter.

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District 6 cont.

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many of our residents hearts have been moved, memories regained, emotions opened, smiles and laughter heard that even the family

members are starting to attend Thursday sessions to see for themselves. Music is life. Music builds and restores memories. The music you play has healed hearts before my eyes.

I lost my beloved husband last year, joining up with OOTFA

has done so much to heal my own heart. Thank you, from all of us."

Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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December
12 Christmas Party Pine Forest Grange 10 a.m.

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We had a very good jam at the Pine Forest Grange on November 1st. The weather was great and we had good attendance. Betty Chapman from District 1E and Peggy Hudson from District 1 were guest musicians.

for December 12th at the Pine Forest Grange and food assignments were made. Santa Claus has agreed to be there. We will open up for music jamming at 10 a.m., eat at 1 p.m., then jam some more until? I will be calling all members to remind them of the party.

In our meeting on Nov 1st, we discussed the Christmas party

Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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December
5 Holiday Dinner and Jam Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

January
2 Jam Eagle Point Grange

February
6 Jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

We had a great turnout of folks for the jam at Fruitdale Grange. It was great to welcome visitors Bob Shaffer and Gerrine from Bandon , and Guy Kinman, Bob and Jean Hanson, and Hal and Sharon Thompson from Roseburg. Sure adds a lot of great music!

new music, or just listen. Contact Shanna Burchell for details. We have been short of folks to play at the Grants Pass gigs, so here's a chance to practice and improve participation.

Olive Garden to give them a special thanks for making this such a success. Many are asking how soon we can do it again.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mona Givens. She was a life member and played bass and guitar until her untimely stroke a few years ago. Our sympathies to her family. A donation will be made in her name to the State Contest.

Our next jam will be the holiday dinner at Roxy Ann Grange, so sign up to bring what makes it special for you! Many thanks to our great cooks Judy Lyon and Joan Allgood who offered to fix the turkey and ham. I'm such a bad cook I use the smoke alarm for a timer! Lola Williams offered to get poinsettias for door prizes, as we have in the past. Thanks, Lola.

A couple fiddlers helped out at Running Y playing for the Watershed group, at the request of the Klamath Falls folks. Thanks for being so gracious and making us feel so welcome!

Life Member Mary Armstrong passed away unexpectedly on November 12 following heart surgery. She and her husband Frank were at Royal Gardens Rehab. She will be remembered as "the little lady with the big voice", and we will miss her. Heartfelt sympathy to Frank and other family members.

Our Halloween Day workshop was a resounding success! There were students from Mt. Shasta, Klamath Falls, Merlin, Grants Pass, Ashland, and Medford, as well as our instructors from Klamath Falls. Many thanks to Cathy for making her lovely home available for our workshop.

Don't forget that elections are coming up soon, and we need volunteers to fill the officers' slots. Step up and take a shot at it – it's almost painless!

Andy Martin, who has the Great Northwest Music Company in Grants Pass, has offered to make his studio available once a month for OOTFA-ers, and other interested musicians to get together and jam, learn

She also did double duty, along with Len Ferrara, to provide fiddle music for the guitar players at the workshop. Lots of smiles and thanks, and folks were pleased that they learned something, too! We took our instructors Irene and Jerry Ruddock to dinner at The

Don't forget to renew your OOTFA membership – see Lola or Scott.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season. Don't you love all the special music? Know why banjo jokes are so short? –so the fiddle players can remember them! (Feel free to substitute the instrument of your choice – or just reverse them!)

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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December

*2 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.
Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 p.m.
9 Gig Baycrest Memory Care, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.
Gig Ocean Crest, Coos Bay 3 p.m.
16 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 p.m.
19 Monthly Jam Winchester Bay 1 - 4 p.m.
23 Gig Life Care Center, Coos Bay 1:30 p.m.
Gig Hearthside, Coos Bay 3:00 p.m.*

The featured musician for November is Russ Hall who lives in the Florence area. He has been playing fiddle since he was 10. He played big band tunes in his younger days since there were no other fiddlers in the area where he lived then. In 1959 he moved to the Reedsport area and played every Saturday night with the country band, "The Western Drifters". He was also on the first live TV show on KCBY called the "Melody Roundup". He played fiddle in the movie, "Good Luck" with Gregory Hines and Vincent D'Onofrio and now plays mostly at retirement homes in the Florence area. He has been a member of

the Old Time Fiddlers since 1971 and organized the first fiddle jam in North Bend.

The Halloween gig in Brookings was a big success with over 100 enthusiastic people present and urging us to come back for another performance. Those in charge did an excellent job in advertising our presence there. Carl Rovainen, a resident of Brookings, was the featured musician. Several new people became members of the OOTF. Jo Mochulski, one of the new members, took a lot of pictures, some of which will be used in a historical album that Mapril Combs is starting. Hal Thompson, from District 10, drove all the way from Glide to play with the

group. Everybody had a great time.

The new members signing up recently include Eleanor and James Cook, Ed Kelly and Dori and LeRoy Blodgett, all from Brookings, Jo Mochulski from Harbor, Melvin Jones from Coos Bay and George Layton from Crescent City. Welcome to all of you and hope we will be seeing you often at our jams and gigs.

The fiddle lessons, with Bob Shaffar as instructor, are progressing nicely. There are nine in the beginners class and four in the intermediates. Each group meets once a month. At this time all six

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December

6 Christmas Jam Lebanon Moose Lodge 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January

9 State Meeting and Jam Emerald Park, Eugene 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We had a lively time at the October Spencer Creek jam; we especially enjoyed having Don Hamlin, Guy Kinman and Lois Eagleton visit from District 10.

District 6 will have the honor of hosting the OOTFA State Executive quarterly meeting January 9 at Emerald Park in Eugene. Join in the fun with a jam, pot luck and hear the latest board issues.

The music starts at 10 a.m., but the building doors will open at 8 a.m. The Executive Board meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in the main hall. Directions: from I-5, take the Beltline to the

River Road exit. Go south on River Road to Howard Ave. Then turn right on Howard Ave and then left on Lake Drive to 1400 Lake Drive.

Ila Mae's fiddle classes are going strong with many new people joining. We will miss (and maybe envy) several snowbird fiddlers who are wintering in Arizona.

A guitar workshop is in the planning stages, possibly to be held in February. If you have any questions call Darla Knutsen. Be sure not to miss our Christmas jam December 6 at the Lebanon

Moose. The lodge cooks will provide a delicious dinner, and the hat will be passed, with donations divided between the lodge and the Fiddlers. Directions: from I-5, take exit 228 (Hwy 34) toward Lebanon. Go through Lebanon toward Sweet Home. The Moose Lodge is on the southeast edge of Lebanon, on the right, about a mile past Wal-Mart.

It's nice to know we are appreciated: we have received a very nice thank you message from Chrissie Fenton, of Good Neighbor Care Centers. It reads, in part: " So

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December
13 Holiday Dinner and Jam Estacada Community Center 12 p.m.

January
17 Jam Gladstone Senior Center 11 a.m.

February
14 Jam Tualatin Senior Center 11 a.m.

District 7's sick bay is full! Jim Kuether got some broken and bruised ribs in an altercation with a horse. Really ouch!! Roger Germondson had surgery on his right rotator cuff and after a really good start at recovery, he fell on it! Ouch! Paul Ratigan was hospitalized in Yuma with some very serious intestinal mischief. Very scary! Joe Hamm has recovered from shingles.

Miserable! Pete Peterson had to have some back surgery. Also Ouch! Everyone be careful out there.

Our Holiday Dinner and Jam will be Sunday December 13 at the Estacada Community Center. It will be a Buffet style from 12:00 to 1:00 for OOTFA members. The cost is \$10.00 for all you can eat baked chicken with potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, roll, dessert and drinks. Kelley is cooking on site so it should be terrific! At 1:00 it will be open to the public and we'll start our jam and play for folks while they eat.

When you come into Estacada, turn right at the first stop light

then turn right again almost immediately. Then follow the road down to the left and park at the Center.

Sunday January 17 we'll have our OOTFA Jam at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. We can get in the doors starting about 11:00 for informal jamming and the sign-up jam will start at 1:00 p.m. This is usually a real good jam, so plan on coming.

On Sunday February 14 we'll have our monthly jam on Valentine's Day at the Tualatin Senior Center at 8513 SW Tualatin Road. This is getting to be a real good venue for a jam. They love us here so come and have some fun! We can get in about 11 and the sign-up jam starts at 1:00.

Wear some red for your sweetheart!

On Sunday March 14 we'll go back to the Lake Oswego Adult Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. Doors will open about 11 and we'll start the sign-up jam at 1 o'clock. This day is so close to St. Patrick's Day, everyone wear some green for your

inner leprechaun!

The first of the year, scheduling for District 7 is going to be taken over by Ron Zabudsky. He is at 503-630-7499 and rdzinstruments@msn.com. The current scheduler has been doing it for a long time and needs a change. Ron very graciously volunteered to take it over. Thanks Ron!

District #7 has scholarship funds available for fiddle students to use if it is a financial burden to continue lessons. The program is designed to work through fiddle/music teachers. Please contact Ron Zabudsky, Scholarship Chairperson @ (5 0 3) 6 3 0 - 6 5 4 2 or rdzinstruments@msn.com., for more information and application.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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dler and the name of his tunes. They usually played 3 tunes -- each one fairly short.

Things have been different around our house since Alice slipped on the stairs breaking her left ankle in three places. I am very proud of her -- she is doing well but will be off her feet until around Christmas. She has appreciated your phone calls, cards and stopping by. Ali S. and I sympathize with each other. We each know what having a spouse with a bad

leg is like.

Several months ago I wrote that someday I think it would be interesting to have all of the back issues of the Hoedowner on line. (1966 - 2009) My silence doesn't mean I have forgotten. Hal has several years saved that can be used. As I search deep in to my computer I find old issues from when I was editor. If I had only religiously saved those nine years each month, just think what a hunk of issues that would be. I have a program where I can supposedly scan the back issues but the early

issues were mimeographed and often quite weak. They probably will need to be "retyped," someday.

Lew

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December
19 District Jam McMinnville Senior Center

January
16 District Jam McMinnville Senior Center

As the end of the year approaches, and the busy holiday season is upon us, District 8's schedule has slowed a bit from the busy summer and fall. There are regular jams coming up, so hope to see you then.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be past by the time this issue is out. I think I can safely predict that we will have had a great meal followed by a great jam. Hope you were able to be with family and friends for Thanksgiving Day. We all have much to be thankful for, even in difficult times.

October was a bad month for bones in District 8. Betty Emery fell and suffered a cracked pelvis. She spent several days in the hospital, but is recovering at home. Phil Ringle fell, breaking the upper leg bone that his hip joint replacement attaches to. He had surgery and is home but not allowed to put weight on the leg for several months. Then

yours truly, Alice Holt, slipped on the stairs and broke 3 bones in my left ankle. After surgery to put screws and metal plates in, I'm doing fine, just can't walk on it for six weeks.

I want to thank all of you who sent cards and e-mails, brought food and things to keep me busy. I always knew our fiddle family supported our own, but now I'm even more sure. Thank you all!

Saturday, December 19, we'll meet at the McMinnville Senior Center for our monthly jam.

Brown bag lunch this time. Take some time of from shopping and cooking to come and play some music.

Our first jam of 2010 will be January 16th, Saturday, at McMinnville. Mark your calendars and join us.

Things turn out best for those who make the best of how things turn out.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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New Members to Welcome:

- Melissa Takush, Eugene
Art & Pat Acques, Eugene
Dori & Leroy Blodgett, Brookings
Eleanor & James Cook, Brookings
Larry & Bonnie Costa, Powers
Marshall Escola, Lakeside
Melvin & Delores Jones, Coos Bay
Ed Kelly, Harbor
George & Carol Layton, Crescent City, CA
Jo Mochulski, Harbor
George & Kitty Rose, Powers
Amy Burrow, Junction City
Sandy & Michael Wallrich, Eugene

Mark Ratzlaff,
OOTFA State Membership

District 5 cont.

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of the loaner fiddles are being used and some more are needed. Anyone interested can call Jolly, 347-2229, for more information.

Since our sandwich boards, used to designate the location of our jams, are getting old and shop-worn, Jolly's husband, John, art instructor at Coquille High School, has volunteered to have his classes design and paint new ones for us. What a nice thing to do! The offer is much appreciated.

There will be no featured musician at the December jam because it is so close to Christmas

and everyone is busy with plans for that.

On November 14 we were invited to play at the Myrtle Point Senior Center where we were again well received at their very nice facility. A delicious lunch followed the program after which we practiced Christmas music.

Hope all you hunters had as good luck as our chairman, Ruth Weyer, who bagged a nice 4-point buck. Of course Pat had to take part of the credit by claiming he lured the deer in with his harmonica playing! Christmas—

A time to remember with fondness those who touch our lives

in so many special ways. A time for telling the special people in our lives they are fondly remembered, cherished and loved today and all year through. Have a wonderful, warm, happy, merry Christmas season and the best of the New Year.

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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December

*11 Gig Aspens 7 p.m.
13 Holiday Jam and Potluck Senior Center
21 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 p.m.*

First, I must explain no report last month. Our regular e-mailer was on vacation and Joe (the editor) was also on vacation, so we didn't get the message that the report was to be sent to Lew—then it was too late for publication! Sorry you all missed a good report - however, I'll add a few lines from last month to this report.

Donna Townsend was once again the featured artist for November at the Ranch Art Gallery, and a large crowd was in attendance. Imagine our surprise to have Jim Lancaster come play with our group, as we entertained at the event. Donna had painted a watercolor of Jim and had it in her exhibit. Also, local player Walt Cooper, as well as Janet Braymen and Joan Suter were featured in paintings, too.

George and Hilda Sahlberg were both honored by the Lions Club this year for all the work they do for that organization. Hilda has had another surgery and other health problems but we are glad to see her back manning the potluck table at our jams. Several ladies help with this task and we really appreciate all their

work!

Florence Krueger has also had a recent hip surgery but is back with the group. Thanks to her sister for driving her around, as it will be a while before she can drive on her own again.

We also signed a card for Allan Braymen, Janet's dad, who tangled with a cow recently and had to spend time in the hospital. Allan got the last laugh on that cow, as it got shipped off to market.

Dennis Townsend, as a school board member here in Burns, accepted a certificate from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on behalf of the schools. The money will go to weatherization and new windows at the school buildings.

Darlene Austin, our accordion player, has moved to Turner, OR to be closer to her daughter. We all wish her well and will miss her.

Rose Robirts recently had 16 members of her family here for a mini-reunion and to celebrate birthdays and the holidays all in one.

At the November jam, we

were joined by Jim Thomason and his wife Lenora of Canyon City.

Jim plays a wash tub bass (flub tub or gut bucket - take your pick). We had several new faces in the crowd. Following the jam, Donna held a meeting to catch us up on all the happenings and to plan our holiday dinner, which will be held during our Senior Center jam on Sunday, December 13th. Janet Braymen has agreed to cook the turkey again and Rose and Wayne Johnson are doing the spuds, so all the rest of us can bring goodies to round out the meal. Yum! Come join us if you can.

Our night at the Aspens will be Friday, December 11 at 7:00 and Ashley Manor will be Monday, December 21st at 6:30. Brush up on those holiday tunes and be sure to bake a plate of cookies for Santa!

All the best of the season, 'til next year!

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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December

12 Xmas Jam and Potluck Roseburg VFW Hall 12:00 p.m.

We had a very nice turn-out for the potluck and jam. Hollis Real from District 3 was there, as were John and Marlene Renfro from District 4. Thanks for coming, we enjoyed you very much.

Also, my granddaughter Teresa and her little girl, and friend Ashley. Teresa played a few tunes on her fiddle, that she thought she forgot, after not playing for quite awhile, but she did great, and didn't forget a thing. Maybe we can talk her into continuing to come to the jams (as long as I remind her).

Thanks to all that brought the good food, and the ladies that helped

out. Margie Hastey wasn't feeling very well, hope to see her back soon -- and everyone else that's under the weather.

Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all that had them. We have loads of birthday's in December/ We will be having our Christmas potluck and jam December 12th. Hope everyone can make it, and everyone else that can play an instrument, sing, dance or just sit and listen.

We will be furnishing the turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes and

gravy, everyone else can bring a side dish, salad's, buns, cranberries, desserts, or whatever specialty you have. It will be held at the VFW hall on 1127 NE Walnut St. in Roseburg. Potluck at noon and jam at 1p.m. Come a little early if you want to jam some, before the potluck. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

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From Your Editor:

We here in District 6 are looking forward with anticipation to hosting the OOTFA quarterly meeting and jam in Eugene on January 9. We have a nice facility lined in Emerald Park, which is conveniently located just off the Beltline. For directions see the District 6 report.

Nancy Rohn, who has a fiddle shop in Corvallis, writes that she is organizing an event at a yetto-be-determined date in the near future at which three violins by Cremona maker Alessio Ferrari will be available for a "violin tasting." An additional violin by Cremona-trained luthier Carlos Funes Vitanza will also be available. If you are thinking of upgrading to a better instrument, this might be something to take in. Call Nancy in Corvallis at 541-754-9612 for more information.

Nancy adds that a young lady from Corvallis -- 17-year-old Rebecca Lomnick -- has just returned from Scotland, where she won the National Scottish Fiddle Championship! Our congrats and best wishes go out to Rebecca. Wouldn't it be nice if we could persuade her to put in an appearance at the convention? Joe

State Calendar

January 9 Quarterly Meeting and Jam
Emerald Park, Eugene

April 7-10 State Convention Rickreall

August 11-14 OOTFA Fiddle Camp
Thousand Trails



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