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Amy Booher,

Greetings From your President

Gosh! It' that time again and if Joe hadn't rattled my cage to wake me up I don't know when I would have realized it! Not that I'm getting absent minded but what was it that I am supposed to be doing?

Hey! if you didn't make it to Eugene for the quarterly meeting and potluck jam you sure missed a good time. The crew at District 6 sure outdid themselves. The Emerald park facility lends itself well for our purpose and the staff was very helpful.

We had a good turn out, lots of good food, good music and outstanding fellowship.

The Executive board meeting was quite productive and not too long. In addition to the customary committee reports we had an outstanding presentation on publicity opportunities from Randy Yearout. We had a short budget review and

earmarked start up funds for advertisement. A slate of candidates for office for the coming fiscal year has been identified. More names would be welcome. Judy McGarvey is heading up the nominating committee. If you or someone that you know of is interested in working in one of the offices get their name to your district president.

District presidents, please send nominations for distinguished service awards to me by March 1st. It's going to be tight getting a person selected and the engraving done by convention time but we can do it.

Also be thinking about what you or your district can do to support the upcoming fiddle contest. I'm sure that Lew will welcome all help.

I can't think of more to chat about for now.

Love you all---
Jack

From the Editor :

I write this from Minnesota, where I am in the process of settling my mother's estate after her death on January 3. It is proving to be a lot of work, more than I had supposed, with more unknown obstacles ahead. Part of it is selling the house I grew up in; it didn't help when a prospective agent proposed that we begin by razing the house, and selling it as a vacant lot!

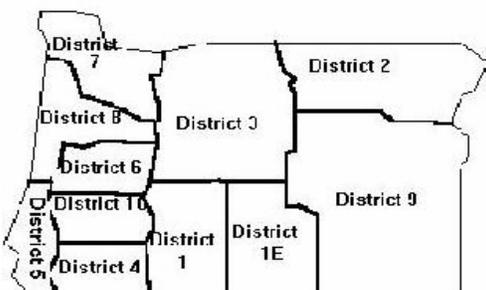
Terry and Andy Jorgensen write: "This year is Bob Huffman's 90th birthday and

we would like to have 90 guests at the annual Bob Bash to be held on his actual birthday, August 14th at our place near Sandy, OR. We will give directions as usual as the event approaches. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this great time of food, music and well wishes for BAWB."

We are pleased to report that Brendan Booher, of the renowned Booher family, has begun teaching classes at the Shedd. He is currently accepting fiddle and mandolin students of all ages and abilities. Bren-

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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".



District 1

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February

We had a great time playing music at the Chemult dog sled races. Good food. Great raffle. Looong drive home, but worth it.

Everyone has been busy for the holidays so not much news for February.

All the snow birds have been checking in regularly, bragging about the warm weather. True fiddlers spend the winter in Klamath.

The schedule for the month of February will be as follows:

2 Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Gig	Crystal Terrace	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
7Jam, Potluck	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
13 Gig	Fundraiser, Klamath Cty Fairgrounds	6 p.m.
14 Gig	Sr Dance, finger foods, Shasta Comm. Ctr.	12 – 4 p.m.
18	Gig Shasta View	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
	Gig Linkville House	3 – 4 p.m.

2nd Plum Ridge nursing home 10:30 to 11: 30 a.m., then Crystal Terrace, 12:30 to 1: 30 p.m. 7th Shasta Community Center, regular meeting, potluck and am 12 to 4 p.m.

13th fundraiser at the Klamath county fairgrounds for H.E.A.R.T. An adaptive riding therapy group for children with disabilities. 6 p.m. to end.

14th Shasta Community Center, senior dance and jam, bring finger foods, 12 to 4 p.m.

18th Shasta View care home, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., then Linkville house 3

to 4 p.m. Practice every Saturday at Luther Square if no other events are scheduled.

Birthdays for February are: Vivian Burden, Ben Coker, Lynn Foster. John Howard, and Don Reese.

Anniversaries for February: None listed. If I missed you, give me a call and I will get yours on the list.

Patti Northcraft and Alli Swartwood, District 1 Reporters

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Howdy, ya'll,

I've had a couple of emails and phone calls about our district camp out, so I guess it's not too early to start stokin' the fire. This year we have the Silver Lake fire hall reserved for the 1E shindig for the dates Thursday, April 29 through May 2. Dry camping is available all around the fire hall (-except no parking or camping on the heli-pad)

N.B. : There are a limited number of "electrical -only" spots and they will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Please keep in mind that there may be a guest that needs electricity for breathing apparatus, and we will try to accommodate them if possible by asking someone to volunteer their chosen

space. Chances are this won't happen, but we need to let folks know ahead of time that no spot is "reserved" so those with such a medical need will be given preference. More about Silver Lake next month.

Miracle of miracles, we gained two member musicians last month that don't have a McLain surname! Welcome to Harvey Rossiter (accordion) and to Max Elliot (learning to fiddle). We hope you have half as much fun as we've had through the years, fellas.

Shorty Stone has been in and out of the hospital a time or two in the last month. Keep your powder dry, Shorts! Shorty's wife Mary has her birthday this month on the 4th.

Bev Perry is mending well after a day-long orthopedic surgery a couple of months back, but we're still waiting to see her do the River-Dance. Bev's birthday will be on the 1st.

Guess I'm a day late and a dollar short on both of these birthdays. Darn me anyway. I'll do better next time?

Next month our jam is on the 6th, from 4-10 p.m.. at the Lake County Senior Center. The next business meeting will be at the same place on the 8th at 7 p.m.

So, thanks again for letting me prove the old adage that, with me "you get what you pay for."

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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February
7 Jam Pine Forest Grange

Our January jam at the Pine Forest Grange was a huge success. We had the biggest attendance ever at that location. Our next jam will be at the same location on February 7th.

Several of our members played at the Ochoco Village Assisted Living facility on December 20th in Prineville for the residents; the old time country music

and Christmas carols were very well received.

There are a couple of things our members need to be thinking about. We should be considering the election of new officers to take over in July. The elections should take place in March. Secondly, at this time of the year it is time to submit nominees for the Distinguished Service Awards to the

State President. We will be discussing this subject at the next scheduled meeting and the proper forms will be available.

I hope that the new year has been kind to all. See you at the next jam on February 7th.

Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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February
6 Jam Fruitdale Grange, Grange
24 Gig Medford 125th Celebration
March
6 Jam Eagle Point Grange
April
3 Jam Roxy Ann Grange

The turnout for the Eagle Point jam was a little sparser than usual, but as the day progressed and the weather became a little better, the audience grew. Nice to have Hal Thompson and Guy Kinman from District 10 adding to our good music!

Lola noted that 30 families have not "re-upped" their memberships yet, and need to do it soon to be in the roster. Scott gave a special thanks to all the members who contribute so much to our district, many behind the scene, but oh so necessary! We opened a discussion as to the purpose and the goals of our district. We reviewed the history of the organization as published on the state website, and asked our membership to help determine the direction we want to go as a district. Next month we will start reviewing the current by-laws and standing rules.

New member Flo Blake did a lively version of "Woodpecker Song" in two languages! I sure don't know Italian! Welcome Flo!

A few of us attended the quarterly meeting in Eugene. So good to see folks and catch up on news and families! Lots of good music and food, too! Thanks to the folks from District 6 who made it happen!

Be sure to check the schedule on the website before attending gigs, as some recurring gigs have had to be put on hold until we have more committed musicians to fill them. If you don't have web access, call for info.

The Medford City Council has asked us to perform on February 24 for the city of Medford's 125th anniversary celebration in Alba Park or the old Carnegie Library, depending on weather. It's getting time to start planning for the many activities around the state

coming up soon, such as the State Contest in March, and State Convention in April. Get that music going!

Lola Williams is reluctantly relinquishing her membership chairman's position. Anyone interested in filling this important job? Let your officers know if you can help.

Everett Costa's twice monthly jam in Grants Pass at Great NW Music Co. is attracting new musicians in that area. Good job, folks.

A young child says to his mother, "Mom, when I grow up I'd like to be a musician." She replies, "Well honey, you know you can't do both."

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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February

3 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1:20 p.m.
Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 p.m.
10 Gig Baycrest Memory Care, Empire 1:30 p.m.
Gig Ocean Crest, Coos Bay 3 p.m.
17 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 p.m.
20 Gig 90th birthday party, Reedsport Community
Center 11 a.m.
Jam Jam, Election of Officers, Winchester Bay

The featured musician for January was Ron Estep, from Florence, who is a long-time member of OOTFA and has been playing many styles of music since learning to play guitar with his family when he was 10. He and his two brothers went from country and swing with Mom and Dad to pop, rock and roll and folk music. They headlined many of the Hootenannies around Oregon, played in nightclubs, made a record, were interviewed on radio and guest starred on a couple of TV shows. He was part of a group that was the house band at The Fisherman's Wharf in Florence for 10 years and also gave guitar lessons

to young and old for many years. He is now retired from the computer and electronics industry and keeps busy as a member of the "New Folksters Group", singing and playing at several retirement homes in the Florence area and being involved with other musical activities.

We had an added gig on the January calendar with a performance on Saturday afternoon, January 30, at Sozo's coffee house in North Bend.

There will be a meeting for the election of new officers at 11:30 a.m. preceding the March jam on the 20th. Bring finger foods for a snack lunch.

Several of our members at-

tended the quarterly meeting and jam on January 9 in Eugene. They included Sharon Gallagher, Karen and Hal Weiner and Ruth and Pat Weyer and report that they had a very enjoyable day.

The Winchester Bay Campout will be held from August 19-22 this year. The theme for the Friday night performance will be a song with the name of a state in it. Can some of you musicians dig up some old tunes we haven't heard in awhile?

Several new members have joined our group. These are all new fiddlers in the beginning class being taught by Bob Shaffar

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February

13 Jam and Potluck Crow Grange
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It was a pleasure to host the State Executive Meeting in Eugene January 9th. There was a good turnout from all over the state, plenty of food and music, music, music. We even made the 6 o'clock news.

The Guitar and Bass Class offers a great opportunity to practice or learn new backup skills. Depending upon their interests, participants can choose to work with any one of the following:

- Ken Luse - Stand Up Bass
Les Tucker - Texas Style Backup Guitar

Alan Ede - Basic Backup Guitar

Bring your instruments and a sack lunch. If you are interested in the bass class but don't have an instrument, call Ken Luse at 541 954-4226. Please contact Darla Knudsen at 541 485-1077, to let her know you are coming. The class is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members (to be collected at the door). All money (after expenses) will be donated to the District 6 OOTFA scholarship fund. Directions: Plumbers Hall 2861 Pierce Parkway,

Springfield. Take Hwy 126 to Springfield and exit on Mohawk Blvd., go north over Hwy 126 and take Marcola Rd. to the right, stay on Marcola Rd. until you exit to the left on 28th St. As 28th makes a turn to the right, the driveway there is Pierce Parkway; the Plumbers Hall is right there.

Hope to see you all at the jam and potluck at Crow Grange on February 13th, 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Elections for District 6 officers will be held at the March 13th meeting at Central Grange. If anyone has a nomination or would like

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Table with 4 columns: Date, Location 1, Location 2, Location 3. Rows include Feb 14 (Tualatin Senior Center), Feb 20 (Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation), Mar 14 (Lake Oswego Senior Center), and Mar 26 (Tanner Springs).

Sunday, Feb 14th. Our monthly jam will be at the Tualatin Senior Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Road. The center will be available at 11am, with jamming and playing between 1 - 4 pm. Directions are: I-5, go to Tualatin exit, go west to Tualatin road (about 1 mile from freeway) turn right, cross railroad tracks, very shortly turn right into the park area but go beyond the park to the Senior Center.

Saturday, Feb 20th. Lake

Oswego Parks & Recreation, 4101 Kruse Way in Lake Oswego. We will be playing for the seniors before they have a square dancing time starting around 6 pm. Sounds like fun. Directions are: Take I5, at Hwy 217, take the Kruse Way exit going east. Continue on Kruse Way for about 1 - 2 miles until you come to a large white building. Sunday, March 14th. This monthly jam will be at the Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G St, in Lake Oswego. Building will be available

at 11am with jamming and playing between 1 - 4 pm. Friday, March 26th. We're playing at Tanner Springs, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn from 3:30 - 4:30 pm Also, save August 14th on your calendars for Bob Huffman's 90th Birthday Party at Terry and Andy Jorgensen's. Details to follow next month.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

Editor: cont.

dan has been in the state calendar is that Irene Ruddick is still negotiating since the age of

twelve, and has performed professionally with artists Joe such as Johnny Gimble and George Strait.

The reason the Thousand Trails jam is not mentioned

District 5 cont.

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and include Mendy Sullivan, Ron Staten, Roni Delmoral, Nancy Wakeman and Linda Eickhoff. Welcome to all of you and hope to see you soon at some of the jams.

February's featured musician will be another long-time OOTFA member, Ken Hooten, from Coquille. He, too, grew up in a musical family which sang at every opportunity: around the campfire, on the way to and from the camp and at potluck dinners with relatives during the depression days. He had piano lessons at the age of 11 and

played his grandmother's piano and pump organ and at 15 his dad gave him a soprano ukulele which went with him when he joined the Navy. It survived the war but was replaced by a baritone uke which he still plays. He has played harmonica since he was in 5th grade, when he bought one with instructions on how to play it in five minutes, from a salesman for 50 cents and also has a "gut bucket" with great tone. He enjoys the fellowship that comes with sharing his music with others and especially enjoys the Old Time Fiddlers.

I think some of our members must have celebrated a bit too much on New Year's eve! Why else

were Ruth and Pat Weyer and Bob Shaffer crazy enough to take part in the Polar Bear Swim on January 1 at Sunset Bay? Brrrr!

Childhood: the time of life when you make funny faces in the mirror. Middle age: the time of life when the mirror gets even.

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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February
20 Meeting, election of officers, and jam McMinnville Sr. Center
March
19-20 State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Com. College, Salem
April
8-10 State Convention Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall

We gathered in McMinnville on the 16th for our monthly jam. We were pleased to have 27 people signed up. And enjoyed having Willie and Edna Carter join us. Several young people were there for the first time to play and others to observe. Also a "handful" of district 7 people were there. Also, it was good to see Phil Ringle with us after his fall last October.

February 20th: Please plan to attend the District 8 meeting, as we will be electing district officers for the next year. We need both a chairman and co-chair, as both Lew and Darlene have served for 2 years. Marie Bailey is nominating chair, so if you have suggestions for officers, or wish to volunteer yourself, please let her know. If anyone is hankering to try their writing skills, I'd be glad to relinquish the reporter job.

Here's the rest of the Feb. 20 schedule. We meet at McMinnville Senior Center. Open at 10 am, beginning fiddle workshop at 10:30 am, meeting at 11 am, brown bag

lunch at noon, and sign up jam at 1 pm. Directions: on the north end of town on 99W, turn south onto McDaniel St., across from McDonalds. Go one block, the center is on the left. See you all there!

The OOTFA quarterly meeting at Eugene was well attended. The location at Emerald Park in Eugene worked out very well. Lots of fun to hear some new tunes and visit with friends from other districts. Those from District 8 attending were: Christine Lang, Loita and Dale Colebank, Marie and Bob Bailey, and Alice and Lew Holt.

My humble apologies to Curly and Allison Roberts who are the most honest people I know. They are not Robbers as I wrote last month! Guess my typing fingers are to blame, and the spell checker didn't catch it.

Our summer playing schedule is already beginning to fill up. We have two dates to play at Saturday Market in Salem. We've heard lots of positive comments about our music there, and it's one

of our high paying jobs!

Good news from the south. Our own Gayle Clarity won 1st place in Senior division at the Yuma, Arizona fiddle contest and placed 3rd in the Grand Finals. Starr McMullen was also a winner there, and she made the newspaper too! Good going, ladies!

We are always pleased every year when Alice McDowell makes her generous donation to the contest. She slipped me a nice check at the state meeting in Eugene. Thanks Alice. Lew

Without music, life is a journey through a desert. -- Pat Conroy

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 6 cont.

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to run for an office contact nomination chair Mark Ratzlaff at 541 935-8506. There will also be a jam and potluck.

We extend our sympathies to Joe and Emily Moyle. Joe's mother, Evelyn, passed away January 3.

Birthdays: Gary Baran 2/9, Maxine Benson 2/10, Gary Epperly 2/16, Norm Oleman 2/16, Phyllis Coffin 2/20, Arnold Canning 2/23,

Dave Stubbs 2/25.

Anniversaries: John and Jackie Parsons 2/3 and Arnold and Betty Canning 2/3.

Happy Valentines day.

Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter



District 9

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Reporter: Julia Millison*

February

12 Gig Aspens 7 – 9 p.m.
15 Gig Ashley Manor 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Ah, the joys of Christmas linger on as Dennis Townsend, our multi-instrument player, received a Taylor guitar from Santa aka Dona, his wife. We will all be enjoying the playing of this guitar. Janet Braymen on hammered dulcimer and Marianne Andrews on cello teamed up to play some beautiful duets for the Presbyterian Church's Christmas Eve service. We started the New Year off right by having a jam on New Year's day at Janet's. Joan Suther has returned from Ecuador and we have been hearing some interesting snippets about her trip.

We had a turnout of ten players for our January 8th Aspen

gig. Then on the 9th we were asked to play "Put Your Little Foot" for the funeral of long time member Ellen Callaway. She and her husband "Brick" did lots of dancing to old-time fiddle music. Brick was a fiddler with District 9 for many years. Those playing for the service were: Billie Lanier, Janet Braymen, Joan Suther, Walt Cooper and Julia Millison. Many told us they could just see them "up there" dancing to our playing. We played it again at our Senior Center jam on Sunday the 10th in memory of Ellen and Rose Robirts; Don Williams danced it for the audience. Again, we had several new faces at our jam

and found they were there to celebrate another birthday. Guess we are getting known as the place to come have a good time on your birthday!

February 12th we will be playing at the Aspens again from 7 'til 9 p.m., and then again at Ashley Manor from 6:30 until 7:30 on Monday February 15th.

Enjoy Valentine's Day with your someone special!

Julia Millison, District 9 Reporter

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February

13 Meeting and Jam – Election of Officers
VFW Hall, Roseburg

Not really any news this time, we wouldn't have had enough players, so we canceled the January jam.

We will be having a MEETING, potluck and jam the 13th of February at the VFW hall at 1127 NE Walnut St. in Roseburg. We need to have enough members to form a quorum, so we

can vote on officers for this coming term.

Hope everyone that has been ailing is doing better. I ran into Chuck and Margie at the store; they look and feel a lot better now. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Another reminder, please pay your dues for 2010, time is run-

ning out. Also, District 10, we need you to come to the meeting in February, so we have enough members to vote for officers. Hope to see you all there. Thanks.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

New Members to Welcome:

Robert Bourgo, Damascus
Laura Johnson, Westlake
Max Elliot, Lakeview
Harvey Rossiter, Lakeview
Mark & Cheryl Storms, Eugene
Brandon Neubarth & family, Portland

Daniel Heila & family, Eugene
Marjorie Scott, Eugene
Mali Dong, Lake Oswego
Thomas & Judith Nawrocki, Aloha
Todd Miller, Medford
Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership



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ATTENTION FIDDLERS!

**THE 2010 OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS
CONTEST WILL BE HELD**

**Friday, March 19th &
Saturday, March 20th**

**In the auditorium (Building 6) at the Chemeketa
Community College in Salem.**

**We are excited to again announce the date and
venue of our contest. Please mark your calendars
and plan to join us for a weekend of great fiddling.**

**More information and registration packets will be
mailed in the coming weeks.**

**For more information, visit us on the web
at www.oregonoldtimefiddling.org or
contact Lew at Lewholt@aol.com if you don't get a
packet and want one.
(Or more information.)**

State Calendar

March 19-20	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
April 7-10	State Convention	Rickreall
August 14	Bob Huffman's 90 th	Sandy
August 19-21	Winchester Bay Jam	Winchester Bay



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