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## From Your President

I would like to thank all of you for your kind words and donations on behalf of the Karen Weiner Memorial Fund. It is much easier to cope knowing I have such an extended family of friends.

Once again, I urge you to pay your dues. We have less than 60% of our members who have paid their dues for this year. Without your dues we cannot publish the Hoedowner or keep this organization viable financially. Where else can you get an opportunity to share and meet with good friends and enjoy the music (and the food) for less than six cents a day for the entire family!

The next major activity of OOTFA is our annual fiddle contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on March 18-19, 2011. This is a long standing tradition of our organization and is an important way for both young and old to have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills. If a banjo player (me) can enter the contest one year and win third place in the Senior Division, then I challenge all of you "real fiddlers" to come and enter. It is a fun and wonderful way to show support for OOTFA and our younger kids who are excited every year about the contest. If you can't attend, consider a donation.

Thanks to District 6 for organizing our quarterly board meeting and jam Session!

Stay tuned next month for details on our Annual Convention in Rickreall on April 6-9, 2011. If you have never attended, clear your calendar and be there. I guarantee sore fingers!

"In Oregon we got rain. We got rain in the morning, rain in the evening, rain most all the time. I'm so wet my bones are rusted from this liquid sunshine!" - from my favorite song about Oregon.

~Hal Weiner

## From the Editor

The just concluded quarterly meeting and jam at Emerald Park was quite a success, and good fun, too. There were about 100 people in attendance and 47 names on the jam sign-up list, including no less than 32 people from out of town. The Register-Guard dispatched a photographer, Amanda Smith, to cover the event; a photograph by her and a brief article about the jam was printed the next day in the Sunday paper.

Eileen Walter writes: "The 4th Annual Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest (also includes acoustic instrument picking contest and other exciting events) will be held May 6-8 at the Hood River Middle School. Please see [www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com](http://www.columbiagorgefiddlecontest.com) for the schedule and additional information. Judges this year will be Starr McMullen, Beth Weber, and Sheila Wright O'Brien. Please come and join the fun."

~Joe Moyle

## From the Editor Emeritus

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I wrote on March 11, 2001 -- yesterday at one of our jams I saw a fellow I didn't know standing out in the hall so I introduced myself. As we visited I asked him how he happened to hear about the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. He told me that he played the guitar and that he had played for many years with his father when he played the fiddle but that his father had died 8 years ago. He went on to tell me that just a while back that he walked into a senior center and heard that old time fiddle music "the kind that Dad used to play." He shared with me that he was so overwhelmed by what he heard that he retreated to the "men's room" and wept. He knew then that he had to be a part of it so he joined.

As Guy Kinman and I were visiting at the quarterly meeting in Eugene this month he asked me about Shorty Dow down at Bandon. We talked about the time that Shorty rented the entire sternwheeler to take 93 of us for a cruise up the

Coquille River. What a great day it was for district 5 and friends. As I am writing this, I have been visiting with Shorty on the phone. September 2, 1984 -- now we know Guy. We all have great memories of "days gone by." Shorty will send me pictures.

Last fall I was asked to write a document for the Oregon Historical Society about the OOTFA in no more than 500 words. It was difficult to be concise and to stay within the 500 word limit. There is so much to write about -- it would have been easier to write a book. My article was finally accepted and is now on the Oregon Historical Society's web site -- [http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/entry/view/oregon\\_old\\_time\\_fiddlers\\_association/](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/entry/view/oregon_old_time_fiddlers_association/)

~Lew Holt

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### February

1	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1	Gig	Crystal Terrace	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
6	Meeting/Pot luck & Jam		12 - 4 p.m.
11	Gig	Chiloquin Community Center	1 - 3 p.m.
13	Jam	Senior Dance, music, & Finger Food	12 - 4 p.m.
17	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday 1-4 p.m.. at Luther Square unless something else is going on.

We are now into February, hard to believe time is passing so quickly. It seems we just wished everyone a Happy 2011.

Update on Jerry Ruddock he is doing better, nice to have him back at a few of our play dates. So far everyone else is doing okay. We hear from our snowbirds Johnny & Darleth on a regular basis. Johnny is busy playing music; Darleth is enjoying all the swap meets & garage sales. Must be nice to be where it is nice & warm. The roads here have been so icy we are thinking of putting on ice skates instead of driving.

February 11th Chiloquin Community Center  
Arrive 11:30 a.m. to set up and have lunch.  
Play 1- 3 p.m. This is for the Indian Tribes Elders Valentine Luncheon.

The election for our new officers will be March 6th, so be thinking of being one of those who will volunteer.

We will not be playing for the sled dog races at Chemult this year due to event changes.

Due to our weather & sometimes very icy roads all schedule events could change if you have any questions, call Irene (541) 882-6418

All of District 1 sends their condolences to Hal Weiner & family.

Happy Birthday Ben Coker, Lynn Foster, John Howard, & Don Reese

We don't have any anniversaries listed for February. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, if we did let us know.

Sometimes breaking the rules is more fun.

~Aline Swartwood, stand-in District 1 Reporter

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### February

5	Jam	Lake County Senior Center	
14	Business Meeting	Lake County Senior Center	7 p.m.

Hello everybody,

No need to watch the Weather Channel this month for us residents of of 1E. We've "been there,done that" ----wind,sleet,snow, lightening,trees cracked in half. etc. the only thing missing was sunshine!!!

But still, we don't want to hear any snivelling from the expatriates holed up in AZ. You know...about the high temp only creeping into the seventies in the afternoon.....blah blah blah Bitter? yesiree-bitter as Tuesday' low of MINUS 13. I sure hope the rest of y'all have had a more comfortable winter.

Well, it's hard to get much done in this mess,but we'll still have our monthly jam on Feb. 5th in the Lake County Senior Center . Also in the LCSC at 7 p.m. on the 14th, we'll have our business meeting.

Our chairman is giving us all a heads-up that we'll be voting for this year's victims (Ahem, officers), so our attendance would really be appreciated to make sure our votes mean something. How about some from North Lake County?

BTW, a very Happy Birthday to our Vice-Chair Beverly Perry who will be a year older than this time last year on Feb. 1. We'll keep the number under our hats.

Everyone have fun at the quarterly meeting. See you at the next one, if the Lord's willing and the creek don't rise..

I 've been trying to diet and eat healthy for my New Year's resolution. Then I thought "What the heck, I drive way too fast to worry about my cholesterol"

'Til we meet again

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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### February

2	Jam	Pine Forest Grange	1 p.m.
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We had a very good turn out for our Jam on January 2nd at the Pine Forest Grange. The weatherman co-operated giving us a cool but dry day. We had a good turn out of the musicians as well. Roland White held his fiddle class for the young people prior to the start of our jam. The young fiddlers started off our regular program and this was well received by the audience.

We were saddened to hear of the loss by our state president. Our district sent a gift to charity as was requested in her name.

There will be a short meeting at the next jam. There are some issues to be voted on, so it is very important that all members attend.

Our next scheduled jam will be at Pine Forest Grange at 1 p.m. on February 6th.

Happy New Year to all !

~Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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### February

5	Jam	Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass
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### March

5	Jam	Eagle Point Grange, Grants Pass
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### April

2	Jam	Roxy Ann Grange
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The Eagle Point Grange jam was delayed to the second Saturday because of New Year's Day falling on the first Saturday. A smaller group than usual for starting out the new year, but we played a lot of music. The weather was cold, but the sun peeked out for a while. As we were finishing up with a small circle jam while the sound was being dismantled, a very friendly dog strolled in. After

visiting the audience (and getting lots of attention) he seemed to enjoy just listening. They say our music appeals to kids of all ages, but . . . ?

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## District 4 continued...

Cathy Frutche, and husband Tom were vacationing in Hawaii with Tom's father Ed, when Ed became very ill and was hospitalized in serious condition. Kathy and Tom extended their time there to stay with him. Don Johnson has been down for two weeks with viral bronchitis/pneumonia, and Bea got sick a week later. They are home, but not going out. We wish them all well.

A donation was made to the State contest, and we were reminded to get in our nominations for the Distinguished Service Award.

We are making some changes in the schedule for the new year, with some new gigs, and consolidating several on one day to decrease travel time for those in the outlying areas.

Remember that elections for district officers will be in April.

We will be starting a beginning fiddle group as an after school program for 4th and 5th graders at Madrone Trail Charter School. Judy McGarvey is heading this up, with support and help from some district fiddlers.

Question to ponder: If you were lost in the woods, who would you trust for directions: an in-tune banjo player, an out of tune banjo player, or Santa Claus?

Answer: The out of tune banjo player. The other two indicate you are hallucinating!

Happy Valentine's Day! Hug your sweetie!

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### February

2	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1:20 p.m.
	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center		3 p.m.
9	Gig	Baycrest Memory Care	Empire	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Ocean Crest	Coos Bay	3 p.m.
16	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1 p.m.
19	Meeting and Jam		Winchester Bay	11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
23	Gig	Life Care Center	Coos Bay	1:30 p.m.
	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3 p.m.

The featured performer for the February jam will be John MacRae. He sings and plays guitar and also acts as master of ceremonies. John studied theatre arts in college with dreams of becoming an actor but reality set in when bills had to be paid. However, his love of music gave him the opportunity to again step in front of the footlights when he took up folk singing in Southern California in the late 60's. He and some friends formed the group "Glenfinnan" and specialized in the music of Scotland and Ireland. For over 30 years they were in demand for playing at festivals, fairs, pubs and clubs. When John retired and moved to Oregon he first joined the Gold Coast Music Makers in Coos Bay but can now be seen singing and making audiences laugh with his role as MC with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Visit John's web-site to learn more about him: [www.johnmacrae.com](http://www.johnmacrae.com). We want to see you in your kilts, John!

There will be a business meeting at 11 a.m. preceding the jam on the 19th. Please bring some ideas for a theme for our Winchester Bay camp out in August. Our performers need to start planning their acts if they want to top last year's presentations. That may be hard to do, however. You are also reminded to bring finger foods to share for lunch.

We are all saddened by the death of Karen Weiner in late December and wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Hal, and the rest of her family. There was a beautiful memorial service for her at the Florence Events Center on January 9. She struggled valiantly with the cancer causing her death and her kind and gentle ways and her willingness to lend a helping hand wherever needed will be missed by all who knew her.

Can you believe our president, Pat Weyer, was one of the hardy souls taking a dip in the ocean at Sunset Bay on New Year's day? Bob Shafer was there a year ago, too, but don't know if he made it this time. You guys be careful! We wouldn't want you to lose anything to frostbite.

Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't done so already.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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## All about Jacie Sites

The East Oregonian newspaper December 3 printed a story by Terry Murray about another one of our super young fiddlers. The following is an extract:

"Jacie Sites believes in paying it forward. Years ago, Peg Willis of Pendleton took an aspiring violinist under her wing. Willis not only provided her with free lessons, she drove her to Bend and beyond so Sites could study techniques with masters of the instrument. Today, Sites and her husband Joe have put violins into the hands of hundreds of children who couldn't afford them in their home of Idaho Falls. Their Strings for Kids program has won several awards and, because of it, she will be profiled in an upcoming edition of Ladies Home Journal. In addition, Sites has become a famous fiddler, violinist and cellist in her own right. She's come far from when she'd hide her face under a cap and get lost in her music on the sidewalk in front of her mother's business, Pendleton Ship Shoppe, or play on Main Street with Willis' Pick and Bow Company.

"I was in junior high school and I could play "'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' on the violin," Sites said. "I found out about Peg Willis. I bugged my parents relentlessly to go to her school so I could learn to play." Her parents agreed they could tell at that time this was something important to Jacie.....

"Willis, who was principal of the Blue Mountain Christian Academy, took young Jacie Penner under her wing. She learned really fast, but had little patience for the classical music part of what she did," Willis recalled. "When I retired she continued taking lessons from me. I tried to convince her that taking some classical lessons would be to her ultimate benefit and drove her to Walla Walla once a week for a year so she could work on technique. She didn't like it but she did it. Then, the following year, I drove her to Bend for lessons from Rudi Booher, a past national champion, maybe once a month." .....

"... she was a founding member of the Pick 'n' Bow Company, a group of four teens who played together for three years. She assisted Willis with her Summer Strings music camp and would take her fiddle outside to play to her heart's content - until she was stopped by the long arm of the law.

"It was her uncle who told her to open her violin case (for donations)," Liz Penner recalled. "She'd get so lost in her music. She can remember looking down and seeing a lot of money in it. Then she looked down again later and her money was gone, but she didn't care. She just cared about the music."

"The police, Penner said, told her the impromptu street concerts would have to stop because it was panhandling. ...

"Jacie Penner accepted (a) scholarship to EOU in La Grande, where she studied from 1999-2001. While there she won the Oregon State Fiddle Contest Grand Championship Division, played violin and bass with the university jazz ensemble, taught private fiddle lessons, and picked up a cello for the first time.

"She studied cello with Ken Woods, the long-time conductor of Oregon East Symphony," Willis said. "For some reason she was willing to do on the cello what she did not want to do on the fiddle - read notes and play classical music....."

"Jacie and Joe Sites opened a violin shop in Idaho Falls directly across the street from an elementary school. Joe gave new life to old fiddles and violins and they both taught private lessons. Just as Willis once watched a little girl become a champion fiddler, she watched her own students succeed. In 2004, nine of them finished in the top five at the National Fiddle Contest, with three of them winning their divisions. In addition to state

fiddle titles, several of her students have become concert masters for their school orchestras and 20 received perfect scores on their festival pieces for 2003-2004 alone.....

'More recently, in October she finished fourth in the grand masters fiddle contest in Nashville, Tenn. She's also judged the national old time fiddle contest in Weiser for a few years, her mother said.

"All this from the little girl who used to practice her fiddle in the front of the Pendleton Ship Shoppe," Rose Murphey said. "She was a real tomboy," Liz Penner recalled. "Her favorite colors were black and navy and she really didn't like being a girl. I think Peg Willis got her into her first dress. When she'd play she had her hat pulled down over her eyes."

"Willis also remembers that little girl."

"I think she was actually twins," Willis said of her former student. "One of them kind of hung her head down and looked like she didn't want anyone to notice her. The other could play a blazing hot fiddle and begged to be noticed. I'm glad the second one won out in the end."

## Tune of the Month : Bay of Fundy

This tune was composed by Canadian fiddler Bill Guest. It should be played fast. It looks easy, but is not -- pay special attention when alternating between the "e" and "a" strings in the B part.

### Bay of Fundy

*Bill Guest*

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### February

12 Jam & Potluck Crow Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### March

12 Meeting, Jam and Potluck Santa Clara Grange 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We were pleased to host the OOTFA State Executive quarterly meeting and jam at Emerald Park on Jan 15th. It was a pleasure to see all the musicians and friends from all over the state. We even had two newspaper reporters visit. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshop (WCFCW) committee is moving right along with plans for this summer's camp. Over 40 people have turned in the survey from December's Hoedowner. It's not too late to add your two cents worth and submit your survey to the committee. The survey will help make the fiddle camp more enjoyable for all.

The First Friday Jam at the Eugene Hotel was made all the more fun by the large enthusiastic audience of hotel residents. The jam will be held there for two more months on a trial basis. The jams start at 7 p.m.; everyone is welcome.

### Friday night jams, all 7 to 11 p.m.:

1st Friday, Eugene Hotel, 222 E. Broadway, Eugene 97401

2nd Friday, Crow Grange, 85994 Territorial Rd., Veneta 97487

4th Friday, Santa Clara Grange, 295 Azalea Drive, Eugene 97404

We extend condolences to Hal Weiner (OOTFA State President) for the passing of his wife Karen Weiner on Dec. 22. We also send condolences to Vickie Clark for the passing of her husband John Clark, and to his mother, Thelma Drayer.

February Birthdays: Gary Baran 2/9, Maxine Benson 2/10, Norm Oleman 2/16, Phyllis Coffin 2/20, Arnold Canning 2/23, Dave Stubbs 2/25.

~Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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### February

6 Rose-Schnitzer Manor Portland

11 Eagle Creek Grange Eagle Creek

19 Leedy Grange Portland

20 Juanita Pohl Center Tualatin

22 Springs Asst. Living Center Portland

### March

13 Jam Lake Oswego Senior Center Lake Oswego 1 - 3:30 pm

25 Gig Tanner Adult Center West Linn 3:30 - 4:30 pm

28 Gig Valley Community Presbyterian Church Portland 1 - 1:30 pm

### April

17 Hillsboro Senior Center Hillsboro

Everyone's fingers should be thawed out by now, time to do some fiddling! We have a busy schedule coming up for the next three months. Four of these bookings are from new places, so be sure to get these dates on your calendars. Let's have a good turnout effort for these new folks.

Sunday, February 6 we are scheduled to play at Rose-Schnitzer Manor at Cedar Sinai Park, 6140 SW Boundary St. in Portland, 97221. Turn south on 62nd off Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy. This is new place for us and it is a very large complex so leave plenty of time to get find your way. We play from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

Friday, February 11 we play at Eagle Creek Grange, on the corner of Eagle Creek & Wildcat Mt. Road, 97023. This event will be a banquet. Musicians can come at 5:30 pm if you want to eat. From 6:30 to 7:30 pm we play for the guests while they eat.

Saturday morning, February 19 we are playing for a morning breakfast at Leedy Grange, 835 NW Salzman Rd., Portland 97229. This is a morning breakfast - come hungry and bring your family and friends. We are scheduled to play between 9 to 11 a.m. Directions: Take Hwy 26 west to exit 26. (Murray Blvd). Go North to N.W. Cornell Rd. Turn right. Go about 0.2 mile to Bales

Marketplace (12675 N.W. Cornell Rd.) The grange is on the right, or east, side of the parking lot.

Sunday, February 20 our monthly jam will be at the Juanita Pohl Center/Tualatin/Durham Senior Ctr., 8513 SW Tualatin Road in Tualatin. Doors open at 11 a.m., playing time 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tues, February 22 we are playing at another new place for us: Oswego Springs Asst. Living Center, 11552 SW Lesser Road, Portland 97219. Playing time is from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Google directions: Take Capital Hwy south toward Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus. Follow Capital Hwy to Lesser Road. If you are coming up I-5 take Exit 293 to Haines Rd, turn right to Lesser Rd, then turn left. Let's have a good turn out and give them a good jam.

Sunday, March 13 our monthly jam is at the Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G St. in Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Doors open at 11 am, playing time from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 25 we are scheduled at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, in West Linn. We play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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## District 7 continued...

Monday, March 28 is another opportunity to play for a new group at the Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 8060 SW Brentwood, in Portland, in the Raleigh Hills area. We are scheduled to play from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Directions: take Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, turn north on Laurelwood toward West Slope. Church is on the corner of Laurelwood and Brentwood.

Sunday April 17 our monthly jam will be at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th St. in Hillsboro, Or 97123. Doors open at 11:00 a.m and we play from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

~Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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### February

19 Gig McMinnville Senior Center McMinnville  
19 District 8 business meeting 11 a.m.

### March

18-19 State Fiddle Contest Salem

### April

6-9 State Convention Rickreall

Our December Cake Walk went very well. Lots of delectable cakes and other goodies. Between regular sign up performers, we had cake walks. All ages participated hoping to stop on the lucky square.

Our January Jam is the 22nd, but this report is due the 16th.

Curly and Allison Roberts have had some health problems. Take care of yourselves! Jackie Stephenson broke her left ankle. She's wearing a "boot" and getting around in a wheelchair. But she was there to sell tickets at the Cake Walk. Okay folks - no more broken bones! Everyone be careful!

February 19th, Saturday, the jam will be at McMinnville Sr. Center. The doors will be open about 10:30 a.m. for informal jamming. We can have a practice session on jam tunes if enough are there. Let me know if there's a specific tune you'd like to practice.

Several District 8 members attended the beautiful Celebration of Life for Karen Weiner. There was laughter as well as tears. Our hearts are with you Hal.

March brings the state contest in Salem. Judges have been secured. Lew is lining up volunteer jobs. Let him know if you'd be willing to help out. Then April is the state convention at the Polk County Fairground. We are host district so will be asking for finger foods and help in several areas. More on these events later.

The Quarterly Meeting, potluck and jam at Eugene was well attended in spite it of being a rainy day. Hey, we're Oregonian, it rains here. It was good to see friends from around the state. Many thanks to District 6 for hosting the meeting.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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### February

4	Jam	Billy Lanier
11	Gig	Aspens
13	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center
18	Jam	Johnson's
25	Jam	Townsend's

Janet Braymen and Joan Suther and her husband Rick have returned from their journey to Colombia to bird watch. They returned on New Year's Eve and promptly attended the jam at Dennis and Dona Townsend's house. They were brave souls because the temperature in Burns that night was 25 below zero. So not many from District 9 ventured out. Janet, Joan and Rick regaled us with stories of mud slides and driving over hazardous washed out roads, all in the name of observing birds. Hardy folks. They said they really missed the music while in South America and could not wait to return and jam with the group. We played our tunes until almost midnight, then toasted the New Year with sparkling apple cider. We are glad they are safely back.

instrument) for Christmas and was delighted to show it off to all the folks at the jam.

On Sunday, January 9, we entertained the folks at the Senior Center at our monthly jam/potluck. As well as the usual musicians, Little Shiana Turner joined us again to play "Mary had a Little Lamb" on her fiddle. MaryAnn Andrews also played a couple of fiddle tunes. She and her husband are regulars who love to dance at our jams. Dennis Townsend got a psaltery (new

On Friday, January 14, we played at the Aspens. Coming up in January are jams at Joan Suther's (Jan 21) and George and Hilda Sahlberg's (Jan 28). It is so nice to always have a Friday night jam to look forward to in these cold, snowy, isolated winter months.

Coming up for February, jams will be: Feb 4, Billy Lanier; Feb. 11 The Aspens; Feb 13, Senior Center potluck; Feb 18, Rose and Wayne Johnson's; Feb. 25, Dennis and Dona Townsend's.

Janet Braymen wants everyone to start thinking about Jamboree planning. Thinking.....

~Dona Townsend District 9 pro-tem Reporter

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## February

12 Jam

VFW Hall

Roseburg

At our meeting, we voted in our officers for the next term.---Bob Hanson for Chairperson; Don Hamlin for Co-Chair; Jo Barnes for Membership; Barbara Sullivan for Secretary; Gwyn Deaton for treasurer, and Joyce Pickett as Reporter.

We had a very nice jam -- Lois Eagleton was back with us, glad to see her. Also, Carol Ridley, joined; she plays the fiddle, and very well. Her friend Kelly plays the fiddle and the tenor banjo. Everyone had a good time, lots of visitors and dancers.---Delmar Beck is doing better after his stroke.

--Chuck and Margie Hastey are doing fair, we miss them.

Our jams will be from NOON 12 to 3 pm, from now on; we're getting it straightened out now in the News Review-Currents. Our next jam will be February 12th at the VFW hall 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg. We'll have finger foods during the day. Hope to see you all there. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!

~Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter



**TOP:** The OOTFA Board Meets in Eugene. Left to right: Dale Colebank, Ken Luse, Scott Phillips, Sharon Thompson, Hal Weiner, Bob Ervin, Mark Ratzlaff, Pat Weyer. Not shown: Jean Hanson, Phil Ringle and Ron Beatty. Photo by Joe Moyle

**RIGHT:** Alice Holt on fiddle, backed up by Peggy Hudson and Pat Gates, at the quarterly meeting and jam in Eugene. Photo by Joe Moyle

**BOTTOM:** Dancers at the District 6 Barn Dance, held at Spencer Creek Grange in December. Photo by Nina Hoffman





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## State Calendar

March 18-19	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
May 5-8	Silver Lake Camp Out	Silver Lake
May 6-8	Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest	Hood River
July 25-30	West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop	Westfir
August 4-7	Diamond Lake Camp Out	Diamond Lake
August 9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp	La Pine
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Camp Out	Winchester Bay

### New Members to Welcome!

- Dawn & Larry Vonderlin, Bandon
- Katelynn & Audy Davis, Bandon
- Frank & Jerry Phelps, Grants Pass
- Michele & Jeff Sims, Sisters
- Cyril & Sharon Beach, Quartzsite, AZ

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership