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From Your President

Happy Thanksgiving to all. This is certainly the year we have to be thankful - for all of our friends, our music, our health, and the generosity of our patrons.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and words of encouragement as we move forward into a new era for our organization. I am pleased to tell you that our Board has approved the creation of a permanent endowment fund of \$260,000 with Oregon Community Foundation. This will become a legacy that will serve us for many, many years to come. Annual distributions from the fund will be use to comply with the wishes of the Kielhorn's.

Please send in your nominations for the Distinguished Service Award to your District Chairperson so that I receive it before December 31, 2011. This is your opportunity to nominate someone who has provided consistent, extraordinary service to OOTFA. Each year we present two awards at our convention in April. One for a living member and one posthumously. A committee appointed by me, will review all of the applications, including those previously submitted, and recommend the awardees.

I have been asked to comment on who can contract or agree that OOTFA will perform at a function. All performances need be approved by the District Chairman or designate before committing other members to play. No one should commit other OOTFA performers without their approval. This is just common courtesy. If you are playing solo, or have already arranged for the individual performers in advance for a specific gig that is not open to all members, then a simple notice prior to any public announcement to the chairperson or designate is expected. If you expect to have non-OOTFA members be a major portion of the gig, then it would not be appropriate to advertise this as an Oregon Old Time Fiddler's performance.

Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't hurt your back raking too many leaves (that's why leaf blowers were invented!). And don't forget to pay your dues!

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

Welcome to Eileen Walter, who will be contributing a short monthly column "Fiddle Tips." Eileen's column will be part of the Junior Hoedowner; the first one appears in this month's issue.

This month's oddity: Musical Saw for Sale. Rita Hartley has one, and she wants to sell it. Interested? Call her at 541-963-2595.

~Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

Working on the Junior Hoedowner this evening, Vol. 5 No 11 makes me think back to the JUNIOR HOEDOWNER MAY 2007 Vol. 1 Nr 1. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since that first issue. What is that, 55 issues since the beginning? There have been a variety of subjects covered in those 55 months -- contests techniques -- fiddle care -- stories, etc., and recently biographies of young fiddlers. No matter what our age is, we all could tell our stories of fiddling but it is especially interesting to read the stories about the young fiddlers. Our assistance and encouragement are needed as their time and their families' time for fiddling competes with sports, school, church, clubs, TV, friends, you name it. OOTFA can be pleased that districts have strong scholarship committees that do all they can to help and encourage the young fiddlers. We can be proud of our young fiddlers. They are great "crowd pleasers." And who knows the role they will play in the future of OOTFA. Today I had the pleasure of hearing young fiddlers Natalie and Kelsey Smith from District 7 play in a jam. WOW? Impressive.

They were featured in the Junior Hoedowner, Vol. 4, Issue 6, June 2010. It was interesting to go back to our Hoedowner archives to again read about the two sisters.

<http://www.ootfa.org/Hoedowner/HJ2010-06.pdf>

I hope you have checked out our Hoedowner archives at <http://www.ootfa.org/Hoedowner.html>

Here is something I wrote many years ago. I'll share it with you: ". . . . yesterday at one of our jams, I introduced myself to a member I didn't know. I asked him how he heard about OOTFA. He told me that he played the guitar and that he played for many years for his father as 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 went on to say that he was so overwhelmed by the fiddle music that he retreated to the "men's room" and wept. He knew that he had to be a part of it so he joined." I have forgotten now who the man was that I met that day. Another story of how important our music can be.

~Lew Holt

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November

1	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1	Gig	Crystal Terrance	1 - 2 p.m.
6	Jam, Potluck	Shasta Community hall	12 - 4 p.m.
13	Senior Dance & 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 want to encourage everyone to come to practice: learn each other's tunes and learn new ones. Any questions regarding schedule call Irene Ruddock.

Everyone from District 1 wants to thank all of the districts for the help Saturday night, sure did make it easier for Sunday's cleanup. We want to give a big thanks to all the Bigelows for their help, also Howard Purdy. They all worked long and hard. The ladies that helped with the raffle table were greatly appreciated. The main workers were Cherie Lane, Lola Williams, Sharon Gallenger, Darleth Rodgers and Sheila Fry. Thanks to everyone that donated raffle items .

Also thanks Alice Holt for the fiddle class, Hal Weiner's banjo class, John Renfro for the guitar class. Thanks to Sheila Fry for taking care of the scheduling, and Rhea Bigelow for setting up the banquet tables. They both did a very good job. We don't want to forget the MC's: John Northcraft, Lew Holt, and Darla Knudsen; they were excellent.

A big thanks to everyone that I might have missed mentioning his or her names. Oh, I don't want to forget our own Ann Bonser for managing the kitchen. Patti Northcraft came later to help with baking cookies, Darleth and I helped with breakfast and baked a few cookies. Irene Ruddock was always there willing to lend a helping hand wherever she was needed.

John Rogers and Phil Fry took care of the trash and the parking. They did have to have a supervisor we won't mention HER name. Also all of our District members for all their help. We do have a good bunch.

Phyllis Coffin won the cute coffee cup contest. We plan to do the coffee cup contest again next year, so be thinking about your cup. We missed Jerry Ruddock's wonderful back up guitar, he wasn't feeling well. He is feeling much better, and has been out playing with us again.

We played today October 8th for the Farmers Market. There wasn't any snow or ice but it was so cold. Our fingers would hardly work, and by the time sun did finally come out, we were so cold we could barely move let alone play. To bad we can't play with gloves on. We want to thank the few that were brave enough to come and play. Johnny, Jake, and Jerry for the back up. Marlon, Irene and myself for the fiddles. We really didn't whine very much.

The Sunday dance was special. One of our regular dancers brought his family & friends to celebrate a special family event. There was a big crowd of dancers, and musicians. Nice to see so many of our musicians again. Thanks to everyone for coming.

We want to welcome two new members, Dave Alexander, he plays a guitar and sings great. Also Bill & Maxine Selles; Bill plays a beautiful harmonica.

Birthdays for November: Bud Ullman, Lisa Pratt and Carol Olson
Anniversaries for November: Johnny and Darleth Rogers. Les & Lois Tucker.

Hopefully we didn't miss anyone for birthdays or anniversaries, if so let us know.

Whatever is produced in haste goes hastily to waste.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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December

4 Jam

Lake County Senior Center 6 - 10 p.m.

Hello to everyone out there in fiddle land. Bev Perry is our Chairman. She is now up and about and running full speed ahead. Her phone number is 541-947-2334. Also Rhayanna Bryant is our co chair her phone number is 541-219-1283.

Thank goodness for the cooler weather. Around here anyway. Even had a bit of rain fall. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving please be safe out there on the open road. Cold wind and snow Christmas is next.

On October 13th (which happens to be a Thursday night) we had some special people from District 4 here to visit. Lee and Ruth Cushman. Glad to see you guys. Thanks for stopping in.

Thursday nights at Rosa Lee's seem to be the place to be. Hats off to the the Thursday nighters. For those who don't know, Rosa Lee has a jam/practice night on each Thursday around 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

As of now, the next jam will be December 4th, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Lake County Senior Center, 11 N G Street.

Please remember Sharilyn is our membership wrangler. So please pay your dues to her.

Hopefully the next report will have more in it. I don't have a birthday or anniversary list so I am sure somebody will be missed in the well wishing. Sorry.

~Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter

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November

6 Jam

Pine Forest Grange 1 - 3:30 p.m.

District 3 Chairman Ron Odegard reports that the attendance at our last Jam was good but a little sparse probably due the opening of deer season. District 3 members welcome new Oregon Oldtime Fiddler Max Mills from Redmond.

District 3 will be supporting the benefit barbecue and dance at Prineville headed up by Bob Ervin for the free trips to Washington DC for WWII veterans. Our District Chairman Ron Odegard commented, "We indeed owe so much to these individuals. It's only a small portion of what they deserve.....but at least we can contribute something". This benefit is to be held on October 15th.

On October 2nd we had a short but informative meeting. Bob Ervin gave us an update on the results of annual fiddle camp at Sun River in September. Vice Chairman Jack Kerr provided a lot of information from his trip to to the quarterly meeting in Merrill. He explained how the large endowment the State OOTFA received is being made into a perpetual trust fund that will continue to benefit the OOTFA now and in the future.

District 3 member's Roland White & Mark Barringer performed for the Bend, Redmond and Sisters Libraries a program of American Oldtime and Celtic Fiddle Music in September and October. They will also donate music at the Hoedown for Hunger Concert at Bend's Community Center on November 5th.

We were honored to have guests from district 6 at our last jam. They were Jesse & Darla Knudsen and Jesse's cousin and his wife who are residents of Prineville. Jesse's fiddlin' added a great bit to our jam.

Just a reminder, our annual Christmas party is coming up soon and it's a pot luck. Also, It's time for our 2012 dues to be paid. This ridiculously low cost basically goes to provide postage for the award-winning publication of the Hoedowner..

Members please send any District 3 newsworthy details to Roland White 541-647-4789 roland@fiddlplay.com by the 10th of each month to meet the Hoedowner news deadline.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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The October meeting and potluck was at Eagle Point Grange. Attendance was good. Six of our beginning kids group (ages 7 to 11) started out the jam with some rousing songs. They are working hard and are excited about learning new songs for the next jam.

Note that the jam this month is at Fruitdale Grange,, not "Fruitcake". According to the Hoedowner editor there was a computer glitch at the state level. They apologize for the error.

We were greatly saddened by the death of Bob Reeves, a long time member and our faithful sound manager. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Eloise "Elly" and their family. A donation was made to the District scholarship fund at family's request. We miss him – he leaves a huge hole in our ranks. Nine of our members attended the services and visited with the family.

Jim Winslow had surgery, but is back playing with us again. Way to go, Jim! Bruce Evans, one of our bass guitar players, had a stroke but is recovering. We hope he'll be well soon.

Don Maddox was honored in Nashville at the Grand Old Opry for his contribution to old time music. Congrats, Don!

As is happening all over the state, our membership and revenues are going down, and our expenses continue to climb. We are a volunteer organization. No one can do everything, everyone can do something. What can/will YOU do to support our organization? We are trying some changes in our jams. In November we will have no meeting and meet at 12 noon for snacks and desserts.

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November

2	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1 p.m.
2	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
9	Gig	Baycrest (old St. Catherines)	North Bend	1 p.m.
9	Gig	Ocean Crest	Coos Bay	3 p.m.
16	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1 p.m.
19		Members Holiday Dinner	Winchester Bay	11 a.m.
19	Jam	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 p.m.
23	Gig	Memory Care	Empire	1:30 p.m.
23	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3 p.m.

I know you're all looking forward to the annual holiday dinner and all the goodies that are always provided by our good cooks. Turkey, ham, dressing and gravy will be provided. Those attending whose last names begin with letters A through M are asked to bring desserts and those from N through Z are asked to bring salads and veggies to accompany the main dishes. If you've found a new recipe that you just have to try but it doesn't fit in your assigned category, bring it anyway. We'll eat it!

Visitors to our October monthly jam were Marlene and John Renfro from District 4 and John's adopted brother, Alan, who is from the Eugene area and is involved with the musical activities there. Both John and Alan entertained us with some great guitar playing which was appreciated by the audience. Others, who are very regular visitors to the point where we begin to think of them as being members of our group, were Sharon and Hal Thompson

November

5 Jam Fruitcake Grange 12 p.m.

December

3 Jam Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.

January

7 Jam Eagle Point Grange

Bring your favorite snack or dessert and a friend or two. We will do sign-ups for the December potluck "feast" of turkey, ham, and fixin's.

One major expense of time and money is the monthly potluck. We would like your feedback, in writing, about whether to continue the monthly potlucks. Please e-mail, snail mail or hand deliver your written comments to any board member by November 16, so that we can know what the membership would like.

We had a good turnout of players at the Cliff Creek Vineyards Harvest Festival, and they gave us a generous donation. Thanks to all who helped make it through four hours of playing! We played the next day for a benefit to the Friends of the Library in Jacksonville, and also for the "Golddiggers" of the Historical Society at Hanley Farm. Thanks to all the musicians who came out and helped. We had wonderful positive comments from many in the audiences.

Our membership chairman is ready to take your new and renewal memberships for next year. Don't forget, so you can get your name in the roster.

What's the difference between a violin and a fiddle? A fiddle is fun to listen to.

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 reporter

from District 10. It's always a pleasure to hear Hal's wonderful voice and great old songs.

There have been several activities added to the regular schedule lately to keep our musicians busy. The Cycle Oregon gig at Powers was a huge success with the audience demanding they not stop playing. In an interview shown on television following the trip, some of the participants stated that Powers had been their favorite place to camp overnight; we like to think it was all because of our musicians. Larry Costa, one of our members who lives there, was the organizer of the event in Powers so credit goes to him for making all the arrangements. There was a good turn-out of musicians at the performance at the church in Arago.

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Shannon Stein

As a kindergarten student, Shannon found her inspiration for playing violin in an unusual way. One day, a violinist from the Oregon Symphony came to visit her rural classroom on the Oregon coast. As he spoke, he held up his bow and asked if anyone knew what animal helped make his bow. He unscrewed the ferrule and shook the bow to show that it was made with strands of hair. While "cats" or "monkeys" seemed most reasonable to the kids, when the man said, "horses," Shannon's eyes lit up! She suddenly knew she just had to own one herself. (It seemed to her the closest she could get to a real horse.) Her parents agreed and bought her a 1/8 size violin later that year.

So, at age six Shannon began lessons with Jackie Cone, friend, and self-taught violinist. Jackie's gentleness helped Shannon through the early frustration of not being able to play like a pro right away. Fresh tunes were constantly put before her and soon Shannon was rapidly sight-reading music, as if by magic. Shannon's dad bought himself a mandolin so he could teach himself and play with her. Then, Mrs. Cone invited Shannon to go see the Old Time Fiddlers up in Winchester Bay. They were having fun, but could little Shannon be brave enough to perform with strangers? She learned to play "Texas Gales," "Devil's Dream" and "Swallowtail Jig" with dad, and it wasn't long before Shannon was on stage, a contributing member of the Old Time Fiddlers.

Three years ago, with help from District 5, Shannon and her family went to the Thousand Trails camp where Shannon met her first best friend; a "super-good" fiddler her own age. Shannon has learned so much from her California buddy. The music Shannon has learned at Thousand Trails is especially valuable since she doesn't have a dedicated fiddle instructor. (Shannon currently studies Suzuki method with Myriam Harvey and is in book Six.) Fiddle tunes learned at camp have always been lively music such as last year's "Leather Britches" and this summer's, "Val's Dream" and "Catharsis." Since those first times playing before a large audience, whether worship, classical or fiddle music, Shannon has enjoyed playing on many stages. She especially loves it when she is helping raise money for a good cause. OOTFA has given her a wonderful circle of loving, supportive friends that she can always count on to cheer her on.

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter

Almost every day I hear someone say this: "There just isn't enough time to work on my fiddling" - But wait: Maybe there really is! We could approach our practice time in a different way. Progress on this instrument comes in small increments, and improvements can be made by setting small attainable goals. Choose something that you can succeed at during a short practice session. My goal in writing this monthly column is to offer some short suggestions. I encourage you to email me at: Eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com with your comments and ideas.

Make Friends with a Loud Metronome. The Intelli IMT-301 Metro Tuner is a great one - it's also a chromatic tuner among many other things (it does just about everything except clean your house - darn!). If you're not accustomed to playing along with a metronome, begin slowly, and play on open strings. Set the tempo on 40 and change bow directions along with the click. When it's easy, increase the tempo to 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160.....Then, go back to 40, and play one down-bow and one up-bow with each click - in other words, you'll be changing bow directions between each click as well as on each click. Gradually increase the tempo. Then, go back to 40, and change bow directions on every other click. Gradually increase the tempo. Then go back to 40 and combine the exercises described above - play one bow for 2 clicks, then one bow for one click, and then 2 bows for one click, and repeat.....Gradually increase the tempo.

Click 1 Click 2 _____ Click 3 ____ Click 4_ _____

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When you're comfortable with these exercises – play a scale 3 different ways - with a click on each note, with 2 clicks for each note, and with 2 notes for one click. Vary the tempo. Now you're ready to play a tune with your new friend!

Tune of the Month : Braunla

Tune of the Month Donna Forman plays this tune, which she got from the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website, <http://calfolk.ca/tunes1/braunla.pdf>, where an mp3 version is also available.

Braunla (1)

Scored:
2010-03-10

Fred Lang, 19??

1) PMF arrangement

1 $\text{♩} = 125$ D G D D

6 A7 A7 D A7

10 D G D D

14 A7 A7 D D7

18 G G D D D#

22 E7 E7 A7 A7

26 D G D D

30 A7 A7 D D 1. 2.

Notes:

- 2010-03-10: second slur added to measure 19, timing adjusted in measure 22
- Grace notes have been omitted

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The Harvest Festival in Myrtle Point, an annual gig for the group where they were on stage for one and one-half hours, was another successful and fun event. On September 21 there was a birthday party and practice jam held at the home of Barb and Oren Pruitt in Bandon. Birthdays celebrated included those of Ken Hooten, Dan Pullis and Oren Pruitt. Hope you all had a happy birthday, guys! On September 28, members Sharon and Larry Gallagher, Joan Long and Hal Weiner performed at the Backstreet Gallery in Old Town Florence while Russ Hall and Ron Estep performed at the gazebo in Old Town Florence as part of the annual Chowder, Blues and Brews Festival.

Among those attending the state quarterly meeting in Merrill in September were Mapril and Grant Combs, Ruth and Pat Weyer, Hal Weiner and Sharon and Larry Gallagher. They report having had a good time with lots of friends, music, and visiting to keep them busy between sessions.

At the business meeting preceding the October jam, it was suggested that the idea of introducing old time music to some of

the classes in the local schools be investigated and that perhaps it could be integrated into the units on Oregon history in the lower grades. Sounds like a winner to me!

It's time to renew your membership for another year. Contact Ruth Weyer, our membership chairman, at 541-759-3419.

Those of you who have met and played with Don Pruitt, Oren Pruitt's brother, who is also a musician and lives in New Mexico, will be interested to know that he is being married on October 16. Oren and Barb have gone there to attend the wedding and Oren will be best man for his brother. Pat Frasier has gone with them to help with the driving. Hope they all have an enjoyable trip and a happy ever after!

A great truth about growing old: you're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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November

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7 - 10 p.m.
5	Jam & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
19	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
25	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

December

2	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7 - 10 p.m.
4	Jam & Lunch	Lebanon Moose	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
17	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

I am truly sorry about the date errors in the October Hoedowner and any problems they caused you. I do think I submitted them correctly. I am willing to be replaced by anyone who would like this job!!!

October was a busy month with engagements at the Harvest Festival at the Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm in Pleasant Hill, at the Cottage Grove Covered Bridge Celebration, at numerous care facilities in the area and, of course, the fun we had at our monthly Jam and Potluck at the Crow Grange.

Our November Jam and Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday, November 5 at the Santa Clara Grange will feature turkey and ham entrees provided by the district plus coffee, tea and punch. Everyone is asked to bring hot dish, salad or dessert. We will eat at noon.

Rozy and Ken Spann of Lebanon are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a potluck and jam on Saturday, November 12 at the Western Star Grange, 30423 Tangent Drive in Tangent (near Albany) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Grange holds 50 people for the potluck plus there is a large area of seating surrounding the dance floor. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish as Rozy and Ken are providing ham as the main dish. There is plenty of easy accessible parking. For more information contact Rozy at lefty2rozy@gmail.com or 541-990-2359 in Lebanon. Happy 50th Anniversary Rozy and Ken!!!!

There is a new Old Time jam forming in Eugene, organized by Melissa Takush. The first one will be held on October 30th from 4-8 p.m. at Cosmic Pizza (199 W 8th, at Charnelton) in Eugene. This is on a trial basis for three months so the next jams will be November 27th followed by December 18th. All of these will be from 4-8 p.m. and food is available for purchase. Cosmic Pizza is open to the public. If you want further information, contact Melissa at 541-228-1644 or melissamandra@yahoo.com.

There is a song writing group of District 6 members who are meeting on a regular basis. Addison Talbot hosts the group; you can contact him at peggy@brasscreek.com or call 541-912-4040 for further information.

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops Camp will be July 23-26, 2012. The camp will run Monday through Thursday. It will be held at Westridge Middle School near Westfir-Oakridge...the same location as last year. The Committee Chair is Patti Luse. The committee is getting organized and will have their first meeting on October 20. Updates will appear regularly in the Hoedowner.

The District 6 intermediate fiddle class has been cancelled for the months of November and December; classes will resume next year.

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Please Note: A blanket was left at a Friday night jam at Santa Clara a couple of months ago. Please call Phyllis Coffin at 541-935-1383 to identify it.

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Those of you who attended the Log Jam in Manzanita know what a good time we all had and how much wonderful shared food we ate! Linda opened her home for three days of jamming and the local folks loved our playing. Friday night we entertained the folks at a local assisted living facility and on Saturday we played for the public at the Pine Grove Community House.

Donna Foreman's fiddle class has started up again. The classes are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham, (corner of Powell and Eastman). Donna suggests that you bring a recorder of some kind.

On Saturday, Nov 19 our monthly jam is at the St. Helens Senior Center, located at 375 S. 15th Street in St. Helens. Doors open

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Several from District 8 attended the Linda's Log Jam at Manzanita. Linda Easley has a log cabin there, where we gather for circle jamming, food and conversation. We played at a nearby nursing home on Friday night, October 7th, for a lot of happy residents. Saturday, the 8th, we played at a sign up jam at the Pine Grove Community Center. Manzanita is a lovely little beach town, and is in District 8. Districts 7 and 8 were both well represented. Larry Costa from District 5 was a very welcome guest. He had us all singing along on a very funny tune - The Song of the Temperance Union.

October 15th, we held our first fall jam at McMinnville in the Senior Center. A total of 23 musicians were signed up to play. Before the jam chairman Phil called a short meeting. We decided to not have a potluck next month. Use of the kitchen costs extra, and rent is already high. So plan to bring your brown bag lunch if you wish for the November Jam. Welcome to Allan Scheese, fiddler from Dallas, who joined OOTFA! Good to have him back; he was a member a few years back.

November Birthdays: Marie Roberts on 11-2; Darlene Fiducia on 11-5; Vickie Clark on 11-14; & Rozanne Spann on 11-26

November Anniversaries: Ken & Rozanne Spann on 11-10; Cal & Ruth Montgomery on 11-14; and Howard & Lois Gabel on 11-27

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

November

19 Jam

25 Gig

December

11 Jam

St. Helens Senior Center St. Helens 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tanner Adult Center West Linn 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Party at the Estacada Senior Center 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

at 11:00 a.m. and signup jam is from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is available for purchase.

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

Sunday, Dec 11 is our annual Holiday Party and Jam at the Estacada Senior Center, 200 S.W. Club House Drive. Doors open at 11 a.m. with signup jam from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. A Christmas buffet lunch is available for purchase about noon. Come and enjoy a good time

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

November

12 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

December

17 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

January

14 District Jam Senior Center McMinnville

Our next District Jam is on November 12 at the Senior Center in McMinnville. Here's how to get there. If you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) onto McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east) Hope to see you there!

Les Tucker, Lew and Alice Holt attended the District 7 Jam at Harding Grange. Jesse and Darla Knudsen from District 6 were also there. It's fun to go to other districts and hear new tunes. We are all members of OOTFA and welcome in any district. You are always welcome to District 8 Jams!

October 22nd, we will have played at the United Methodist Church in Falls City. We've played there for several years in October. It's been great to see the progress of restoring the building. The church is over 100 years old.

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The next day on October 23rd, we will have played at the beautiful Senior Center in Silverton. We played there last May, and they enjoyed it so much, they asked us back!

This November has a couple interesting dates. The first will be 11-1-11, and the eleventh will be 11-11-11. The 11th is Veteran's Day, so special thanks to our veterans as we remember them on that day.

District 9

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November

11	Gig	The Aspens
13	Jam	
14	Gig	Ashley Manor

We held our first potluck of the season on October 9th with a good group of musicians (10) including Betty Chapman from Christmas Valley. Bill Chapman came with her. We also had as our guests Gene and Eileen McVicker (Janet Braymen's cousin), Connie Corbet along with many others, with 45 in all attending.

We will be holding a short meeting at our next potluck in November before the music starts.

Virginia Hatfield has returned to her home in Southern California and will return in June (too bad she will miss our winter). Florence Krueger may have to have surgery on her shoulder from her recent fall. Ruel Teague is feeling better after a run in with his sciatic nerve.

Maria Thompson, one of our teenage musicians, got a four point (that's a buck to you hunters!). John Borelli and Joan Suther are a bit envious as their freezers are still empty.

We played at the Aspens Assisted Living Center's open house in recognition of community support. Patrick Allison stood in for Ruel and did a fine job with his tunes including Tennessee Polka.

Let's all pay our dues soon. Pay our membership chairman, Wally Case, on Nov. 12 or by mail. 12222 Fry Rd NE Aurora, Or 97002

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

We held a great jam at Janet Braymen's on Friday, October 7 with music and a good game of cards for non-musicians. She was also watching her Mom's dog while they (Allan and Pauline) were in Iowa for a reunion. Her cousin, Gene and Eileen McVicker came to enjoy our gathering.

The Friday night jam at the Aspens featured Ruel Teague's students Anthony and Patrick, plus Maria Thompson.

Darlene Wingfield attended the California State Grange Convention in Orville, California for the 33rd year in a row. (12 years as a state officer - Pomona)

November dates to remember include the Aspens on the 11th, the Sunday jam on the 13th, and Ashley Manor on the 14th.

~ Darlene Wingfield, Reporter

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November

29	Monthly Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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It was a pretty small jam this month, but everyone had fun. Don and Bea Johnson from District 4 were there; glad to see them. Mike Ackley made up a song "Sure Wish I Had My Picture on the Front of the Hoedowner". Well Mike, this is the best I can do is mention your name.

Chuck and Margie Hastey are doing okay these days. We miss them. Dave LeBleu has been under the weather; hope he's feeling better soon. And, to all others that are ill.

Well, not much news this month, but hope to see you all at the next jam, at the VFW hall 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg, November 26th, from 1 to 4. We'll probably be getting some new people from out of town.

Note the changed date: from now on, the monthly jam will be on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.

--Have a good month--

~Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

January 21	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam	Emerald Park, Eugene
March 23-24	State Fiddle Contest. Chemeteka Community College, Salem	
July 23-26	West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir

New Members to Welcome!

Gene & Linda Sonnenberg, South Beach

Gene Thomas & Babe Hawk, Burns

Deborah Weese, Eugene

Dave Alexander, Klamath Falls

Herb & DeeDee Hilton, Oakridge

Howard Crumbie & Mary-Margaret Stockert, Coos Bay

Robin & Lynn Gadbury, Burns

- Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership



Jerry and Irene Ruddock. They have been members of District One since it started in the early 1970's. Irene has been very active, holding several offices at the state and local level.