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From Your President

Two events are coming up that are major functions for our organization. They are the State Fiddle Contest on March 23-24, and our annual convention and meeting in Rickreall on April 11-14.

The contest this year becomes even more special as we have been asked to be the host state in Weiser for the national contest and will obtain excellent exposure for OOTFA and all of the winners in our contest. I encourage all of you who not been to the contest to come and participate, even if only as part of the audience.

All of your district chairpersons have detailed information about the convention and the activities for which each district will be responsible. Once again, District 8 will be the host for the convention and Lew Holt and Fred Hardin will be responsible for the Friday night show and Saturday banquet.

At our members meeting on April 14 in Rickreall, the Board of Directors will be asking you to vote on the following two action items for the purpose of getting our articles of incorporation and our by-laws to be in consistent and in agreement with each other.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1968 AND AMENDED ON MARCH 22, 1997.

The Articles of Incorporation of the OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION are hereby amended as follows:

Replace Article I to read:

"The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
To promote, preserve and perpetuate 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."

2. Renumber amended Article IX to Article VI to replace existing Article VI.

3. Change Article VII to read:

"All members in good standing will have one vote in all general and special elections called by the Executive Board consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and all District Chairpersons or Designated representatives."

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS OF THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, AS REVISED AND ADOPTED APRIL 11, 2009:

The By-Laws Of The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, Incorporated Are Hereby Amended As Follows:

Replace ARTICLE I with the following:

"ARTICLE I. NAME
Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association (OOTFA)"

Hope to see you at the contest or convention.

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

Oregon State Fiddle Champion Contest Announcements:
All contestants are encouraged to preregister by March 15th. The sooner the better. Send your registration to Sharon Gallagher 2030 King Lane Myrtle Point, OR 97458

APRIL 14 CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS INFORMATION.
Please purchase your banquet tickets during March and no later

than the first week in April. Dallas High School will cater our banquet. The price will be \$13.00. Checks made out to OOTFA with an indication of beef or chicken and mailed to: Sharon Gallagher 2030 King Lane Myrtle Point, OR 97458. Thanks. Lew and Fred

~ Joe Moyle

From the Editor Emeritus

In the last WOTFA "Evergreen Fiddler" Stuart Williams asked people for their "treasures in the closet" cassette tapes of their friends or ancestors. I have old tapes of Bob Fast, Jimmy Miller, Rusty Modrell, Bill Yohey, Homer McLain and others. Perhaps you have a "treasures in your closet" that you would like to donate to my archives or copies of them to the archives. This week Alice and I have enjoyed listening to 1971 and 1972 tapes. Sure takes us back to the old timers. If you have tapes you could share, how about if I picked them up at the state convention in April?

I am still looking for obituaries of members, too, for a scrap book. I made copies of each page of the scrapbook that Donna Oldham made many years ago. I took the copies to the state meeting in Eugene to hopefully get volunteers to type the pages. I only got one volunteer for the 60 pages. Sounds sad, doesn't it -- but Linda Parks, the one volunteer, picked up the 60 pages and said that she would do them. I said it would be nice if I could get them back before the convention. But Linda had them all typed -- 116 different articles in a little over a week. She is a "jewel."

Back in the mid 1980s, Maxine Benson took a chance to ask me to run for VP of OOTFA, she was running for president. Maxine

got "my feet wet" with OOTFA and I have been up to my chin in water ever since. I mention Maxine because Feb. 10th she celebrated her 91st birthday with her family. I am proud to have worked with her and to have known her all these years. We all wish her a belated "Happy Birthday."

If I might, I would like to quote a letter from Mark Ratzlaff. I had asked him if he could find out any information about Wally Bloom. Here is a letter that just came in from Mark:

"Hi Lew,

I ran into Wally's brother this weekend and he said Wally had passed away this past December. Wally's companion Hannah Meldrin is in a nursing home in Boise. I had the good fortune to learn fiddle while Wally was active in our district in the 1990s, and I always considered him the best dance fiddler I ever heard. Mark"

Many of us remember Wally as both a good friend and as an excellent fiddler. I have a Youtube online of Wally and Marvin Standiford playing "Sierra Swing" at a campout at Shorty Dow's.

~Lew Holt

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March

4	Meeting & Pot Luck	12 - 4 p.m.
6	Gig Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
6	Gig Crystal Terrace	1 - 2 p.m.
11	Senior Dance, music, & finger food	12 - 4 p.m.
13	Jam Senior Center	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
15	Gig Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
15	Gig Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
27	Jam Senior Center	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Don't forget our practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless there is something else going on 1 - 4 p.m. Any questions regarding schedule, call Irene Ruddock.

It is nice to have Johnny and Darleth Rogers home from Arizona; we did miss them while they were gone.

Election of officers was held at our February meeting, John Rogers will be our new chairperson, John Northcraft will be co-chairperson, and Marlon Jannuzzi will remain as our Secretary/Treasurer.

We played at the Senior Center January 17th -- lots of listeners and a good group of musicians. We will be playing for the Senior Center twice a month, for the time being. We will keep you updated on the dates and time. Thanks everyone for coming.

The Valentine dance on Sunday was very good. We had many dancers and a good group of musicians. The girls in the kitchen decorated the tables with flowers and hearts -- good job girls! A good time was had by all.

Virgil Schmoe is offering fiddle lessons to any one. For information call Virgil at (541) 892-2531.

A young man is interested in learning the guitar, he stopped by with his mom to listen to us on Sunday the 5th. Phil Fry and Jerry Ruddick showed him some chords to work on. Hopefully he will return. It is nice to see young people interested in our music.

Marlon Jannuzzi's wife, Lois, fell and broke her hip, she had hip surgery, and is now at Plum Ridge in rehab for several weeks. They have now discovered she also has a broken leg. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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April 11 - 14th is the State Convention, in Rickreall. Each district has been asked to bring two to three flower arrangements for the Saturday night banquet. District 1 and District 6 have been asked to set the tables for the banquet. April 14th, District 1 will be playing from 10:16 to 10:31 p.m. Hopefully some of us will be able to make the trip.

Oregon will host the Weiser fiddle contest this year. More information later.

Happy Birthday wishes to John Blasius, Pete Brown Faye Patterson, Don Hensley & Lois Jannuzzi.

Anniversaries for this month are: Bill & Ann Bonser and Bud & Rebecca Ullman. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, let me know if we did.

Even small celebrations deserve a dance and some good music.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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March

3 Jam and Workshop Senior Center 5 p.m.

We have some new members. Nancy Yialouris who plays guitar, banjo and sings. Jerry and Laura Light. Jerry plays guitar, banjo and sings. Laura is just learning the guitar. It is so good to have you.

Start thinking about new officers or keeping the old ones in place.

Some of us will be heading off to Rickreall in April. We always have a good time at the state convention.

Our next event will be in May. The Silver Lake Camp Out. I will be

putting more info in the report closer to the time. If you have any question now please call Terry or Sharilyn McLain. Which brings to mind North Lake County: hello up there. Hope all is well. Will be seeing you soon.

As always, our jam is the first Saturday of the month at the Senior Center. We are going to try something a little different. We are going to have a workshop before the jam. It will start at 5 p.m.

Most every Thursday evening Rosa Lee has a jam at her house. Starts at 6 p.m.

Well, that's it for now.

~ Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter

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March

11 Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Our monthly Jam at the VFW hall in Redmond on February 12th was a huge success. We had 20 musicians performing, which included Betty Chapman from District 1E. Her yodeling is always a crowd pleaser.

Several members played music at the Brookside assisted living facility in Redmond on January 19th. We received a nice thank you card from their activities director.

District 3 Vice Chairman Jack Kerr attended the OOTFA Quarterly meeting in Eugene on January 21. Items discussed were: the management of the endowment fund; the state convention; Nash distinguished service awards; nominating committee for officer for the coming year; the Weiser contest; the state contest; and, a need to change our by-laws ("oldtime" instead of "old time").

We need to come up with a District 3 inventory of equipment and property and a figure of net worth for the state.

On a sad note, Joe Marstall has passed away after a long illness. Caroline Marstall informed us that a memorial service will be held at the Catholic church in La Pine at 10:30 a.m. on February 18th. Also three of our members have had surgery recently: Caroline Marstall, Frank Boardman and Tom Tucker.

Our next scheduled jam will be at the VFW hall in Redmond on March 11th. There will be a membership meeting after the jam.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter



Long-time District 3 member Paul Kirk

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We had a great turnout of folks at the monthly jam at Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. A busload came from Twin Creeks Retirement, and others heard about it with our good publicity. Bob and Jean Hanson, Guy Kinman, and Hal and Sharon Thompson visited from District 10. They're almost regulars now, and we love to have them come and play. We had to set up extra chairs, and had many dancers and smilers!

Note that we will be having an Easter potluck in April at Roxy Ann Grange. Becky Lindren offered to organize the volunteers for this event. She would welcome anyone who wants to help. Violet Brown announced that her granddaughter Sheri West will be judging at Weiser this year. There was a nice write up in the paper about Vi – she is amazing!

We were saddened to learn that Life Member Frank Armstrong died. He and Mary were a part of our district for many years. A donation to the District 4 Scholarship Fund will be made in his honor.

Lem Guthrie had cataract surgery and says he's seeing much better. Don Maddox had throat surgery and health problems and is recovering at home. Don was in Nashville for the Marty Stuart show to honor "The Maddox Brothers and Rose". He did a great job playing "Step Up and Go" for a national TV audience on RFD. Nikki Wilkinson is recovering from foot surgery. She

March

3 Jam & Snacks Eagle Point Grange, G.P. 11:30 a.m.

April

7 Potluck & Meeting Roxy Ann Grange, Medford, 11:30 a.m.

May

12 Jam Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point, 12 p.m.

apparently gets around on a "knee scooter" – scooting all over the place. She hopes to rejoin us in a few weeks. We surely have missed her guitar playing and smile!

The 5 O'Clock Jammers had an exciting practice when the fire alarm went off at the church. We were told to evacuate immediately, and about a dozen hearty musicians played outside in 50 degree weather, between rains -- to entertain the firemen? When we finally got back in, it was time to go home – but we had played a lot of music!

The State Convention is coming up soon. Our fiddlers nominated to play for the Friday Show are Don Maddox and Everett Costa.

We continue to have a busy schedule and need all musicians to come out and play. Our schedule is available on-line, or call an officer for info.

Three of our young folks have been practicing hard to prepare for the Junior-Junior State Contest. What an adventure! We'll be rooting for them!

How do you keep your fiddle from being stolen?
–Put it in a banjo case!

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

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March

3	Gig	Spaghetti Feed, Hauser Fire Dept., Hauser	3-4 p.m.
7	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 p.m.
7	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
10	Gig	United Methodist Church, 123 Ocean Blvd., Coos Bay	7 p.m.
14	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 p.m.
14	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
17		Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay	1 p.m.
21	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 p.m.
28	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 p.m.
28	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
31	Jam	Harbor Grange, Brookings	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Another busy line-up of performances this month with three gigs in addition to the regular routine. The first, on March 3, will be the annual spaghetti dinner fund- raiser for the Hauser fire department. This is always enjoyable with a good dinner, delicious desserts and lots of great door prizes. On March 10th, the group will be entertaining at the First United Methodist Church's Saint Patrick's Day potato bar celebration in Coos Bay. Proceeds will be used in their mission outreach program.

Jolly Hibbits has been busy, with input and comments from other officers and members of District 5, the past several months, formulating a welcoming document to be given to all new members, explaining what the Old Time Fiddlers Association is all about. She includes the purpose, traditions, activities and opportunities, some of the regulations and other pertinent

information relevant to new members and old. This will be presented and discussed by the membership at the February business meeting. We appreciate all the time and effort you have put into getting this all together, Jolly.

Our district chairman, Pat Weyer, reports that he enjoyed visiting and playing with members of District 7 at the Crystal Fountain Nursing Home in the Portland area on February 8. He says it was also educational and among the things that he learned was the difference between a fiddler and a dog. A dog knows when to stop scratching! Thanks Pat.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Emerald Park Photo Gallery



Clockwise, l-r, photos by Peggy Mulder and Nina Hoffman: Jerry and Linda Parks; Jack Kerr and Hal Thompson; Les Tucker; John Gent and Janet Begg; Nina Hoffman and Les Tucker; Janet Brayman, Judy McGarvey, Ken Luse and Bob Hanson.

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter

Bow/Finger Coordination

Have you ever heard a “remnant” of a previous note, or an “echo”, or a little bit of a “fuzzy” sound while you’re changing notes? It may be that your bow direction change and your finger change are not happening at the exact same instant. If this is happening to you, it may be an indication that you’re playing something too fast too soon. The good news is that this can be corrected. If this is happening often, slow everything down until your notes are clear. If it’s happening when you play a specific tune, slow the tune down until your notes are clear. And please, please use a metronome all along the way!

Play your tune with clear notes many times and it will become “programmed” in to your body’s muscle memory cleanly. Then, your next job is to gradually increase the tempo. If you begin to hear any “fuzz” again, slow back down a little for awhile, and then try speeding up again. After a while of this going back and forth with different tempos, you’ll be able to play your tune well at a fast tempo and all your work will be worth it!

Here’s an exercise you can use to practice finger/bow coordination:

On any string, play the open string, the first finger, second, third, fourth, third, second, first, open..... over and over again, changing bow directions each time – down, up, down, up, etc..... starting at a metronome speed at which you can play every note cleanly and clearly. Then gradually raise the metronome speed. If you hear “fuzz”, lower the tempo for awhile, and then try raising it again. I’m sure you will notice improvement along the way!

By the way, this is not just a practice technique used by people first learning to play the fiddle; I know professional musicians who practice this way!

Correction: The five lines in last month’s Fiddle Tips after the bowing diagram were inadvertently carried over from the previous issue. Please disregard.

Tune of the Month: Sandy River Belle

Traditional (Arr. Pete Showman)

Reel $\text{♩} = 90$

The musical score for "Sandy River Belle" is presented in four staves. It is a reel in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time, with a tempo of 90 beats per minute. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It features a first ending bracket labeled 'A' and a second ending bracket labeled 'B'. Chord symbols G, C, D7, and G are placed above the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a G chord above the first measure and D7 and G chords above the last two measures. The third staff has a G chord above the first measure, a 'v' (bowing) symbol above the second measure, and D and G chords above the last two measures. The fourth staff has a G chord above the first measure, 'v' symbols above the second and third measures, and D and G chords above the last two measures. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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March

2	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
9	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
10	Election Meeting and Jam,	Santa Clara Grange	10-4 p.m.
17	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
23	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

April

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
12-15	Convention	Rickreall	
13	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
21	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
27	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

Elections for our district officers will be held at our next business meeting on Saturday, March 10 at 11 a.m. at the Santa Clara Grange. A single slate will be presented to the membership by Mark Ratzlaff. Nominations can be made from the floor. A circle jam will be held prior to the meeting; after the potluck, participants will draw a number to determine the placement for the afternoon performance. This is the same format that is used at all the state meetings.

At our business meeting on February 11, District Chairman Ken announced the responsibilities of District 6 at the state convention. He also said that Oregon is the host state at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, June 18-23 and among other things, is responsible for opening on stage every night during the entire week. Also, Patti, the Hoedowner reporter, issued a plea for someone to come forward and be the District 6 reporter beginning in June...PLEASE. Other business was discussed. After the meeting we had a potluck followed by an afternoon of performances.

Other District 6 events include:

--- the basic fiddle class, which will be held March 26 and April 30 at Bethesda Lutheran Church from 1- 4:30 p.m.;

--- the intermediate fiddle class, which will be March 24 and April 28 at the River Road Annex from 1-4 pm.
For more information about either activity, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

The Appalachian Oldtime Music Jam at Cosmic Pizza in downtown Eugene will be held on March 25 from 4 -7 p.m. It is held on the last Sunday of every month from 4-7 p.m. It is a wonderful group experience. Call Melissa Takush at 541-228-1644 or email her at melissamandra@yahoo.com for further information.

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops (July 23-26, 2012) brochure will be out about the middle of March; plan to pick it up at Rickreall in April. Tuition for the four day camp is \$70 for youth (6-17) and \$80 for adult (18 and older). If you or your district would like to make a donation to this camp, please send a check (made out to WCFCW) to our Registrar, Darla Knudsen, 240 Boden, Junction City, Oregon, 97448. For more information on the camp contact Patti Luse at 541-915-3231 or pattiluse@comcast.net.

Jam addresses: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

March birthdays: Wayne Carpenter, 3-1; Ed Sather, 3-3; Cara McKenzie, 3-4; Patti Luse, 3-11; Andy Kennedy, 3-13; and Susie Milligan, 3-20.

March anniversaries: Ed & Dorothy Sather, 3-7; Sal & Darlene Fiducia, 3-15; Alan & Caol Ede, 3-17; and Wayne & Annie Carter, 3-30.

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter



Above: District 6 Plays at the Hult Center in Eugene

Photo by Patti Luse.

Left: "Devil's Dream." l-r: Ken Luse, Bruce Cooley, Tenaya Cooley.

Photo by Nina Hoffman.

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March

10	Gig/Breakfast	Leedy Grange, Portland	9:30 - 11 a.m.
18	Jam	Senior Center, Lake Oswego	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

April

22	Jam	Hillsboro Senior Center, Hillsboro	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
27	Gig	Tanner Adult Center, West Linn	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

May

19	Circle Jam	Leedy Grange, Portland	1 - 3 p.m.
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At our monthly jam in Tualatin on February 12 we were pleased to have young fiddlers on the sign-up play list as well as guests from District 6. During the District 7 business meeting, members decided on monetary increases to the state contest, District 7 scholarships and the sound system tech fee. But the best news was the announcement that Oregon has been selected to host the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, June 18 -23. Oregon fiddlers will be responsible for the following: open the evening show; provide three "showcase judges"; play at the nursing home, senior center and hospitality center; and play downtown. The most fun will be to play in the parade on a decorated wagon. So, clear your calendar and make plans to attend. More information will be coming. Stay tuned!

Carol Ann Wheeler's workshop is being held at the Gladstone Senior Center, on Saturday, March 31st, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn and improve your fiddling skills by studying with a fiddling champion. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and class will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee will be provided; bring your own brown bag lunch. We are hoping for around 20 people at a cost of \$20 each. To register, please contact Ron Beatty at 503-297-6431.

On March 10, Saturday, we have been invited back to entertain at the Leedy Grange while the grange folks are having breakfast.

Fiddlers will have a free breakfast and play for the grange from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Address: 835 NW Salzman Rd, Portland, Or 97229, near Cedar Mill, which is north and west of Beaverton.

March 18, Sunday, we are scheduled for our monthly jam at the Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. Doors open at 11 a.m. Sign-up playing starts at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 3:30 p.m.

April 22, Sunday, our monthly jam is at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th St. in Hillsboro. Doors open at 11 a.m., sign-up playing from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

April 27, Friday, we are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, in West Linn, Or 97068.

May 19, Saturday, our monthly jam will be at the Leedy Grange, 835 NW Salzman Rd. in Portland. This jam will have a different twist. It will be a circle jam, "the old fashioned way," from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is welcome to join us. We will not use our microphone system.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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We have a couple events after the deadline for this news. We will have had a jam and meeting including election of district officers, on February 18. We'll also have voted on funds to contribute to the OOTFA contest and the Willamette Valley contest. Also a group will have played in Newberg for their annual chicken and dumplings dinner.

Congratulations to Trevor Whitaker, who won the \$300 first place in an essay writing contest. Trevor, one of our young fiddlers, is a sophomore at Central High School. The essay contest is put on by Oregon Women for Agriculture. The subject this year was: Which is the most important amendment to the Constitution in the Bill of Rights? Congrats, Trevor!

Sunday March 18th, we'll be playing in Silverton at the Senior Center from 1 - 3 p.m. The director invited us, so no rent to pay. It's the day after St. Patrick's Day, so wear green (or maybe orange). Unfortunately, it's the same day District 7 has their jam at Lake Oswego. Some of us like to attend their jams as well as ours.

March

18	Jam	Silverton Senior Center	1-3 p.m.
23-24	OOTFA Fiddle Contest, Salem		
29	Gig: Coffee Hour	Senior Estates, Woodburn	10 a.m.

April

11-14	OOTFA Convention, Rickreall		
28	Gig	Ag Fest - State Fairgrounds, Salem	

May

19	Gig	Canyon Arts Festival, Mill City	
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Remember the OOTFA annual fiddle contest at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Friday afternoon and evening, and all day Saturday, March 23 - 24.

We have been invited to play in Woodburn Senior Estates on Thursday morning March 29th for their coffee hour. We should be there by 10 a.m. The address is: 1776 Country Club Road, Woodburn. Thanks to Chris Lang for arranging for us to play there again!

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department uses water.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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March

9	Gig	The Aspens	7 p.m.
11	Election Meeting, Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1 - 4 p.m.
19	Gig	Ashley Manor	6 p.m.

February has been an interesting month with mild weather for our part of the country. We've had recent Friday night jams with the card players out numbering the musicians four to one and yet the monthly Sunday jam had a great turnout of both musicians and audience. Phil and Toni Drain planned their monthly excursion to Mt Vernon to stop by the jam so Phil could play his acoustic bass guitar. It adds so much to have a bass playing along. First timers attending were the Palomino Lane Gang: Jane Jones, Marjorie Thelan, and Diana Chase. They are neighbors who have started playing together and came to the jam to gain both experience and confidence. Scott Houck was in attendance and crooned some good old cowboy/country tunes and Gene Thomas belted out a few standards and filled in with lead guitar. Forty-eight folks in all enjoyed the afternoon of music and dancing. Rose Robirts made two lemon meringue pies as usual

Our fiddler friend, Billie Lanier, fell and broke a hip in late January. We hope she is mending quickly and will be back among us soon.

We played to a large crowd for Wayne Johnson's 90th birthday party on Saturday, February 11th.

The Sage Rats, Janet Braymen and Joan Suther, will be the featured artists in a concert sponsored by a local sorority for a fundraiser on March 17 at the Pioneer Presbyterian Church.

Remember the business meeting at the March 11th jam to elect officers. The meeting will be held about 1:40 p.m., before the jam starts.

District 9 could use some help with the registration table at state convention in Rickreall. If you'd like to help out, contact Janet Braymen at 541-573-1323

March will see the fiddlers playing at the Aspens on the 9th at 7 p.m., the Senior Center on the 11th with potluck at 1 p.m. and music from 2-4 p.m., and at Ashley Manor on the 19th at 6:30 p.m. Of course, the Friday night jams continue at various locations.

~ Darlene Wingfield, District 9 Reporter

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March

24	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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We had a good crowd at the last jam, a lot from the Bluegrass club, and lots of other visitors, a family from (Ohio, I think) a mother and her two daughters, the girls play fiddle, and are interested in the Fiddlers. They said they would be at the jam next time.--It was sure nice seeing everyone again.

Louis Roy had knee surgery, and I believe he's doing well.-- Dave LeBleu is still in Portland, taking radiation now.-- Chuck and Margie Hastey are doing pretty good, up and around.-- Hope anyone else that's under the weather will be up and around soon.

Happy birthday and anniversaries to all that had them.

Our next jam will be March 24th at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St., in Roseburg, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We will have finger food during the day to nibble on; bring your dancing shoes besides your instruments.

Hope to see ya' all next time.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

March 23-24	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem	
April 12-14	State Convention	Rickreall
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
June 14-16	High Desert Jamboree	Burns
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser
July 23-26	West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir
August 2-5	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 4	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
August 7-11	LaPine Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 16-18	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
September 13-15	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam	Merrill

New Members to Welcome!

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Dennis and Gina Lee Smith, Eagle Point
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