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From Your President:

Wow! What a great convention. There is not enough room to thank everyone, but special mention needs to go to Districts 7 and 8 for hosting the Wednesday jam and especially to Lew Holt and Fred Hardin for all of their extraordinary efforts!

Congratulations to our new state officers - Larry Gallagher - President; Ken Luse - Vice President; and, Sharon Thompson - Secretary/Treasurer. I am sure you will give them same warm welcome and support you have given me over the past two years.

One of the great pleasures of being president is the opportunity to present the Distinguished Service and Bill Yohey awards. This year the well deserved DSA awards went to Norman & Hattie Kielhorn and Sharon Gallagher and the Bill Yohey award went to Peggy Hudson.

Enjoy this wonderful spring weather and I hope to see many of you at Silver Lake.

~ Hal

From the Editor:

Last month it was Ruth Montgomery -- this month it is Pat and Chuck Gates who have passed away, and who will leave a large hole. Pat played bass and Chuck was a "pretty good" banjo player, renowned for his sense of humor.

I don't know about you, but I had a good time at the convention. I was particularly impressed by District 8's Truman Price, who plays "pretty good" fiddle, while holding his instrument half-way down his shirt and kneeling, among other fantastic feats!

I also got to watch District 9's Janet Brayman play a number of lively tunes on the hammered dulcimer, one of which -- Jamie Allen -- (hope I got that right, Janet) was still buzzing around in my head hours afterward.

Carol Ann Ledbetter-White writes: "If the two folks who did not get a blue tape at my workshop at the convention - - would call me (503-699-2839,) I'll mail you your tape. Thanks, Carol Ann."

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus:

The 47th Oregon State Fiddle Contest was held at the Chemeketa CC auditorium March 23-24, bringing together over 60 musicians to the area from around the state. The top places in each division are as follows. Pee Division, through age 8: Tenaya Cooley, Eugene. Junior Division, ages 9 through 12: Matthew McCravey, Hood River. Junior Division, ages 13 to 18: Kiara Saito-Beckman, Bend. Young Adult Division, ages 19 to 39: Tabitha Gholi, West Linn. The Adult Division, ages 40 to 59: Jeanine Orme, Beaverton. Senior Division, ages 60 to 69: Starr McMullen, Corvallis. Senior - Senior Division, age 70 and older: Judy McGarvey, Medford. The Champion Division, no age limit: Rudi Booher, Yoncalla. Twin Fiddle Division, no age limit: Andy Emert, Portland and Starr McMullen, Corvallis. See "Contest Results" Oregonoldtimefiddling.org for all contestants and places.

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Incoming and outgoing OOTFA presidents.



Truman Price, the world's only kneeling fiddler.

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At our state convention at both meetings I thanked the districts for their contribution to the contest. I goofed -- I forgot to publicly thank the many individuals who, also, contributed to the contest. Individuals contributed over \$1000. Thanks to all contributors.

I was asked both how many years we have had a convention and how many years we have been at Rickreall. I found the following in our OOTFA Hoedowner Archives on our web site. (Dave Basen) OOTFA.ORG: "SALEM, Oregon: Let me say a very big thank you to all the officers and members for doing a great job in organizing and presenting our first annual two day convention held at Corvallis, Jan. 19-20 (1968). Also, to the fiddlers who helped make the Friday night show a great success. So let us all pull together for a bigger and better convention next year. Don Leith, President"

Again looking back in our Hoedowner Archives (thanks again to Dave Basen) I find that our first convention at Rickreall was held in 2006. So this must have been our 7th this year.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:06 p.m. I sent the following email letter:

Subject: OOTFA update. " It is with regret that I must write that I just received one of the saddest phone calls I have ever received. Chuck Gates, passed away this morning.

It truly was sad. His wife Pat had passed away on the 28th of January from cancer. It was determined that Chuck died of 'natural causes.' They are being missed."

~ Lew



Chuck and Pat Gates

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The April meeting was well attended. Our potluck was very good. The dance was canceled for the 8th because of Easter and because so many people were out of town. We have been asked to play at the Bonanza Chile Cook Off Sunday, August 19th. We also will be playing at the Farmers Market June 2nd. Will let you know other dates later.

We want to thank our ladies that work so hard in the kitchen. They also decorate the tables with very cute items for each holiday.

Happy to see Ann Bonser is home doing well after surgery.

We really don't have much news from our area this month, just waiting for the warm weather so we can all get outside and be more active.

On May 26th, at 12 p.m., there will be a special celebration for Faye and Isom Patterson's 73rd anniversary. Please bring finger food. The address is 3500 Summers Lane, in the recreation room.

May

1	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1	Gig	Crystal Terrace	1-2 p.m.
6	Meeting & Pot Luck		12- 4:00 p.m.
8	Gig	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - to 12:30 p.m.
13	Senior Dance, music, & finger food		12 - 4:00 p.m.
17	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
22	Gig	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 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.

Any questions call Faye (541) 850-8779.

We will also celebrate John and Patti Northcraft's anniversary.

May birthdays: Cherie Lane, Lois Tucker, Darleth Rodgers, Sheila Fry, Jake Swartwood, Phil Fulbright, and Jackie Schmoie.

These will be our new officers in June: Marlan Jannuzzi Secretary/Treasurer, John Rodgers Chairperson, John Northcraft Co Chair, and Sherman Taylor Reporter.

All of us from District 1 would like to say a big thanks to Irene Ruddock for being our chairperson for the past two years.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

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May
3-6 Silver Lake Campout Silver Lake

All is well over this way. Nothing much is going on. Everyone is getting spring fever. Doesn't matter how cold it is: if the sun is shining, people are out and about.

Hope to see lots of people this weekend. Rickreall is always a fun time. If we don't see you there hope to see you at Silver Lake. We should have more news next month.

We had a nice jam on Saturday. The workshop before the jam is working out well. Thursday nights are still going strong.

~ Mary Ann McClain, District 1E Reporter

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April
22 Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1-3:30 p.m.
May
13 Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1-3:30 p.m.
27 Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1-3:30 p.m.

Note: March to October there are two jams per month at the VFW Hall, Redmond, on the second and fourth Sundays.

The District 3 April jam fell on the Easter Sunday, but this didn't keep Central Oregon musicians and old-time music fans from attending. There was a great turnout of folks to play and enjoy the music. Ted Hunt, from District 8, played and sang along with the rest of our local members. District 3 would again like to extend appreciation to the VFW and their staff for the use of the hall and providing refreshments.

ten at the state contest. Be sure and give them a pat on the back when they attend future jams and tell them how proud we are to have them!

Oregon State Fiddle Contest results for our District.
Pee Wee Division Luke Allison 6th

Junior Division:
Hana Allison 3rd Beth Leavitt 6th

Junior Junior Division
Lauren Allison 4th Trevor Allison 7th
Katelynn Leavitt 9th Emily Leavitt 10th

Chairman Ron Odegard reminds members to come to the next jam on April 22nd as there will be a short meeting at 3:30 p.m. He also reminds us that it is time for election of new officers. If you have a nominee or would like to be involved with serving District 3 for the coming year contact Ron Odegard or Jack Kerr.

NW Regional Fiddle Contest • Spokane. There were over 20 fiddlers from the NW Region and California in each of the Junior Fiddlers respective divisions.

The state convention in Rickreall was down in attendance from last year but the attending OOTFA members played a lot of music over the four days. There was an excellent turnout from Willamette Valley folks for the Friday night show. District 3 was represented by Carolyn Marstall, Jack Kerr, Peggy Hudson and Roland White.

Small Fry Division Luke Allison 11th,
Junior Junior Div. Lauren Allison 11th
Junior Division Hana Allison 8th

Carolyn Marstall thrilled the crowd with her singing and yodeling numbers. Jack and Peggy had a fine performance with Jack's strong voice setting the stage for Peggy's beautiful harmony singing. Roland White played a couple of his new fiddle tunes and invited long standing OOTFA members Bob Hanson, Ken Luse, Peggy Hudson and Linda Danielson on stage for his performance.

Regarding fiddle contests, the National Fiddle Contest has announced the judges for the 2012 contest that include Oregon fiddlers from three districts: Roland White District 3; Sheri West, District 4; and, Emily Callender, District 2.

Congratulations to Peggy Hudson, by the way, on winning the Bill Yohey Award for outstanding backup musician.

Oregon State is the guest host for the National Fiddle Contest held in Weiser Idaho the third full week of June. As the host for 2012, Oregon will play on the main stage in the auditorium each evening before the evening competition begins. All Oregon fiddlers are invited to attend this and join them on stage. For information on tunes & dress code contact Judy McGarvey, District 4; 541-779-8145 jmgarvey97@charter.net

Our district has some upcoming youngsters who are playing the dickens out of the fiddle. They have been very successful competing at state and regional contests this last year. Several of them competed at the 2012 National Oldtime Fiddle Championships in Weiser Idaho.

Last is a gentle reminder to update your yearly dues if you have not done so. Also help save publishing costs by receiving the Hoedowner on line or download a copy.

Congratulations to our junior fiddlers for all placing in the top

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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We had a great turnout at Roxy Ann Grange, in no small part to the publicity Don Maddox had on the front page of the entertainment section of our paper. It was standing room only, and many folks picked up schedules for when the fiddlers are playing again. Wow, a lot of good music!

We had the election of officers, and the same crew will stay in for one more year. Which office do you want next year?

The state convention in Rickreall was wonderful, with many thanks to all those who made it happen! Everett Costa and Lenny Ferrara represented us well in the Friday night "big shew!". Yoshe, Gracie, Sera, and Charlie were a huge hit with the audiences, and they got in and jammed with others all weekend. Yoshe and Gracie even won some raffle stuff! Thanks Carol Ferrara, Marlene Renfro, and Bea Johnson for manning the store and helping all over!

Gene Williams had a stroke and is in rehab at this writing. We wish him well soon! He's been missed! Judy Lyons had the flu, and has been quite ill, but is recovering.

May			
12	Jam	Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point	12 p.m.
June			
2	Jam and Snacks	Fruitdale Grange	11:30 a.m.
July			
7	Picnic	Lions Community Part, Prospect	11:30 a.m.

District 4 was well represented at the state contest in Salem. Yoshe, Sera, and Gracie all entered and did well. Sheri West was 4th in the Adult Division, and Judy McGarvey was 1st in Sr-Sr. A new beginner class is starting on Wednesdays at 4-4:30 ish, just before the "5 O'Clock Jammers" at (surprise!), at 5 p.m. Currently we have five fiddles and a mandolin out on loan from District 4. It's great to see them being played!

Okay, I'm out of banjo jokes, so it's time to pick on the basses. How is a bass like elderly relatives?-- It's unforgiving and very difficult to get in and out of a vehicle. So what's the best thing to play on a stand-up bass?-- Solitaire!

Just a note to all Oregon OOTFA'ers. Since we are the host state at Weiser this year, we will be playing every evening from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m. They would like old-time fiddle tunes as opposed to contest stuff. When we did this a few years ago, we got many comments on how nice we looked, so let's dress up a little. Western attire is nice, but preferably no shorts, ball caps, or message T-shirts. If you would like to lead a tune, or have suggestions for tunes, please let me know. Let's put Oregon on the map!

~ Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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May					
2	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1p.m.	
2	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Cente	Myrtle Point	3p.m.	
9	Gig	Baycres	North Bend	1:30p.m.	
9	Gig	Ocean Cres	Coos Bay	3p.m.	
13	Gig	Crawdad Festival	Lakeside	tba	
16	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1p.m.	
19	Meeting	Winchester Bay		11:00a.m.	
19	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay		1:00p.m.	
2	Gig	Memory Care	Empire	1:30p.m.	
23	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3:00p.m.	

Once again we have a newly elected state president from District 5. Congratulations to Larry Gallagher upon his election last week at the convention in Rickreall. And a big "job well done" to Hal Weiner, retiring president. Larry has big shoes to fill and we know he will do an excellent job of it. Our "thanks" to both of you.

Those attending the convention report having a great time, as always. Shannon Stein and Bob Shaffar were the featured players from our district at the Friday evening show and both presented very enjoyable performances. Among those attending from District 5 were Shannon, Valerie and Stuart Stein, Jerene and Bob Shaffar, Larry Costa, Sharon and Larry Gallagher and Ruth and Pat Weyer.

The meeting at 11 a.m., before the monthly jam on the 19th, will include election of new officers so please make an effort to be there so your vote will count. Bring finger food to share for lunch. The featured performer that day will be Linda Eickoff, from Bandon, who will be playing her guitar and singing, fiddling and playing some hot piano.

Linda was born and grew up in Coos County. With her parents' encouragement, she started taking piano lessons when she was eight and was soon singing and playing in her local church, where she has continued for the past 30 years. Continuing a love for music, about 10 years ago she started attending local jam sessions and OOTFA functions where she found help and learned to play the guitar. When District 5 offered a fiddle and teacher, Bob Shaffar, her dream to become a fiddler came true for which she is very thankful and in which she has found great joy. When not playing or singing she spends time with her children fishing, hunting, camping and contra dancing.

We were very disappointed when the atrocious weather and its consequences prevented most of us from attending the fifth Saturday jam in Brookings in March. Leslie and Carl Rovainen report that there were over 100 people enjoying the lively music, singing and dancing. There were six brave out-of-town members who had traveled there in spite of landslides,

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Josh Ashcraft

Hello. My name is Josh Ashcraft. I am thirteen years old.

In June 2010, I decided that I would like to learn to play the fiddle. My grandmother generously purchased my first violin for me that same month at age eleven.

I got the idea to play the fiddle from hearing my neighbor and friend, Tabby Gholi, play some reels at a St. Patrick's Day party. I thought that fiddle music sounded fun and wanted to learn how to play. Tabby and her mother Lisa connected me with teacher Eileen Walter and I have been busy learning fiddle tunes ever since.

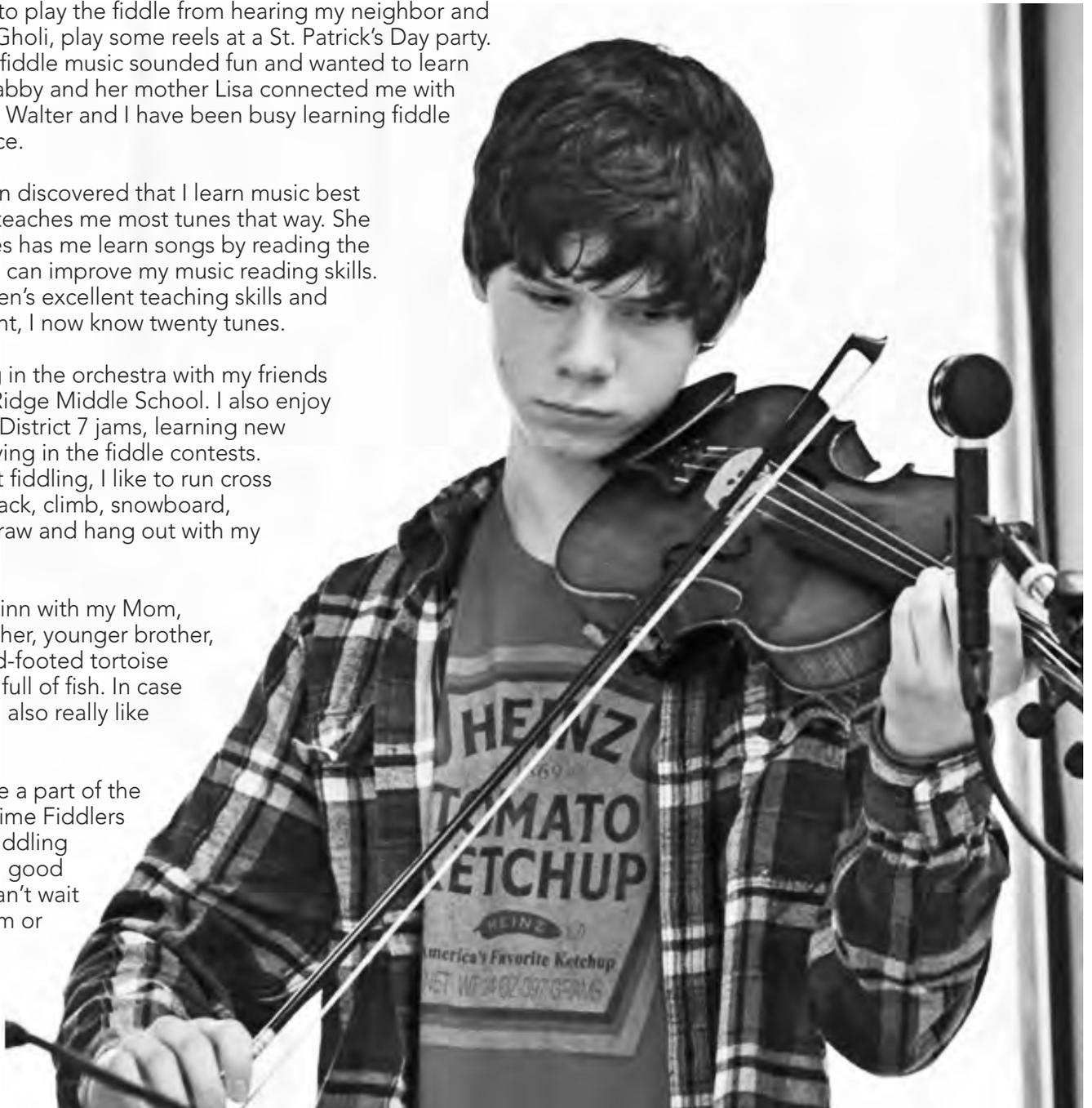
Early on, Eileen discovered that I learn music best by ear so she teaches me most tunes that way. She also sometimes has me learn songs by reading the music so that I can improve my music reading skills. Thanks to Eileen's excellent teaching skills and encouragement, I now know twenty tunes.

I enjoy playing in the orchestra with my friends at Rosemont Ridge Middle School. I also enjoy attending the District 7 jams, learning new tunes and playing in the fiddle contests. When I am not fiddling, I like to run cross country and track, climb, snowboard, play games, draw and hang out with my friends.

I live in West Linn with my Mom, Dad, twin brother, younger brother, a beagle, a red-footed tortoise and two tanks full of fish. In case you can't tell, I also really like animals.

I am glad to be a part of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Fiddling makes me feel good and I always can't wait for the next jam or contest.

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Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter - Grace Notes - Part One

There are various ways to “ornament” or “embellish” the notes in your tune – such as slides, vibrato, double stops, drones, grace notes, etc. In this month’s column I’d like to mention “grace” notes. Types of grace notes and ways of executing them vary according to the style of music. This is a general overview.

Grace notes are those quick notes which don’t have any time value of their own. Even though they are generally slurred in the same bow stroke as the note or notes following them (although sometimes they are slurred in between 2 notes of the tune), the time needed to play them must be “stolen” from the note preceding them in order to fit them in without causing rhythm issues.

All of the “real” notes must begin at the proper time and can’t be “bumped” out of their proper rhythmic place by grace notes. It is often challenging to play the grace notes quickly enough and it does take practice to land on the following note at the correct time. One must have a sense of how much time to “steal”. Hearing it properly in your mind is essential. Strengthen your fingers by practicing trills (described in my April column) and finger exercises (described in my March column).

Grace notes should be played with only a small amount of bow, saving more bow for the “real” note or notes which follow the grace notes (or come before the grace notes), since these are the more important notes in the tune.

Grace notes should be part of your “bag of tricks” – one of those techniques that can help you personalize a tune and make it your own. Due to space constraints, grace note examples will follow in next month’s column.

Tune of the Month --- Paddy on the Railroad

This reel, which goes by many names, has been traced back as far as the 1880’s.

Paddy on the Railroad

The image displays the musical notation for the fiddle tune "Paddy on the Railroad". It consists of four staves of music, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notation includes various rhythmic values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests, with repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece.

Rhythm: Reel

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storms and flooded roads. Two local boys, Everett, 10 years old, on fiddle, and Silas, 6 years old, on jaw harp, demonstrated impressive competence while making music with the adults for several tunes. They close by saying, "What a fun event. Thanks, everyone!"

Featured musician, Jim Sylvester, was unable to participate at the Brookings jam because of the weather but will again be featured at the next fifth Saturday jam there in September. Let's hope the weather has improved by then and we can all be there.

Welcome to new members, Patricia and John Foht, from Brookings. We hope to see you at some of the jams in the near future. The monthly jams in Winchester Bay are always on the third Saturday of the month.

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May

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
6	Jam	Lebanon Moose	11-4 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
25	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

June

1	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
8	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
9	Jam, Meeting, Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10-4 p.m.
22	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

The state convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall on April 12-14 was a huge success. Many from District 6 attended. Ken Luse, our current District Chair, was elected Vice President of the statewide OOTFA organization.

Congratulations to the District 6 top contestants in the Oregon State Fiddle Contest in Salem in March. Those were: Pee Wee Division: Tenaya Cooley - 1st; Emily Sue Leavett - 3rd; Sophia Chiara - 5th; and, Lilian Cheng - 6th. Junior-Junior Division: Maya Greydanys - 5th; and, Alicia Cheng - 8th. Senior Division: Starr McMullen - 1st; Donna Wynn - 2nd; and, Brian Sorrells - 4th. Senior-Senior Division: Willie Carter - 5th; and, Jerry Parks - 6th. Twin Fiddle Division: Starr McMullen with Andy Emert - 1st. Thanks for representing District 6.

The Basic Fiddle Class will be held on Monday, May 21 at Bethesda Lutheran Church from 1-4:30 p.m. The Intermediate Fiddle Class will be on Saturday, May 19 at the River Road Annex from 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

The district continues to perform at various care facilities each month. Bernie Roberts reported that Bill Dellinger, former U of O runner in the mid-50's and a 3-time Olympian was in the audience recently at South Hills rehabilitation facility. Bill won a bronze medal in the '64 Tokyo Olympics and is a member of the National Track & Field Hall of Fame (2001). Bill said that "he really enjoyed our music and the group was very good."

Remember that Oregon is the host state this year at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, June 18-23. The Oregon Fiddlers will be in the Saturday parade and will be opening on stage every night during the entire week.

Our treasurer, Julie Turner, has been in Wichita, Kansas the past couple weeks awaiting the birth of her first grandbaby, a cute little girl, who was born on Friday, the 13th. They all, including the 1-day-old baby, spent Saturday night huddled in the basement listening to the tornado reporting on the radio. They were fortunate in that the nearest tornado passed five miles or so to the south. Seems we all have our weather problems.

I have kleptomania but when it gets really bad I take something for it.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops (July 23-26, 2012) is just around the corner. If you want more information on it, you can either contact Patti Luse at 541-915-3231 or pattiluse@comcast.net or check out the website, www.fiddlecamp.org. It is continually being updated. We have included the instructors names to each Class & Workshop. Tuition for the 4 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.

Gary Davis, [gdavis1214@gmail.com](mailto:gDavis1214@gmail.com), has volunteered to be our district Hoedowner reporter, starting in July 2012 when Wayne Carter takes the helm as chairperson. Members submitting writing or photographs for the District 6 portion of the newsletter should redirect through Gary. The deadline for submissions to him is the seventh day of the month. Thank you so much, Gary!!!

Jam and meeting venue addresses: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; AND Lebanon Moose, 4070 Santiam HWY, Lebanon.

May birthdays: Tenaya Cooley on 5-3; Annie Carter on 5-5; Brian Sorrells on 5-5; and Jan Simmons on 5-29.

May anniversaries: Andy & Ruth Kennedy on 5-6; Gary & Lynne Baran on 5-17; Zane & Phyllis Coffin on 5-18; and Ken & Patti Luse on 5-24.

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

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May			
19	Jam	Leedy Grange, Portland	1 - 3 p.m.
June			
10	Jam	Estacada Comm. Center, Estacada	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
29	Gig	Tanner Adult Center, West Linn	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
July			
27	Gig	Regency Park Assisted Living, Portland	2 - 3 p.m.

If you didn't go to the convention in Rickreall, you missed a wonderful opportunity. A new, old friend called it a fiddle family reunion and it certainly was – folks meeting and greeting and getting reacquainted. The first thirty seconds is the health update then we get down to business. And the business is music jamming in all four corners, joining in when and where you want to.

Our kid fiddlers were just terrific. The future of oldtime fiddling in Oregon is in very good hands. Marley DeBrito from Corvallis played the Star-Spangled Banner to start the Friday night show. He started as a solo player but half-way through the entire audience was singing along with him. Gives you goosebumps.

On Saturday morning we got the business meeting taken care of and jammed some more. Then we had the banquet and more visiting. Larry Costa stepped into Chuck Gates' shoes and distributed the raffle goods. That night we had a terrific dance and brought the convention to a close. Next year, plan on coming.

The absence of Pat and Chuck Gates was palpable to all who attended. The condolences of District 7 and the state-wide organization go to the family and friends of Chuck and Pat Gates who both left us way too soon. Pat's death was not a surprise because we all knew she was losing the well-fought battle against the cancer she dealt with for such a long time. She died on January 28. We didn't expect that a mere seven weeks later on March 20 Chuck would die while getting ready to go play his

bass. We have been so blessed to have had them with their merry music in our midst for so long. We will all miss them terribly and they will remain in our hearts and memories for years to come.

On May 19, Saturday, our next and final monthly jam until September will be at the Leedy Grange, 835 NW Salzman Rd. in Portland near Cedar Mill, which is north and west of Beaverton. Doors open at 11 am. Sign-up playing is from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

June 10, Sunday, our monthly jam is at the Estacada Community Center, 200 SW Club House Road in Estacada. Doors open at 11 am and sign-up playing is from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

June 29, Friday, we are scheduled at the Tanner Adult Center in West Linn: 23000 Horizon Drive. We play from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

On July 27, Friday, Regency Park has invited us to play from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a new location for us: 8300 SW Barnes Road, east of St. Vincent Hospital. Let's show them a good time!

As your District 7 reporter, I have been on the job for several years. I am currently trying to simplify my life and would gladly pass the torch on to anyone who would like to take on the responsibility, preferably someone who is better able to attend the fiddling events to properly report on them. Send an email if you are interested to gail.e.foster@gmail.com for details.

~ Gail Foster and Linda Easley, District 7 Reporters

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Our only play date in May is in Mill City, east of Salem. The Canyon Arts Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are scheduled to play at 1 p.m.. They will provide us with lunch. Sounds like fun! Lew will send out specific directions when we get them.

A good sized group of musicians gathered at Woodburn Senior Estates to entertain for their monthly coffee time on March 29th. We each took a turn leading a tune. We noticed Tiffany, Chris Lang's service dog, has lots of friends who brought doggy treats for her.

On April 1st Ray and Marie Cunningham hosted our fiddle scholarship kids and their families, as well as members of the scholarship committee. After everyone had a bowl of ice cream with choices of toppings, the kids sat in a circle and jammed. A few of the adults provided back up. We all had a chance to get

May			
19	Gig	Canyon Arts Festival, Mill City	
June			
2	District 8 picnic	Dale and Loita Colebank's	
August			
3	Gig	Aumsville City Park	
9	Gig	Polk Co. Fair - Rickreall	
22	Gig	Benedictine Nursing Home Mt Angel	

better acquainted. Kids who attended were: Austin Bannerman 12, Joel Bennett 9, Damon Clute 9, Colton Morris 10, Adam Sully 8, Erin Halgramson 12. Erin's cousin Josie from Eugene also came and played. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Long time District 8 members Robert and Mary Terry celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 31st. The Senior Center at McMinnville was filled with their family and friends. Some of the musicians played a few tunes for them.

Once again the OOTFA convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds was a huge success. We had a wonderful time jamming and visiting. We only see some of our fiddle friends a few times a year, so these events are very special. The sign up shows were fun. The public show was great, with a lot of young

fiddlers performing. Our own District 8 kids, along with others played several tunes at the beginning of the show. I've heard many compliments about them.

Many, many "thank yous" are in order. Darlene Bryant, Jackie Stephenson and Marie Cunningham kept the finger food and coffee organized on Wednesday. Thanks to all who contributed food. Lew Holt put together the Friday night show. Fred Hardin kept in contact with the Dallas High School culinary group who provided the banquet dinner Saturday night. The workshops were well attended. One of the things I love about OOTFA is how everyone who is able, pitches in to do whatever is necessary.

Chairs and tables get set up or put away in a short time because so many of you help.

District 8 will have held a jam at the Oak Grove Grange on April 21st and played at the Ag Fest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds on April 28th.

OOTFA is the host state at Weiser this year. That means we get to play on stage before each evening show. We are requested to play old time tunes, not contest tunes. We can do that! Hope to see you there.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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May			
11	Gig	The Aspens	7 p.m.
13	Potluck and Jam		1-4 p.m.
21	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

April's potluck and jam was held on the 8th, Easter Sunday, at the Senior Center with 34 attending. It was also Janet Braymen's birthday. There were 12 musicians. Paul Hyland dusted off his guitar and performed after taking a few years off.

Our Friday night jams have been well attended with musicians and card players. It's been a fun month since the last report for visitors. Dona and Dennis Townsend came down from Tacoma for a short weekend visit and took in a Friday night jam. It was fun to play some of the old favorites. It turns out, Dona has taken one of Joan Suther's songs and made it her own. But that's great because Joan has reworked one of Dona's songs and has been singing it of late.

Sandi Wingfield and sister, Suzi Laskowski visited during the Easter break from teaching school in Bakersfield, California and took in the jam at Billie Lanier's. Ralph Dickenson was a new guitar player attending as well. Oh! And Ruel Teague is back from Quartzite. They arrived in Burns and woke up the next morning to snow! Funny thing is, the same weather occurred last year on their arrival. Margaret is not amused.

We received a note from Linda Borelli about an upcoming back surgery on John scheduled for April 23. We all wish him a

speedy recovery and hope he's back picking his mandolin soon. George Sahlberg and Janet Braymen attended the state convention in Rickreall

And now for the most exciting news of the month: Ta da! Drum roll, please. Four new members have joined OOTFA. Welcome to John and Marjorie Thelan and Bill and Jane Jones. All are musicians who sing and play guitar, mandolin, or accordion.

Don't be surprised if you hear a story on OPB about the fiddlers group in Harney County as a reporter was in town recently and attended the jam at the Aspens in April.

District 9 is gearing up to help out at the Country Music Jamboree, June 14, 15, and 16 at the Harney County Fairgrounds. A quarterly state meeting is scheduled for Saturday during the Jamboree. We look forward to seeing many OOTFA friends.

May will be the last potluck and jam until fall. It will be on Mother's Day, May 13 with potluck at 1 and music from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The Aspens is scheduled for May 11 at 7 pm and we'll play at Ashley Manor on May 21 at 6:30 pm.

~ Darlene Wingfield/ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporters

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May			
26	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1-4 p.m.

We had a good jam, and loads of visitors and players. Some from Sutherlin, and some from Bluegrass. Also

like we're getting more people coming to the jams, and we're very grateful. The more the merrier!!

By the way, Chuck Hastey's "95th" birthday is April 18th, but you won't get this until May. I don't have a list of other birthdays and anniversaries, so hope everyone had happy ones. And, I hope the one's that's been under the weather will be up and about soon.

two guests from District 4: Margaret Keene, and Breffni Whelan, and their wonderful music. Glad to have you, come again. It was really nice to see Dave LeBleu out, he stayed all day, was really nice to see him out and about again.

Our next jam will be May 26th, 1 to 4, at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St. in Roseburg. We have finger foods to nibble on during the day. We enjoy you all, so come on out and have a good time with us.

An hour or so before the jam, some of us practiced for some gigs. We'll be playing this month (April) 16th at Callahan Village and Callahan Court, one right after the other. We'll be starting to play more gigs as time goes on, and as we get more organized. Sharon Thompson is a great help to get started at this.---Seems

Hope to see you there.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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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

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