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From Your President

As usual I came home trying to clear the music from my head so I could think about something else.

The show on Friday night demonstrated the pride we can show in our teachers and students. As usual the the youth captivated the audience and the quality of the show was excellent.

I found myself enjoying both the music and the dancers at the Saturday night dance. I felt a sort of family-like atmosphere. At one point we had two young fiddlers playing in the 1E district band with Bob Huffman, Les Tucker, Loita Colebank, McLain family members and myself as backup. As I looked at the backup group and the young fiddlers I could not help but comment that I felt like part of an antique road show.

Certificates of appreciation went to our very deserving teachers. Ruel Teague received the Homer McLain award and John Renfro the Bill Yohey award. The state officer slate will remain unchanged with the exception of Hal Weiner, who will replace Ken Luse as vice president.

The dinner was enjoyed by all. It was well prepared with ample portions. We all came home with our new trophies and treasures from the raffle.

I hope to see you all at Silver Lake where we will soon resume the frivolity.

~ Larry

From the Editor

This has been a very busy and successful spring with two big events -- the contest and the convention just concluded. Take a gander at the long list of new members -- we must be doing something right!

The next big event is the Country Music Jamboree in Burns. Hope to see you all there.

~ Joe



The Brookings crowd, at the District 5 Bandon jam.



Tenaya Cooley, District 6, at the convention.

From the Editor Emeritus

"Hi Lew,

"Just wanted to thank you for all your hard work on the fiddle contest and for sending the contest results. It was our first fiddle contest and we enjoyed it very much and look forward to attending more OOTFA meetings/contests in the future. The contest results page was very informative and very well done. It looks very complicated to fill out - quite professional and a lot of hard work! Thanks for all your efforts as the result sheet shows us where we are and how hard we have to work for the next contest:)"

"Thanks again to all who volunteered to make this such a fun event for families. We really appreciated everyone's efforts to make our son feel welcomed and encouraged in the world of fiddling. Everyone was so helpful and very kind, what a fun group! I think the highlight for my son was the jam session up on stage with all the experts. It was so heartwarming to see the older generation just take the younger generation under their wings and build them up in such an accepting and loving atmosphere. Thanks for investing in the lives of these children, it is a real blessing to us.

"Sincerely, Kelly Conklin"

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The April meeting was well attended. Several items were discussed. We will be playing for the Farmers Market starting in June. The nursing homes will be canceled in July, August and September. Klamath County Senior Center jams are canceled until further notice. We asked Cherie Lane to write a note for this month's Hoedown.

Thank You Cherie.

"Hello Friends and OOTFA members everywhere,

"As the years slip by, I'm now one of the old timers. My husband Ray and I joined District One in the spring of 1976. The music is the type Ray had always played and we both loved it. Sorry to say I do not play, except one finger, reading notes and hunting about on a keyboard. Ray played the guitar, and I was an associate that spent many hours listening, crocheting, visiting and helping with the kitchen work. I was the district's reporter (before computers) also helped write District 1's part for the OOTFA History books, and served as a chairperson. Best of all it has been thirty-seven years of many wonderful memories to look back on. These memories include all the friends we have known, the good times at campouts, conventions, and the places we traveled to will never be forgotten. It is a wonderful organization that continues to play the old time music, we all enjoy and love."

May birthdays: Cherie Lane, Darleth Rogers, Sheila Fry, Phil Fulbright, Jackie Schmue, Fred Stiverson, Steve Currie and Jake Swartwood. Happy Birthday to all.

May Anniversaries: John and Patti Northcraft, Faye & Isom Patterson.

If I missed anyone please let me know so I can put you on the list.

Thank you Kelly for allowing me to share your letter. It speaks well for many of our young contestants. I, too, want to express my appreciation for all the volunteers at the contest and to thank all of districts and private donations to make the contest successful. Probably my greatest satisfaction was seeing and hearing all of the young fiddlers. They, alone, make all the time, effort and money worth it.

Convention note. I have shared this before but Alice and I have not missed a convention since our first one we attended in Roseburg, March 1982. It was held on Friday and Saturday. It has been a great adventure over the many years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody from all over the state who joined in to work so hard to make the convention a success. When we left late Saturday night, the hall was spotless. What a great team all of you are. Wasn't the food good on Wednesday! Thanks to all who brought food and thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen. I heard many good comments about the banquet. Nobody went away hungry, for sure. I'll convey your complimentary remarks on to the caterer. A book could be written naming all who contributed to success of the convention.

~ Lew

May

5	Meeting Cancelled	
7	Gig Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
7	Gig Quail Park	12:30-1:30 p.m.
12	Jam Shasta Community Center Dance	1-4 p.m.
16	Gig Shasta View Care Center	1-2 p.m.
16	Gig Linkville House	2:30-3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday unless something else is scheduled. Questions? Call or contact Irene Ruddock. I am sure there will be more on the schedule later; for updated information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.

Life isn't tied with a ribbon but it is still a gift. Enjoy your friends and music.

~ Ali Swartwood, District 1 Reporter



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We had a nice jam on April 6th. We had our monthly business meeting on April 8th. Jerry Light and Don Thomas will be playing at Lakeview Hospital for the Red Cross on May 7.

Thursdays nights at Rosa Lee's are going really well. It is at 6:00 p.m.

Our next business meeting will May 13. Our next jam will be June 1st., due to the Sliver Lake campout.

Silver Lake Campout

The dates are May 2-5. Terry's phone number is 541-219-0896, if you need more info. Terry says we play til the cows come home. That will be Sunday around noon. Get your rest ahead of time.

There are limited number of electrical-only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall-- first come, first served for \$10 per nite. Dry camping all around the hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services.

A couple of blocks north, right on the highway is Silver Lake Motel 541- 576-2131. Here's a couple more options: Silver Lake Trailer Park 541-576-2789; K&K RV Park 541-576-2258 and , approximately 20 miles out are Christmas Valley Desert Inn 541-576- 2262; Lakeside Terrace 541-576-2309; and Summer Lake Lodge 541-943-3994.

~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

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Greetings from Sometimes Sunny Central Oregon. Spring is trying to come out but like the rest of the nation we are getting some of the fickle spring weather with temperatures dropping into the teens and low 20's last night.

This report is coming out before the first jam scheduled for April 14, so the report will be brief this month but I will be sure to include jam notes in the June newsletter.

I have great news to report from the 48th Annual State Fiddle Contest held at Chemeketa College in Salem on March 23rd. The contest had several central Oregon fiddlers participate in the contest -- all with outstanding results.

Starting with the Pee Wee Division, CJ Neary placed 1st and Luke Allison Placed 2nd. In the Junior Junior Division Lauren Allison placed 2nd and her brother Trevor Allison placed 5th. In the Juniors Hanna Allison placed 2nd. In the Young Adult Division Caleb Engell placed 2nd. In the Senior Division Roland White placed 2nd.

Congratulations to all the fiddlers and families for participating in the Oregon state contest. Please accept my personal invitation to join the District 3 monthly jams and perform for the early audience from 12:30 to 1 p.m., or sign up to play for the dance program from 1-3 p.m. If you know you're coming please let me know so I can promote your appearance. Roland White at 541-647-4789

It is time for the annual OOTFA state convention held in Rickreall, a few miles west of Salem from April 10th to the 13th. Members from all over the state are traveling to visit, share music and perform.

May

12	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.
26	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: Starting this month from April to October there will be two jams per month on the second and fourth Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond*

Several District 3 members are going to attend and perform for the Friday night show. Jack Kerr, and Roland White will be tuning up their voices and strings to play for other members and the public that is invited to attend.

District 3 still needs a new publicity person to give Don Hendrix some time off as he has completed that duty for 3-4 years now. Please consider serving your local district.

Get well wishes go out to Tommy Tucker, Dale Anderson and Peggy Hudson on their recent knee surgeries. We all hope you're up and around and feeling better.

~ Roland White, District 3 reporter



Dan Pullis, 95 and still going strong, at the District 5 Bandon jam.

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Our spring potluck was blessed with "April showers for May flowers." and lots of good food.

With visitors Bob Shaffar and Pat Weyer from District 5, and Hal Thompson from District 10, along with our many "regulars" it was a musical day. Please note: There will not be a potluck in May or June – despite what it said in the Hoedowner last month. Our May jam is on the 2nd Saturday, as we are playing outside for the Vintage Faire at the Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point, and food is available. The picnic in July is a "bring your own" and drinks will be provided.

We initiated our new Bose sound system with many thanks to Everett Costa who is doing a great job of making it work! Still a few bugs, but so much better than our antiquated old system!

A donation has been made in memory of Jerry Cook to the District 4 Scholarship Fund at the request of the family. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Zelda and family. A memorial service was held at Western Carriage Estates on April 14.

Our election of officers resulted in: Avi Zohar, Chairman, Cathy Frutchey, Vice-Chair, Carol Ferrara remaining as Treasurer/ Membership Chairman, and Cindy McDonald staying on as Secretary. We look forward to working with our new staff!

Yoshe Zohar, one of our youth, is recovering from tonsil and adenoid surgery. Gene Grant is getting around on his new knee. Judy Lyons is getting around more after her broken hip. Wishing you all good health again!

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Those attending the state convention last week report having had an interesting and enjoyable three days, as they always do every year. It's always nice to get together with old friends and to meet new ones and maybe learn a new tune or two. Mapril Combs and Pat Weyer were the two representatives from District 5 who were asked to play at the Friday evening invitational performance while the entire group were on stage for the Saturday evening dance. At the meeting Bob Shaffar was one of the members honored with a certificate of appreciation for his involvement in providing fiddle lessons for young people and others interested in learning to play the fiddle. Those attending the convention from District 5 included Verna Lee, Colleen Hodges, Mapril Combs, Barbara Pruitt, Ruth and Pat Weyer, Larry Costa, Hal Weiner and Sharon and Larry Gallagher.

May

11 Jam, potluck Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point 12-3 p.m.

June

1 Jam, potluck Fruitdale Grange 11:30 a.m.

July

6 Jam, Picnic Riversedge Park, Shady Cove

We're proud of our contest folks: Yoshe Zohar, 4th place Jr-Jr, Seraphina Tang tied for 9th place Jr-Jr, and Judy McG (me) 4th place in Open.

We are having our final fiddle class for this session on April 24, with a program presenting the tunes they have learned. We have invited their families and our OOTFA families, and will have simple refreshments. They've been working hard!

We will be playing for Vi Brown's 95th birthday party on May 18th. She has been a life member for many years! Happy Birthday, Vi!

Those of us who attended the Convention had a wonderful time seeing folks again and meeting new ones. We even brought home a few new tunes! Thanks Cathy Frutchey and Melinda Grant for representing us so well at the Friday nite program. Also thanks to Everett for organizing the Saturday dance.

Scholarship monies will be available per request – ask an officer for an application.

Why did the fiddler cross the road? It was the chicken's day off!

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

May

1	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
1	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
8	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
15	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
18	Meeting and election		11 a.m.
18	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
22	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
22	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

Please bring finger foods and snacks for the business meeting and election of new officers before the monthly jam on the 18th.

In the last month's report I stated that, for the campout in August in Winchester Bay, the ladies should have a song with a man's name and the men should have song with a lady's name. That was a mistake. Anyone can have either a woman's or man's name in their song. That should make it easier to find an appropriate song.

Next month will see the beginning of the summer schedule, playing at the various parks and campgrounds, until September when it's back to the retirement and nursing homes for the fall and winter.

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Fiddle Contest Photos



Names (l-r, top to bottom): Katrina and Kirsten Doggett, Avi Yoshe; Erin McMullen welcomes; Dawn and Luke Allison and Jeff Walter; C.J. Neary; Darlene Bryant, Willie Carter, Alice Holt, Carol Ann Wheeler, Les Tucker, Jerry Parks, Lew Holt; Nuala Lockwood; Ken Luse, Serafeina Tang and Ron Bolstad; Sean Valente; Scott Philipps, Samuel Conklin and Ron Bolstad.

Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter -- The Left Hand

Is your left hand in the best position to help you fiddle as well as you can? Check in with your left hand and make sure you have it positioned for maximum ease of playing.

Notice if your fingers are all hovering over the strings with all your joints bend so they're ready to go. If your fingers are waving in the air it will slow you down while you reposition them to play.

Make sure your left elbow is far enough underneath your fiddle that you can just about see it when you look down and that your left hand is arched enough so the tips of your fingers land on the strings (not the pads of your fingers).

Make sure your left wrist is straight and is not touching the fiddle.

Make sure the neck of your fiddle is not sitting on your hand in the space between your thumb and first finger; there should be an empty space below the neck of your fiddle. If you feel that

you need your left hand to hold up your fiddle, you need to look into using a shoulder rest – or if you already use one, maybe an adjustment or a different model is in order.

Some fiddlers have their hand hovering over the E and A strings – which requires moving the entire hand in order to play on the D and G strings. Constantly moving the hand back and forth can be fatiguing and can slow you down. Position your hand so your fingers can reach all the strings with minimal adjustment. Then there's the question about when to leave fingers down – there's no easy answer to that one. I'm generally in favor of leaving fingers down until you need to pick them up since it's often helpful if they're already there when you play them again; however, the danger here is that while playing a higher finger, the finger or fingers you have left down may be pulled out of tune and you may need to readjust them. That's where keeping a light touch is a good idea (it's always a good idea!) – It's easier to make the minor adjustments necessary to play in tune if you can move your fingers quickly with minimal effort.

State Fiddle Contest Results

The results of the 2013 State Fiddle Contest, held March 23 at Chemeketa Community College, are as follows:

PEE WEE

- 1 C J Neary
- 2 Luke Allison
- 3 Emily Leavitt
- 4 Silas Phillips
- 5 Hannah Doggett
- 6 Aurora Bitans

JUNIOR - JUNIOR

- 1 Tenaya Cooley
- 2 Lauren Allison
- 3 Natalie Smith
- 4 Yoshe Zohar
- 5 Trevor Allison
- 6 Samuel Conklin
- 7 James Christof
- 8 Kelsey Smith
- 9 Serafina Tang
- 9 Sophia Chiara
- 11 Caleb Doggett
- 12 Nuala Lockwood

JUNIORS

- 1 Willeke Frankzerda
- 2 Hannah Allison
- 3 Rachel Smith
- 4 Trevor Whitaker
- 5 Mila Butler
- 6 Josh Ashcraft
- 7 Ludi Phillips
- 8 Elina Gouw
- 9 Roya Ghaemmaghami
- 10 Summer Hanson
- 11 Katrina Doggett
- 12 Kiersten Dogget
- 13 Annabel Guptil
- 14 Sean Valente
- 15 Erin Halgrimson

YOUNG ADULT

- 1 Tabitha Gholi
- 2 Caleb Engell
- 3 Amy Booher

ADULT

- 1 Donna Reuter
- 2 Hajime Nagashima
- 3 Julie Smith

SENIOR

- 1 Eileen Walter
- 2 Roland White
- 3 Dave Emmenegger

SR - SR

- 1 Carol Ann Wheeler
- 2 Les Tucker
- 3 Willie Carter
- 4 Alice Holt
- 5 Lew Holt
- 6 Darlene Bryant
- 7 Jerry Parks
- 8 Dale Emery

OPEN

- 1 Andy Emert
- 2 Kian Dye
- 3 Gary Schuh
- 4 Judy McGarvey
- 5 Bob Heinith

TWIN FIDDLE

- 1 Kian Dye - Willeke Frankzerda
- 2 Eileen Walter - Tabitha Gholi
- 3 Donna Reuter - Gary Schuh
- 4 Lauren Allison - Hannah Allison
- 5 Josh Ashcraft - Hajime Nagashima
- 6 Kiersten Doggett - Katrina Doggett

JUDGES

- 1 Luke Price Portland, OR
- 2 Jeanne Orme Portland, OR
- 3 JayDean Ludiker Spokane, WA

ACCOMPANIST

- 1 Jeff Walter
- 2 Les Tucker
- 3 Ken Luse
- 4 Dean Boring
- 5 Andy Emert

Honorary OS

Rod Anderson
Youngest Girl Aurora Bitans 6
Youngest Boy C.J. Neary 6
Oldest Fiddler Dale Emery 96
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association
Oregonoldtimefiddling.org
Thanks to Chemeketa CC & Terry Rohse
for their help and cooperation.
Chairman: Lew Holt



Donna Foreman teaching a workshop at the state convention.

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March's fifth Saturday jam in Bandon was a big success with a good crowd of both musicians and audience in attendance. with 27 signed up to perform in honor of Carl Rovainen whose death occurred recently. In addition to the group from the Brookings area there was a couple from Northern California and several people from other districts in the state, including our editor, Joe Moyle. Larry Ball was the featured performer and he entertained us with his singing and mandolin playing which everyone enjoyed.

The regular monthly jam held in Winchester Bay featured Sharon Gallager singing several great old Irish songs in honor of St.

Patrick's day. Very nicely done, Sharon. Another interesting and fun performance was that by "John's Pips", a group of young people which included Sophia, Tyler, Rachel and Shelby, led by John MacRae as he organized them in singing "Aley Baley Bee".

Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers out there.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but bedbugs and mosquitos come pretty close.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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SPRING - The air is like a butterfly
With frail blue wings
The happy earth looks at the sky
And sings. - Joyce Kilmer

Our Friday night jams sure have been fun this month. At the Santa Clara Grange, Dan Hasley, from District 5, showed up with his guitar. Suzanne Durland played her beautiful flute and whistles. And as Deb Weese commented, Sue Cooper threw in her "two cents" with adding her penny whistle (two pennies?) with "Over the Waterfall." It was also nice to see Jerry Brown. At the Eugene Hotel, Amy Burrow thrilled us with her version of "Cluck Ol' Hen." We sure had a huge audience there this month. Dale Wynn also sang a nice old tune, "Peg O' My Heart." At the Crow jam, it was great having Web Dobson's family at our jam as our audience and also Alan Stultz hopefully will be joining our OOTFA family and bring his guitar. We also got to meet David and Clair Ellicker-Vagsberg's son, Carl, who we found out plays a stand up bass. Also, I think we're starting to catch onto Marty Nelson's banjo tune, "The Boat Song."

We were again, thrilled to watch and listen to David and Clair Ellicker-Vagsberg's Hardanger fiddles at our District jam. Two Springfield ladies, Sue Cooper and Louise Dandurand played a fiddle tune, called, "Springfield." It was nice to have Lois Eagleton from District 10, and her daughter, Davy, who danced with Alan Ede. We love to watch those dancers. Yummy fried chicken and great salads and different dishes were enjoyed by all. Thanks Phyllis and Leah.

In District 6, we have available fiddlers, guitarists, mandolin players, banjo and Bass players, play at local assisted living homes, once a week. Bernie Roberts, one of our guitar players, came across a resident in one of these Homes, Bobby Doerr, a member of the Major League Hall of Fame; he played for the Boston Red Sox from 1937-1951. He was celebrating his 95th Birthday, and doing quite well and was still very alert. He wants us to come back soon and play some more of our music for him. That's just one of many experiences that our OOTFA members experience, while playing gigs for those who reside in these homes and are unable to leave their residence to listen to musical performances. We, who are available are very lucky to have these experiences.

May

2	Gig	SHO Luchtime Gig, Hult Center	12 p.m.
3	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7-9:30 p.m.
5	Monthly Jam	Lebanon Moose	10a.m-4 p.m.
10	Jam	Crow Grange	7-9:30 p.m.
17	Jam	Yapoah Terrace	7-9:30 p.m.
24	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-9:30 p.m.

We are adding a monthly Friday night jam at Yahpoah Terrace, Eugene, on the third Friday to our Friday night jam schedule; the first one will be May 17, from 7-9:30 p.m. Yapoah Terrace is located at 350 Pearl Street, Eugene, at the base of Skinner's Butte.

The next basic fiddle class will be on May 20th and then on June 24th 20th, at the Bethesda Luthern Church, from 1- 4:30 p.m. The next intermediate fiddle class will meet on May 18th and then on June 22th at the River Road Annex at 1055 River Road, from 1 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Darla Knudsen at: jkdkjc@q.com or 541-998-2064.

Congratulations to all those from our district who performed at the State Fiddle Contest in Salem, in March:

Junior-Junior: 1st place Tenaya Cooley
SR-SR: 3rd place Willie Carter
SR-SR: 7th place Jerry Parks

May Birthdays: Jeri Walling (5-3), Tenaya Cooley (5-3), Annie Carter (5-5), Brian Sorrells (5-5), Jan Simmons (5-29)

May Anniversaries: Gary and Lynne Baran (5-17), Zane and Phyllis Coffin (5-18), Ken and Patti Luse (5-24)

What's the difference between a fiddle and a Harley Davidson motorcycle?

You can tune a Harley.

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



Darlene Fiducia and Marie Roberts at the District 6 monthly jam.

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Wow, what an awesome time we had at the OOFTA convention! So much wonderful music, great talent, good food, and FUN people. There were numerous raffle items, and the last I heard, we made \$800 in ticket sales. The meeting was interesting and members suggested some good ideas that you will read about in future Hoedowner issues from the Board.

Not too much new in our district – we continue to play at our regular jams, and were invited to play at Summerplace Retirement Center for a second year.

This is a reminder to continue to keep Ron Beatty in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery. He is getting stronger each day, and we are looking forward to having him and Ella back in our jams.

Our talented and generous Donna Forman is continuing her weekly Monday evening lessons in Gresham. We have several “regulars” and we welcome anyone who is interested in learning or improving their skills to come.



Truman Price, District 8, at Rickreall.



Gary and Lynne Baran, District 6, at the barn dance.



Jim and Holly Sylvester, and Brain Ibach, at the District 5 Bandon jam.

I hear that our faithful and long time member, Roger Germundson and his friends have been playing music for the residents of the Powell Valley Memory Care Center in Gresham every month for several years. As you may know, his wife, Jackie has been there for about ten months. Well, the music is greatly appreciated - but his dog, Mosby the Weimarer, really steals the show with his tricks and great personality! He makes the rounds and visits everyone so they all have an opportunity to love on him. Sounds like he is an honorary Old Time Fiddler!

May's playing schedule includes:

Saturday, May 4 Red Lion Inn on the River in Portland 5 -7 p.m. This is a fund raiser/dinner hosted by Mt. Hood Community College. They want old time music to compliment their theme, and play during their silent auction time. They expect about 400 in the audience, so please come and support this great event!

Sunday, May 19 K.C. Highlands, 12930 SW Peachvale Street, Tigard, OR 12 - 4 p.m. This is our monthly jam, sign-up playing from 1 – 3:30 pm. They provide home made cookies!

Friday, May 24 Tanner Springs Assisted Living Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Liinn 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31 Summerfield Retirement Estates, 11205 SW Summerfield Dr., Tigard 2 – 3 p.m. (99W and Durham Road)

Watch your emails for additional jams during the month.

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

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A very fun filled, music filled OOTFA convention is just over. Starting on Wednesday April 10th, District 8 hosted with finger food all day. Lots of jamming and visiting all day and a sign up show in the evening. Many, many thank yous to Darlene Bryant, Jackie Stevenson and Marie Cunningham who “womaned” the kitchen. And thanks to all who contributed the tasty food that kept up going all day!

May			
11	Gig	Sheep to Shawl	Mission Mill, Salem
June			
8	Jam	District 8 picnic	Colebank's - Woodburn
23	Gig	Strawberry Social	Aurora Colony
July			
11	Gig	Marion County Fair	State Fairgrounds
12	Gig	Aumsville City Park	
13	Gig	Horse event,	Willamette Mission Park

Thursday the 11th we moved over to the big building for the rest of the convention. More jamming and visiting. Raffle items to look at and drop in tickets hoping to win. Friday night was the big show for the public. It was a winner again. Quite a few of our younger fiddlers were on stage. So good to hear them. Fiddling is alive and well! Saturday, another fun filled day up to and including the banquet, raffle drawings and the dance with district bands.

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Hope everyone got rested so they can be ready for the next time.

District 8 has two late April gigs that I will write about next time.

In May we will be playing at Mission Mill in Salem on Saturday May 11th. Our time is 1 to 2 PM, but the event lasts from 10 to 4 PM. There are various demonstrations on how wool was processed and woven at the mill.

June 8th, a Saturday, District 8 and friends will gather at Colebank's home for our annual picnic. Dale and Loita have a great barn for the picnic and jamming. Thanks D. and L. for hosting us!

Sunday, June 23rd we'll be playing for the Strawberry Social in Aurora. This is always well attended. The strawberry shortcake is delicious. Some of us will be either in Weiser or coming home from Burns so please plan to attend if you can. Thanks.

On July 11 we'll be playing at the Marion County Fair at the State Fairgrounds. Play time is 1 p.m.

July 12th we're scheduled to play in Aumsville at the park starting at 6 p.m. This will be the third year to entertain there. Lots of fun

July 13th we'll be playing at Willamette Mission Park north of Salem. This is a new venue for us. It's a benefit ride for a vet based horse rescue program. Bonnie, who invited us says, "I have heard your group before and you are awesome"! Let's not let her down. More details on all these in later issues.

Directions and specifics on gigs to follow in later issues. Mark your calendars now.

Love yourself and be proud of everything you do, even your mistakes. Because even mistakes mean you're TRYING.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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Spring! And music is in the air! Ruel and Margaret Teague are back from the south and it is great to have them back. Ruel recently broke a rib when gravity pulled him off of a ladder. Hopefully he will mend quickly.

George Sahlberg is still having health issues and has determined it is in the best interest of all to have someone else keep the books for the remainder of his term. Once he gets fixed up, he'll be willing to serve as an officer again.

Don Williams had knee surgery in early April and LaWanda is continuing to grow stronger. With the warmer weather, she has been able to get out and walk around the neighborhood.

Longtime associate member, Virginia Coble, passed away in early March. She attended many jams with her husband Jay. She's been unable to attend jams for several years now but enjoyed the music when we played at the care center.

Janet Braymen travelled to Rickreall for the state convention and enjoyed visiting and playing music with all the folks in

May

10	Gig	Aspens	7-9 p.m.
14	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1-4 p.m.
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30 p.m.

attendance from around the state. At the Saturday night Banquet, Ruel and Margaret Teague were honored with the Homer McClain Memorial award for members of the year. Ruel was also awarded a certificate of appreciation for instructing fiddle. Always a staunch supporter of OOTFA, the Teagues are sharing their love of music and inviting folks young and old to join in the fun whether they be in Oregon or Arizona!

The jam and potluck in April was moved to the third Sunday to allow folks to attend the state convention. We'll report on both jams next month.

In May, Aspens will be on Friday, the 10th from 7 - 9 p.m. Sunday, the 14th is the jam at the Senior Center with potluck at 1 p.m. and music from 2- 4 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 20th at 6:30 p.m. for one hour.

It only snowed a little getting home from State Convention!

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

District 10

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The March jam was awesome; it was a full house, many from other districts. John and Marlene Renfo, Don and Bea Johnson from district 4; Wayne and Ann Carter, Jesse and Darla Kundsén, Sue Cooper, from district 6. Was great seeing all of you, thank you for your support. Enjoyed your music.- We had loads of players, listeners, and dancers.

--- It was Anna Coopers 92nd birthday March 22nd. And Barbara Sullivan's birthday was March 12th. --Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all that had them.

---Hope everyone that is under the weather will be back with us soon.---Our next jam will be May 25th, 1 to 4; at Sutherlin Grange 851 S. Comstock, SutherlinOR. --finger foods would be appreciated for some that will take a break. Hope to see ya'll there, bring your instruments and play, whether you think you're good or not. Or, just listen and dance.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

May 2-5	Silver Lake Campout, Silver Lake
June 13-15	Country Music Jamboree, Burns
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge
August 3	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
August 15-18	Winchester Bay Jam

New Members to Welcome!

George, James and Michael Christof, Salem
 Samuel, William and Kelly Conklin, Bend
 Jennifer and Anderson Coons, Medford
 Kiyle, Annisa, Jared, Kaylie and Kelsie Decker, Eureka CA
 Kian and Kevin Dye, Portland
 Marilyn and John Ellis, Yreka, CA
 Amanda Rice and Jim Elwell with Sophia, Jenevieve,
 Josie & Olivia, Reedsport
 Margo and Rich Fetrow, Waldport
 Michael Fletcher and Mark Owen, Florence
 Wilhelmina FrankZerda, Blodgett
 Annabel and Scott Guptill, Keizer
 Michael Jones, McMinnville

Cliff and Phyllis Larson, Winchester Bay
 Spencer and Barbara Lewis, Salem
 Leah, Phillip, Nuala and Maeve Lockwood, Newberg
 Michael Marvis and Cheryl Simons, Crescent City, CA
 LorrieAnne and Izack Miller, Medford
 Christopher, Tamara, CJ and Cora Neary, Bend
 Donna and Bill Nix, Independence
 Barbara (BJ), Mark, David and Carrie Rebhuhn, Corvallis
 Terry Rohse, Tangent
 Leo and Lorraine Seal, Salem
 Sean Valente, Eugene
 Pat and Bill Winfrey, Shady Cove

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership