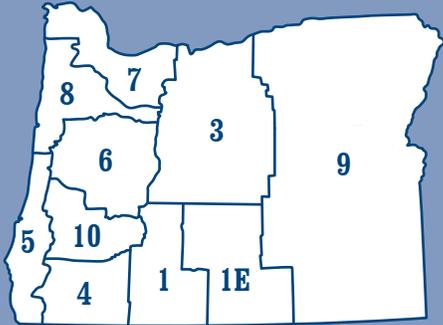


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From Your President

What a great convention. The Friday night show was super. If you missed it you need to plan to be there next year. Hal Weiner won the Norm Nash distinguished service award. Ken Luse won the Bill Yohey award and Darla Knudsen won the Homer McLain award.

Starting July 1 this year the president will be Roland White, the vice president Jim Kuether and, fortunately for us all, Sharon Thompson will remain secretary /treasurer.

Darla Knudsen, Jim Kuether, Avi Zohar, Scott Phillips and Jack Kerr completed a year of hard work reviewing, correcting and refining the Articles Of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules. These two committee's work was accepted by unanimous vote by both the Executive Board (which became the Board of Directors by this action) and the membership. The new rules tucked the Kielhorn grant procedures neatly into the above so they do not stand alone and out of the membership loop.

The next meeting will be the Board of Directors meeting on June 13 or 14, in Burns.

Have a wonderful summer.

~ Larry

From the Editor

The convention was quite a success. Thanks to all who submitted photos, many of which appear in the Junior Hoedowner. We did not have space to publish all of them, but keep them coming, please.

This was a big year for substantive bylaws changes, a tedious chore overseen by District 6's Darla Knudsen. This was reflected in the award she received, the Homer McLain award for service to OOTFA. Darla received separate recognition for her work in reorganizing the OOTFA standing rules and bylaws, as did Jim Keuther for chairing the committee which amended the Kielhorn Trust administration rules. An unrecognized hero in all this, Darla says, was Patti Luse, "who taught me how to use my computer to do everything it needed to do" in editing and reorganizing text.

Other District 6ers receiving recognition at the convention were: Ken Luse, the Bill Yohey award for backup musicians, and Hal Weiner, the Norm Nash award for distinguished service. District 5 also has a claim to Hal, let me hasten to say.

It was a pleasure, to hear, in the Friday night show, the reigning state fiddle champ, Tabitha Gholi. Anabel Guptill and Christopher Miller, winners in Twin Fiddle division at the fiddle contest, also put in an appearance. If that wasn't enough, Hanneke Cassel, originally from Port Orford, but now a pro and proponent of Scottish traditional music, put in an impressive performance on Friday night, as did the unique folk fiddler Truman Price.

Sitting in the noisy hall Friday night, I found myself thinking that I couldn't understand a word being sung on on-stage. But wait! It was French. It was the unexpected appearance of Luc and Manuel Dauvin, from Canada, doing a Manitoba tune, the "Teardrop Waltz" in French as spoken in Canada, and a wonderful job they did. It seems they both married Oregon girls, and are now OOTFA members, to boot. All in all, a night to remember.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

We were all pleased and impressed by Dan Pullis's pictures that Ruth Weyer had on display at the convention this year. More than a handful of people came to either Alice or me and commented on the young couple that looked something like us. The picture in mind was taken in the early or mid 1980s. I couldn't help but think, "Look what belonging to OOTFA for over 30 years has done us." Our hair has turned white. Our posture isn't the same. Even a few pounds heavier. Had to buy a longer belt. See what belonging to the fiddlers has done to us. But compensated by many, many great experiences and friends. Alice and I attended our first convention in 1982 and don't believe we have missed one since.

This is the 50th anniversary of OOTFA. We had 21 charter members. I received a letter saying that Kenny Brank, one of our charter members is living with his daughter Lotetta.

Looking for information - another letter asking about information about Merv Whitmore, a charter member, from his son. Please contact me if you can help him.

Another letter -- Warwick Campout August has five weeks this year but some people have notified me that they have already requested days off for the campout, not realizing that we have five weeks in the month. So we will gather a week early this year August 15th through the 24th. Hope I am catching you all early enough to make plans. See you this summer. Please pass these dates on. Love Karen

This is being written just after the convention. Many names could be listed saying thank you for your help but so as not to leave any names out a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who worked so hard putting up and taking down the stage, dealing with chairs and tables, runners, sound, emceeing, on and on. Thanks a million everybody.

~ Lew

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May

4	Hope Lutheran meeting room (this is new for this month) regular meeting, pot luck, and Jam	12:30-4 p.m.
6	Gig Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
6	Gig Quail Park	12:30-1:30 p.m.
11	Senior Dance Shasta Hall	1-4 p.m.
15	Gig Shasta View	1-2 p.m.
15	Gig Linville House	2:30-3:30 p.m.
28	Gig Pelican Point	10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
29	Gig Eldorado Care	1:30-2:30 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays: Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for dates and times 541-882-6418

We are going to start putting in our newsletter each month an article of "Meet the Members of District 1" This month we will start with Allen Myers.

Al was born at his grandfather's ranch just five miles from the California border. His dad played guitar and fiddle and Al tried learning but there was never enough time for practice. In 1970, he was living in Springfield

where he worked for the State Highway Dept. for 36 years. Al would go down to his cousins in Cottage Grove where they were always doing some jamming. He started learning more about chords at that time. In 1980 he moved back to the Klamath Falls area living in the town of Bonanza. He and his wife, Helen, bought the Yonna Valley store and owned it for eight years. There were many bingo games in Bonanza. George Ferland who lived in Langell Valley and was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers got him interested in playing more guitar. Al now plays great guitar and loves being with the folks and jamming.

We had visitors from District 4 for our April meeting/ jam, Margaret Keen and Breffni Whelan. Thank you for coming and we loved listening to you both.

We had a opportunity to play at New Horizon School and give a demonstration of Old Time Music and some of its history. We hope to get some young folks interested in music. We are always trying to think of new ways to get music into young folks minds.

We wish all those with May birthdays and anniversaries a happy one. Birthdays: Sheila Fry, Cherie Lane, Steve Currie, Phil Fulbright, Mary Knapp, Darleth Rodgers, Jackie Schmoe, Fred Stiverson, and Jake Swartwood. Anniversaries: John and Patti Northcraft.

We had our elections confirmed; the new officers will start in July.

Lots of us will be going to the Silver Lake campout; see you all there.

Remember: April showers bring May Flowers (or snow showers).

~Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Les Tucker and Karen Johnson work on a number at the convention.

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Happy Birthday to Mary Ann McLain, May 4.

SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT IS HERE! COME JOIN THE FUN MAY

1-4. Friday night-Hat Jam, your hat has to match your song;

Saturday -banquet and Can Jam, Sunday Morning- Gospel.

Camping: Limited number of electrical only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall; first come first served for \$10 per night. Dry camping around the outside of the Fire Hall is free. Please stay away from the Helicopter Landing Zone. We don't want to disrupt Emergency Services.

More options: Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131), Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789), K&K RV Park (541-576-2258).

Approximately 20 miles out are: Horse Ranch RV Park (near Ft. Rock Turnoff) (541-576-2488), Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262), Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309), Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994).

District 1E had a good turnout for the state convention. If anyone there had more fun than Barrett Amacker, I'd like to know who it is. Barrett reported that he: played, "Boil the

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Greetings District 3 Members! I just returned from an exciting state convention that is our OOTFA 50th anniversary with members showing up from all over the state. If you haven't been to one think about next year, it's lots of fun, plenty of great music and nice people to meet.

I am honored to return home having been elected as your 2014 state OOTFA president. My agenda will be centered around building membership and volunteerism in all districts, including ours. So think of a friend you know who plays or likes to listen to music and bring him or her to the next jam and encourage them to join in our fun. And while you're doing that also think of how you can help District 3; we still need a reporter and PR person.

I understand from Jeanette that we had another great turnout at the PBCC with both musicians and public turning out for a nice afternoon of music and fun. Please look at the meeting time for the May 11th meeting as the attending members have decided to do a noon potluck at the next jam, which is also Mother's Day; music starts at the usual time of one p.m.

Since the last jam, we have also seen the state contest come and go; we are proud to say our District 3 brought home the bacon. Congratulations to C.J. Neary, first in the Pee Wee Division. The Allison family garnered two firsts, a second and a top ten; Samuel Conklin, in only his second contest, got fourth in the Juniors; and little ol' me got a second in the Seniors.

May

1-4	Jam	Silver Lake	
12	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

Cabbage Down" on stage with his papa, Terry, in front of lots of people; played for the square dancers with Danielle Z'berg and his great uncle, Larry McLain; had the "Funnest Time" with the circle jam and all the nice people; gained 100 "new grandmas"; and won a fiddle in the raffle.

Barrett's mom, Cambria Amacker, said, "I just wanted to give a big thanks to all those who were at the convention who were so good to Barrett and the young ones. He couldn't of been in a more special crowd! Thank you to all those who participated in the winning of Barrett's new fiddle."

A very special note: Darla Knudsen, District 6, was presented the "Homer McLain Memorial Award" for her outstanding service in promoting Old Time Fiddling. Congratulations Darla!

"Advice is rarely asked for, seldom used, and when you need it the most yourself, you might be out.", Reub Long, Fort Rock Pioneer. "I'm gonna gather up a bunch of my own advice, that I've been giving so freely over the years, and put it in a sack. I'm pretty sure that I'm about out and I'm gonna need it!"

~ Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter

May

11	Jam and potluck	Powell Butte Community Center	1 to 4 p.m.
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June

8	Jam and potluck	Powell Butte Community Center	1 to 4 p.m.
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2014 JAM SCHEDULE • 2ND SUNDAYS

All jams are at:

Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC)

8404 Reif Rd • Powell Butte OR 97753

If you want to get charged up about playing fiddle, guitar, banjo or mandolin, think about attending the WCFCW fiddle camp this summer, July 20 - 24. If your budget is short you can apply for a scholarship from our district. If you have some kids to recommend, scholarships are also available. Check out the website at: www.fiddlecamp.org

My last tidbit is our District 3 sponsorship and Kielhorn grant for the Hanneke Cassel. Her Scottish fiddle workshops at the convention were totally successful bringing together 30 kids, nine from District 3. From the 30 that who attended, we now have ten new families in OOTFA.

Here is an offer to you members that you can't refuse: if one of you will step forward and do the Hoedowner reporting, I will take over the PR from Don Hendrix who has served that role for the last five years or more. Please ring my phone about this. 541-647-4789.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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Our monthly jam and meeting at Roxy Ann Grange had a rocky start, but ended up being a great time for all. When we arrived at the grange hall, it was all locked up; when we called we were informed there had been some vandalism the day before. Some (obviously not OOTFA) folks made a real mess and set off all the fire extinguishers. The kitchen was unusable, but we were able to use the main room for our stuff. Lots of good music, and a good audience. It was nice to welcome Marilyn Ellis, one of our out-of-state members who joined in with her good input on the banjo. (Yeah, we actually like banjo players, but we don't let them know it!)

Election of officers was held at the meeting, We will retain Avi Zohar as chairman, Cathy Frutchey as vice-chairman, Melinda Grant as secretary and "fiddle rustler", and Carol Ferrara as treasurer and membership chairman. A great team!

The convention was a lot of fun, and our fiddle players did us proud at the Friday night show. Players were Pat Manion, Yoshe Zohar, Lennie Ferrara and Judy McGarvey. We got many nice comments on our dance numbers, too. We sure have a wonderful bunch of musicians! A big thank you to all the folks who made it

May
10 Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point
June
7 Gold Dust Days, Gold Hill Park
July
5 Emigrant Lake Picnic

happen, with a special thanks to Lew Holt for his tireless efforts before and during the convention!

It's "old news" now, but in the state contest Yoshe Zohar got third place Junior-Junior, and Judy McGarvey got first Senior-Senior, and second Twin Fiddle (with Donna Reuter) --- so District 4 brought home its share of trophies. Scott Phillips did his usual masterful job of getting folks on and off stage (the boot?). Many thanks, Scott.

Our next couple of monthly jams will be outside, with Butte Creek Mill Pioneer Days on May 10 (note, this is the second Saturday), and Gold Dust Days at the Gold Hill Park on June 7. In August we will have a "bring your own" picnic at Emigrant Lake near Ashland. We're planning a busy and musical summer, along with all the state functions which are noted elsewhere. We always welcome visitors from other areas, so come and join in with us!

Ya know? - It's difficult to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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May
7 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1 - 2 p.m.
7 Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 - 4 p.m.
14 Gig Baycrest, North Bend 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14 Gig Evergreen Court, North Bend 3 - 4 p.m.
17 Business Meeting and lunch 11 a.m.
17 Monthly Jam Winchester Bay 1 - 4 p.m.
21 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 - 2:30 p.m.
21 Gig Westwind Court, Bandon 3 - 3:45 p.m.
28 Gig MemoryCare, Empire 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
28 Gig Hearthside, Coos Bay 3 - 4 p.m.

Those from District 5 attending the state convention included Verna Lee, Linda Eickhoff, Bob Schafer, Larry Costa, Ruth and Pat Weyer and Sharon and Larry Gallagher. They report having had a very enjoyable experience as they always do. Always fun to meet with others having the same interests in music. Pat Weyer and Bob Hanson led a work shop on the proper use of the microphone at performances.

There will be a business meeting with election of new officers before the jam in Winchester Bay on the 17th. Bring finger food for lunch and be there in time to vote.

Sharon Gallagher, singing some beautiful Irish songs in honor of St. Patrick, was the featured performer at the March jam. At the April jam Larry Costa, our vice-chairman, playing his banjo and singing, will be featured. His performances are always fun, so don't miss it.

And now the sad news. Dan Pullis, who had been ill lately, has died. He was our oldest District 5 member, at 94 years.



Larry Costa: May District 5 featured performer.

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Photos from the Convention



l-r from the top down: Annabel Guptill and Christopher Miller; Tanaya Cooley and Everett Costa; Tabitha Gholi and Jeff Walter; Hanneke Casell's fiddle workshop; Willie Carter; Larry Gallegher, Sharon Thompson, and Donna Foreman; Darla Knudsen and Sharon Thompson; Truman Price; Jeff Walter, Janet Braymen and Larry McLain, Terry McLain and Jim Hoots; Fred Hardin; and Jack Kerr and Rhea Bigelow

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – Slurring Exercise

A “slur” occurs when two or more notes are included in a single bow stroke without stopping the bow between the notes. If you do stop the bow between the notes, they will sound the same as if you had changed bow directions. This is a useful maneuver if you want to keep the bow traveling in a certain direction. The slurring exercise I’m describing in this column assumes that you don’t stop the bow between notes.

Set your metronome on 80 or wherever it’s comfortable and you can play cleanly.

Play the following finger progression on any string:

0 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 0 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 0 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 0 1 2 3 4 3 2 1.....

Now slur every 2 notes. Then do it again and slur every 3 notes. Then slur 4 notes; then 8; then 16.

Plan ahead so the notes at the end of your bow stroke are just as loud and clear as those at the beginning, and none are “squeezed” out. If you slow the bow down in order to fit the notes in, you will lose sound quality, so take care not to use too much of the bow at the beginning of your bow stroke. It’s unlikely that you will play a tune with 8 or 16 notes in a slur, but 2, 3, and 4 are common.

This is a good warm-up exercise.

Fiddle Contest Results

Winners for the Saturday, March 22, Old Time Fiddlers contest at Chemeketa Community College.

Pee old Wee Division up to 8 years

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. C.J. Neary | Bend |
| 2. Luke Allison | Bend |
| 3. Aurora Bitans | Portland |
| 4. Hannah Doggett | Albany |
| 5. Issabel Kirbach | Portland |
| 6. Felicia Guptill | Keizer |

Junior-Junior Division 9 - 12 years old

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|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Lauren Allison | Bend |
| 2. Tenaya Cooley | Eugene |
| 3. Yoshe Zohar | Medford |
| 4. Kelsey Smith | Portland |
| 5. Caleb Doggett | Albany |
| 6. Michael Christof | Salem |
| 7. Ella Spokes | Portland |
| 8. River Clark | Salem |

Junior Division 13 - 17 years old

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Hannah Allison | Bend |
| 2. Natalie Smith | Portland |
| 3. Annabell Guptill | Keizer |
| 4. Samuel Conklin | Bend |
| 5. Katrina Doggett | Albany |
| 6. Josh Ashcraft | West Linn |
| 7. Elina Gouw | Portland |
| 8. Trevor Allison | Bend |
| 9. Erin Hallgrimson | Dayton |
| 10. James Christof | Salem |
| 11. Josie Slaven | Veneta |
| 12. Nate Rice | Gervais |

Young Adult Division 18 - 35 years old

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Kiersten Doggett | Albany |
| 2. Kyle Maxwell | Beaverton |
| 3. Heather Parker | Salem |
| 4. Roya Ghaemmaghami | Tigard |

Adult Division 36 - 59 years old

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jeanine Orme | Beaverton |
| 2. Hajime Nagashima | Portland |
| 3. Julie Smith | Portland |

Senior Division 60 - 69 years old

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Starr McMullen | Corvallis |
| 2. Roland White | Bend |
| 3. Rick Bergeron | Gresham |
| 4. Dave Emmenager | Woodburn |

Senior - Senior Division 70 and older

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|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Judy McGarvey | Medford |
| 2. Les Tucker | Woodburn |
| 3. Darlene Bryant | Turner |
| 4. Alice Holt | Salem |
| 5. Jerry Parks | Lebanon |
| 6. Willie Carter | Lebanon |
| 7. Lew Holt | Salem |
| 8. Dale Emery | Stayton |
| 9. Dale Colebank | Woodburn |

Championship Division no age limit

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. Tabitha Gholi | West Linn |
| 2. Andy Emert | Portland |
| 3. Donna Reuter | Hood River |
| 4. Luc Dauvin | Woodburn |
| 5. Bob Heinith | Portland |

Twin Fiddle Division no age limit

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| 1. Chris Miller – Newburg, and Annabel Guptill – Keizer |
| 2. Donna Reuter – Hood River, and Judy McGarvey – Medford |
| 3. Jeanine Orme – Beaverton, and Elina Gouw – Portland |
| 4. Josh Ashcraft – Portland, Hajime Nagashima – Portland |
| 5. Hannah Allison – Bend, and Lauren Allison – Bend |
| 6. Rick Bergeron – Gresham, and Donna Foreman – Estacada |
| 7. Kiersten Doggett and Katrina Doggett – Albany |
| 8. Kelsey Smith – Portland, and Isabel Kirbach – Portland |
| 9. Ella Spokes – Portland, and Aurora Bitans – Portland |

Accompanist

- | |
|----------------------------|
| 1. Jeff Walter – 45 times |
| 2. Rod Anderson – 37 times |
| 3. Andy Emert – 28 times |
| 4. Les Tucker – 13 times |
| 5. Ken Luse – 12 times |

And many more.

District 5 Continued from page 4

We recently celebrated his birthday, which he enjoyed very much, and stated it was the best birthday party he had ever had. We shall miss him and his harmonica playing and singing. Another recent death was that of former District 5 member, Marge Wilkinson, who lived in the Florence area before moving to Washington. Both she and her husband were enthusiastic members.

Happy Easter to everyone and may the Easter Bunny fill your basket with all you're wishing for!

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We had a great turnout at our monthly jam!

Lloyd and Ester Shriver, both recently passed away, were fixtures at our monthly jams who for many years performed a much needed and appreciated service in emceeing them. With their passing, we have decided to change the way we organize our play list for the jams. We are going back to our old system, in which players who wish to lead a tune will sign up on a white board, with out-of-district folks taking priority on the schedule.

We are looking forward to the May monthly jam in at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. This is our third attempt, the last two having been cancelled due to bad winter weather. The jam is not potluck — the ladies of the Legion will provide sandwiches and snacks, for sale. We need a good turnout — our first in this venue, to ensure that we are invited back, as the plan is to hold jams there twice a year, in May and December. The Hall is located at 480 South Main Street, with ample parking located next to the building.

We had a good fiddler turnout for our Friday night jam at the Eugene Hotel. To make sure we have a bass player at this public event each month, we are planning to start a sign-up sheet for bass players and keep a roster of who plans to be playing at each session, for this and the other Friday night jams.

Our fiddle classes led by Ila Mae are a great success. This month we had guests from District 10: Sharon and Hal Thompson as well as Jim Kuether. It's always nice to see visitors at our classes. Thanks for joining us, and do come again! Our last barn dance of the season was on Saturday, April 19 at the Spencer Creek Grange. There was a very large turn-out of dancers, perhaps as many as 100, many of school age — a favorable augury for November, when the next season begins.

For our new District reporter, Karen Johnson, this year's convention was her first; these are her impressions, recorded as a OOTFA newcomer:

Whenever I go to events with the Old Time Fiddlers, I am always impressed by how positive and friendly everyone is. It's intimidating to take up a new instrument at 60 years of age, so when I entered the hall, I wasn't sure I'd be able to find someone to play with. Well... that myth was shattered with the very first face I saw. People seemed to

Oh my gosh, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas.
I never thought I would accumulate such wealth!

Author unknown

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

May

2	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 9:30 p.m.
9	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7 - 9:30 p.m.
10	Monthly Jam	American Legion Hall, Lebanon	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
16	Friday night jam	Yapoah Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
17	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
19	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4:30 p.m.
23	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7 - 9:30 p.m.

care about the progress I was making, and encouraged me to join in. I soon found myself surrounded by friendly people who were sharing their tunes, singing songs together, and engaging in a conversation around music. Exciting!

The workshop on Friday offered us a chance to meet an amazing fiddler, Truman Price. He managed to get a whole room full of fiddlers of all levels learning a new tune and attempting to improvise and personalize the melody line. As I've been having some pain in my left elbow, and he suggested trying the low fiddle position—not tucked under the chin, but tucked in at chest level. He uses this low position because he can hear other players better and he finds it a more natural and restful position. I am going to give it a try.

The evening show on Friday night was quite wonderful, but the first act, the young people, just swept me off my feet. I am amazed at the level of their musicianship and their obvious love of music. They were a joy to watch!!!

I am thankful to you all for helping me develop my fiddling within such a supportive community!

May birthdays: Tanaya Cooley, 5/3; Jeri Walling, 5/3; Annie Carter 5/5; Brian Sorrells 5/5.

May anniversaries: Gary and Lynn Baran, 5/17; Zane and Phyllis Coffin, 5/18; Ken and Patti Luse, 5/24.

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter



Jerry Parks rips one off at the District 6 monthly jam (l-r): Ila Mae Carmickle; Jesse Knudsen, Jerry Parks, and Ken Luse.

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I want to say hello to everyone. My name is Elaine Schmidt and I am the new District 7 reporter for the Hoedowner. I look forward to meeting many of you and to reporting on district news each month. I want to thank Marcella Easley for the reporting she has done for the last few years and wish her well as our new membership chairman. Thanks, Marcella.

District 7 was well represented at the state convention. Besides jamming and visiting everyone enjoyed playing for the dance and attending the workshops. They also enjoyed cheering on four representatives from District 7: Eileen Walter, Donna Foreman, Rick Bergeron, and Tabitha Gholi, who played at the Friday night

District 8

Chairman: Linda Schaffer, 503-581-5930, jazzcoal@hotmail.com

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Reporter: Alice Holt

Our OOTFA fiddle contest has come and gone. Quite a few District 8 folks entered. Fiddlers from 5 to 97 played for the audience, making a fun day listening to good music. Congratulations to all the winners as well as all who entered the contest.

The OOTFA convention, held at the Polk County Fairgrounds, started with jamming, visiting and finger food on Wednesday. Thanks to Darlene Bryant, Dick Dery, Marie Cunningham and Peggy Tucker for handling the kitchen. Thanks also to all who brought food to share. After a sign up show in the evening, the stalwart musicians played on into the night. Lots of visiting and catching up with friends kept us busy too.

Thursday and Friday were for jamming, visiting and deciding which items to put our raffle tickets on. Fiddle tunes filled the air almost around the clock. The public show Friday night was one of our best shows. Hanneke Cassel, a former Oregon fiddle champion played several Scottish tunes. Luc and Manuel Davin performed French-Canadian tunes. Several of our young people were also featured, notably Anabel Guptill and Christopher Miller who won the Twin Fiddle division at the OOTFA contest.

Saturday the annual meeting got a lot of business done in under an hour. On Saturday many of our young fiddlers were privileged to attend workshops led by Hanneke Cassel. Through the effort of Roland White, Keilhorn Fund money paid for Hanneke to travel from Boston to teach the workshops. Hanneke grew up in Port Orford. She is a former OOTFA Champion fiddler.

Winston Grant passed away February 19th, at 96 years of age. He loved playing his fiddle. His memorial service was honored with a flyover of six small planes. Winston was a pilot and had owned several planes. He was born and spent most of his life in Harlan, Oregon.

May

4	Gig	King City Highlands	open at noon, play from 1-3:30 p.m.
23	Gig	Tanner Springs, West Lynn	3:30-4:30 p.m.
31	Gig	The Springs, Wilsonville	2-3 p.m.

show. Donna Foreman, District 7 chair, wishes to thank Bob Hanson, Jeff Walter, and Truman Price for being so willing to conduct the workshops this year.

Donna Foreman continues to teach her Monday evening classes. They are held the second and fourth Mondays at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham from from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

We have a number of new board members. Please look at the above list of people who are serving as our representatives.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

June

7	District 8 picnic	Colebank's house
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Welcome to new members, brothers Luc and Manuel Davin. They both play fiddle and sing. Having grown up in Canada, they specialize in French-Canadian tunes.

We have no jams scheduled for May. Saturday, June 7th we'll meet at Dale and Loita Colebank's home near Woodburn for our annual picnic. We can meet in the large barn building. Bring pot luck food to share. Also bring you own chairs if you have them. The address is: 4785 South Elliott Prairie Road, Woodburn, OR.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



The District 6 intermediate fiddle class.

District 9

Chair: Ruel Teague

Co-Chair: Janet Braymen

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Janet Braymen

Whew! The convention is now past and what a great time it was. Janet Braymen was present for a couple of days and the Hanneke Cassell workshop drew Maria Thompson and Maddie Dorroh over to the west side. Thanks to Ramonda Thompson for getting the girls to the workshop and helping out with the banquet setup. It was also great to have Adam and Risa Thompson get a taste of state convention. Think about attending next year as it is a really good time!

It's time to think about electing officers for the next year. If you'd like to serve as a district officer, please talk with Ruel, Janet or George and they can fill you in on what the duties are. Let's plan for elections to be held at the May jam. Officers change on July 1.

It was a fine surprise to find John Borelli present at the April jam. He managed to squeeze in an afternoon of music into his flying trip north. Linda is now on the mend having figured out what the problem causing her headaches was. Margaret Teague continues to gain back strength. LaWanda Williams has started venturing out for short walks so we hope to see her around the neighborhood. Linda Smith, wife of Darryl, passed away in early April. Darryl played guitar and sang with the fiddlers for many years until an injury put him on waivers. Our condolences go out to the family.

District 10

Chair: Don Hamlin, 541-580-7520

Co-Chair: Bob Hanson, 541-672-6929

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501

Membership: Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981

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Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

Our March jam was smaller this month -- too much going on around the area. But we had all kinds of good music, a little bit of everything, lots of people I didn't know yet, and a room full of listeners. We even danced.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them, I don't have a list.

Hope anyone that's not feeling well or down and out, even (hay fever), will be with us soon. We missed you!

Our next monthly jam will be May 24th, at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin OR---From 12noon to 3 pm---We'll have finger foods,--donations welcome--

Hope to see ya'll there with your instruments and voices. Sure would like to see some children come out with their instruments.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

May

9	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
11	Potluck and Jam		1-4 p.m.
19	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday night jams continue. If you don't know where, call 541-573-2515 for the week's location.

Plans for the Country Music Jamboree sponsored by the High Desert Fiddlers are moving full steam ahead. Come on over to Burns for June 12, 13 and 14th and have a jammin' good time. Workshops will be posted on the website soon at www.highdesertfiddlers.com. Plenty of RV parking is available at a rate of \$15 per day with hookups and \$10 per day for dry camping.

There is a lot going on the weekend of the jamboree this year so get your motel reservations early! Yes, we will jam in the restaurants with any early arrivals.

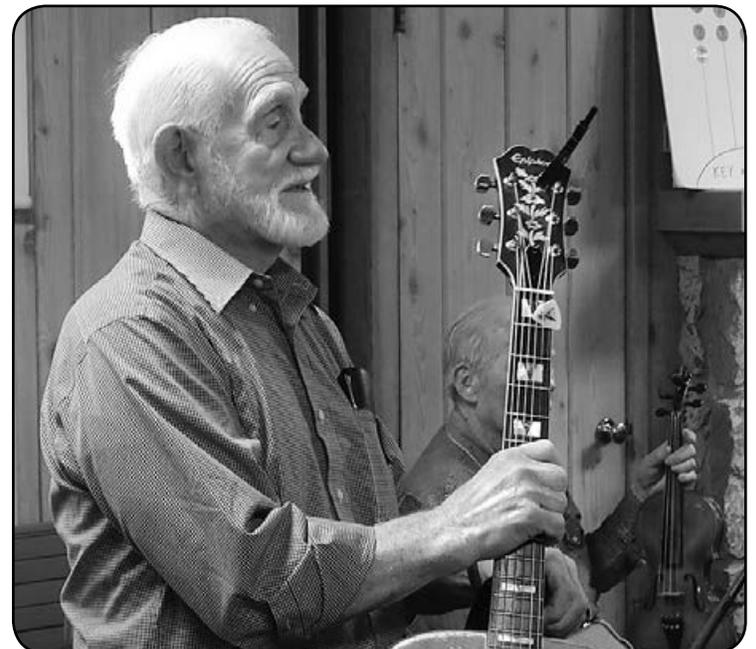
In May, The Aspens will be on the 9th from 7-9 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 19th at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The monthly potluck and jam is May 11th with potluck at 1 p.m. and music and dancing from 2 - 4 p.m. Friday night jams continue. If you don't know where, call 541-573-2515 for the week's location.

Keep thinking rain, we still need the moisture!

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

May

24	Jam, Finger Food	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.
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www.OregonOldtimeFiddling.org



State Calendar

Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	May 1-4
Country Music Jamboree	Burns	June 12-14
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 21-24
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fairgrounds	August 2
Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay	August 14-17

New Members to Welcome!

Sherman and Lucy Bloomer
Sally Byrd and Danielle Byrd-Bermudez
Alexis Brink, Luc, Angelique, Colette and Ilenie Dauvin
Manuel & Faith Dauvin
Jocelyn Fanning
Elizabeth, Alex, Sophia & Mariposa Farrand
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Jennifer Sordyl and Donald Berg
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Don Thomas
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- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership Chair