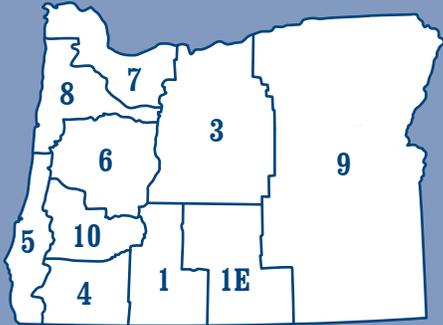


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From Your President

The Annual Oregon State Fiddle Contest was held this past month. Congratulations to all the participants, volunteers, winners and especially the Contest Chairperson Eileen Walter for another successful event.

My goodness, its hard to realize that two years ago you folks elected me to serve as your president, but it is now time to pass the torch for the next year. First I want to thank you. It has been an honor to serve the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association. My sincere thanks to my executive team, district leaders and all the volunteers who have served with me. Thank you to all the members in the state for supporting OOTFA. If you haven't renewed for the year please send in your membership dues.

It's also important to think positively about the service we have provided throughout the state these past two years--expanding lessons, teaching new students, promoting our 50+ year legacy, and maintaining our traditions. All this has been accomplished as we try to adapt to changing times and build for our future.

Equally important is to think of what each of us can do to continue to help OOTFA thrive, whether it is to serve as leaders or volunteer for the many committees and activities. I appreciate all of your efforts and enthusiasm. I want to leave behind my continued encouragement to step forward when others stand back. To that end, I applaud the service of our next elected slate of officers and thank you wholeheartedly in advance for your service.

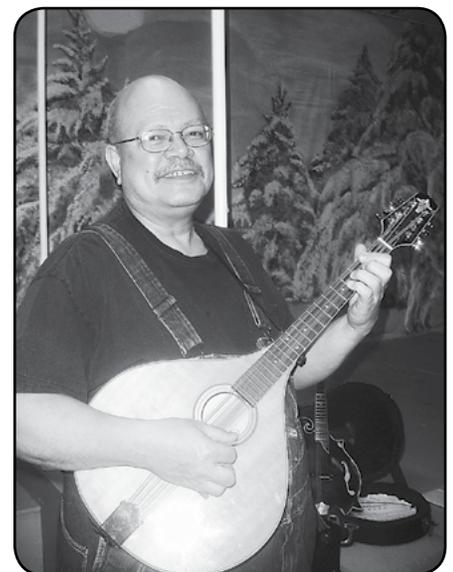
It's springtime! Let's all go to the annual State Convention April 6-9 in Rickreall. By the time you receive this, you should be packing your instruments and warming up on all your favorite tunes to share with your friends. In addition to non-stop fiddling and jamming fun, evening performances and workshops are being planned, and new officers will be elected at the membership meeting. There, we will honor and recognize outstanding members with a few extra surprises from President Roland. A schedule of events will be posted at the convention.

Dinner is always a fun part of the convention. The Annual Banquet will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 9. We have a menu choice of either Beef Brisket with Barbecue Sauce or Parmesan Chicken (both entrees come with a salad, au gratin potatoes, and a special dessert) for \$15.95. Please send your checks for banquet tickets to Sharon Gallagher (and let her know your preference of entrees) at 1601 Rhododendron Dr., #541, Florence, Oregon 97439.

As I close out my last Hoedowner message I want to thank you again for the opportunity to have served you and have become a part of the history of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association.

Kind regards to all,

~ Roland, State President



John Gent (District 6) plays his octave mandolin at a District 10 jam.

From the Editor

At this moment, I am back stage at the Oregon State Fiddle Contest. Along with many other volunteers and listeners, I came to see the great fiddlers of our state and to help make this magic happen one more time. The practice room I am sitting in is filled with music. All around me are serious players from tots to great-grandparents. They have put a tremendous amount of work into

preparing for their 4 minutes on stage. I admire each one for their amazing talent, their love of the music, and their courage to open up and show what they have accomplished. My hat is off to the contestants and the volunteers!

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Here is a letter I wrote 13 years ago. Maybe some of you remember "Red Miller." He is an example of what makes fiddling fun beyond playing a tune on stage.

December 19, 2003, Last Sunday I received an email saying that "Red's" daughter had called her father several times and because he didn't answer, she went to his house. She found him in the back yard, dead, covered with the night's snow. It was a shock to all of us to hear of the death of 88 year old "Red" Miller. Earlier this fall we had played and sung "Happy Birthday" for him.

We are all much like the blind men and the elephant. We experience fiddling in our own way from our own view point. This afternoon a group of us experienced fiddling in a way that goes beyond CDs, contests, fancy bows and expensive fiddles. Alice and I drove 51 miles along the edge of the Willamette Valley at the base of the Cascade Mountains to a little community outside of Estacada.

A group of us gathered in front of the church and played for a half hour old favorites of Red's -- "Red Wing", "Snow Deer", "You Are My Sunshine", and many more. The church filled with Red's relatives and friends. The minister gave an excellent eulogy about Red. We went to the altar twice during the eulogy to play more of Red's favorite tunes.

Leaving the altar the first time, we were invited to sit in the front pews. I sat there silently. Somebody behind me leaned over my shoulder, whispered how much she appreciated the fiddle music and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I had no idea who she was. Later I found out it was one of Red's daughters. She knew how much her father had enjoyed fiddle music and we were sharing it with him "one more time."

After the service we played while the people went by Red's casket to tell him good bye. We ended up with "Boil Them Cabbages Down," not thought of as music for a funeral but people tapped their toes as they grieved. We continued playing in the social hall as people ate and visited. Yes, it was a sad day, but the fiddle music helped celebrate Red's life and his love for fiddle music.

Red was not a fiddler but after he lost his wife ten years ago, he was lonely. His family took him to jams, contests, state conventions, campouts, almost anywhere fiddle music was being played. When it was my turn to play at a jam, I always enjoy saying, "I am playing this tune for you Red." He would smile and sit there enjoying even my fiddling. We told him goodbye today; we will miss Red.

~ Lew

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March has come in like a lion to the Klamath Basin. Snow, wind, rain, sun... then repeat this every day. Oh well, we love the moisture we are getting.

District 1 has still been keeping busy with our care centers. Our numbers are down but we keep on going. We have two extra happenings for the month of April. Bill Bonser will be celebrating his 80th birthday. His daughters will be having a party for him at the Shasta View Grange, on the 10th of April at 1 p.m. This date is the day of our regular monthly jam, so come and have a good time!

On April 16, there will be a gathering of friends and family in memory of Phil Fry from District One. This will be held at 1 p.m. at the Shasta View Grange. Instructions to get there: traveling east on S. 6th St. turn left going north on Madison. The Les Schwab Building will be right on the corner. Continue on Madison until you reach Shasta Way. Cross Shasta Way, and there will be a green building on your right. Sheila said she has had many inquiries about a memorial, so this invitation is for all the OOTFA fiddlers, friends, and family. There will be a party, a jam and a good time.

April Events

10	jam/dance/meeting/Bill Bonser Birthday	12:15-3 p.m.
16	Memorial party for Phil Fry	1:00 p.m.
19	gig Pelican Point	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
21	gig PlumRidge	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
21	gig Brookdale	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
28	gig Quail Park	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
28	gig Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays at Luther Square at 1 p.m. Check with Irene Ruddock to verify time and dates: 541-882-6418

Finger foods are welcome. If you have questions, email Sheila at sheilaann@yahoo.com or call her at: 541-591-2513.

We have been working on getting new officers, but so far have not found new folks willing to step up. Check the Junior Hoedowner section for our own District 1 kids who will be featured in upcoming issues!

Happy April Birthdays, Happy Anniversaries, and Happy Happy Spring!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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Valentine's Day has come and gone but not without a performance at the Lake District Hospital for the patients who were unable to be home for the occasion. Terry, Larry, and Doug McLain started off the music and were later joined by yours truly to serenade Rosa Lee and her hospitalized mates and staff. The hospital provided dinner and dessert for all of us, and everyone seemed to enjoy the music and the gathering. I'm delighted to report that Rosa Lee returned home shortly after Valentine's Day and is recuperating nicely. She has her sights set on Rickreall and hopes she will be able to make the trip.

I erroneously reported that Cambria was our Chairperson in the March issue. Actually, Terry McLain still occupies the position until we change over this summer. I'm sorry for any confusion. Cambria will become our new Chairperson in 3 more months along with Mary Ann McLain who will assume the job of "Co-Chair."

We were delighted to receive an invitation from the Friends of the Library in Alturas to play for their annual open house/fund raiser held the third weekend in June. The event is held on a gorgeous ranch just east of the town. More information will be available as we near the date, but for any of you who would like to attend it is really well worth the price of admission. The land has been developed to resemble a settlement that might have existed in the early 1800's complete with several out buildings, all of which are outfitted with authentic artifacts representing the various businesses that would have existed in that period. There is a scale model railroad that circles the village and an advance ticket will get a seat on the train. A huge pond supplied with 2 paddle boats that visitors can use is near the BBQ area and the landscaping on the estate is awesome. This is a major fund raising event

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Howdy from District 3,

Our jam/dance in February on Valentine's Day was absolutely one of the best! We had quite a crowd with over 80 listeners and dancers. All were very appreciative to be able to dance on a romantic afternoon. We seem to have a real good following of dancers and love to see a full dance floor. Over 20 musicians were picking and playing so the music was excellent.

Jeannette Bondsteel had 3 sessions with the Redmond Guitar Club, helping them on basic guitar and playing together.

The planning has started for our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. It will be one of the OOTFA quarterly meetings this year. Please mark your calendars for Sep 8-10! Details will be published as they become available. We will keep the website updated also: centraloregonfiddlers.com .

April Events

2	jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
4	business meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

for the Friends of the Library and attracts a huge crowd so we are pleased to be a part of it again this year.

A reminder that the **Silver Lake Campout** is coming up **May 5-8**. There are limited electrical sites outside the Fire Hall (first come, first served) for \$10 per/night. Dry camping is free. There are 2 RV parks in Silver Lake; K&K RV Park (541-576-2258) and Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789). The Silver Lake Motel is available for those who don't want to camp (541-576-2131). Approximately 20 miles out: Horse Ranch RV Park near Ft. Rock turnoff (541-576-2488); Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262); Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309) and Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994). There may be a kiosk that serves food near the Silver Lake Store but I haven't been able to confirm that as of this writing.

Barrett McLain is now accepting fiddle students! He charges \$1.00 per/lesson and has taught his Mother two songs so far: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Angeline The Baker." His Mom reports that he is an excellent teacher. His Grandma, Sherilyn, has taken up the Uke in addition to the fiddle, at Sheila Fry's request, and is learning to play so she can accompany Sheila who also plays both instruments. And, I continue to work on my dobro skills while at the same time, keeping my guitar pickin' calluses in shape. Weddings, funerals and weather have disrupted our jamming schedule a bit the past couple months but we are back on track again and hope as the weather warms we'll see visitors from other districts at our "First Saturday Jams."

April Birthdays include; Ryan Amacker on 12, Bill McLain on 14, and on May 2, Mary Ann McLain.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

April Events

10	jam/dance	PBCC	1-4 p.m.
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We will be holding officers election in June and are looking for "a few good people" to help us out. So far, we are looking at some of the same people shuffling into different positions. It isn't a tremendous amount of work and we really are a fun group to be with. If you are interested in a nomination, please contact any of the officers.

Welcome to our new members, Seth Crawford and family!

Weather is getting better all the time here on the high desert, hopefully we will get a bit more rain before summer hits. Looking forward to camping and outdoor jamming!

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters



Chloe & Reagan Crawford (new District 3 members) with Jeannette Bondsteel

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

If we are fortunate, many of us complete milestones in life. We have graduations, marriages, parenthood and live to an active and productive older age. A member of District 4 recently reached a very significant accomplishment. Jim Winslow reached birthday number 100! Jim is not a passive member in name only. Jim participates in all the monthly jams, singing his tunes, playing his guitar and backing up us fiddlers. He also leads the monthly gig at Three Fountains on the second Tuesday, where he's older than most of the residents. District 4 celebrated with Jim and his family by hosting a party. Cathy and Tom Frutchev graciously opened their lovely home for the occasion. The jubilation was well attended by current active members and Life Members also. The food was delicious, the cake a confectionery delight and the music was true old time. Many thanks to Gene and Melinda Grant, Cathy and Tom Frutchev, Everett Costa, Sylvia Chapman and all those



Jim Winslow, 100 years young, performing at the March jam, District 4

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Reporter: Susan Joubert

Our jam in Winchester Bay in February had a good audience with lots of things on the raffle table. The music was enhanced by our guests: Zane and Phyllis Coffin, Jesse and Darla Knudsen, Hal Weiner, Bill Kline, Isabel Lamb, and Hal and Sharon Thompson.

The Allegany group is working hard on their contest songs. They were able to polish their performance when they played a special concert at Evergreen Court on February 23. How thrilling to hear each of them share why they enjoyed playing for this particular group. Those who performed were Jake

April Events

2 Meeting/jam Pioneer Hall, Ashland 11:30 meeting/1-3:30 p.m. jam

that worked to put this celebration together. Good job! One more happy birthday, Jim, and may we celebrate many, many more!

Our beginning fiddle class is coming together like a garden. Judy McGarvey, as the teacher/gardener, planted the seeds of music in her students' minds this fall, and now in the spring the students are in full bloom. They have mastered several tunes which Judy reviews each week before moving to a new selection. They are really sounding like a fiddle group. All the students stay for the 4 p.m. practice jam, and some stay for the 5-6 p.m. jam, participating and learning other tunes.

We recently lost a pioneer of our district. Donna Frazier passed away just weeks short of her 91st birthday. Donna, who sang and played the guitar, loved the old time fiddlers and the old time music we support. We will miss her, but she left many good memories. We have missed Jon Renfro, who has been under the weather. Come back soon, Jon and Marlene, we miss you! Cathy Frutchev recently had knee surgery, but it hasn't slowed her down much. Take care of yourself, Cathy, we need you.

Our April meeting is at Pioneer Hall in Ashland. We will be electing officers, so please make a special effort to attend, and bring snacks to share. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., with open jam 1-3:30 p.m.

I hope you're as excited about the upcoming convention as I am. It's always fun! Seeing old friends from around the state is the best, getting to jam with them and the banquet is always great. See you there!

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness." Maya Angelou

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

April Events

3	gig	Dora Community Building	12:15 - 2 p.m.
6	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
6	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
13	gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
13	gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
16	gig/jam	Winchester Bay on stage 1 p.m./circle jam	3 - 4 p.m.
20	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
20	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
27	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
27	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

Green and Henry Hood, as well as Myer, Dallen, Gideon and Eliza Mathias. They were backed up by Woodland Hood, Geraldine Mathias, Larry Costa, Fred Grove, Gayle Triplett, and Ken Joubert. It was very impressive to hear them play 25 tunes from memory! They are coming along so well in their musical endeavors; we are proud of them and so appreciative of Judy McGarvey, who makes a great effort to give this group lessons. Many thanks to all the 18 musicians who came to play at the Hauser Fire Department Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser!

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Junior Hoedowner: Gracie Kliever (District 1)

Gracie Kliever is 11 years old. She has been fiddling since the fall of 2014. Gracie is being taught by her mother in a home school situation called "Classical Conversation" with a biblical background. When the idea of fiddling was presented to her, she thought it sounded very interesting. Gracie is one of the rare left-handed players and she is very comfortable with it. You should see the very long bow strokes she does when necessary. She found fiddling is not easy work, and her arm gets sore from holding her fiddle for so long. Her favorite songs are "Soldier's Joy" and "Joys of Quebec". She likes playing for other people, such as her grandparents, and she enjoys playing with other fiddlers. Her great



Gracie Kliever (District 1)

grandmother, Marie Kliever, and Mervin Woodward were instrumental in getting her started on fiddling. Some of the other instruments she has tried playing are the tin whistle and harmonica. Gracie said that she really just plays around with them.

This girl is one busy person. She loves 4-H and showing steers, in which she has placed many times at the top of her class. She also likes to play volleyball. Gracie was born and raised on a farm so she has a lot of responsibilities. She says when she is done with schooling, she plans on working then going on to college.



Group jam on stage



Warming up in the practice room



Small Fry contestants



Young Adult contestants

2016 State Fiddle Contest



Senior-Senior Division



Junior Contestant Samuel Conklin and accompanist Caleb Engell



Senior contestants



Junior Contestant Alexis Roulette and accompanist Jonathan Trawick

Tune of the Month: "Willamette Valley Waltz" by Darwin Wattles

The composer of this tune is District 8's own Darwin Wattles. He was born in North Dakota and started playing the fiddle in 1998. He writes songs when he wakes up at night and hears the tune in his mind. He will often get up and record the song before falling back to sleep. In the morning he'll have forgotten the tune, but he'll be able to listen to the recording and write out the notation. Darwin has written more than 50 songs.

This tune can be found online by "searching" Youtube Darwin Wattles. The musicians on the youtube video are recognizable OOTFA members.



Darwin Wattles (District 8),
composer of our tune of
the month

WILLAMETTE VALLEY WALTZ

WRITTEN BY DARWIN WATTLES

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The musical score for "Willamette Valley Waltz" is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of 12 staves of music. The chords indicated above the staves are: G, G7, C, D7, G, G7, C, D7, G, G7, A7, D7, G, G7, D7, G. There are also triplets marked with a '3' over the notes in several measures.

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A perfect gentleman, kind, humble, singer, guitar player who does not read notes, and solid back-up musician--these are only a few of the characteristics that identify **Fred Grove**, one of our most talented members. Fred, who worked for Weyerhaeuser and calls himself a "shade tree mechanic", was born and raised in Idaho. He went into the Navy in 1955 and served on an ammunition and repair ship in the Pacific. His mother taught him his first guitar chords. By the time Fred was 14, he was playing for the public. He moved to Coos Bay when he was about 21, and it was there that he met his wife, Florence. They had 3 children. He says if he can hear the music in his head, it just comes out his hands! How many of us long for that ability! Fred will turn 80 in June, but as far as we are concerned, he is already a national treasure.

Don't forget about the upcoming event in Brookings/Harbor on May 14. There will be a lot of jamming and a fun time. Please check the March Hoedowner (District 5) for details. There will be an early bird jam on March 13 at the Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane, Brookings. Lunch will be served from 11:15-12:30 and will cost either \$5.00 or \$7.00, depending on

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We all blew in on March bluster, but when we tuned and began to play, clouds parted and the sun smiled on our music at the Central Jam on the 12th. Lively it was, with the addition of Irish tunes to honor St. Pat, along with old time standards, a bit of bluegrass and some country and western classics. Brian Neal added the sentimental reach of his Dobro, always a treat. The northern stretch of our district was represented by Jim Ford and his guest, multi-faceted Jan Burgett, who played autoharp, banjo and guitar. From the south came Jim Kuether and Hal and Sharon Thompson.

Much further south, the New Folksters, featuring Keith Barr, Hal Weiner, Bev Schriver and Ken Luse, are taking in the sunny surroundings of Arizona while playing at the Glendale Folk Festival outside of Phoenix.

District 6 has two highly skilled instructors who are prepared to create either an after-school or Saturday schedule of lessons for aspiring fiddlers between the ages of 7 and 14. A nominal fee would be charged for the cost of the site rental. If you are interested, or know of someone who has young'uns that might want to play, email or call Ken Luse or Donna Wynn for more information.

This reporter apologizes profusely for date errors on the March calendar and hopes that members were not terribly inconvenienced. You can whack me with your bow! Be assured that the dates and times for this month are accurate and have been fact-checked.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

age. Everyone is invited to this weekend event! Let's show our support for this wonderful opportunity.

"COWBOY" is the theme for the contest songs to be performed at our Winchester Bay Campout to be held August 18-21 this year.

As reporter to the Hoedowner, I had seen the various events classified as "gigs" or "jams". Until recently, I wasn't sure of what this meant. Our editor, Karen, recently sent us reporters a note explaining it, so I thought I'd pass it along. In the Hoedowner, a "gig" means it's not advisable for a new musician or a stranger to join in... there's probably a set list and it's a performance, whereas a "jam" means it's open to anyone, and all are welcome to join in.

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." Billy Joel

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

April Events

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| 1 | jam | Eugene Hotel | 7 p.m. |
| 2 | Intermediate Fiddle Class, | River Road Annex, Eugene | 1 - 4 p.m. |
| 4 | Basic Fiddle Class, | Bethesda Lutheran Church, Eugene | 1 - 4 p.m. |
| 7-9 | OOTFA State Convention at Polk County Fairgrounds, | Rickreall | (see schedule) |
| 15 | jam | YaPoAh Terrace | 7 p.m. |
| 16 | Quarterly Meeting, District 6 election, potluck, jam | Central Grange | open 9:30, meeting at 11, lunch at noon, more jams |
| 22 | jam | Willakenzie Grange | 7 - 9 p.m. |



District 6 performs at the Heritage Fair in Eugene: Jerry Parks, Amy Burrow, Jim Ford, Linda Parks.



District 9, enjoying their new sound system at the March jam!

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April Events

6-9 State Convention

17 jam

24 NW Jam

Rickreall, OR

Estacada Library, 825 NW Estacada

600 NE 8th St., Gresham

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We hope everyone is enjoying the many spring "flowers" these days and not having a lot of April "showers". We had quite a rainy and cool March but perhaps our next few months will be a little warmer. We hope many of you will be able to attend the State Convention in Rickreall April 6-9. It is always a lot of fun with workshops, entertainment, and many opportunities for jamming. Also coming up is the Silver Lake Campout in early May which features a great hat contest! We look forward to seeing many of you at both of these statewide events.

Several District 7 members recently played for the library's grand "reopening" in Manzanita to honor Linda Easley and other major donors whose contributions funded a remodel of the library. When they discovered Linda was a member of OOTFA, they asked us to play for the event. It was a wonderful tribute to Linda, and there were over 100 people in attendance, including state senators, town mayor, council members and other dignitaries. We played Linda's favorite songs including "Me and My Fiddle", "Mocking Bird Hill", "Five Foot 2", and others. The audience was very appreciative, and everyone had a great time. Linda was a favorite of many fiddlers and librarians (she retired from the Multnomah County Library), and is greatly missed. It was an honor to be part of this special event.

District 7 members are looking forward to the special workshop offered on Saturday, April 23 in the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 W. Powell in Gresham from 11:30-3:30. It is sponsored by District 7 OOTFA and is open to all ages and all skill levels. Eileen Walters is the instructor, and the cost is \$10 with scholarships available (contact Rick Bergeron). To register let Eileen know by email, phone or mail. gdaewalt@comcast.net 503-701-1578 6020 SE Lexington Street, Portland, OR 97206 Coming up in July, District 7 member, Jeanine Orme, is teaching her summer fiddle camps again. I mentioned this in the March Hoedowner (for more information see that article or www.fiddlinworkshop.com).

We would like to introduce a new District 7 member-- Patricia Donohue. Welcome to Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association, Patricia! You will love this organization.

Happy spring, everyone.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

District 8 (Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area)

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Reporter: Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

April Events

6-9 Convention

23 Ag Fest

Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall

State Fairgrounds, Salem

We have new officers! Actually our current officers were all elected to serve another term. Thanks to all of you for leading our district.

The meeting at Mountain View Mobile Park in Newberg was followed by our regular monthly jam. A good group of musicians put on a great show for the park residents. They are a fun group to play for. We were very pleasantly surprised to have Les Tucker back from the sunny south.

Prayers and lots of good wishes are requested for our secretary, Marie Cunningham. She will be having surgery soon for pancreatic cancer. Her doctors are optimistic that the cancer has not spread beyond the tumor. However, it is serious surgery, and she and Ray need our support.

Thanks to all who participated and/or volunteered at the OOTFA contest. It's a major event and runs smoothly with lots of help. A special thanks to Eileen Walter for chairing the contest.

April brings us to Convention time. We will be at the Polk County Fairground in Rickreall. As usual, early arrivals will gather on Wednesday in the small building. District 8 members are asked to bring ready-to-eat finger food. Kitchen volunteers are needed too. Informal circle jamming will go on all day Wednesday with a sign-up

show in the evening. Come and enjoy! On Thursday we move into the large building, set up the stage, raffle tables, and perform other chores. Again, there will be circle jams during the day and a sign-up show in the evening.

Friday Night will be the show for the public. This is a planned show with participation from each district and others invited to round out a good evening of entertainment. Saturday morning we'll have our annual state meeting. Reports and business of the organization take place here, including election of leaders for the coming year. After the meeting we'll set up tables for the banquet.

On Saturday, April 23, we're scheduled to play for the Ag Fest. Performances will be at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, located at 2330 17th St NE. We will perform three 1-hour sets on the Columbia Hall stage at: 9:30a.m., 11:30a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Please come for 1, 2 or all 3 slots. Everyone is welcome.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

Chair: Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323, hammerin@centurytel.net

Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

Residents of the **Aspens** are really enjoying the new sound system! It is very portable, light-weight, and easy to set up, and of course everyone can hear much better. Thanks again to everyone who donated and helped with the project. Thanks again, Janet, for the effort of applying for the grant, seeking the people with the know-how of what we needed, and the patience to learn how to use it!

With a wind advisory and swirling snow, the Sunday potluck and jam still came off, with Dona and Dennis Townsend visiting from Tacoma, Washington and bringing their special brand of tunes.

Janet will be attending the State Convention this month and visiting in person about our sound system and, of course, regular business.

In just three months, the Country Music Jamboree will be here in Burns at the fairgrounds, June 16-18! Mark your calendars. Ya'all come!

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

Chair: Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381, crhanksba@aol.com

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Secretary: Jerry Hash, 541-817-3161, olsmoothe3400@aol.com

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501, gynnnde@charter.net

Membership: Vacant (Please give your dues to Sharon Thompson)

Program Coordinator: Vacant (Contact Sharon Thompson if you can help out)

Reporter: Joe Ross, 541-670-9120 or 541-673-9759, rossjoe@hotmail.com

Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam had a large turnout including several guests from Districts 4 and 5. Thanks for coming. The members' meeting beforehand focused on trying to find a nominee to run for Chairperson. There were no takers. Outgoing Chair Colleen Hanks was presented with a musical trophy in appreciation of her service for two years. She's accepted the nomination for Co-Chair, but she stated that we may have to combine with another district if our membership and volunteerism wane. We also have vacancies for Membership Coordinator and Program Director. Please contact Colleen Hanks or Sharon Thompson if you can help.

A jam was held March 13 at Oakland Art Gallery and 2nd Street Coffee, and it may become a monthly event. The family friendly community event was held in the old "Turkey Hall," a 6,500 square foot hall built in 1932. Many people of all ages turned out to jam, listen or dance. A few new faces were seen among the jammers. Oakland was once the leading turkey shipping center in the western U. S. In 1929, Oakland sponsored the first Northwestern Turkey Show for ranchers anxious to improve their stock. The annual show was considered the largest in the world. It was here that the broad breasted bronze turkey was developed.

I know of only one April birthday to celebrate ... mine on April 26! If anyone else has a special day (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) in April, please let me know.

LeRoy (Dave) LeBleu passed away on February 27 at age 82. LeRoy had been in the Air Force from 1950-53, worked for 14 years for his

April Events

1	jam	Friday night jam	
8	gig	The Aspens	7:00 - 9:00pm
10	jam	Sunday potluck and jam	1:00 - 4:00pm
15	jam	Friday night jam	
18	gig	Ashley Manor	6:00-7:00pm
22	jam	Friday night jam and full moon	
29	jam	Friday night jam	

We need to be thinking about electing officers for the coming year.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

Margaret Teague passed away March 15 after a long illness. Margaret was an active member for many years traveling with husband and fiddler Ruel to campouts, contests and fiddle events. She served a stint as the state secretary and worked in the judges room at the state contest for many years. A Celebration of Life is planned for April 23 in Burns.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

April Events

13	gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
18	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
23	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.
25	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.

father at LeBleu Motors (Roseburg), and then for 21 years teaching at Roseburg High School. We will miss him.

We always set up a table for music-related items and instruments for sale, exchange or rent. A donation by the seller back to District 10 and OOTFA is encouraged.

Keep on pickin and grinnin! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

A Thank You from Gynn Deaton

I want to thank all the musicians who came to play at the memorial for my husband, Jim Deaton, on November 28th. I never dreamed that the regular jam in Sutherlin would be cancelled so that you could honor Jim and our family. We are so grateful.

You know, Jim was not a joiner. OOTFA is the only group of which he became a member other than the local Historical Society. Oldtimers will remember that Jim was the force behind our family volunteering to cook the food for the convention. This included the banquet, which was a lot of hard work but lots of fun too.

We acquired some of our best friends from OOTFA. The ranks of the oldtimers are getting thinner all the time but still carrying on, and the younger people are stepping up. I just think it is awesome that most of you who came to the memorial did not even know us, but you came anyway. Thank you so much. OOTFA is truly a family of which I am proud to be a member.

Gynn Deaton



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State Calendar

April 6-9	State Convention, Board Meeting, Election of Officers -- Polk Co. Fairgrounds, Rickreall
May 5-8	Silver Lake Campout -- Silver Lake
May 13-14	Nevada State Old Time Fiddler's Contest -- Eureka, NV
June 16-18	Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg. -- Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns
June 20-25	National Fiddle Contest -- Weiser, Idaho (Oregon is the host state)
July 18-21	West Cascades Fiddle Camp -- Westridge Middle School near Oakridge
August 6	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest -- Corvallis
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout -- Winchester Bay
September 8-10	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering -- Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

Seth, Susan, Chloe, Reagan and Landon Crawford Prineville
Marggie Dickerson Portland
Patricia Donohue Portland
Russell and Betty Downs Florence

Lee and Debbie Noah
Jim, Lisa, Ludi and Silas Phillips
Beth Scott

Gardiner
Ontario
North Bend

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The **2016 Roster** will be available beginning April 7th at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall for \$2.50 each. If you are not planning to attend, your District may have some to sell or you can have it mailed directly to you by sending \$4 for a Roster (which includes shipping costs) to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401.