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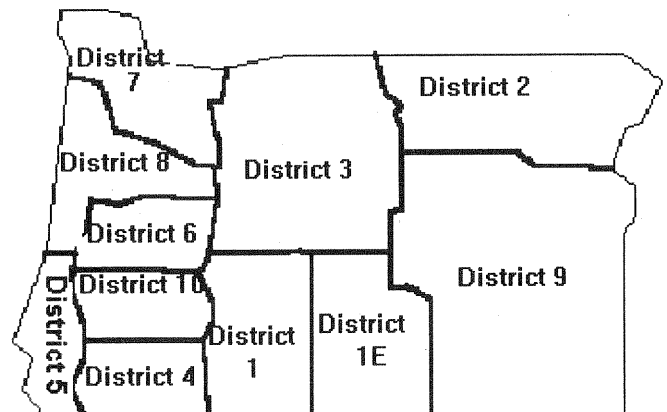
(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

#### March

1	Jam, Willamalane Sr Center	Springfield	6
1	Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
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7	Jam, Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
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14	Jam, Senior Center	Keizer	8
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19-	OOTFA		
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#### April

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5	Senior Center	Wilsonville	7
5	Morningstar Grange	Albany	6
5	Jam Senior Center	Burns	9
5	Com. Bldg	Winston	10
19	Senior Center	Gladstone	7
18	Meeting, Com. Bldg	Winston	10
18	Annual meeting	Union, OR	BMOTFA
16, 17 & 18	April Fiddle Festival Newport		



## Roger's Rambles

Greetings fiddle friends. We are again "on the road." This time we are in Quartzite, Arizona. We've been having a great time playing that old time music. We have our Oregon Contingent here -- Norm & Kathy Nash, Willy & Edna Carter, Ruel & Margaret Teague, Russ & Butchie Phillips, Jack & Peggy Kerr, Penny Mead & Barry and yesterday Dennis & Thelma Allen popped in for an afternoon & evening of jamming. This area is like a state jam that simply lasts weeks instead of days. We can play morning, afternoon and night. What a great time and great music! By the

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**A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."**

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### District 1

Chairman: **Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418**  
Co-Chair: **Virgil Schmoe (541) 884-4051**  
Sec/Treas: **Grace Stork (541) 884-5313**

It's nearly March - spring must nearly be here. We're getting snow & rain showers with 5 minutes of sunshine, sometimes, before the usual shower comes again.

We hope many of you will be able to attend the convention at Roseburg. It's a fun time.

Feb. 8 meeting of Dist. 1 - elections were held. Many thanks go to our outgoing officers, Irene Ruddock & Virgil Schmoe for their hours of service the last 2 years for us members. New officers for the coming year will be Ray Lane - Chairman & Sandy Sandusky - Co-chairman. Grace Stork has agreed to stay on as our Sec./Treas. Congratulations and Good luck to each of you.

Our jam of Feb. 8 brought several musicians and old friends from other districts, as well as locals. We were happy to see Homer, Larry, Mary Ann, Billie & Rhayanna McLain from 1E. (Rosa Lee get well soon, we missed you.) Also Gene and Lola Williams from District 4. For the new ones coming, sorry I didn't get your names yet. And to Ray and Minda Turner - so nice to see you again, hope you're able to come often now.

Our condolences go to Virgil Schmoe and family. His father passed away suddenly Feb. 10. He attended our jam last Sunday and we'll remember him having a happy afternoon of visiting and dancing.

Happy birthday wishes to Minda Turner- Mar. 1st, Faye Patterson on the 30th and Irv Johnson on the 31st.

Next jam - March 8 Winema Hotel 1111 Main St. Klamath Falls. Doors open at 12 noon for early jamming. Meeting to follow and lunch of finger foods with jam starting at 2:00. The jam is open to the public.

"Note" nursing homes - **NEW DATE AND TIME.** Washburn Way Rehab. Klamath Falls - 1st

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### District 1E

Chairman: **Larry McLain(541) 947-2448**  
Co-Chair: **Bill Myers (541) 947-5442**  
Sec. **Beverly Perry(541) 947-2334**  
Treas: **Donna Lynch(541) 947-4687**  
Membership: **Marie Walker (541) 947-2755**

HELLO from the Winter Wonderland! I read last week that a weather person said winter was over. Sure glad of that because the next day on Valentine's Day, we got five inches of snow!

The weather didn't stop us from having our Valentine's Jam, Potluck and Cake Walk at the fairgrounds. Didn't count noses but there looked to be 25 or 30 folks eating, playing music and visiting. That doesn't include the kids out having snowball fights. One of the family members, who really got involved in the music, was 7 year old Aaron Daniel. Aaron and his seven year old size guitar, with the guidance of Chairman Larry, was hitting the G, D and C chord and keeping time just great. Keep it up, Aaron, we are rooting for you!

After the dust settled and the votes tallied, Larry McLain will be our Chairman for a second term; Bill Myers, Co-chairman, Bev Perry, Secretary; and Shorty Stone will take over as Treasurer. Congratulations!!

District 1E has another new member. Welcome, Mae Donahue.

Scheduled March activities include: Jams and potlucks at the Memorial Hall - 6:30 pm on March 7th and 28th; 1E business meeting 7:00 pm, Indian Village, March 9th: playing at the Nursing Home 9:00 - 10:00 am on March 10th, 21st and 24th. OOTFA Spring Board and Annual Meeting in Roseburg at the fairgrounds March 19th - 22nd.

PLEASE, everyone wish Donna Lynch a speedy recovery from her recent medical prob-

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**Helen Tracy writes to thank all of you for your response for fiddle name tags. At that time she had sold 10 more. She wants to remind you that you might want to get your order in so you can have name tags for the convention.**

**District 3**

Chairman: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**  
Co-Chair: **Don Hanna (541) 447-7449**  
Sec/Treas: **Rudi Booher(541) 549-4305**

Time for all good Leprechaun's to wear green or get pinched. Ouch! Last month we had elections for new officers. Chairman: Ed Nelson, Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims, Secy./Treas: Betty Fullerton. Congratulations to our new Officers and we will look forward to them taking their places come July.

Our last jam was totally AWESOME! We had over 300 in attendance. Our next jam at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds in the Howard Mayfield Bldg will be on Sunday, March 15 from 1:30-4:30 p. m. We look forward to seeing you all there.

New Members: John Turner (fiddle player) and his wife Barbara from Sisters and Wildo Edwards and Jerry Winton of Prineville. We welcome you to our District and we look forward to seeing at our jams in the future.

Get Well Wishes to Hazel Flock who will be having surgery and to Cliff Harris who recently had another stroke. Our prayers are with you both and wish you both a speedy recovery.

"THANKS A WHOLE BUNCH" -- Ken would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, calls and prayers -- he appreciated every one of them.

\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NEED TO BE COMPLETED\*\*\*\*\*

Now it is time to say thanks to all those behind the scenes for their contribution in making our Jams successful. Joe and Carol Marstal for volunteering to set up the equipment and coffee. Dale Anderson for his flyers. Sally Jordan for pushing the advertising and faxes and thanks in advance to Rudi Booher who will take the advertising and faxing

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**District 4**

Chairman: **Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793**  
Co-chair: **Gene Williams (541) 560-3230**  
Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621**  
Mmbrship: **Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032**

Hello friends! I'll just tippy toe in quietly with news and hold my breath and slip out the same way, shh. . . Why? Because good old "Murphy" is out to get us! (Murphy's Law) I'm sure you've all run into him. Frank and I have been ill but couldn't indulge by staying in bed! No way Jose! Our Ewes got the word from "Murphy himself." Wait till it's freezing cold," in the wee hours of morning and by all means wait till it's pouring rain, and grass is running out and truck is out of commission, then drop them babies! And so they did! We missed the jam but still have good news. Dist. 4 was privileged to have friends from Districts 10 & 1, Bob Hanson, Guy Kinman, Chuck Hasty, Louie Roy, Dixie Pieran, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Norm Fiock and Grandson, Dale.

Our officers will remain the same for the next term. Lola Williams will be in charge of the kitchen and Lee Cushman in charge of the sound system. Mildred Kelsey will be doing publicity.

Recovering from surgery - Letha Kopsas, Katy Summers, Tommy Grisson, and Harry Stamper and Charlie Parren home Monday after a stay in the hospital.

To Jeane Ann Dice, the recent loss of her husband and to Mildred Kelsey, the loss of her brother-in-law - our sincerest sympathy.

Don't forget: March jam in Sunny Valley, Old Town hall, next to the "Applegate Interpretive Center", east of I-5 freeway just past covered wagon store. Check Feb. Hoedowner for play dates in Jacksonville museum. Remember our upcoming convention in Roseburg and donate some raffle items! Lord willing, see ya there! Merry Mary

**The family of Andy Kennedy wishes to thank the many dear friends for their kind wishes, cards, visits and comfort during his recent illness.**

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### District 5

Chairman: **Elwood Serfass (541) 888-9472**  
Co:Chair: **Russ Hall (541) 271-3519**  
Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns (541) 888-2655**

At our last meeting on Valentine's Day my husband Ron and I were honored on our 46th anniversary and although we do not dance, we greatly appreciated the warm wishes, cards and those wonderful fiddlers who played "The Anniversary Waltz" and Abby Shaffer's beautiful piano rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Thank you very much.

We are pleased to announce our election of officers went very well. We thank each of them for accepting the following positions: Chairman - Fred Grove, Co-chairman - Phil Fry and sec/treas. - Marianne Burns. We congratulate all of you and wish you a very successful year.

We had several guests including Clarence and Lorraine Larson from District 6 and Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrim who were here from Canada. It was great to have them visit and we hope they hurry back! We really enjoyed watching the Larsons dancing and anyone who doesn't enjoy listening to Wally and his fiddle must be "crazy!"

Reports of sickness were Elnora Jorren, Russ Hall and Helen Serfass. Get well real soon as we miss you very much.

Cecil and Lucille Davidson flew to Houston, Texas Feb. 15 to be with their son, Jack, who is having a very serious surgery. We want them to know our thoughts and prayers are with them and their son and also wish them a safe journey when they return back home.

I received a phone call from Betty Lively who informed me that her sister, Mable Wigle, passed away in Bandon Jan. 26. Some of you probably remember her as she attended several of our fiddler functions with Betty and Al. She was very dear to my family because she was our neighbor for several years and we visited her a couple of weeks before the Lord called her home. District 5 sends their deepest sympathy to the Lively family.

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### District 6

Chairman: **Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894**  
Co-Chair: **Betty Hawkins(541) 746-5579**  
Treas: **Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421**  
Sec/Memb: **Ruth Kennedy(541) 746-9966**

What fun it was to have another fine jam at the Elks Lodge in Sweet Home on the 15th. They serve a wonderful breakfast (all you can eat) and we got our meeting and jam underway early. We voted in our present officers for the forthcoming year. They have done a fine job and we are looking forward to another great year of their leadership. The Elk's have invited us back, hence the announcement: "There will be a District Six jam at the Sweet Home Elks on Sunday, March 15. Directions: Take U.S. 20 through Lebanon to Sweet Home. The Elks lodge is the first right after the "Welcome to Sweet Home" sign. It is large brown building up the hill with "Elks" painted on it in large pink letters. Parking is behind the buiding.

Arrive early and breakfast with the Elks before jamming. Jamming begins about 11 a.m."

Don't forget our March 1st jam at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. There will not be a potluck, so bring finger food to snack on. We can't start until 12:30, as another group will be using the same facility. That's not all folks. There will be a potluck and jam at Morningstar Grange in Albany on Sunday, April 5, from 11:00 on. Mark your calendar and we'll give you the directions next month.

Congratulations to our Starr McMullin who has been chosen to be one of the judges at a fiddle contest in Dillon, Montana.

Helen Tracy says to be sure and order your name tags early if you need them, so they will be ready for you by state convention time. (Congratulations to Wayne and Helen on their 50th wedding anniversary the 28th of Feb.) It was great to see Stu Henshaw up and around,

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**Andrea Wyckoff will be teaching an intermediate fiddle workshop and Alice Holt will be teaching a beginning fiddle workshop Friday at the State Convention.**

**They want to remind you to bring your portable tape recorder and tapes. Other workshops will be posted at the convention**

## District 7

Chairman: **Red Arnold (503) 284-1208**  
Co-Chair: **Helen Hakanson(503) 659-7250**  
Sec/Treas: **Lila Bills (503) 253-8447**  
Mship: **Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851**

Thank you to all our visitors from other districts who were crucial to the success of our February jam in Forest Grove. We could NOT have done it without you! Wally and Hannah, thanks for coming again in much nicer weather.

On March 27 the Canadian Great Fiddlers will have a concert at the Al Khader Shriners Center at 8651 S.W. Salish Lane in Wilsonville. They are on a 14 month world tour. This will be the first performance in the northwest. The group plays Celtic, Roots, World Music, Cajun, Texas Swing, S.E. Mountain Folk and more. General admission is \$7.50 or \$5.00 for seniors. Tickets are available from the Wilsonville Arts & Crafts Council.

We'll be jamming on March 15, 1998. We'll hold that jam at the Lake Oswego Senior Center. Be sure to join us there. Neighboring districts are encouraged to join us. We'll jam at 11:00. Our meeting at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. The jam/show will be from 1-4. Lake Oswego Senior Center 505 "G" St. From 1-205 (exit 8) take Hwy 43, Pacific Hwy, to Lake Oswego, State St. turn left on "A" St. Right on 7th to the end, then left on "G" Street. The L.O. Center is on the right side at the end of the street.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars now: Mar. 15 Senior Center Lake Oswego  
April 5 Senior Center Wilsonville  
April 19 Senior Center Gladstone  
June 6 Elsie Stuhr Cntr Beaverton.

Business: District 7 held election of officers at our February meeting. Chairperson elect is Helen Hakanson, Co-Chair will be Tom Widman and Lila Bills will continue as Secretary-Treasurer. Jackie Germundson is our member-

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## District 8

Chairman: **Elaine Kihlstadius (503) 831-0680**  
Co-Chair: **Lew Holt (503) 391-5377**  
Sec/Treas: **Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033**

Good and bad news of our members. Daisy Simians has been in and out of the hospital a couple times. Don is still having some problems from the accident too. We saw in the paper that Eddy Riche passed away in Washington at age 90. He was a harmonica player. Gene Stephenson had knee replacement surgery and is getting around nicely with just a cane. Good to see you at Buell, Gene! George Taevs spent a few weeks on Midway Island counting birds. He reports that he had a very good time. Mary and Robert Terry are going to become grandparents again soon.

At our February Jam at Buell we elected new officers who will take office July 1st. New chair will be Lew Holt, Co-chair Fred Hardin, and staying on as sec/treas will be Donna Janszen. Thanks much to Elaine Kihlstadius for chairing our district this past year. Well the year isn't up until July! During our meeting we voted to contribute \$300 to the state fiddle contest.

The jam at Buell was fun. Had company from District 7. Thanks all of you. Really appreciate your music and your friendship. And Janet Burgess from District 9 came after the music was over. Sorry we didn't get to hear

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**The Booher  
Family Fiddle  
Camp will be  
held from June  
29th - July 3rd.**

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**District 9**

Chairman: **Carl Cross** (541) 573-7821  
Co-Chair: **Ruel Teague** (541) 573-2868  
Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg** (541) 573-6517

Howdy! A nice crowd turned out for the February Jam and of course a good time was had by all. We are proud to announce the Harney County Senior Man of the Year Award by the local Chamber of Commerce was awarded to George Sahlberg. Way to go, George and thanks for all your community service including District 9 secretary.

Welcome to new members John and Jerre Ausmus. John is a working man's poet and has given us a taste of some of his original compositions.

On the agenda for the month of March is the Jam at the Senior Center in Burns on March 1. Potluck is at 1 o'clock with music until 4 pm. A business meeting is scheduled for 12:15 to elect officers. Carl's term as chairman expires this year so think about if you are willing to take on the challenge of ramrodding this unruly bunch. Actually it's kind of fun. (Been there, done that).

Don't miss March 9 at 7 pm for the Nursing Home or March 13 at 7 pm for the Aspens. Maybe we could play a few Irish tunes! :)

Ruel and Margaret are back from a trip down south. I don't know what the weather was like but our month of January was like spring and now it's decided to be winter again.

Remember, think Irish and have a wonderful March.

Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

**District 10**

Chairman: **Bob Hanson** (541) 672-6929  
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes** (541) 459-4522  
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton** (541) 839-4501

The mail plays tricks on us sometimes. This time District 10 news was lost/delayed in the mail - it took 6 days to get from Roseburg to Salem. (Post marked the 13th and arrived on the 19th) (But we made it Jean!)

Greetings friends. Please mark the following dates and places on your calendar. On the 1st of March we will have a jam and dance at the Winston Community Building from 1 to 4. Then on March 14th there will be a meeting at 11:00, the potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the community building in Winston. Looking into April. On the 5th a jam and dance at the Winston Community Building from 1 to 4 and on the 18th a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1 to 4.

Happy birthdays in March. Jean Hanson, Ed Doolittle, Frances Roy, Jo Barnes, Norma Werley, Wesley Curtis, Helen Bartlett, Kater Gates, Billie Doolittle, Tiny Stinett, John Parsons and Ida Johnson. A happy anniversary to Hap and Merna Jones.

We want to give a special thanks to Ethel Holstin and Mildred Kelsey from district 4 and Shorty and Charlotte Dow, Al and Edith Lewis, and Loren Osborne from district 5 for attending our jam.. Lanora Waggner had a bout with pneumonia. The word is that she is much better. We sure hope so.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

**For Sale:**

**Susan Morasci has a 1/8th Sky Lark fiddle with case and bow she would like to sell.**

**If you are interested, please contact Susan at (541)342-7095.**

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## District 5 cont.

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ship person for another year! A large THANK YOU to retiring Red Arnold and new officers (notice similar those two lists are?). The OOTF's \$15.00s in dues should be sent to: Jackie Germondson 31808 S.E. Victory Road Troutdale, OR 97060-9411

Chet and Clea Havens are on the road to recovery. Chet was in the hospital with pneumonia and Clea was close to that and both at the same time. Get well folks!

May the music be with each of you as those spring bulbs come cheerily up through our rather soggy soil! Have a great day, and send mail my way! <pgates@tsd.k12.or.us> <pgate@teleport.com>

Pat Gates, reporter District 7

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Birthday wishes for March go out to Ella Savery on the 6th, Bob McKee the 15th, Jim Whitecloud the 19th, Abby Shaffar the 28th and last but not least, Lucille Davidson on the 30th. Congratulations and may you all have many more.

Our next meeting and jam will be March 14. Our meeting time is 11 a.m. with a potluck at noon and jam to follow from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Lou Sayler -District 5 Reporter

### **Greg Baker writes: FREE FIDDLE AND BACKUP GUITAR WORKSHOPS**

I recently finished two new beginner fiddle and flatpick books/CDs entitled Fiddle America (Workshop 1) and Guitar Flatpick America (Workshop 1). These are parallel courses that teach the same 25 old-time and bluegrass tunes, and backup playing on both instruments. Over ten well known Portland area bluegrass musicians participated in the project to add interesting vocals and various instrumental breaks to the recorded arrangements.

Two free book/CD release workshops are scheduled during the monthly May and June Bluegrass Association jams which are held at the Portland Audubon Society on 5151 NW Cornell Road in Portland. The dates are Sundays, May 3rd and June 7th. The flatpick guitar workshop (2:00 - 3:00pm) is immediately followed by the fiddle workshop (3:00 - 4:00pm). The public is welcome. Bring instruments and meet in the Audubon library. For directions contact Portland Audubon Society, 292-6855.

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lems. We are sure everything will turn out just great and we're all with you, Donna!!

We now have naugahyde covers for all the sound equipment and canvas bags for our speaker stands. The covers protect our equipment from the elements, make it easier to handle and look great. Thanks to Rosalee McLain and her crew (Homer, Delmar and Betty for getting these done!)

See you in Roseburg. Bill and Gloria Myers, reporters.

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Tuesday at 4:00 each month. Play 1 hour (Feb. playing date had a larger attendance of patients as they'd had their nap and could listen to the music just before dinner) so this seems to be a better time. Clairmont Nursing Home at 5:45 and Clairmont Retirement Home at 7:00. 4th Thursday of each month. Play 1 hour at each - Clairmont Bldgs located at east end of Main, Klamath Falls.

Stay well and keep the music going. 'till next time  
Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

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the hammered dulcimer. But we got to visit a bit. Stop by anytime Janet.

SATURDAY March 14th is the day we play for the Salem Area Seniors in Keizer. (The important word is "Saturday.") We are invited to buy an Irish Stew dinner for \$3.00 each. We'll entertain them while the dinner goes on and probably to 4:00 that afternoon. There is still time to practice your Irish Tunes. (And to wear a bit of green.) SAS is at 930 Plymouth Dr N.E. It's at the corner of Cherry and Plymouth. Going north on River Rd and you come to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far. Go back to Plymouth. If you are coming off of I-5 on the Express Way, turn right on Cherry - the center is two blocks on your left. Cherry runs north and south "kind of" paralleling River Road. So if you miss Cherry, go on down to River Road and turn right.

See you all at the convention.  
Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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over here very soon. Mark Slay for being the Key man and opening up the building for setup.

Our Jams are now very well publicized. There are flyers in circulation, newspaper, local Bend TV station and of course the Hoedowner, and with all this advertising Jam dates and times are listed. Keep close eye on the Hoedowner, come April Jam times will be changing.

Birthdays: 6-Virginia Fraser; 8-Ed Perret; 8-Mark Slay; 21-Jack Bloom; 26-Ferril Klingensmith. Anniversary Couples: 24-Jack and Peggy Bloom; 26-Pat & Virginia Fraser To our birthday People and Anniversary Couples...May the good Lord take lik'n to you.

Till next time...signing off...  
Your Reporter Ernie Slay 541-504-1065

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and back to picking on his trusty banjo, after his triple bi-pass surgery in December. It just shows you can't keep a good man down! And another of our "good men", Andy Kennedy, is getting along fine after surgery for an aneurysm. At this time, he is still in the hospital, but is in good hands. We'll be anxious to hear him on that mandolin again as soon as he's up to it. Lloyd Shriber has had some problems after some recent arthroscopy on a knee and spent some time in Sacred heart Hospital. He is home now but still not up and around good as new. Joy Costello wants all of her fiddling friends to know that she really appreciated them at mail call and for their prayers. "They helped a bunch," she says. "I am beginning to feel my arm is mine again. Hope to get rid of my sling soon."

We are saddened at the loss of two of our long-time-members. Sandy Sanders and Dorothy Payne both passed away in February. Sandy will be remembered for his fiddling (he especially loved to play "The Arkansas Traveler") , his love of dancing and his quiet, but generous donations when the organization needed some extra help. Dorothy used to play harmonica while her husband, Earl, played his fiddle. As time marches on, we miss our many dear friends who leave us, so let's make each day and each encounter as good as we can. AND let's all encourage others to join our organization and share in the wonderful fellowship.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

**We were all saddened to hear about Virgil Schmoe's father passing away. Virgil remembers his father saying, "Never go to bed with anger because tomorrow may never come." Isn't that a beautiful and meaningful statement! Thank you Virgil for sharing it with the rest of us.**



## OOTFA Convention Schedule

**Wednesday, March 18** Early bird jamming in the Floral Building beginning at 8 A.M. At 7:00 P.M. District 10 will host a jam. Coffee and finger food all day. So come early and have a good time.

**Thursday, March 19** Community Building open at 8:00 A.M. for convention setup. The grill is scheduled to be open by noon. Registration, setting up, visiting and jamming. 6:30 on stage jam with sign up jam at 7:00.

**Friday, March 20** The hall will be open at 8:00 for breakfast, jamming and other activities. The convention gets underway with door prize drawings, ticket sales, food, jamming, workshops, setting up chairs - all the fun, fun things. Then that evening we have the "really big show" for members and the public.

**Saturday, March 21** Hall opens at 8:00 for breakfast and jamming. It will be a busy day with activities, setting up for the banquet, then with the banquet at 5:00 that evening and the dance after the banquet.

RV Parking - \$10 per night on the black-top with no hook ups.

RV Parking - \$15 per night in the campground with electric hookups.

Please pick up your detailed schedule of the convention - at the convention. Also, please buy your banquet tickets as soon as possible. This year the banquet tickets will be \$10.00. The banquet is being catered so we need an early count.

Anybody not know where the convention is? Just take I-5 south of Roseburg and take the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds exit - just that easy. We sure would like to see you there.

## The Hoedowner

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time this Hoedowner comes out, we should be back home again.

And by the time you read this the annual meeting at Roseburg will be getting close. Sally is working hard at putting the final touches on the Friday night show. It's going to be a good one. Many other people are involved doing their part. It takes a lot of people and a lot of work to put this event on. I hope you will volunteer if you are called. Remember all the raffle items we need to make that part successful. We look forward to all the great things you donate to the raffle.

The annual meeting kicks off a whole series of great state jams. I hope you have those instruments out practicing those favorite tunes not just for the annual meeting, but for the Newport April Fiddle Festival which follows and certainly the May state fiddle contest which will be held in Salem this year.

If you haven't yet decided to come to the annual convention or have never been to one, I hope you will come. You won't be disappointed and will hear some of best music in the whole country. There is jamming all over at all levels and at all times. The Thursday night show for us and the Friday night show for the public and a great dance Saturday night with all Districts playing the music. Do come and have the greatest time of your life!

I'm always bragging about what good music our organization plays. The reason is that I have been to several encampments including Death Valley and Quartzite, have seen at least 20 large musical shows and none of them can hold a candle to the Oregon Old Timers Fiddle Association. Keep playing that great music. We really do have a heritage to pass on.

God bless you all. Roger Germundson,  
President. O. O. T. F. A.

## Notes from the editor:

I know you must sit around wondering how the Hoedowner gets published each month - well maybe not - but I will tell you anyway. It all starts with the district reporters who send the news to me. They get their news to me by the 18th. Three reporters send their news to me by e-mail. Another sends a fax. (We have "gone high tech.") The others I receive by "snail mail." I have two days to get the Hoedowner set up to send to Cheryl in Central Point who makes it the Hoedowner that you see. I occasionally make some suggestions and but much of it is her creativity. This month I received the first news on Valentine's Day by e-mail. All I had to do was turn to the form in the computer, press a key to copy the news, then click a key and the news was in the Hoedowner. The others I type into the computer usually the day they come in. The news usually comes in over several days so I don't have to type everything in one day. I get to spread it out - that way it stays "fun" instead of a "chore." I read and re-read the HD, run a spelling checker and hope that there aren't too many errors. I send it to Cheryl by e-mail. Alice sends Cheryl a list of the new members and the changes of addresses by e-mail. Cheryl takes care of the printing, the addressing and seeing that the Hoedowner gets into the mail. The only bad part about being your editor is that when the Hoedowner comes in the mail, I have already read it. However, I do like to see how Cheryl sets it up - so I do sit down and read it again.

Now it is sad to report that all of those who have not paid their dues will be dropped and will not receive this Hoedowner. If you hear some body complaining about not getting a Hoedowner, probably it will be because they did not pay their dues. Please check with Alice though, to make sure there wasn't a mistake.

Wally Bloom donates a percentage of his audio tapes that we sell to the contest fund - so we'll give him a good plug. Wally has a 1988 Ford F150 full size pick up for sale. With a 302 motor - 20,000

miles on it after being completely rebuilt. 5 speed over drive manual trans - completely rebuilt. Brakes completely rebuilt, new radiator, special wheels, almost new rubber, almost new battery, running boards, cab guard, box guards. Wally says that this is a real clean, good pick up. Two tone paint - blue & silver. Canopy can go with it. Mileage at present 123,000 miles. Now friends, if you are interested contact Daryll at (541)935-7319. Books at \$7,900 our price \$7,500. (Wally can't drive two pick-ups between Veneta and Canada.)

The Jack Walker Family would like to extend an invitation to help celebrate the 60th birthday and retirement for Hazel on March 8th at the Central Grange - west of Eugene. There will be a potluck dinner at 12:30 with music and dancing to follow. Please bring your instruments -- NO GIFTS, please. For additional information please call 935-1359. Directions: Go west on 11th out of Eugene towards Veneta. Perkins Peninsula Park will be on your right - take a left on Central Rd to Central Grange.

I was pleased to see the dates for the Fiddle Jamboree at Burns this June. It's marked on my calendar, how about yours? Yep, June 18, 19, 20 Country Music Jamboree, Burns, OR -- on the way to Weiser.

This has been a generous \$\$ month for the contest. We received donations from Joy Costello and Earl Knudson and from Don Halverson - sure helps. District 8, also, gave a generous donations. Thanks everybody. It is that time of the year to get serious about the contest (as others are working on the convention). If you would like to make a contribution to the contest, please make a check out to OOTFA Contest Fund and mail it to me (Lew) or to Myrtle Arnold. You have been generous in the past and we look forward to your support this year.

Even though we have the state convention in March, people are talking about Newport. There is a lot buzzing going on about our APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL. This is something you have been asking for - for several years and President Roger brought it about. Let's have a good turn out.

## DISTRICT FIDDLE AND BACKUP GUITAR WORKSHOPS

Greg Baker is planning to offer beginner fiddle and backup guitar workshops throughout Oregon, Washington and Northern California this year to promote his new books/CDs entitled Fiddle America (Workshop 1) and Guitar Flatpick America (Workshop 1). Districts interested in hosting workshops may contact Greg at 503-284-9032. These courses may be mailed ordered by contacting Greg Baker at PO Box 12230, Portland, OR 97212. Send personal check or money order in the amount of \$27.00 (postpaid) for either the fiddle or the guitar book/CD course.

I had written to Starr McMullen asking her about changes in the state contest and the contest in August in Corvallis. (Several of you have asked me about it.) She writes: Hi Lew:

I just returned from Dillon MT where I judged a contest this weekend. Please list the Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest in Seattle on April 4 & 5, 1998 in the Hoedowner. Contact #509-924-4989 Jay or Wanda Schuh. I also have info on directions and motel.

(State Contest) We have decided to have three rounds for the Open and the Junior Divisions at the state this year. The first round of the Open will be Friday night, the second round Saturday afternoon, and the third round on Saturday evening. Also, Juniors should prepare three rounds as well. The first round of the Junior Division will be on Saturday morning, the second Saturday afternoon, and the third Saturday evening.

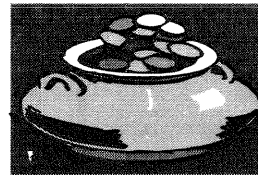
The contest in Corvallis is called "the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest" to be held on August 1, 1998 at the Benton County Fair. Contestants will get in free with their instrument, but there will be a \$5 entry fee (this is less than admission to the fair). Preliminary rounds will start about 10am and go until around 4. Finals around 5:45. These are the divisions: 12 and under (Jr Jr, 13-17 (Junior). Adult 18-59, Senior (over 60), Novice (first contest ever), and Championship Division. The Championship will pay \$300, \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50; Junior, Adult, and Senior will pay \$100 for first, \$75 for second, etc.; JrJr and novice will be \$75 for first. All divisions have prize money to fifth place. For information call me (541-745-5130) or Dorrie Eldon (541-752-4729) Thanks. Starr McMullen

## The Hoedowner

### FLASH

Calvin Boyles from District 6 has donated one of his fine guitars that he builds as a raffle prize for the contest. Tickets will be for sale at the convention. All proceeds will go to the contest fund.

THANK YOU CALVIN BOYLES. He will have several with him at the convention that he will have for sale. You will want to see them.



During our State Fiddle Contest we have reserved 10 rooms at the Salem Inn which is located at Market St. Exit and I-5 in Salem. Our contest judges will stay there. We got bids from motels through the Salem Convention Bureau and have designated the Salem Inn as "our official contest motel." It is just off I-5 at Market St. Exit (exit 256) and is fairly close to the contest site. For reservations, please call 1-888-305-0515. Please mention that want one of the rooms reserved for the Oregon Old Time Fiddle Contest.

**OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS  
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**6th Annual Convention Show Eugene, Oregon  
8:00 p.m. March 23, 1973**

# Flashback March 1973

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association was envisioned back in the spring of 1964 by Mr. Cliff Buker, an oldtime fiddler of Waldport, Oregon. Further inspired by 12 other fiddlers who were gathered together to perform at a country music show in Waldport, the association became a reality in August of that same year, at a meeting in Hillsboro, Oregon.

The membership began to grow at a rapid pace. It soon became evident to Mr. Buker that some means had to be devised to keep the members informed of the associations many activities. So, in the late summer of 1965, the first association newsletter "The Hoedowner" was published.

From that original nucleus of 13 members & a couple dozen "Hoedowners," the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association has grown to be more than 500 members strong with more than 300 newsletters being mailed monthly.

The association is now incorporated with five elected officers.

President - Wayne Holmes (Eugene)  
Vice Pres. - Earl Aulman (Eastside)  
Treasurer - Earline Gimm (Sherwood)  
Secretary - Geraldine Virtue (Coquille)  
Editor - Ron Gimm (Sherwood)

We would like to welcome you to the Sixth Annual Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association convention Show.

Memberships to the association are open to fiddlers, other string musicians, family members, and fans who are interested in receiving the "Hoedowner" and promoting the heritage of the oldtime fiddling.

**--THE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS --  
-PROGRAM-**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: LARRY MODRELL  
Fiddlers Parade and introductions  
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: WAYNE HOLMES

Official Welcome

----performers in order of appearance ----

CLIFF BUKER (Waldport) ASSOCIATION'S  
FOUNDER

RAY MACK (Salem)

LORETTA BRANK (Winlock, Washington)

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JERRY WHITE (Eugene)

JAY BELT (San Diego, Calif.) SPECIALTY NUM-  
BER

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FRED VIRTUE (Coquille)

BILL WEBER (Portland)

JOE PANCERZEWSKI (Enumclaw, Wash.)

RUSTY MODRELL (Terrebonne)

SPECIAL TALENT PRESENTATION

-INTERMISSION-

refreshments in the rear of the building

SPECIAL TALENT PRESENTATION

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KATIE WARNER MAY (Travis A.F.B., Calif)

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RON GIMM (Sherwood)

LOYD WANZER (Caldwell, Ida.)

YOUR SHOW COMMITTEE

GEORGE STOUT (Sweet Home)

RON GIMM (Sherwood)

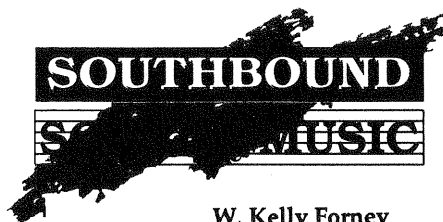
JIM STOUT (Salem)

**Fourth Quarter Report  
October 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997  
Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association**

Beginning	Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Bal.
	\$6,310.76	\$6,850.55	\$3,916.05	\$9,245.26
		CD#1	\$10,000.00	
		CD#2	\$5,000.00	
		Ending Bal.	Total	\$24,245.26

District	Beg. Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Bal.
1E	\$646.21	\$244.71	\$497.17	\$393.75
1	\$1,085.60	\$402.00	\$462.71	\$1,024.89
2	0	0	0	0
3	\$1,961.19	\$787.49	\$614.01	\$2,134.67
4	\$1,320.14	\$1,286.45	\$1,180.51	\$1,426.08
5	\$1,170.70	\$311.00	\$468.29	\$1,013.41
6	\$2,444.16	\$759.73	\$1,604.10	\$1,599.79
7	\$2,634.83	\$407.65	\$747.53	\$2,294.95
8	\$2,300.48	\$554.81	\$315.94	\$2,539.35
9	\$503.28	\$539.46	\$264.31	\$778.43
10	\$1,863.32	\$1,181.00	\$1,507.48	\$1,536.84
Dist. Quarterly				
Totals	\$15,929.91	\$6,474.30	\$7,662.05	\$14,742.16

Total Dist And State	\$22,240.67	\$13,324.85	\$11,578.10	\$23,987.42
			With CD's	\$38,987.42



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on your calendars:**

**Mar. (18)19,20, & 21 State Convention in  
Roseburg**

**April 24, 25, & 26 State Fiddle Festival in  
Newport**

**May 15 and 16 State Fiddle Contest in Salem**

**May 17 State Quarterly Meeting and  
Dist. 8 Jam**

**July 9,10,11,&12 State Summer Festival at  
Welches near Mt. Hood.**

**Aug. 1 Fiddle Contest in Corvallis**

**Aug. 29 Fiddle Contest in  
Canyonville**

**Sep. 17-19 LaPine Campout/  
quarterly meeting**

**Calendar of Events  
Continued**

**May**

2 Jam, Senior Ctr. Rogue River 4

3 Jam Senior Ctr. Burns 9

6 Elsie Stuhr Cntr Beaverton 7

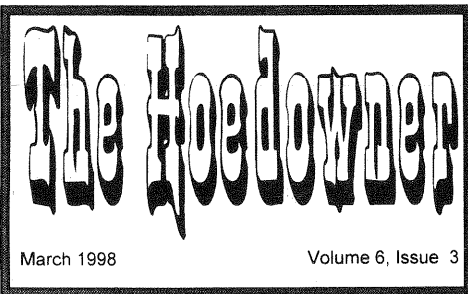
15-16 State Fiddle Contest Salem

17 Jam, Quarterly meeting 8

**June**

18, Country Music Jam- Burns

22-27 Weiser Contest



**March, 1998**

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