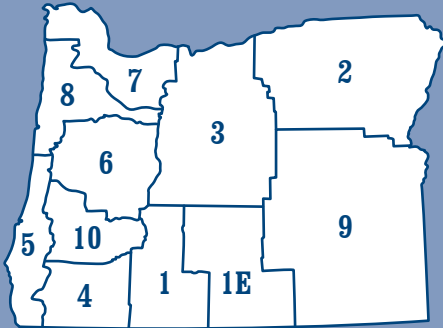


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From Your President

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe another decade has come to an end. Just a reminder if you want to have your name in the OOTFA roster, please pay your dues to your membership chairperson. In order to get into this year's printed roster, Mark Ratzlaff needs to have the information submitted by your membership chairperson no later than the end of February.

In order to potentially save OOTFA money from having to print rosters (and maybe save a tree or two), paid-up members can now request an electronic copy of the roster in PDF format from Mark Ratzlaff. If you are interested, please Email Mark at mark@octoberdesign.com.

Each of you should be thinking of who you would like to nominate for the Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award for this year. You can download a copy of the nomination form at www.hoedowner.info or ask for the form from your district chairperson. Each District reviews the nominations and selects up to two nominees (one posthumously) to be sent to the State for consideration (couples can be nominated together. Nominations are normally due on January 1, but I forgot to put out an announcement in last month's Hoedowner, so I am asking that all nominations be back to me no later than January 31, 2011.

Our annual OOTFA Fiddle Contest will be held on March 18-19, 2011 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. This contest relies on donations from districts, businesses and individuals to be able to operate. I am asking that each district to consider a donation to this important event of our organization. If you have not been to a contest, try coming this year. Admission for members is free, Lew Holt has again offered to chair the contest. Thanks, Lew!

I hope to see many of you at the quarterly board meeting, potluck and jam session on January 15 at 10 a.m. (not 10 p.m. as I said in the last Hoedowner!) at Emerald Park, at 1400 Lake Drive in Eugene.

Play lots of music and enjoy life as much as you can.

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

We here in District 6 are looking forward to hosting the quarterly state meeting and jam in Emerald Park, which has very nice facilities. See District 6 news for directions. We hope that some of you will stick around long enough to attend the District 6 barn dance at Spencer Creek Grange on the evening of the 15th. See the District 6 notes for time and directions. For those of you planning to drive RVs, you are on your own --- no special parking arrangements have been made.

We are always looking for photos to publish in the Hoedowner, and this month received a nice one from District 1, showing District 1 members gathered for the Christmas potluck and jam. Check it out.

~Joe Moyle

From the Editor Emeritus

Our OOTFA website serves many purposes. Some of you read the Hoedowner on Oregonoldtimefiddling.org or the PDF version put out by Hal <http://www.hoedowner.info>. Often I receive inquiries from people who want information about OOTFA or members - usually old timers. They find our web and write to me with their questions or comments. It makes me glad that we have a web.

I thought maybe you might enjoy this "memory" sent to me this fall by Jack Kerr. Buck Milligan was probably our greatest champion for "kid fiddlers." He sold T-shirts, wrote letters, did anything to help out the young fiddlers. Jack writes:

I was looking at one of my fiddles the other day and happened to remember that it was one of the ones that I had loaned to Buck several years ago for one of his students. We were talking about fiddling and tunes when he related a humorous incident involving his name. In his younger years he was "buckarooing" over in Montana where he heard a Native American fiddler play the tune Grey Eagle. He asked the fiddler if they could get together sometime so he could learn that song. They agreed that when Buck had some time off from work they would get together. This fiddler was quite a drinker and was having trouble remembering Buck's last name. Buck told him, "suppose you needed some lumber from that sawmill just outside of town but they were shut down for a while and you couldn't get any. You would want to know when they were going to start the mill again. That sounds like my name, Milligan" A short time later they met and the fiddler said, "Hi Mr. Sawmill"

I ran across the following that Buck wrote:
August 1984 President's message: "Weiser. Boy!! . . . now I am going to mention one name, and that is Bob Crump. Most of you know Oregon was host to the National Old Time Fiddle Contest this year. There has to be someone to organize all this and see that it goes well. So Bob took on the job of Director and really did it up right. Between Bob and our president, Leonard Maahs, it really went great.. . . Buck Milligan"

Happy New Year
~Lew Holt

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January

2 Jam
4 Gig
4 Gig
9 Gig
20 Gig
20 Gig

Meeting/Pot luck & Jam 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Plum Ridge 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Crystal Terrace 12:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Senior Dance, music, & Finger Food 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Shasta View Care Center 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Linkville House 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless something else is going on 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday to Phil Fry, Thelma Nelson,, LaVonne Vaughn, John Rodgers

We had a good turnout for our November dance. Also nice that we had many musicians, which always makes for good dance music. We did miss several of our regular players; some were out of town, others not feeling well, with the normal winter colds. Jerry Ruddock was hospitalized with pneumonia; he is home & doing better. Harry Harpoon from Vernal, Utah joined us. He plays the guitar & harmonica. Harry also sang and is a very good entertainer. Jon Blasius introduced a young man that will be taking over Jon's business. We hope they will be back to join in our fun.

We don't have any anniversaries listed for January. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, if we did let us know.

Remember wisdom grows with age.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas & it will be a Happy New Year for all of you.

~Aline Swartwood, stand-in District 1 Reporter

By the time everyone reads this we will have had our Christmas party, lots of good food & very good turnout.

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District 1 members gather for the Christmas Party.
Photo by Aline Swartwood.

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Once again, the pony has cast a shoe. We hope to hear more next month.

~Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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January

2 Jam

Pine Forest Grange

1 p.m.

Our monthly jam on December 5th was very poorly attended due to four inches of snow and icy roads. We did, however have fun and those in attendance had a good time.

On Saturday December 11th, we had our annual Christmas dinner at the Pine Forest Grange for members and guests. The dinner was excellent and the turnout was great. After the dinner we jammed for a couple of hours. The music was great and Santa Claus came and gave out some goodies to the kids and some of the older kids as well.

Since December is a busy time for all, we have not scheduled any other activities for the month. However, several of our members will be providing Music to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Our next scheduled jam will be on January 2nd at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend at one p.m.

Happy new year to all

~Ron Odegard, District 3 Reporter

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January

8 Jam

Eagle Point Grange, Grants Pass

February

5 Jam

Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

March

5 Jam

Eagle Point Grange, Grants Pass

Our monthly jam at Roxy Ann featured a sumptuous holiday dinner and a wedding! We fed at least 60 diners. Special thanks go to Judy Lyon, who organized and came to help even though recovering from a back injury, in a full back brace. Many thanks, Judy!

Joan Allgood is doing well at home following a triple stent replacement.

Our big surprise event was the wedding of Barbara Harvey and Don Maddox at our December monthly jam. The wedding was about half way through the jam. The bride and groom were joined by many dancers at the close of the ceremony in "Could I Have This Dance". We wish them all the best! Florence Blake, reporter for Upper Rogue Independent paper took pictures and did a write-up, as well as playing and singing.

We welcomed our almost regular visitor, Hal Thompson from

District 10 – playing again after his hand surgery.

Our Jammers group played for the church's Feast of Carols and Feast of Cookies. The "violinists" were better than ever in the OOMPA (Only Occasional Methodist Philharmonic Association), and other Jammers joined us as "Old Time Fiddlers" playing "Jingle Bells" and getting the audience to join in by shaking their keys or coins in time to the chorus. Lots of smiles!

Many folks have been out of town for part of the holiday season, so a special thanks to those going out and playing our gigs. We've played for holiday parties, Christmas luncheons, and birthday parties, as well as our usual gigs.

Elections are coming up soon – can you volunteer for an office, or accept if approached?

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District 4 continued...

We need more pictures for the website – a new one comes up every time you log on, so if you don't like the first one, log on again!

We are making some changes in our regular gig schedule starting in January putting several gigs on the same day to cut down some of the mileage for our players from the outlying areas. Check the website for current schedules.

We hope to see many of you at the quarterly meeting in Eugene, weather permitting. It's always a good jam!

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and pinning the tail on the donkey – but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, every time! I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger!

~District 4 reporter: Judy McGarvey jmcgarvey97@charter.net

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January

6	Gig	Oerdings	Coquille	1:20 p.m.
6	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
12	Gig	Baycrest Memory Care	Empire	1:30 p.m.
12	Gig	Ocean Crest	Coos Bay	3 p.m.
19	Gig	Heritage Place	Bandon	1 p.m.
26	Gig	Life Care Center	CoosBay	1:30 p.m.
26	Gig	Hearthside	Coos Bay	3 p.m.

Hal Weiner, who lives in Florence and is the newly elected state president for the second time, was our featured performer for the November jam. He has been playing things with strings since the sixties when he was half of the folk duo - The Barbary Coast Singers. A song written by his roommate did get them enough notoriety that they became the opening act for many of the famous folk groups of that era. He plays guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, ukelele and sitar. He claims his dog must be deaf as he is the only one who can sit still when the fiddle is played. Hal is the chairman of the Florence Winter Folk Festival and has been instrumental in getting 60's folk icons such as Tom Paxton, The New Christy Minstrels, Tom Chapin, The Highwaymen, The Brothers Four and The Limelighters to participate in the festival because he knows and played with them over the last 50 years. He is also on the board of directors of several for-profit and non-profit corporations and is active as a volunteer in the community. Hal is president of Weiner Consulting Services and has been involved in computers in medicine when he wasn't playing music.

There will be no January jam in Winchester Bay as that is the day of the state quarterly meeting which will be held in Emerald Park in Eugene. Let's all make an effort to attend that and enjoy the jamming there.

The holiday dinner was well attended and there was a very tasty assortment of festive foods which were enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all who helped to make the dinner such a success. There were 20 or 21 musicians and a large crowd of listeners for the jam following the dinner.

The District 5 group will be playing at the Pony Village Mall from 2 to 3 p.m. on December 21. Hope to see all of you there!

It's again time for dues paying. If it's not done immediately your name won't appear on the new state roster for 2011. Ruth Weyer is the membership chairman and dues should be paid to her.

We have several more new members. These include Rowan Reimer and Katelynn Davis from Bandon. These are the two young ladies from Bob Shafer's fiddle class who played at the November jam. Also from Bandon are Dawn and Larry Vonderlin. She is another of Bob's fiddle students and also plays other instruments. Other new members joining recently are Pat and Jim Miles from North Bend and Sandy and Will MacPherson from Coos Bay.

Ruth and Pat Weyer have been celebrating a couple momentous occasions in their lives recently.

First was a dinner for family and friends at the Puerto Vallarta restaurant in celebration of Pat's birthday. That was followed soon after with a gourmet dinner at the Black Market Gourmet in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary with even more family and friends in attendance. Both dinners were followed with old-time music from the group. We all wish you two many more happy years!

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

~Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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BOOHER BROTHERS

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Oh, Those Boohers! (continued)

Meriwyn, 33 (Hemet, CA) 2 little girls ages 3 and 5, one little boy who is 1 ½. 5-yr-old Jessie sings beautifully. Leah is singing, too. Meriwyn's husband, Eric, plays guitar well, all by ear. He is a professor of sociology at the Riverside Community College. Meriwyn is due in February with our 20th grandchild! Meriwyn still plays her fiddle, plus guitar, piano and clarinet.

Benjamin, 31 (Chehalis, WA) He's holding out on us. A most eligible bachelor! Ben plays bass, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, clarinet and whatever you hand him! He has a great yodel, and the perfect voice for singing those old cowboy songs.

Brendan, 29 (Redmond, OR) He and Sarah are expecting in June, we just found out! Brendan has 17 students so far in the Central Oregon area, and is open to having more. He's teaching fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Sarah sings beautiful harmony with Brendan, and is learning to play the fiddle. Sarah is from Eugene.

Gabe, 27 (Post Falls, ID) Gabe started out on the fiddle, as some of the old timers might remember, switched to mandolin for a few years, but has been playing guitar for the past 10+ years. Gabe's wife, Mandy, is a wonderful singer, and sings with him in the "Booher Brother" concerts. Mandy used to sing barbershop with three of her siblings (She's the 4th of 14 children in her family!). Mandy is from Rowland Heights, near L.A.

Mike and I toured with Meriwyn and the 3 youngest boys off and on for 6 years, including 5 seasons at Silver Dollar City (Branson, MO) and 3 trips to Europe, 2 of which were to Poland for their international folk festivals, where we performed several weeks at a time. The third was a bluegrass music festival in Vienna, Austria. (They wanted our "cowboy" music!) We moved our music camp back to Scotts Valley, too. This coming year will be our 23rd. Our annual family concert is always the Saturday before music camp, so if anyone would like to meet the family and see everyone sing and play, it will be July 23rd in 2011, right in our front yard! Just for fun, check out our websites: www.booherbros.com www.boohermusiccamp.com www.gabrielowenphotography.com

If anyone is interested in our CDs, they are at www.cdbaby.com. Just type in Booher Family and they will come up. You can choose single songs, or the whole CD. I also have an inventory here for those who don't have convenient internet access.

Tune of the Month: South Wind

This is an Irish waltz written in the 1790s. In more recent times, new words have been written for it, lamenting closing time at a bar:

The barmaid has put on her coat,
And the barman has emptied the slops,
The manager's pals are afraid
The music will bring in the cops.

Chorus:

Lay down the borrowed guitar
Lay down the fiddle and bow
You'd like one more drink at the bar
But the manager says you must go.

Key G

Workshop Copy

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: D C | B A G | B C D | A A B | A D C

Staff 2: B A G | E D E F# | G 1. D C :| 2. G D

Staff 3: G G | G F# E | D C B | D C

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Staff 5: G G | G F# E | D C B | D C

Staff 6: B A G | A C F# | G

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January

15 State Meeting, Jam & Potluck Emerald Park, Eugene 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

February

12 Jam & Potluck Crow Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Holiday Celebration at the Lebanon Moose was a great success with about 60 fiddlers and friends attending. Even Santa showed up to pass out candy canes. Thanks to the Moose Lodge cooks for preparing a wonderful dinner. Willy Carter and new member Donna Wynn played a rousing version of Orange Blossom Special.

First Friday Jam News: Starting January 7th the OOTFA first Friday jam will be held at the Eugene Hotel from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. We'll have a finger food potluck and decaf coffee. We will try this out for three months then evaluate. The Eugene Hotel is at 222 E. Broadway in beautiful downtown Eugene.

January 15th is a big fiddling day. The OOTFA State Executive quarterly meeting, jam and potluck is from 10am to 4pm at Emerald Park. Directions from I-5: Take the Beltline to the River Road exit. Go South on River Road to Howard Ave. Turn right on Lake Drive to 1400 Lake Drive, Eugene. Then in the evening you could join in the fun at the Spencer Creek Barn Dance at 7 p.m. Spencer Creek Grange is at the intersection of Lorane Hwy and McBeth Road. 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene, 97405.

The West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshop (WCFCW) committee met this month and has started tabulating the questionnaires from last month's Hoedowner. Bob Strelow has joined the committee and is a welcome addition.

January Birthdays: Joe Moyle 1/1, Alan Ede 1/16, Zane Coffin 1/18, Ken Spann 1/20, Cal Montgomery 1/21, John Childers 1/22, Ken White 1/22, Leah Canaday 1/26.

January Anniversaries: Willie and Edna Carter 1/11.

Happy Holidays

~Lynne Baran, District 6 Reporter

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January

16 Jam

28 Gig

February

11 Gig

20 Gig

March

13 Jam

25 Gig

28 Gig

Gladstone Senior Center

Tanner Adult Center

Eagle Creek Grange

Juanita Pohl Center

Lake Oswego Senior Center

Tanner Adult Center

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Gladstone

West Linn

Eagle Creek

Tualatin

Lake Oswego

West Linn

Portland

1-3:30pm

3:30-4:30pm

5:30 pm

1 - 3:30 pm

1 - 3:30 pm

3:30 - 4:30 pm

1 - 1:30 pm

A hardy bunch of District 7 holiday revelers met for fabulous food and joyous jammin' at the Estacada Community Center. Hope your holidays are filled with the music of the seasons!

We have some new members to celebrate: Larry and Angie Meres joined us from Scappoose. Kevin Robinson and Cynthia Crandall are from Portland. Also from Portland, Katherine Surbrook, Talia (age 10) and Gabriella (age 8) have joined. Be sure to extend a welcoming hand when you meet these folks.

Our currently scheduled fiddling events January through March are as follows. Be sure to get these dates on your 2011 calendars:

Sunday, Jan 16 our monthly jam is at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave. in Gladstone. Doors open at 11 a.m. Playing time 1 pm to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn.

Friday, Feb 11 at the Eagle Creek Grange, located at the corner Eagle Creek & Wildcat Mt. Road, in Eagle Creek. This event will be a banquet. We will be fed starting at 5:30 p.m. and then we will play after we eat until about 7:30. The guests will begin their eating at 6:30.

Sunday, Feb 20 at the Juanita Pohl Center/Tualatin/Durham Senior Center. 8513 SW Tualatin Road in Tualatin. Doors open at 11 am, playing time from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar 13 our monthly jam is at the Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G St. Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Doors open at 11 am, playing time from 1 - 3:30 pm.

Friday, Mar 25 we are scheduled to play from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn.

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District 7 continued...

Monday, Mar 28 the Valley Community Presbyterian Church has invited us to play from 1 - 1:30 p.m., at 8060 SW Brentwood, in Portland, in the Raleigh Hills area. Directions: take Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, turn north on Laurelwood toward West Slope. Church is on the corner of Laurelwood and Brentwood.

~Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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Happy New Year everyone!

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE FOR DISTRICT 8. Our January jam has been changed to January 22nd. Our original date, January 15th, conflicted with the OOTFA quarterly meeting in Eugene. Quite a few of us plan to attend that. So change your calendars and come to McMinnville on the 22nd!

The Salem group played for the Multiple Sclerosis Christmas potluck dinner. This is the second year. Members Donna and Jerry Janszen are active in the MS group. There were drawings for prizes, and everyone won! Lots of fun.

The December jam and cake walk is a few days away at this writing. It should be a fun change, and raise some dollars for our scholarship fund.

Members Jim and Jackie Wallace, who live in Aumsville, are fine after the tornado that ripped through town on December 14th. They live on Main St. where most of the damage happened, but their house was untouched. Jack and Darlene Bryant live nearby in Turner. They had a severe thunderstorm with wind and hail, but no tornado touchdown. Glad everyone is okay!

January

22 Jam

McMinnville Sr. Center

McMinnville

February

19 Jam

McMinnville Sr. Center

McMinnville

Several district 8 members attended the district 7 Christmas dinner jam. So nice to visit them. They made us feel right at home.

We look forward to seeing folks at the quarterly meeting in Eugene. I would encourage everyone to attend. OOTFA is our parent organization, so it's nice to meet members from around the state. Come and meet more of the fiddle family. There will be jamming. It's fun to hear and learn some new tunes.

Remember: District 8 jam at McMinnville Senior Center on January 22nd.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

~Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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All four Photos by Lew Holt.



Joel Bennett - 7 year old scholarship student



Dale Emery - 94 years old at Aumsville last summer



Jerry Janszen, Darlene Bryant, Alice Holt, Chuck Gates at Aurora last summer.

Upper Right: The Colebanks in the back. Joe Hamm, Alice Holt, Phil Ringle, Les Tucker, Leigh Anne Webb. McMinnville Nov 10

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December has been taken up with relearning all the Christmas music we forgot over the last year. It's funny how we always have to relearn it at this time of year. We played at The Aspens nursing home on December 10 to an enthusiastic group. They are always so appreciative of our music. We love them. We also sounded pretty good that night as a group.

Then on December 12, we had our Christmas Potluck at the Senior Center in Burns. The food was great. Not many musicians were there to perform, however. Janet Braymen and Joan Suther and her husband Rick have gone to Columbia to birdwatch for the month of December. Plus Ruel and Margaret are snowbirding in Arizona. We still had a great time at our party, but we did miss the absent crew. Dorman Miller did join in that day to help us with backup. We were all pretty tired after all the festivity.

Julia Milleson continues to communicate with members of our group. She is going to be staying with her son in Milton

Freewater throughout the winter. She is doing better--we are happy to hear. She hopes to return to Burns in Spring.

Coming up we have a jam at Rose and Wayne's on Friday and then Monday, December 20, a small group of us play at Ashley Manor for the residents. New Year's Eve jam at the Townsend's.

Happy New year everyone.

~Dona Townsend, reporter pro tem

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We had a very good turn-out at the jam. One of our guests Carol Ridley; she played the fiddle, and was very good. She was kind of shy at first, but joined in quite well. We also had visitors from District 4 -- Don and Bea Johnson; John and Thelma Steele from District 6; and Pat and Ruth Weyer from District 5.

Mike and Deloris Booher joined, and were there with three of their grandchildren -- Kenneth who played the fiddle and sang; and two girls, Scarlett and Samara, who sang and played fiddle. It has been nice seeing children at jams lately.

Whitey Kelm celebrated his 80th birthday Dec. 7th. Happy birthday and Happy Anniversaries to everyone else that had them.

Hope everyone's okay out there, Chuck and Margie Hasteley are doing fine, but we sure miss them.

January

8	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	VFW Hall, Roseburg	11am - 4pm
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Next month our time will change, just for January. The jam and potluck will be January 8. At 11 a.m. we will be having a meeting to vote in new officers, and we will have a potluck at noon, and of course our jam at 1pm, at the VFW hall, 1127 Roseburg.

Don't forget the MEETING at 11am. And don't forget to pay your 2011 dues.

See ya'll there.

~Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

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State Calendar

January 15	State Quarterly Meeting	Emerald Park, Eugene
April 6-9	State Convention	Rickreall
March 18-19	State Fiddle Contest	Salem
May 5-8	Silver Lake Camp Out	Silver Lake
July 25-30	West Cascades Fiddle Camp/Workshop	Westfir
August 4-7	Diamond Lake Camp Out	Diamond Lake
August 9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle Camp	La Pine
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Camp Out	Winchester Bay

New Members to Welcome!

Jack Trent, Eugene
Delbert & Noranne Sparks, Klamath Falls
Larry & Angie Meres, Scappoose
Devin Grubb, Medford
Donna Wynn, Eugene
Gidian Edwards, Springfield
Edna Chitwood, Eugene
Austin Bannerman, Scotts Mills
Tracy Miller, Klamath Falls
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