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Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association
Spring State Convention
& Membership Meeting
Thursday thru Saturday
May 19-21, 2022
Enjoy Oldtime Fiddling,
Stage Show, Dancing & Jamming

Dance Friday Night 6 - 9:30 Donations Accepted	OOTFA Meeting Saturday 10:00 - Noon	Free Show Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 Donations Accepted	Douglas County Fairgrounds 1-5 Exit 123 Roseburg
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Jamming all days & nights except during Stage Shows & Business Meeting
RV Parking with hook-ups \$28/night
Full schedule of events inside



Fiddlin' at the Fairgrounds

OOTFA Conventions always generate a lot of excitement in our musical family, but they have become even more special in these times. When you lose something that has been around for many years you really realize how important it was to you. The pandemic certainly brought that home to those of us who have OOTFA as our main social activity. Expect to see a lot of smiling faces as old friends reconnect and new ones are made at the **State Convention and Membership Meeting** May 19-21 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

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Inside this issue of the **Hoedowner** you will find plenty of information regarding food and lodging available at the convention. Besides those options that there will be coffee, tea and water available throughout the event as well as a hospitality table with a variety of snacks, for a nominal fee, as well as a banquet Saturday evening. See details inside regarding banquet reservations.

District 10 has been working hard on this event. If you have questions about the convention, please contact **Jude Stensland** at jude999s@gmail.com or call her at 541-430-2080. The Douglas County Fairgrounds are off I-5 Exit 123.

From the Organizers...

It's almost TIME!!! The annual state OOTFA Convention & Membership Meeting will be May 18-21 here in Roseburg and we are so excited! As the co-chairs of the planning committee, we would like to give you a bit of an idea of how we envision this event. This meeting will have elements of past meetings and a few new ones.

Our goal for this year's convention is to have fun playing music we love with old friends and new AND to conduct OOTFA business as quickly and efficiently as possible.

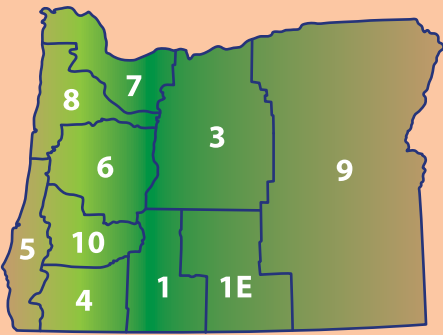
The venue is really pretty cool! We will have an immense amount of room for jamming and plenty of workshops to satisfy almost all musical tastes. We will have guides to help you find your "people" and your favorite kind of music. Come find your group! The youth are very much included, with dedicated spaces to help our youth feel welcome. Without our youth, our organization dies!

We will be borrowing some things from other gatherings, like the can band/band scramble and the open mic (sign up) band. In addition, we are asking each district to put together a **"Dance Band"** for Friday night and each will play 3 danceable songs for folks to dance on the big dance floor.

Saturday will be the traditional **Convention Banquet** at 5:30 and the Raffle Reveal will be at 4:30.

Don't forget to make your Banquet reservations by May 6 to **Sharon Gallagher** and your lodging accommodations soon.

~ Jude Stensland and Chris Cormack



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Hello ya'll! So, it is May, which means it must be Springtime somewhere...but not in my neck of the woods. I'm sure it will be nice for the Convention the last part of May.

So, it is May, which means it must be Springtime somewhere...but not in my neck of the woods. I'm sure it will be nice for the **OOTFA Convention** the last part of May.

Speaking of – are you all excited as I am to get together again after so long? And, it looks like we still don't have to wear masks! I hope every district is doing what they can to help out, along with jamming, sharing and learning. Also, don't forget to help financially. Be sure to attend the annual meeting on Saturday.

Patti Luse has been sending (and will continue to) all the necessary information regarding lodging, events and activities. **Jude Stensland** and her crew are working very hard to host this awesome event. **Thank you, Jude and Patti!**

I hope each of you and your families had a blessed **Easter**, or whichever Holiday you observed during the **Holy Week**. Seems like **Christmas** just got here, and we are racing towards Independence day – time flies!!

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members. You are an important part of this great association, and I encourage you to be involved in your district's "family". We have a lot of fun and learn from each other (and teach, as well!). I look forward to meeting you in person.

Take care, God Bless, and see you soon! ~ Marcella

Something to Think About

Where does the money come from that allows all the events we love to happen? Every penny we have comes from people we can attract to our events. That happens when the music is good. It also encourages vendors to hire us. It doesn't have to be hard to play, just done well with a smile. The majority of this money comes from district events. Please remember to support your district events if you wish to see state gatherings, fiddle camps and contests happen.

The better the music the more will come. Your district needs you to make this all happen. Please don't leave this most important part of support to only a few. We need all our better players too as it elevates the level of enjoyment for all.

Our dues are minimal to allow all to join. These dues do not even cover the cost of printing out the Hoedowner.

~ Marie Bailey

2022 OOTFA Roster is Here!

Our 2022 OOTFA Roster is HERE! It contains a list of all members in OOTFA from all Districts as well as Out-of-State who were registered before 4-1-22.

There are 3 ways to get them:

- **PICKED UP \$3 (Available at the Convention)**
- **MAILED \$5 (Send money to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Dr, Eugene, OR 97401)**
- **EMAILED in PDF - NO Cost (Email request: pattiluse@comcast.net)**



Convention Schedule

Admission by Donation • FREE to OOTFA Members

**All
OOTFA
Members
please
attend the
Board
Meeting
Saturday
afternoon!**

Wednesday May 18

4 - 11 pm Everyone Welcome
All activities in the Floral Building (this day only)
 4 - 11 pm Jamming in the Floral Building or outside
 5 - 11 pm Finger Food Potluck
*Jamming continues outside in covered pavilion
 behind Floral Building*

Thursday May 19

9 am - 5 pm Conference Hall open: 8 am - 11:30 pm Food Truck "Bun Stuffer" 11 am - 5 pm
 Registration & Raffle "Table of Treasures" Open
All Districts are asked to put together a Raffle Basket!
 Open jamming throughout the hall
 Workshop - Chord Theory 1 with Phil Drain (Cascade)
 Workshop - Digital Music with Phil Drain (Cascade)
 Workshop - Bass Runs on Guitar with Jerry Parks (Pacific 1)
 Workshop - Learn to Schottische with Jerry & Linda Parks - (Cascade)
 Workshop - Polkas Workshop with Judy McGarvey (Pacific 1)
 Workshop - Youth fiddling and music with Kelly Wadsworth (Pacific 2)
 Band Scramble (Can band. Instructions to follow) Open to the Public
Admission by donation

Friday May 20

9 am - 4 pm Conference Hall open: 8 am - 11:30 pm Food Truck "Bun Stuffer" 11 am - 5 pm
 9 am - 11:30 pm Registration & Raffle "Table of Treasures" Open
 9 - 10 am Open jamming throughout the hall
 10:30 - 11:30 am Workshop - Chord Theory 1 with Phil Drain (Cascade)
 12 - 1 pm Workshop - Guitar back-up with Frank Moore (Pacific 1)
 1:30 - 2:30 pm Workshop - Irish Fiddle with Dave Altman (Pacific 1)
 1:30 - 2:30 pm Workshop - Fiddle Cross tuning/fiddlestix with Judy McGarvey (Pacific 1)
 2 - 4 pm Workshop - Fiddle Clinic with Linda Danielson (Pacific 2)
 3 - 4 pm State OOTFA Board Meeting (district officers)
 4 - ? Workshop - Second fiddle with Allison Lindley (Pacific 1)
 6:30 - 9:30 pm Workshop - Youth fiddling and music with Kelly Wadsworth (Pacific 2)
 "Dancing to Oldtime Music" Open To The Public Open to the Public
Admission by donation Each District will play 3-4 danceable tunes

Saturday May 21

9 am - 3 pm Conference hall open from 8 am - 11 pm Food truck - TBA
 10 am - 12 pm Registration & Raffle "Table of Treasures"
Closed during membership meeting (10 am - Noon)
 10 am - 12 pm Workshop - Youth fiddling with Kelly Wadsworth (Pacific 2)
This is the only jamming or workshop at this time. All others should attend meeting
 1:30 - 4 pm Annual Membership Meeting
 1:30 - 2:30 pm General Business & Elections of OOTFA Officers
 2-4 pm Jamming, workshops, socialize, make new friends, play with old ones
 Workshop - Mandolin with Joe Ross (Pacific)
 "An Afternoon with the Fiddlers" Open to the Public
Doors open at 1 pm - admission by donation
 3:00 - 4:00 Workshop - Irish mandolin with David Altman (Pacific)
 4:30 pm Raffle Reveal - Gather in Pacific Hall to see if you won a treasure
 5:30 - 6:30 pm OOTFA Banquet - Awards
Pre-Register with Sharon Gallagher by 5-6-22
 7 - 9:30 pm Sign-up Jam & Dance - Open to the Public
Admission by donation
 9:30 - 11:59 pm Please pitch in remove belongings. Must be out of Hall by 11:59 pm



Restaurants in Roseburg

There are lots and lots of restaurants in the Roseburg area for every price range and food preference. There seems to be something for everyone and are just a couple of miles away. The Fairgrounds is at I-5 Exit 123 and the lists shows restaurants at I-5 Exit 124, 125 and 127.

I-5 Exit 124:

Thai: Bangkok West
Family: McMenimans, Denny's
Japanese: Ami's Sushi

I-5 Exit 125:

Family: Brix 527, Casey's,
Elmer's, Red Robin, Sizzler
Chinese: Chens Family Dish,
Chi's Garden, Kowloon's, Lee's
Thai: Thai 7
Indian: Shantis Indian Cuisine
Mexican: Los Dos Amigo,
Gilbertos
Italian: Dino's
Pizza: Abby's Old Soul Pizza,
Dominos, Loggers, Round Table
Japanese: Sakura Sushi
Fine Dining: Parrott House, True

I-5 Exit 127:

Family: Applebee's, Shari's

CONVENTION BANQUET

Saturday
May 21st
5:30 pm

**MAKE
RESERVATIONS
NOW!**

The OOTFA Banquet will be catered by the Fairgrounds chef. The meal will be buffet style with a choice of 2 entrees which you need to choose from now. There will be:

- Baked Lemon Pepper Chicken @ @18.50 each OR
- Italian Buffet @ \$19.75 each. The Italian buffet will include vegetarian options
- Reservations must be made (and paid for) by May 6, 2022. To make your reservations please send a check ...payable to OOTFA...with your name, entrée choice and how many diners to:

Sharon Gallagher
1601 Rhododendron Dr #541
Florence, OR 97439

Questions: 541-590-3676

Food at Convention

- There is going to be a **Food Truck** on Thursday and Friday of the convention. Their specialties are Burgers & Sandwiches and will be there from 11 am to 6 pm
- **Hospitality Table** for beverages & snacks will be available to the Convention for a nominal charge.
- You can bring your sack lunch and dinners to eat at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds is right along the South Umpqua River and a picnic at river's edge does sound enticing...provided that May showers don't appear.

Lodging & Camping Options

RV & Tent Accommodations thru Douglas County Fairgrounds website

3 Motels with reduced rates. Identify that you are with the fiddlers.

I-5 Exit 124: Both are riverside

- **Holiday Inn Express** 541 673 7517 or 1 800 898 7666
375 W. Harvard Ave indoor pool & exercise room, outdoor hot tub & patio. full hot breakfast. \$190.00 plus tax Guaranteed room/price until May 1. Reservations after May 1 if available, price guarantee
- **Riverfront Inn** 541 672 4836
315 W Harvard Ave ask for ground floor - no elevator
Outdoor pool, nice park riverside - Deluxe continental breakfast
\$109.00 plus tax Pet: \$10.00 per night, service animal-no charge

I-5 Exit 127

- **Sleep INN** 541 464 8338 Next to Applebee's
10% off current rate \$15.00 pet fee
- **Motel 6** 541 464 6800
- **Super 8** 541 672 8880

I-5 Exit 124:

- **Baymont by Wyndham** 541 672 6684

I-5 Exit 125

- **Quality Inn** 541 673 5561
- **Rodeway Inn & Suites** 541 673 6625

I-5 Exit 125:

- **Best Western-Garden Villa** 541 672 1601
- **Comfort Inn & Suites** 541 957 1100
- **Hampton Inn** 541 492 1212
- **Howard Johnson** 541 673 5082

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May Events

12	Pelican Pointe	2:30 pm
26	Rogue River Place	1 pm
14	Luther Square 14	1:30-3:30 pm
28	Luther Square 14	1:30-3:30 pm
Every Wednesday Johnny Rodgers		9 am

Greetings All from District One!

April Showers, bring May flowers! Our District One calendar is starting to get full once again, and after these two long years of quarantines and lockdowns, I'm sure everyone is **very** glad for that. Hopefully during that time, new songs were learned and going forward we will be showcasing some new and fresh material.

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We had a great jam on the first Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce. From Klamath Falls we had **Edna Jenkins, Don Mopan, Sheila Fry and Jenny Dreyer**. They add a lot to the group, we played till we come to an end, about 5 hours.

The little jams on Thursday nights are as fun as it gets. Our beginning fiddles are coming on. It's fun to keep them going sometimes. **Larry McLain** will take off in a minor key so that's fun to try and follow.

Nancy Yialouris as been fighting an eye issue so we sure miss seeing her. Hope she gets it all squared away soon.

May 4-8; **Christmas Valley** is upon us. Sounds like it's going to be a blast. I'm sure we are at the **Booster Building** behind the post office. Not to hard to find.

Sometimes we need to slow down a tune so some of the others can catch on. It's fun to get others involved.



Noranne Sparks & Irene Ruddock between tunes

This month is the **McLain Family Campout** in Christmas Valley! I know there are several members from Klamath Falls who will be making the trip...even if just for the day. It will be a great time, **as always!!!** Every Wednesday, here in District 1, there is a practice being held at **Johnny Rodgers'** house at 9 am. This practice is dedicated to learning chords/chord progression as well as singing. Please contact Johnny for more information, his number can be found in the roster.

Look to our above schedule for upcoming gigs and events. All are welcome! 5 members of District One traveled to Lakeview in April to play music at the **Lakeview Chamber of Commerce**. It was really fun! We hope to do it again soon! Hopefully, you can all make it to Christmas Valley the week-end of May 6-8 for the McLain Family Campout... it's one of the **best** fiddle events (in my opinion) in the whole state of Oregon. The McLain family will treat you right...it's worth the drive! See ya there! **God Bless and Keep Fiddlin!**

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

That's how I got started. **Dad** would slow down so I could get a little of the tune but he would always bring it up to speed so we would know how it went.

We have been enjoying the snow the last few days. Easter almost always brings snow. Happy trails to all see you down the road.

~ Terry McLain, District 1E Reporter

Guitar for sale:
Martin D21 210759

1966 Rosewood

Linda Schaffer 503-871-5529
jazzcoal.emmon@gmail.com

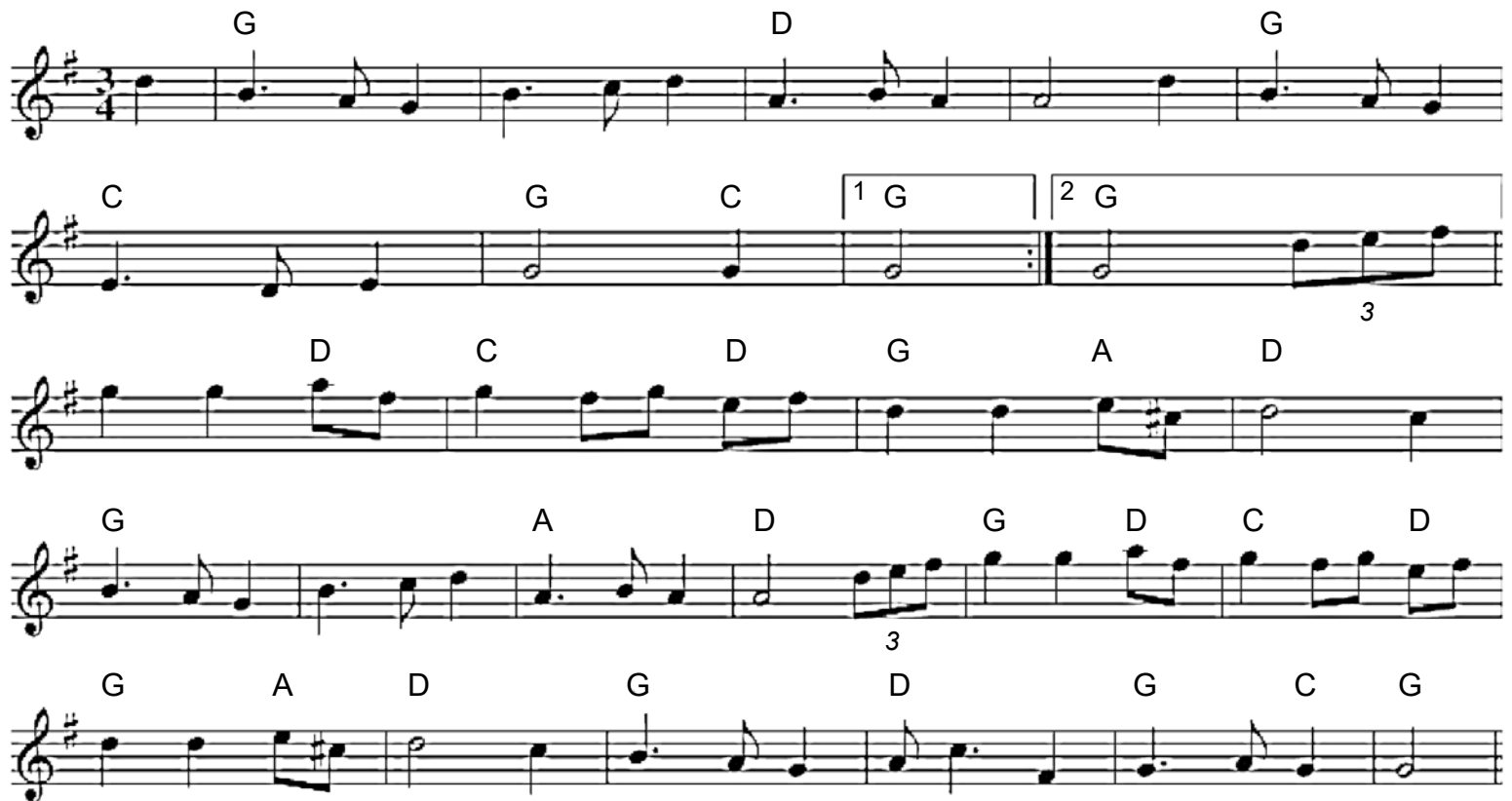
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Tune of the Month

Special Thanks to
David Altman
of District 7
for providing
Tune of the Month
for March

This tune is categorized in traditional Irish music as an **air**. Airs are a traditional tune genre which confuse many fiddlers not as familiar with this oldtime tradition because the time signature can be 3/4 time, but also 6/8, 2/4, or even something else. The Chieftains popularized this tune for a wider audience, and it can be found on several YouTube videos, such as this one: [Click here](#). Besides most often being played in the key of G, other versions are in D or C. This wonderful air dates back to the 1700s, and the composer is not definitively known. However, often South Wind (or another title for the melody) is attributed to the great Irish harpist, O'Carolan. Lyrics do exist which also date to the same period, and one often cited composer is Freckled Donal Macnamara from County Mayo.

The South Wind



New Members May 2022

Adrian & Kristi Bailey
Alycia, Adam, Graysen
& Skyler Bleeker
Andrew & Barbara Clark
Ellis Missy
Billy & Stacey Ferguson
Liz Tippet & George Forsythe
Stephanie Graves
Stephen Halik
Angela Hooley
Joan "JR" Hunts

Woodburn (8)
Portland (7)
Pendleton (9)
Medford (4)
Powell Butte (3)
Eugene (6)
Lebanon (6)
Lebanon (6)
Dexter (6)
Medford (4)

Larry Koskela
Tashina Claridge Lindley
Sherry & Joey McKenzie Burleson,
Kira Miller
Talley & Mike Richardson
Craig Smith
Randy & Joni Smith
BJ & Mark Tighe
Jason Whitaker,
Laura Weber White & Jeff White
w/Jack & Annabelle Cash

Hines (9)
Mt Shasta, CA (OS)
Texas (OS)
Lebanon (6)
Albany (6)
Central Point (4)
Vancouver (OS)
Albany (6)
Lebanon (6)
Scio (6)

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District 3 is gathering for jams again at the Powell Butte Community Center. A few folks have begun to come on out and hopefully we will again attract some dancers from the community! The next community performance is set for Sunday, May 15th at the Powell Butte Community Center, from 1 to 4 pm.

OOTFA Needs Some TLC Feeling the financial pains of more than two years of inactivity

OOTFA Lifetime Household Members are our older, cherished members. We love having their experience, expertise and history. Of the 505 households in our organization (as of 4-15-22), Lifetime Households constitute 48% of total membership. Nine years ago, it was only 22%.

We realize that the OOTFA Bylaws in Article III describes who qualifies for Lifetime membership and the dues requirement. This is what it says:

- Section 2 – D: Lifetime members. Any member or spouse who has been a paid member for five (5) years and who reaches the age of seventy (70) shall be eligible for a LIFETIME membership.
- Section 3 – C: Charter Members and Lifetime Members are not required to pay dues.

Another interesting fact is that of our current Lifetime Households, only 40% are paying dues; either \$20 for the emailed Hoedowner or \$25 to have the Hoedowner mailed. This means that 60% are enjoying the membership of being an OOTFA member but are not financially supporting our organization...OOTFA.

This is **our** organization. If our membership continue to age, these percentages will continue to increase. We **need** our Lifetime Members to financially support OOTFA, if not by paying dues, they could **donate** a little something to help. Where in the world is membership into an organization **FREE**. Even AARP requires support!!!

The acoustics in the hall will be improved with the help of Jack Kerr, who has offered a very generous gift to help cover the cost. Thank you very much, Jack!

District 3 had some winners at the State Fiddle Contest. Congratulations to Linda Richards – 2nd place winner in the Junior Junior division, and to Chance Mott – 3rd place winner in the Junior division.

That is the short but sweet report from Central Oregon.

~ Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

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District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

Well!!! April really brought the Spring Showers to our little valley. She also threw in some snowflakes and hail just for good measure and the May flowers welcomed every drop.

At the April District 4 Monthly Meeting and Jam Spring had sprung at the **Roxy Ann Grange Hall**. **Carol Ferrara** had decorated beautifully with spring arrangements, bunnies and lovely tablecloths. Carol is a lady of so many talents and she uses all of them to keep District 4 running smoothly.



Carol Ferrara stands with one of the lovely spring arrangements she brought to decorate the grange hall

At the **State Fiddle Contest** last month **Judy McGarvey** and **Cindy Crane** had fun dressed in their PJ's and holding their dolls. They had everyone smiling when they played the tune "Rubber Dolly" at the Entertainment Division of the contest. Cindy also volunteered all day at the contest. *continued next page*

The **OOTFA State Convention** will be held in Roseburg this year and **Jude Stensland** and members of District 10 are working hard to make it a wonderful three days of jamming, workshops, a dance Friday night and a banquet Saturday night. There will be lots of terrific items at the raffle to buy a chance to win and fun getting to see old friends that we haven't been able to see for so long. It will be held May 19-21.

The District 4 May Jam will be our performance at **Pioneer Days** in Eagle Point at the **Old Mill Site**. Check the online calendar for times and other information. The actual date is still to be announced. Cindy Crane will send out an email to let you know. See you there!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Howdy from District 5! Here on the coast we are all enjoying the Spring weather and taking advantage of loosening public health regulations so we can all play together. We have a number of new venues and playing opportunities which we are working on bringing together for our district; hopefully by next month we will have some new details to share! We are looking to play some old venues and new, as well as some new events in town, so we'll keep everyone posted as developments happen.

We would like to extend some serious gratitude for all who came to play at the **Brookings Jam-boree**. It was the first one in several years and a good time was had by all. A special "thank you" also goes out to the **Chetco Grange**, who made the event possible.

We will be playing at **Pacific View Senior Living and Memory Care** in Bandon on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1:30-2:30 at Senior Living and 3:00-4:00 at Memory Care. If you are able to play in Bandon that day, do stop by. We will also be playing at **Inland Point Retirement Community** in North Bend on May 17th from 2:00-3:00. Hope everyone enjoys the May sunshine!

~ Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

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"Flowers are the music of the ground. From earth's lips spoken without sound." wrote the poet, **Edwin Curran**. I guess it is up to us to break the silence. Opportunities to do so are happening in OOTFA with the easing of gathering restrictions. In District 6 we are still not scheduling gigs, but I am certain that will change!

Each month I contact District 6 Chair, **Hal Weiner**, to get a rundown of up-coming activities. Treasurer and Gig Coordinator, **Bernie Roberts**, lets me know of gigs and fiddle class particulars. Most of this report is composed of several of their emails cobbled together. Thanks, guys!

Over 30 people attended the April 9 **General Membership Meeting & Jam** at **Central Grange**. Newly elected officers are listed above this report. We are looking for someone to volunteer for Kitchen Duty for Central Grange events. Someone has to make the coffee and oversee the potlucks, or it won't be possible to have them.

During the meeting **Ila Mae Carmickle** announced that she would be unable to continue as the instructor for the **Intermediate Fiddle Class**. She was given a standing ovation in recognition for all the years leading this class. Although Ila Mae will not continue as the instructor for the intermediate class, she did, however, chose to stay on as the instructor for the basic fiddle class.

The classes will continue, but a fiddle class coordinator needs to be found and the search has begun. That person would set venues, schedules and lead tunes, and does not necessarily need to teach. When this happens, we will start scheduling the classes and everyone will be notified. If you have any questions don't hesitate to let Bernie know.

The Basic Fiddle Class will resume on Monday, May 2nd starting at 1:00 pm at the **Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 4445 Royal Avenue in north Eugene. The classes will continue to meet on the first Monday of each following month.

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District 6 continued

It was agreed to donate \$500 for the **OOTFA State Convention**. Members are urged to bring nice items for the raffle. **Betsy Janeczek** will be organizing the district dance band for Friday night.

Also needed are three people to volunteer one hour of their time to be a greeter on Friday from 8 am-noon. **Patti Luse** agreed to organize the district raffle basket. **Hal Weiner** volunteered to get plants for the banquet table.

Bernie Roberts will be the Program Scheduler until end of July, so someone needs to step up and take this important position.

Dick Penny volunteered to investigate updating the district jam and performance guidelines.

April Birthdays: **Alice McDowell** (4/4), **Carol Ede** (4/12), **Cheryl Horner** (4/13), **Chris Sytsma** (4/19) **Jessie Kurtz** (4/28)

April Wedding Anniversaries: **Joe and Emily Moyle** (4/13), **Jerry and Linda Parks** (4/29), **Annie and Wayne Carter** (4/30)

May Birthdays: **Gabi Ford** ((5/30), **Annie Carter** (5/5), **Brian Sorrells** (5/5), **Evelyn Horner** (5/22), **Melody Morrell** (5/28), **Donna Wynn** (5/30)

May Wedding Anniversaries: **Gary and Lynne Baran** (5/17), **Ken And Patti Luse** (5/24)

~ Robin Lindsey, District 6 Reporter

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May Events

7 Circle Jam Sunnyside Grange 1 - 4 pm
13130 SE Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley
19-21 OOTFA State Convention
Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, Roseburg

Hello OOTFA Members. District 7 had a great turnout for our **April Circle Jam**, but since I was unable to be there because I was in Arizona and California, our Scheduler, **Joe Martin**, kindly agreed to take some photos and write a brief description of the event. Also I asked him some questions about his background and that follows his comments.

Joe Martin: *There were some great old tunes coming off the strings of District 7 players at the **Sunnyside Grange** in Happy Valley on April 2nd. There were about 20 musicians who gathered for the monthly jam. We were treated to some fine solos, and we also took turns going around the circle introducing favorite tunes of ours like "Liberty", "Old Joe Clark", "Buck Fever Rag", well, you know the list. **Nancy Christie** even showed us the steps to the Schottische dance. We hope you join us for our next jam, May 7th.*

Joe's musical background began about 2 1/2 years ago when he started to play his grandfather's violin. He had three lessons before COVID came along and stopped them. His teacher was **Donna Foreman** who taught him tunes like "Boil the Cabbage", "Tennessee Waltz", and "Old Joe Clark". During COVID times he used YouTube to learn new fiddle tunes.

Joe's fiddle came from Louisiana and was first owned by his grandfather and then his father. His dad was in the service, and they traveled all over the country but I don't think the violin was played a lot. After Joe grew up he went to college and graduate school learning finance and accounting. He also went into the service. When he retired he finally decided to try out his grandfather's violin. He never knew his grandfather but he is having fun learning how to play his fiddle.

One thing Joe would like to see again at the **Sunnyside Grange Circle Jam** is for newer players to receive some lessons like Donna Foreman provided. Perhaps those players could go downstairs for the first half hour or so and for the lessons. If any OOTFA members would like to provide some of that instruction, let us know.

See you all next month ~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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May Events

5 Slo-Jam at Marie Bailey's home 1-3 pm
Martha's Theory workshop, Zoom.
Contact her to join
7 Sheep to Shawl gig 12:45-2 pm
Willamette Heritage Center, Salem
14 Martha Hughes' Fiddle Class 10 am
19 Theory workshop 12-1 pm
followed by Slo-jam at Marie's 1-3 pm
19-21 State Convention in Roseburg
28 District 8 jam at Marie's 1-3 pm

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District 8 has greeter duty from 8-12 pm on Friday, May 20 at the **OOT-FA State Convention** in Roseburg. Please let Marie Bailey know if you could volunteer for all or part of this time. A Greeter helps direct people to different activities that are happening.

NEW: Martha's class in May will be LIVE, starting the 2nd Saturday at **Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community** in the Chapel. Location: Wheatland Road, Keiser. Masks required. She needs 3 people to commit, or it won't be live. RSVP if you can make it. June will be Summer Break for her classes.

On June 1, 2022 our new officers will be: **Lynn Gossett Harden**, Chair. **Marie Bailey**, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Membership. **Loita** will stay as Treasurer for this year. **Ted Hunt** will continue as event scheduler and **Gayle Clarity** as reporter.

We had two gigs in April. Good turn out and show for the **Farm Fest** at YCHC in McMinnville on April 9th. Thanks to the many players from District 7 and two from Washington State who joined us. Martha added a touch of class with two sets of contest tunes. Special thanks to **Nancy Christie** from District 7 who showed up with her bass and vocals. We miss having our Loita able to play with us.

By the time this comes out we will have played April 23rd, for the **Ag-Fest** at Salem Fairgrounds.

We have been invited to play for **Sheep to Shawl** again at the **Willamette Heritage Center** in Salem from 12:45-2 pm on May 7. Address: 1313 Mill St. SE. Details for parking and site where we will perform should be available after this newsletter is published. We'll send out an update with those as soon as available. This is always a fun event so please let Marie know if you can attend.

Another very special event to watch for will be the Summer return of **Joey** and **Sherrie McKenzie**. They plan a July 2nd fiddle contest for our youth.

Remember all you great fiddlers out there to support your local district events. Our donations help put on these special events and your district needs good music or we won't be asked to play as often, hence, less money to support our activities.

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

High Desert Music Jamboree

June 16, 17 & 18, 2022
Harney County Fairgrounds
Burns, Oregon

New campsites available with 50 and 30 amp hookups
Camping: \$40 with hook-up or \$15 dry camp
Food available on-site by Smoking Pit BBQ

We will have a stage with audience this year.
Early arrival is fine. Set up day is June 15.
District 9 collects parking Wednesday thru
Saturday nights, otherwise pay fairgrounds.

Questions? Call Janet -541-573-1323

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We had our first Sunday Jam in a long while, without the potluck, but with a dance floor, at the **Senior Center (a.k.a. The Hub)** We had a delightful time with **Marianne** and **Gordon Andrews** dominating the dance floor. We had 8 musicians who played. The John Day contingent came. It was truly wonderful to be back at it. We'd like to welcome **Diane Slater**, our newest member. We enjoyed **Judi Seger** at the jam who was winding up a weekend trip in Harney County after camping at Crystal Crane Hot Springs while **LeRoy Newport** and kids celebrated his birthday.



Janet Braymen, Leroy Newport, Judi Seger,
Joan Suther jammed in the commons at
Crystal Crane Hot Springs

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District 9 continued

We will have another Sunday Jam and Dance the second Sunday in May at **The Hub**. Hope you all can come.

We send our condolences to **Ian Dawson** as his great-grandpa passed away. **Herb Minnear** nearly busted his buttons when Ian would play for him at the **Aspens Assisted Living** facility. Ian will graduate from Crane High School in May and is planning on going to Purdue in the Fall.

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Jude Stensland hosts jams at **Pineview Mobile Home Estates Club House** from 3 – 5 pm on Thursday. The day was changed to avoid sound conflicts with the lawn maintenance crew. It should work well, and visitors to Sutherlin can also stop by their **Thursday Farmers Market** that runs from 2-6 pm across from the park. District 10's Googlegroup and Facebook group will keep you updated about jams and gigs as they come up. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link.

OOTFA's State Convention in Roseburg is fast approaching on May 19-21. A few more "roadies" are still needed. Let Jude know if you can help with organization, set up, registration, workshops, posters, publicity, emcee duties, parking, refreshments, decorations, raffle, door prizes, camping, logistics, jamming, shows, banquet, sound reinforcement, tear down, clean up and more. **Christine Cormack** took the lead on planning some interesting workshops

Some planned gigs include **The Landing** (Tues 3 May from 12-1), **Sutherlin Senior Center Lunch** (Thurs 5 May from 10-1), **Rose Haven Nursing Home** (Thurs 12 May from 12-1) and **Bridgewood Rivers** (Thurs 26 May from 2-3). Please note that the Thursday **Pineview Club House** jam will not occur if the district has an afternoon gig that same day. Our regular monthly jam is planned at **Sutherlin Senior Center** (202 E. Central Ave.) on Saturday, 28 May from 12-3 pm. Y'All Come!

We will miss **Larry Shireman**, as he has passed away, and send our condolences to his wife **Nadine**. Larry was a regular attender to our Sunday Potlucks and Jams, and he cooked our turkey for our Christmas Dinners several times.

We look forward to seeing you at the **High Desert Music Jamboree**, June 16, 17, and 18.

The Friday Night Jams continue at the **Hines City Hall** at 6:30.

Ten of our fiddlers entertained at the **American Legion** State Meeting held in Burns. It was enjoyed by all.

We will be playing at the **Harney County Library** on June 8 for the little kids and June 10 for the older kids.

It was wonderful to see **Robin** and **Lynn Gadbury** after a two year hiatus. They made it to the American Legion gig and our Sunday Jam.

Condolences to **Ron Phillips** on the loss of his mother.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

On Tuesday-Thursday, June 28-30, The **Booher Family** invites you to their Scotts Valley farm to camp and jam. Any acoustic strings. They provide breakfast, but you're on your own for lunch. Then, there's an evening potluck. You can arrive Monday, June 27 to set up camp. Cost is \$50/person, and not over \$200 for families. Portable toilets and hand washing sinks with water, soap and paper towels will be provided. They will have jam leaders to help with chords, and encourage all to play and accompany tunes. "It's all about having fun!" Call or text **Dolores Booher** at 541-849-2171, email doloresb8@protonmail.com.

On May 11, **Hal** and **Sharon Thompson** celebrate their 26th Anniversary. Congratulations! Upcoming birthdays include **Kathy Ross** (May 19). Happy Birthday Kathy!

I recently picked up the two volumes of "**52 Traditional Tunes from Fiddle Hell**". Each 2-CD set has many fun tunes, played both fast and slow, by The **Reiner Family** and guests. They include tunes from many traditions, and these albums are highly recommended. Info: www.fiddlehell.org

Looking for some Fiddle T-shirts, tune books, digital downloads or CDs? **Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers** have some great deals. Google for "**Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers Association – Store**"

Jam on! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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To Provide regular times
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2022 OOTFA EVENTS

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| May 5-8 | Christmas Valley Campout |
| May 19-21 | OOTFA State Convention
Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, Roseburg |
| June 16-18 | High Desert Campout
Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns |
| June 22-26 | National Fiddle Contest
Weiser, Idaho |
| July 18-21 | West Cascades Fiddle Camp
Pleasant Hill |
| Aug. 5 | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
Benton County Fair |
| Aug. 18-21 | Winchester Bay Campout |
| Sept. 16-17 | Oregon Acoustic Music
Gathering, Prineville
(Includes Fall Board &
Membership Meeting) |

We are optimistic that we will be able to enjoy these
scheduled events, but we must follow OHA guidelines
on public gatherings as they may change.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts are with the families

Charles Oveland, a fiddler and
Lifetime Member from Saratoga,
California, who so enjoyed competing
and jamming, passed away in
February. He attended the **Harney
County Fairground's** annual jams in
Burns for several years and then went
on to **Weiser**. He had several friends
he enjoyed reconnecting with but made
a lot of new ones too while in Oregon.

He will be missed.

Condolences can be sent to

Ruth Ellen Oveland
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(Editors Note: Please send any recent
obituaries of OOTFA members or past
OOTFA members to Patti Luse,
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