OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP’S REPORT

LIVE FROM FRENCH GULCH!

What a week! I would love to thank every one of you individually. So many helped make the convention a success in spite of the rain.

Some very important changes were made at the bi-annual membership meeting. There is now an option for the spring get-together to move to a warmer time of year. It is very important for members to let officers know what they want. Every survey return will be read and considered. We want next year to be a winner too. Even the drive home in the rain didn’t dampen our spirits for the week past.

Many of us are getting on in years and/or have much on our minds. It sure helps when people wear their name tags. Order your name tag from Ken Luse (541-954-4226). Ordering information is on Page 10 of EVERY Hoedowner. It takes less than a week to get it once Ken gets your money. Wear it proudly!

Hope to see all of you at Silver Lake. And may you dance with the Teddy Bears.

Scott

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Needed: Volunteer to become the new editor for the Hoedowner. Currently, Karen produces this monthly collection of reports which are sent in by reporters and volunteers from around the state with input from Patti Luse. Patti will continue working with the new editor as part of a supportive team. The job requires computer literacy in Microsoft Word (or a similar word processing software). It helps to have some knowledge of files and photos, but we have a professional printer that lays out the final copy. Karen and Patti will help the new person as they transition into the position. It is a rewarding opportunity because it puts you in contact with people from around the state, and it is a job you can do from the comfort of your own home. Please consider it. If you are interested in finding out more, just contact Scott, Patti, or Karen.
FROM THE EDITOR

What a wonderful convention we had this year! I want to express my appreciation to the Board for all they did to make it a success. The process began last year when they went out of their way to find out what the membership wanted in a convention. Then they meticulously began planning the activities around our wishes. Their plan resulted in shorter “shows” and longer jamming times. Scott ran the membership meeting efficiently, in a positive and friendly manner—with much appreciation shown for the contributions from various members. The workshops were helpful and well received, the raffle full of interesting prizes, and the jams diverse and inviting. Thanks to Patti, we even had some snacks to carry us through the day. The Board and friends pulled out the stops and cooked up a terrific Italian dinner at an affordable price, and they did this by literally manning the kitchen themselves. A special thanks to Joyce, the brains behind the spaghetti dinner. Thank you to all who helped fill this convention with joy, music, and friendship!

~Karen

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

What a great four days we had at the convention this year, in spite of the rain. There are so many memories. The part I like the best, even better than the fiddling, is seeing old friends and becoming acquainted with new friends. I had the pleasure of both. I have shared this before but going back to the 1981 convention sign-in sheet, I only find a few names that are currently members of OOTFA – Keith and Abbie Shaffar and their son, Bob, who would have been with them, John Melnichuck, and Rosa Lee McLain. To the best of my knowledge, two others that are still with us from that era are Penny Mead and Carol Ann Wheeler. I believe that Alice and I attended our first convention in 1981 and haven’t missed one since.

On the side table in the main hall I had a display of books. I wanted to share with you some of the written history of OOTFA that I have compiled over the years. I gave out fifteen CDs with all of the books on that one CD. If you want one, please contact me – they are free except for the postage. (1) Presidents of OOTFA – names and pictures. (2) Homer McLain Award – names and pictures. (3) Norm Nash Award – names and pictures. (4) Bill Yohey Award – names and pictures. (5) OOTFA pictures compiled by Lew Holt. (6) Miscellaneous OOTFA pictures. (7) The Story of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association 1967 – 2000. (8). Jackie Germundson Pictures. (9). History of People Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the OOTFA – 350 pages. 10. Preserving OOTFA History Through Newspaper Clipping – 375 pages. Free CD with all of these books on the one CD. Somebody asked me for information about Nel Turner. It is on one of the CDs # 9.

Here is a perhaps little known fact. At our conventions back in the 80’s, women often wore formals – dresses for sure, and men often wore sport coats and suits and ties.

~Lew

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Greetings All from District One,

As I write this, we have had several days, and what seems like weeks of rain. The weeks of rain is an exaggeration but it still feels as if it’s been raining FOREVER. It makes me want to pull out my fiddle instead of the lawn mower, which is where all this rain is taking us. The spring flowers are happy and pretty in their bright colors and a stark contrast to the bleakness of winter here in the high desert. And speaking of High Desert… the Silver Lake Campout is finally upon us! How EXCITED I feel just thinking about it. I’ve yet to make one “complete” campout but that’s just because the universe is against me having too much fun. LOL. I’m sure there will be several District One members who make the trek to go play music and catch up with fiddle friends. It’s hard to believe how fast May came and how quickly Silver Lake came this year, does anyone else feel like this year is already flying by?! Closer to home, our District One schedule is business as usual, but before we know it, we will be adding back in Farmer’s Market and that will be a fun change! I hope everyone had a Blessed Easter. I don’t know about you, but I look forward to warmer weather, playing music outside, and jamming with friends.

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Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and time 541-882-6418.

Strings Swap:

Three mandolins for sale!
1) Mandolin, No. 20 handcrafted by Jim Jenks in 2003. I uploaded a video to demo this mando on YouTube.
2) Kentucky 5-string electric mandolin. great for playing country or western swing.
3) Crafter M-70E acoustic/elec mandolin (serial # 5111269). See several YouTube videos of me playing Italian tunes on this mandolin. Each instrument is in excellent shape and $350. Joe Ross (Roseburg) 541-673-9759 or rossjoe@hotmail.com

May Birthdays: Lena Dreyer (Sweet 16), Sheila Fry, Phil Fullbright, Gracie Kliwer, Lucinda Kliwer, Mary Mitts, Darleth Rodgers, Rinda Scott, Jake Swartwood, and Lois Tucker.

May Anniversaries: Bill and Teresa Hazen.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter
Hello everyone. By the time you get your Hoedowner, Silver Lake will be on its way. But you can still make it! Make sure—if you bring your trailer—to fill your water tank and propane. And come to have a great time.

The monthly business meeting will not be held this month. But the weekly jams at Rosa Lee’s are still on: Thursday nights, from 5 to 7 p.m. You are always welcome. Several members have birthdays in May: Mary Ann McLain, Betty Chapman, and Terry Cramblet was hospitalized, but is doing better. Keep him in your prayers. Please let us know if you have an announcement to make.

Now something to think about. A Woman’s work is never done, The simple reason is, she’s much too busy making sure her husband’s doing HIS!

~Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter

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May Events
2-5 SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT!!! Dry camping at fire station.
Jammers, on stage performances, etc. Lots of fun and friends!
9, 16, 23, 30 jams Rosa Lee’s 5-7 p.m.

Rhayanna Ratliff on May 2nd, Jerry Light on the 15th, Nancy Yialouris on the 21st. Happy Happy Birthday to everyone. Ron Cramblet was hospitalized, but is doing better. Keep him in your prayers. Please let us know if you have an announcement to make.

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District 3 - Bend, Redmond, The Dalles

Our Memorial Jam for Hollis Real was wonderful. It was very well attended with several musicians from out of the area. Many of the dancers who enjoyed Hollis’s music came and danced. It was very good to have Hollis’s daughter, Toni and grandson, Brian there. They brought pictures and memorabilia which did bring tears to several eyes. Lots of food and visiting and the music was great. Many thanks to Vivian and Tommy Tucker who hosted the event, and thanks to all those attending.

Our annual Mother’s Day potluck will be Sunday the May 12 prior to the 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance. The hall will be open at 11 a.m. for set-up, lunch from 11:30 to 12:30, clean-up and then music and dancing. District 3 will provide the meat dish, coffee and tea. Please bring your favorite side dish and desserts to share.

Howdy from District 3,

Jeannette Bondsteel, Marlene Stevens and Jude Stensland joined Janice Railton in Atlanta and traveled through the Appalachian Mountains of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, attending old time jams with the local people through-out their travels. We all are proud of these gals as they acted as ambassadors for OOTFA. They have tremendous contacts and will share their adventures with anyone who asks. They are already making plans to return next year.

Speaking of June….we hope to see many of you at the Burns High Desert Jamboree and then again at our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in September.

Think sunshine!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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May Events
12 Mother’s Day Potluck Powell Butte CC 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
12 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance Powell Butte CC 1-3 p.m.
16 Redmond Slow Jam Redmond Library slow jam 6-8 p.m.; follow-up lessons 8-9 p.m.

May Events
11 May meeting and jam (Second Saturday) Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.
No June meeting! Performance at Gold Dust Days June 1 in Gold Hill 12 noon

~Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter

District 1E - Lakeview, Silver Lake Area

The rain was coming down so heavy that we southern Oregonians thought we needed to measure it in fathoms and not just inches. We weren’t too sure either, should we pack to go to the convention, or start building an ark? Even with every creek and river flooding and some highway closures in the Rickreall area, many OOTFA members made it to the convention for three days of music, fun and friends. At the State Meeting Saturday, new officers were elected. Our Scott Phillips will preside as President for another year. Donna Reuter

will serve as Vice President, Linda Parks will take the Treasurer position and Patti Luse will continue to serve as Secretary and Membership Chair. During the meeting, Scott recognized many members who have been of invaluable assistance to him this year, and Melinda Grant was recognized for her assistance. Judy McGarvey was awarded the “Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award” for distinguished service. This is awarded annually.

At the Saturday afternoon program, designed to show off our “Best of the Best”, fiddler Judy McGarvey was highlighted,

~Jerry Light, District 1E Reporter

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performing one of the tunes from the program she played at the State Fiddle Contest where she won the Senior/Senior Division. She will represent Oregon at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser Idaho this June. Melinda Grant was highlighted as our top fiddler from District 4, and she had a terrific performance with her back-up musicians, Gene, Scott and Scotty Phillips and Dave and Barbara Basden. Thanks to all of you for a job well done representing District 4. At our April meeting, our district officers were elected and all positions will remain the same for another year. However we will have to replace the chair and co-chair positions next April. Our May meeting and jam will be held on the second Saturday again (May 11) so as not to conflict with the Silver Lake Campout. Meeting at 11:30, open fiddle jam 12:30-1 p.m., with a sign-up jam 1-3 p.m. Bring the family and friends and come have a good day.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Oh my stars! So many bright lights showed up at the Brookings Jamboree! What a wonderfully fun and exciting event. We were treated with graciousness by the Chetco Grange hosts, served a terrific lunch on Saturday and the coffee and ice water table was on ‘keep full’. The Saturday show was strongly presented, kicking off with our ever improving young musicians - and John MacRae, from California, who is their biggest cheerleader! We were so proud of them all! When the adults took the stage for the Fiddle Jamboree, it came fully alive. Mention must be made for the crew of back-up musicians that rounded out that beautiful sound. So many thank you’s and hugs need to be passed out to those who provided the accompaniment on stage but never take a turn to be in the spotlight themselves. Please, believe, from all of us-- you are appreciated and always needed. The sound system was set up and monitored by the Winfrey gang: Bill, Pat and Michael. These three get a DS Salute! Thank you!

We presented a raffle for various items. A stand-out piece was a lovely, hand made Myrtlewood Guitar by Ken Joubert, which showcased his ability as a Luther. Very nice Ken, thank you. We were honored to have so many visiting OOTFA members from other Districts: D1, D4, D10. And there may have been others I did not have the pleasure of meeting. I know, most assuredly, I had an awesome experience! The Friday Jam sessions and Saturday Jam, prior to and following the performance, were more hours of playing music with others than I have had in years. I bet I was not the only one who drove home with sore fingers, was I? Special acknowledgement must be given to the musicians who contributed their amazing talent to the jams but did not sign up for the Stage Show. So many instruments, so many beautiful voices! We are so lucky. I have never gotten to attend a full on State Convention but I imagine it is very much the same kind of feeling. I’m retired now. I WILL be able to do that soon.

Our Dawn Vonderlin was sprinting around with her camera capturing all kinds of special moments from every angle she could think of. Our Editor, Karen J., is going to have a tough time choosing which photos she is going to include for this issue! I wish she could use them all. We just need a couple more pages for the Hoedowner...

So here is our big, happy, satisfied WAVE from the South Coast!

~Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter
Hi! I’m Gretchen Ropp. I am eleven years old and have four siblings: one younger sister, two younger brothers, and one older brother. As you may already know, my sister Aryanna is beginning harp, and my mother is learning guitar, and one of my younger brothers Dayne (6 yrs) has a banjo and would like to learn it. I play fiddle and so does my older brother Saxon, who was my teacher. Saxon taught me classical because he went to a classical teacher named Marylin Tylor. I was six when I began fiddle. At first I wanted to play piano, but we only had a keyboard and no room for a piano. So I know two songs on the piano, and now play fiddle. I also know a couple chords on guitar. I used to play a lot of classical and not much fiddle, until my family and I met Jerry Parks. Jerry was playing at Ralston Park with the Old Time Fiddlers. Jerry got our family an OOTFA membership this January. I enjoy fiddle music more than classical, though it is fun to play classical every once in a while. Saxon and I have been trying to go to all the OOTFA jams. We have also been going to a fiddle camp put on by the Booher family. My other hobbies are making jewelry, riding horses, writing, and drawing. I have not played any sports, though I have always kind of wanted to play soccer. I like to bake, so I bake cookies every once in a while. At the current time I am writing a book called Moving To Oregon. Its a fiction story based on the Oregon trail. And I plan on playing fiddle for as long as I can. I really enjoy it.

Sincerely, Gretchen Ropp

Fiddle Contest Update by Eileen

There are 2 jackets in the Contest “Lost & Found” Department:
This one is unclaimed from last year: a child’s orange Marmot rain parka. And from this year: a woman’s blue medium size Eddie Bauer down parka. If either of these is yours & you’d like to retrieve it, please text or call Eileen at 503-701-1578.
I’m happy to say that I’m still hearing from contestants, parents, volunteers, and audience about how much they enjoyed the contest and letting me know they’ll be back next year. I think next year’s contest on March 21 will be the best contest ever – so mark your calendars!
I did a quick count on how many tunes were played during the contest and I got 327. So if you multiply that by 3 judges, the tabulators tallied 981 numbers in one day! And both of them tallied all of them, because they double check to make sure they got the same number. Thank you Joyce Bergeron and Linda Parks!
And also many thanks to Grant Wheeler and Randy Warn for stepping in on short notice and doing a great job at the MC podium, since Erin McMullen had the flu.
Also thanks to Sharon Thompson and Patti Luse and all the great volunteers – the best crew ever!
If you’d like any advice about tunes or anything else involving the contest, please contact me at any time during the year. I’m always happy to give my opinion.

Eileen

P.S. Karen Johnson took pictures of every contestant in the individual first rounds. If you would like to see these pictures on Drop Box, just email Karen (ksjohnson210@gmail.com) and she can send you a link.
Tune of the Month: Climbing the Golden Stairs (suggested by Melinda Grant)

Here’s a fun little tune from Edward Winter of Tennessee. It was published in Stacy Phillips’ *Traditional American Fiddle Tunes Vol 1*. (Not to be confused with Climbing Up the Golden Stairs, a different song.) For a good audio version, search YouTube for ‘Climbing the golden stairs Bucking Mules’; you’ll find Joe Decosimo and the Bucking Mules tearing it up. Sheet music thanks to Mark Wardenburg of taterjoes.com.


Hugs,
Melinda

PS: Joe Decosimo will be at Centrum Fiddle Tunes in Port Townsend this year. And did you know you can slow videos on YouTube down? Click the gear button on the lower edge near the right corner...

Climbing The Golden Stairs

*(Joe Decosimo - fiddle - The Bucking Mules)*

*(source is Edward Winter, TN)*

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(A Joe Decosimo - fiddle - The Bucking Mules)

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District 6 - Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon Area

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We have spring in the air and spring in our step in District 6! A new slate of officers will be seated on May 1st. Peggy Mulder our outgoing chairman will step down. She is a skilled leader and chairperson. Her legacy will not be ephemeral. It will be lasting. Thank you Peggy.

Ilia Mae’s Intermediate Class had a good turn-out in April with around 21 fiddlers and 5 back-up players.

The Basic class had a good attendance, with around 13 members, including the back-up players. We played tunes that were familiar as well as a new tune. These tunes are well received by the players. It gives everyone a chance to play and jam. This way we get the experience of playing with other people in a supportive atmosphere! We want to thank Linda Danielson for all of the instructional help she has made available to us in our basic classes. She is especially helpful when we have new members that need her assistance.

On Saturday April 13, the statewide membership meeting was held at the OOTFA State Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. The convention was a great success.

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There was a long row of tables filled with raffle items that people had donated to earn money for the association. There were also some instruments for sale. There was lots of jamming and visiting with musicians from across the state. On Saturday of the convention, each district was represented in the afternoon performance. Donna Wynn represented District 6. Thank you Donna, you did a great job! Everyone enjoyed the new tunes as well as the old familiar ones. There were around 200 people who attended the Saturday meeting and performance. The weather was a bit rainy, but that didn’t keep fiddlers from fiddling.


May Anniversary Congratulations to Lynn and Gary Baran, Phyllis and Zane Coffin & Patti and Ken Luse (it’s their 50th)!

~Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter
May Events

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District 8 performs at Farm Festival in April

Don’t forget - - The Silver Lake Campout is May 2-6!

March 14 was a very well received gig from a large audience at Woodburn Estates. We had Dean Boring from District 7 join us, and we did all the Irish tunes we knew. Loita on bass; Dennis and Ted on guitar, plus Phil on banjo and Marie Bailey, the lonely fiddler.

On March 29, District 8 fiddlers played for the Springs in Salem to a great audience. Thanks gang for turning out and creating such a fun show. Participants were: Janice Kilbourn, Brenda Hallgrimson, Martha Hughes, Truman Price, Marie Bailey, Johnnie Williams, Phil Drain, Ted Hunt, Loita Colebank, and guest Darby Price.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter
Ian kicked off the jam after we’d all partaken of a great potluck. All the regulars, Janet, Joan, Chris, Don, Marianne and Robin had their opportunity to play and we also had the blessing of a couple of the John Day portion of our District 9, Ron Phillips and Ronda Metzler playing with us. Thanks for coming over! We also welcome new listeners. Deborah Jay, the Raymond’s neighbor, enjoyed the music, and Rusty Barrett will hopefully play his guitar with us the next time.

If you live in John Day, those folks jam every Thursday at the Valley View Retirement Home. They also want you to know that their Fair is August 14-17. They have their own stage, so everyone can play and entertain the Fair goers.

Our last Sunday Potluck and Jam is May 12 which is also Mother’s Day. It’s a great thing to do with your mom. Of course, our High Desert Jamboree is where we go June 13, 14, 15. Parking this year will be $20 for hook-ups, and $10 for dry camp. Hope to see you there. Details will be posted on the High Desert Fiddlers web page and Facebook page. You may also call and leave a message at 541-573-1323, and Janet will call you back.

Randy Gibson, Dayla Estep and Janet Braymen were the District 9 attendees to the State OOTFA Convention. They reported that they enjoyed visiting with everyone around the state.

Beloved District 9 member, Walt Cooper, passed away April 1, 2019 at the age of 87. Best known for singing “Truck Driving Man” with a toothpick in his mouth. He managed the sound system for District 9 for many years. He will certainly be missed.

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

Musically Yours,
~Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

Guy Kinman passed away on March 25, 2019. He was 101 years old. Born on Aug 23, 1917 in northern Texas, Guy’s family survived the Depression and dust bowl with little cash. Music brought in some, but mostly it provided the only available recreation. As a teen, Guy once said that he and his brothers would “put a tongue in an old two-wheel trailer with rubber tires and hook a team of mules to it, and, man, we’d go all over the country in the sandy hills with those mules, playing for those country dances.” They’d move all the furniture out of his family’s house for Saturday dances. A barbed wire fence around the house kept cows out. If the moon was shining, guys who came over would put their jugs down in the shadows of the fence posts. When

Guy was about 9, he was bit by a rattlesnake. An old Mexican gave him a fruit jar of corn whiskey to feel better. To get to town they had to go 18 miles and through seven gates. First they put his foot in a bucket of kerosene. His leg got so swollen they had to cut his britches leg plumb off from top to bottom.

In 1947, Guy headed for Oregon to find something better. Guy’s playing featured a combination of the old-time Texas flavor and Bob Wills western swing. He’d played fiddle forever. His mother and father played fiddle and guitar, anything with strings. Guy knew a fiddle was at hand when he was a baby and that he’d been sawing away ever since. Of the nine children in his family, eight were musicians. He’d been with OOTFA since its founding in the 1960s. Over the years, Guy served in official capacities for Districts 5 and 10. He was a regular at jams and contests. A very humble and modest person, Guy didn’t draw attention to himself or his “God-given gift.” A wonderful memorial service and celebration of his life was held in Roseburg on April 6.

~Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter
A Nonprofit Organization Article II:
“Purpose - To promote, preserve and perpetuate 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”.

Welcome New Members!!!

Dan Andreassen, Amity
Elizabeth Bigelow Shady Cove
Susan Boehmke Ashland
Chad, Tawna & Leah Bowen Sparks, NV
Pam and Lonny Brady Warren
Nicki Carlisle Shingletown, CA
Leslie Haggard Portland
Don Henderson Salem
Auksuole Jackunaite Wilsonville
Medeina Mikalauskaite Willows, CA
Victoria Johnson Portland
Kyla Kozlowski Medford
Kathy Kampschmidt Willows, CA
Katie, Daniel, Garrison & Virginia Lee Willows, CA
Joel & Linda Lujan Portland
Jacob Milner Arlington, WA
Haley, Steve, Ava, Charis, Hannah & Libby Munson Monmouth
Amy Natzke Newberg
Stephen, Angela & Cadhla Norris Conrad, MT
Mary Ann Olson Amity
Karen, Paul, Lonnie, Stephen, Micah & Eli Reyman Crescent City, CA
Lindsey, Neal, Lydia, Thomas, Hazel & Miles Richards Bend
Lillian Sawyer Portland
Francine & Leroy Schoeppach Lakeside
Zackary, Lisa & Felix Schumann Medford
Chystine, Andrew & Ernie Sieber Lebanon
Ken Spann Lebanon

OOTFA’s District 1 E presents:
Silver Lake Campout
May 2-5
Jamming, camping, fellowship & FUN!!!
Historic setting in Oregon’s high desert.
Dry camping & tent camping FREE with a few hook-ups available ($10).

Stock up on gas, propane, and water if you’re camping.
Enjoy the meals provided by the McLain family & friends or eat out at the local cafe.

Annual Hat Contest on Friday night.
Canned bands perform on Saturday night
Welcome to all.