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March, 1994

Coming Events

March

March			
4 Grange		Sutherlin	10
5 Grange, meeting		Central Pt	4
6 Willar	nalane	Springfield	6
Senio	r Center		
11 VFW		Winston	10
12 Grang	ge, Meeting,	Sutherlin	10
potlud	ck, jam		
12 Broad	lbent Grange	Broadbent	7
12 Senio	r Center	Bend	3
13 Grang	je Hall	Buell	8
13 Harne	y Co. Sr. Ctr	Burns	9
13 Mtg, ja	am, Rec Hall	Merrill	1
13 Potlud	ck, jam	Sandy	7
17-19 State	Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
25 VFW		Winston	10

April

25 Potluck.

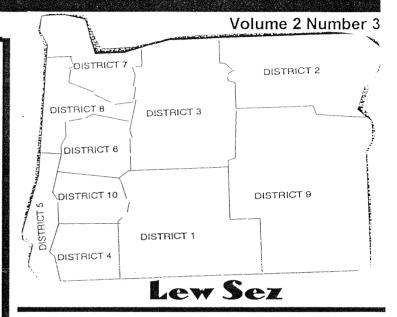
Jam, 6:30

10	Senior Center	Forrest	1
	Potluck, jam	Grove	
16	Meeting,	Canyonville	10
	Jam Youth Center		
10	Harney County	Burns	9
	Sr. Center		

Meeting, Lakeview

June

11-12 Wallowa Contest Enterprise BTMOFA11 Contest Whiskey Canyon City WGGGulch Gang



I imagine that every fiddle president runs scared as we approach the state convention and the fiddle contest. The telephone rings and somebody volunteers to help or has a good idea and things start to fall together. A tentative schedule will be printed in the Hoedowner for the convention. Please realize that it is subject to change. I didn't mention the drawings but remember that you are invited to bring items for Shorty and Charlotte to use in the drawings. The chairmen have all received specific requests for your district's participation. I hope that you will help them out. For example: District 4 will be in charge of registration. banquet tickets and signing up of kitchen help. Lewis Roy is taking care of the publicity which is very important for our Friday night show. The Deatons are already buying food for the banquet. Mark Carmickle is working on the Friday night show. Thanks to you all. Cont. Page 7

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

Chairman - Faye Patterson Co-Chair - Irene Ruddock Sec/Treas - Harold North

Our February jam was well attended. The weather man said we were going to have a bad snow storm that day. Sure glad that he was wrong.

Election of officers was held. **Jo Harris** will be our new chairperson. **Al Nelson, Co-chairman. Harold North, Sec/Treas.**

Faye Patterson will be our new reporter. I've enjoyed the job all these years.

District one is in charge of the work shop for the State Convention. Faye announced that she has it all planned and **Al Nelson** will head the Friday night show.

There will be a Free Community Health Forum on "Heart Disease" on March 3rd, 7-8:15pm at the Center for Occupational Health. 2621 Crosby. We are all getting older and want to take care of our health. You may want to attend. Tell your friends.

As of now, no plans have been made for the Diamond Lake Campout through District One.

Congratulations to District 1E. They have 42 members and they have just begun.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS. Minda Turner and Evelyn Petterson, 1st; John Gard, 2nd; Phyliss Vashall, 18th; Faye Patterson, 30th; Irv Johnson, 31st. Glenna and Ernie Furrey, 25th, married 23 years. To all have a happy day.

March meeting will be held at the Merrill Recreation Hall on the 13th meeting at 1 pm. Please bring finger foods.

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Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain
Co Chairman - Carla Gannon
Co/Sec Treas - Donna Lynch
Co/Sec Treas - Lorena McLain

District 1E met, potlucked and jammed again February 12th in Lakeview. We didn't have to bad a turnout considering everything else that way happening in our small community. (an annual crabfeed, a benefit dinner and dance, a live band and Valentines fun in a local pub, plus extra cold weather with icy streets and sidewalks). There were 19 players and singers, while 54 of us toe-tappers sat and listened.

Our next jam will be Friday, March 25th at the Memorial Hall. Business meeting at 6:30, Potluck at 7:00, Jam to begin as quick as the players swallow their last bite and to go until their fingers blister.

Thank yous are in order again: to everyone for their patience and understanding while we get organized and running smoothly, to the jammers for their wonderful melodies, to the audience for their appreciation and to the cooks for their imagination.

We had folks from Adel, Paisley, New Line Creek, Lakeview, and Bod Hinch of Medford, who braved the elements to be here. Glad to see everyone!

We are trying to phone everyone we can reach a week before the jams. So far with 3 of us calling it hasn't been too hard, and I think our attendance is up because of it.

Now, as I close this, if I've left anything or anyone out, please forgive me as it wasn't intentional.

See you at the March 25th jam.

Deanie Sheridan, Reporter



Chairman - Jack Kerr Co-Chair - Ken Jordan Sec/Treas - Billie Kitchens

Well, here we are again, sheew, where did that last month go? It sure came and went in a hurry, didn't it? Ahh, here we go again. At our February jam, we had 51 people come and listen and dance to our music. We had 10 musicians, who played their hearts out. It was a wonderful time of fun, laughing and just having a good time playing music for our "fans". We appreciate all of you who come to listen. Thanks for your appreciation of our music.

Boy, I sure blew it for not putting our February birthdays in the January paper. So, I apologize to you and here they are now. Happy belated February birthdays to: Illamae Zehner, 11th; Mary Fleming, 20th; March birthdays are: Virginia Fraser, 6; Ed Perret, 8th; Frances Dalton, 15th; Ferril Klingensmith, 26th. March Anniversary celebrations are: Rhonda and Brian Hanson, 17th; Patt and Virginia Fraser, 26th. The best to all of you.

We have for the most part gotten over some intense illness' this winter. Everyone seems to be well at the present and we do pray we all continue to stay healthy.

Our March Jam will be on the 12th at the Bend Senior Center at 5th and Kearney from 1:30 - 4:30. Come and share the fun with us and put on your dancin' shoes.

Our roving reporter should be back for the next report, so I want to thank you for being so patient with my reporting. It's been a lot of fun for me.

Sally Jordan, Temporary Reporter



DISTRICT 4

Chairman - Zelma Foote Co-Chair - Don Lindsey Sec/Treas - Doris Barkley

We had a real good turn out for our February meeting and potluck at Central Point before they got down to playing that good music. Boy! It was good to be back to hear it.

Our young ones **Jennifer** and **Daniel Chase** are back and **Andrea Hickman**.

Pic Lydic is out and around again after his bout with pneumonia.

Odetta Levine say "Thank you for all the cards and calls" after the triple by pass surgery. They were greatly appreciated.

Beginning this month a group of fiddlers will be meeting with any young fiddlers that would like to come and practice and play together. If you know any or hear of any young ones have them call Don Lindsey 1-503-779-0793.

Arrangments are also being made to play at public schools.

By the time you read this it will just be a couple of more weeks until the OOTFA State Convention at Roseburg, Oregon.

Our District 4 **Chairman Zelma** is hoping for a lot of nice things for the hourly drawings. And maybe an article that would really go goo on the raffle table.

Offers of a helping hand from anyone form around the state are often appreciation and soon you are no longer a stranger.

Next regular jam will be Saturday March 5th, Central Point Grange building on Pine Street in the middle of Central Point.

Ethel Holstin, Reporter

Chairman - Pat Kramer Co-Chair - Lew Holt Sec/Treas - Ruth Whaley

District 5 had a good turnout for the election meeting and jam on Feb 12th. Congratulations to Russ Hall, Chairman and Pat Kraemer, Co-Chairman for 1994-95. I Remain as Secretary/Treasurer.

Ned and Val Matthews wish to express their thank yous and appreciation for the many flowers, cards, and calls wishing Val's mother a speedy recovery.

I would like to clarify the purpose of the Moosic Room at Matthews. Ned wants all of you to know that you, we, us, are welcome to jam, practice. The only requirement is to call first to be sure they are home. Also, don't forget the 4th of July weekend, they have parking space for quite a few RVs. Let Ned know ahead of time so they know how many to plan for.

COME TO CONVENTION. Bring a donation for the door prizes. Something you would like to keep for yourself, but won't.

Broadbend Spaghetti Feed - March 12th, Broadbent Grange Hall.

Reporter, Ruth Whaley



These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Mark Carmickle
Co-Chair - Stan Gonshorowski
Sec/Treas - Ray Mitchell
Co-Sec/Treas - Vivian Steele

Sunday, March 6th at the Willamalane Senior Center, Springfield, Potluck, 11:45am, Jam Session. Bring Hot Dish AND salad OR dessert. Please have all cakes, pies, etc., cut and ready to serve. Bring your own table service. If you can help in the kitchen, please call Joy Halliwell 747-9894. Doors open 10am. HELP IS NEEDED TO SET UP TABLES AND CHAIRS.

Sick List: Chuck Fortier is recuperating at his daughter's home in Veneta. Oscar Halverson is feeling better. John Davis had his second cataract surgery on Feb 16th. Bob Anderson is feeling better after his heart attack. Ken Halliwell has been having eye problems. We wish them a speedy recovery and looking forward to having them back playing again.

Things to remember: Each person plays a tune a little different. Therefore, if the lead player does not ask you to accompany them, it is best not to do so. (Regardless of which instrument you play.) If you wish to play along be sure to stand far enough back so that they or their accompanist can not hear you. If you stand too close and do not play the tune exactly the same as they do, it will throw the lead player as well as their accompanist off. This is a good policy to follow regardless of where you are, whether at a jam session, grange dance, or other function. Another thing that is good to remember, if you are playing where people are dancing, always play tunes for dancing (you can tell by watching the crowd, if there are only 2 or 3 couples dancing, it is best not to play that tune again at dances.)

Please Note: Starting with the April Hoedowner, I am retiring as reporter. **Judy Clement** will be taking my place. Please call Judy at 345-0691 with all news that you wish to put in the April Hoedowner. It has been an enjoyable 1 1/2 years. Everyone has been very helpful. We welcome **Judy** as our next reporter.

OREGON OLD-TIME FIDDLERS CONVENTION

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ROSEBURG, OREGON MARCH 17, 18, & 19, 1994

Wednesday, March 16, 1994

For you early arrivals there will be a place to jam and visit at the Floral Byilding from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. We'll have an informal jam that evening starting at 7:00.

Thursday, March 17, 1994

8:00 a.m.	Doors open for set-up and jamming
10:00 a.m.	Registration begins
2:00 p.m.	Food Service Begins
6:30 p.m.	Group Jam on main stage
7:00 p.m.	Sign-Up Jam, OOTFA members only, (Finger Foods)

Friday, March 18, 1994

8:00 a.m.	Doors open for breakfast & jamming
9:00 a.m.	Registration/banquet ticket sales
3:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee meeting
5:00 p.m.	Hall closed for show preparation
6:30 p.m.	Doors open/ticket sales for show
_	(OOTFA members admitted with current membership card)
6:45 p.m.	Group jamming on stage (all fiddlers and back up)
7:20 p.m.	ANNUAL FIDDLE VARIETY SHOW
	(By invitation only)

Saturday, March 19, 1994

8:00 a.m.	Doors open for breakfast and jamming
9:00 a.m.	Quarterly state board meeting
1:00 p.m.	Annual meeting/election of state officers
2:00 p.m.	Kitchen closes
6:00 p.m.	Annual OOTFA banquet (tickets \$6.00)
8:00 p.m.	Annual fiddlers dance (Members and quests)

WORKSHOPS

Friday and Saturday. A variety of different kinds. Times and places to be announced.

RV PARKING \$3.00 per night by building (No hook-ups)

\$8.00 per night in campground (Electric hook-ups)

All times and events subject to change.

Lew Holt, President Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association



Chairman - Chad Terrusa Co-Chair - Chuck Gates Sec/Treas - Myrtle Arnold

Our Gladstone Jam had 40 plus fiddlers and back up musicians. The quaint little Senior Center literally bulged at the seams affording standing room only. It was a WELCOMED sight!

Election of officers is as follows: Myrtle Arnold, Chairperson; Chuck Gates, Co-Chair; Ida Colby Sec/Treas; Dulcie Fast, Co-Sec/Treas. Congratulations.

Cherly Barlow kindly offered to make the Center Pieces for our State Convention. Thank you. Red Arnold volunteered to help out with registration at both the state convention and the contest. Thank you.

The trailer for the sound system is complete and looks better than the best. Thank you **David Arnold** and his father, **Red. Dorothy Bloomquist** generously donated \$25.00 towards the construction of the trailer. Thank you, Dorothy.

Russ Phillips took first place in both Flat Pick Guitar and Mandolin. In addition, he took fifth place in the senior-senior division at Blythe, California. Congratulations, Russ. Butchie and Russ state that they miss everyone; however, are keeping busy with their music. Butchie is playing the bass these days. The Phillips also invite visitors down to Quartzsite. Joni and I enjoyed seeing them, they both have tans!!

The State Convention is set in March 17, 18, and 19. We will, as a district, be participating in dance music entertainment. ALL INTERESTED IN PLAYING, PLEASE COME TO THE SANDY JAM on March 13 at 10:00am. We will prepare a mutually agreed list of tunes and practice from 10:30 to 11:30. Those that intend to play but cannot attend the Sandy Jam, please call me at 668-8900 and I will give you the list of tunes and add your name to the list of performers.

Our next jam is at the Sandy Senior Center at 38348 Pioneer Blvd. which is eastbound Hwy 26. Take Hwy. 26 to Sandy Senior Center which will be on the right. Doors open at 10:30. There will be a potluck.

Remember, what ever you are playing, Keep Playing it - Keep Fiddlin' and above all, God Bless.

DISTRICT 8

Chairman - Johnny Leigh Co-Chair - Donna Oldham Sec/Treas - Ruth Jones

Other thank the usual rest homes, our group hasn't played any place this past month. We are hoping for a good attendance at our Feb 20 jam at Willamina.

We still have a few on our sick list, Virgie Allen, Audrey Cope, and Martha Birkhaltz. We are hoping they will soon be around again.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Allen Smith and family. Joy Smith passed away Jan 20th. Joy had poor health for sometime, but always attended our jams when possible. She was a long time member of District 8. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Donna Oldham, Lee Jones and Leonard Maahs played for the grave side service. We want to also extend our deepest sympathy to Harold Gonce and family. Arlene Gonce recently passed away.

Donna Oldham would like to remind those fiddlers who have not sent their biography, to do so as soon as possible. The biography does not have to be typed. She would like to bring her history book up to date. We all enjoy reading about, when, how, and where the fiddlers got started playing the fiddle. You can mail them to Donna at 22400 SW Eagle Point Road, Sheridan, Oregon 97378 or bring them to the convention. Thank You.

Happy Birthday to the following people who will be celebrating their March birthdays: Bud Beck, Audrey Cope, Vi Jensen, Mary Terry, Connie Veer, Anne Williams, Ed Priebe, Hank Sabrowski and Florence Jones. We wish you all many more.

Best Wishes to Robert and Mary Terry; Steve and Mary Ann Fedorka. They will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries in March.

Our next meeting will be March 13th at the Buell Grange Hall. We will have a business meeting with the election of officers. Meeting will start at 11am, potluck at noon, open to public at 1 o'clock.

Chairman - Janet Burgess Co-Chair - Julia Milleson Sec/Treas - Darlene Austin

NEARLY 60 FOLKS ATTENDED THE February jam. Many thanks to all the musicians who turned out. Welcome to the **Roozeboom** family. **Jim and Bobbi** play the guitar, **Howie** plays dobro and **Paula** offers her support in the audience.

At the business meeting we discussed some ways to promote old time fiddling and recruit new members. We hope to have a fiddle workshop in the near future. Thank you, **Rusty Knight**, for your input. You've given me plenty of food for thought.

A business meeting will be held before the March 14th jam. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting will start as soon as we get the room set up. Election of officers and the fiddle workshop are items on the agenda. We'll need a good turn out for the election so hope to see you all there. If you are interested in holding an office, please volunteer.

A Sunday afternoon jam has been organized by Ray and Gail Potter of Prairie City to be held the 4th Sunday of each month at the John Day Senior Center. Although this is not an OOTFA function, it is a good place to recruit new members and for Grant County members to attend a local jam. Last month there were folks from Condon, Fox, Izee, Seneca, John Day, Prairie City and Burns in attendance. There were a few young fiddlers there too. We are really excited to see our neighbors to the north having an organized event.

The fiddle contest I mentioned in last months report is being put together by the Whiskey Gulch Gang for '62 Days in Canyon City. '62 Days is an annual event in Grant County which formerly sported a fiddle contest and the Whiskey Gulch Gang would like to bring it back into existence. (for clarification, this is not an OOTFA sponsored event). I understand there is also a contest in Enterprise the same weekend June 11th.

Anyone wishing to host a Friday night practice session, let me know. I'd love to help you schedule one.

Happy Fiddling!

Janet Burgess, Reporter

DISTRICT 10

Chairman - Lewis Roy Co-Chair - Dennis Allen Sec/Treas - Etta Powell

Greeting from District number 10. We welcome new members Boley Rudzik, Clyde and Beth Pyle, Bill Bettis, Earl Holbert, Carolyn Lee, Roy Edwards and Delores Edwards. Happy February birthdays to Linda Carver, Dorothy Meadows. Happy Anniversary to John and Dorothy Whaley, Robert and Dorothy Meadows, Carl and Barbara Swartzendruber, Our March 12 meeting will be at the Sutherlin Grange, meeting election of officers, potluck, and jam. Our April 16 meeting will be at the Canyonville Youth Center, meeting 11am, at noon the potluck, 1pm jamming and dancing.

Hope to see a large turnout at the state convention. And for the members who come Wednesday March 16th, the Floral Building will be open from 8 am until midnight for jamming and there will be an organized jam starting at 7pm and lasting until midnight.

Reporter, Lewis Roy

District 6...cont.

Convention Activities: Please bring items for hourly drawings, these should be nice items that people would like to win. We need a volunteer to make 2 - 3 nice centerpieces for the banquet tables. District will help with expenses. At the Saturday night banquet, the raffle drawings will be held. We need items for the raffles, also. And always, volunteers are needed in the kitchen, and other jobs around the hall. Please tell Lew that you are available to help.

March Birthdays: Myrtle McCoy, 8th; Curly Roberts, 11th; Tammy Pruitt, 13th. Anniversaries: Alan and Carol Ede, 16th; Glen and Joyce Keech, 29th.

MAYBE FUNNY BUT IT'S TRUE: There is one exercise I can do very easy. That is to put my foot in my mouth without bending my knees.

Notes From Your Editor

I was so pleased this month. Reporters, you did an extra good job. My Congratulations!

Got a few notes on contests coming up. Hang in there, more information will be out on them later. They are listed on the calendar for now.

Just a few thoughts to share with you.

My present employment is with the University of Oregon, Knight Library. No, I'm not a librarian, I'm just a flunky. I do the work or see that it is done that no one else does. A good share of my job is public service and has been for 14 years. One thing I have learned is: that you can't please 100% of the people 100% of the time. In fact, I find my self lucky to please most of the people most of the time.

I have said all of that to say this: I am a servant.. Like everyone else, I like to be appreciated for my efforts. If perhaps, I don't please you, I'm open to suggestions.

My job is the editor and I work closely with our state president. My main instructions from Lew is to keep it positive and upbeat.

(which is also why I love fiddling so much, It is such positive up-beat music.)

Happy Fiddlin' to you all. And

A. Joy

that's why I'm:

Lew Sez cont.

As we come closer to the convention, I'll be sending letters to all chairmen with more information. (I am still working on times, places, events, emcees, dance band schedules, etc.)

By the time you read this, we will have had our first meeting in Lebanon for the contest. Wayne Holmes is getting our judges. Other workers will be starting their tasks very soon. It is kind of interesting and a challenge to wear two hats at the same time. My biggest concern (besides money) is staffing the judges room. For several years Margaret Teague and I have master minded the "goings on" in the library, but this year we both have other responsibilities and must be out front. We have used the Macintosh computer but may have to go to hand scoring this year. The one score method that Wayne advocates simplifies the tasks and cuts down on the chances for errors. Got any ideas?

Alice and I had the opportunity to attend a district 7 jam in Gladstone. We want to thank Chad Terusa and the members for their hospitality. We chose to miss our own district's jam this month. Our granddaughter had a birthday that day and the family got together to celebrate it. (That's why we moved to the valley!)

Already several districts have elected new officers for next year. Looks like another great year ahead of us.

Thanks for your words of encouragement and for your positive cooperation.

Happy Fiddling, Lew Holt, President Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association

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Pre-registration required. June 1st deadline. Please make checks payable to Junior Jammers. Early paid registration guarantees enrollment.

Dale has 6 different cassette albums available at \$10 each. Also he has for sale a Twin Fiddle Course; Guitar Chords by number; Beginning Fiddle Course; Fiddle set-up.

For more information, and registration please call one of the following people. *Helen Walseth*, 54 North 3700 East, Rigby, Idaho 83442. (208)745-8974. *La Dene Parsons*, 709 J Street Apt 3, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or call (208) 525-8566. *AnnMarie Figil*, PO Box 50944, Idaho Falls, Idaho. (208) 524-4857.

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editor's notes to find out why.



Lynn Berg, OOTFA Member, will again be at the convention doing bow hairing on Thursday and Friday.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? At our meeting in January, we voted to drop all members who were not paid by the first of February, but we forgot to tell you, so I am taking it upon myself to say, "OK Gang, If your dues aren't in by March 7th, you will not be in this years roster." That is stretching things. Of course, no dues and this will be your last Hoedowner. And that would be sad. Please send your \$15.00 to Joe Levine "RIGHT NOW".--Lew--

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