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## Coming Events

### April

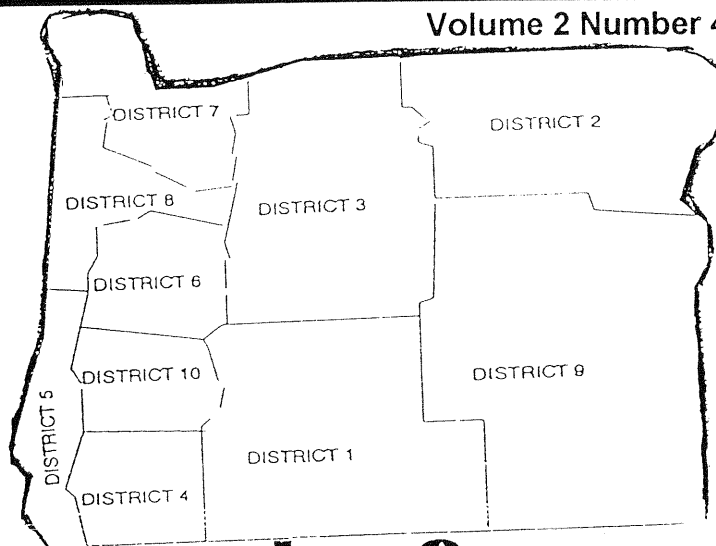
2 Jam Grange	Sutherlin	10
3 Mtg.P'luck, Jam Comm.Hall	Talent	4
8-9 Redwood Fiddle Contest	Crescent Cty.	Calif.
9 Coos Bay Sr. Ctr	Coos Bay	5
10 Sr.Ctr. Potluck,jam	Forest Grv	7
10 Senior Ctr.	Bend	3
10 Jam, Potluck, Willamalane	Springfield	6
10 Mtg.jam. Rec. Hall	Merrill	1
10 Harney Cty Sr Ctr	Burns	9
15-17 Fiddle Contest	Lincoln City	OOTFA
16 Mtg.Jam Youth Ctr	Canyonville	10
16 Meeting, Potluck Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
22 Jam, Spencer Crk. Grange	Eugene	6
23 Spaghetti Feed	Central Pt.	4
24 Potluck, Jam	John Day	

### May

1 Mtg.P'luck,jam	Jerome Pr.	4
1 Jam, Moose Ldge	Lebanon	6
8 Senior Ctr.jam	Bend	3
8 Potluck, jam	Burns	9
13-14 OOTFA Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA
21 Meeting, jam	Drain	10
22 Stuhr Sr.Ctr. Jam, P'luck	Beaverton	7

### June

4 Mtg.P'luck,jam Grange	Central Pt.	4
11-12 Wallowa Contest	Enterprise	BMOTFA
11 Contest Gulch G.	Whiskey Canyon City	WGG
12 Senior Ctr.	Bend	3
17-18 High Desert Jam.	Burns	



**Lew Sez**

The convention is behind us for another year. It is always great to get together with everybody for a few days to enjoy music, friends, and to conduct the business of the organization. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend and to all of you who worked to make it successful.

Now we turn our thoughts to Lincoln City Contest. Those of you who have attended before know what it is all about and we look forward to seeing you again. Hopefully, we'll have a bunch of "first timers" too. Specific information will be elsewhere in the Hoedowner. Give me a call if you need more information. (April 15,16,17.

We'll take a few days off and then it will be time for the State Contest in Lebanon on May 13 and 14 - with a gospel show on the 15th. We "always" have a good time so we are looking forward to it. Hope you'll be there, too.

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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."

DISTRICT 1

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

It was a beautiful day for our March jam. **Doreen and Dave Winkelman** of Medford joined us for lots of good music.

**Thelma Nelson** wants to thank all who called and sent cards. She fell and broke her ankle.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Ray and Sherrie Lane** on the death of his brother.

If anyone is interested in playing at the Clairmont House, please get in touch with **Faye Patterson**.

April Birthdays are: **Ray Turner**, 13th; **Ray Lane**, 14th; and **Dorothy North**. **Phyllis and Richard Vashall** celebrated their wedding anniversary, 29 years on Apr 3rd. To all, have a happy day.

Our next meeting and jam is April 10th at Merrill Rec Hall at 1 pm. Potluck.

Jo Harris, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

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

How good to be home! Eleven weeks is a LONG time to be away from Oregon! We had a great time. Jack jammed with musicians from all over the U.S. We saw **Ruth and Cal Montgomery**, Dist. 6, at Coyote Howls RV Park. Friends of theirs from Idaho, who own a winter home in Ajo had come to the Why jam, invited us all to a potluck dinner and a jam at their home. It just goes to prove Old Time Fiddlers nationwide are a great bunch of people.

Our Sunday, April 10 Jam will be held at the Bend Senior Center, 1:30-4:30, 5th and Kearney in Bend. The Senior Center is located across 5th, behind the bowling alley on Greenwood.

Beautiful weather on March 13 may have been the reason our attendance was down for our jam. We still had about sixty, including fourteen musicians. Included in our audience were a son and family of **Ches and Betty Fullerton** from Casper, Wyoming. During intermission, Ches accompanied his granddaughters while they sang Country Roads.

We've missed **Vi and Ed Perret** who have been unable to attend since Vi had surgery earlier this year. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have them with us again soon. Also missed very much were **Cliff and Ada Harris**. Cliff suffered a cracked rib two days earlier and wasn't up to playing.

**WELCOME** to our newest members, **Jack and Peggy Bloom**. Jack is a banjo player and we are happy to have them with us.

April birthday greetings **Cliff Harris**, 24; **Evelyn Martin**, 27; **Tom O'Neal**, 28. Anniversary Congratulations to **Lee and Don Hanna** who will be married 45 years on the 9th. **Jane and Darrell Thompson**, 47 years on 16th. **Betty and Tom O'Neal**, 52 years on the 18th. **Shirley and LeRoy Sims**, 24 years on the 27th.

Members of District 3 suspect everyone should speak a bit louder when talking to **Bob Kitchens**. Rumor has it he asked **Billie** what she wanted for Valentine's Day and she said a **CARD**. He bought a beautiful **RED** (what other color for Valentine's Day?) Someone should tell him that hearing aids cost less! We haven't heard **Billie** complaining though.

Peggy Kerr, Reporter

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## DISTRICT GREETINGS

### DISTRICT 4

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

Boy another Good Three at Central Point! GOOD MEETING, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD MUSIC!

We had 28 musicians sign up. Six of them were visitors, **Faye and Isom Patterson**; **Irene and Jerry Ruddock** from District 1 and **Bea and Arnold Hassler** from British Columbia, Canada.

The officers for the coming year will be **Zelma Foote** as Chairman; **Don Lindsey** as Co-chair; **Betty Deckard** Sec/Treasurer; **Crystal Hanson** Co-Sec/Treasurer.

**Tex Looper's** fiddle is being used by **Daniel Chase** and the improvement in his playing was seen already at our last jam.

Now they have **Daniel's** 3/4 fiddle can be shared with a young person to learn on.

District 4 will be holding a work shop for new members who are interested in learning to play old tunes. We plan to meet once a month, on the third Saturday. We will meet at the Rogue River Multi-Center Annex from 2:30 to 4 pm. For more information, call **Don Lindsey** (503) 772-8941.

If you know of any member who is under the weather or has lost someone, Please get word to our Card Lady, **Dorene Winkleman**, (503) 772-8941.

Sunday, April 3rd will be our next regular Meeting, Potluck and Jam. How about some Easter Bonnets for a little parade?

**And don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed the night before.** As Daylight Time starts that morning.

Then Saturday, April 23rd we will be putting on another **Good Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser** at Central Point for the State Fiddle Contest at Lebanon in May. **MENU:** All you can EAT Spaghetti, French Bread and Salad. Adults: \$3; Children under 12: \$1.50; Pie \$0.75. Time: 4 pm to 7 pm. Fiddlers will be playing through out the whole time.

Reporter, Ethel Holstin

### DISTRICT 5

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

Wow! What a busy spring for us all. I hope to have seen you all at the convention. This is our first one and we are really looking forward to it.

**Joy** is on a tight schedule, so I will make this brief. The weekend of July 4th is the **BIG** campout (come early and stay late) at **Matthews Patio Music Room and Barbecue**. More on this later.

The Patio Music Room needs jammers anytime, any day, to make it easier for you, there are four numbers to call and you will have someone to jam with at **Matthews Patio Music Room**. Call: **Matthews** 888-3736; **Pat Kraemer** 888-3362; **Al Lewis** 396-4156; or **Ruth Whaley** 888-4430.

A big thanks, **Val**, for the great snacks and coffee. We do appreciate it.

We will have played at the Broadbent Spaghetti feed by the time you receive this.

Reporter, Ruth Whaley



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Friday 7:00 p.m.

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**DISTRICT 6**

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

Hello. I will be taking over the reporter's job from **Addie Gonshorowski**. Thank you Addie for the warm welcome you extend to everyone and for your faithful reporting for almost two years.

Sunday, April 10th jam is at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Bring Hot dish **AND** Salad or dessert, and please bring your own table service. Serving spoons are not needed. Doors open at 10 am for setup and jamming.

Remember, Our potlucks are now at 11:45 am. Thank you for arriving by 11:30 to allow kitchen help to get the food on the table in time. Be sure to have all pies, cakes, etc. thawed, cut and ready to serve. Please remember, if you bring a guest, please bring extra food. Occasional guests are welcome.

Friday, April 22, jam and dance will be at Spencer Creek Grange. The Sunday May 1st jam is at Lebanon Moose Lodge. Lunch will be served.

At the District Meeting Feb. 20th we re-elected **Mark Carmickle** Chairman and **Stan Gonshorowski** Co-chairman. **Ray Mitchell** and **Vivian Steele** agreed to continue as secretary/treasurer and Co-Sec/Teas. **Joy Halliwell** presented each with a corsage to express thanks for taking the leadership for the past year.

The District 6 Board is trying to promote fiddling among younger people. If anyone has a friend or child who is interested in learning to play the fiddle, or has a fiddle to loan to beginners, please contact **Mark Carmickle** 683-9514.

Thanks to those of you who helped to put on the Roseburg Convention and donated items to the drawings and raffle. A special thank you to **Cheryl Pruitt** who made beautiful flower arrangements for the banquet tables.

Thank you to our Editor, **Joy Halliwell**, who volunteers her time to put out the Hoedowner each month, a very important job well done.

**Allison Roberts** sends thanks to members who have donated birthday cards for those in nursing homes. **Helen Tracy** is grateful for the response to the purchase of membership tags.

We extend sympathy to **Stan and Addie Gonshorowski**, a close family member passed away; and to **Dorothy Payne** whose brother passed away. Our sympathies to **Nina Hoffman**, her brother passed away.

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**DISTRICT 7**

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

**Jack Smith** and **Jeanine Orme** recently had surgery. I personally can think of better ways to get a vacation and TLC rather than a hospital stay. We all wish you two a speedy and complete recovery.

Our next jam will be at the **FOREST GROVE SENIOR CENTER** on April 10th. Take Hwy 8 (TV Hwy) to Forest Grove. Go to the west end of town. The senior center will be on your right (if heading west) and left (if your heading east. The center is actually 2037 Douglas Street but you can enter it from Hwy 8. There will be a potluck. Doors open at 10:30.

**ALL INTERESTED IN PERFORMING** at a Milwaukie Convalescent Hospital on April 18 and May 16 (both Mondays) from 1:30 to 2:30, please call me at (503) 668-8900. Take the I-205 to Sunnyside exit. Go west on Sunnyside, cross 82nd St. (Sunnyside becomes Harmony). Stay on Harmony to Stanley Ave and turn right. 12045 Stanley Avenue. Please arrive by 1 pm if you intend to play.

Mays jam has been set at **Elsie Stuhr** in Beaverton for the 22nd.

Again this news brief went out the day before our Sandy jam. The big question of the day. **DID WE HAVE FUN OR WHAT?**

Remember, whatever you're playing, keep playing it - Keep Fiddlin' and above all **GOD BLESS.**

**Chad Terrusa, Reporter**



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.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404  
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DISTRICT 8

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

Our Feb 20th jam was well attended. Our visiting fiddlers were from District 7. We appreciated them and hope they will come again. Visitors are always welcome.

Besides playing for the rest homes, several gathered at the rest home in Salem and helped **Audrey Cope** celebrate her 85th birthday. We wish her many more.

**Virgie Allen, Audrey Cope and Rusty Modrell** are on our sick list. They all enjoy your cards and visits. We all wish them well. **Harold Doughty** has been in the hospital. He is home and feeling fine again.

We had two weddings recently in our district. **Eddie Ritchie and Hannah Nelson** were married Nov 18th. This new address is 3898 Helen's Ave. SE> Salem, 97302. **Erie Leffler and June Duston** were married March 1st in Newberg. Their address is 19098 NE> Hwy 240, Newberg 97132. Congratulations to you from all of us.

Happy Birthday to **Leonard Maahs**, our only April Birthday. Best Wishes to **Don and Lois Wood; Michael and Frances Grace**. They will be celebrating anniversaries in April.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Lewis Standiford** and family. **Lewis'** brother, **Cecil** of Bend, Or, passed away recently.

Our next meeting will be March 13th at the Buell Grange Hall. We will have election of officers at this time.

Hope to see you all at the convention. At this time, I have no date for the April jam.

Faythe Maahs, Reporter

Berry's World



"I've reached the stage where I think EVERYBODY should wear name tags at all times."

DISTRICT 9

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

Time sure does fly. Seems like I just did this the other day.

An excellent crowd turned out for the March Jam. Over 70 folks were in attendance. We had visitors in the audience from John Day, Eugene, and Wisconsin. **Boley Rudzic** from District 10 came all the way from Roseburg to dance. His daughter, **Penny Sharp**, lives in Burns, but she says "He came to dance. I'm just cheap lodging." Come back anytime **Boley**. Visiting musicians were **Gene and Vivian Vaughan** of Fox and **Kennie Burris** of Condon. Cloggers from Grant County were also in attendance.

New members of District 9 are **Freda Tubb** of Burns and **Judith Beaudet** of Seneca. Welcome, Welcome.

Officers for 1994-95 will be: **Janet Burgess**, Chairman; **Walt Cooper**: Vice/Chair; **Darlene Austin** Sec/Treasurer. In an effort to follow the rules, we've retired **Julia Milleson** after her two year term. Thanks for all your help, **Julia** (and for continuing as the calling committee).

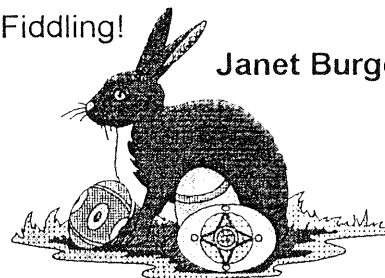
**Dan Emert** of Pendleton has agreed to put on a Fiddle workshop in Burns. We are looking at one weekend at the end of April. If you want to attend, Let **Janet Burgess** (573-1323) know. Cost will probably be \$10 per fiddler. Some scholarship money for youths may be available.

Now for the non-OOTFA news of interest. The High Desert Country Music Jamboree is a go: June 17 and 18 at the Desert Community Theatre in Burns. RV parking is available within walking distance. More information later.

Oh, I believe the Great Horned owls are nesting in the tree in my yard. One has sat in the nest every day now for 2 weeks and the other sits watch from a nearby tree.

Happy Fiddling!

Janet Burgess, Reporter



# APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL, LINCOLN CITY, APRIL 15, 16, 17, 1994

**Friday, April 15, 1994:** THE OCEAN LAKE ELKS LODGE will open at noon for jamming and for meeting friends. Be sure to sign in. (The Elks require this.) You may, also, register for the fiddle contest and/or for the dance bands. You are encouraged to jam anywhere in the hall. The Elks' Lodge is located on the east side of Highway 101 or N. 22nd. As you drive into Lincoln City from the North - watch for the Dairy Queen on the left. Turn left at the light or to N. 22nd and the Lodge is just a few feet on the right. If you are coming from the south on 101 - drive north - crossing D River until you come to the Dairy Queen (N. 22nd St.) turn right to the lodge.

**PARKING:** There is parking behind the lodge (to the east) for self-contained RV's. Last year we had to be careful but there was room for all of us. If you come in your car, there is parking all around the lodge. Please save parking for the RV's.

**Friday, April 15 - JAMMING ON THE STAGE** for everybody.

**7:00 FIDDLE CONTEST BEGINS.** We have thrown out the rule book as you know the typical contest and we have had many fine comments. All age and ability groups are combined into one contest. Judging will be based on: Dance-ability & Rhythm - 50 points. Style, timing and tone - 25 points. Appropriate back up - 25 points. Dress - 10 points. Stage presence - 10 points. (120 total points). You are allowed up to four back-up. A contestant may play one or two tunes or a medley within a five minute time limit. (Yes, we do have timers.) Tunes that are appropriate for dancing are a must. The audience will be dancing during the contest. No rules apply to style, bowing, plucking, cross tuning, singing, etc. (If considered inappropriate by the judges, they may choose to score accordingly.) Complete contest rules will be available at the contest. (Or from Lew or Lee.) Prizes will be: \$90, \$80, \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10, and \$5. (No trophies or ribbons.) This contest is held in a spirit of fun for the contestant and for the audience to enjoy. The contest may last late into the evening. (Young people may be scheduled early.) Participation is not limited to members of the O.O.T.F.A., but we are the sponsor and set the rules.

**Saturday Morning, April 16: BUILDING OPEN FOR JAMMING.** Many people will be attending to listen to our fiddle music. You are encouraged to form groups about the hall - both up stairs and down stairs - and jam, jam, jam. We have been asked by the lodge to have dance instruction Saturday afternoon. Alan Ede has consented to be our instructor. Sounds fun.

**6:30 Jamming on the stage.** About 7:15 we will start having a variety of fiddle dance bands play throughout the evening - until midnight or later. We will have groups much like our Saturday night dance at the state convention, but they need not be by district. People may "get up" a band and sign up. This is not designed for an individual or two but rather for a group of people playing fiddle music together. Time for playing will depend on how many bands we have. This is not a contest but good dance music is appreciated.

**Sunday, April 17:** The jam will begin at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. (We may have a time limit in order to get everybody in.) You are encouraged to, also, jam downstairs while the "official" jam is going or upstairs.

We are the guests of the Oceanlake Elks Lodge No. 1886. They are paying us to put on the contest and to entertain their members. They want fiddle music and lots of it. Plan on attending all or a part of the weekend. The facilities are excellent and we enjoy working with the management. This is our sixth year at the Lodge. We want to thank the lodge and the members of the O.O.T.F.A. who have made this get together so much fun.

Lew Holt, Chairman  
Lee Jones, Co-chairman



# Notes From Your Editor

Greetings! By the time you read this, 1994 OOTFA Convention will be history. I'm sure that a wonderful time was had by all. I have always been impressed how congenial OOTFA people are and how well you all work together to put on such a wonderful weekend. Thank you all for your long hours.

I'm really looking forward to the Lincoln City Contest and the OOTFA State Contest at Lebanon. If you have never attended either of these functions, your in for a treat. There is several levels of participation. Contestant, worker, or just listening. I find that if I get involved at some level, I have a wonderful time. Besides that, I have made some wonderful friends.

Thank you to the reporters from the various districts. I called each of them to submit reports on time so that I could "put the Hoedowner to bed" before I took off for convention. I have gotten some good response. (So while we had a party at Roseburg, our publisher worked hard putting in the finishing touches so that you all could have your Hoedowner on time. Thank you, Cheryl.)

Would like to remind you all to read your district news carefully. That is where you will find news about playing at nursing homes and other local happenings. We are trying to keep the front calendar for dates of jams and other happenings that would be of interest people from other districts.

See you all somewhere. Keep smilin', Keep fiddlin' and keep a song in your heart.

God Bless.

A. Joy

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## Lew Sez cont.

This last month was a good one. Alice and I were able to enjoy the hospitality of a jam with District 6. We got together with some of the old gang in District 5 and got in a couple of hours of fiddling. We are, also, enjoying fitting in with a great bunch of people here in District 8.

Happy Fiddlin',

Lew Holt, President

Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Association

## District 6 cont.

Sick List. **Al Abramson**, eye surgery; **Oscar Halverson**, back treatment; **Bob Anderson**, heart surgery. **Louis Costa** and **Chuck Fortier** are back after their surgeries.

New members are: **Darr M. Duff**, **Emma Moss**, **Sharon & Glenn Rogers** and **Leon and Thorin Rogers**.

April Birthdays: **Marshall Clement**, 4; **Wally Bloom**, 5; **Adam Johnson**, 5; **Barbara Garcia**, 13; **Donna Peckham**, 16; **Sherry Dobson**, 18; **Bob Keiser**, 20; **Dee Kaiser**, 22 and **Louis Costa**, 30.

April Anniversaries: **Arlo & Louise Hamilton**, 13; **Don & Anna Skaife**, 17; **Ed & Rosalie Russell**, 24.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Judy Clement, Reporter (503) 345-0691.

Roseburg Folk Lore Society  
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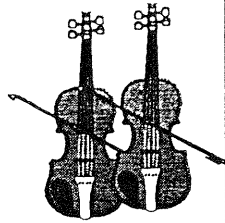
Any chance putting our new address in the Hoedowner to let all of our fiddling friends know that we've moved. Thank you. **Merlin and Esther Ford**, 759 NW 8th Space #5, Ontario, Oregon 97914. P.S. Drop by, the coffee is always on.

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**Rusty Modrell** wants to thank everyone for their cards, visits and phone calls. They mean so much to him. Special thanks to District 8 for the card signed by all the members. Thank you.

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**Lost Friday at the Convention:** Janzen Brand Black sweater. Call Wayne Tracy 688-4085



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## CONVENTION NEWS NOW HISTORY

### New officers:

LEW HOLT - PRESIDENT  
CHAD TERRUSA - VICE PRESIDENT  
MARGARET TEAGUE - SEC./TREASURER

THE Friday night show was well attended with MARK CARMICKLE in charge. THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS SURPURB. LEWIS ROY did a find job of advertising.

GWEN AND JIM DEATON SERVED THEIR 20TH ANNUAL BANQUET FOR THE fiddlers. AFTERWARDS THE ball was held for all DISTRICT PARTICIPANTS.

**MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR FRIENDS THAT ATTENDED!**

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