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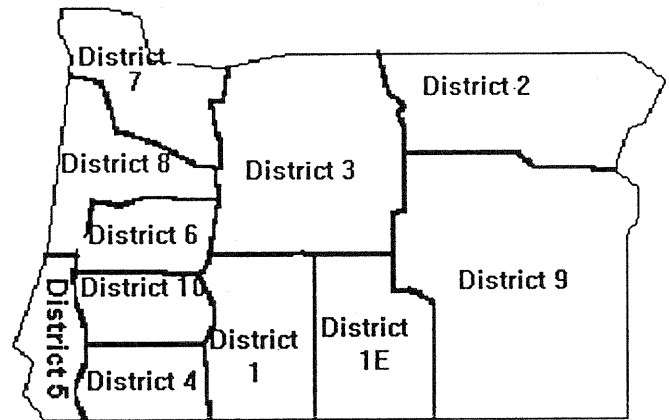
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30 Memorial Hall, Jam	Lakeview	1E
May		
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7 Jam, Elsie Sthur Center	Beaverton	7
19-21 OOTFA State Contest	Lebanon	OOTFA
21 High School		



Lew Sez

My vacation is over - now it's time to really get busy. The next three months are the climax of the year - the State Convention March 16-18. Lincoln City April 21 - 23. Then the State Contest May 19 - 21. The focus may appear to be on the convention but in reality everything is in the planning stage. A group of us met in Lebanon on the 8th of February to lay the ground work for our contest. I am excited by the enthusiasm of the group that met that evening. We are looking forward to a great contest. Your contributions are very rewarding. To have you walk up and slip me \$25 or a check or to receive a letter with a check have bolstered my enthusiasm and belief in your support for our organization. We have received just a couple dollars short of \$500. That is a good start - don't you think!

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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 GREETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Chairman - Jo Harris (503) 884-9852
Co-Chair - Sandy Sandusky
Sec/Treas - Harold North

March 12th - Jam- Business Meeting at 1pm Jam at 2pm. Please bring finger food. All of this at Midland Grange on Jo Wright Road and Tingley Lane. Ya'll Come!

Oh Where, did our spring weather go! We were enjoying warmer days and seeing some green grass here and there. Today we are back to the cold and show flurries. Spring must be around the corner.

Our February 12th jam was an enjoyable afternoon, even though we were down on attendance. We had enough musicians to make the afternoon lively. We weren't rushed to be out by four so some of us lingered on after the jam and played music. We were pleased to have our younger member, **Virgel Schmoe**. Virgel plays a mean fiddle and can teach us older ones a few tricks. We enjoy him.

Sorry to hear that **Don Fleming** is in the hospital. Our prayers are with you, Don, for a speedy recovery.

Our co-chairman, **Al Nelson**, has resigned and will be replaced by **Sandy Sandusky**. Thank you, Al, for serving us this past year. Our chairman, **Jo Harris**, will remain and also **Harold North**. We appreciated all of you.

We gained a new member today. **Mark Winters** and family from Klamath Falls. Mark plays the fiddle and had just attained his grandfathers beautiful old fiddle. We welcome you.

We are beginning to pick up on events with a few offers here and there. We did a 90th birthday party this week and was paid very well. Some more that are not confirmed yet for March and April, so we're coming back to life after a long dry winter. Spring and Summer are busier months for us.

March Birthday Greetings to: **Minda Turner** and **Evelyn Peterson**, 1st; **Phyliss Vashall**, 18th; **Faye Patterson**, 30th; **Irven Johnson**, 31st.

March Anniversary Greetings to **Glenna and Ernie Furrey**, 25th.

Remember the Nursing Homes. Mar 19th, Clairmont Care at 2pm on Washburn Way. Mar 23 Clairmont Convalescent Home 5:45pm, and on Mar 23 Clairmont House at 7pm.

See you all in Roseburg at the Convention.

Faye Patterson, Reporter (503)798-5973

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448
Co Chairman - Carla Gannon (503) 947-2351
Co/Sec Treas - Donna Lynch & Lorena McLain

Howdy to all of your good OOTFA Members.

We now have our new officers for District 1E. Chairperson, **Mary Ann McLain**; Co-Chair, **Lorena McLain**; Sec/Treasurer, **Shorty and Mary Stone**; Reporter, **Homer McLain**.

We appreciate our past officers who still carry on that job. Especially our Chairperson - who organized District 1E and has done a very able role. Thanks, **Mary Ann**.

Those who are retiring from office are very much appreciated. **Donna Lynch**, Treasurer; **Lorena McLain**, Secretary; **Deenie Sheridan**, Past Reporter; **Carla Gannon**, Co-Chair.

Feb 9th Eleven of us played for our Lakeview Long Term Center. Our **Michael Harlan**, 12, is a beginner fiddler and is a very enthusiastic and always pleases our older friends.

Billy McLain, 12, is learning to pick guitar and thrilled us all when he picked Guitar Boogie for the first time in public. Great Job. **Larry McLain** is now pickin' some tunes. We appreciate you. **Clyde Lynch** is our main rhythm guitar and we all lean on him to keep the beat. Clyde is also one of the best bluegrass singers around, too. Thanks Clyde, for being there.

Doc Walker picks and sings and is always a sparkle in any group. **Marie Walker** is a real lady and is our MC. Keeps our crowds happy and smiling with her stories. **Eric Leffingwell** played his wooden shoe fiddle, delighting our seniors and us. **Shorty and Mary Stone** always bring smiles to the audience. Shorty plays guitar and Mary plays beginning fiddle and is doing good. Both sing very well.

Rosa Lee McLain sang in her pretty voice some lively tunes, always fun to be with. Then lastly **Ol' Homer** played some hoedowns and waltzes.

Our business meeting Feb 13th is always 2nd Monday of each month at the Indian Village Restaurant Banquet Room. No music this night. Meeting only. All District 1E Members were encouraged to attend and to make your ideas known.

We want to welcome our new members who signed up for 1995. **Merle Shepard**, **Pat Gray**, **Charlie & Marie Hamilton**, **Edna Schulze**, **Beverly Perry**, **Charlie Threet**, **Gary Wells**. We encourage each of you to go to our OOTFA Convention weekend of Mar 15-19th. If not, please be active in our District 1E meetings and jams. We need everyone of you.

Thank you for being a member.

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DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 3

Chairman -- Ken Jordan (503) 389-9746
Co-Chair -- Jack Kerr (503) 447-1318
Sec/Treas -- Billie Lanier (503) 536-6218

Well, another jam has come and gone. It was an eventful day. It seems we are back to winter again too. Yesterday it was 60 degrees with people running around in shorts, and today we got 5 inches of snow and it was 10 degrees. Good old dependable Bend, Oregon.

At least one thing is for sure and dependable. The Old Time Fiddlers of Oregon met and had one darn good time. We had several musicians and a few brave souls who ventured out to listen to us....Thank you folks...Your faithfulness is truly inspiring. Those of us who were there had a fine time.

We have had some times of sorrow in our district this past month and we wish to let our friends know that our prayers and thoughts are with them especially at this time. To **George and Dorothy Brumbaugh** in the loss of their son; and to **Garrett Rice** and family in the loss of Garrett's mom. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy. May God bless you and your families. We also pray for **Ada Harris** who underwent surgery and is recovering well.

It is always nice to have new faces in the group and today was no exception. **Don Lloyd** came and set in for a few songs. Don plays guitar and has an exceptional voice. We may see more of him if he decides to join our group. **Gene Slay** managed to battle the roads and snow as well as **Maynard Thompson**. Thanks guys.

We had elections of new officers for 1995 and they are: **Ken Jordan**, Chairperson, **Jack Kerr** co-chairperson, **Susan Youngblood**, Secretary/ Treasurer and yours truly, **Sally Jordan** as reporter. We all thank Ken for doing a splendid job last year and look forward to his leadership dedication and hard work in the coming year as well. Thanks to Jack for a job well done as well and hats off to Sally (that's what they said, honest). We wish to thank **Billie Lanier** for her service, too.

We have a few birthdays in March and they are: **Virginia Fraser**, 6th; **Ed Perret**, 8th; and **Jack Bloom**, 21st. Congratulations to all of you and many, many more. The anniversaries are: **Jack and Peggy Bloom**, Mar 24, 1987; **Pat and Virginia Fraser**, Mar 26, 1987. OOOOPS, almost overlooked a very special lady's birthday and a dedicated OOTFA supporter, **Ferril Klingensmith** on the 26th.

DISTRICT 4

Chairman - Don Lindsey (503) 779-0793
Co-Chair - Clyde Pugh (503) 855-7996
Sec/Treas - Ethel Holstin

Our jam at Talent on Feb 4th was a good one even though we didn't have quite the amount of musicians as usual or the public audience. We enjoyed having **Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Faye and Isom Patterson and Al Nelson** from District 1. They are always welcome. They are braver to come over the mountains this time of year than most of us to go their way, but spring is on its way. Even they say they have more green grass for this time of year. Ruddock's had 17 deer in their yard and are enjoying them.

As always a nice potluck was enjoyed, but please bring your own table service. Doris said she brought 24 servings and ran out! So folks bring your own, please. That has always been our custom.

At the meeting, it was discussed for some different places to meet but nothing is set as yet.

We hope **Merle Pasley** will be feeling better with new medication. He has been down with arthritis and can't even play his fiddle. Let's hope the new medicine works real fast. We were glad to see you, Merle. Nice to see **Leora Guthrie** out again after her knee replacement.

We hear that **Zelma Foote** ran into permit problems placing her mobile home, but all is settled to get it placed now and we wish her happiness in her new home. We miss her.

The next jam, is March 4th at Central Point Grange. This is election of officers. Please come and volunteer. We need a Chairman, Co-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Meeting will be at 11am, Potluck at noon and open to the public at 1pm. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE.**

Dorene Winkelman, Reporter (503) 772-8941



DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

Chairman - Russ Hall (503) 271-3519
Co-Chair - Pat Kraemer (503) 888-3362
Sec/Treas - Ruth Whaley (503) 888-4430

LET'S HAVE A RECORD TURNOUT FOR THE ELECTION this year. The day is **March 11**, the time is 11am at the **Coos Bay Senior Activity Center**, at 886 S. 4th St. We will have a Jam and Dance after the meeting with the usual finger food.

The CONVENTION is the third week in March, it is time to ponder and prepare items for the Friday drawings. Also something to sell tickets on. I will have more detailed information for you at the election meeting.

We still have some ailing members that need our prayers, **Ned Matthews** has had a light stroke and is recuperating. **Rosie Johnson** goes into the hospital for surgery on February 15th. GOOD LUCK, Rosie. Her doctor said, if she takes it easy she should be able to attend the convention in March. **Vi Johnson** is still recuperating and I understand is doing well, hang in there, Vi. **Carl Dean** is residing at the Hearthside Nursing Home in Coos Bay, he would be very happy to hear from or see any of you. He did bring out his fiddle and play with the Nursing Home Gang the last time we were there. Just can't keep a good man down.

A belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Bob Whaley** in February. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Bob McKee** and **Betty Wilson**.

Ruth Whaley, Reporter (503) 888-4430

The **Colorado River Country Music Festival** is now history (Jan 27-29th) with some OOTFA members bringing home trophies. They are: **Willie Carter** 4th in Sr.Sr.; **Chad Terrusa** 2nd in Adult Fiddle; and **Russ Phillips** 4th in Specialty Instruments.

Congratulations are in order.

DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Mark Carmickle 683-9514
Co-Chair - Stan Gonshorowski
Sec/Treas - Ray Mitchell 342-2816/ Vivian Steele

At our District 6 meeting, the new officers for the coming year were voted on. Those elected to take office in July are Chairman, **Ray Mitchell**; Co-Chair, **John Madsen**; Secretary, **Ruth Montgomery**; **Vivian Steele** agreed to continue as Treasurer. Huge Thank yours to **Mark Carmickle** and **Stan Gonshorowski**, current Chairman and Co-Chairman for all the time and effort they have put into making our District so successful and so much fun. **Stan and Addie Gonshorowski** will continue to take care of the Senior Center Arrangements and the coffee.

We hope to see many of you at the State Convention in Roseburg on March 16,17, and 18. **Cheryl Pruitt** has volunteered to do the floral arrangements again and **Dick Gerlach** has donated a beautiful clock he made. If you have any items for the drawings, please contact **Bob or DeeDee Kaiser**. Another important way to help is in the kitchen.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: A big thank you to **Jim Zajac** and **Judy Hamilton** for teaching us a round dance last month. Over 24 people found themselves waltzing around the floor in sets of four. Jim has kindly agreed to continue teaching dances at the Central Grange with the next one on March 2nd from 6:15 - 7pm.

Remember March has five Fridays, so the 4th Friday, March 24th jam/dance will be held at the Spencer Creek Grange, the last Friday is always Elmira Grange.

A new quarterly publication, **Fiddler Magazine**, has excellent articles on all aspects of fiddling and is of interest to both beginners and "old timers". If you'd like to see a copy or subscribe, call **John Madsen, 747-9977**.

A new member, **Douglas Orton**, is seeking rides to grange jams, the Saturday jam at Theresa's Place and the Corvallis Saturday night jam. He would like to help with gas money. Call (503) 847-6055.

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Myrtle Arnold (503)284-1208
Co-Chair - Chuck Gates (503)244-6987
Sec/Treas- Ida Colby (503) 652-0783

We had such a nice Jam at Gladstone. Lots of Musicians and lots of appreciative listeners. We were very glad to have members from Districts 6 & 8 and Vancouver. Come again! At our business meeting, we elected new officers. For our new chairman, we welcome **Joy Smith**, with **Dorothy Wehus** as Co-Chair and **Susy Spencer** as Sec/Treas. I'm sure they'll carry on the good work of our present officers. Let's all stand behind them and give them all the help we can.

We want to thank **Chad and Joni Terrusa** for hosting another workshop at their place. Chad says it was just a spectacular workshop and **Jeanine Orme** did a superb job conducting it. There were 21 participants and they all enjoyed the whole thing -- from 9a - 9p. Also we extend a **special THANK YOU to Joni for all her work of cooking and hosting!**

Thanks to the ladies for their ideas and help toward constructing centerpieces for the convention and also to those who have donated pieces. Don't forget that we need door prizes.

Our Jam on March 12, will be held at the Senior Center in Forest Grove. The address is 2037 Douglas St. There will be potluck at noon and program at 1p at usual.

Dulcie Fast, Reporting (503) 232-4444



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 8

Chairman -- Don Simons (503) 623-4010
Co-Chair -- Donna Oldham
Sec/Treas -- Ruth Jones

March greetings to all. It's only a few days until convention in Roseburg. Hope to see you all there! If you're a new member and haven't attended a convention, try to attend. It's great to jam and visit with old and new friends from all across the state. The Friday night show is always a treat, and the banquet is a fun time. The meeting keeps us up to date on OOTFA business. We'll be electing new state officers for next year.

Wasn't February something? First we had unseasonable warm weather that brought trees and flowers into bloom, then overnight winter blew in again with snow and ice and cold.

A small group played for the American Legion in Keizer in late January. We had a nice meal, a fun evening of playing music and received a generous donation for the District 8 treasury. Our February 19th jam will happen after this issue goes to the printer. We'll be electing next year's officers. I'll report the results next month. We also will have played at Thousand Trails in Pacific City in late February.

We are saddened to hear that **Marvin Standiford** died on February 13th. He had fought a long battle with cancer. He was one of **Lew Standiford's** "fiddling" brothers. Marvin wrote **Sierra Swing**, a wonderful tune that many of us love to play. If anyone would like to send a card to Marvin's wife, her address is: **Lottie Standiford**, PO Box 1868, Coflax, CA 95713.

We don't have a regular jam scheduled for March, as our regular 3rd Sunday is at convention time. We will play again at Thousand Trails in Pacific City on Saturday, March 25th. Camping for musicians only, unless you are a TT member. Call Donna Oldham for more information.

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377



Lew Sez cont.

Last month I asked again for volunteers for the convention. The first to call were Dee Dee and Bob Kaiser, who volunteered to handle the door prizes this year. Wow, that made my day. I should have mentioned door prizes earlier this year, but hopefully, it isn't too late for you to grab something and bring it to the convention. Our main request is for you to only bring items that you would be pleased to receive. These are not "white elephant" items but rather items to add interest and attract participation in our convention. Your District Chairmen have received letters requesting specific duties for your district to carry out at the convention. I hope that you will be able to help out. **Jim Deaton** was telling me the other evening how much they appreciate your help in the kitchen. So many of you have helped out in the kitchen over the years. There will be a schedule for the kitchen where you can sign up for specific times. The whole schedule for the convention is in this issue of the Hoedowner, so you can plan ahead. Remember, please, that camping is \$8.00 per night in the parking lot this year. District 3 will be collecting again this year. Bless 'em. More good news -- District 10 has "SOUTH-BOUND SOUND" again this year to handle the sound system for us at the convention.

Last month Alice and I visited a District 7 jam. During their meeting they donated a good big sum from their District to the contest. I was pleased and very much impressed. A number of Districts do this each year.

We have run out of bumper stickers. The District Chairmen authorized me to purchase more. I asked **Helen Tracy** to check with suppliers for us and after a lot of work, she presented me with several good proposals. We chose one and have ordered 1500 bumper stickers at a very good price. We'll have them for the State Convention. So many nice things are happening. It is great to have so much support and participation.

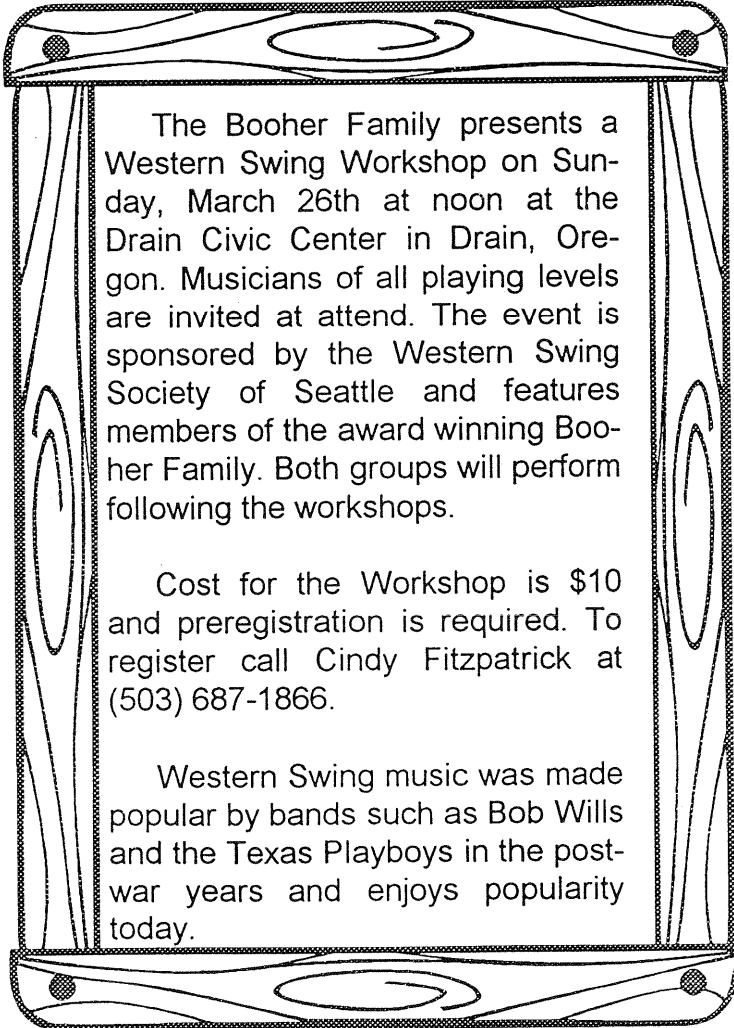
Alice and I and 18 others attended the fiddle workshop at **Chad and Joni's** last week end which was taught by **Jeanine Orme**. Another fine, well planned and well taught workshop. Chad is working on another one for perhaps June. If you plan on

participating, be sure to bring tire chains. It snow every time we have a workshop. I'll spare you th details here.

We're glad the **Teagues** are back from Mis souri. Congratulations to **Al and Ruth Ferry** fro Gold Beach on their 50th Anniversary. Alice and are sorry that the snow prevented us from attendin **Dorothy and Hawley Bloomquist's** Anniversar party. If you have e-mail, Our e-mail address is LewHolt@aol.com We would be glad to receive note from you.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention.
Happy fiddling.

Lew Holt, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.



The Boohar Family presents a Western Swing Workshop on Sunday, March 26th at noon at the Drain Civic Center in Drain, Oregon. Musicians of all playing levels are invited to attend. The event is sponsored by the Western Swing Society of Seattle and features members of the award winning Boohar Family. Both groups will perform following the workshops.

Cost for the Workshop is \$10 and preregistration is required. To register call Cindy Fitzpatrick at (503) 687-1866.

Western Swing music was made popular by bands such as Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys in the post-war years and enjoys popularity today.

Fiddle Workshop Notes
"How to Play the Fiddle Properly"

by Wayne Holmes

So we will continue.....

3. So we can see that using the **BOW** properly is the only way to achieve mastery of the fiddle. Learn to apply just the right amount of pressure downward to the bow as it moves over the strings. One soon discovers that doing this is easier said than done, and is far more an art than a science. It becomes a matter of "tough", of "feeling". It is an extremely delicate balance between **POWER** and **CONTROL**. Power without control creates all the things we don't want: squeaks and squawks and scratching. Control without power creates a situation in which you might ask the player, "If you don't want to be heard, why are you standing up there?"

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE is to be able to play powerfully and vigorously and dynamically, while at the same time always being in control.

There is only one way to do this. It is to practice bowing until you reach the point of knowing just how much downward force (pressure) you can exert without getting a bad reaction from the strings. You must **COAX THE SOUND YOU WANT, NOT FORCE IT!** The fiddle will yield wonderful, sweet sounds if you handle it the right way, but it does not like to be handled too roughly. On the other hand, playing it in such a way that it seems that you don't want anyone to hear you is not the right approach either. To be continued.....



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Since **Joseph** is spending part time in the nursing home, I want to express our gratitude to the Old Time Fiddlers for the wonderful enjoyment you bring to these folks. They thoroughly enjoy the memories of yester-year. **Arlepha McNulty**.

Dear O.O.T.F.A. Members: Thank You one and all for the wonderful given donated time of your great talents at our Convalescent Center! The residents truly look forward to your monthly visits! God Bless ya' all! Best of Health for the New Year. Sincerely, **Mary Woodworth**

To all Musician and Associate Members

We have the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Convention coming up soon and I want to encourage you to get your name tags ordered soon so you will be able to wear them and partake in the special drawings I will be having at the Convention.

Remember to wear your name tags because only those who are WEARING them will qualify for a ticket to win a door prize!

This promotion is to let others know who you are and to which District you belong. Hurry!

Thank you. Helen Tracy.

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