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Coming Events

April

1	Jam, VFW Hall	Roseburg	10
1	Community Hall, Jam, Talent P'luck		4
8	CBSAC Meeting & jam	Coos Bay	5
9	Jam, Sr. Ctr.	Sandy	7
9	Jam, M'tng, Tingley Lane	Klamath Falls	1
9	American Legion, Lebanon Jam, Dance		6
9	Potluck, Jam	Burns	9
14	VFW	Roseburg	10
15	M'tng, P'luck, Jam Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
21-23	OOTFA Elks Club - Contest	Lincoln City	OOTFA
30	Memorial Hall, Jam	Lakeview	1E

May

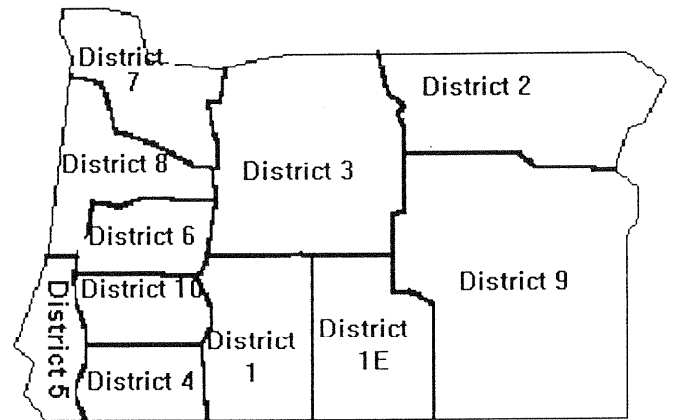
7	Moose Lodge, Jam Dance	Lebanon	6
7	Community Hall	Jerome Pr.	4
7	Jam, Elsie Sthur Center	Beaverton	7
19-21	OOTFA State Contest	Lebanon High School	OOTFA
30	Azalea Festival	Brookings	5

June

3	Grange Hall	Central Pt.	4
4	Willamalane Sr. Ctr.	Springfield	6
16-17	Jamboree	Burns	

September

14-17	1000 Trails	LaPine	
23-24	Judges Workshop	Sandy	



Lew Sez

The 1995 OOTFA Convention is History. The details are on another page. While plans were being made for the convention, meetings, letters, telephone calls, etc. were taking place for Lincoln City and the State Fiddle Contest. Lincoln City material is included to encourage your attendance. Because of a conflict, the Crescent City Contest had to schedule the same week-end as Lincoln City. In the past, some of us have been able to attend both events. Many of you will have to make a choice this year. I would think the serious contest fiddlers will choose to go to Crescent City. The rest of you who aren't going to Crescent City -- I want to encourage you to attend and participate with us at Lincoln City. Attendance has always been good on Friday and Saturday but the jam Sunday afternoon gets a little thin. I want to especially invite those of you who cannot attend the three-day festival

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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 - Al Nelson (503) 883-2427
Sec/Treas - Harold North

Jam & business meeting on April 9th at 1pm. At 2pm finger foods. Tingley Lane, Jo Wright Road, Klamath Falls.

Another month gone by. My, how time flies.

We had a good jam today. The musicians were a lively group and all played exceptionally well. **Mark Winters** and his daughters came in. His oldest daughter is taking violin lessons and played us a tune on stage. We're proud! Mark, you did well too. We were glad to see **Don Fleming** out after several months of illness.

By the time the Hoedowner is out, we will have been to Roseburg to the convention. This is a delightful time for us all. Our district has planned and prepared. So we're ready to go. **Al Nelson** will represent us in the Friday night show. Several from our district will be going, so we're all looking forward to the good fellowship and music. Lets hope it isn't raining there, like it is here.

Our chairlady suggested that we ladies bring a few salads to go with the sandwiches for our April jam. Sounds good to me.

Washburn Way Nursing Home 3rd sunday at 2pm. Clairmont House - 4th Thursday at 7pm.

Birthday greetings: April 13th, **Ray Turner, Dorothy North**; 14th **Ray Lane**; 6th, **Grace Stork**. Anniversary wishes to: **Richard & Phyllis Vashall** on April 3rd.

Happy Fiddlin'

Faye Patterson, Reporter (503)798-5973

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FIDDLE TUNES

July 2-9, 1995

Port Townsend, Wa

For More Information please call:
(360)385-3102

DISTRICT 1E

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

February 25th we had a very good jam and lots of good eats. Thanks to all our good cooks. We had 16 sign up to play. A new musician, **Alan Mulford** and his daughter, **Triva**. (She looks about 10 years old) from out of state near Alturas, Ca. One of our good friends and good fiddler **Kate Newbert**-teenager played some Irish Hoedowns. She knows some really neat songs. Her father & brother drove her 100 miles round trip to be with us.

Bob Hinch one of our favorite singers from near Applegate, Or. spent the day and made us lunch and was really a crowd pleaser.

Shorty and Mary Stone of Adel - 60 mile round trip - have come to help us on almost every job we've played for and thrills us all to see them. **Terry McLain** of Plush or 30 mile round trip played fiddle and is getting better each time. The rest are Lakeview folks. **Clyde Lynch** whom we rely on for guitar, **Eric Leffingwell** plays dulcimer, fiddle and vocal. **Charlie Threet**, guitar & vocal. **Linda Miller**, vocal & guitar. **Rosa Lee McLain**, bass & vocal. **Michael Harlan** - favorite of us all - fiddle & guitar, he's grade school age. **Billy McLain**, guitar picker - 12 yrs old. **Dock Walker** - Guitar, vocal & fun. Our best fiddler - **Perry Forga** . (I love to play 2nd fiddle with Perry too.) And the Last of the Mohicans is Yours Truly. (See the bottom of the report to see who it is.) Fooled ya that time. Ha Ha. Come and see us - we'll show you a good time.

We hope you folks in all the other districts are as excited and anxious as District 1E is to go to the OOTFA convention. At least some of our district are sure looking forward to being there. By the time our next news letter comes out, we'll have had a wonderful time meeting old friends again and getting reacquainted and as one of our new members mentioned "I won't know anyone there". I told that person, "you may not know anyone when you get there but you sure will by the time we leave. We always look forward to meeting new folks and hearing them and hopefully having the privilege of playing or singing with them.

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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

HOWDY....Well, once again we had a wonderful time at our jam. We had a day of sunshine and snow depending on where you were standing....love that sunshine, tired of that snow. We had an outstanding crowd of listeners 56 in all and 14 musicians. Soooo much fun...It was very nice to have all of those in the audience again...We have really been missing our "fans".

We have two new members who signed up. **Burl and Benita Gilland** from Redmond. Thanks folks for coming out and listening to us. It is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to spring and the coming events. Roseburg Convention where we get to see old friends and make new ones. We are also looking forward to Lincoln City and later in the summer, Burns. We also look forward to some up and coming events here in Central Oregon, too.

We are very pleased to announce that Ada Harris is recovering quite nicely from her surgery. God bless you, Ada. Rene' was looking real good, too; we are so glad you are recovering so well.

There are several people celebrating with Birthdays and anniversaries for the month of April....Happy Birthday to: **Cliff Harris**, the 24th; **Evelyn Martin**, 27th and **Tom O'Neal**, 28th. SALUTE...Marriages were made in heaven and anniversaries in celebration are: On Apr 9, 1949 are **Lee and Don Hanna**; April 16, 1947 are **Jane and Darrell Thompson**; Apr 18, 1942 are **Betty and Tom O'Neal**; Apr 27th **Shirley and LeRoy Sims**. Congratulations to all of you and many happy more.....

Be seeing you...Happy fiddlin' and Keep Smilin'..God Bless!!!

Sally Jordan, Reporter (503) 389-9746

DISTRICT 4

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

We had a very nice jam at Central Point on March 4th. A good group of 25 musicians and an appreciative audience. Election of officers was held with **Joe LeVine** as Chairman, **Merle Pasley** as **Co-Chairman** and **Ethel Holstin** as Sec.-Treas. They will all take office on July 1st. It would be nice if the musicians would do their practicing and tuning at home before we play a program for another organization. That's the time for people to visit and get acquainted. Most of the halls that we rent need to be swept and picked up. We need someone who would volunteer to help with this. As usual we had a "too good to pass up" potluck preceding the jam.

We are busy as always playing for the nursing homes and senior lunches. A group played for a group at Lake Creek's new community hall and were well received and paid the same.

Don and Elizabeth Brenner have moved to Arizona. We will miss them.

Jam on Saturday, Apr 1 at the Talent Community Hall. Meeting, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1.

Jam on Sunday May 7th at Jerome Prairie Community Hall. Jam on Saturday June 3 at Central Point Grange Hall.

The convention will be over by the time you get this but sure hope we get to see a lot of you there.

Dorene Winkelman, Reporter (503) 772-8941

ROSTER CORRECTIONS?

If there are changes or errors in the 1995 Roster, Please let us know. I know we lack a few phone numbers. Thanks.

Alice & Lew Holt

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DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

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

It is difficult to think past convention, but I'll try.

There are a lot of things to look forward to but they have not quite jelled yet. So for now a big congratulations to our new officers in District 5. Chairman, **Al Lewis**; Co-Chair, **Pat Kraemer**; Sec/Treasurer, **Velma Polzin**.

Our sympathies to **Joe Graham's** family, he has a silent fiddle. He will be missed by all.

We had a pretty good turnout of members at the election meeting. Would sure be nice to have that kind of support more often. Glad to see all of you. Visitors from Eugene were **Lloyd and Esther Shriber**. **Earl & Ruby Morris** were there and also **Mr. and Mrs. Dunn**. Join us anytime.

Ruth Whaley, Reporter (503) 888-4430



A Thousand Thanks to **JEANINE ORME** for all of her wonderful instruction at the Progressive Hoedown Workshop. The feedback has been on a most positive note -
Thanks, Chad

DISTRICT 6

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

Community Information: Thank you **Jim Zajac** and **Judy Hamilton** for again teaching us a round dance last month at Central Grange. Please plan to join us at 6:30 next time for a fun, informal way to learn some new steps.

Sorry I forgot to put in the last newsletter that **Douglas Orton**, who is seeking rides to OTF events, lives in Monroe. His number is 847-6055.

District 6 received a nice thank you from the residents and staff of the **Riverpark Nursing Home** for gifts donated to them through the wedding reception Ray and I had in July, and donations that others made during the year. They were given to residents who had little or no family support. Thank you all again.

Dick Gerlach, who has donated handcrafted clocks to the OOTFA Conventions, wishes to let anyone interested know that he has others available. Please get in touch with him.

Recovery Wishes: **Stan Gonshorowski** was in the hospital for 5 days following a heart attack. He got out in time to join us at the Central Jam last Friday and we were all glad to see him and dance to his lively tunes. Both **Stan and Addie** wish to thank all the many people who wrote, called and visited.

Condolences: Our sincere condolences to **Tiny Allen** and the family of **Jack Allen**, who passed away March 6th. We will miss him and his guitar.

April Birthday Wishes: **Marshall Clement**, 4th; **Alice McDowell**, 4th; **Wally Bloom**, 5th; **Barbara Garcia**, 13; **Bob Kaiser**, 20th; **DeeDee Kaiser**, 22nd; and **Louie Costa**, 30th.

Anniversary Congratulations: **Arlo & Louise Hamilton**, 13th; **Don & Anna Skaife**, 17th; **George & Lynn Anderson**, 18th; and **Andy & Neva Menkins**, 27th.

"How do you make a million playing Old-Time Music? First, you inherit two million."

Judy Clement, Reporter (503) 345-0691.

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Myrtle Arnold (503)284-1208

Co-Chair - Chuck Gates (503)244-6987

Sec/Treas- Ida Colby (503) 652-0783

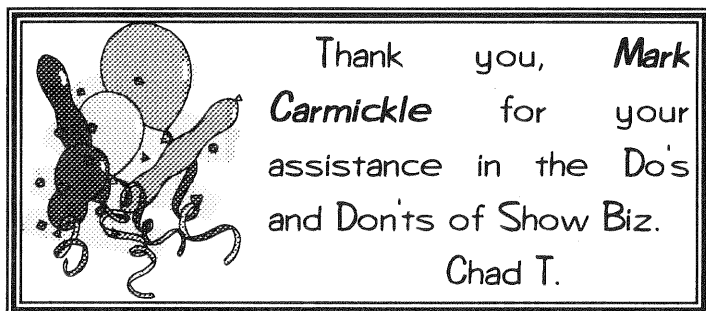
As our jam in Forest Grove started out, we didn't have a great crowd, but before the afternoon was over, we had a house full. We had a smaller number of musicians this time, but they made good music. Thank you to everyone. It was nice having **Lloyd and Esther Shriber** from District 6 with us.

We have a float in the planning to be entered in the Starlight Parade in June. **Ase Wehus** has acquired a covered wagon for fiddlers to ride in as they play. Anyone interested in decorating the float and playing, call Joy Smith or Dorothy Wehus.

Our next Jam will be April 9 at the Sandy Senior Center. The address is 38348 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy. As you're traveling Eastbound on Hwy 26, you'll find the center on your right as you first enter Sandy. There will be potluck at noon and program at 1pm.

See you there.

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

Our February jam was at the VFW Hall in Willamina. At the business meeting, we elected new officers for next year. Those elected were: Chairman, **Lew Holt**; Co-Chairman, **Bob Crump**; Sec/Treasurer, **Faythe Maahs**. Congratulations to all, and thanks for being willing to accept an office! A big thanks you and a pat on the back to each of our present officers who will continue until June 30th. They've done their jobs faithfully and well. Thanks **Don Simons, Donna Oldham and Ruth Jones!**

District 8 fiddled for the 1000 Trails Campground on Feb 25th. We had a great time and the listeners really enjoyed it, too. We'll be there again on March 25th.

We entertained at the Newberg VFW Hall on March 11th. They were celebrating their 50th year of organization. We kept the music going from 1 to 4pm, for a constantly changing audience.

In April we won't have a regular jam because of the Lincoln City weekend. There will be a jam for all fiddlers on Sunday April 23rd at the Elks Lodge. Come for the whole weekend if you can, but come Sunday for sure. Jam will start at 1pm. Directions to the Elks Lodge are in the Lincoln City insert of this Hoedowner.

Melva Whitesel was in the hospital for a few days. Hope you're feeling better! **Grace Fox** is in Oak Crest Rehabilitation Center at 2933 Center St. N.E., Salem, Or 97307. She was a long time member of District 6, but has been in Salem for the last few years. Lew and I stopped in to see her recently. She'd love to have a visit or drop her a card.

That's all for this time.

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 9

Chairman -- Janet Burgess (503) 573-1323

Co-Chair -- Walt Cooper (503) 573-3417

Sec/Treas -- Darlene Austin (503) 573-2312

Hey! It's March and Convention Time again. I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you there.

We had our monthly potluck and jam on March 12th. New officers were elected for the New Year also. Our new chairman is **Ruel Teague**; Co Chairman is **Walt Cooper**; Sec/Treasurer is **Darlene Austin**. **Walt and Darlene** are staying on at their present jobs. Thanks you two!!!

Those playing at the jam were **Walt Cooper, Ruel Teague, Julia Milison, Darlene Austin, Brick Calaway, Lloyd Louie Carl Cross and Roy Reed**. Good to see Roy at the jams again, we've missed his banjo pickin. We'd all like to welcome our newest members to our family of OOTFA. Their names are **Steve and Edie Koenig** and their daughter **Tracey**. Edie plays some fiddle, and learning guitar and she sings like a bird. We're sure happy to have you in District 9. I think of all the members out there that play our style of music that have never met each other, but all have the same interest. It makes me wonder about the power of old time music. (Great, isn't it?)

Calendar of Events. April 9th, we have our monthly potluck and jam. April 10th, we play at the Nursing Home in Burns.

"SURE GOOD TO HAVE SEEN YOU ALL AT CONVENTION"

Carl Cross, Reporter (503) 573-7821

The other day I was talking to **Ken Cartwright** in his music store in Salem. He told me that **Jim and Jessie McReynolds** and **Ray Lewis** and the **Lewis family** will be at the Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair on April 15th in Scio. It is a good opportunity for us bluegrass fans to hear some excellent music. The show will be in the High School auditorium at 7pm. Only \$3.00 and the proceeds will go to benefit the ZCBJ Hall repair fund. For more information call Ken at (503) 364-5659 or in the evenings (503) 451-4771.

DISTRICT 10

Chairman -- Dennis Allen (503) 673-7845

Co-Chair -- Lewis Roy

Sec/Trea -- Etta Powell (503) 836-2601

April 15th meeting will be at Winston Community Building at 11am with the potluck at 12 noon. Jamming and dancing will be from 1-4pm. Directions from Exit 119 - go through Winston on 99 to Thompson St. (by Greentree Inn) turn left on Grape Street. The Community Building is on the right.

April playing dates are: 1st, Garden Valley Retirement Center. 11th, Mercy Care Nursing Home. 27th at Glide Senior Center.

Note: All District 10 members. We will be jamming and dancing at VFW Roseburg on Saturday April 1st, April Fools Day from 1 - 4pm. Then on Friday April 14th from 7 - 11 at VFW in Roseburg. Directions are: Take Garden Valley East and on the third light turn right on Walnut Street. VFW will be on the left hand side. Everyone is welcome.

What a great jam we had on Feb 18th at Winston Community Building and a nice potluck. We had lots of visitors from District 5. **Alvin & Edith Lewis, Betty Lively, & Johnny Davis**. From District 6 **Lloyd & Esther Shriber, Wayne & Helen Tracy**. We had a good election, officers as follows: Chairman, **Lewis Roy**, and **Tom Shepard** as co-Chairman, **Etta Powell** Sec/Treasurer. District 10 wants to thank **Dennis Allen** for all his hard work. Please be real supportive of our District 10 officers. More fun that way. Thanks Dennis Allen.

District 10 wants to thank **Fred Young** for donating the spare tire and wheel for the sound equipment trailer.

We send our condolences to the family of **Myra Rose** who recently passed away.

Our thoughts go to **Dick Miller** for a speedy recovery from his surgery. We wish you well.

We wish a happy April Birthday to: **Alvin Greer, Shelly Burgess, Paul Redifer, Chuck Hasty, Faye Fry, Carl Fields, Dennis Pickett, and Theresa Dunning**. Happy Anniversary to **Delmer & Carol Beck, Clement & Sarah Berlier and Chuck & Margie Hasty**.

Jean Hanson, Reporter (503) 672-6929

APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL, LINCOLN CITY, APRIL 21, 21, 22, 1995

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1995: 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 on N. 22nd. As you drive into Lincoln City from the north - watch for the Dairy Queen on the left. Turn left at the light on 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 21 - 6:30 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, & \$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 22: 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 23: The jam will begin at 1:00. It will be open to all fiddlers and some specials. If you have not attended either Friday or Saturday, we want to especially encourage and invite as many of you fiddlers as can to drive out on Sunday morning to participate in our Sunday afternoon Jam. (Sometimes the regulars who have been there for several days are tired and are anxious to get back home.) (Of course we encourage the regulars to stay for the Sunday Jam, too.) We want to put on a good show for the Elks who are paying us well to play for their members. Besides that, "It is fun!"

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 week-end. 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 (Good news -- mark your calendars for April 19-21, 1996.)
Lee Jones, Co-chairman

FLASH: Our judges will be: Ruel Teague, Carol Lockard and Thelma Shephard

Lew Sez cont.

to drive out on Sunday and join in the fun. It is run like an ordinary Sunday jam in many districts. We need more fiddle players. Won't you attend?

Your contributions for the contest have come in very well. I have received \$740 prior to the convention. Because of your generosity, I feel that we will be able to give cash awards to the winning contestants this year. I look forward to receiving even more contributions from many of you. Suggested cash awards will be printed else where in the Hoedowner. I hope this will serve as an incentive to increase participation in the contest this year. Why don't you start practicing. We need your participation. Full details will be printed in the May 1st Hoedowner.

Happy fiddling.

Lew Holt, President

Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association.

District 1E Cont.....

On March 3rd, Taco feed and jam at **Homer and Rosa Lee McLains**. Most of the district showed up. We filled up then tried to play 'til we were hungry again. Some played from 6:30pm to 1am. So had lots of fun and good eats. March 11th, some of the gals & guys started preparing chile and the trimmings before daylight, and talk about cakes & pies. We had close to 30 of them for cake walks. A lot of the folks sure walked away with some pretty dessert. The musicians played continuously 'til 6:30 pm. beginning at noon.

We leave for convention Tuesday afternoon, almost a 300 mile trip. Doubled by the time we get home & we'll leave Sunday the 19th for home & more vacation. Will be back by 25th.

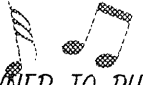
On March 25th we had a workshop for fiddle & guitar followed by potluck & jam.

April 30th - finger food & jam. Door opens at 1pm. Memorial Hall on F street across from Alger Theater on main drag through town. This is between Center St. and So. 1st. Come one and all.

Keep on Smiling & fiddlin.

Your Happy Fiddlin' friend & reporter

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR



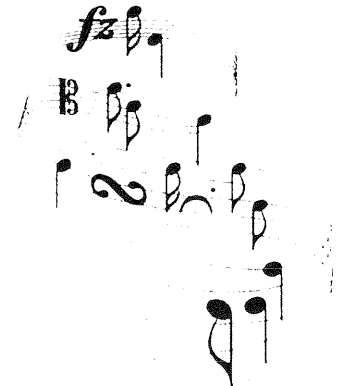
THIS HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING HOEDOWNER TO PUT TOGETHER. I THINK THE EXCITEMENT OF CONVENTION COMING HAS GOTTEN TO OUR REPORTERS. YOU SEE, ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE CONVENTION, BUT WON'T BE READ UNTIL CONVENTION IS OVER. IT IS HARD TO WRITE ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS BEING OVER WHEN THEY HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN HERE YET. I STRUGGLED TRYING TO FIGURE OUT "HOW TO FIX IT", THEN I DECIDED TO LEAVE IT AND I'LL SAY "SORRY BUT THIS IS THE WAY IT IS".

JUST GOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCE LAST MONTH. MY DAUGHTER, MARGARET & I DECIDED TO MEET HALF WAY - IN BURNS - DON'T GET TO SEE MUCH OF EACH OTHER WHEN SHE LIVES IN IDAHO AND I IN SPRINGFIELD. JANET BURGESS GOT TOGETHER A JAM AT JERRY'S RESTAURANT IN OUR HONOR. I THINK ALL OF THE MUSICIANS IN BURNS SHOWED UP. HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME. MY 4-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER, AMY, SAID "I FORGOT MY FIDDLE, GRANDMA, CAN I PLAY YOURS?" BUT HALF WAY THROUGH THE JAM, A FRIEND OF MINE, JIM IRWIN, FROM EUGENE SHOWED UP FOR SOMETHING TO EAT. HE WAS TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED THAT HE HADN'T TAKEN HIS GUITAR ON HIS TRIP TO NEW MEXICO. BUT HE GOT ALONG WITH MINE- - WE SHARED MY FIDDLE AND GUITAR. DISTRICT 9 SURE KNOWS HOW TO ENTERTAIN THEIR GUESTS. THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. PLAN TO DO IT AGAIN SOMETIME. JANET - THOSE GREAT HORNED OWLS ARE SOMETHING ELSE!

CONVENTION IS SUCH A GOOD TIME. EVERY TIME I GO TO A FIDDLE JAM, I THINK THESE ARE THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. BUT WHEN I GO TO CONVENTION, I THINK ONLY THE BEST PEOPLE GO THERE. I LOVE CONVENTION TIME. I LOVED SEEING ALL MY FRIENDS. YAHOOOOO! LINCOLN CITY IS NEXT.....

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

A. JOY



Dear Friends, I asked Joy if I might have some space to write you a letter about the convention. Usually the convention is after this month's Hoedowner goes to the printer and then by the time you read it six weeks later, it is history so I'll tell you about it right now!! The convention means many things to many people. Some of you couldn't attend and others chose not to attend. And there are those of us that arrive on Tuesday and are busily involved all week. I was telling Alice Sunday afternoon - I had my biggest decision of the week - whether to mow the lawn before it rains or take a nap. The ten minute nap was almost an hour and a half. That speaks to how busy the convention was - open up at 8:00 in the morning and close the hall at midnight that evening. - every evening. (Yes, I got wet mowing the lawn.)

Lewis Roy and others in District 10 had the Floral Building opened up early Wednesday morning. It wasn't long until the fiddles and guitars were out and there was music late into the evening. We had an "informal - formal" jam that evening.

Thursday morning found us in the community building. It wasn't long until we could smell hamburgers cooking, tables and chairs were set up, registration started, and the drawing prizes started coming in. People were hugging and shaking hands and fiddles started playing. You could tell that it was going to be a great convention. Ken Jordan was our leader for the evening -- keeping us going through over 40 who signed up for the show. Good job, Ken.

The pace picked up even more on Friday with more people arriving, workshops (Mandolin, fiddle, and guitar). Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser and their helpers started the drawings at 10:00 with the very fine items you donated. Thanks gang. Their end of the hall was buzzing with activity all day. People were looking at all of the fiddles and guitars for sale and trying them out. Many of you have "new" instruments this week. One of the wisest decisions I made was to turn the Friday show over to Chad Terrusa. I had people come to me and tell me that it was the best show they ever attended. There was a balance of fiddle styles, champions, oldtimers, other instruments and vocalists. And did you notice how many young people there were in the show? (Thanks to Lloyd Shriber for running the pre-show jam.) You know - as Mark and Zelma read this they are saying that their shows were the best. As presidents, we all sit back and have great pride in you people who represent OOTFA on stage at the Friday night show. It is our highlight of the year.

I have some space so I want to share the Friday night show participants with you: Star Spangled Banner by Wayne Holmes and Starr McMullen. Invocation by Lee Jones. LeRoy Sims led off the show followed by Amberly and Ariana Rosen, Linh Renken, Bob Fast, Ken and Sally Jordan, Beth Youngblood, Fred Virtue, Don Hanna, Bob Kaiser, Shorty Stone, Wayne Holmes, Brendon Booher, Clyde Pugh, Lee Jones, the Booher Family, Starr McMullen, Leonard Maahs, Jerry Ruddock and Al Nelson, Russ Hall, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Guy Kinman, Lew Standiford, Hanneke Cassel, Jack Kerr, Penny Mead, Meriwynn Booher, Ruel Teague, Tom Shepherd, Justin Booher, Cactus Finley, Casey Willis and then the ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL by the gang. I want to comment and compliment Hanneke Cassel from Port Orford who is twice, I believe, the Jr. National Scottish Champion of the U. S. One of our great young people right here in Oregon.

Saturday was a busy one with many people doing the many things that have to be done that day. The kitchen was working on the banquet. Districts 7 & 8 and their many helpers set up and decorated for the banquet. The district and state officers were in the "furnace room" at 9:00 for a quarterly meeting. Following that meeting Mark Carmickle met with the nominating committee (district chairmen.)

At 1:00 we had the annual meeting. It was the most positive meeting I have ever been a part of. We had reports, rule changes, and discussions - all with a good sense of humor. You'll never really know or fully understand how much I appreciated your support. Your kind words and applause were appreciated and really touched me very deeply. Thank you. Congratulations to our new officers for next year: Chad Terrusa, President; Jack Kerr, V.P.; and Myrtle Arnold, Sec./Treas. Sounds very good to me!

Didn't you think that Jack Kerr did a great job emceeding the banquet? He got us out of there early. A lot of you went home with a smile on your face. You won some mighty fine center pieces and we all envied the winners of items on the back table. Thanks to the DEATONS AND THEIR FAMILY in the kitchen. We couldn't live (eat) without them. Thanks to all of them. I was very glad that I asked Janet Burgess from District 9 to run the dance. She did an excellent job and she in turn thanks all of you for your cooperation in getting on and off on time. A big hand to Billie Kitchen for her many hours collecting the parking fees.

Many others, whose names aren't mentioned, thanks to you. Last but not least - a big thanks to SOUTH BOUND SOUND for their donation of the sound equipment for the convention. Lew Holt, President OOTFA

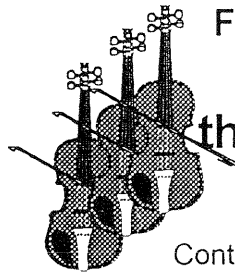
ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.
 "It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.
 "It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.
 "The remarkable thing is — we have a choice every day of our lives regarding the attitude we embrace for that day.
 "We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.
 "The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude ...
 "I'm convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you.
 "We are in charge of our attitudes."

— Charles Swindoll



Attention OOTFA Members
Old Time Hoedown Workshop
 will be held the 2nd weekend in July. The 8th & 9th with Willie Carter instructing. All interested in attending please fill out the form below and return to me ASAP. It will be held in my home. Cost is \$25.00 for 2 days plus all material and 2 lunches. Thanks



Fiddle Workshop Notes
"How to Play the Fiddle Properly"

by Wayne Holmes

Continued from March Hoedowner.....

So far, we can sum up the most important requirements this way: CONTROL is the key to playing the fiddle well. We achieve this control by mastering the delicate balance between power and controlled touch on the strings.

Clear, Sweet, Smooth sounds must be coaxed, not forced, from the fiddle.

All tunes have accented, (emphasized) notes, in jig the accented notes are very accented. In other tunes they may be subtle, but they are there.

SOME OTHER THINGS TO MENTION:

I Personally favor "learning by ear". I am certain that after learning a tune "by ear" one has a better grasp of the tune and remembers it better. One is also less restricted by the bugaboo of getting the "right notes". I consider getting "the right notes" one of the least important things about a tune. Of course, one can't depart so much from the established melody that one creates an entirely new tune, but how you play the tune should always be far more important than getting every last sixteenth note exactly right. To be continued

OLD TIME HOEDOWN WORKSHOP	
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What: Fiddle Contest Judging Workshop

Where: Terrusa's home near Sandy

Cost: \$25.00 per person
includes all materials including book "How to Judge a Fiddle Contest"

Instructor: Wayne Holmes
experienced contest judge
State & National contests

Limited to 25 participants

When: Saturday, September 23
Sunday, September 24
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Graduates will receive certificate of proficiency to judge a fiddle contest.

About the March 17th Friday night show, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the performers for all their time, effort and excellence. GREAT JOB!!!

I would like to thank Justin Booher for coming through and being one of the Absolute Best M.C.'s, Thanks Justine...

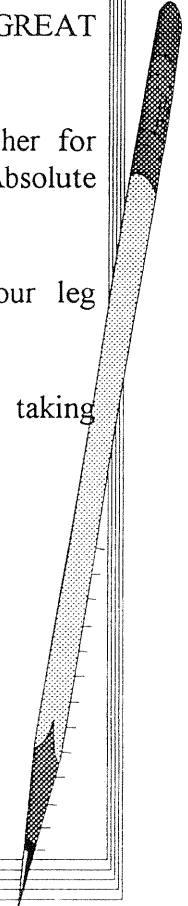
Alice Holt...thank you for all your leg work. Job well done, thanks.

Sean McMullen...thank you for taking charge of chair set up. You saved me literally!!! Thanks.

Thank you Berni Youngblood for helping Sean.

To my wife Joni - - thanks for your support....as always.

Chad T.



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