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Coming Events

February

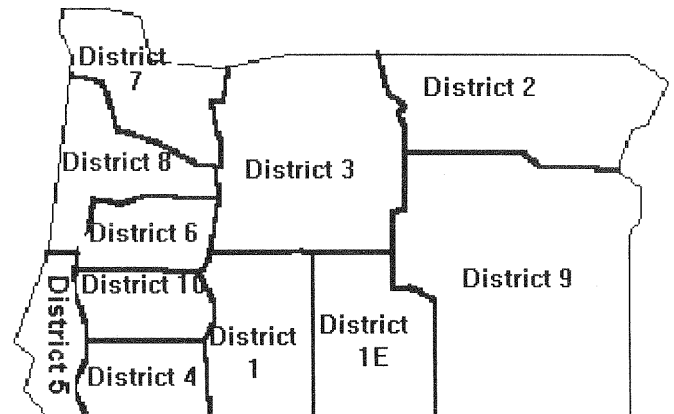
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8	Jam, Pilck, Meeting, Willamalane	Springfield	6
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15	Mtng, Pilck, Jam & dance, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
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16	Jam, Sweet Home 11:30-5 Potluck	Sweet Home	6
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March

1	Community Center	Prospect	4
2	Jamming In G Workshop	Coburg	6
2	Jam, dance 1-4pm Comm. Bldg	Winston	10
9	Potluck, Jam, Sr Ctr	Lk Oswego	7
10	Jam, Potluck, Burns Senior Center	Burns	9
20-22	Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA

April

5	Grange	Gold Hill	4
5	Jam, Pilck, Mtg, Willamalane	Springfield	6
6	Jam, Dance 1-4, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
13	Potluck, Jam, Sr Ctr	Molalla	7
19	Mtng, pilck, Jam & dance, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10



The Prez Sez

We have Christmas and New Years behind us and now we must concentrate on our State Convention coming up March 20, 21, 22 in Roseburg.

District 10 is the host district and they will have the Floral Building open at 8 am Wednesday morning, March 19 until midnight. There will be finger foods and coffee available throughout the day. There will also be an organized jam starting at 7pm. Jack Kerr, our senior vice-president is in charge of the Friday night variety show and I'm sure he will be contacting entertainers either by phone or letter in the near future. However, I'm sure if any member feels they can contribute to this show, he would be glad to hear from you.

Another program that will be taking place in Corvallis is our State Fiddle Contest on May 16 and 17 and I strongly urge all districts to donate

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

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District 1

Chairman: **Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418**
 Co-Chair: **Virgil Schmoe (541) 884-4051**
 Sec/Treas: **Grace Stork (541) 884-5313**

Hello -- Its kinda cool in our area of District 1 now, though no snow or rain for awhile.

Our jam of January 12th brought us some welcome visitors from other places. From District #1E, Homer and Rosalee McLain & Clyde Lynch. From District 4, Gene and Lola Williams. You each helped make our afternoon of music a happy and lively time. Come again, please.

At the meeting, it was decided to hold a fiddle music workshop on February 22 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. For time and place information, please call Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418 or Virgil Schmoe (541) 884-4051.

The fiddlers were asked to play at Chemault Fire House on January 25th during the evening meal for those who came to see and participate in the sled-dog races.

Happy Birthday to Tex Cox of Shingletown, Ca. on February 16th.

Election of officers for the coming year is next meeting & jam. That will be held February 9, 1997 at Merrill Civic Center, Merrill Oregon. Doors open at 12 (early playing), meeting 1pm, finger foods for lunch and the jam open to the public at 2pm.

Nursing homes - Washburn Way - 3rd Sunday at 2pm. Clairmont Nursing Home- 4th Thursday evening at 5:45pm. Then on to Clairmont Retirement Home at 6:45pm. (same evening.)

We hope all are staying warm (where's some of that heat of last August?) Those who have the "flu bug", get well quick.

Cherie Lane, Reporter for OOTFA, District 1 (541) 882-1595

There are a few who have not paid dues for 1997.

District 1E

Chairman: **John (Shorty) Stone (541) 947-3825**
 Co-Chair: **Eric Leffingwell (541) 947-4982**
 Secretary: **Beverly Perry (541) 947-2334**
 Treasurer: **Mary Anne McLain (541) 947-2448**

District 1E rang 1997 in with a New Year's party at the Lake County Fairgrounds. P E R R Y Forga, Mike Lynch, Linda Miller, Bill Myers, Homer and Rosalee McLain, Larry McLain, Doug McLain, Clyde Lynch, Doc and Marie Walker, Beverly Perry and Shorty Stone were our performers, and Faye and Isom Patterson from District 1 were our guests, and helped make our New Year's party a happy one.

A January jam at the memorial hall featured P E R R Y Forga, Teresa Daniels, Harvey Rossiter, Larry and Terry McLain, Billy McLain, Homer and Rosalee, Beverly Perry, Doc and Marie Walker, Clyde Lynch, and Bill Myers. We thank our guest, Ernie Fetsch for helping us play. Shorty Stone was absent from us, on his way to the quarterly meeting at Springfield, Or. Our business meeting is later in the month, Jan 20th so no new February jams are in sight as yet.

Other News from 1-E
 Some among us fiddle,
 And others of us just pick,
 We play our sweet, old music,
 This really is no trick.
 Bev Perry plays her dulcimer,
 And Rosalee her base
 The music vibes these gals put out,
 Makes for a happy face.

But you can never guess sometimes,
 The way that some things go.
 Cause Shorty broke his G-string once,
 He put on quite a show.
 The laughter rang from the rafters,
 And tinkled from afar
 The night this good man's G-string broke,

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Our Membership Chairman would like to remind you to submit your address changes as soon as possible. Every time the Post Office has an address change, they charge fifty cents. This mounts up at the end of the month.

District 3

Chairperson: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**
Co-Chair: **Jack Bloom**
Sec/Treas: **Ken Jordan (541) 389-9746**

Last night our temperatures dropped down to Zero degrees. Our dog refuses to go outside when it is this cold, only if necessary she will dash outside and then runs back in and jumps in her bed to get under her blanket. This morning I wanted to check on her when I got up, and as I kept removing the blanket, she began tugging with her teeth as though I was doing her an injustice. So I thought leave well enough alone. She is all wrapped up in this blanket near the heater as though she can't get enough warmth. She is snug because now she is snoring. I wonder if they make those nasal clips for dogs that snore. When this dog gets to snoring she can put anyone to shame.

Our jam at the Senior Center was GREAT! We had a total of 93 people there! Music was wonderful and everyone enjoyed being there. Our next jam at the Senior Center on 5th and Kearney in Bend will be February 9th from 1:30 - 4:30pm.

New Members: John and Sandy Van Patten. They don't play instruments; however, they enjoy listening to the Old Time Fiddlers. We sure do welcome you, and look forward to seeing you more often at our jams!

Also, Ozzie and Russ from LaPine joined. Ozzie plays Gut Bucket Bass and Russ plays guitar. Good to have you guys with us as well as have you play.

February is Election month. Yup, that's right folks. it is that time again to vote for new officers to represent your District. So if all possible, please try to attend the Sunday Jam at the Seniors on the 9th.

REMINDER 1/17/97 Don't forget the

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District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine (541) 582-1069**
Co-Chair: **Merle Pasley (541) 582-1924**
Sec/Treas: **Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621**

Friends, I have clutter! Kitchen, coffee, end tables, etc. Clutter! All flat surfaces covered! Not to worry! I'm going to solve that problem. How does "dome topped" tables sound? Hmmm... Innovative, don't you think? Imagine, mail, magazines, dirty dishes (even cats or mice) will just slip off onto the floor! Next project is planning a big trap door to gobble everything off the floor! Egads! I think my brain is one big clutter!

Rain and all, undaunted, the Winklemans, Pasleys, Paul King, Julie Pantel and Bud Applegate gave good music Dec 22 to Central Point Masonic Lodge. Thanks to the Masons who donated \$40 to OOTFA coffers. Also Dec 27th, Heritage Retirement Ctr. also donated \$30 when Bud Applegate, Vic Flood, Beverly & Russ Toll and Gene Williams cheered them again with sweet music. Gracias. District 4 also serenaded White City Domiciliary. Sorry no names were given to me.

Ladies and gents who are unsung, you deserve a good ovation for your good works at our jams. Your efforts decorating Christmas tables were appreciated and to Faye and Isom Patterson from Klamath Falls for adding to our fine music, welcome again! January jam was great at Rogue River, a good way to start the New Year.

Keep in mind our March 1st elections, our Central Point July 4th

picnic!

Cliff Cooper, it seems you and I are the only ones claiming January for birthdays. "Can you dig it?" Everything is "Capascetic", "All Reet", "Hubba-Hubba", "Meet Me Daddy Eight to

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Darla Miller expresses her gratitude to all her "fiddle friends" who were so kind when her husband, Jerry, passed away. Your thoughtfulness in sending cards, phone calls, flowers, etc. was wonderful. You have all become "special" to me. Thank you so much.

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District 5

Chairman: **Claud Whaley** (541) 888-4430
 Co:Chair: **Phil Fry** (541) 888-9368
 Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns** (541) 888-2655

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 8 Mtg.potlk,jam 5
 Mar 8 mtg.potlk,jam 5

Spring is on its way and I think we are all ready for it. Before I get sidetracked on something else I want to tell you, there will be election of officers for district 5 at our March meeting. If you have a nomination to submit, please tell Shorty Dow, he is the nomination chairman.

We had a good jam in January, Dennis Pickett, Joyce and Theresa came to share their talents with us. Also Cecil Davidson played some beautiful music for us.

We welcome a new member, Harold Carter, he hales from Florence. Our base player Polly Cox is going on a sailing cruise for a few months. We will miss her, but she said she will keep us informed on her adventures.

We wish HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Betty McKee, Frankie Williams, and Earl Morris.

Our HAPPY VALENTINE ANNIVERSARIES, CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Lou & Ron Saylor, and Laurie & Jim Hall.

Our prayers go out to Vera Virtue, she was not doing so well the last time I talked with Fred. Also Earl Morris is still in the St. Catherines Nursing Home.

Happy Fiddlin'
 Reporter - Ruth Whaley (541) 888-4430

For Sale: 2 beginner banjos. A Kay, American-made, 4-string w/ resonator. 50-75 yrs. old. 17 clamps. \$100.00. A 4-string w/ resonator and case. 22 clamps. \$175.00. Also a violin for beginner. \$75.00. Antique pump organ, Make offer. Call AJoy at (541) 747-9894

District 6

Chairman: **Joy Halliwell** (541) 747-9894
 Co-Chair: **Joe Moyle** (541) 343-5894
 Sec/Treas: **Mark Ratzlaff** (541) 485-2175

What a wonderful time that we had on Sunday at the State Quarterly Meeting and Jam. We appreciated all the support of the attendance of people from other districts.

Many Members have been "down" with the punies lately. Wayne Tracy, Allison & Curly Roberts (are recovering from recent illness), Tip Delp broke his hip after falling recently and after a few days in the hospital, he is recuperating at Good Samaritan Care Center. Ken Halliwell is recovering from viral bronchitis. Bob Atkins has been in the hospital with a spinal fusion. By the time you read this, I will have had my spinal fusion and well on the road to recovery. Teresa Powell has recently been in the hospital.

We are saddened Betty Canning has recently lost her sister. Her husband, Arnold, has lost his sister-in-law. Betty's other sister is recovering from a serious auto accident.

Coming up, we have our District 6 business meeting, potluck and jam on

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Chord Books
 District Six is planning to publish a chord book for back-up players of commonly played tunes. If you have a tune you would like to see included in this book, please forward the tunes and a chord diagram showing each chord and the number of



Your Name
 Here

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 9

Chairman: **Carl Cross (541) 573-7821**
Co-Chair: **Walt Cooper (541) 573-3417**
Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517**

I just got back from our Winter meeting in Springfield. There was a good attendance. Louie Roy ran a good meeting. We weren't in there very long at all.

In regards to the issue of paying dues one place and playing somewhere else, there is no change. When you pay your dues, you belong to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. you pay your dues in your geographic area, but you belong to OOTFA. There by entitled to play in any district in the state.

State convention will stay at Roseburg for at lease two more years. Even though the price will go up the next year by seventy five dollars. Parking is still \$10.00 on the black top, and \$15 per day in the trailer park south end of the fair grounds. Districts 3,2 and 9 are in charge of the parking on the black top this year.

After the meeting, we had a potluck and jam, everyone had a good time and heard some great old time fiddle playing.

It was good to see old friends again, O! before I forget, Janet Burgess went with me to Springfield, We had a good trip.

Reporter ramblings...I would like to thank District 6 for their hospitality and for putting on a great show and a special "Thank You" to Joy Halliwell for a job well done.

I went to the jam at Coburg Grange Hall on Saturday night. My daughter and son-in-law took me over there and they stayed and had a ball. They had not been to anything like that before. They really liked it. "Thanks again, District 6".

District 9 played at the Aspens House just before Christmas. Everyone sang and played Christmas carols for the folks. Everyone sang and had a great time. We had hot cider and goodies galore.

Election of officers will be in February at our Potluck and jam. All members are asked to attend and vote for our officers for 1997. Also there will be a report about events that took place at our meeting in Springfield.

Keep Fiddlin'. Hope to see you all soon.

Carl Cross, PO BCC 823, Hines, Or 97738-0823
\$15 buys 12 Hoedowners, Good music and OOOOdes of Friends.

District 10

Chairman: **Bob Hanson (541) 672-6929**
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522**
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501**
Co-Sec: **Leah Shroll (541) 459-5474**

Happy Birthday: Dorothy Meadows, Lorraine Davis, Carroll Lakin and Mary Deadmond.

Happy Anniversary: John & Dorothy Whaley, Robert & Dorothy Meadows, Carol & Barbara Swartzendruber.

DON'T FORGET: To renew your annual membership dues. Cost \$15 per year.

DON'T FORGET: Election of Officers, February 15th at the meeting. We hope to see all of District 10.

Bob and I will be on vacation in May and June. We need a volunteer to do the reporting in the Hoedowner.

Lester Davis moved to Albany to be close to his family. He sure will be missed.

Wes Curtis was in the hospital with back surgery. We all wish you the best and a speedy recovery. Harold Roger was in the hospital having knee surgery. We all wish you the best.

February playing dates: 2nd Jam and dance, 1 - 4pm. Winston Community Building 15th Meeting, potluck at noon, Jam and dance 1-4pm. Winston Community Bldg.

March playing dates: 2nd Jam & dance, 1 - 4pm. Winston Community Building 15th Meeting, potluck at noon, Jam, Dance 1-4pm Winston Community Bldg.

April playing dates: 6th Jam and dance, 1-4pm. Winston Community Bldg. 19th Meeting, potluck at noon, Jam & dance 1-4pm. Winston Comm. Bldg. The group is still playing music at the senior center and nursing homes.

Reporter, Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

**Other Dates to Remember
OOTFA
Contest in
Corvallis. May
16, 17 1997
Burns
Jamboree
June 12 - 14
Diamond Lake
Campout July
31 - Aug 3.**

District 7

Chairman: **Joy Smith** (503) 829-5234
Co-Chair: **Ida Colby** (503) 557-8709
Sec/Treas: **Susy Spencer** (503) 524-4563

February, and time for hearts, flowers and remembering presidents long gone. For some it means a holiday and Valentine's Day; for you, it may be a continuation of a love felt and shown on a daily basis.

Whatever your situation, put on your best, preferably red, bib and tucker and come to our jam, Feb 9th at the Senior Center in Estacada. Potluck begins at noon. Coming from *-205, take Hwy 224 to Estacada. Go to the stop light and turn right, then right again at the next street. The center is on the right.

Thanks also to District 6 for hosting the quarterly meeting on Jan 11 and 12 and the great jam and potluck afterwards.

Joy Smith has asked me to remind you that if you haven't paid your 1997 dues yet, this will be your last Hoedowner. Please don't be on the "missing person" list!

May you experience and share the love and care of those dear to you now and always.

Marie Smith, Reporter
(503) 829-5880

You just couldn't ask for nicer people than OOTFA members. Don't forget to re-join!

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District 8

Chairman: **Lew Holt** (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair: **Johnny Leigh** (503) 472-8518
Sec/Treas: **Faythe Maahs** (503) 472-7032

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. We enjoyed seeing many friends in January at the Quarterly meeting.

Our January jam was at Newberg. What a great time we had. Good music and lots of dancers. We brown bagged it, instead of having a potluck.

Mary Terry will be having open heart surgery on Monday Jan 20th. We wish her the best for a speedy recovery. Tillie McFee has been under the weather too, but plans to be a Mac next month.

Remember, election of officers for District 8 will be held at our meeting this month. It's at McMinnville Senior Center. Come early and jam. Attend the meeting at 11 AM and help elect the district leaders for the coming year. We will discuss our district's duties for the convention, too.

We'll be bringing our own brown bag lunches again. The regular jam starts at 1 PM. Hope to have some out of district friends since we aren't having conflicting meeting dates this month. Bring any items you have for raffling off. Hand made items, baked goods, or ? The raffles bring in a few dollars each time, and it's fun to win something.

Here's how to get to the Senior Center. if you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

See you all soon. REMEMBER, BROWN BAG LUNCH AT MCMINNVILLE.

Be happy and keep Fiddlin'

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377

OOTFA is the way to go. Dues time is here. Best \$'s you've ever spent.

McMullen will be teaching a beginning progressive, style fiddle workshop of Hoe-downs and Rags at her home in Corvallis. The date is February 8th from 9am to 3pm. Chad Terrusa, Scholarship Chairman.

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OOTFA CONTEST

Several years ago I wrote in the Hoedowner that perhaps our O. O. T. F. A. members would find it in their hearts to contribute to the contest fund and it did not go unnoticed. It makes me uncomfortable to always be asking for money but in order to put on a contest I must again talk about money.

Our state contest is an important expression of "Old Time Fiddling" in Oregon. We were very proud of our contest and the facilities last year and now we are looking forward to an even better contest this year. Already this year we have received a \$475 pledge, a \$200 contribution, a \$150 contribution, two \$100 contributions, a \$50 contribution, a \$25 contribution, a \$15 contribution and a \$5.00 contribution. These represent a wide range of contributions. So now I am again turning to you to ask for your contribution. What ever you feel you could contribute, would be appreciated and help us finance the contest. Drop me a note or I would be glad to talk to you about it. (Please make your checks payable to: OOTFA Contest Fund.)
Thanks gang. Lew Holt, Chairman OOTFA State Contest

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

The membership year of OOTFA is from January 1 to December 31. Just a note to remind those of you who have not renewed your membership for 1997 that this will be your last Hoedowner. (Sorry to say that.) If you haven't renewed for 1997, please do so quickly. Please make your check out to OOTFA for \$15.00 and mail it to Alice and Lew Holt (address on front page) We need your renewal FOR SURE by February 15 in order to keep you on the list.

Lew and Alice Holt

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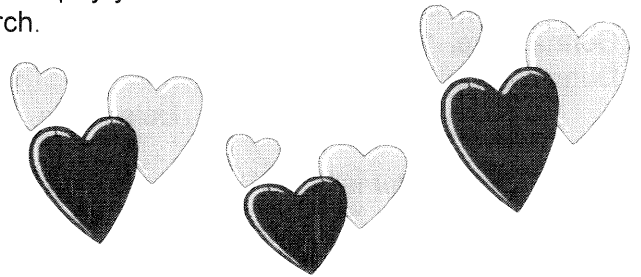
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Roseburg Convention in March. If you are planning to go it is best to start making plans, reservations, etc.

Birthdays: 11th Ilomae Zehner and 20th Mary Flemming. May you both have a great day.

Remember folks, winter weather is still all around us with freezing temps. So please take care of yourselves and stay warm. Signing off...your Reporter Ernie Slay (541) 923-8861

To be included in the 1997 OOTFA Roster, You need to pay your dues before March.



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

1997	1998
Mar. 1, 2	Mar. 7, 8
Apr. 5, 6	Apr. 4, 5
May 3, 4	May 2, 3
June 7, 8	June 6, 7
Oct. 4, 5	Oct. 3, 4
Nov. 1, 2	Nov. 7, 8

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Greg Baker, PO Box 12230, Portland, OR 97212
503 - 281 - 1450

(Greg also has free brochures on his fiddle instructional books and tapes!)

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District 6 cont.

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February 8th at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. We need to elect new officers for the forthcoming year, so plan to be there early for the meeting at 11am. Doors will open at 10am.

We will meet at the Elks Club in Sweet Home at noon for potluck and 1-5pm jam.

March will see most of us, we hope, at the State Convention in Roseburg, then we will meet again for our jam in Springfield on April 5th. May 4th we will be at the Lebanon Moose Lodge, and on June 7th, back in Springfield.

February Birthdays: Tiny Allen, 5th; Edna Carter, 5th; Jim Powell, 9th; Willie Carter, 13th; Donna Lake, 17th; Arnold Canning, 23rd and Bryon Dunnaway 25th.

February Anniversaries: Helen and Wayne Tracy, 28th.

Sweet Home Elks Lodge, 440 Osage St. Sunday, February 16th Noon Potluck, Jam 1-5pm. Coming from Eugene-Springfield by the way of Marcola; Turn right at intersection of Highway 228, proceed to Sweet Home, turn left at traffic light and go to 2nd Street on left, make left turn. Go up the hill to the end of the street. go around to the back of the building. Lots of parking and no stairs to climb. By Freeway from Eugene; Take Brownsville Exit. Go through Brownsville on Highway 228, proceed to Sweet Home then follow the directions above. >From Albany, go to Sweet Home on Highway 20, turn right at the first street(Osage) and go up the hill to Elks Lodge.

Thank you all for all the cards, letters and loving kindnesses shown during my surgery. Thelma sez: We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

Keep Smiling,
Your Reporter, Thelma Shephard. (541) 726-0419

We'd miss your smilin' face if you missed being a member.

OOTFA Badges

It's time to order your Blue and Yellow OOTFA Name Badges You'll want to wear them at the State Convention on March 20 - 22nd.

Helen Tracy's ad is elsewhere in this Hoedowner.

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generously to this program. Any member may also donate, the size of the donation is not the important factor, it is the involvement and dedication that counts.

At our State Quarterly meeting in Springfield, January 12th, we had a very productive meeting and I

informed all who attended that I would not be a candidate for any office in the OOTFA for 1997-1998.

District Chairman read by law article IV, Section 6 and follow (no exceptions). A motion was made and passed that a member will be a member of the District in the geographical are in which they reside.

All District Chairman and State Officers were present except District 5 and District 3.

Joy Halliwell, Editor of the Hoedowner informed the executive board that she will retire this year and her and her husband, Ken, plan to purchase a 5th wheel and do some traveling and she will no longer be the editor of the Hoedowner after June 30,1997. In accordance with Standing rule III, the president will appoint the editor of the Hoedowner. If any member is interested in the position, please let me know before the state convention.

Roger Germundson gave a short and interesting report about our 4 year battle with the IRS and how he is getting this issue corrected and finally put to rest and in my opinion, every member of this organization owes Roger a great deal of gratitude.

Keep Making Music
Louie Roy.

FIDDLE WORKSHOP

"Jamming in G"

with Eric Sprado

Fiddler with Local Country Swing Band "The Leftovers".

What: Basic improvisation techniques for almost any style of music.

Who: Intermediate level fiddlers. Must be comfortable playing G-scale in first position (two octaves, ascending and descending)

When: Sunday March 2, 1 - 4pm.

Where: Odd Fellows Hall in downtown Coburg.

Cost: \$7.00

For more information or to sign up, please call Andrea Wyckoff at (541) 345-5706. Enrollment limited to 25

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---The One on his guitar.

Yes, this was quite a happening;
I've used it, don't you see,
To make a comic valentine!
So -- greetings from 1-E.

Happy Valentine's Day and God Bless
Mary Stone (541) 947-3825

The March Hoedowner will be your last unless
you have paid your 1997

District 4 cont.

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the bar! O>K> District 4, don't send in birthdates. If
you understood those last phrases, you are either
my age "67" or older! Gotcha!

Trivia Correction:

You can't make anything right by doing the wrong
thing harder.

My life is one big rainbow and the lovely people
who pass my way put the beautiful colors and
sparkle in that same rainbow.

Two good people, Helen Brown and Joe Welch,
who passed away are part of my rainbow. Two
patient, uncomplaining people always, ready with
a smile and sincere with compliments and
handshake. We will miss you.

Love

Merry Mary Armstrong (541) 479-5974

There are some really good musicians and friends
who have not paid their dues!

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

ANOTHER JANUARY HAS COME AND GONE.
THE WINTER IS HALF OVER. THE DAYS HAVE
STARTED TO LENGTHEN. HOW THANKFUL WE ARE TO WATCH THE
SEASONS AS THEY ROLL AROUND. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THE RAIN
STOP, EVEN IF IT WERE FOR A COLD SNAP.

ONE OF THE HIGH-LIGHTS OF MY LIFE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF
OOTFA, BUT EVEN MORE THAN THAT, I HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO
SERVE DISTRICT 6 AS CHAIRMAN FOR THREE YEARS. (NOT IN A
ROW) THIS HAS MADE ME MORE FRIENDS THAN I'LL EVER KNOW.
IN FACT, I URGE YOU ALL TO CONSIDER TAKING AN OFFICE. NOT
ALONE DO YOU SERVE BUT MORE IMPORTANT, YOU ARE SERVED
BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING ME TO
SERVE. IT HAS BEEN A COMPLIMENT TO ME.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD WAS GOOD. WE HAD A
GOOD MEETING, SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE MADE. THE
FOOD WAS WONDERFUL AND THE MUSIC GOOD.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE SO MANY FRIENDS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS.
IF I STARTED NAMING NAMES, I KNOW THAT I WOULD FORGET
SOMEONE AND SOME FEELINGS WOULD BE HURT. SO I AM GOING
TO SAY: THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE HAD A GOOD TIME
MEETING, DANCING, PLAYING, AND ABOVE ALL, VISITING.

THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLEERS HAVE BECOME A SPECIAL
GROUP TO ME. I AM SOOOO PLEASED TO HAVE MADE SO MANY
FRIENDS CLEAR ACROSS THE STATE. HOPEFULLY IN THE COMING
YEAR I WILL BE ABLE TO GO VISIT EACH DISTRICT. SOUNDS GREAT
TO ME.

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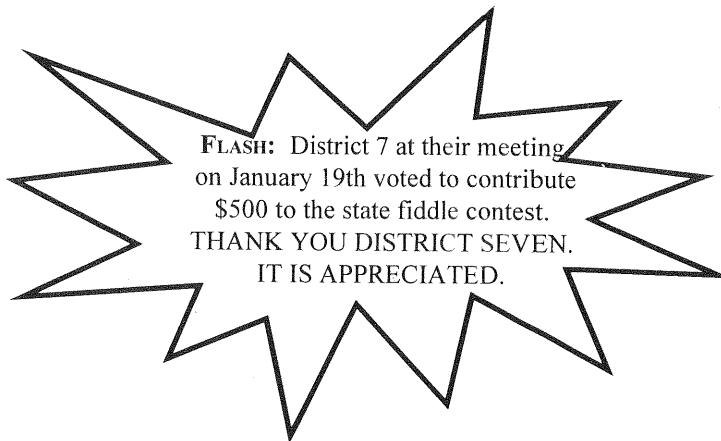
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Schedule for State Convention

MARCH 20, 21, 22

ROSEBURG, OREGON

For Information, contact Louie Roy (541) 679-6305 or Bob Hanson (541) 672-6929

Each District is asked to do the following:

- 1 Bring 2 or 3 floral arrangements for Saturday night banquet tables.
- 2 Bring at least 1 or 2 items that are extra nice to sell tickets on such as quilts, afghans, clocks, plates, etc. All members are urged to participate in this.
- 3 Bring items for Friday and Saturday door prize drawings. Please bring items that you would be pleased to take home.
- 4 Plan ahead for the Saturday night dance and have 15 minutes of good danceable music.
- 5 Jack Kerr is in charge of the Friday night variety show and will be getting in touch with you soon.
- 6 Bob Hanson will be in charge of advertising for all functions at the state convention.
- 7 Southbound Sounds and music will furnish PA system Thursday noon until Saturday closing.
- 8 All districts are asked to help in kitchen contact Jim or Gynn Deaton.
- 9 Any member who would like to help out at the convention, please contact me by phone or letter.
- 10 Chad Terrusa will be in charge of arranging workshops.
- 11 Bob Hanson, Chairman District 10 will be the person to contact for assistance, special needs or errands.
- 12 All members of the executive board are on the nominating committee . Bob Hanson, Chairman. If you know of any member who would like to be a state officer, contact any member of the executive board.
- 13 Districts 1, 1E, 7, and 8 will set up tables for Saturday night banquet. Set tables with tablecloths, paper plates, etc. Floral arrangements, place cards at head table, and any extras you feel necessary. You may have to assist the Deatons with cakes and salads.
- 14 Districts 2, 3, and 9 will handle the parking of overnight vehicles on the blacktop outside of the convention center, keeping track of parking and collecting the money.
- 15 District 5 and 6 and Myrtle Arnold will handle registration and selling banquet tickets, etc.
- 16 District 4 will sell raffle tickets on various items brought in for this purpose, also in charge of the hourly drawing of door prizes. Joe and Odetta Levine in charge.
- 17 Name tags, patches OOTFA stickers, etc. Helen Tracy.
- 18 District 10, Advertisement. Host at the floral building on Wednesday, March 19 8 am until midnight for all early arrivals to jam and visit. Furnish the PA system. Have finger food and coffee, collect contributions at the door and have organized jam starting at 7pm. District 10 is in charge but all members are asked to help set up chairs for the Thursday night sign up jam and the Friday night variety show.
- 19 Breakfast will be served by the Deatons for a nominal price Friday and Saturday morning starting at 8 am. Sandwiches and coffee and pastries are available all day.
- 20 We will have an executive board meeting Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Place to be announced.
- 21 There is NO SMOKING in any fair building. \$500.00 fine, no defense.
- 22 Banquet tickets are \$6. each.
- 23 Parking is \$10 per day behind community building. \$15 per day in trailer park south end of fairgrounds.
- 24 Election of your district officers of 1997-1998 should be done before the State Convention so the newly elected officers can attend the executive board meeting.

Hope to see a large turn out at the State Convention and until then.....

Keep Making Music.

Louie Roy, President

Saturday Night, Dance Schedule. March 22, 1997

District 1	8pm- 8:15	District 3	8:51- 9:06	District 10	9:42- 9:57
District 7	8:17- 8:32	District 9	9:08- 9:23	District 4	9:59- 10:14
District 5	8:34- 8:49	District 8	9:25- 9:40	District 6	10:16- 10:31

