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Coming Events

March

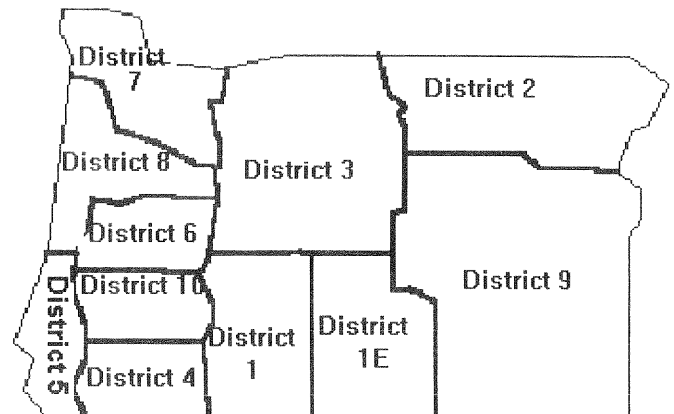
1	Modoc Co. Fairgrounds	Cedarville	1E
1	Mtg,Ptck,Jam IOOF	Gold Hill	4
2	Jamming in G, Workshop	Coburg	
2	Jam,dance	Winston	10
2	Monthly jam	Burns	9
8	Elect'n,Mtg,Ptck,Jam, Driftwood	Coos Bay	5
9	Brown bag & jam Community Center	Woodburn	8
9	Senior Center 1:30-4:30	Bend	3
9	Ptck,Jam, Sr. Center	Lake Oswego	7
15	6:30 ptck,Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
15	Mtng,ptck,jam,Dance. Comm.Bldg	Winston	10
19-22	OOTFA Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
29	6:30 ptck,Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E

April

5	Mtg, Ptck, Jam,Comm.Ctr.	Prospect	4
6	Jam, Dance,Comm. bldg.	Winston	10
6	Monthly jam	Burns	9
12	Mtg,Ptck,Jam,Driftwood Hall	Coos Bay	5
13	Ptck,Jam, Senior Center	Molalla	7
19	Mtng,Ptck,Jam,Dance, Comm.Bldg	Winston	10

May

3	Mtng,Ptck,Jam,Comm.Ctr.	Rogue Riv.	4
4	Jam,Dance, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
10	Mtng,Ptck,Jam, DriftwoodHall	Coos Bay	5
10	Mtng,Ptck,Jam, Community Bldg.	Winston	10
24-26	Salmon Harbor Marina Show	Winchester Bay	5
31	Ptck,Jam, Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7



The Prez Sez

One thing nice about being president, you get to think about and prepare for two very special events taking place in the very near future. The 1st of course, is the State Convention at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Roseburg, Oregon. March 19th-22nd. The activities on the 19th will be in the Floral Building for the early birds and the doors will be open at 8 am until midnight with Bob Hanson, District 10 chairman in charge. There will be coffee and finger foods available through out the day. There will also be an organized jam starting at 7pm. Please remember: No Smoking in any fair building (\$500 fine) State Fire Marshall, no defense. Any member who would like to MC the Thursday night jam, starting at 7pm, please let me know. Also, any member who would like to MC the Saturday night dance, again, please let me know.

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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 from District 1.

Being unable to attend our February jam, I don't have much news or details to report. Though I understand some new members joined. Hope to have their names to list next time.

Visitors from 1E were Rosalee and Homer McLain & grandson. their music & singing are always welcome.

Elections were held and current officers retained for the coming year. It was agreed to pay Jo Harris' to take care of the kitchen duty.

A few played at Chemault Fire House dinner the weekend of the sled dog races.

For March our Birthday people are: Minda Turner, 1st; Faye Patterson 30th, Irvn Johnson, 31st.

The next jam is March 9th at Merrill Civic Center, Merrill, Or. Doors open at noon, Meeting 1pm. Fingerfoods and jam starts at 2pm.

Nursing Homes - Washburn Way, Klamath Falls - 3rd Sunday at 2pm. Clairmont Nursing Home - 4th Thursday evening 5:45pm. Klamath Falls Or. Clairmont Retirement Home 6:45pm (same evening.)

Cherie Lane, Reporter.

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

Hi Folks: Our business meeting was Monday evening, February 10th and we attended to the election of new officers. Our new chairman is Larry McLain; Co-Chair, Bill Myers; Beverly Perry remains our secretary and Donna Lynch is our new treasurer.

The remainder of February we will have a valentine party the evening of the 14th at the Memorial Hall. the month of February will end with a jam at the Memorial Hall the evening of the 25th.

Two March jams are planned, both potlucks at the Memorial Hall; 6:30 in the evening. These will be held March 15th and 29th.

The evening of February 19 we're playing at a meeting of the Lake County Historical Society. We're to give them some fiddle music and a short history of OOTFA.

March 1st we're playing at a benefit in Cedarville, Ca. for their volunteer fire department.

By the time this is read, convention will be over, so here's wishing all of you a wonderful fellowship there and lots of purty music. God Bless

Mary Stone (541) 947-3825

OOTFA Badges

There is still time to order your Blue and Yellow OOTFA Name Badges to have them for the Convention on March 20 - 22nd.

Do so right away to allow a couple of weeks to get them made.

Helen Tracy's ad is elsewhere in this Hoedowner.



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Chairperson: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**
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Sec/Treas: **Ken Jordan (541) 389-9746**

Greetings from Winter Wonder Land. We have now! I can't tell you how happy it just makes me. Of course, I stand solo over such enthusiasm; however, it still is a beautiful sight. I went out walking with the dog over the weekend and we schlepped in the snow for a good couple of blocks or so. At first the dog was really excited about going out walking, but after a while you could see those puppy eyes just cursing me. If my dog could speak, I believe she would be saying 'What?', are you nuts! This white stuff is cold. Walking a little ways is not to bad, but come on give me a break! I can't feel my paws anymore, they are frozen!...Get Me HOME! BAD MASTER!!! Well, she was happy to get back inside and crawl into her bed and cover herself with her blankie near the heater. Didn't see her move for the rest of the day or evening. Well, I had fun.

Our Senior Jam was a lot of fun this weekend. We had a total of 75 people there. We thank Julia Milleson & Janet Burgess from Burns for stopping in and joining in on the fun. It was great seeing you two. We also had guests from Middleton, WI and Brazil. Our far away guests really enjoyed themselves.

One of Rudi Booher's students came by to play his fiddle for all of us. I have to tell you folks, Jacob French a young boy of 6 years can really play. What a treat and pleasure for Jacob to share his fiddle playing with us. He is the son of Christie and Martin French.

Our next jam at the Senior Center, 5th & Kearney is at 1:30-4:30 on March 9th.

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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**

Erin Go Bragh!! ya'all

Saints preserve us! 'Tis almost time for the wearrin' o the Grrreen! Hurrah! Hurrah! Surrre and I hope ye gets this message? Mar 5th jam will be at Gold Hill IOOF on 4th avenue just east of the fire department. 'Tis that sorry, I am forr that error. Begorra, we had a 'foigne' bunch of musicians at Roxiann Grrange on the 1st of February. He had a new member, Nickie Wilconsin, from Eagle Point, Norm Fiek and grandson, Dale. A 'foigne' broth of a lad, he is! Aye! A tip of me hat to ye laddie for your fiddlin'. Also we had Jack Stampes and Christine frrom District 1. We had Jerrrry and Irrrene Rudick. Sure'n with some twenty six verrry capable music makerrrs and a rrrrand crowd of people, me heart fairrrly leaped forr joy! 'Tis that happy, I was.

Faith and if my shellalagh was fit, I'd have joined Lee Cushman, Gene Williams, Paul King, Vic Flood & Bud Applegate as they played good music again at Heritage House. Add Russ and Bev Toll, Paula & Merle Pasley to that group and you have the happy wanderers who entertained at the Domiciliary in White City on February 10th.

Merry Mary Armstrong (541) 479-5974

Remember: a key chain is a device that allows you to lose several keys at one time.

Life is like a game of tennis, you can't play it well unless you learn to serve.

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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

Election Day is March 8 at our meeting at Driftwood Hall. Then the Convention in Roseburg at the Fair grounds. Let's make it a good one, rosin those bows and make music.

On Jan. 28 Russ Hall was asked to do an interview on KRAB radio station in Reedsport, and give a historical background on the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. The Kiwanis Club of Reedsport then invited Russ and Elnora to join them at lunch at the Water Front in downtown Reedsport. Russ repeated the information about OOTFA, and answered questions. He and Elnora played some fiddle songs for the group. One question asked was, "Is the fiddle and violin one and the same instrument?" Russ's answer was, "Well, the only difference is - the violin went to college". Elnora disagreed and said it was harder to play a fiddle, so WHO went to college?

KRAB radio plans to have Russ repeat his performance often during the summer to further educate our people of the value of perpetuating old time fiddle music. (Good job Russ, thank you) We are also proud to announce that we (Russ & Elnora) have a young protégé who is delightfully interested in playing the fiddle. In two lessons she has learned "Boil Them Cabbages" and "Shortening Bread". Little Miss Tessa Kilfoy, of Florence, Oregon will be making her debut soon.

Tues. Feb. 4 Pat Kraemer, Rosie Johson, Ron and Mary Lou Saylor, Helen Serfass, Marianne Burns, Russ and Elnora and Ruth entertained at Lower Umpqua Nursing Home from 10:30 to noon.

Feb. 16 we played for a Spaghetti feed at the Grange Hall in Winchester Bay to raise money for repairs to the hall. We had a great time with visitors from District 10. John and Dorothy Whaley joined us and did a mighty fine job of playing their

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District 6

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

Well, so far, we've been lucky with fairly mild winter weather, except lots of rain. At least, that keeps the freezing down - usually.

Our February 8th meeting, potluck and jam at Willamalane Senior Center, was well attended and a very enjoyable day. New officers were elected for the upcoming fiscal year. They will be: Chairman: Joe Moyle; Co-Chair: Betty Hawkins, and Sec/Treas. Ruth Kennedy. Many thanks go to our present slate of officers for the great job they have done. We voted to donate \$300.00 to help our state fiddle contest, and hope other districts will follow suit.

Joe Moyle is compiling a chord book. If anyone wishes to contribute familiar song chords, please get them to Joe.

The last Morningstar Grange Jam was well attended, in general. But we need more district personnel at the next one which will be on March 9th. The Dorris Ranch jams are still going strong until further notice. The Coburg Grange Hall jams are still every 3rd Sunday from 1-4pm. John Madsen is now in charge of our

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The Town House Motor Inn in Corvallis is only holding 10 rooms for the Fiddle Contest, so I urge you who need a room to reserve early. Their phone number is: (541) 753-4496. Address is: 350 SW 4th St. A very short distance from the college. There is a nice restaurant nearby with reasonable rates.



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

March is not a favorite month in my book - too windy and unpredictable. The Irish, however, have found a use for it so we can show our support for them by wearing green - at least on the 17th.

We had a full house and a good time at our Estacada Jam on February 9th.

We were joined by several members from District 8 as well as our President, Louie Roy, from Roseburg. Someone left behind a chin rest cover for a fiddle. You may retrieve it by calling Frank or Joy Smith at (503) 829-5234.

Our sick and injured list includes Dorothy Bloomquist, who is now recuperating at home after breaking her hip several weeks ago, and Joyce Lovgren who will be having back surgery the first week in March. We miss these folks at our jams and wish them a speedy recovery.

We recently learned that John Waddingham was one of four artists featured by Beard's Frame Shops Artists' Tour. His works include pen and ink drawings and watercolor landscapes. We're pleased to have such a multi-talented person in our membership!

At our January meeting Frank & Joy Smith, who have faithfully cared for and transported our sound system and equipment, asked to be relieved of that duty at the end of this term of office. We are looking for volunteers to make this commitment beginning in August of 1997. It could be done on a 'job share' basis. To respond to this need, please call Red Arnold at (503) 284-1208.

Our next jam coming up is at the Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 'G' Street on Sunday March 9th. To get there from I-205, take

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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

We had a super jam at McMinnville on Feb. 16th. Lots of visiting musicians and listeners from Districts 6 and 7. It was one of the largest jams we have had for some time. So good to have you all will us!

During our meeting we elected our new officers for next year. Congratulations to: Elaine Kihlstadius who will be our chairman. Lew Holt will be co-chairman and Donna Janszen will be secretary-treasurer. We're looking forward to working with them..

We voted to contribute \$300 to the OOTFA fiddle contest fund. We discussed our duties at convention. Districts 1, 1E, 7 and 8 will set up and decorate the banquet tables. We sure appreciated all the help last year in setting up chairs and tables.

Good News! Mary Terry didn't need to have heart surgery after all. She did have to go through a lot of tests, but the specialists decided her heart was okay. Sure is good to have her back.

Our March jam will be Sunday, March 9th. (I remembered to include the date this month!) It's at the Community Center in Woodburn. We voted to bring Brown Bag lunches again this time.

The center is at 491 3rd St. It's on

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Etta Powell writes:

I'm home with my daughter recovering from a 4-way by-pass heart surgery. I was in the hospital Jan 13th until the 30th. I'm recovering very well and wish to thank all the people that have been concerned.



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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**

Wow! Another month has flown by again. When you read this, we will have elected our new officers for the new year. (More on who was elected next month.)

There was a fiddle workshop at Janet Burges' house this past month. All who attended learned a lot. In the morning, classes were for beginners. The afternoon was for more advanced fiddlers. The workshop was conducted by Margaret and Ruel Teague's granddaughter, Stacey. Those taking part were: Julia Milleson, Kelly Shanahan, Judy Day, Edie Koenig, Tracy Koenig, Katie Tracy, and her daughter (sorry, I didn't get her name) Don Williams, Nadine Sahlberg, Lloyd Louie and Helen King.

We had our jam and potluck at the Senior Center in Burns on February 2nd. Those playing were: Julia Milleson, Janet Burgess, Darell Smith, Walt Cooper, Ruel Teague, Lloyd Louie, Roy Reed, Helen King, Edie Koenig, Tracy Koenig, and Gordon Black (good to see him again).

We have a new member who plays banjo and guitar. His name is Julian Heath. Welcome, Julian. Glad to have you with us. We had a real treat.

Also that day, visiting us from Scio, Or. was Clyde Cleavenger. He plays guitar, mandolin. He and Julian got together to play some bluegrass for us. It sure was a change of pace for us. Come back soon, Clyde.

We played at the Burns Nursing Home on February 3rd.

March 2nd is our monthly jam. March 3rd is Nursing Home, April 6th is a monthly jam and April 7th is the nursing home.

Keep Fiddlin'. Hope to see you all soon.
Carl Cross, PO Box 823, Hines, Or 97738-0823

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: Jean Hanson, Frances Roy, Ed Doolittle, Jo Barnes, Kater Gates, Billie Doolittle, Norma Werley, Tiny Stinett, Wes Curtis, Helen Bartlett, and John Hernandez.

Happy Anniversary: Hap and Merna Jones.

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

April playing dates: 6th Jam, Dance 1-4pm. Winston Comm. Building. 19th Potluck at noon, Jam & dance 1-4pm Winston Comm. Bldg.

May playing dates: 4th Jam & dance 1-4pm Winston Comm. Bldg. 10th Meeting, potluck at noon, jam and dance 1-4pm. Winston Comm. Bldg.

Reporter, Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

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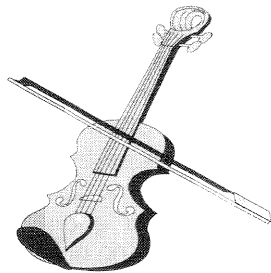
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February was election month, and the outcome for District 3 is: Chairperson, Sally Jordan; CoChair, Don Hanna; Sec/Treas, Rudi Booher, and Reporter is Ernie Slay.

Birthdays: 6th-Virginia Fraser; 8th-Ed Perret; 8th-Mark Slay; 21st-Jack Bloom; and 26th-Ferril Klingensmith.

Anniversaries: 24th-Jack & Peggy Bloom; 26th-Pat & Virginia Fraser.

Sympathy Notes: Our prayers & love go out to Evelyn Martin and her family. Her husband, Fred, passed away late January. Fred will be missed but never forgotten.

Doesn't look as though as Spring is right around the corner. So everyone stay healthy and safe.

Until next time.....

Signing off....your Reporter
Ernie Slay (541) 923-8861



District 8 cont.

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the corner of 3rd and Grant. From I-5, take the Woodburn exit, turn right at Settlemeier. Turn left at sign that says City Center (Garfield St.). Turn left on 3rd St. Or, if you're on 99-E, take Young St., following signs that say City Center, to 3rd St. Turn right and go 2 blocks to the center.

See you all at convention in Roseburg!

Chuckle for the day: Before you criticize a man, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, if he gets angry, he's a mile away and barefoot.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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District 6 cont.

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smaller sound system, which can be used by members for official fiddler gigs when needed.

It was good to be back at the Elks Club in Sweet Home for a jam on the 16th. We have been invited back there again.

Many Happy March Birthdays to: Myrtle McCoy, Curly Roberts, 11th; and Frank Overbye, 20th. Anniversary congratulations for March are: Alan and Carol Ede, and Glenn and Joyce Keech.

We are hoping that our many members who were on the punies list are getting better. However, Joyce Keech, is seriously ill, and John and Vickie Clark have been quite ill with the flu. I am coming along with my neck brace and cane, since surgery in January. I see Bob Atkins is up and around at the last jam after his back surgery.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming State Convention in Roseburg in March. District 6 is in charge of the front desk, selling banquet tickets and taking care of other official functions. Please check in and sign up for taking your turn. See Joy Halliwell and Addie Gonshorowski.

Thelma sez: Never regret growing old; many are denied that privilege.

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

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exit 8(Hwy. 43)towards Lake Oswego. (In town Hwy. 43 becomes State Street). Turn left on 'A' Street then right on 7th Street. Continue to the end and go left on 'G' Street. The center is on the right.

Don't forget to make &/or take items for the drawings at the convention in Roseburg March 20, 21, & 22.

Until then, stay steady and keep yourselves cheerful by playing that good Old Time Fiddle Music!

Marie Smith, Reporter (503) 829-5880

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Jack Kerr is in charge of the Friday night program and will be arranging for his Emcee's and runners. I will need a lot of help making this 1997 State Convention a success, so please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas that will enhance this special event, or if you'd like to help in any way. The 1998 State Convention will also be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, March 18 - 21st.

The 2nd function is the State Fiddle Contest to be held in Corvallis, May 16th and 17th and I have three very talented, qualified and dedicated members working out all the details. Lew Holt, Starr McMullen, and Chad Terrusa. Also in the background and very much involved is Alice Holt, another very dedicated member of OOTFA. This contest gives all fiddlers of all ages and their backup a chance to compete for tops in their respective classes and also a chance to qualify for the National Convention in Weiser, Idaho in June.

Many members wonder why every year we solicit funds from Districts to put on this contest. This is a spendy event and I will give you a ball-park figure of the actual costs. These figures are inflated but are within the ballpark. Trophies and cash prizes for all divisions \$3100.00 (judges, motel, mileage and other entities \$2000.00) Hall rental 2 days, \$1600.00. Grand total \$6700.00. Generous contributions from all Districts are urged, so I am pleading with you to give generously. District 7 gave \$500.00, District 10 gave \$500 and I'm hoping that the other Districts dig as deep as they can afford. Members and businesses have contributed another \$1000 - \$1200, but we're still a long way from our goal. We went in the red \$1500.00 last year for the event and without the \$1500 we have received from the Elks in Lincoln City in past years. We are starting \$1500.00 short. I was able to attend the jam of District 7 at Estacada on Feb 9th and I want to thank you, Joy, for the hospitality extended to me during the day. A program schedule of the state convention is elsewhere in the Hoedowner. Please read and help for future reference. Until I see a great number of you members at the State Convention, keep up the good work and....

Keep making music.
Louie Roy

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fiddles and guitars. Look forward to having them again. The "Kitty" proceeds were given to the Grange to add to their fund.

RED ALERT: Memorial weekend, May 24, 25, 26 will be "SALMON HARBOR MARINA ANNUAL OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW, in Winchester Bay. This is a 'BIGGIE', folks, RV'S - OFF ROAD VEHICLES - WATERCRAFT - BOATS - CARNIVAL - SALMON FEED - LIGHTHOUSE TOURS - COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATION - COAST GUARD RESCUE SHOW and OPEN HOUSE - N W SAND DEUCES SHOW and SHINE POKER RUN sponsored by the Oregon Dune Volunteer Dune Patrol - RAFFLE and VARIETY SHOW.

District 5 has been invited by Salmon Harbor Merchants Association to participate in this celebration on Sat. May 24,. Also the Grange has invited the Fiddlers to use their hall during the weekend. (More later on this).

District 5 invites all other OOTFA Districts to join us in this Monumental FIRST recreation show - so, mark your calendars and plan your vacation trip, and head for Winchester Bay for a Wonderful time of music and togetherness.

Thank you Elnora for the preceding report, I appreciate it.

We had a great turnout for our meeting and Jam in Feb. Among our regular fiddlers we enjoyed the music of Cecil Davidson. Ella Savery's family was there including her son Ron Savery, N. Bend, her grandson Sean Savery, his wife Kirsten and their daughter Mallary. Sean is a helicopter mechanic in the army and they are in the midst of a transfer from Texas to live on Ohau in Hawaii for three years. They will be flying out of here for Hawaii when his leave is up. It was nice to see Dean & Shirley Bisping among the other visitors. We had approximately 50 people there. A great Jam.


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO Jean & Lloyd Dunn, Mar. 11.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ella Savery - Mar 6, Bob McKee - 15 & Abbie Shaffar - 28th. See you at the Convention

Your reporter - Ruth Whaley 541-888-4430

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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

 HELLO, MY FIDDLE FRIENDS:
 THIS IS MY FINAL HOEDOWNER TO PUT

TOGETHER. IT HAS BEEN A DELIGHT TO MEET, SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND GOOD FRIENDS. THIS HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF OOTFA FOR ME. PLAYING IS EXCITING AND I LOVE TO DO IT, BUT WHAT WOULD IT BE WITHOUT THE REST OF THE ORGANIZATION? THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME FOR SO LONG. I'VE HAD A GRAND TIME DOING IT.

AT LONG LAST, I HAVE SET A RETIREMENT DATE OF JUNE 30, 1997 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, KNIGHT LIBRARY. I HAVE BEEN THERE 18 YEARS, WORKING IN MICROFORMS. WE MICROFILM ALL OREGON NEWSPAPERS. THIS HAS BEEN A FUN PROJECT TO WORK WITH.

AS I AM RETIRING FROM WORK, I AM ALSO RETIRING FROM ALL MY OTHER VOLUNTEER POSITIONS, I.E.: DISTRICT 6 CHAIRMAN (AT THE END OF MY TERM) AND HOEDOWNER EDITOR.

I'M EXCITED BECAUSE OUR PLANS INCLUDE DOING SO MUCH. YOU SEE, WITH ANTICIPATION OF SELLING OUR HOME, WE HAVE BOUGHT A AVION 5TH WHEEL, 36'. WE'RE GOING FULL TIME RVING. YOU KNOW, THE DREAM OF ALWAYS HAVING WARM WEATHER. SO IT WILL BE ARIZONA IN THE WINTER AND OREGON, IDAHO, COLORADO AND CANADA IN THE SUMMER. THE KIDS ARE IN IDAHO, COLORADO AND CANADA AND MY FRIENDS ARE IN OREGON. SO WE'LL SEE YOU SOMETIMES AS WE'RE CRUSIN' THROUGH. PERHAPS, WE'LL SEE YOU AT WEISER, DEFIANTLY AT ROSEBURG AND OTHER JAMS AND HAPPENINGS AROUND.

BY THE WAY, IF YOU HAVE E-MAIL.....I PLAN TO STILL KEEP MY E-MAIL ADDRESS. IT IS: KENJOY@JUNO.COM OTHERWISE, HOW COULD I KEEP UP WITH MY FRIENDS.

OUR PRESIDENT, LEWIS ROY WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHO WILL BE THE NEW HOEDOWNER EDITOR AT THE CONVENTION. WHO? YOU WILL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

ERNIE SLAY, IT MAY BE SNOWING IN BEND. BUT WE HAVE VIOLETS, CROCUSES AND DAFFODILS UP IN SPRINGFIELD. SPRING IS WONDERFUL AND JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION.
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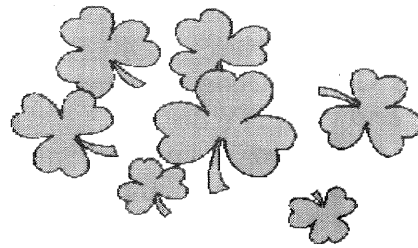
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