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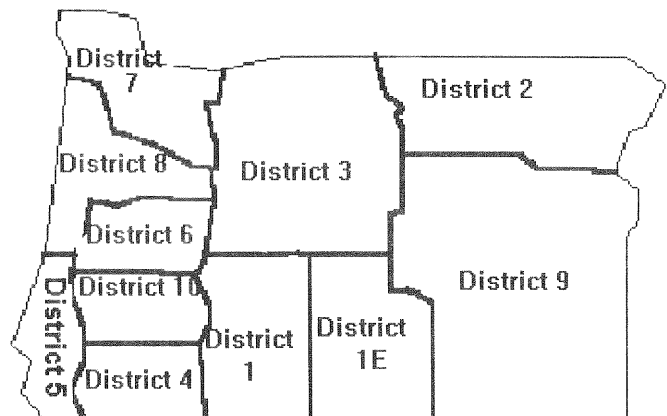
Coming Events

April

4	Ptclck, Jam, Memorial Hall		1E
5	(Sat) Mtg, Ptclck, Jam	Willamalane	6
5	Mtg, Ptclck, Jam, Comm. Ctr.	Prospect	4
4 - 5	NW Regional Fiddle Contest	Spokane	
6	Jam, Dance, Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
6	Ptclck, Jam Harney Co. Sr. Center	Burns	9
12	Mtg, Ptclck, Jam, Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
13	Ptclck, Jam Morningstar Grange	Albany	6
13	Mtng, Ptclck, Jam Civic Center	Merrill	1
13	Jam Senior Center	Bend	3
13	Ptclck, Jam, Senior Center	Molalla	7
19	Mtng, Ptclck, Jam, Dance Com. Bldg	Winston	10
19	Walder Anniversary Party		1E
20	Brown bag, Jam, Buell Grange Hall Hwy 22		8
25	Potluck and Jam Memorial Hall		1E

May

3	Mtng, Ptclck, Jam, Com. Ctr.	Rogue River	4
4	Jam, Moose Lodge (meal furnished)	Lebanon	6
4	Jam, Dance, Com. Bldg	Winston	10
4	Jam, Dance Sr Center	McMinnville	8
6	Ptclck, Jam Harney Co. Sr. Cen.	Burns	9
8	11:30 - 1 PM Capitol Bldg.	Salem	OOTFA
10	Mtng, Ptclck, Jam, Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
10	Mtng, Ptclck, Jam Com. Bldg.	Winston	10



The Prez Sez

By the time you read this the State Convention in Roseburg will be over and a new slate of officers will have been elected to represent the OOTFA for the year 1997 - 1998. A new Hoedowner Editor, Lew Holt, has been appointed and he will be editing the April issue of the Hoedowner. He is a very articulate and dedicated member of this organization and I know he will do an excellent and superb job. I don't know where he gets all of his energy but all of us in the OOTFA owe him a deep depth of gratitude. Thanks Lew.

Our next get together will be in Corvallis at the State Fiddle Contest and again Lew Holt with his expertise and the help of two other

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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
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Hi to everyone from Dist. 1. It's almost beginning to look like spring here in Klamath County (between snow showers that is).

Our March 9 meeting was short, then we enjoyed a nice meal and afternoon of music. Tex and Minnie Cox from Shingletown, Calif. were visiting and always add to our group when they come. Come again. Also Linda Hushaine came from Klamath Falls. She sings and plays the autoharp. Says she likes Irish tunes. Hopefully she will also come again.

When you all get to read this, our 2nd music workshop for Dist. 1 has been held. We hope those that came will continue their interest in the old type of music.

Happy birthdays are wished to Louis Stork - April 6, Ray Turner - 13; Ray Lane - 14 and Dorothy North. Get well soon -- Minda Turner and Joe Harris - each is having health problems.

Next jam is April 13 at Merrill Civic Center in Merrill. Doors open at 12 noon, meeting 1:00 P.M. and potluck to follow. Jam starts at 2:00 P.M.

Nursing home dates are; Washburn Way, Klamath Falls - 3rd Sun. 2 - 3 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home, Klamath Falls - 5:45 p.m. - 4th Thursday. Clairmont Retirement Home 6:45 p.m. (same evening). Fiddlers will play at Molatores Restaurant - Main St. Klamath Falls April 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for Daughters of the Nile.

To all who attended the Roseburg Convention - Hope you had a good time.

Cherie Lane District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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Hi Folks, Our Feb. 28th jam at the Memorial Hall was attended by 13 musicians and about the same number of listeners. The flu bug was busy doing its damage, so a lot of people were home this time. Our players were Homer and Rosalee McLain, Larry McLain, Billy McLain, Perry Forga, Doc and Marie Walker, Bill Myers, Clyde Lynch, Linda Miller, Harvey Rossiter, Derry Welch and Shorty Stone.

April 4 and 25 we're having a 6:30 potluck and jam at the Memorial Hall.

On April 19 at Hunters Hot Spring resort we're going to help Doc and Marie Walker celebrate 50 years of wedded life together. This is to start at 6 in the evening. Guests are asked to bring salads and vegetable dishes. All of us wish these two kids many more happy years together.

Well folks, I'll put the horse ahead of the cart where he belongs this time by saying -- by the time this one is read, we have seen another convention come and gone. Happy music making to you all.

God Bless

Mary Stone (541) 947-3825

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Hats off to Joy Halliwell for doing a great job with the Hoedowner for as long as she has. Getting the Hoedowner together and ready for print is a large task, and I know her efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you, Joy, for taking the time to get our news out to all our Fellow Fiddlers.

Our Senior Jam was outstanding. This time around we had over 170 people. I tell you it was wall to wall people. Ruel Teague from Burns was among us plucking away. We sure thank you for stopping in and joining in on the fun. Also, another student of Rudi Booher stopped in and played. Six year old Cody Olson has been playing the violin for 2 months. He was there with his mother, Jeanne.

Our next jam at the Senior Center on 5th and Kearney from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. will be Sunday, April 13th.

Chet Fullerton's Mother passed away 2 weeks ago, and he would like to thank all who sent cards of sentiment. Our love and prayers are with Chet!

It has been brought to my attention that I goofed twice in neglecting to mention two very nice people that have joined District 3. Therefore, I'd like to take this moment to make my "wrong" a "right". . . . Bob and Sue Cornell of Sunriver joined our District and I like to welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our jams. P. S. LeRoy! I finally remembered, aren't you proud!

Birthdays: 24 - Cliff Harris, 27 - Evelyn Martin, 28 - Tom O'Neal.

Anniversaries: 9 - Lee and Don Hanna, 27 -

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District 4

Chairman: **Joe Levine (541) 582-1069**
Co-Chair: **Merle Pasley (541) 582-1924**
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Hello Dear Hearts! I won! I won!! Big bucks! It's less than two weeks before convention and I'm tired already! Anticipation is draining. it will be exiting to see and hear all the nice people we met last year. Fellow reporters say "Hi" to me at the convention. I'll be the one with the nice tan.

We had busy Leprechauns doing their "thing" entertaining at Jacksonville Sr. Center: Dave & Doreen Winkelman, Paul King, Leonard C. & Bud Applegate; Heritage Retirement Center: Gene Williams, Vic Flood, Paul King, & Bud Applegate; also entertaining at Horse Show on Hiway 140: Paula & Merle Pasley, Jim Summers and Gene Williams. Toss your hat into the air! Stomp your feet! Bravo! Good show guys and gals!

March 1st jam was the best! Standing room only and all the kitchen chairs were used, too. We had some 26 or so odd. . . . musicians. . . . hmmm? The more I read that sentence -- it doesn't sound right. . . oh, well.

Kidding aside, I'm going to name all of those fine musicians. hope I don't miss anyone! They were: Bud Applegate, Mary & Frank Armstrong, Shirley Coomler, Jerry & Zelda Cook, Lee Cushman, Olive Davis, Vic Flood, Lem Guthrie, Ray James, Don Lindsey, Charlie Parren, Julia Pantel, Paula & Merle Pasley, Stan Rogge, Jim Summers, Bev & Russ Toll, Gene Williams, Dave & Doreen Winkelman and two guests -- Cecil Sutton from Central Point and Bud Fuller (KRON Radio).

Letter from Arizona signed, "Cliff & Dottie Cooper & Don Lindsey," gave me news from our

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The members of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Joy Halliwell for the years she has served as editor of the Hoedowner. We wish her well in her retirement and hope that "all is well in the new fifth wheel" as she and Ken travel. The best to you Joy and "Thanks again."

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District 5

Chairman: **Claud Whaley** (541) 888-4430
 Co:Chair: **Phil Fry** (541) 269-2766
 Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns** (541) 888-2655

CONGRATULATIONS to Elwood Serfass, our newly elected chairman for District 5. Welcome back Russ Hall as co-chairman and Marianne Burns will remain our sec./treas. Let's all make it a very HAPPY FIDDLIN' year.

We were honored with a visit from our President, Louie Roy at our March meeting. Louie played his guitar and sang for us. Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrim came to visit also, and Wally played his fiddle for us. Beautiful music.

We are looking forward to the BIGGGGGG Celebration in Winchester Bay on May 24-26. We will be playing in a protected spot on Saturday and Sunday (from 12:00 to 4:00 each day) and YOU ALL ARE INVITED to come help us out. For those of you who are not familiar with our coastal towns, Winchester Bay and Salmon Harbor are one and the same town, just south of Reedsport approximately two miles. A charming fishing village.

By the time we get this issue the Convention will be past history. We hope all who attended had a great time.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our April 12th meeting, potluck and jam at the Driftwood Hall in North Bend. To get to Driftwood Hall - just turn west off HWY 101 on to Virginia Ave. in down town North Bend. Stay in the right lane going past Pony Village Mark - continue through traffic light at Broadway following signs towards the airport. At the Coast Guard Helicopter Station follow the street as it turns up hill. Turn right on Airport Way - the Senior Center is to your left and Driftwood Hall is on your right. Also, mark your calendars for: May 10 - Meeting, potluck and jam at the Driftwood Hall in North Bend. Then at Salmon Harbor on May 24 - 26 and back to Driftwood Hall on June 14. Your reporter-Ruth Whaley (541)888-4430

District 6

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

Belated birthday greetings for Wayne Carpenter on March 1st and Andy Kennedy on the 13th. Now for April we will wish happy birthdays to: Marshall Clement 4, Alice McDowell 4, Wally Bloom 5, Barbara Garcia 13, Bob Kaiser 20, Dee Dee Kaiser and Louis Costa 30.

Anniversary congratulations to: Arlo & Louise Hamilton 13, Don and Anna Skaife 17, George & Lynn Anderson 18 and Andy & Neva Menkens 27th.

Our March 9th jam at the Morningstar Grange was very well attended, with a great potluck and wonderful music but it ended on a sad note. Shortly after he played his tunes, Bill Mason collapsed. He was given CPR by Joan Lomax, Rozanne Spann and Molly Koester until the ambulance arrived. Bill was hospitalized but passed away on March 11th. Bill was a great fiddler and his smooth fiddling style will be missed, along with his smile.

Ralph Hattleburg has been appointed as Assistant to the Treasurer for the coming fiscal year.

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From the new editor:
 Being editor is easy . . .
 . . . but getting all of the dates correctly and spelling all the words correctly is difficult. I'll do my best - hope that is good enough.
 Sure makes you appreciate previous editors - "a whole lot." Following in the tradition of Joy Halliwell and other editors is "awesome" so I will appreciate your help, encouragement and patience. Lew Holt



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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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District 7

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Sec/Treas: **Susy Spencer** (503) 524-4563

I've been in Oregon since 1983 and I'm not sure how one tells April Showers from other showers unless it's by the daffodils. It is encouraging to see them again, isn't it?

Here we are right on the brink of a major event, that, of course, being the Convention in Roseburg this coming week, but right at the moment no one has any news. Maybe I'm talking to the wrong people!

We do have an update on the people who have been ill or injured. Most of you probably saw Dorothy Bloomquist at the Lake Oswego jam, so you know she's recovering, but she does want to formally thank all who remembered her with cards, expressions of concern and good wishes during her confinement. We also have good news that Joyce Lovgren is recuperating from her surgery and even hopes to be in Roseburg. Another person, who could use some encouragement, is Elizabeth Steinmetz who is recovering from a recent surgery to her foot.

In talking with Red Arnold tonight, I learned that, as yet, he hasn't had an overwhelming response to the request for volunteers to transport and care for the sound system - in fact, he actually said no one had called! Here's the number again: (503) 284-1208. We do have a lot of people who are helpful, willing and doing their part, but we do need a gentle reminder also that there needs to be help after each jam taking down the sound system. If we spread the work around, it won't be too hard on any one person.

We had a great reception from the people at the Lake Oswego Senior Center and a great turnout at the jam there on March 9. Let's plan a "repeat performance" on Sunday, April 13

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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

The blooming plum trees and daffodils tell us it's spring. They're beautiful.

The 9th of March found us at the Community Center in Woodburn playing for a good crowd and having a good time. We jammed and set the hall up until lunch time when we all took out our brown

bags and ate our lunch. We enjoy potlucks but we also enjoy the reprieve from all the work. We were all through eating in 20 minutes and in a couple of minutes the hall was cleaned and we were ready to start our show. Although districts 6, 7, and 8 all had jams with a few miles of each other on the same day, we were very pleased with our attendance. We want to thank those than sneaked in from other districts to help us out. We won't mention their names. We were pleased to welcome Dale and Barbara Johnson who have moved to Mt. Angel from Astoria. We are very pleased that they live in our district and that Dale is a fiddler. We need them. George Taevs, our bass player, brought his step-son Jim from Kansas who fiddled along with us and John Adams from Salem who played along with us on his clawhammer banjo. We hope that John can become a regular.

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**Vassar
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Howdy! March is currently roaring like a lion. A few sunny days here and there, you would think spring is just around the corner and then "wham", the wind blows, it snows and you freeze to death. As is typical for this part of the country, don't worry about the weather, it will change in 5 minutes anyway.

Election of officers was held at the March 2 meeting. Carl Cross and George Sahlberg will continue in their positions another year. Ruel Teague replaces Walt Cooper as vice-chairman. Great job these last few years, Walt. Thanks from the whole bunch!

The March jam was excellent! Out of town guests were Carol & Hollis Real, Stacey & James Lange from District 3 and Stu Henshaw, District 6. I didn't know Carol played the piano. It was wonderful to have the great backup. Thanks and y'all come back now y'hear. Stacey and her workshop students performed a couple of tunes. GO TEAM!

Fiddle workshops have been put off for now until Stacey recovers from an emergency appendectomy. Students will be contacted when we can get back on schedule. If anyone is interested in these classes, contact Janet Burgess and get on the list. It's not too late to get involved.

On April 6th we'll be at the Harney county Senior Center with a potluck and jam 1 - 4 p.m. (We'll be back there May 4th for another potluck and jam.) Don't forget the nursing home on April 14 from 7 - 8 p.m. The 3 folks who made it in March had a great time and Romana says, "That was nice. It's so nice of you to come play for us." I like to try out new tunes there. If the old-timers recognize what I'm trying to play, I figure there must be hope.

Start thinking about the Country Music Jamboree on June 12 - 14 -- brought to us by the

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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 - Alvin Greer, Chuck Hasty, Dennis Pickett, Jan Castillo. Happy anniversaries to - Clement & Sarah Berlier; Chuck & Margie Hasty; Clifford & Phyllis Larson; James & Charlotte Bonebright.

Tom Fulton recently had surgery. We wish you the best, Tom. Martha Rogers we are sorry to hear that you were in the hospital. We wish you the best and a speedy recovery, too. Also our thoughts go to Marlene Shephard. She's been in the hospital with pneumonia and other complications. Wish you the best, Marlene. Get well soon.

We had some visitors on March 2nd at our jam. Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrim and Al and Edith Lewis. The jam was well attended and a very enjoyable day. Good music, too, I might add.

Now mark your calendars for: April. Playing dates: 6th Jam and dance, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Winston Community Building. On the 19th we will have a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and the jam and dance to start at 1:00 and run until 4:00 - at the Winston Community Building. May playing dates: on the 4th a jam and dance 1- 4 at the Winston Community Building. The 10th meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, Jam and dance 1 - 4 Winston Community Building. June playing dates: on the 1st - jam and dance from 1 - 4 at the Winston Community Building. On the 21st a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Winston Community Building.

Reporter: Jean Hanson , District 10
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Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest

April 5 & 6
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"snowbirds," Luckers, Betty Deckard and Mona Givens - all enjoyed jamming daily. Soon they'll be stragglng home. Hellooooo Pat & Bill Thompson, Sammy & Alice Burton, Vic & Bernice Smith, Jim Winslow & Tay & Edith! Come home safely. Come to our "jams" & give our new officers support!

Mark your calendars for the following dates and come and join us: April 5th - meeting, potluck and jam at the Prospect Community Center. May 3rd -- meeting, potluck and jam at the Rogue River Community Center. June 7 meeting, potluck and jam at the Prospect Community Center and July 1 - meeting, potluck and jam at the Roxie Ann Grange in Medford.

Correction to March Hoedowner: Norm Fiock, Grandson To Dale Fiock.

Keep in mind: Volunteers are not paid because they are "worthless" but because they are "priceless."

G'nite all! Love, Mary

The Hoedowner

District 3 cont.

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LeRoy and Shirley Simms.

Our best wishes to our Birthday and Anniversary Folks.

Well folks, take care and I am sure that all would have had a wonderful time at the Convention. And since Spring and Winter are fighting. . . . remember, take care of yourselves and keep warm.

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

District 8 cont.

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Two District 8 members passed away this month. Elmer Koppen from Salem died on March 2nd. Elmer was 91 years old and enjoyed our music. Clyde Pyle from Dallas died March 13th. He and Beth lived in Roseburg before moving to Dallas. Our condolences to the families of both men.

On Sunday April 20 we will be playing at Buell. The Buell Grange Hall is located off Hwy 22 13 miles or so west of Rickreall. The hall will be opened about ten and we will have another brown bag lunch at noon with a jam starting at 1:00. We hope that you can attend. Sunday May 4th we will return to the Senior Center in McMinnville for a jam and dance.

To advertise our OOTFA contest, the committee has arranged for us to play at the Capitol in Salem on Thursday, May 8th from 11:30 to 1 PM. You're all invited! Be sure to bring plenty of quarters for parking meters. Because the legislature is in session, parking can be a problem.

Here are a couple summer dates we have scheduled. Put them on your calendar. July 31st we will be at the Yamhill Co. Fair; August 20th at an outdoor concert in Mt. Angel. Other dates will be filled in as they are verified.

Chuckle for the day: All fiddle tunes are the same, except each one is a little different.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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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

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District 6 cont.

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Wasn't that a great convention in Roseburg this year! If you didn't go, you sure missed a lot of fun visiting, playing and listening to all the music.

Our next jam will be held Saturday April 5th at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. Potluck as usual and lots of music and dancing. May 4th we will be at the Lebanon Moose Lodge and on Saturday June 7th back at the Senior Center in Springfield. Please note that our jams at the senior center have changed to Saturdays. This is due to the center being rented out to a church group every Sunday. Note also, that the Coburg Grange Sundays are discontinued.

Stan Gonshorowski has been hospitalized for a short time lately but he is back to playing his fiddle as usual.

We would like to welcome new members: Ken & Della White, Del and Sue Palmer, and Bee Walkup & Les Neuschwander (who has rejoined). Please make an effort to make these new people welcome to our organization.

Two quilt tops were inadvertently left at the Morningstar Grange on March 9th. Contact Helen Tracy or Linda Harvey if you know who left them.

The next Morningstar Grange jam & potluck will be held April 13th. See you there.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma Sez: Always put off until tomorrow what you

District 9 cont.

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High Desert Fiddlers. They'll be asking for help from District 9 to provide manpower to keep things rolling. Contact Janet or Carl if there's something in particular you'd like to do.

Oh, yeah, while trying to help Carl out by trying to recruit a new report, I got stuck. . . . but only half way. Mary Ausmus will be taking care of local publicity announcements while I write the Hoedowner report.

Janet Burgess, reporter, District 9 (541) 573-1323

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dedicated members, Starr McMullen and Chad Terrusa are making the necessary arrangements for the program and they have already spent countless hours writing letters, contacting contestants, sponsors and helpers to fill the various positions such as ticket takers, registration, runners, timers, security and filling many other little cracks in the armor that most of us don't even know exists. And there is no doubt in my mind this will be one of the best organized State Fiddle Contests we have had the privilege to attend. Jerry and Irene Ruddock are in charge of the judges and have selected four out of state judges and one judge from Oregon to do the judging for this contest. Thanks Jerry and Irene. Ken Jordon will be the emcee. He and the runners will be contacting the various contestants at the contest before they go on stage for a short resume so that he can convey the information to the audience. This in turn gives the contestants the recognition they so rightly deserve.

Some of you may wonder what does the State President do at the contest and this is easy to answer when you have qualified and dedicated members appointed such as I've already mentioned. All you need to do is get out of the way because they have all the cracks filled. Helen Tracy another dedicated member will also be in Corvallis selling the OOTFA name tags and this lady, since she has taken over this program, has done a tremendous and excellent job and on behalf of all the members of the OOTFA, I thank you very much Helen.

Keep making music,
Louie Roy, President
Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association

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at the Senior Center in Molalla. The address is 305 Kennel Ave. If you're coming from I-205, take exit 10, Hwy. 213, south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. make a right turn onto Heintz and a left onto Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211, go left on Kennel off 211. The Center sits behind the Molalla City Park.

Until next time, stay dry, keep looking for more signs of spring and never stop fiddling.
Marie Smith, Reporter, District 7 (503) 829-5880

Congratulations to president Louis Roy for a fine 1997 state OOTFA Convention. The weather was very fine which set the tone for the convention. Wednesday in the Floral Building went well. Thursday was a busy day with a show for ourselves that evening. Friday we had workshops and an excellent show that evening with all the chairs full!! Saturday morning we held the quarterly meeting with the state meeting that afternoon.

The nominating committee nominated Lewis Roy for president, Roger Germundson for vice-president and Myrtle Arnold for secretary/chairman. They were elected by the membership. Our congratulations and appreciation go out to them. The banquet went very well - prepared by the Deatons. There is too much to write about and too many people to thank but want to note that Ace Wehus donated a mandolin and a walking stick fiddle. During the banquet they brought in \$572 in contributions for the contest. Thanks to you all for your support and contributions. And thanks, thanks to everybody for all the items for the drawings, all the workers, all the help with chairs, etc. Wow!!

Contest update: Thanks for your contributions. They sure are appreciated and will go a long ways to make our convention successful. Both individual people and districts have been very generous. If you care to contribute, please make your check out to OOTFA Contest and send it to Lew Holt or Myrtle Arnold. Thanks gang. We'll be making a great effort right after the convention to get more volunteers for the contest. Please let us know if you can help. We have a little incentive this year. After the contest we will put the names of all of the volunteers into a hat and draw out a name. The winner will receive free dues in OOTFA for 1998. You can't beat that and the odds are better than the lottery.

Lew Holt, Starr McMullen, Chad Terrusa, Lewis Roy, & Jerry & Irene Ruddock.

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Coming Events cont.

16 -17	Oregon Champion Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	OOTFA
24-26	Salmon Harbor Marina Show	Winchester Bay	5
31	Ptck, Jam, (Sat.)Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7

June

1	Jam, Dance Com. Building	Winston	10
7	Mtng, Ptck, Jam Roxie Ann Grange	Medford	4
8	Ptck, Jam Senior Center	Sandy	7
14	Mtng, Ptck, Jam Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
12-14	Country Music Jamboree High Dessert Fiddlers	Burns	
16-21	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	
21	Mtng, Ptck, Jam, Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10

July

1	Mtng, Ptck, Jam, Roxie Ann Grange	Medford	4
31	Yamhill Co. Fair Jam	McMinnville	8
31-	Aug 3 -Diamond Lake Campout		

August

20	Out door concert	Mt. Angel	8
22 -	Sep. 2 - Warrick's Campout		

September

11,12, & 13	Thousand Trails	LaPine	OOTFA
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