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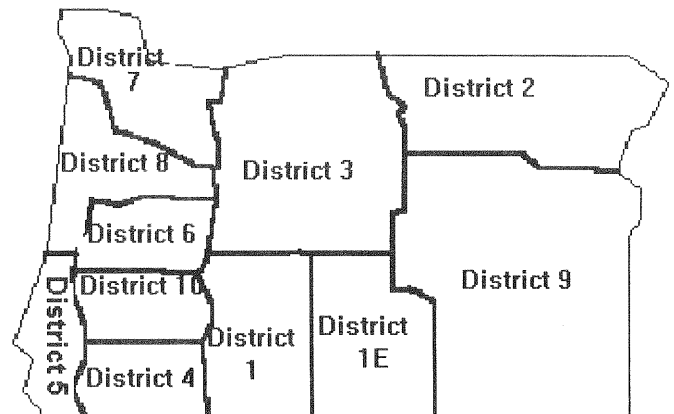
## Coming Events

### May

3	Mtng, Ptck, Jam, Com. Ctr.	Rogue River	4
3	Spaghetti dinner, Sr. Ctr.	Newberg	8
4	Jam, Moose Lodge (meal furnished)	Lebanon	6
4	Jam, Dance, Com. Bldg	Winston	10
4	Ptck, Jam, Dance Sr Center	McMinnville	8
4	Ptck, Jam Harney Co. Sr. Cen	Burns	9
8	11:30 - 1 PM Capitol Bldg.	Salem	OOTFA
10	Ptck, Jam, Community Hall,	Adel	1E
10	Mtng, Ptck, Jam, Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
10	Mtng, Ptck, Jam Com. Bldg.	Winston	10
11	Merrill Civic Center	Merrill	1
11	Jam Senior Center	Bend	3
17	Jam, Alturas High School	Alturas	1-E
16-17	Oregon Champion Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	OOTFA
24-25	Salmon Harbor	Winchester Bay	5
31 (Sat.)	Ptck, Jam, Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7
31	Ptck, Jam Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E

### June

1	Quarterly Meeting, Ptck, Jam, Dance Com. Building	Winston	10
6-7	Wallowa Old Time Fiddle Contest	Enterprise	BMOTF A
6	Ptck, Jam Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1-E
7	Mtng, Ptck, Jam Com. Center	Prospect	4
8	Ptck, Jam Senior Center	Sandy	7
14	Mtng, Ptck, Jam Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5



## The Prez Sez

I'm just now starting relax after our state convention. I want to thank the entire membership for the trust and confidence you placed in me by electing me your president for the year 1997 - 1998. I had no intention of running for the office of president again but after all the kind and sincere words, courtesy, respect and moral support bestowed on me during this convention, it was impossible to say no. I'll do the best I know how to live up to your expectations and make this year 1997-1998 very successful and constructive for the members of the OOTFA and with the members continuous support, I'm sure this goal will be accomplished.

I am very pleased with the other two state officers you elected. Vice president Roger Germundson and Sec. Treas. Myrtle Arnold and I will consider it an honor to work with both of these

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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

The April 13th jam at the Merrill Civic Center was a good one. Don Lindsey and Ethel Holstin from District 4, and Charley Phreat from District 1E were visitors. Please come again!

Stacy and Albert Pugh and their four children are new musicians. Irene Ruddock is teaching them. We hope they will be jamming with us soon.

May birthdays are: 2nd Retha Green, 10th Lu Wells, 13th Cherie Lane, 28th Leonard McDonald. May anniversaries are: 13th Thelma and Al Nelson, 27th Faye and Isom Patterson. Best wishes to you all.

The next jam is at the Merrill Civic Center on Mother's Day, May 11th. Please bring finger food for a noon snack. There will be a meeting at 1 PM and the jam will start at 2 PM.

Nursing home schedule: Each 3rd Sunday, Washburn Way in Klamath Falls at 2 PM. Each 4th Thursday, Clairmont at 5:45 PM and Clairmont Retirement immediately following at 6:45 PM.

There is a tentative play date on May 25th for an anniversary celebration. Please call Irene for information on this. Her number is (541) 882-6418. Cherie Lane, reporter

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**Treasurers:** Myrtle Arnold wants to call to your attention that it is to early to get your books in order for the audit. The fiscal year ends on June 30th and the books are to be sent to Myrtle after that date. She needs your ledger pages with the beginning and ending balances, the canceled checks and any void checks, the check stubs, deposit slips, bills for the year, your profit and loss sheet and the bank statements for the year. If you have any questions, please contact Myrtle.

## 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, The March 29th jam was an extra special one for us, as we had Janet Burgess and Julia Milleson visiting, both from District 9. Everyone enjoyed them tremendously and how the audience and we thrilled to Janet's dulcimer music.

Our April 4 jam was a chance to honor Homer and Rosalee McLain on their 40th wedding anniversary. All of their family were with them for this occasion and they were presented with a beautiful cake and card.

On this evening, also, we presented Linda Miller with a cake and card as we are losing Linda to District 9. We will miss her and all of us wish her the very best of luck.

A lot of our 1-E people have been down with the late winter flue-bug. Clyde Lynch was quite ill but is recovering nicely. Eric Leffingwell is recovering from cancer surgery. We have missed him and are glad he's doing much better.

Everyone from 1-E who attended the state convention this year had a wonderful time with all of the pretty music and visits with friends. We'd like to thank Jim and Jan Lancaster at the Diamond Lake

Junction Restaurant for their warm hospitality to us "homeward bound convention fiddlers."

Don't forget to join us on May 10th for a potluck at 6:30 and jam at the community hall in Adel. Then on the 17th we will be at the Children's Fair at the Alturas High School from 10:00 to 2:00. May 31 will find us at the Memorial Hall for a 6:30 potluck and jam to follow.

Till next time, folks, God Bless  
Mary Stone (541) 947-3825

Jan Castillo writes that she is looking for someone to make her a tape of the fiddle tune "Nervous Breakdown." It was written by Marvin Carroll and recorded by Buck Ryan for Mercury records in about 1957. If you can help, please contact Jan at 2071 NE Stephens L-10 Roseburg, Or 97470 (541) 672-0086.

## District 2

It is a long way off but mark your calendars for October 4th, 1997 when the second annual Youngtime/Oldtime "Note"able event will be held in Pendleton. More details in the months to come. In the mean time for more information, call Peg Willis at (541)276-0350.

## District 3

Chairperson: **Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746**  
Co-Chair: **Jack Bloom (541) 382-5543**  
Sec/Treas: **Rudi Booher (541) 549-4305**

Howdy all!! Looks as though Spring has sprung in our area. Flowers are beginning to bloom and so are the trees. What I can't figure is I can not garden to save my life, yet, there are flowers blooming around our place. I do gardening the easy way which allows me to have blooms all year round. I have tulips in all colors that don't require water or pruning of any sort. And if a weed grows near it, it won't kill my bloom. though when the men of the house mow at times they have to pull up the flowers then they just plunk them right back in the ground and no harm is done. It is amazing what people can make out of wood huh?

Our Sunday Jam at the Senior Center was very festive and we had over 125 people there. Virgil Schmoe from Dist. 1 was among our players. Thanks for coming by Virgil, we really enjoyed you being with us.

Our next Jam at the Senior Center in Bend on 5th & Kearney from 1:30 - 4:30 will be May 11, 1997. If anyone is in our area, we would love to have you stop by.

Corvallis Contest is coming up and much luck is sent out to all those who will participate. just remember, taking part in such an event, all are WINNERS.

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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**

May Day! May Day! Take serious notes of these dates; May 3 we will be at Rogue River Sr. Center. June 7 we will be at the Prospect Community Center (NOT Roxianne Grange.). No July meeting but we will be jamming at Central Point Park on July 4th. Everyone come. We will begin jamming after the parade! Come early as parking can be difficult. "Brown bag" or enjoy the food concessions.

Boy oh boy, summer must be around the corner. Lawn needs mowing every week, spiders are busy around my windows, bees are a bussin' and our roadway is kicking up dust. After all that rain I never thought things would ever dry up. Now after the winter blahs, there are more demands for good foot stompin' music! Believe me, district 4 has a lot of good big feet (for stompin', that is).

Here are our April participants (fan fare please): Bud A., Frank & Mary A., Jerry & Zelda C., Cliff C., Lee C., Betty D., Vic F., Mona G., Tommy G., Lem G., Bob H., Letha K., Don L., "Pic" L., Julia P., Charlie & Dale P., Jack S. & Granddaughter Christine, Jim S., Gene W., Jim W. and Russ & Bev T. What a fine bunch! We had a few missing and on the sick and mending list: Paula Pasley, Dave & Doreen Winkleman, Letha Fry, Jean Ann Dice (Ethel Holstin's niece), and let's not forget Alex Lopez who has been in a nursing home over a year.

I wish I had space to acknowledge all of our faithful supporters and associate members. These lovely people give us a great lift when they dance and cheer us on! "Bravo" to you.

Now remember: before repeating anything a "little bird told you, be sure it wasn't from a cuckoo."  
Peace and love, "Merry" Mary Armstrong

### SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

Chad Terrusa reports that there is scholarship money available for those who feel that they need help in paying for workshops. Please contact Chad if you need more information.

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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

My humble apologies to Fred & Vera Virtue for this belated Anniversary Wish, on April 22. Also belated Birthday wishes to Elnora Jorren, Ron Saylor, Alice McDowell, Jerene Shaffar, I am so sorry to have slighted you.

Before I go any further let's include the Birthdays for May. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Marianne Burns, Charlotte Dow, Jim Hall, Chelsea Hall, Jean Dunn, Roy Lewis, Rosie Johnson, and Bert Stevens.

LISTEN UP!!!!!! We have more news on the SALMON HARBOR OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW coming up on May 24 & 25. Oregon Old Time Fiddlers have been invited to play at Winchester Bay, Sat. May 24, and May 25, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Sportsman's Cannery, and we'll have cover to protect us from the elements. The Cannery will be serving salmon during the same hours.

This will be a biggie, folks, and an annual affair - a fun time for the whole family. Please accept our invitation to join us - you will be heartily welcomed.

We had a really great meeting, potluck and jam this past Saturday. The food was delicious, and the dance hall was standing room only with some of the overflow enjoying the dining room.

There was a large birthday cake for Elnora and it was served in the dance hall to all of our guests and members. Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday to Elnora. A great time was had by all. We are anticipating and looking forward to many more happy times, with a hall packed full of Happy Fiddlers. Always room for more.

We welcome Cecil & Lucille Davidson back into District 5 after a long absence. He plays a snappy, happy fiddle.

See you'all in Winchester Bay. Happy Fiddlin

Reporting - 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

May is looming before we know it. Seems just yesterday I was looking forward to Christmas. Oh, well, there's another Christmas coming up before too many more months, anyway! These members of our district will have May birthdays: Mark Pruitt 2, Natalie Kinley 3,

Dorothy Payne 3, Velma Boyles 6, Stan Gonshorowski 6, Theresa Powell 6, Roy E. Lewis 8, Douglas Orton 20 and Evelyn Turner 22. Happy anniversaries to: Dick & Jo Gerlach 1, John & Wanda Davis 2, Curly & Allison Roberts 17, Ray Mitchell & Judy clement 28 and Don & Ruth Loring 31. Happy days to all of the above.

April was a busy month for us. On April 5th we had our potluck and jam at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. It was well attended - lots of wonderful food, good music, good dancers and listeners. (And I left my black suite jacket on the back of a chair - someone took it for "safe keeping." If you will return it me (Thelma), I will be glad to give it a good home.) On the 13th we were back at the Morningstar Grange north of Albany. Again, a wonderful day of

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**Don't forget that you are invited to the state capitol building on May 8th to play. We will gather about 11:00 and start playing sometime later. This jam is to bring attention to our contest and "Oregon Oldtime Fiddle Week."**



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## District 7

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

Actually I just returned from our April Jam at the Molalla Senior Center and what I am about to tell you are things that you have just told me! So read this carefully and see if I have the straight of it! By the way, we had a good jam and potluck. We might have hoped for a larger crowd, but the musicians were well represented and everyone out did themselves. There were many willing hands afterwards in "taking down" and straightening up.

That gives us hope for our next subject - our continued need for a volunteer to care for and transport the sound system. Today it was mentioned that there might be a small amount of compensation available for this service. If the cost involved has been a barrier for you, please call and discuss this with Red Arnold at (503) 284-1208.

Several of you mentioned to me that Carl Helgerson has been transferred to the friendship House in Portland to complete his recovery from his recent surgery. It is apparent, Carl, that our thoughts and good wishes are with you and your wife as well.

Random comments about the Roseburg convention included: good crowd. Beautiful weather. Thank you for the flowers - the tables were beautiful. Lots of dancing. District 7 was well represented. Hopefully this helps some of us who weren't able to attend "get the picture."

Another event mentioned with thankfulness was the mandolin and cane fiddle donated by Ace Wehus through which \$520 and \$68 were raised for the state contest fund. This was done by taking donations for the contest and then a drawing for the mandolin and cane.

The Molalla Senior Center has asked us

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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

April 20th a bunch of us found our way to Buell Grange for a the jam. We had several visitors from District 7. Thanks for coming, all of you! Had a good crowd of listeners. Several saw our notices in the newspapers and came. (It pays to advertise!) Lew and Alice's daughter, Patty, and neighbor Nancy, made their fiddle debut. They've been playing for 1 month. Good to have Ken Cartwright and Ginny Hollon with us.

Marie Bailey's mother, Wilma Collins, died March 27th. She lived with Marie and Bob, and had attended some of our jams. Our sympathy to Marie and Bob.

Elaine Kihlstadius' son was killed in an auto accident recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Elaine.

Robert Terry's mother is very ill and in the hospital. Don Simons says Harold Cope had been in the hospital and is now in the nursing home on Ellendale in Dallas (room 32 east wing). Don reports that Chuck Williams has had his share of aches and pains this winter. We wish him well.

Here are the May dates for your calendars. The first weekend is a busy one. Saturday, May 3rd we play for a spaghetti feed at the Newberg Senior

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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**

Howdy, District 9 is keeping busy. We had a good turnout for the April jam. Visiting this month was Rudolph Ackerman of District 3.

Currently May 4th is the last scheduled jam until fall. The potluck will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the jam following until 4 p.m.

Stacey Lange taught a fiddle workshop for beginning and intermediate fiddlers on April 19th. Several folks were first timers. Anyone interested in joining these classes should contact Janet Burgess for information.

Up and coming fiddler Kelly Shanahan has moved to Cedar City, Utah. We wish Kelly, Rob and Hannah the best of luck in their venture. And Kelly, keep working on those tunes!

Thanks to the musicians who turned out for the nursing home, the Aspens and Saginaw Village. The residents really enjoy the music.

Upcoming dates to remember include the nursing home at 7 p.m. on May 5; Silver Spur Motel, May 12th; the Clogging Workshop in John Day on May 10th and the Aspens May 9th (I think). Oh, don't forget the Country Music Jamboree at the Harney County Fairgrounds June 12, 13, & 14. We want to see as many of you as possible from all over the state. Ask anybody who was there last year and they will tell you what a good time we had.

Happy May Day Janet Burgess, District 9 reporter

### ***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**

### **CONTEST**

Although the public will be charged to attend the contest, your membership in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association gets you in free. Please try to attend the Friday afternoon jam in the main auditorium.

We still need more volunteers for registration and ticket sales. Please, please contact Lew Holt or Starr McMullen if you can help Friday afternoon and evening and/or Saturday all day and evening. It sure would be appreciated. Oh, yes, parking is free across the street from the LaSells Stewart Center. One of our "bestus" ever volunteers will be there to direct your parking. We have certain rules imposed on us by the campus police so please respect the directions from those directing your parking. Thanks everybody.

Lew Holt

Happy Birthday to Bill Bettis, Tom Shepherd, Keith Carr, Andy Zumwalt, Gem Moore, Dean Wilson, Lester Broadwater, Charlotte Bonebright, Ella O'Connor and Jim Fouts.

May dates: on the 4th a Jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. The 10th a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Winston community Building.

For June mark your calendars for the 1st for a potluck, jam and dance from 1 - 4 at the Winston community Building. We will be hosting a state quarterly meeting which is being held that morning. We look forward to having visitors from all over the state. On the 21st there will be a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Winston Community Building.

Our thoughts go to Bud Werley. He was in the hospital with pneumonia and we wish you the best Bud.

District 10 lost a member recently with the passing of Alma Greer. Our sympathy goes to her husband Alvin Greer and to the family. Our prayers are with you all.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

OOTFA has its own web page:  
<http://www.open.org/lewholt/index.html>



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Center. We'll start about 4:00 PM and play until about 7:00. Last year we took turns eating and keeping the music going the listeners and dancers. The address is 101 West Foothills. From downtown Newberg - traveling on Hwy 99 through town, turn north on College St. (toward the hills). In a mile or so take a left on Foothills St. The Newberg Senior Center is on the right, a few blocks down Foothills St. The center is connected to an elementary school.

The next day, Sunday, May 4th is our regular jam. It will be in McMinnville at the Senior center. Open at 10 AM. We'll have a POTLUCK this time, but feel free to bring your brown bag lunch if you prefer that. (At Buell I noticed purple bags, ice chests and baskets as well as brown bags - but you know what I mean!) 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)

Thursday, May 8th we will play in the State Capitol building starting at 11:30. This is for everyone from any district, and will publicize the State Fiddle Contest. All are welcome. Be aware that parking is a bit hard to find while the legislature is in session. (Bring a handful of quarters.) This is a fun get together, and reaches people who don't otherwise hear us.

Jumping ahead a bit, June 28th (Saturday evening 7:00 to 9:00) we'll play at the Pacific City Thousand Trails. To get there, take Hwy 18 towards Lincoln City, go North on 101 to the Pacific turn off. When you get to the four way stop in Pacific City, turn left toward the beach, take a right, go over the bridge, then go two miles. It will be on the right side of the road. For more directions, call Mary Frey, Thousand Trails (541) 965-6086. Free camping overnight for musicians only. (and TT members) Sorry we can't make this a big campout for everybody, but they are paying us to entertain them. Check the front page for other events coming up this summer.

"To a fiddler, nothing sounds sweeter to the ear than the sound of a solo fiddle...unless it is the sound of two fiddles. And then nothing sounds sweeter than the sound of two fiddles...unless it is the sound of three fiddles. and on, and on." Bob Childs

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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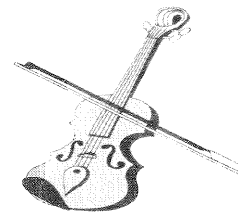
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Birthdays: 4 - Carol Real, 19 - Betty O'Neal, 19 - Pat Fraser, 20 - Earlene Ervin, 26 - don Hanna. Anniversary Couple: 11 - Norma and Eugene Slay.

To our Birthday people and Anniversary Couple, many good wishes are sent your way for a great and memorable day.

Take care of yourselves and have a good month. . . Till next time. . . .

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

### New members dues for the rest of 1997.

May 1	\$10.00
June 1	\$8.75
July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 1998
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 1998
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 1998

## District 7 cont.

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to play on Tuesday, May 13, for their noon meal entertainment. Those who volunteer will have a free meal. Please be there at 11:30 AM. Also, a reminder from Joy Smith, that there will be other playing engagements coming up such as the Boone's Ferry Days on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Susy Spencer asked me to share with you that the Lake Oswego Senior Center declined payment after our Jam there last month. They like us that much and we thank them!

Our May Jam will be on Saturday, May 31, at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center in Beaverton. Hopefully this will be an opportunity for some of our members ho have been otherwise involved on Sundays to attend. To get there from either I-5 or Rt. 26, take Hwy 217 to the Allen Blvd. exit and go west to Hall Blvd. Turn right on Hall and go to 12th and Hall. The center is at 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. Next to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Well, for someone who had "nothing to write" I guess I've done okay. So I'll quit while I'm ahead. See you next month!

Marie Smith, Reporter (503) 829-5880

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playing music and dancing. By the time you read this, we will have had another April jam on the 20th at the Elk's Lodge in Sweet Home. The Sunday jams at the Coburg Grange Hall have been discontinued. Our next jam will be at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on May 4th. They will furnish lunch for us.

Susy Mulligan had surgery on the 18th of April. Our friends and family

have been very supportive. Thanks very much. Buck

Stan Gonshorowski wishes to thank each and every one of you for your phone calls, kind words and cards during his recent illness. We all wish you well Stan.

Judy Clement reports that she has two excellent fiddle videos, beginner and intermediate, in our music library and some music books. These are for your use, free of charge. Call her at 345-0691.

District 6 extends a welcome Lila and George Larsen who moved recently from District 5, North Bend, to the Oaks Senior Retirement Center in Lebanon. We hear that Lila is an accordion player and is already entertaining at the center.

Don't forget the state fiddle contest in Corvallis this month. You will enjoy all the good music and jamming and visiting with friends from all over the state.

(This was found in Bill's violin case after he died and was sent in by Stan and Ellamae Lennox. In Bill Mason's memory --

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It's an art and it's a science,  
It's a universal language without words.  
It stirs the senses,  
Kindles the fires of memory,  
Soothes the troubled soul.  
This is music, a divine mystery,  
A blessing for mankind.

Keep smiling and keep fiddling - I'll see you down the road some-where. Thelma Shephard, Reporter THELMA SEZ: If you cross a chicken with a banjo, you get a chicken that plucks itself? (Thelma, we all hope that you had a good trip to Missouri. And by the way if any of you still have your Oregon Life Section from the Register Guard with her story, Thelma would like to have it. She has a lot of relatives to send copies to. Thanks. )



## The Prez Sez cont.

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dedicated members. I want to praise and thank the large group of volunteers (I can't begin to name all of you) who jumped in and helped out anytime something had to be done. This didn't happen just one time but several times during the entire convention. It's an honor to represent an organization when the membership shows this kind of support and dedication. I want to thank all the districts for taking care of their assigned responsibilities quickly and efficiently.

In the past parking the Rvs and collecting the money has always been a thankless and frustrating job. I thought I had all the details of this program arranged so there would be very little confusion -- then Margaret Teague with her ingenuity came up with an idea that put the icing on the cake and all the problems disappeared. "Thanks Margaret."

Jack Kerr put together the Friday night program. It was completely different from the past programs and in my opinion very successful. Thanks Jack. There were 400 chairs set up and they were all occupied when the last group of the entertainers performed their numbers.

Our next event is the state fiddle contest in Corvallis May 16 & 17 and Lew Holt, Starr McMullen and Chad Terrusa have this under control.

Our state quarterly meeting will be hosted by district 10 on June 1 at Winston in the community building on Grape Street starting at 9 a.m. Doors will be open at 8 a.m. Anyone who arrives Saturday can park their Rvs on the south and east side of the building at no charge. No hook ups. At the meeting there will be several important items on the agenda that will be discussed and action taken. I will write a letter to all district chairman, co-chairman and sec. treasurer later this month with more details. I strongly urge all newly elected district officers to attend this meeting. YES there will be a potluck at noon and a sign up jam starting at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. I hope there will be a large turnout.

There seems to be some confusion as to who can sign up new members and collect dues from continuous members. For clarification - any member can sign up new members and collect dues from continuous members. Also the membership chairman doesn't have to be an elected officer. He or she can be appointed by the district chairman.

I now have a fax machine and it might make it easier for members to contact me. The number is 1-541-679-6305 and the fax will take over after the 4th ring.

At the state convention Homer McLain got a group of musicians together and they played throughout the Douglas Hall for the coop venders and the general public. They were well received and I got a phone call from the manager of the Douglas County

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### Coming Events cont.

12 - 14	Country Music Jamboree High Desert Fiddlers	Burns	
16 - 21	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	
21	Mtnng, Ptck, Jam, Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10
28	Jam, 1000 Trails	Pacific City	8
<b>July</b>			
4	Jam, Central Point Park	Central Point	4
20	Potluck, jam (Location TBA)	Wilsonville	7
31	Yamhill Co. Fair Jam	McMinnville	8
31 - Aug. 3.	Diamond Lake Campout		
<b>August</b>			
2	Picnic & jam	Prospect Park	
7	Jam Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
20	Out door concert	Mt. Angel	8
22 - Sep. 2	Warrick's Campout		
23	Canyonville Contest		
24	Cascade Festival of Music with Mark O'Connor	Bend	
<b>September</b>			
11,12, & 13	Thousand Trails	LaPine	OOTFA
<b>October</b>			
11	Newport Elks Jam (tentative)	Newport	8

Coop thanking us. Thanks Homer.

There is one dedicated group that remains in the background but it would be next to impossible to put on successful convention with them. Jim and Gynn Deaton and their family -- the OOTFA owes you a great deal of thanks and gratitude for all the countless hours you've spent over the past 20 years furnishing us with delicate sandwiches, hot & cold drinks, a super breakfast and an excellent banquet on Saturday night. On behalf of all the members of the great organization, I salute you, I thank you and I give you a standing ovation.

Keep making music Louie Roy

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### Odds and Ends from your editor. . . .

♪ Some of you expressed an interest in getting a video of the state convention. If so, please contact David Waters (1818 3rd St. Coos Bay, OR 97420 (541) 267-6699). Parts of the jams have been shown on cable TV in Coos Bay. David reports the video is basically "amateurish" but the sound is good. He is asking \$10 for the video tape. Since the convention he now has access to a new state of the art camera and will be able to do better at the contest.

♪ HELP!! At the banquet we asked for donations of \$25 or more to support the contest. I went about the room taking your money and checks and filled out a drawing ticket for each \$25 donation. (The tickets were used for the drawing for the mandolin that Ace Wehus had donated.) In the passion of the moment, I forgot to keep the drawing tickets with your names so I lost track of some who contributed. I remember or have checks from -- Janet Burgess, Chuck and Pat Gates, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Roy Lewis, Roger and Jackie Germundson, John and Helen Hakanson, ----- that comes to \$400 -- now I need to account for the other \$125. If you donated during the banquet, please drop me a note so I can thank you and recognize your donation.

♪ Speaking of donations - they are still coming in. Just as this is being written, we received a check for \$100 and another for \$11.50 - so you see it varies from person to person (and district to district). You are invited to participate by donating to the contest. Please make your checks payable to OOTFA CONTEST and send them to Myrtle or to me.

♪ Did you catch the misspelled word last month? I tried so hard but The High "Dessert" fiddlers sneaked in their somehow. Even though they are in desert country, they are all as nice as a good dessert.

♪ Buck handed Joy a note Friday night -- it read: Smile, it will increase your face value.

♪ Joy says: Still have a tenor banjo for \$100 and a very fine fiddle for \$300. This violin would be a great "upgrade" if your "beginning" violin isn't sounding so good. The keyboard is still available for \$50. You antique buffs still have a chance to purchase the old Ann Arbor pump organ, piano style, 100+ years old. I haven't put a price on it, so it is negotiable.

♪ To all my friends who are NOT going to

Burns Jamboree and Weiser, mark June 14th on your calendar. I am hosting a RETIREMENT jam, potluck picnic, party at Jasper Park. Just south east of Springfield (consult a map) cross the Willamette River to the west side, look for signs. We will jam and visit all afternoon. Meal at 12:30. Bring extra chairs. Yours truly, ajoy

♪ Exciting things are happening in Oregon -- Bob Hoehne has 14 fiddle students in Roseburg, Donna Reuter has 6 students in Hood River, Starr McMullen has 6 or more students in Corvallis, Rudi Booher has around 30 in Sisters/Bend and Jeanine Orme, Greg Baker and Hollis Taylor have students in the Portland area. Stacey Lange is teaching workshops. Jennifer Heacock Speelman (who has a resume that includes runner up champion of California and 8th in Nashville) has moved to Medford and is anxious to teach fiddle. She can be contacted at 1800 Poplar Dr. #24, Medford 97504 (541) 732-0441. There are others around the state teaching too. But with these highly qualified teachers, OOTFA should soon benefit from their work. Let's all encourage them and send pupils their way. We will all put Oregon on the map.

### Directions to LaSells Stewart Center

From I-5 take the Corvallis/Hwy 34 exit to Corvallis. Cross the bridge coming into town. Turn left (south) on 4th St. Go 8 blocks and turn right (west) on Western. Just past the intersection of 26th and Western, on the right, is the parking lot entrance to Parker Stadium - park here and walk across the 26th St. to LaSells Stewart Center.

Coming down 99-W (north to the south) 99-W turns into 4th St. Follow 4th to Western and follow the directions above.

Coming up 99-W (south to north) 99-W turns into 3rd St. in town. Follow 3rd to Western, then turn left and follow the above directions.

### STATE QUARTERLY MEETING DIRECTIONS

Coming from south to north on I-5 you can take either exit 113 or 112. Continue north on Hwy 99 through Dillard, cross bridge into Winston. Turn right (east) on Thompson St. by the Green Tree Inn. Go about 4 blocks, turn left (north on Grape St.) to Community Building.

From north to south on I-5 take exit 119. Go to 3rd stop light which is in Winston. (About 3 miles from I-5) Continue south approximately 6 blocks. Turn left on Thompson by Green Tree Inn. Go about 4 blocks, turn left (north on Grape St.) to Community Building.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997**

1:00 P. M. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE

**BREAK FOR DINNER**

6:00 P. M. Judges and Contestants Meeting  
6:30 P. M. On Stage Jam (all fiddlers and back-up)  
7:00 P. M. National Anthem  
Judges play  
1996 Twin fiddle Champs play  
1996 Open Champion entertains  
1996 Sr Sr Champion entertains

**TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST** (One Round)  
1996 Pee Wee Champion plays  
1996 Jr Jr Champion entertains  
1996 Junior Champion entertains

**SENIOR SENIOR DIV. CONTEST** (Round 1)  
1996 Sr Champion entertains  
1996 Young Adult Champ plays  
1996 Adult Champion entertains

ANNOUNCE SR SR DIVISION FINALISTS

**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1997**

AWARDS -- TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST  
9:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up)  
9:45 CONTEST BEGINS

SENIOR Division (Round 1)  
JR JR Division (Round 1)

**NOON INTERMISSION**

ADULT Division (Round 1)  
1:30 PEE WEE Division (One round)  
JUNIOR Division (Round 1)  
SENIOR-SENIOR Div.(Round 2)

AWARDS -- PEE WEE DIVISION

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**BREAK FOR DINNER**

YOUNG ADULT Division (Round 1)  
6:30 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers & back-up)  
7:00 National Anthem  
Judges play  
1996 Pee Wee Champ Entertains  
OPEN Division (Round 1)  
SENIOR Division (Round 2)

**Presentation of BILL YOHEY MEMORIAL AWARD**

JUNIOR JUNIOR Division (Round 2)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS  
Senior Senior Division  
Senior Division  
Youngest Boy Fiddler  
Youngest Girl Fiddler

**INTERMISSION**

Oldest Fiddler  
JUNIOR Division (Round 2)  
YOUNG ADULT Division (Round 2)  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS -- Jr Jr Division  
ADULT Division (Round 2)  
OPEN Division (Round 2)  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS  
Accompanists, Young Adult, Adult,  
Championship

FINALE: Orange Blossom Special

(Please note --Schedule subject to change.)

We hope to have the stage and sound set up by 1:00 for a regular jam on Friday, May 16. We invite all fiddlers to sign up for this show. It will start with an on stage jam at 1:00 and the regular jam to follow. It will be open for the public.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18** you are invited to a Gospel Show at the Suburban Christian Church. This show is sponsored by the OOTFA and the Suburban Christian Church. The church holds two worship services - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. There will be a potluck at 12:30. OOTFA Gospel music at 1:30. You are invited to bring a dish or two and join the potluck. And then enjoy the Gospel Music Show at 1:30. OOTFA members are invited to participate in the show with your favorite gospel music.

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