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## Calendar of Events

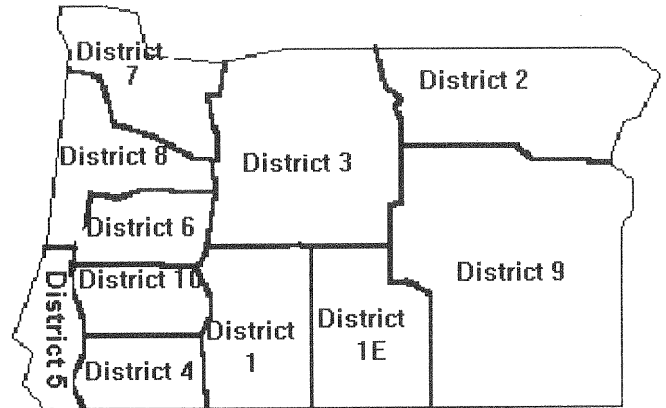
(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

### February

1	Sr. Center	Burns	9
1	Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10
7	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
7	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
8	Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
8	Deschutes Cty Fairgrounds		3
8	Winema Hotel	Klamath Falls	1
14	Fairgrounds	Lakeview	1E
14	Driftwood Hall	North Bend	5
15	Elk's Lodge	Sweet Home	6
15	Buell Grange		8
21	Meeting, Com. Bldg	Winston	10
28	Banana Belt Fiddle Show - BMOTFA		

### March

1	Senior Center	Burns	9
1	Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10
1	Willamalane Senior Center		6
7	Sunny Valley Grange	Sunny Valley	4
7	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
14	Winston Com. Bldg	Winston	10
14	Keizer Senior Center		8
15	Senior Center	Lake Oswego	7
19 -	State Convention	Roseburg	
21			



## Roger's Rambles

We had a good turnout for our quarterly meeting in Springfield. We had a short business meeting followed by a potluck lunch and after lunch great playing and dancing. Thank you Joe Moyle and District 6 for making us welcome and for showing us such a good time.

Two resolutions were made regarding our name and they will be voted on at the annual meeting in March. They are as follows: A. Resolved that our name be changed so that OLD TIME is spelled as two words. B. Resolved that our name be changed to omit the APOSTROPHE in the

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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."**

# The Hoedowner

## District 1

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

"Happy Valentine's Day" from District 1. Let's hope all our Fiddler Friends out there are surviving the ice and snow, also, any who have had "The Bug" are recovering nicely.

Our Jan. 11 Jam was a little small in attendance because of winter weather, but a nice meal and lively music made the afternoon fly by. Ernie and Lee Penry joined our group. He sings and plays guitar.

Our sympathy to Jerry and Irene Ruddock, his mother Alice Kent passed away last week. Alice use to enjoy coming to jams and listening to the music when she was able.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Vivian Burden - Feb. 21 and Tex Cox - Feb. 16. Jo Harris has a glass bowl and nice pie pan someone left at our Dec. Jam - in case you wonder where they are. Next Jam is Feb. 8, '98 at Winema Hotel, 1111 Main St. Klamath Falls, OR. Doors open at noon for early jamming, meeting at 1 p.m.. then a lunch of finger foods and the jam starts at 2 p.m.

Nursing homes: Washburn Way Rehab - a new time and date to be announced. Clairmont Nursing Home 4th Thurs. At 5:45 p.m. and Clairmont Retirement Home 7 p.m. same evening - one hour each.

Hope to see everyone out to the next meeting - We'll be holding election of new officers for the year.

Your Reporter District #1 Cherie Lane



## District 1E

Chairman: Larry McLain(541) 947-2448  
Co-Chair: Bill Myers (541) 947-5442  
Sec. Beverly Perry(541) 947-2334  
Treas: Donna Lynch(541) 947-4687  
Membership: Marie Walker (541) 947-2755

HELLO from the mile high town of Lakeview. The start of the new year brings new reporters for District 1E's Hoedowner News. This is a good time to thank Mary Stone for her time, effort and poems for the past Hoedowners. We wish her good luck as she relaxes and can ignore the 18th deadline. We will try to keep up her good work!!

We would like to welcome some new and returning members. Please make welcome Terry and Sherlyn McLain; Donna and Tim Evetts; Elbert and Mary Belle Dean; Roger and Carole Galindo; Carol Fisher; George and Shirley McLain; Joy and Mike Harlan; and Bud and Frankie Garrett.

A reminder, our monthly business meeting is the second Monday of each month at the Indian Village at 7:00 pm. This month will be ELECTION OF OFFICERS. A word of caution, better be there to represent yourself!! We'd like to see the back room of the Village full of members to vote for new officers.

Chairman Larry went to the state quarterly meeting in Springfield to represent our district. The whole family went and they also visited family while they were there. The roads weren't the best but they made it. Thanks Larry for all of your effort.

We are playing at the nursing home the second and fourth Tuesday and the third Saturday of each

month from 9:30 to 10:30 am. We have a scheduled jam the first Saturday of each month at the Memorial Hall. We will be changing our jam times just a little from now on. We will open the

**Congratulations to Helen Tracy for selling now over 800 name tags. The small profit from each name tag will donated to the state fiddle contest fund. Thanks Helen from all of us for all that you do - not only in your district but in many of our districts, too. If you don't have a name tag and want one, check with Helen and she will see that you get one.**

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District 3

Chairman: Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746
Co-Chair: Don Hanna (541) 447-7449
Sec/Treas: Rudi Booher (541) 549-4305

I am so happy to announce at the time of this writing we are in a WINTER WONDERLAND. I tell you it is just beautiful. Of course, I am almost sure my enthusiasm is not really shared by many, but I don't care; I had been waiting for this and it came. Of course, my ritual of making snow angels had to begin. So there I go plopp! Then Tillie, my dog wanted to take part so I sort of plopped her too, but how do you make a Winnie Dog angel? Needless to say, did not turn out well. Therefore, I ended up with a lot of tube shape indentations. Not like we didn't try right? Oh well, at least there is snow and I am tickled pink about it.

Our Jan 11th Jam was canceled due to the snowfall. Our next Jam at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds in the Howard Mayfield Bldg. Will be on Feb 8th from 1:30-4:30. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminder: Next month is Elections

Health: Ken Jordan will be going into the Hospital for Back surgery on Feb 8th. Nothing major just a little tuning up...

Birthdays: 11-Illomae Zehner and 20-Mary Flemming. We wish both of you a wonderful day.

Well folks, winter is in full blown, so please don't be out on the road if you don't have to or outside for that matter. Keep warm, and take care of yourselves.

Till next time...signing off...Your Reporter Ernie Slay 541-504-1065

District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
Co-chair: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230
Sec/Treas: Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621
Mmbrship: Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032

Hola! Here in Southern Oregon it's been pretty hectic! Tell me. As we grow older, is this the way it's going to be from now on? So many irons in the fire; such a demand for musicians. Only ten more "jams" left. Yikes! Just don't be surprised if I greet you with "Merry Christmas." I want to have a head start. Gosh, won't someone find another proverb? I don't like the one that says, "No rest for the wicked."

It is always so good to welcome young musicians. Last month we had Maggie and Jessica and now we have the young McGarrey son, and what a great enthusiastic crowd at our January Jam! It's true, that statement, "I never met a stranger." At our jams it is true.

Oregon Historical Society has asked District 4 to play four weeks in a row: Feb. 25,26,27; Mar. 4,5,6; Mar. 11,12,13; and Mar. 18,19,20. Add our regularly scheduled dates to that! Busy, Busy. Also, Feb. Jam on the 7th at Roxy Ann Grange, Spring & Valley View. March jam will be in Sunny Valley for the Applegate Trail Celebration. Place: Sunny Valley Grange and the Interpretive Center. Be there!

As we enter this new year, let's all try to make a visit to our friends in other districts. Let's all share good times.

Harry Stamper is home from the hospital, Paula Pasley's having eye surgery. Let us have very special thoughts for our friends for their physical problems. For the Jerry Ruddock

family as they grieve for his beloved mother "Alice." Comfort and peace. Talk to you next month! Love, Merry, Mary Armstrong

The Jack Walker family would like to extend an invitation to all of you to help celebrate the 60th birthday and retirement for Hazel on March 8th at the Central Grange, 87200 Central Rd - west of Eugene about 6 miles. There will be a potluck dinner at 12:30 with music and dancing to follow. Please bring your instruments - AND no gifts, please. There will be more information in the next Hoedowner but in the mean time if you have questions, please call 935-1359

**District 5**

Chairman: **Elwood Serfass (541) 888-9472**  
Co:Chair: **Russ Hall (541) 271-3519**  
Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns (541) 888-2655**

Well, here we are - beginning the second month of 1998 already. Yes, it is the month of sweethearts, log cabins and cherry trees! (Valentines, Lincoln and Washington).

We had a nice meeting and jam in January although our attendance was down. The weather was nasty and a lot of people were sick, so we are praying we will have better weather this month and our attendance will be up again!

At our January Jam we were pleased to have Gary Sabol from KCBY-TV come with his camera to film our fine musicians and interview our chairman. I saw this on the local news the following Monday evening and I would like to congratulate all of you for the wonderful job you did. This was certainly a great advertisement!

I am sorry to report our chairman, Elwood Serfass and his wife, Helen, lost their beautiful daughter, Eileen Harbert, who had cancer, December 21 in Springfield. Elwood, Helen and Marianne Burns want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits and prayers at the time of the loss of their daughter and niece. They were all greatly appreciated.

Among our sick have been Fred Grove who was in Sacred heart Hospital in Eugene for a few days with a heart condition and Helen Serfass who spent several days in the Bay Area Hospital. They are both home now and Fred was able to play his guitar at our January Jam and Helen managed to play a couple of songs on her mandolin. Those who have been bitten by the ornery old flu bug have been Lucille and Cecil Davidson, Bill and Dorothy Tenant and Russ Hall. We wish them all a very speedy recovery.

District 5 just received word from Pat Kraemer that Rose Johnson had gall bladder surgery in the Bay Area Hospital Jan. 14th. We wish her well and hope she is feeling much better. And, Al Lively,

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**District 6**

Chairman: **Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894**  
Co-Chair: **Betty Hawkins(541) 746-5579**  
Treas: **Ralph Hatleberg(541) 345-1421**  
Sec/Memb: **Ruth Kennedy(541) 746-9966**

If you didn't get to the state meeting, the big potluck and jam at the Willamalane Senior Center on January 10th, you sure missed a good time. We had a great crowd, lots of performers, dancers and listeners. It is always so great to see our friends from all around the state.

Our next District 6 jam will be at the Elks Lodge (on the hill) at Sweet home on February 15th. This will be a very special time because we will have our district meeting and elect officers for the coming year. We will meet downstairs at the lodge, then have our music upstairs after the meeting. We will not have a potluck, so come early for their fine breakfast (\$3.00 for all you can eat) which is served from 8:00 to 11:00, then be ready for the MEETING AT 11:00. The meeting should not take very long, so our jam should get underway fairly early. This will get us home at a goodly hour of the day. Please plan to attend the meeting and cast your vote. Our present officers have agreed to run for office again, but be ready if you wish to run or nominate someone. See you there.

Watch this space for future jams

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**Thanks to Mary Stone for being such a dedicated reporter for Dist. 1E. Now we welcome Bill and Gloria Myers as the new reporters for district 1E.**



**Your Name Here**

These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404  
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District 7

Chairman: Red Arnold (503) 284-1208
Co-Chair: Helen Hakanson(503) 659-7250
Sec/Treas: Lila Bills (503) 253-8447
Mship: Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851

Our January jam was iced/snowed, etc. out! Hope weather is back to normal where you are and that nothing too bad came your way because of this recent El Nino related weather event. Wally Bloom and Hannah, what's this we hear about you two driving almost all the way up here until you hit the snow and ice? Sorry about that. Please come back and see us again sometime.

The next chance to be together will be February 8, 1998. We'll hold our jam

the Forest Grove Senior Center. Election of offices and having a ton of musical fun will be the order of the day. Be sure to join us there. Neighboring districts are encouraged to join us...you add much to our musical pleasure. We'll jam at 11:00. have our meeting at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. The jam/show will be from 1-4.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars now: Feb. 8 Senior Center

Forest Grove Mar. 15 Senior Center Lake Oswego April 5 Senior Center Wilsonville

District 7 wishes to welcome brand new members Stella and Kyle Kaser. Stella plays accordion and harmonica. She and Kyle are fine dancers. They've just moved from Oregon City to Tigard. Looks like they'll bring added enthusiasm to the group.

Business: (Holding-out-hope-Business, actually.)Still need that willing volunteer for the sound equipment!! Needed: space for small, neat trailer, or space to store some equipment between jams; punctual by nature and have an urge to help your fellow man. By now you'll have less than a third of a year to refine the skills involved in totting the equipment and en-

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District 8

Chairman: Elaine Kihlstadius (503) 831-0680
Co-Chair: Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
Sec/Treas: Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. The days are getting longer. Spring can't be far away. Our January Jam at McMinnville had the dance floor full on nearly every tune we played. Those people do love to dance, and it makes playing for them even more fun. We had a wonderful potluck before the music started. Thanks to Robert and all his helpers for setting up chairs, tables, and the sound system. Thanks Mary and Elaine for kitchen crew duties. You and all your helpers keep things running smoothly. We had many welcome visitors from Districts 6 and 7. We used our new amp and monitor speakers. They work fine.

Several of our members have been on the sick list lately, but most were at the jam. Allen Smith, Donna Oldham, Daisy Simons, Dennis Brutke and Lorraine Kilburn each spent some time in the hospital. Glad you are all better now. Gene Stephenson is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Jan. 26th. We wish you well Gene. You can do a lot of mandolin picking while you recover!

Congratulations to Lee and Ruth Jones upon the birth of their new great grandson born back in Pennsylvania. Lee reports, too, that two recipe books were left at our Christmas jam in

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Fiddling Doug and friends jam every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 at the Corvallis Free Methodist Church, on the corner of Highland and Walnut Streets. Finger food and jam. Beginners and all are welcome. For more information, call Doug at (541) 758-0043

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District 9

Chairman: Carl Cross (541) 573-7821
Co-Chair: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Sec/Treas: George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517

Howdy! Isn't winter wonderful. I understand all around the state there have been challenges with the weather and the roads. I'm beginning to think Burns is in the banana belt. Here it snows 3 inches and then rains off. The kids must be getting real frustrated trying to build snowmen!

Carl Cross made it over the hills to the meeting in Springfield to represent our district at the State Quarterly Meeting and participated in the afternoon jam. Nice going Carl. Glad the weather cooperated.

It was a good turnout for the January Jam session. Joan Suther dropped by and sang a few tunes. Jay Cobel took advantage and requested several songs I'd never heard before but Joan just happened to know like "Tyin" Knots in the Devil's Tail". Rose Robirts, Lloyd Louie, Julia Millison and Walt Cooper did a bit of fiddling, Judith Beaudet and Buck Potter clogged a bit and the rest of us just fiddled around. Time to quit rolled around much to soon.

February and March Jams both fall on the 1st of the month. Carl Cross has called for a business meeting to be held before each of these jams. We'll start the meeting at 12:15. Election of officers will be held in March. Carl's term of office as chairman expires this year so be thinking about who or if you would like to take a crack at leading this unruly bunch.

Remember the Nursing Home on Monday, Feb. 9 and the Aspens on Friday, Feb. 13th. Both gigs start at 7 p.m.

We wish Thad Geer a speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery. I understand Ruel and Margaret Teague have been having fun in Arizona. Rumor has it Ruel played in a fiddle

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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

AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR, WE WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 1998. Our November and December turkey dinners were excellent. The tables were beautifully decorated - thanks to Frances Roy, Carolyn Lee and Clara Eaton. Several visitors came to join us and we had plenty of music.

We want to welcome our new members -- Vernon and Edith Christianson.

We lost a faithful member, Bud Werley, on Dec. 11. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Norma Werley and the family. Our prayers are with all of the family.

Happy Birthday in February to Dorothy Meadows, Carroll Lakin, Mary Deadmead and Edith Christianson. Happy Anniversary to Robert and Dorothy Meadows.

We will have our election of officers on Feb. 21 at our regular meeting. Think about who you want for your new officers.

Looking to the future -- on the 1st of Feb. We will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. February 21st - meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building. On the 1st of March we will have a jam and dance at the Winston Community Building. On March 14th there will be a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the

community building. Looking in to April. On the 5th a jam and dance at the Winston Community Building. On the 18th a meeting, potluck, and jam and dance.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

I received this note from Elsie Bostick --

OOTFA Dear friends, The family of Bill Bostick acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Lovingly, Elsie Bostick

## District 7 cont.

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encouraging members to help prepare and remove the speakers, microphones, etc. SOUNDS LIKE FUN, HUH?

Carl Helgerson and Joe Hamm you are missed. Please let us know how you are doing. Is it true that Carl would enjoy having a couple of friends at a time drop in so that there could be a few tunes played in his living room? Joe, your smiling face and smooth tunes are not appearing often enough!

The OOTF's \$15.00s in dues should be sent to:  
Jackie Germundson 31808 S.E. Victory Road  
Troutdale, OR 97060-9411

May the music be with each of you! Pat Gates,  
reporter District 7

## District 9 cont.

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contest and took second place. Julian and Lynn Heath have moved from our area to Louisiana. We'll miss Julian playing banjo with Lynn on the washtub bass.

Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

## District 1E cont.

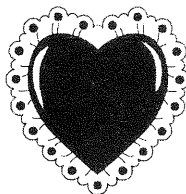
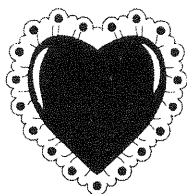
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doors at 6:00 pm, President Larry will announce supper (some folks call it dinner) at 6:30 pm and the jam will start at approximately 7:30 pm.

To put our schedule in order: Feb. 7 Jam and Potluck - Memorial Hall 6:30; Feb 10, 21, 24 - Nursing Home 9:30 - 10:30 am; Feb. 14 Valentine Jam & Potluck - Fairgrounds 6:30 pm; March 7 Jam and potluck - Memorial Hall 6:30 pm.

So long from District 1E ! Be happy, stay well and keep the music flowing !!

Bill and Gloria Myers,  
District 1E reporters



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## The Hoedownee

## District 5 cont.

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we hear that you were in the hospital - we all hope that you are feeling much better.

Good news from the Cassels in Port Orford. Hanneke was home from college for Christmas. She left January 7th to return to Boston. She is enjoying her school and this year is taking jazz violin lessons from Matt Glazer. Isn't that great!!

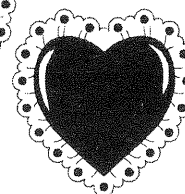
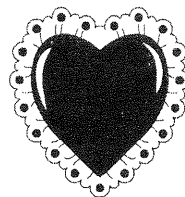
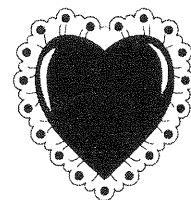
Polly Cox, one of our fiddlers from Florence, writes that she is fiddling in the Virgin Islands on her way south to Trinidad. She and her husband Rick on board Watercolor II their 33 ft sail boat have been entertaining all the harbors they have been to with Christmas carols this season. She reports that she is enjoying what she is doing but misses playing with everyone and hopes to be able to have a visit back to Oregon this next year. Polly says that Rick is glad she brought the fiddle not the bass.

Birthday wishes for the month of February go to Frankie Williams on the 4th, Cindy Kilfoy the 5th, Kathy Leaf 5th, Karen Rhea 10th, and Betty McKee 14th. Many Happy Returns.

We have three couples celebrating anniversaries this month. They are Joan and Ray Daniels on the 13th and on Valentines Day we have Lori and Jim Hall and Ron and Mary Lou Saylor who are celebrating their 46th. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you all many more happy years together.

Our next meeting and jam will be Valentines Day, Feb. 14th. At this meeting we will have nominations and election of officers, so everyone please plan on being there. Also, remember after each meeting we always enjoy a potluck luncheon at noon with a Jam and Dance to follow. COME ONE, COME ALL!

Mary Lou Saylor -District 5 Reporter



District 8 cont.

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Willamina and it was suggested that they might belong to the fiddlers. Anybody out there leave them? We're sorry to hear about Donna and Jim Oldham's young dog being caught in a snare trap but glad to hear that he is much better after several surgeries.

Sunday, February 15th at Buell Grange we'll have a meeting, potluck and jam. Be sure to attend the meeting. We will ELECT OUR NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS. The meeting starts at 10:45 AM, Potluck will be at 11:30 or shortly after. The Buell Grange Hall is located off Hwy 22, 11.5 miles west of the Rickreall/99W light. If you're traveling west, you will see a sign designating the Buell Grange and park. Just a few feet farther after you cross Mill Creek, turn to the right to the grange.

Here are some more dates to write on you calendar. On Saturday, March 14th we will play at the Senior Center in Keizer. The address is 930 Plymouth Drive NE. They are serving Irish Stew. The cost is \$3.00. So practice your Irish tunes and come on out and play with us. Time and more specific directions next month.

In April we will be host district for the State Fiddle Festival in Newport. The dates are April 23rd through 25th. This is a state function and promises to be a great get together. Roger is planning some great activities for us. You'll be hearing more in future Hoedowners.

Remember to save your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels. Also the bar code from any IGA product. Bring them to our jams. We earn a few \$\$\$ for our District when we turn them in. Also bring door prize items. This is a fun money raiser for the district.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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at the Morningstar Grange north of Albany. We want to thank Harv and Linda Harvey for all their work scheduling jams for there and at the Elks Lodge in Sweet Home. It is good to spread our jams out through our district so the same ones don't have to travel the farthest every time.

On March 1st we will be back at Willamalane Senior Center for our monthly jam. This is our first one there on a Sunday for awhile, but

(pay close attention), we can't get into the meting room until 12:30, as someone else will be using it until then. For this reason, there WILL NOT BE POTLUCK, so bring finger foods for easy snacking all afternoon.

Be ready for a big fiddle workshop coming up soon. This will be held by Andrea Wyckoff, who has been teaching fiddle and will feature some of Stan Gonsorowski's favorite tunes. This will be held in Coburg. Place and date will be listed later.

Our participation in the Coburg Golden Years' Celebration will be from 12 to 5 on July 19th. Mark this down and be ready.

Sorry to hear Joy Costello has had some recent surgery on her shoulder, and Stu Henshaw has been under the weather. Hope all are well by now. Our condolences to Glen Keech on the loss of his wife, Joyce, recently.

Congratulations to Helen Tracy for selling her 800th name tag. We are proud of you Helen. It is a real service to the members across the state.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: Remember the deeper the river, the quieter it becomes.





## FEBRUARY FIDDLE FIESTA CONCERT SERIES is scheduled

February Fiddle Fiesta, every Sunday in February, come to R.P. McMurphey's at The Academy, 400 Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, WA. for fine dining and listening between 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 and can be purchased from all FASTIXX locations and Beacock's Music, Vancouver. From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. you will hear our featured fiddlers doing everything from Unaccompanied Bach with Jerry Bobbe on cello to Accompanied Boyk with world renowned 80-year-old Bus Boyk of "Running Wild" recording fame. Other fine fiddlers featured will be Hollis Taylor of "Twisted Fiddle", "Unsquare Dancing" CD's and her trio; and James Mason and Rebecca Kilgore of "Cactus Setup" with their group. If you come early and stay later you will certainly enjoy other accomplished local performers on other instruments with young ladies playing 4- to 6-handed piano; Thrill to classical guitarist, James Manuelle as he does a variety of vocal and instrumental stylings from Latin American tango to Venezuelan waltz, and Bach to Rock with Ambience. The harp and flute duet Angelico Duo will charm you, as will other musicians we have discovered. Come early and buy your tickets ahead as seating is limited.

Jerry Bobbe - February 1: 2:00 to 4:00  
also Angelico Duo Hollis Taylor- February 8: 2:00 to 4:00  
opening James Manuelle 12:00-2:00,  
James Mason & Rebecca Kilgore-February 15:  
2:00 to 4:00, also Ambience, Bus Boyk-February 22:  
2:00 to 3:30 4-handed piano; special surprise guest. February 22 will feature the famous old-time, western swing fiddler, Bus Boyk and his band. He is 80 years old and still going strong. You will not want to miss this!! When Bus performs, Juanita will be selling a tape of "Unaccompanied Boyk" to Bus's fans. He has made it just for this concert. When they sell out orders can be taken at the concert only, and they will be mailed to you. Do not pass up the opportunity to buy one of these. They are worth pure gold to a fiddler as this genius of improvisation shares his art with us on this tape.

If you want to buy a ticket to all four concerts it will be \$32.00 a savings of \$8.00. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sue and Leila

### Roger's Rambles cont.

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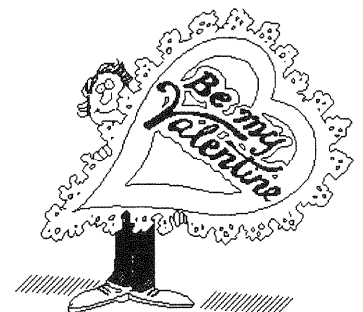
The reason for the proposed change is that our charter provides that oldtime be spelled as one word but most of our usage has been two words. We are striving for uniformity however the vote turns out. The same situation with the apostrophe in fiddlers, uniformity should prevail.

It is intended that this article provide the 30 days notice of the intent to change the articles of incorporation as it is provided for in our charter.

I think you know that after many, many years of hard work, the Deatons will not be preparing our meals at the convention this year. We all thank the Deatons for their years of dedication. I asked Lewis Roy to find us the best caterer, price and menu. He did that and reported to us at the quarterly meeting. We won't go hungry. Thanks Louie for all the leg work and a job well done.

We have an exciting year coming up. Before we know it the time for the annual meeting will be upon us. Then on to Newport followed by our State Fiddle Contest in Salem. We will hear more about these coming events in the Hoedowner. Don't forget to support our State Contest!! The contest needs funds from all the districts and from all individuals and businesses that care to contribute. Does anyone have an instrument that could be auctioned off at the annual meeting and the funds donated to the Contest? Let me know, I would be willing to come and get it!!

God Bless you all  
Roger Germundson,  
president OOTFA



## Notes from the editor:

Who was it that said "When we get too old to set a bad example we compensate by giving good advice."?

Friends, gather around and listen carefully for some good advice.. If you have not paid your dues, this Feb. 1st issue of the Hoedowner will be your last one. Towards the middle of the month you will be dropped and it will cost OOTFA to re-instate you. (Time and money). So if want to continue being a member of OOTFA and to receive your Hoedowner, please get \$15.00 to your membership chairman as soon as possible. Your dues run from Jan. 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

**LIFE MEMBERS: IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE GETTING YOUR HOEDOWNER, YOU MUST PAY YOUR \$15.00.** Life membership entitles you to all the benefits of membership except receiving the Hoedowner. Again, to receive the Hoedowner, you must pay \$15.00. Get your \$15.00 to your district membership person as soon as possible so you will continue receiving the Hoedowner.

Alice and I had the privilege of attending a folk concert here in Salem put on by Shawn Morford a previous member of OOTFA who now lives in Canada. Backing her up on the bass was OOTFA member Andy Emert. Many of us know Andy for his very fine fiddle playing but that night he brought down the house with his superb bass playing. He was up and down the neck of the bass adding much to Shawn's music. Well done Andy.

You read in the District 6 news that Andrea Wyckoff will be teaching a workshop in the future that will be teaching many of Stan Gonshorowski's tunes. It is been brought to my attention that Andrea will be donating her time to teach this workshop. She is doing it because "she wants to."

I would like to take you on a little walk down memory lane for a bit of nostalgia. The other evening I was listening to a 1980 audio tape from the Cranberry Festival in Bandon. The first fiddler was Gene Gosney, the next was Bud Bishop, then Carl Dean, remember Jessie Elbert, she sang "Crowdad Song", next was Nel Turner on the piano. Later there were more -- Les McLeod, Swede Johnson, Dave Robinson, Frank Macalandro and if I could find the other tape, there would be other familiar names that are no longer with us. (Elmer

Benson, Maxine Scheiman, Charlie Jenson, Shorty Allen, to name a few - all regulars at the Cranberry Festival for years.) Doesn't that make our friends at our jams, the time that we have and the music we have together even more valuable to all of us!! Let's smile, shake a hand, give a hug, say something nice about someone. . . . .

I recently ran across this old letter to my mother and thought maybe I would share it with you. It tells of my introduction to OOTFA.

Dec. 19, 1971

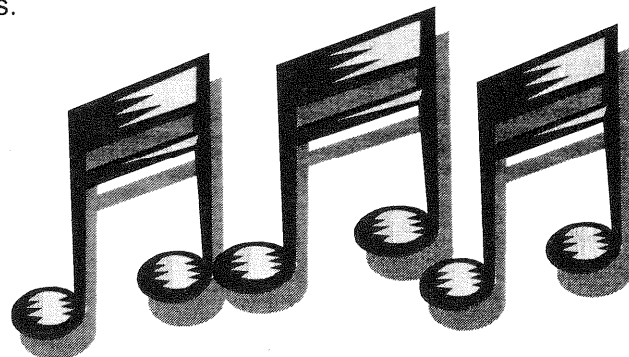
Dear Mom,

This afternoon was extremely interesting and I wish you could have been with us. Last week I heard on the radio that there was going to be a fiddle jubilee in North Bend at the I.W.A. hall so Alice, Tim and I spent from 1:00 until 4:00 listening to old time fiddlers and guitars. People had come from all over Oregon to play together. They played until 3:00 and then moved back chairs and danced for an hour to the old time music.

There must have been 15 fiddle players and they each played 3 tunes. There were some special numbers - guitar and mandolins, etc. The gal that played the piano really bounced. (June Secor, I believe.)

We left at 4:00 - Tim had sat patiently for 3 hours - and we needed to get home to put up the Christmas lights. Anyway - I really enjoyed listening to the music and watching people dance - as they did at Bridgeport. . . . .

That was a part of a letter that I wrote to my mother in Dec. 1971. It was Alice's and my first exposure to fiddling. It was an exciting day for me. The music brought back many memories of country dances back in the early 40s. I believe that Russ Hall had something to getting the jam set up. About 1976 we attended a contest in Drain and then later a jam in Reedsport. Little did Alice and I realize then that someday old time fiddling would consume our lives.



## The first Hoedowner -- Thirty years later

Waldport, Oregon  
February 14, 1967

### THE HOEDOWNER

This will be known as the first volume of the HOEDOWNER, Published by the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and arranged by the Officers of the Association.

Since our last get-together last September things have been quite slack in the Fiddling business altho we had a wonderful time at the Dorena Grange Hall on January 22nd. I think that was about the best Party we have ever had. Our Potluck Dinner was great and our many Friends that joined us at lunch was a great pickup for the Fiddlers and when we started the show and saw the crowd of spectators that came out to enjoy the day with us, we really felt glad to be Entertainers even if we did have to play an old Fiddle. We want to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hite, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hoyer. The Allens, Hites, and Hoyers all live in the Cottage Grove area. We also want to thank Peggy Stratton and all of the Girls who helped in the kitchen or program, and all of the people who came out to make the day some complete.

I had a letter from our secretary, Bill Yohey, a short time ago and he had just returned from Lewiston, Idaho where he and Rusty Modrell had attended the Idaho Fiddlers Meeting. Bill reports they had a wonderful time and may go back again sometime, he also reports that he signed up several new Members in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association and this includes all of the Officers of the Idaho Fiddlers Association so I guess I will have to join the Idaho Fiddlers to get even.

Some time ago I ask the Fiddlers to write me about their Fiddling activities so I could include it in the HOEDOWNER and so far the only response has been from Bill

## The Hoedowner

Yohey and Charley Johnson of Portland and I want to say that Charley has been a busy boy. He is connected with several different groups of Musicians and plays all types of music, in Theaters, Rest homes and some Dances.

I have been busy part of the time lately. My wife and I have played a few Dances at Silverton and we also have entertained the old people at the rest home for some time in the past. I have been for some time connected with a group called the Merrymakers, they are at Lincoln City and every second Sunday of the month they go around and entertain at Rest homes in North Lincoln County and I try to go as often as I can. there is something about playing at a Rest home that is different from playing almost anywhere else. First, you know, they are mostly people who are confined to the place for the rest of their lives and don't have much pleasure and nothing to look forward to, and then when you get ready to leave and they tell how much they enjoyed your music, I often wonder if they are the only ones that enjoyed it or if you didn't enjoy it a little bit too.

I am going to name a group of members who I want to head a Committee in your area and get all the help you can and get together now and then for a little Jam session, then write to me about the activities in your area.

The men I have chosen are Jim Allen Pete Haines, Rusty Modrell, Harold Allen, Dave Hite, George Jenkerson, Bill Yohey, Jimmie Miller and Larry Modrell.

I want you each to write to me to be sure you understand what this is all about and if you want a list of Members in your area, just write to me and I will send it to you.

Signed Cliff Buker

The Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council  
is sponsoring the  
CANADIAN FIDDLERS GF  
(Great Fiddlers) Concert  
Friday, March 27, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the  
Al Khader Shriners Center  
8651 SW Salish Lane, Wilsonville, OR.  
(This site is on the east side of I-5, near  
the N. Wilsonville/Stafford Exit)  
General Admission - \$7.50.  
Seniors and students under 16 \$5.00.  
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### In Honor of Alice Kent

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
as any friend could say:  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just tho't of us that day,  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

Jerry and Irene Ruddock

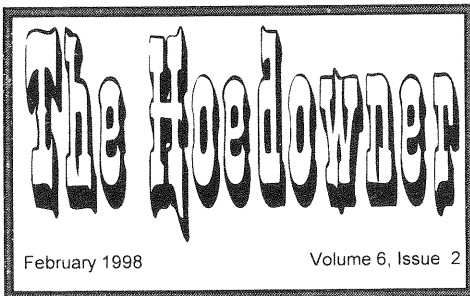
Please mark the following dates and places on your calendars:

- Mar. 19,20, & 21**    **State Convention in Roseburg**
- April 24, 25, & 26**    **State Fiddle Festival in Newport**
- May 15 and 16**    **State Fiddle Contest in Salem**
- July 9,10,11,&12**    **State Summer Festival at Welches near Mt. Hood.**
- Aug. 1**    **Fiddle Contest, Corvallis**
- Aug. 29**    **Fiddle Contest Canyonville**
- Sep. 17-19**    **LaPine Campout/quarterly meeting**

**Calendar of Events Continued**

**April**

- 4    Prospect Com-    Prospect    4  
      community Center
- 4    Senior Center    Burns    9
- 5    Senior Center    Wilsonville 7
- 5    Winston Com.    Winston    10  
      Bldg
- 18    Annual meeting    BMOTFA
- 18    Winston Com-    Winston    10  
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- 23-    April Fiddle    Newport    OOTFA  
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