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Calendar of Events

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

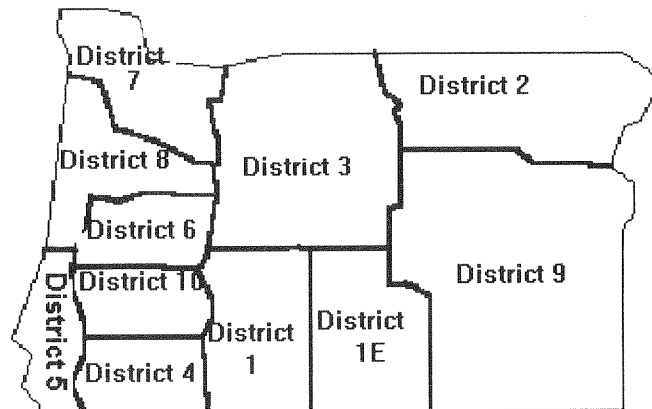
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Roger's Rambles

My head is still playing all the music I heard the last four days. We certainly had a first class convention. The weather cooperated too, with seventy degrees a couple of days. (we won't mention the weather Saturday night.)

Thanks for re-electing me as your president. I appreciate your confidence. I look forward to serving another term. You all are so great!

Thank you Bob Hanson, Louie Roy, Dennis Pickett and all the folks from district 10 for all their untiring efforts. This certainly includes all the ladies from district 10 who

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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

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 Co-Chair: **Virgil Schmoe** (541) 884-4051
 Sec/Treas: **Grace Stork** (541) 884-5313

Hello - Happy April Fools Day - Did everyone enjoy the convention? We certainly hope so.

Our March Jam brought a few new listeners. Some of our members were either ill or busy. Possibly the snow and rain kept them home. Though one couple from Grants Pass braved the Mt. Hiway to spend the afternoon visiting with us and dancing. Sorry I didn't get your names but please come again.

Happy Birthday Wishes for April go to Louis Stork - 6th, Ray Turner - 13th, Ray Lane - 14th and Dorothy North - 18th.

News seems short this month but please remember the nursing homes: 1st Tuesday - 4 p.m. Washburn Way Rehab (Klamath Falls), play 1 hour. 4th Thursday - 5:45 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home (east end of Main St. K. F.) and 7 p.m., Clairmont Retirement Home (1 block above nursing home) play 1 hour each, same evening.

Our next jam: April 12, Winema Hotel, 1111 Main St. Klamath Falls. Doors open at 12 for early jamming, business meeting approximately 1 p.m. with a lunch of finger foods after - regular jam for the public at 2 p.m.

'till next time

Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

District 2

(Written by Lew for them so I can brag on them.) It was a pleasure to see the Youngblood family at the convention. They came all the way from LaGrande - a "fer" piece down the road - to play for us.

We hadn't seen the family in some time. It was fun to see how Bern and Beth had grown and how much they have made their fiddling even better. Thanks to all of you for coming to the convention. Now we hope to see you at the contest in Salem. We hear that Peg Willis and Dan Emert, along with some of their students, will be at the contest too. 2

District 1E

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Hello from the high country District 1E! Saturday night, March 7th, we drove home from our jam in a major white out! Good news is that the snow was gone by noon the next day! That's Lake County for you!! We did have a good turn out. It's amazing the number of people who show up for good music and food, even on a nasty night. Had a message from the Hoedowner Honcho that he needed our article early because of the State Convention so this will be short. We still have a couple under the weather. Donna Lynch still in middle of tests, etc. to figure out why she is feeling puny. Bev Perry just had surgery and we're hoping all will turn out well for her. We're praying for speedy recoveries for both our gals!!

NEWS FLASH! Tentatively, keep the weekend of August 1st open. We are in the planning stages of a jam and camp out at Silver Lake. Will keep everyone posted on our progress.

We will not be playing at the nursing home on Saturdays any longer. We will still play two Tuesdays a month. We just didn't have enough of the group that could make the Saturday gig. So our next session at the nursing home will be March 24th, then April 14th and 28th. We have jams set up for March 28th, April 4th and April 18th, all at the Memorial Hall at

6:30.

That's all folks! Keep humming and strumming. Hope to have seen you in Roseburg!!

Bill and Gloria Meyers, reporters, District 1E

LaGrande/Union Co. Fiddle Contest 1998 Schedule August 14 - 15, 1998

Friday, 7:00 p.m.:
**Sr. Div pre-lim
& Finals**

Sat., 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.: **Small Fry, Jr-Jr, Junior, Jr. Progressive, Intermediate, Open, Open Progressive, and Championship Div. preliminaries.**

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.:
**all Division Finals
(except Sr.)**

**Mark your
calendars and plan
to attend.**

District 3

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

Once again our Jam was a great success. We had well over 300 in attendance. At the rate we are going, we will be outgrowing this building too.

Our next Jam will be April 12th at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in the Howard Mayfield Building from 2-4 p.m.

New Members: Kelly Thibodeaux/Fiddler from Crescent; Lisa L. Zitek-Scdoris from Powell Butte and Alan Smoke/Fiddler, Guitar from Terrebonne.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RUDI & CARLA BOOHER Proud parents of a bouncing baby girl, Emily Jo 8 lbs. 2oz. Born March 12th.

Thanks to ALL that help set up for the Jams....Remember, you are appreciated in many ways... Thanks for all you do...

Anniversaries: 9-Lee & Don Hanna; 16-Jane & Darrell Thompson; 18-Tom & Betty O'Neal

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

Well folks, lets hope that Spring will make its way through and stay...but till then take care of yourselves...

Signing off your Reporter/Ernie Slay (541) 504-1065

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**

Holo Amigos! Like all of you - Dist. 4 has been very, very busy. Jacksonville Historical Society was host to schools in our area. As the children visited the museum, District 4 entertained the youngsters while they ate their lunch. This was for 3 days a week for 4 weeks!

Hats off to these tireless OOTF's - some with other stints to do in one day and many traveling a great distance! Those who were there when we went were: Betty Deckard, Doreen Winkleman, Judy McGarvey, Bud Applegate, Lee Cushman, Vic Flood, Don Lindsey, and Gene Williams, and Olive Davis.

As I write this letter we are eagerly preparing for our Roseburg Convention. So no one has any news for me to report other than our regular scheduled dates.

Our guests for the March jam were Irene & Jerry Ruddock from Klamath district and Louie Roy from Roseburg district. This was our first time to jam at Sunny Valley and we had a good crowd in their "old town hall," a very quaint and rustic log building.

Hey gang - I've been advised to remind you to come early enough to our meetings so they will over by 11:30 so there will be time to eat and be ready to jam at 1 p.m.! Also bring your

own place settings. Thanks everybody.

Talk to you next month!

Love, Merry, Mary Armstrong



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District 5

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

Well winter is gone and spring has arrived with all its beauty!! The flower and trees are all in bloom and the humming birds are all back at our feeders. God has certainly painted a magnificent picture there on the Oregon Coast.

On Friday, March 13th, the fiddlers played at Bandon's Heritage House Retirement Center for the "Adopt A Grandparent Dance." Shirley Hamrick was coordinator of this dance along with the V.F.W. and Bandon High School. It was wonderful to see these young students dancing with our senior citizens. There were 127 present including our group of fiddlers. Attending were Helen and Elwood Serfass, Shorty and Charlotte Dow, Bill and Dorothy Tennant, Marianne Burns, Phil Fry, Bob Shaffar, Bob Bridgman, Pat Kraemer, Rose Johnson and daughter, Sheila Anderson, Edwina Lawsen and Gary, the administrator of the retirement center. Gary sings and plays guitar and is a delightful person with a great sense of humor. We wish to thank our fiddlers for the beautiful music and Abbie Shaffar, who was unable to attend, but who lent her keyboard. We also want to thank the V.F.W. and students, Heritage House for donating the lovely ballroom and to Gary for joining us. Hats off to all of you. It was a marvelous evening and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Saturday, May 23, we will be playing at Winchester Bay in front of the cannery from 12 - 4 p.m. It hasn't been decided yet but we may also play on Sunday, the 24th. I will give an update on this in the May Hoedowner or you can call Russ Hall at 271-3519. He is in charge of this event.

District 5 has been busy playing at the nursing and retirement homes but, we did have to cancel the ones where we play that were scheduled during the week of the convention. The people were disappointed and said they would miss us but they all understood. As usual we know we will all

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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**

Yes, I know the weather has been great but I'm freezing until I get re-acclimated. Just got back from a week in Waikiki where it was in the high 80's during the day and 70's at night. Now I have to wear a jacket again in Oregon. But I love Oregon (too).

Our March 1st jam at Wil-lamalane went well. It was our first to starting at 12:30 and without the potluck. We will have another jam there on Sunday, April 26 - also starting at 12:30 and bring finger-foods instead of the potluck.

On the 15th we were back up on the hill at the Elk's Lodge in Sweet Home. They put on a great breakfast -- all you can eat for \$3.00, then we can start our jam earlier, as breakfast is over at 11:00. We had a great time - lots of music, dancing and visiting.

Get yourselves in gear for another great day at the Morningstar Grange north of Albany on April 5th. we WILL HAVE A POTLUCK and then jam all afternoon. Take the Scio/Jefferson exit (EXIT 238) go west a half mile to Morningstar Road (just past the lumber yard), turn right

and the grange is almost half a mile - on the left.

It is so good to see some of our members out of the hospital and back in the swing of things, like Andy Kennedy. But did you notice that Wayne Carpenter came into the last Wil-lamalane Center Jam in HIS BIRTHDAY SUIT!!!. Yes, it was the same one he wore the night before to the surprise birthday party at the Waltherville Grange!

May 3rd we will be back at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. Remember they serve us lunch.

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We wish to express our thanks to our many friends who joined us in celebrating Hazel's 60th Birthday/Retirement Party on March 8th.

Also, for the many cards and phone calls.

A special thanks to John Madsen for bringing and operating the sound system.

Also, a special thanks to district #6 for the use of their sound equipment.

Jack, Hazel & Philip Walker and Rick & Sherry Dobson

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**

The Lake Oswego Senior Center was the center of our musical efforts for the monthly jam for District 7.

On March 27 the Canadian Great Fiddlers will have a concert at the Al Khader Shriners Center at 8651 S.W. Salish Lane in Wilsonville. They are on a 14 month world tour. This will be the first performance in the northwest. The group plays Celtic, Roots, World Music, Cajun, Texas Swing, S.E. Mountain Folk and more. General admission is \$7.50 or \$5.00 for seniors. Tickets are available from the Wilsonville Arts & Crafts Council.

We'll be making another trip to Wilsonville shortly after the Canadian Fiddles show, because on April 5, 1998 we'll hold our jam at the Senior Center there. Be sure to join us there. Neighboring districts are encouraged to join in on the fun. We'll jam at 11:00. Our meeting at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. The jam/show will be from 1-4. Spring will be in full swing by then. Hummm, wonder what it will look like. April showers? Will Easter bunnies abound? And will all of our musical snow birds be back from Arizona, Texas and New Mexico? Come join us to find out!

Wilsonville Senior Center directions: From the north take Wilsonville exit, turn left on the Wilsonville Rd, go under the freeway - go through 2 lights. After you pass City Hall, there will be a small blue and white sign on the left for the Adult Center. I-5 from the south, take Wilsonville exit, turn right on Wilsonville Road, through two lights, etc.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendars now: April 19 Senior Center Gladstone and June 6 Elsie Stuhr Center Beaverton.

Business: We will have a short meeting

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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**

It's a bit early but we would like to have you mark your calendar for May 12th and meet us all in the State Capitol Building in Salem at 11:30 when we play until 1:00 to call attention to the contest the next week end. We have done this for many years. It is great fun.

Too late for last month we received a nice note: To the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS. We wish to thank all our friends for their prayers, cards and concern for Lois while in St. Vincent Hospital for a quadruple bypass operation. The and Don and Lois Wood family.

On March 15th we became "Irish Fiddlers" and played for the Seniors at the Salem Area Senior Center in Keizer while they/we ate "Irish Stew." We think the greatest compliment to any fiddler is when the dance floor fills up. This was a dancing bunch of Seniors and they filled the floor with dancers almost every time. The nice part of it is - is that they want us back someday. We'll do it!!

As we look forward into April, it looks like fun. In fact - on April 19th we are going to potluck and jam at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Potluck about 11:30 and the jam at 1:00. If you can

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District 9

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Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517**

Howdy! Spring is in the air.....even in Harney County. The birds are arriving, the snow is melting and the sun is shining. Life is good.

Officers were elected at the March Jam for the next year. Please welcome into office chairman Ruel Teague, vice-chairwoman Julia Milleson, and Secretary/Treasurer Rose Modey. Many thanks to the officers currently serving. Don't forget, you're not off the hook until July! If anyone is anxious to become reporter please speak up.

Recently signed up members include Helen King and Thad Geer. Helen loves to sing gospel music and is learning guitar and fiddle. Thad plays harmonica and mandolin and carries around a list of 400 songs he knows. I was thinking the other night it sure would be fun to get Thad and Homer McLain in the same room.

Thanks to Faye Leonard for doing a fine job of greeting during the jams. Also many thanks to all who have been helping setting out the food and cleaning up. Pat yourself on the back.

Playing dates for April are the 5th at the Senior Center in Burns, the 10th at the Aspens, and the 13th at the Nursing Home. The Jam in May is on the 3rd. As always the Sunday Jams begin with a potluck at 1 pm and music from 2-4. The Aspens and Nursing Home begin at 7 pm. Thanks in advance for turning out for these functions. The residents really do appreciate us coming by.

A happy contingent of folks from District 9 made it over to the State Convention. We played up a storm and had a great time!!

District 10

Chairman: **Bob Hanson (541) 672-6929**
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522**
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501**
Co-Sec: **Fred Young (541)459-1863**
Clara Eaton (541)784-3974

We had a nice crowd at our February jam. We want to give a special thanks to all our friends from District 4 - Denis and Hilde Hartinger (good dancing). Dist.5 Ella Savery and Harold Householder and Shorty and Charlotte Dow, Alvin & Edith Lewis and a big thanks to Wayne and Helen Tracy for helping with the chairs and tables.

We elected new officers who will take office July 1st. The new chairman will be Jo Barnes. Chuck Hasty will be co-chair. Gynn Deaton will be our sec/treas. Fred Young and Clara Eaton will be our sec. Thanks to Bob Hanson for chairing our district this past year. Bob Hanson wants to thank Jo Barnes for helping out when he was out of town.

Our thoughts go to Dennis Allen who has been in the hospital with pneumonia. We all wish you the best and a speedy recovery. Glad to report that Lanora Waggner is much better. Robert Swan has been in the hospital with complications. We all in District 10 wish you the best. We send our sympathy to Clara Eaton and family. Her sister passed away. Our thoughts are with you Clara. To Jo Barnes we extend our love and deepest sympathy in the loss of her grandson. And to

Chuck Hasty on the loss of his mother. Our love to you all.

Looking into April. On the 5th a jam and dance at the Winston Community Building from

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find Willamina, you can find the VFW Hall on the east end of Main Street - on the south side - you can't miss it. We'll see you there.

Then the next week end District 8 is the host district for the OOTFA APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL in Newport. We will be taking our PA system and furnishing some of the "people power" along with many others. So, hop in the rig and let's make the rest of the state welcome to our district.

The state contest is in our district this year - on May 15 and 16. On the 17th we are hosting a state quarterly meeting and jam at the American Legion Hall in Keizer. Please mark your calendars.

We were especially pleased to hear Zac Konowalchuk play at the convention show. Thanks to the family for bringing him to the show to play for us. And "hi" to Barbara from the far corner who was there, too.

Convention was great, as usual. I talked to several first-timers and they all thought it was super. Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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We are proud that all our present officers were re-elected for the coming year. They have done a great job and will continue to do so.

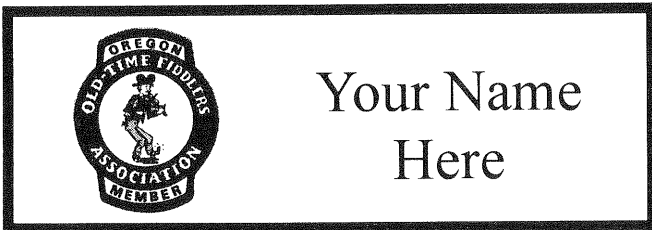
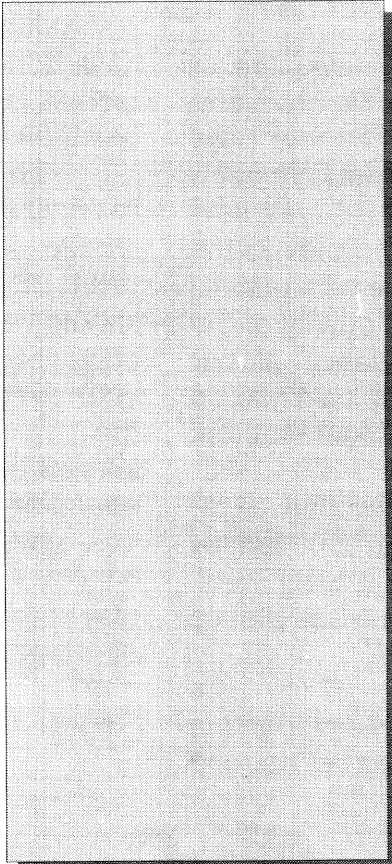
Darla Miller wants me to remind all her friends that if you are using last year's roster that her phone number should be (541) 746-1920. It is correct in the new roster.

Didn't we have a great state convention in Roseburg. It is always such fun with all the "doins" and getting to visit our friends from all over the state. Y'all keep fiddling and I'll see you down the road somewhere. We are proud that Calvin Boyles donated a beautiful guitar (that he hand crafted) for the raffle at the state convention.

Does anyone have the music and words to a song that was about Charles Lindberg? I remember singing it when I was as a small child but forgot it and have found only a few people who remember that there was such a song?

Thelma Shephard, Reporter

Thelma sez: A hug is like a boomerang. When you give one it always comes right back to you.



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.

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supplied us with all the sandwiches, cookies, muffins, coffee and all the other finger foods on Wednesday at the Floral building.

Thank you also to Myrtle Arnold our state secretary-treasure and her crew who manned the registration and ticket desk for three long days.

Many thanks to Sally Jordan our Vice President, who put on a great Friday night fiddle and variety show.

By now you know that I never tire of telling what a great organization we have and what wonderful music we play. The four days of convention again proved me true. We set a new record Thursday night with 78, yes seventy-eight members signing up to play in the show. Even though the audience was primarily "us" we were all taken by the quality of the music. We had a good attendance at our three work shops, and we will continue to have workshops at all state get-togethers if at all possible.

This was the first year we had a catered banquet dinner. From the comments I heard, most folks thought it was a tasty meal. If you have comments about the meal, please drop me a note.

One last big thank you for all the MCs at the jams and to all the folks who stepped in without a being asked and helped set up, and

even more important, helped clean up. Thank you, Thank you.

The motions made at convention and unanimously passed were:

1. To change our name to "Old Time Fiddlers, two words, and to remove the apostrophe from the word fiddlers.
2. We amended Standing Rule 2 to delete "and county fairs". This amendment amends our standing rules to comply with what we have done for the past several years, i.e. that monies earned at fairs is district money and has the regular 80/20 split.

Lew Holt and I met at the convention to finalize the agenda at Newport. I can summarize what we planned by telling you it WILL BE FUN! Remember Lincoln City? This should even be better. Look in the Hoedowner for directions. (In case you leave your directions at home) This will be held at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Newport. Like all Jams it takes people like you and me attending to make it a success. Although this is a state function, district 8 will be the host district. We hope you will come to Newport to play music, view the ocean, and to eat some of Oregon's finest seafood. See you in Newport.

Roger



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at the Gladstone Jam at 11:45.

This is important. At Wilsonville we can't get in the building until 11a.m. due to a church service.

May the music be with each of you as we enjoy the change of season. (One of our four favorites!) Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

District 18 cont.

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1 to 4 and on the 18th a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1 to 4 - at Winston.

Happy birthday to Jan Castillo, Alvin Greer, Dennis Pickett, Chuck Hasty, Theresa Dunning, Andy Zumwalt, Mondy Parsons. A happy anniversary to Clem and Sarah Berlier, Chuck and Margie Hasty, Clifford and Phylis Larson, James and Charlotte Bonebright
Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

Notes from the editor:

Arlo Hamilton whispered a bug in my ear recently. He is looking for an electric mandolin (aaauuurgh). Seriously, though, he wants one for a special purpose (not for the dist. 6 jam). If anybody has one for sale, you might contact Arlo. His address and telephone number are in the new roster (and in the old one, too).

Speaking of rosters. The new ones were printed as of March 11th. After they came back from the printers, we found some minor boo-boos and one big one. We left some of the Life members out - those who chose not to pay dues this year - but who are still voting members. We apologize to those who were omitted. You are all valued members. Hopefully next month we can list them in the Hoedowner so you can add them to your roster. We are also updating the e-mail addresses and will have corrections and additions next month, and as new addresses come in. It always gets hectic trying to get all the members accounted for and into the roster. Each district will probably have taken some home from the convention so why not buy yours now. We had 400 printed and at a dollar they are going to go quickly. (I made that up, but they are still a good buy.) I have had one compliment and a lot of "uncompliments" about the color of the cover. You will never have to wonder which one is your 1998 roster!! That's for sure. It almost glows in the dark!

Thanks to all of the reporters who were so nice on the phone when I called to ask them to get their news in early so I could have most of it done before the convention. (The others I sent e-mail.) I am going to stretch my luck a bit this month and wait until after the convention before I send the Hoedowner to Cheryl for printing and mailing. She will get it a couple of days late - so you may get yours a day or two later this month but I have the leeway since the 1st of April comes on Wed. and there will still be Thursday and Friday before the week-end. My fingers are crossed.

I was pleased last month. February, of course, has only 28 days so that is either 2 days or 3 days less than the other months but yet, Cheryl got the Hoedowner in the mail in time so that we actually received ours here in Salem on the 28th. I am very proud of all the reporters and all who made that possible.

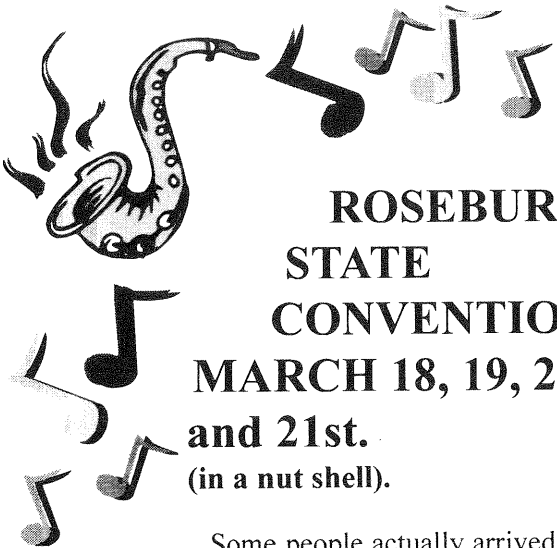
District 4 news was delivered to my door this month - that was a first. Mary was coming to Salem and she asked where I lived. It happened that she was going down Market St. just a block from our house so it worked out just right. She was the "first" this month. And it was fun to have her stop by.

We did great at the convention receiving contributions for the contest. Actually too many to list here but now I am turning to others of you who might be willing to contribute to our May contest. As I sit here typing, PBS has a pledge break and is asking for my money which I gladly contribute. Maybe you would like to contribute to the contest. Just make a check out to OOTFA Contest Fund and mail it to Myrtle Arnold or me - or you could hand it to either of us at the April Fiddle Festival in Newport this month. Hey, this is no APRIL FOOLS JOKE! The computer allows me to slip a note in - the mail man just came and there was a nice donation from Dorothy Cory. Thanks Dorothy. "Thanks to Ernie and Joyce Lovgren for their generous donation to the contest fund. They are willing volunteers, too. Great people."

The Standifords and the Holts have purchased 200 Contest Fiddle T-shirts. If we can sell the 200, we will be able to turn over nearly \$800 to the contest fund. The T-shirts went over very well at the convention at \$8.00 each. They have the picture of our "Oregon Fiddle Family" on the front with OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST -- CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- SALEM. Let us know if you would like one. We will be pushing them at our jams, at the April Fiddle Festival and at the contest. We think you will like them, too. Let us know.

The usual "OOPS" department. The official dates for the April Fiddle Festival in Newport are: Thursday evening, April 23rd, Friday all day on the 24th and all day Saturday on the 25th. I hope the mix up last month did not cause too much confusion - my apologies.

I like to slip in some gossip now and then. Especially if it is about a dedicated musician such as Thelma Shephard. Recently Thelma went to the Eugene Country Club to play for the seniors "or somebody" but there was a mix-up and they already had someone else so she was invited to stay for lunch. Later the truth came out when she was honored and received a gift certificate, flowers and a framed certificate as the favorite entertainer at all the nursing homes and care centers in Lane County. Thelma, we all are proud of you and thank you for the music you share with us. Thelma don't you love those kinds of surprises, though!! You deserved it.



**ROSEBURG
STATE
CONVENTION
MARCH 18, 19, 20,
and 21st.
(in a nut shell).**

Some people actually arrived on Monday but many started arriving on Tuesday. Wednesday morning found many of us in the Floral Building where there was music all day. No words can express our gratitude and appreciation to District 10 for their hospitality. There were cookies, cakes, finger food, sandwiches, chips, coffee - you name it - on the table for us all day and into the evening. What a feast they put on for us. Thanks, District 10, from all of us.

Thursday morning the main hall was opened at 8:00 and in a few minutes the crew went to work setting up tables and chairs. Raffle items and door prizes started pouring in. People were there to receive them, others to register and sell banquet tickets, others to sell bumper stickers, rosters, T shirts, and all of our other goodies. All of these are dedicated and hard working people - most of them working 3 full days. The kitchen opened at noon for the food that we all anticipated.

There were work shops during the day on Friday. Ches Fullerton taught a beginning guitar workshop at 9:30, Alice Holt taught a beginning fiddle workshop at 11:00 and Andrea Wyckoff taught an intermediate fiddle workshop at 1:00. They were all well received. That evening the fiddlers were on the stage shortly after six for a jam and then the "really big show" to start at 7:00. **OUR HATS OFF TO SALLY JORDAN WHO DEVELOPED SUCH A FINE PROGRAM.** Ken Jordan and Jack Kerr took turns emceeing. Good job "guys." Wasn't it nice to have that wonderful sound system furnished by **SOUTHBOUND SOUND** from Roseburg. If you drop into their store in Roseburg or North Bend, tell them "thank you" from all of us.

Saturday again found jamming all over the hall. Enthusiasm continued!! The state chairman and state officers met at 10:00 for the 3rd quarterly meeting. At

1:00 all members gathered for the annual state meeting.

At 5:00 we went to our tables for the banquet. The "luck of the draw" gave us our order for eating (some were happy, and others waited) Which table to sit at is always a gamble. But we all enjoyed a fine meal and then turned to the business of the evening. The head table was introduced. I felt very privileged to present Don and Ruth Loring to the audience. Don and Ruth have attended every convention of our association - 31 years in a row. A standing ovation showed our happiness for their dedication - and thanks for their hours backing up many, many fiddlers. Plaques of appreciation were presented to the officers. Each district was recognized as well as a goodly number of out of state people in attendance. Roger thanked all workers for their contribution of time and energy.

Chuck Gates and his helpers, Beth and Bern Youngblood, passed out the many raffle prizes to the lucky winners (some of us luckier than others). And then the many fine, fine table decorations. As you read in the District 6 news, Calvin Boyles from Springfield donated one of his very fine, handcrafted guitars. Then Jerry and Irene Ruddock donated a very handsome mandolin. These two instruments were the prizes in a drawing for those who donated \$25 or more to the contest fund on Saturday. The lucky winner of the mandolin was Roland Apperson of Dallas and the guitar was won by Red Arnold of Portland. A big THANKS to Calvin and the Ruddocks for the instruments and to all of those who so graciously donated. Also, Wally Bloom donated a half size fiddle. One dollar chances were sold for the fiddle and at the end of the dance we had collected over \$700 in contributions just that evening for the 3 musical instruments. Can you imagine that!! The lucky winner for the fiddle was Bill Fenton of Gaston. Thanks to all of you again for your contributions. At 8:00 the dance began with very fine music supplied by each district. What a relaxing, fine evening it was.

If you saw shirt buttons on the floor, they came off President Roger's shirt. He popped many buttons with the pride and the pleasure he felt for a fine convention. He is proud of all of you who contributed so much by your attendance, your contributions and the hours of work that all went together to produce the fine time we all had.



Now looking to April.

There has been some confusion as to the dates we will be in Newport. (Only one person was confused - the editor.) The correct dates are: Thursday, April 23, Friday, the 24th, and Saturday the 25th. "Unofficially" it starts Thursday but you are all welcome. (Please don't come to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday). We will be there on Thursday to direct you to the parking areas. Parking is \$6.00 a night - there are a few hook ups available. We can park a lot of rigs but no all in the same spot. The fair people are gracious enough to let us into the hall late Thursday afternoon to get in "out of the hot sun" or was it the "liquid sunshine?" We will have an informal jam that evening - kind of depending on how many are there.

Friday we will have fun much as we do at the state convention. We will be in a hall much the same - even with hamburgers and the like being served in the kitchen. That evening we will have a sign up jam which will be open for the public.

Saturday morning (no meetings gang) we will have a flat picking contest for you pickers of guitars, banjos, mandolins or such instruments. (No, no flutes or saxs or such instruments). Prizes are beyond your wildest imagination - maybe a hamburger or a pie or some other fantastic prize. Then that afternoon we will have a gospel show - much as we do at Lapine and that evening - get up your dance band and be ready to play for the dance. Your band need not be by district. Rules and regula-

tions are few and far between for the week end but for the dance we have established that you must have at least 8 people in your band and at least 4 fiddlers. This is a "fiddle festival", we will be advertising it in the community as a "Fiddle Festival" so the emphasis is on the fiddle and on "participation" by our members. The picking contest is thrown in for variety.

Many of you have requested that you wanted something to replace "Lincoln City" and you wanted it on the coast. Newport, you know is on the Oregon Coast - between Lincoln City and Florence. The fairgrounds are on the east edge of town just off HWY 20. If you are coming from Corvallis, the fairgrounds are at the first traffic light about a half mile from HWY 101 - look to your right - the north side. If you are in town via HWY 101 turn east on Hwy 20 towards Corvallis - half mile to the light and turn north to the fairgrounds which are just a block or so from the highway.

As the Hoedowner goes to press, the festival is still in the planning stages so "times and events" are subject to change. This is a "first" so we are "feeling our way." Come with an open mind, a loving heart, be flexible, bring a bucket of smiles and an arm full of hugs and be ready to have a good time. No "grouches" allowed."

Lew Holt, editor

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be welcomed back with open arms after the convention.

We received word from Cecil and Lucille Davidson that their son's surgery was very successful and we are all happy to have received this good news. We wish them a safe journey home.

Several of our members have been sick and we wish them all a speedy recovery. Shorty Dow - we hear that you had to miss the convention because of pneumonia. We wish a very speedy recovery.

Birthday wishes this month are extended to

Jerene Shaffar on the 2nd, Ron Saylor on the 8th, Elnora Jorren and Noah Kilfoy on the 14th and Easter Noblett on the 23rd. Many Happy Returns! Anniversary wishes go to Debbie & Rick Reaves on the 6th and Fred and Vera Virtue on the 22nd. Congratulations!

May I remind you to sign my birthday and anniversary date book if you haven't already done so. It will be sitting on the dining room table next to the registration book at our next finger food potluck which will be April 11th. (No meeting) Our jam will follow from 1 - 4 p.m.

Have a very Happy Easter! Mary Lou Saylor

Please mark the following dates and places on your calendars:

- April 23, 24, & 25 State Fiddle Festival in Newport
- May 15 and 16 State Fiddle Contest in Salem
- May 17 State Quarterly Meeting and Dist. 8 Jam
- June 18, 19,20 Country Music Jamboree in Burns
- July 9,10,11,&12 State Summer Festival at Welches near Mt. Hood
- Aug. 1 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis
- Aug. 29 Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest in Canyonville
- Sep. 17-19 LaPine Campout/quarterly meeting

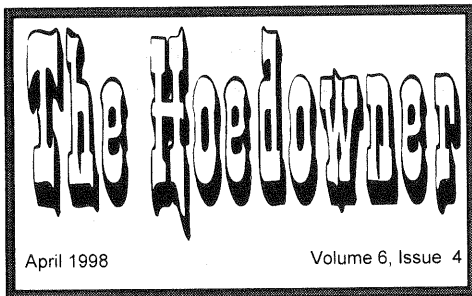
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- 6 Elsie Stuhr Cntr Beaverton 7
- 18, 19, 20 Country Music Jamboree Burns
- 22-27 Weiser Contest

July 1998

- 9,10,1 State Summer Festi- Mt. Hood OOTFA
- July Diamond Lake
- 30,31, Campout
- Aug 1, 2



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