

The Hoedowner

**The Official Publication of
The Oregon Old-Time
Fiddlers Association**

President

Roger Germundson
31808 S. E. Victory
Troutdale, OR 97060
(503) 663-6851

Vice-Pres

Sally Jordan
138 43rd Way
Florence, OR 97439
(541) 902-9240
sal@harborside.com

Sec.-Treas

Myrtle Arnold
4508 N.E. Ainsworth
Portland, OR 97218
(503) 284-1208
redpdx@juno.com

Editor

Lew Holt
1625 19th St. N.E.
Salem, OR 97303
(503) 391-5377
Fax 391-1534
lewholt@aol.com

Membership

Alice Holt
1625 19th St. N.E.
Salem, OR 97303
(503) 391-5377

Deadline for article issues, 18th
of every month.

Rogers Rambles

We old time musicians sure know how to have a good time and this annual convention was certainly no exception. Our building at the fairgrounds had been remodeled so the sound was excellent. Southbound Sound once again provided the sound equipment at a nominal charge. Many thanks to all the members who helped make our convention a success and especially the members from district 10, who did much of the leg work prior to the convention, then provided the sound equipment and GOODIES for us on Wednesday in the floral building. Many thanks again to the crew who manned the registration and raffle tables.

Fred Hardin, district eight, was elected President, yours truly Vice President and Myrtle Arnold continues as Secretary/Treasurer. We had six successful workshops in the floral building for those who wished to attend. Three technique workshops and three 'tunes at two" workshops.

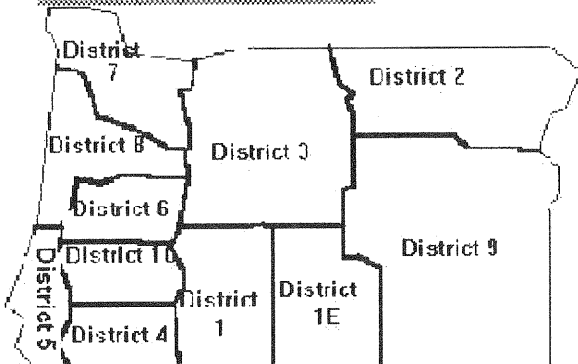
We had one major problem with the catering company, they ran out of food and had to prepare additional food to feed everyone. We met with them several times including just prior to the meal and they assured us that everything was on schedule. They apologized later but that didn't "feed the hungry."

We will be making the necessary changes for next year. We had nearly seventy members sign up for the Thursday night jam and then a great show Friday night. Thanks to all

the emcees for their work. We sold more tickets to the public than we did the last couple of years. The dance on Saturday night was also successful, with all districts providing a variety of good dance music. Next month we will be jamming at the Elks Club in Florence. If you have questions, call Sally Jordan at 541-389-9746. We can arrive and park at the Elks Thursday and we will play through Saturday night. We plan to have a flat picking contest Friday, so all you pickers get out your tunes. Hope to see you in Florence.

God Bless you. -
President OOTFA

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".



District 1

Chairman: Ray Lane (541) 882-1595
Co-Chair: Charles Sandusky (541) 884-7802
Sec/Treas/Membership: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313
6909 Tingley Lane K.F., OR 97601

"Happy Springtime, Happy Easter" Hope you all enjoyed a wonderful convention with many hours of good musical memories.

Final exams were coming up for Carrie, the Pattersons were on a trip to their son, Pat's wedding.

The Standifords were called away because of Jean's brother passing. Our con-

ferences to Jean and Lew and we hope you can soon be home again.

At the moment Ray and I are at our daughter's helping out after her surgery - consequently I forgot my list so I will wish Happy Birthday to Lewis Stork - 6th, Ray Lane -14th. There is to be a potluck birthday supper for Lewis Stork - April 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Midland Grange Hall.

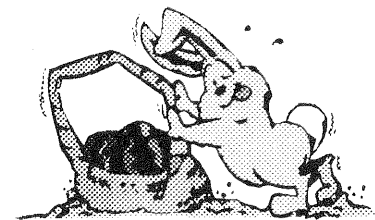
Our next jam is April 11th at the Winema Inn 1111 Main St. Klamath Falls - with a meeting at 12:30, a jam from 1:30 to 4. Don't forget the nursing homes - 1st Tuesday, Washburn Way Rehab from 3 to

4 pm. The 4th Thursday at the Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls at 1 pm. We'll play 1 hour then go to Clairmont Retirement (1 block above the nursing home) at 2:15 to play 1 hour - both on the same day.

Ladies -- we appreciate your gifts and goodies to be used for our jam raffles. Thank you for donating them.

Hope to have news of more activities next time.

Cherie Lane, Reporter District 1



District 1E

Chairman: Larry McLain (541) 947-2448
Co-Chair: Bill Myers (541) 947-5442
Sec: Beverly Perry (541) 947-2334
Treas: Shorty Stone (541) 947-3825
Membership: Marie Walker PO 608 Lakeview, OR 97360

Better late than ever but we will hand deliver this to Lew as we are writing while listening to some wonderful music in Roseburg. We're sure a fine time was had by all who attended.

For those of us from East of the Cascades, GREEN GRASS AND FLOWERS!! We sure can tell you what snow looks like but had forgotten the other stuff. Since the calendar tells us it's Spring, we'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather over our way! Maybe we can take

some of it home with us. Congratulations to the new State Officers. We're sure they'll do a fine job. It is a large undertaking!

Mark your calendars - it's a busy month -- April 3 - jam and potluck at 6:30 at Memorial Hall. On the 6th we'll be at the nursing home. On the 12th we'll have a business meeting at 7:00 at Indian Village. On the 17th we'll be at the nursing home. And on the 20th a jam and potluck at 6:30 at Memorial Hall.

Bill and Gloria Myers, Reporters, District 1E



District 3

Chairman: Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575
Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims (541) 536-3656
Sec/Treas/Membership:
 Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583
 22460 McArdle Rd Bend, OR 97702

We had a full house for our jam. What a joy to have all the Slay Family back with us. Gene is feeling much better and able to play and sing better than ever. Just proves, can't keep a good man down. The Booher Family and Jacob French were also with us and to say that we were well entertained is an understatement.

Our current officers were elected again for the next year. Let's all continue to help and sup-

port them in any way we can. A concession stand outside the main entrance will be available at the next jam which is April 25th. (No, the 25th is not a misprint) In a past issue you were given all the jam dates through June. We now have the next three dates available and they are: July 11th, Aug. 15th, Sept. 12th. Please mark your calendars.

Our condolences to Carol and Joe Marstall for the loss of their daughter to cancer. Please keep them and their family in your prayers for the peace that passes all human understanding.

Roseburg was a big success. Lots of fun, hugs and mu-

sic for everybody. It was again great to have Mike Real come from Tama, Iowa. He came on Amtrak to Roseburg and then after the convention he came to Bend with Carol & Hollis and stayed for two weeks. It's always a special treat when Mike is here and we look forward to his return visit.

Welcome new members Richard & Callene Weatherson from Prineville.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all April celebrations.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter
 P.S. Jesus' life was a unique reflection of God's infinite and all encompassing love for His people. Blessings and Happy Easter

District 4

Chairman:
 Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
Co-Chair:
 Gene Williams (541) 560-3230
Sec/Treas:
 Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621
Membership:
 Freda Serpas (541) 772-2952
 1481 Ridgeway Medford, OR 97504

Lots of music was made at our March jam in Gold Hill. There was a good crowd of dancers, listeners, and yes, music makers! Much good food at the potluck, with Lola Williams and her crew running a fine kitchen. Visitors included Cecil and Tina Sutton, Irene and Jerry Ruddick, Al Nelson, and Ernie Penry.

Princess Ramona is rejoining our group, heading for Florida before she returns to her

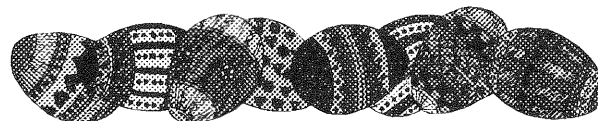
home in Trail. It was good to see some members returning to our ranks; Vic Flood recovering from a shoulder problem, and Lee Cushman free of his walking cast. Letha Frye is needing to return to the hospital for more testing and/or surgery.

Our business meeting included a report of donations of \$400 to the State Fiddle Contest, and \$200 to the Canyonville contest. A goodly number of members are planning to be in Roseburg for the State meeting. So many folks were having such a good time, that we have signed up three new members this month. They are: Anne Cummings, fiddler, Carol and Dewey Henderson (Carol is a "violinist" who is a wannabee fiddler), and Ronald and Sharon Matson, who are "listeners".

We held a work party headed up by Gene Williams to get our "new" trailer in shape for parades. A lot of scraping and cleaning, then spreading lots of paint -- even in some unexpected places! The wiring was reworked, and wheels cleaned.. It is looking quite spiffy, and almost ready to go. With our banners on the sides, we should look good in the Pear Blossom parade in Medford on April 10, and the 4th of July parade in Central Point on July 3rd (figure that one!).

Remember . . . if you haven't got a sense of humor, you haven't got any sense at all!

Reporter District 4
 Judy McGarvey



District 5

Chairman: Fred Grove (541) 267-4467
Co-Chair: Phil Fry (541) 888-2004
Sec/Treas/Membership: Sheila Anderson (541) 269-7250
2012 Red Dike Rd Coos Bay, OR 97420

It is spring! The flowers are in bloom and a beautiful song the birds sing, now we would like to boast, we are so glad we live on the lovely Oregon Coast! Well here I set eating humble pie because I owe an apology to our new members Anne, Dan and Arin Hasely who reside in Florence and not in Reedsport as was reported in the last Hoedowner. Also while visiting the Heritage House in Bandon the other day, the program director informed me that due to spring vacation "The Adopt a Grandparent Night" has been changed from March 27 to April 3. This is an evening of dancing and fun sponsored by the Bandon High School Students. They have asked the fiddlers to play for this event.

At our last meeting we were sorry to hear Sally Jordan resigned her position as District 5's chairman for next year and so Fred Grove (Bless his heart) is diligently hanging onto his office. Thank you Fred we really appreciate you!

All we need now is a co-chairman and a sec/treas/membership person. Hey where are all of you volunteers? Please, we need HELP!

It was so good to see Abbie and Keith Shaffar, Betty and Bob McKee, Charlotte and Shorty Dow and Jean and Lloyd Dunn. It has been quite awhile since we have seen all of you. Welcome back!

It was decided that District 5 would contribute \$200.00 to the State Fiddle Contest Fund. We will be playing at the Charleston Seafood Festival on August 21 and The Ocean Fest in Brookings-Harbor on September 25. We will have more information on these festivals later this summer.

We would like to congratulate our musicians who represented District 5 in the convention show -- Cecil Davidson, Pat Kramer, Bob Shaffar, Shorty Dow, Fred Grove, and Abbie Shaffar. Good job.

Rose Johnson will be having day surgery on her knee about the middle of April. We will keep you in our prayers Rosie, We also send best wishes to Helen and Ellwood Serfass who haven't been feeling so well.

I received the following note from Abbie Shaffar. "I would like to thank all our friends for their good wishes during my recent surgery. I am doing great! Sincerely, Abbie."

Chairman Fred says we won't be having a jam on the 10th as we will be in Florence. We hope to see many of our members and the state members there.

May all of you have a very Happy Easter.
Mary Lou Sayler, reporter
District 5 (541) 396-3238

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894
Co-Chair: Betty Hawkins (541) 746-5579
Treas: Ralph Hattleberg (541) 345-1421
Sec/Membership: Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966
325 Blackstone St. Springfield, OR 97477

We are saddened by the recent loss of Walt Benson. We will remember his singing and guitar playing. Our love and condolences to Maxine. Betty Canning was hospitalized twice in Arizona with pneumonia while "Snowbirding" there. Addie Gonshorowski has been in the hospital. Stu Henshaw has also been ill. We are hoping all who are under the weather will be up and about soon.

Honeymooners, the Drayers, got back from California in time for the state convention in Roseburg. If you didn't attend, you missed a wonderful time. This is one time to really see so many of our friends though out the state and play music to your heart's content. Our District Six April Jam date is Sunday, April 25 at the Willamalane Senior Center. Doors open at 12:30 - jam at 1:00. In May, there will be a District 6 Jam on Sunday, May 2 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. You are invited to come at 11:00 to jam awhile and then the Moose Lodge will feed us one of their great lunches. To get to the Moose Lodge, drive all the way through Lebanon and go out of town several miles towards Sweet Home. The

Moose Lodge will be on the right. And don't forget Doug Orton still has his regular jam every Tuesday in Corvallis.

Maxine Benson was very pleased at the large turn out for Walt's funeral. She wants to thank all of you for your love and support during this time. She expresses her gratitude for the group of musicians that played for the funeral. It added "just the right touch" to the service.

Dave Boyd was admitted to the hospital just as the news went in. We hope that he has improved and will be back playing his bass again soon.
Thelma Drayer, reporter
Thelma sez: KINDNESS from everyone would cure all of the world's troubles against each other .

District 7

Chairman:

Helen Hakanson (503) 659-7250

Co-Chair:

Tom Widman (503) 968-6462

Sec/Treas:

Lila Bills (503) 253-8447

Sec/Membership

Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851

31808 S.E. Victory Rd Troutdale, Or 97060

First things first, elections were held at the March meeting at the Lake Oswego Senior Center. We are very pleased to report that Helen Hakanson has accepted the Chairmanship for the next year. She has done a great job and hopefully she is enjoying her role as much as the rest of us! Dan Moenck will co-chair this year, partly to get to know the running of our organization better, while helping Helen and all of us! Terry Jorgensen will be

serving as Secretary/ Treasurer, while Andy Jorgensen has graciously taken on our sound system. We are working toward updating and smallifying (perfect non-word there!) some of the elements of our system so anyone can carry the entire setup in their car trunk. That way it will be much easier for all of us to share that task. So far we've gotten some new, considerably smaller speakers. Pat Gates will continue emailing the group's news to Lew Holt for yet another year. Take a look at OOTFA's website at <http://members.aol.com/LewHolt/districtnews.html> NEW TIME FOR OUR JAMS: they will begin at 11:00! NEXT JAM: April 11th will find our District 7 folks at the Oregon Pioneer Community Center in

Oregon City at 615 Fifth Street. If you take exit #10 and go straight on past the 3 covered wagons in Oregon City you'll make no turns until you get to Fifth St. Be sure to look that up prior to starting out if you are not familiar with that location. The potluck will be at 12:00 and the jam/show at 1:00. The Center will have a snack center open from 1-4 so you might want to bring a little extra cash. ...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS: On May 2 we'll be at the Canby Senior Center and on June 5 (please be aware that the 5th is a Saturday!!) we'll play up a storm (figuratively speaking, of course) at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton.



District 5

Chairman:

Lew Holt (503) 391-5377

Co-Chair:

Fred Hardin (503) 623-5812

Sec/Treas/Membership:

Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033

1445 25th St. N.E. Salem, OR 97301

March 13th was a special day for the Irish and a special day for District 8 when we were invited by the Keizer Seniors to eat and play for their Irish Stew dinner. Good food, good music, and good friends, what more could we want?

It was off to the convention for some of us. Our own Fred Hardin was elected to be President starting July 1st. Way to go Fred! Thanks for everybody who represented us in the Friday night show and for

those who helped out when we took our turn at the dance. And thanks to those who brought center pieces and door prizes.

We will have been in Woodburn on March 28th - betcha everything went well there, too.

We were saddened to learn that Vi Jensen passed away in late February. At Vi's request there were no services. She was very special to many of us for her great fiddling. She and Charlie, who preceded her in death, were long time, active members of OOTFA.

Now to April. Something new! On the 18th we will hold our jam in the Oak Grove Grange Hall. Where? Take Highway 22 out of Salem towards Rickreal, and just west of the Independence junction, just past the Brunk

House and at the cemetery, turn north on Oak Grove Road. Go 3.2 miles and you will come to a quaint little community of one church, one country school and a grange hall.

The hall will be open about ten. At noon we will "brown bag it." District 8 will provide coffee. And at 1 pm we will have our jam. So pack a lunch in a brown bag (or whatever) and join us. It will be fun.

We are working on the May schedule but mark your calendar for the evening of June 12th when we will be playing for the guests at the 1000 Trails Campground near Pacific City on the coast.

Alice Holt, reporter
(503) 391-5377

District 9

Chairman:
Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Co-Chair
Julie Milleson (541) 573-2206
Sec/Treas/Membership:
Rose Modey (541) 573-6237
PO Box 575 Burns, OR 97720

Howdy -- March's jam sure was fun, wasn't it. The election of officers went smoothly with Ruel Teague, Julia Milleson, and Rose Modey all re-elected for another term. Margaret Teague will be membership chairman and was johnny on the spot signing up several new members. Welcome to Lowell White and Bob and Myrla Dean to one of the friendliest community organizations around. What a pleasant surprise to have Lee and Don Hanna walk through the door and join us for the jam. Don's music was especially enjoyed by the handful of dancers. Come back anytime!

Our snowbirds are back from the south. Ruel and Margaret are complaining the problem with retirement is there

District 10

Chairman & Membership
Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522
255 Raintree Ave. Sutherland, OR 97479
Co-Chair:
Chuck Hasty (541) 673-2067
Treas:
Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec:
Fred Young & Claire Eaton

Greetings from District 10. We hope all of you had a good time at the convention. It was nice having you in our district. Best wishes go out to Tom Shepherd as he is recovering from surgery on his arm. Thelma Allen is

aren't any vacations. Boo hoo.

Ruel won the Quartzite Fiddle contest and placed first in the specialty instrument category at Blythe. Margaret won a sucker at bingo. Glad you're back.

Gordon Black had hand surgery last month and is starting back playing guitar now. He thinks in a couple of weeks he'll be able to play his dobro again.

George Sahlsberg came through heart surgery just fine and was present at the jam. Glad you're doing well, George.

John Murray of Prairie City passed away in February. John was a fine fiddle, bagpipe, and sax player who we'll all miss.

Folks taking part in the Chamber Music Society Spring Concert included Julia Milleson, Edie Koenig, Don Williams, and Rose Modey in the Choir and Janet Burgess in the orchestra. Janet played backup on the hammered dulcimer for Ashoken Farewell, a first for the

recovering from her recent illness. She spent some time in the hospital. Hurry and get well you two. Margie Hasty will be having surgery on her foot. We wish you the best, Margie - get well quickly. Norma Werley had surgery recently. We wish you the best and a speedy recovery.

We will not have a jam on APRIL 4TH because of Easter. But on the 17th we will be back at the community building in Winston for our meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and our jam from 1:00 to

group.

Just two more jams until the summer break. April 4 and May 2 we'll be at the Senior Center in Burns for a potluck at 1 pm with music and dancing from 2-4 pm. The jam at the Aspens is April 9 while the jam at the nursing home is April 12, both at 7 pm.

Be sure to take in the Harney County historical play written by the local writer's group, and produced by Once in a Blue Moon Productions with music provided by the Old Time Fiddlers. It will be held at Lincoln Junior High the 3rd weekend in April. Check the newspaper for specific times.

Janet Burgess, Reporter District 9

PS. The High Desert Fiddlers send word the Country Music Jamboree is the place to be June 17,18 and 19. Come on over to the east side for three days of wonderful music provided by all who attend. It's guaranteed to be as much fun as you can possibly stand.

4:00. Mark your calendars, too, for May 2nd and the 15th when we will be at the community building in Winston. The same in June on the 6th and 19th.

Happy Birthdays go out to Tom Shepherd, Gem Moore, Dean Wilson, Charlotte Bonebright, Lester Broadwater, Jackie Parsons and John Howe.

Reporter: Jean Hanson
(541) 672-6929

Notes from the Editor

Wow, back home after five days of convention. As everybody has written - what a good time. President Roger is humble - so let me take this space to compliment him from all of us for all his work to guarantee that we had a fine convention. Thanks to all of you who handed me a contribution for the state fiddle contest. One person walked up to me and handed me a hundred dollar bill - saying that he just wanted to express appreciation from his wife and him for what the fiddlers do for them. Now, isn't that nice! I am impressed by the district contributions - thanks to you all. Edna Yohey donated a fiddle that some one had given to Bill years ago. I set it up and took it to the convention. It brought in almost \$100 and was won by Merle Pasley. An old Hawaiian guitar (don't know how much it brought in or who donated it) was won by "Lucky Lew." And a big, big thanks to Virgil Schmoe for the fine Kentucky mandolin that he donated. Somebody by the name of "Lucky Lew" won that, too. Sometime it is embarrassing to be lucky (but fun). The mandolin brought in \$287 for the contest. No, I didn't buy all the tickets - just 3 or 4. Actually I was after the bird house, too, that Ruel won. If you didn't get a chance to make a contribution to the contest, I am still taking them.

Check out our web site for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association: <http://members.aol.com/LewHolt>

Mandolin for sale. Vi Modrell has a mandolin that belonged to Rusty. She would like to sell it. If you are interested, please contact her. (She's in the roster.)

Mark your calendars for the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest for August 7th at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. This is a one day contest that is open to anybody. Contact Starr McMullen for more details. More information will follow in future Hoedowners.

Lew: Would you put the Diamond Lake Campout in the next Hoedowner? Here it is Irene. It will be July 29th through Aug 1st. We had a good group of people last year and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Hope to keep it going as long as possible. All fiddlers and accompanist, and members are well to come.

We put on the breakfasts and had potluck for anyone who wished to join in. Also, home made ice cream after our Saturday night jam. Jerry & Irene Ruddock

Another note to share with you -- Dear Friends, Hi! Dolores reminded me today about sending in our dues - so here we are. We just arrived back from Arizona 2 days ago, It's hard to leave the nice warm days and blue sky but very good to be home at last. We hope things are going well for you. Our youngest - Gabriel, turned 16 this week and is 6'1." Where have all the years gone" Love, Your friends, Mike, Dolores and family.

I can remember talking to Chris and Rudi many years ago at the convention and asking them where Mom was. They would say that she was home with the babies. My how the kids have changed.

Several of you have mentioned to me about having supper at the Booher's Chuckwagon near Tumalo, Or. They will be opening April 1st for the season. They serve a fine supper and put on a great show. If you are interested, why not give them a call at 541-330-1117. Sounds like a good idea.

The 1999 rosters are out for the coming year. Your district secretary will probably have copies @ \$1.00. We only printed 400 so you might want to get your copy early.

Lew Holt, Editor





**SOUTHBOUND
SOUND & MUSIC**

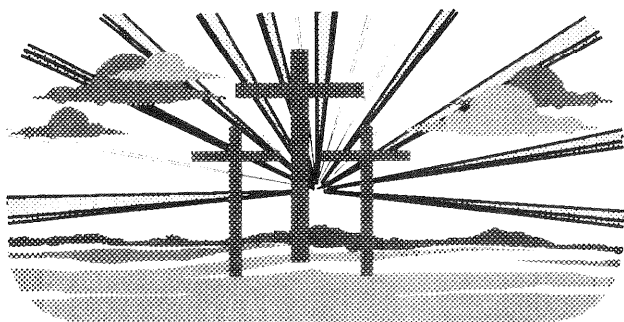
(503) 672-7056
278 NW Garden Vly Blvd
Roseburg, OR 97470

(503) 756-6410
2227 Newmark
North Bend, OR 97459

Cartwright's
MUSIC REPAIR SHOP

189 Liberty St. N.E.
REED OPERA HOUSE
Salem Oregon, 97301

Ken Cartwright, Luther
Phone (503) 399-1130



**Personal Computer
Training**

*We're
Keyed*

Your office or home.
Learn on your computer.
Learn at your pace.
Learn what you want or need to know.

664-7861

**Dates to
Remember**



April 9 - 10 April Fiddle Festival -
Florence.

May 14 - 15 State Contest - Salem.


July 15, 16, 17 Mt. Hood Campout -
Welches

July 29 - Aug. 1 Diamond Lake
Campout

August 7 Willamette Valley Fiddle
Contest - Corvallis

August 28 Canyonville Contest

September 16, 17 & 18 OOTFA
Campout - LaPine



**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
(541) 688-4085

OREGON STATE FIDDLE CONTEST: We have a new motel for your convenience this year at the contest. The Crossland Motel is our "official motel." We have said that we would fill at least 10 rooms but expect actually twice that many. (They give us one free room.) You are encouraged to make your reservations now. The price is right - starting at \$34. The location is near the contest. And it is easy to find from I-5. It is located at 3535 Fisher road, NE Salem 97305. Phone: (503) 363-7557. **BESURE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING FROM THE OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONTEST.** The directions for getting there are; From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.) go west (towards down town) to Hawthorne Ave. West. Go north on Hawthorne to Silverton Rd. Turn right onto Silverton Rd. Then left onto Fisher road. Crossland will be on the left. Or off I-5 you can go east on Market St. to Lancaster, turn left go to Silverton Rd. turn left on Silverton Rd to Fisher and then turn right on Fisher Rd to Crossland Motel. We will have specific information for the May 1 Hoedowner for the contest but generally, it will follow the same format as last year. The contest will be held Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at the Chemeketa Community College on Lancaster Ave. in Salem. (The same as last year.) The contest activities will start at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday morning at 8:15 A.M. To be eligible for the contest, a contestant must have lived in Oregon for 6 months just prior to the contest and be a member of the OOTFA. Membership may be taken out as late as the day of the contest. The divisions are the same: Pee Wee - 8 years and younger. Junior - Junior - 9 thru 12. Junior - 13 thru 17. Young Adult - 18 thru 36. Adult - 37 thru 59. Senior - 60 thru 69. Senior- Senior 70 and above. No age limit on the Twin Fiddle Division (one twin fiddle contestant may be from out of state). No age limit for the Open Division. The tentative schedule is: 1:00 PM Friday OOTFA sign up jam on main stage. Friday evening - Twin Fiddle contest and Open Division contest Rnd 1. Saturday morning the contest will start with the Senior Division at 8:30 - followed by the Sr.Sr, Young Adult, Adult and Junior Divisions. After lunch: Pee Wee, Jr-Jr, Sr.Sr Finals, Senior Finals, Jr Div. Rnd 2, OPEN Div. Rnd 2. After dinner: Jr-Jr Finals, Young adult finals, Adult finals, Junior Finals and OPEN finals. (Final schedule May 1 Hoedowner) The judges are: Dick and Lisa Barrett (Rapel Je, MT), Roberta Rast (Boise, Idaho), Gayla Tanaka (Pocatella, ID), John Francis (San Francisco, CA)

APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

Sally sez: On Thursday evening the 8th of April we will be putting on a concert for the public in Florence at the middle school at 7:00. We will put out a donation can and invite everyone to come. (We thought it would be nice to let everyone in Florence hear us, instead of just the people who belong to the Elks). Would love to see a good turn out for this. Anyone who would like to go to the Middle school we will car pool over there (about 5 blocks across hiway 101). The camping at the Elks parking lot will be first come first serve; spaces being \$10 for water and electricity and \$5 for dry camping. There will be entrance to the building right there too. It is all on flat ground and single level (no stairs). There is food available there at varying prices and many restaurants close by. There are also several motels in the vicinity too. I believe the rooms run about \$28 a night, but not much more than that. So that none of you will get lost - if you are coming down Hwy 101, turn left one block before the junction of 101 and 128. Or from the south, turn right one block north of the junction - and the Elks Lodge is back in about a half of a block I have not planned any formal jams during the day, will have a couple of workshops and save the jams for the evenings. Mostly just open jamming through the days. Lets just go and relax, visit and play without getting all bunched up with a schedule. Thanks and if you have any questions, just let me know....Sally

Calendar

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

April

3	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
3	Prospect Community Center		4
4	Senior Center	Burns	9
9-10	April Fiddle Festival	Florence	OOTFA
10	Parade Medford		4
11	Winema Inn	K Falls	1
11	Oregon City Pioneer Community Center		7
17	Winston Comm Bldg	Winston	10
18	Oak Grove Grange	Salem	8
20	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
25	Deschutes County Fairgrounds		3
25	Willamalane	Springfield	6

May

1	Rogue River Comm Ctr.	Rogue River	4
2	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
2	Senior Center	Canby	7
2	Senior Center	Burns	9

14-15 Oregon State Contest Salem OOTFA

June

5	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
5	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7
12	1000 Trails	Pacific City	8
17,18 and 19	Country Music Jamboree	Burns	
19	State Quarterly Meeting	Burns	OOTFA

July

3		Central Pt	4
11	Deschutes Co. Fairground		3
15,16,17	Mt. Hood Campout		OOTFA

Aug.

7	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	
15	Deschutes County Fairgrounds		3
28	Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest	Canyonville	

Sep.

12	Deschutes County Fairgrounds		3
16,17 & 18	LaPine Campout		OOTFA
18	Quarterly meeting		OOTFA



The Hoedowner

Alice Holt
Membership Chairman
1625 19th Street N.E.
Salem, OR 97303

April, 1999

PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
MEDFORD, OR 97501
PERMIT No. 337

First Class

Fast, Bob & Dulcie,
3707 SE Clinton St
Portland, OR 97202-1539

WE'RE ON THE WEB
[HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/LEWHOLT](http://members.aol.com/lewholt)