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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

As everyone knows, snowbirds from all across the Northland, extending from Pacific to Atlantic coasts, trek to a warmer climate each winter. All across our Southland stretching from Florida to California, southern states experience a tremendous population increase for about six months each year, because of hundreds of thousands of retired people seeking "fun in the sun" temperatures in which to enjoy their winters. Many are multitalented retired professionals who are hobbyists and enthusiasts with avocations of every conceivable description. Ranking very high among them are music lovers, and Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and backup players were well represented in that category this year.

After attending Colorado River Country Music

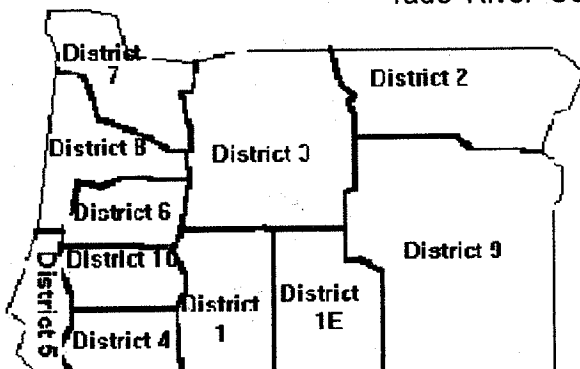
Festival in Blythe, California, January 14, 15, and 16, Charlotte and I spent more than a week in Quartzite, AZ jamming at Texas Barbecue Restaurant each day with Roger and Jackie Germundson, Ruel Teague, Richard Whitecotton, Willie Carter, Penny Mead, Delores Todd, and others too numerous to mention here. Willie Carter, with an excellent, professionally sounding band, plays music frequently each week at Quartzite Senior Center and various campgrounds and other locations throughout the area. (By the way, we all know that Willie Carter has rightfully earned his place among us as one of our best old time fiddlers, but how many of you know that Willie is also an excellent steel guitar player?)

From there, we traveled to Yuma, and Tucson AZ and Laughlin, NV, jamming with some of our musical friends before returning home February 8th. Now that

music and fun are over, we must get down to business, and the first order of business is our OOTFA annual Roseburg Convention. While returning home, we planned a stop in Roseburg and Sutherlin to finalize plans with Douglas County Fair and visit with Jo Barnes, District 10 Chairwoman. We can all be proud and grateful to all members of District 10 under the capable leadership of Jo for all the work, help and planning they are putting into preparations for our convention. As you know dates for our convention are March 16, 17, & 18, but some early birds will probably arrive Tuesday or Wednesday, 14th and 15th, and for those early arrivals, District 10 is making provisions for snacks, salads, sandwiches, drinks, etc., all day Wednesday and into the night while everyone enjoys plenty of jamming.

But for a few revisions, all District assign-

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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

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In spite of cold, rainy, snowy weather Dist. 1 enjoyed a nice jam Feb. 13 with several local visitors. Also Gene and Lola Williams, and Bruce and Judy McGarvey from Dist. 4 braved the mountain highways to join us. Please come back again.

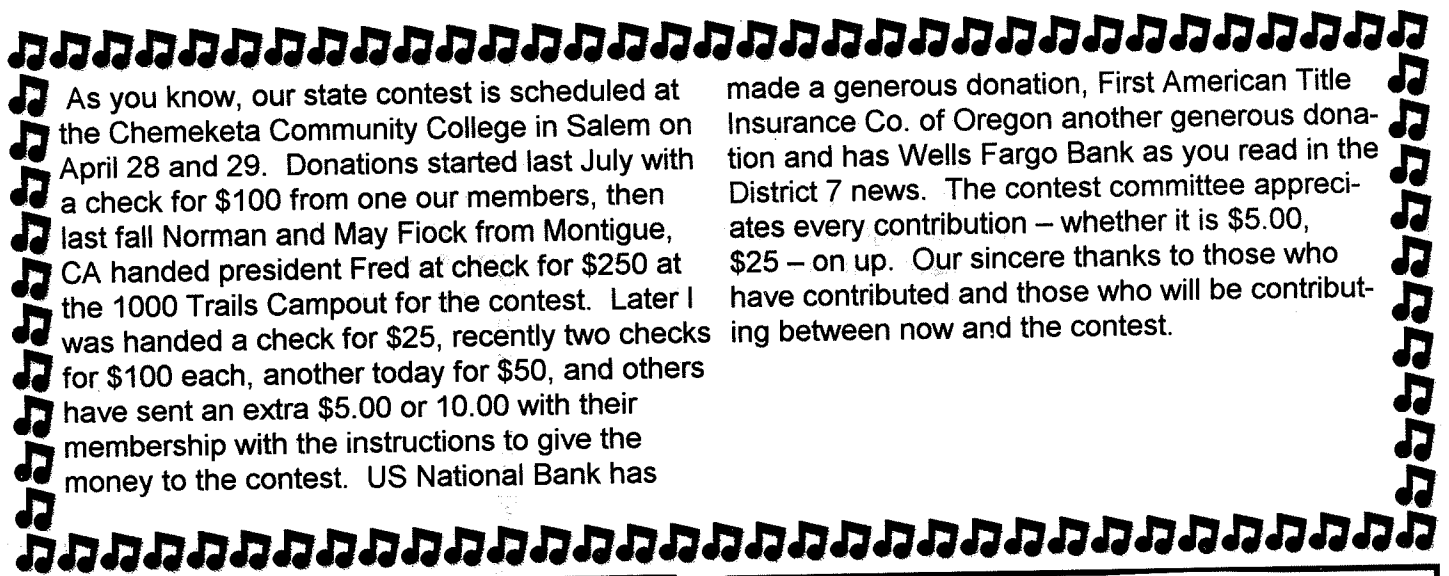
Our next jam is March 12th at the Winema Inn, 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. The jam will start at 1:00 from now on. (No meet-

ing on jam day.) New time for business meeting (business meeting and potluck and play music) will be held 1st Sunday of each month at the Villa West Mobile Home Estates Rec Hall at 1:00 until ?? The address is 2241 Greensprings Dr. in Klamath Falls. Nursing home schedule - 1st Tuesday each month at Klamath Regional Rehab, 711 Washburn Way in Klamath Falls. We play from 3 to 4. The 4th Thursday of each month we play at the Clairmont Nursing Home at 1:00 for an hour. Then we go one block above to the Clairmont Retirement at 2:15 and play another hour. Same day.

Ray says a "big" Thank You to all who played Valentine's Day at Klamath Mental Health. The folks there really liked the music and songs. They took part by singing along and dancing we are told.

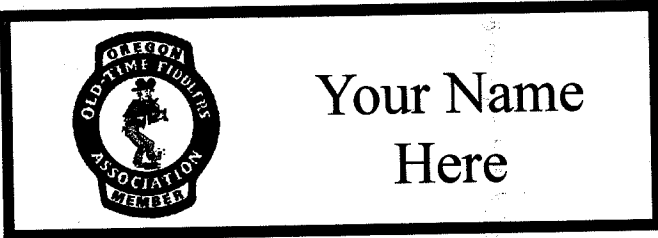
To all who have been ill, hope you'll soon be OK again. Keep the music playing.

Cherie Lane, Reporter District 1
(P.S. Lew here: yes, it is Chemult - with a "t" not a "k" - my fault.)



As you know, our state contest is scheduled at the Chemeketa Community College in Salem on April 28 and 29. Donations started last July with a check for \$100 from one our members, then last fall Norman and May Fiock from Montigue, CA handed president Fred at check for \$250 at the 1000 Trails Campout for the contest. Later I was handed a check for \$25, recently two checks for \$100 each, another today for \$50, and others have sent an extra \$5.00 or 10.00 with their membership with the instructions to give the money to the contest. US National Bank has

made a generous donation, First American Title Insurance Co. of Oregon another generous donation and has Wells Fargo Bank as you read in the District 7 news. The contest committee appreciates every contribution - whether it is \$5.00, \$25 - on up. Our sincere thanks to those who have contributed and those who will be contributing between now and the contest.



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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Upcoming events – March 4 jam and potluck at the Memorial Hall. The first Saturday of each month is our jam. Every other Tuesday we play at the Long Term Care Facility for the residents there. On the 8th only five members entertained.

The big event for February was the Lola Gage benefit at the Westside Grange Hall. A large crowd attended the action, cake-walk, raffle and chili feed. The grange ladies furnished the chili and pies, cookies or brownies and of course coffee, tea, and sodas. The auctioneers were Gary and Josh Pennington, local father and son. They had everyone involved, even selling things that should have gone to the dump. Everything auctioned off

was donated. We thank all who were there and helped after the auction and lunch.

They say one man's junk is another man's treasure. The fiddlers played and sang. Even a young man was on stage playing the guitar and singing. Hope to get him as a member.

Gloria Myers is getting around much better now after foot surgery. Keep improving Gloria. Bev Perry is recovering from broken ribs. That is painful but she is tough and improving. Homer McLain had to make a run or I should say drive to Medford to take his brother Harvey to visit Harvey's wife, who was in the hospital. All are doing better.

The weather is the big talk. Everyone has something to say about it but doesn't or can't do anything about it. Some days we have snow, rain, and sunshine. The wind at times sure blows hard.

Our election of officers was held Feb. 14th. Fifteen members were present. The new officers are Bill Myers, president;

Terry McLain, vice president; Sherilyn McLain, Secretary; John (Shorty) Stone, treasurer; Mary Cathcard, Historian and Myrle Shepard, reporter.

Don't forget the annual state meeting in Roseburg March 16 – 18. Many are making plans now to attend. If you can, plan to be there and enjoy the music and fellowship.

Anyone having any news, please let me know. Call 947-3492. If I'm not home, leave a message. Thanks. Keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face. Keep pickin'

Myrle Shepard, reporter 1E



National Old Time Fiddlers Association

Perhaps I can put a plug in here for membership in this association. A fine and much improved newspaper comes out every other month with fiddle stories and telling about activities all over the U.S. The new president of the association is Layna Hafer who is the person you see running things at the Weiser contest. This has breathed new life into the association. To join just write the following information on a piece of paper and include a check made out to NOTFA for \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years.

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone
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5. And Layna wants to know how you heard about the NOTFA. Send/give your membership to me here in Salem or to Layna at NOTFA 8 E. Idaho St. Weiser, ID 83672

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Hi everybody. Here are the rest of the jam dates to the end of the year so you may want to mark your calendar. July 16, Aug. 20, Sep. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 2000 all scheduled for the High Desert Activity Center.

Congratulations to Vance Bonner and Bill Williams for their fiddle debuts. They both did great and we look forward to encore performances. Bill makes fiddles and has sold one to Ricky Skaggs. Even though we had

such adverse weather we were blessed to have such a good jam. The audience sure enjoyed it, thanks to each of the musicians. We were pleased to have Winston and Lola Grant from Dist. 8 join us.

Chet Fullerton is recuperating nicely after a recent surgery. Hopefully he will be back with us soon picking and grinning.

We were not able to have a meeting after the Feb. jam for

nomination of officers so one is being planned for after the March jam. Welcome new members David and Carol Higginbotham of Bend.

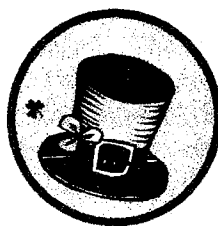
Marie Nelson, reporter

P.S. Worry does not rob tomorrow of its sorrow; it only robs today of its joy.



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Contest Motel

I checked with the Crossland Motel in Salem at press time to see if I could work a deal for the motel to be our recommended motel for the contest for Friday, April 28 and Saturday night, April 29. The manger "was out" but I think everything is "go." Everybody who stayed there last year was pleased. The standard double -- two persons is \$42.51 each night. It is the closest motel to the contest. I will have more details next month but in the mean time, if you want to make reservations or have questions, please call 503 - 363-7557.

Oregon State Fiddle Contest

Starr McMullen announces the following judges have been confirmed . More details next month.

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Rudi Booher
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The February jam at Lake Creek was well attended by members and dancer/listeners. Visitors included Jerry and Irene Ruddock and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls. There was a lot of good music and good weather -- even had the windows open!

The Pear Blossom Festival will be April 8. It was voted on that we will again participate on our parade float. We can have 8-10 musicians playing while we parade. They loved us last year!

Several of us are planning to go to the State Convention in Roseburg -- it's always a fun

meeting.

District 4 has some big plans afoot for a Barn Dance program, as we now have the okay from the county. They are working on funding to buy the floor, and we will help install it. This is located at Hanley Farm, on Hanley Road in Central Point. The Southern Oregon Historical Society manages this property. It is a "big old barn" with plenty of space to park campers and cars. The idea is to please the public with such things as square dances, circle two-steps, schottisches, etc. We may get some other districts to help get it started. Work will progress as soon as the weather warms up.

Neva Flood has had a stroke. She was in the hospital for several days, looking forward to going back home. She will need a lot of support, and we miss her sparkling presence. Ethel Hol-

stin is recovering from surgery, and Letha Fry has not been doing well recently.

Election of officers was concluded and all officers from last year will continue for another year, by unanimous acclamation. Gene Williams, Chairman; Mike James, Vice-chairman; Ethel Holstin, Secretary-treasurer.

New members who joined this past month include: George (Buck) Miner--guitar, Cindy McDonald (fiddle and guitar) and husband Bill, Lee Ferguson (fiddle and guitar) and husband Richard, Gerald Senn--associate member, Georgia Rinnan--associate.

Thought for the day: "We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public."

Respectfully submitted, Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

March 16, 17, & 18, 2000

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2000

Early arrivals - there will be a place to jam and visit in the Floral Building from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. We'll have a sign up jam that evening starting at 7:00. Dist. 10 is our host

THURSDAY, March 16 8:00 A.

M. Doors open for set-up and jamming. Food service begins. Buffet breakfast served by King's Table.

10:00 Registration begins.
Noon -- Buffet lunch served by King's Table.

6:30 Group jamming on main stage. 7:00 Sign up jam for members only (Finger foods)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 8:00 A.M.

Doors open for King's Table buffet and jamming.

9:00 Registration/banquet ticket sales.

Noon Buffet lunch served by King's Table.

3:00 Nominating committee meeting.

6:00 Doors open/ticket sales for show (OOTFA members admitted with 2000 membership card.)

6:30 Group jamming on stage (all fiddlers and back up).

7:00 Annual fiddle and variety show (Participation by invitation.)

SATURDAY, March 18 8:00

Doors open for King's Table buffet breakfast and jamming.

10:00 Quarterly state board

meeting.

Noon Buffet lunch served by King's Table.

1:00 Annual meeting/election of state officers.

5:00 Annual OOTFA banquet.

8:00 Annual fiddlers dance (Members and guests).

Please purchase your banquet tickets early.

WORKSHOPS Friday A variety of difference kinds. Times & places to be announced.

RV PARKING \$10.00 per night by community center \$15.00 per night in campground (Electric hook-ups)

All times and events subject to change.

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(541) 888-2004

Even though this is the March issue, we have not had our February meeting as this goes to press, so I do not have any information on the election of officers for the coming year. I will, however, print the results of our election in the April edition. District 5 will not be having a meeting this month because of the state convention, but we will start playing the last Friday of each month at the Barn in Bandon at 11:00 for the Senior Meals Program. Mark your calendars, bring your fiddles and come join the fun. The Seniors are very excited to have the fiddlers playing for them and we hope to provide them with many happy fiddling memories.

My husband and I had a very nice visit from Abbie and Keith Shaffar last month and also one from Helen and Elwood Serfass. I was at a meeting when Helen and Elwood came but Ron really enjoyed their visit. It is always nice to have visitors so please

come back anytime. Speaking of visits, Ron and I called on Ruth and Claud Whaley and it was so good to see Ruth doing so nicely after her recent hospital stay.

Ned Matthews wanted me to thank all of his friends for the cards, phone calls and especially for the many prayers while he was hospitalized. He is doing much better and Val and he are taking therapy weekly for their heart problems. We also received good news from the Lively family. Betty reported that Al is home now and has 24 hour nursing care. He is able to walk a little bit by himself. So it sounds like things are looking up for him. We are happy to hear Betty is also much better.

Rose Johnson finally had her surgery that was canceled in December. She is doing very well and is now in the Life Care Center across from K-Mart for several weeks. I just received word that Marianne Burns was taken to the hospital on Feb. 13th. She was in ICU and later moved to the IMCU unit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you gals. Helen and Elwood Serfass have a bad case of laryngitis. (We hope they are not coming down with the flu.) May they have a speedy recovery!

Birthday wishes last month should have read: Betty McKee on Valentine's Day and Debbie Reaves Feb. 18th. Well, anyway we hope you both had lovely birthdays. On March 11 we wish Jean and Lloyd Dunn a very Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthdays to Ella Savery on the 6th, Bob McKee the 15th, Collen Osekowsky the 18th, Abbie Shaffar the 28th, and last but not least, Lucille Davidson the 30th.

Don't forget our nursing home schedule as these older people really enjoy your fiddling and visitation.

FLASH -- We will be playing at the North Fork Grange Saturday, February 26 from 1-4. The Hasley's in Florence got this one going for our northern friends. Of course we southerners will support them gladly. This may become a monthly jam in addition to our Green Acres Jam. We would like our friends from other districts to join us.

We hope to see you at the State Convention in Roseburg and may the Lord be with you all.

Reporter Mary Lou Saylor (541) 396-3238

Was it luck or do Howard and Lois Gabel just live right? Howard went into Albany last fall to do some shopping. On the counter was a stack of papers and a jar. Howard filled out a form and dropped it into the jar. In late November he received a letter from the store. He opened it, thinking it was junk mail. He turned to Lois and said, "You know that contest at Coastal. I won that truck." It is a long story but the Gabels now drive a beautiful, new Ford pickup. Just like that. It was a national contest!!

Congratulations.



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February was highlighted by the quarterly meeting and jam on February 12. At the meeting, the incumbent board was nominated and re-elected without opposition. The new officers are Mark Carmickle, chair; Curly Roberts, vice-chair; Bob Kaiser, treasurer; and Ruth Kennedy, secretary.

At the potluck lunch, the tables were nicely decorated; each setting had a hand-made valentine rosebud prepared by Allison Roberts and Maxine Benson. In addition, each setting had valentines which members signed and turned in for later presentation at retirement homes under Allison's ongoing program.

At the business meeting, it was agreed to donate \$500 to the annual fiddle contest. Chairman Mark reported that a recent per-

formance for the University of Oregon's Learning in Retirement program had been a big success, and noted that District Six will be presenting a program at the Hult Center's lunch-time music in the lobby series on Thursday, March 9.

A motion was also made, and passed, to return Harv Harvey's membership dues payment in recognition of his contribution to District Six and as a gesture of support in the wake of his recent heart bypass operation.

John Madsen offered to turn over his sound equipment duties to anyone willing to take them on. There were no volunteers. Chairman Mark suggested the district might consider acquiring a trailer to hold the sound equipment as other districts have done.

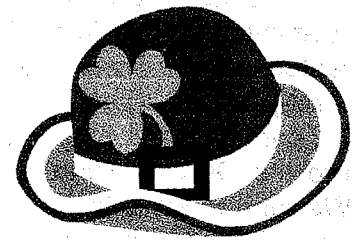
Mark your calendar -- Sunday March 5th from 10:00 to maybe 4:00 at Morning Star Grange. This is potluck so bring food and your own table service. This is a fun jam so come on down/up. Directions: Travelling north, get off I-5 at the Scio/Jefferson exit (exit 238), just

north of Albany. Go west under the freeway, and take the second right (the first puts you back on the freeway southbound) on Morningstar Road. The grange is around a couple of corners and on the left.

Sunday April 2nd Sweet Home Elks, 440 Osage Sweet Home. This is one of their breakfast days all you can eat for \$3. Service starts about 8:00 to 11:00. This is NOT a potluck. We can be through with breakfast and start jamming about 10:30. They assure us that hot dogs will be available about

1:00. Sunday May 7th Lebanon Moose all day jam. They will feed us.

Joe Moyle, reporter District 6



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Our February JAM on Sunday the 6th was quite an event at the Forest Grove Senior Center. To begin with we had neither rain, sleet, nor snow storm just prior to the jam. Actually it was a lovely day the entire time. Hum, now when was the last time the weather cooperated for our visit to Forest Grove? . . . three years, four years, more? But good weather was just a start. The highlights include:

1) Susie Spencer shared an amazing announcement. A petite group of district 7 and 8 musicians commitment to a joint nine gig venture with Wells Fargo Bank reopenings garnered a \$3000 contribution by Wells Fargo to the OOTFA State Contest! We look forward to hearing many genuine old time tunes at the State contest in Salem on April 28-29, 2000! These dollars will do much to support this year's contest!!

2) Those NON-candidates for

offices developed into a team effort coming forthis next year: The Gates duo (that's Chuck and Pat) Co Chairs, Jim Tous-saint . . a very special VP, Terry Jorgensen continues as Sec/ Treas, (thank you very much!) AND a Special Events Team of Ida Colby and Susie Spencer (they will be invaluable in covering any weakness in your duo-Chair's makeup!), coffee may fall to Joyce Lovgren's capable hands. Andy Jorgensen continues as our able sound man and MC (and thank you again sir!) Pat Gates continues as Reporter (humm)

3) Helen Hakanson has served two enriching terms as our Chairperson. She has been a master (mistress?) at developing and booking small groups for numerous, diverse music opportunities! She spearheaded the funding and selected teams to research and purchase our much improved sound system. You can be sure that those who volunteer conscientiously to help with the sound equipment appreciate the improved ease of use. The audience and musicians all appreciate the improved quality of our new pieces of the sound system.

Helen has exceptional organizational skills! As everyone in

our district can attest Helen has the skill of a music ambassador for those interesting in knowing more about our group, hiring musicians, finding a long sought tune, humming a few bars of a tune forgotten by an admirer. Let's not forget all of the support, patience, and musical talents provided by John Hakanson!

4) Helen shared with those attending the news of Dorothy Bloomquist's passing. Helen oh so thoughtfully offered a recording of Dorothy playing two of her best tunes from Weiser 1988. It was a sweet and poignant moment.

5) Ernie and Joyce Lovgren are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary which, by the way, was on Valentine's Day. Wow, Ernie played wonderfully at Forest Grove! Way to go fella! ;-)

The following are some of the out of district folks who added much to our day, and deserve our thanks. Dale and Loita Colebank, Alice and Lew Holt, along with the Bobs and Maries (as in Church and Bailey). Hope no one was left out!

See you all in Lake Oswego on March 12- at the Senior Center Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 "G" St. From I-205 (exit 8) take Hwy 43, Pacific Hwy, to Lake Oswego, State St. turn left on "A" St. Right on 7th to the end, then left on "G" Street. The L.O. Center is on the right side at the end of the street.

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Reporter

Alice Holt, (503) 391-5377

It's March. Can spring be far behind? District 8 had a great jam on February 20th at McMinnville. Our business meeting was short and sweet. We elected a slate of new officers to lead us, starting July 1st. Dale Colebank from Woodburn will be our chairman, Rich Samsom from Dallas, co-chairman, and Joette Chrissakis from Dallas, secretary-treasurer. They are all new to holding district office, but are all capable people. Let's

help them all we can when they take office. Many thanks to Marie Bailey, nominating chairperson, for getting these fine people to run for office. We took the challenge of district 6 and we, too, contributed \$500 to the state contest.

We had a sumptuous potluck lunch, then a great jam. Quite a number of District 6 folks came, and even more from District 7. We appreciate the musical help, and are happy to see the associate members too. We had 35 signed up so there was plenty of music for the dancers and listeners.

Donna and Jim Oldham were on the sick list. Donna was feeling well enough to come to the jam.

Saturday, March 11th will be the third year we've played for

the Salem/Keizer Senior's Irish Stew dinner. We can get in early at 10 AM, and jam informally before the regular entertainment part. Practice up on you Irish tunes! BeGorra! We'll have a great time. The Senior Center is at the corner of Cherry and Plymouth. The address is 930 Plymouth N.E. From Salem, go North on Broadway, it becomes River Road. Turn right on Plymouth which is just before Izzy's Pizza. It's several blocks to the Senior Center. If you come from I-5, take the Salem Parkway exit. Turn right on Cherry and it's a couple blocks further on your left.

Hope we see many of you at convention in Roseburg.

Alice Holt, Reporter

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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ments for convention responsibilities will be similar to last year. A schedule of activities and assignments will be included in my March newsletter to all District Officers, and I urge each of you to give broad circulation of these assignments and activities to all our members. We're hoping and planning for a large attendance this year. Ed Nelson, serving this year as Chairman of our Nominating Committee composed of all District Chairmen, will lead the committee in nominating candidates for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer for next year, but any member of OOTFA is free to nominate a candidate from the floor at our annual business meeting, scheduled for Saturday the 18th at 1:00 PM. Please plan now to attend this very important meeting. We have many good qualified and deserving members who have much to offer and could serve OOTFA admirably. If you are interested, if you know of someone who might be interested, or if you wish to suggest someone to the committee, please convey that information to Ed,

whose name, address and phone number can be found in our Roster. Thanks Ed!

All our members know that our annual Roseburg Convention culminates a successful and eventful fiddle year. In addition to new officers being elected, District reports given, and major business matters attended to, Roseburg's King's Table will serve us ample food this year buffet style to the strains of good old-fashioned "hand-clappin'", "toe-tappin' jammin" music in the air. We look forward enthusiastically to our three-day convention with greatest anticipation and expectancy. It will be a happy time to meet old friends, make new friends, and renew old acquaintances. DO NOT, and again I say, DO NOT, miss this convention. Plan now to be there and bring all your friends, neighbors, guests, relatives and acquaintances (if you don't have any, borrow some and bring them) who might be even remotely interested in hearing good music and eating good food.

Look forward to my next Hoedowner piece in which we will have much to write about regarding our Florence Fiddle Festival, State Fiddle Contest at Salem, High Desert Country Music Jamboree at Burns, and National Old Time Fiddle Contest at Weiser, Idaho, and that's what Fred "Sed".

District 9

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Howdy, It's the time of year again to prepare for the changing of the guard. It's election time! We will have a business meeting at 12:30 on March 5th to elect officers. Please come right out and say if you are willing to serve as an officer. No beating around the bush is necessary. All the current officers have served two years so it is time to give them a break.

If you have something for the raffle at state convention and are unable to attend, please get the item to Julia Milleson. She'll make sure it gets there.

Well, it's official! Rose Modey and Wayne Johnson got hitched this month. And what a party they had. The fiddlers played at the reception for a couple of hours to honor the newlyweds. Guest musicians included friends of the bride, Dan Allen of Idaho, Carol Beau-bien of Burns, and son-in-law Bob of Portland. Also performing were Walt, Julia, Joe, Lloyd, Patty, Rose, Edie, Mark, Janet, Don, and Gordon. Great job, folks. Rose and Wayne thank you very much.

A small group turned out to play at the Aspens in February. Since the room was decorated for Valentine's Day and Roses wedding was upcoming we played a lot of love songs for the enjoyment of the audience. In March we will play at the Aspens on Friday, the 10th. Re-

member Friday night practice is usually at the Aspens on the 2nd Friday of the month. We start at 7 p. m.

At February's jam we were blessed with the presence of Vi and Gary Epperly of Bend who planned their trip south around stopping in Burns to play music. Great idea, I thought. Friends Jim and Laura Raines of Prairie City came down for the day to visit. Marilyn Dean of Drewsey also came in for the jam. As always everyone is welcome.....the more the merrier!

See you at the March 5 jam, Burns Senior Center, 12:30 for election of officers, 1 p. m. for the potluck with music from 2 -4. Don't miss this one!

Janet Braymen, Reporter

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All of us from District 10 want to welcome all of you to our state convention starting the 15th of March. One Wednesday District 10 will be furnishing coffee and rolls in the Floral Building. So come early, stay late and have a good time.

At our Saturday night banquet we will be taking tickets for the banquet as you go through the line so be sure to buy your tickets. You are encouraged to buy them early to help us get a count.

Our District 10 meeting went very well on Feb. 12th. Chuck Hasty was nominated for chairman and Jo Barnes for co-chair. We had many visitors. We welcome them back anytime (and you, too). Shorty and Charlotte Dow, Del and Clara Thomas, Loren Osborne and his grand daughter, and Ned and Val Matthews all came over from District 5. It was good to see Ned Matthews up and around playing his fiddle after his by-pass. We wish you the best, Ned.

Please note that the District 10 meeting has been changed to the 2nd Saturday of each month. March 11 - meeting at 11 o'clock, potluck and noon and jamming from 1 to 4. April 8 - meeting at 11 o'clock, potluck and noon and jamming from 1 to 4.

Time to celebrate birthdays for March: Jean Hanson, Ed Doolittle, Barbara Sullivan, Helen Bartlett, Kate Gates, Billie Doolittle, Tiny Stinett, John Parsons, Ida Johnson and Dan Vallier. Anniversary: Hap and Merna Jones. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone.

Jean Hanson, reporter 541-672-6929

Notes from the Editor

Time to eat: OOTFA is very fortunate this year to have King's Table of Roseburg, cater our Annual Convention food service, thanks to **Jo Barnes**, Chairwoman, and all other members of District 10. The King's Table will serve breakfast and lunch Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at Community Building Convention Center and our Saturday Banquet dinner beginning 5:00 PM.

Help yourselves to FREE COFFEE everyday, all day, compliments of King's Table. Donations will be accepted. As we all know, King's Table has an excellent reputation for attractive, tasteful, nutritious food and good service.

Lew -- here is the list of acoustic jams I promised. These are all round-robin participatory jams; expect everybody to play along when it comes your turn. At your turn you can lead out with a tune of your choice, request a tune from someone else, or pass. The tunes played depend greatly on the mix of participants, and vary from jam to jam, and also from week to week.

Every Fri. 7:00 to 11:00, at Guthrie Park Community Center, 3 mi. S of Dallas on Rte. 223, on the corner of Cooper Hollow Rd. This is the biggest jam, and includes some dancing and a substantial audience. Snacks.

1st and 3rd Sat. 7:00 to 10:00. On the stage at the Old World Deli, 2nd and Adams, Corvallis. Save your best stuff for this one. 2nd Sat. 7:00 to 10:00. at the home of **Troy and Lola Davis**, 1288 SE Howe, Dallas. Sometimes a lot of C & W singing here. Cookies.

1st and 3rd Sun. 5:30 to 9:00. At the home of **Jerry Janszen**, 1445 25th St. SE, Salem. Usually two or three accordions here. Snacks.

Every Mon. 7:00 to 10:00. At the home of **Bob and Sherie Puckette**, 221 NW 31st, Corvallis. Lots of "new" old tunes to work on here.

4th Sat. every other month. At Guthrie Park Community Center. Next one is in March. Vintage Country Dance. Old-time square dances, long ways sets, big circles; waltzes, polkas, two-steps, schottisches. No partner needed, dances taught. **Alan Ede**, caller; music by the **Appersons** and **Janet Ranzoni**. Open stage, you are welcome to sit in. Fun for all ages.

Questions? Call **Alan Ede**, 541-752-8382

A casserole dish was left at the District 8 jam in McMinnville on Feb. 20th. If it is yours, please contact **Mary Terry**.

Rose Johnson's daughter, Sheila, writes -- Just wanted to let you know that mother is doing very well. She is now in Life Care finishing her recuperation. She asked me to please have you put a little note in the Hoedowner thanking everybody for their calls and cards and visits. She very much appreciates everyone. She may surprise folks with her fast recovery.

Helen Tracy (faithful Helen) is always ready to sell you/us a name tag. If you want yours for the state convention, Helen encourages you to contact her so she can have them made and back to you in time for the convention.

Louie Roy is in charge of advertising for the OOTFA Convention in Roseburg March 16-17-18. For info call 541 679 6305 or Email roy '@wanweb.net Check his web site out <http://www.geocities.com/roy12000>
Interesting!

You are encouraged to use your imagination and send/take a nice door prize to the convention. As Pres. Fred Sed -- Please send something that you would be proud and pleased to take home if you won. The door prizes add a little extra to the convention. And if you have a special raffle prize, it would be appreciated and the money will be put to good use. For sure!!

I want to again thank the many friends who sent cards phone calls, prayers, e-mail, and personal visits during my recent illness. Thank you so much. One cannot have too many friends and I appreciate every one of you.
Harv Harvey

Calendar

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

March

4	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
4	Community Ctr.	Rogue River	4
5	Deschutes Co. Fairgrds	Redmond	3
5	Morningstar Grange	Albany	6
5	Senior Center	Burns	9
11	Keizer Senior Center	Keizer	8
12	Winema Inn	Klamath Falls	1
12	Lake Oswego Senior Ctr	Lake Oswego	7
16, 17, 18	State Convention	Roseburg	OOTFA
18	Quarterly & state meeting	Roseburg	

April

1	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
2	Sweet Home Elks	Sweet Home	6
2	Pioneer Community Ctr	Oregon City	7
6	Senior Center	Burns	9
28 - 29	Oregon State Fiddle Contest		

May

6	IOOF Bldg.	Gold Hill	4
7	Lebanon Moose	Lebanon	6
12 - 13	Florence Fiddle Festival		

June

3	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
3	Community Ctr.	Prospect	4
9-10	Wallowa Co. Contest	Blue Mtn	
15-17	High Desert Fiddle Jamboree	Burns	
19 - 24	Weiser Contest		

July

20 - 23 Mt. Hood Campout

Aug.

3-6	Diamond Lake Campout		
5	Willamette Vly Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	
12	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
26	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	

Sep.

14-16 Thousand Trails LaPine/Bend State

Oct.

1	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
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