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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

What a great day to be alive!!! Seldom, if ever, since becoming a member of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, have I witnessed such a spectacular array of musical talent concentrated in one spot as was displayed at our Roseburg Convention this year. Wednesday early birds were in the Floral Building all day and well into the night. Then from our official kickoff starting the 16th at 8:00 A.M. Thursday morning (with breakfast I might add) until after 11:00 Saturday night, the community building was filled with continuous strains of beautiful "music in the air" everywhere. Year 2000 Convention of Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will long be remembered as one of our best.

Our Thursday night signup jam was absolutely delightful. Many people, who came to our Friday night fiddle/variety show open for public attendance, commented to me that, without exception, it was the

best. Our Vice President, Roger Germundson, proved himself to be a most capable organizer and arranger. He assembled more than 35 of our best musicians and entertainers representing every district statewide and produced an unusually outstanding variety show, to the delight of everyone who attended. From flashy, stylish and fast jazz/swing bowing and fingering of our own Bus Boyk, and champion fiddler, Starr McMullen dexterously romping and frolicking with her fingers all over her fiddle neck playing a rousing contest hoedown, to simple captivating strains of our National Anthem played by Ila Mae Carmickle and Wayne Holmes, and then Faded Love, played by youngsters Teresa Plybon and Amanda Kobel, we heard it all.

It was an unforgettable opportunity for just a fiddler and a guitar player to sit down and hone their musical skills playing old tunes together, or jam with a group of six or eight other musicians off in a corner someplace lost in their singing or fiddle mu-

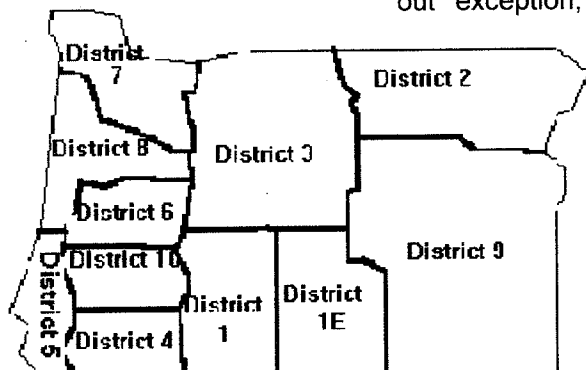
sic for hours, not caring one whit what time it was. Sleep was not important.

More than 120 people attended six workshops scheduled by Roger Germundson and Alice Holt. That may be a record, and because of that response and participation, we will be sure to have more future workshops, covering as many different areas as your interests indicate.

OOOPS!!! All of us appreciate so much all our workers and helpers at our Convention, and at our banquet I tried to remember everyone, but naturally I forgot one, a very important one. For five years Margaret Teague has faithfully collected camper parking fees at the fairgrounds. She went out every night to take inventory, walking a dark rainy parking lot, and followed that up by collecting fees all day long. Margaret, you are a jewel, and we thank you very much.

I want to personally congratulate our newly elected slate of OOTFA officers whose terms of office for 2000/2001 will begin July 1st. LeRoy Sims, who will get a lot of

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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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We'll be having a business meeting and potluck and a lot of music playing on the 1st Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. 'till ? This will be at the Villa West Mobile Estates Rec Hall - 2241 Greensprings Dr., Klamath Falls.

Our next jam will be from 1 to 4 p.m. April 9 at Winema Inn, 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. The Garden Restaurant at this location is now open from 11 a.m. to

3 p.m. - if anyone would care to order something to eat.

Then we'll be at the nursing homes on the 4th Thursday - Clairmont Nursing Home at the east end of Main St. We'll play at 1 p.m. then go one block above to Clairmont Retirement Home at 2:15. We'll play one hour at each place.

. . . . and "woops" - I apologize to Faye Patterson and Irvven Johnson. I failed to wish them Happy Birthdays on March 30 and 31st. April birthday wishes go to Lewis Stork 6th, Ray Lane 14th. On the ill list at the moment are Al Nelson, also Frances and Bud Hughes. Certainly hope you're all feeling

better soon.

Our sincere condolences go out to Grace Stork and her family in the sudden loss of her brother.

Elections have been held. Cherie Lane will be the new chairperson, Faye Patterson will be co-chairperson and Grace Stork will remain as sec/treas.

Congratulations to Irene Rud-dock from our district. Irene is going to be the new secretary/treasure of OOTFA. Many thanks to our district and the state officers. We wish the new officers the best and hope they do as a good of a job as the old ones.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

More odds and ends from the Editor:

Many good things happen because we care to reach out and because people appreciate the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Ace Wehus is working hard through his videos to get the story of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers to schools and libraries across the state. He was able to demonstrate the purpose of his project to Dan Burren, General Sales Manager of the Fred's RV World. Through Fred's RV World, Dan contributed almost \$400 to Ace's project. We applaud both Ace and Fred's RV World. Fred's RV World is located at 9245 S.E. 82nd Ave Portland 97266. (503-777-5082) Let them know that we appreciate their contribution.

Ace read the following at our annual business meeting: "I thought the membership might like to know what has been taking place with the videos I have made of various districts. Last month I gave channel 5, our local Canby Cable TV station a six month supply of our videos. We have been scheduled, Mondays 11 AM to 1 PM, Tuesday 2 PM to 4 PM, Wednesday 4 PM to 6 PM and then on Saturday 10 PM to 12 PM for a total of 10 hours of TV exposure a week." Those who live in the area are able to enjoy the videos.

Ace has advertised the videos at \$15 but is now able to offer them for \$10. So if you are interested, please contact Ace.

Invitation time: Andy and Ruth Kennedy's 50th wedding anniversary celebration will be held at the Wal-terville Grange on May 6. Every one of us is invited to attend. It will be a pot luck and there will be music all day starting at 11:00 a.m. Andy and Ruth say, "No gifts." They just want you to be there and to have a good time. Again, all fiddlers and friends are welcome. Directions to the Walterville Grange - from Marcola take the Camp Creek Road (just before you cross the McKenzie River) and go 8.2 miles. The grange is on the left. From Eugene and Springfield, go east on the McKenzie Hwy through Springfield to Walterville. Take the first road to the left just past the restaurant and Select Grocery. The grange is one tenth of a mile on the right.

A Flash from Fred: Oregon is the host state at the contest at Weiser this June. We will play each evening at 6:30 for 20 minutes. Plus several other chances to play around town.

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On April 1st -- the first Saturday -- we'll have our monthly jam at the Memorial Hall. We'll start with a potluck and then the jam.

A good crowd attended the March 4th potluck and jam. Three members from Christmas Valley were down. A new young couple played and sang. Good to get some new members. Several went home early due to the snow fall.

When will spring get here? Soon we hope, else it will be a short summer. But who knows

what will be here in a day or so.

I heard a good saying: Learn from yesterday, prepare for the future, and live for today. If we lived by this motto, the world would be a better place.

March 7th was the entertainment at the Long Term Care facility. Seven people helped to entertain the elderly people which was enjoyed by all. On the 21st we played and sang again and our singing Grandmothers had some new songs they have been practicing. It is said that "practice makes perfect" or better.

March 11th in Lakeview was the Irish Day's parade. As usual, Lakeview Old Time Fiddlers were on a trailer pulled by a pickup. Six members were there, playing Irish music, driving or tossing candy to the children along the street and the

weather even cooperated.

Monday night, March 13, was the monthly meeting at the Indian Village. Fourteen members attended. Please, a reminder to our members the monthly meeting is the second Monday of the month. We need more attendance there.

Sunday, March 11th Mr. and Mrs. Terry McLain spent the afternoon with District 1 at the Winema Hotel in Klamath Falls fiddling the afternoon away.

Will close now and next time will have a report on what went on at the convention. Several went and some of us had to stay home to work, but our thoughts were there with you all. Hope all went well, and you had a good time. Until next time, keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

Myrle Shepard, reporter 1E

<p>As of this writing, the schedule for our contest is as follows: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000 8 – 12 A.M. Set up for contest 1:00 P. M. Sign up jam on stage for all members Contest registration 6:00 P. M. On stage jam 6:15 P. M. Judges and Contestants Meeting 7:00 P. M. Judges play 1999 Pee Wee Champion plays 1999 Sr Sr Champion plays TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST (One Round) 1999 Senior Champion plays 1999 Jr Jr Champion plays 1999 Junior Champion plays OPEN Division (Round 1) 1999 Young Adult Champion plays 1999 Adult Champion plays 1999 OPEN Champion plays AWARDS-1999 TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2000 8:00 Judges meetwith contestants 8:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up)</p>	<p>8:15 CONTEST BEGINS - SENIOR (Rnd 1), SR SR (Rnd 1), YOUNG ADULT (Rnd 1) ADULT (Rnd 1), JUNIOR (Rnd 1) NOON INTERMISSION 12:30 Entertainment 1:00 PEE WEE Division (One Rnd), JR JR Division (Rnd 1), SENIOR-SENIOR Div.(Finals), Pee Wee Awards, Youngest Boy Fiddler, Youngest Girl Fiddler, Oldest Fiddler SENIOR Division (Finals), JUNIOR Division (Rnd 2) OPEN Division (Rnd 2) SENIOR AWARDS BREAK FOR DINNER 6:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers & back-up) 6:30 Entertainment 7:00 Contest Begins Judges play, 2000 Pee Wee Champ Entertains, JR JR Division (Finals), YOUNG ADULT Division(Finals) 1999 Twin Fiddle Champs play,</p>	<p>1999 Sr Sr Champ plays 1999 Senior Champ plays, ADULT Division (Finals) JUNIOR Division (Finals), OPEN Division (Finals) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Accompanists, JR JR Division, YOUNG ADULT Div, ADULT Div, JUNIOR Div, OPEN Div, (Please note --Schedule subject to change.) Note: One round for the Pee Wee Division, One round for Twin Fiddle Division, Three rounds for Open and Junior Div., Two rounds for all other Divisions You are invited to eat at the Blue Moon Café – just across the parking lot. It is open "just for us." <hr/> Contestants are encouraged to pre-register. If you did not receive a pre-registration packet, send your name, address and age to Lew Holt before April 25 – but earlier is better.</p>
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Congratulations to our newly elected state officers: Leroy Sims, Pres. Dist. 3; Sally Jordan, Vice-Pres. Dist 5; and Irene Ruddock, Dist. 1, Sec./Treasurer. Their terms begin July 1st. The convention at Roseburg was a huge success and what fun it was to see everybody. That was just one of the best parts of being there. How about all that wonderful jamming, and on stage per-

formances. The workshops, raffles and Saturday night dinner were well received. There was something for everybody the entire time.

It was a great relief to hear that Penny Mead found her guitar. We were concerned.

Our district still has no one to fulfill the positions of chairman or co-chairman. There will be another meeting after the May jam and if there is still no one at that time, the new fiscal year contract with the fairgrounds will not be signed.

I owe a big apology to Alice McDowell. I had put the wrong

name in the Oct. Hoedowner to thank her for all her much appreciated help at Thousand Trails and at our jam in Redmond. Thanks again Alice.

Our bionic man Gene Slay had a bad fall causing some hairline fractures but fortunately he is on the mend and hopefully he and his guitar will be back soon.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. Love your enemies, it'll drive them nuts.

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help from his wife, Shirley, of LaPine will be our President, Sally Jordan, who will get a lot of help from her husband, Ken, of Florence will be our Vice President, and Irene Ruddock, who will get a lot of help from her husband, Jerry, of Klamath Falls will be our Secretary/Treasurer. We look forward enthusiastically this coming year to working with our new officers, and I want each of them to know by this writing that I will help them in any and every way possible.

April 28-29 is Oregon Champion Fiddle Contest time this year, and to many of our members, that date is more important than any other in our fiddle year. It gives all our members, from the youngest to the oldest, an opportunity to compete and show their instrumental accomplishments and skills playing old time music. Having a fiddle contest such as ours, puts our organization in a very bright public spotlight in a most positive and productive way and is one of our best ways to promote, preserve and perpetuate old time fiddling and old time music. Winners can go on to represent Oregon as participants in our National Old Time Fiddlers Contest held third week in June annually at Weiser, Idaho. I encourage each district to make a financial contribution to support our State Fiddle Contest, as many of them already have. All our districts have a good record of supporting and promoting our contest, and I thank them very much for that.

As everyone knows, we could not have a fiddle or-

ganization such as ours without backup musicians, and because of that, we have elected to recognize and honor one of our most deserving backup musicians annually with our Bill Yohey Award. It's our way of saying "thank you" to one of our members for his/her ability, commitment and faithfulness as a backup musician. We try to make it a surprise to each recipient and confer this award upon him/her at our annual convention banquet. This year our Bill Yohey Award went to Norman McGrew who lives in Dayton, Oregon. Congratulations, Norm, you are the man, and it's our way of showing and telling you how much we appreciate you.

Southbound Sound and Music in Roseburg brings the sound system early Thursday morning to our convention and picks it up after the dance Saturday night - at no cost to us. Can you imagine that!!

We have scheduled the convention for next year on March 15, 16 and 17, 2001. It's not too early to mark your calendar.

A very busy summer looms ahead of us this year, and excitement is in the air. Plans are being made by many of our members to attend our Florence Fiddle Festival May 12-13 under the able guidance and leadership of Sally Jordan; followed by the High Desert Country Music Jamboree June 14-17 under the able guidance and leadership of Ruel Teague and the many helpers; National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest, Weiser, Idaho; Roger Germundson is heading up July Mt. Hood Campout; Starr McMullen and friends the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest; Irene Ruddock and the Diamond Lake Campout; Gynn Deaton and the Canyonville Fiddle Contest; Martha Warwick's Campout; and 1000 Trails Campout in September and that's what FRED SED.

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What a marvelous time we had at the Convention in Roseburg. In spite of the rain, there was sunshine inside with nonstop music and socializing. "Lucky" Scott Phillips won the Gypsy fiddle in the raffle, to his amazement and delight. Lola Williams won a lovely handmade quilt and a wall hanging (for when she gets a wall!). Merle Pasley won a barbecue. Folks must have been busy buying raffle tickets! Linda Chamberlain, a visitor who came with Kathy Greene, played a mean bass, and was joining in the festivities as well.

District 4 was actually first on the program Friday; and the musicians did us proud! Saturday night dance involved other musicians from the district, and we had a wonderful dance! Bravo to all!

Neva Flood is back home and doing better every day. We missed Vic and Neva at the convention. Our sympathies go out to Lee Cushman whose son died as the result of a car crash in California. Dottie Cooper had surgery and is doing well at home.

Next up is the Pear Blossom Parade on April 8. Our great wagon/float is ready to go, and with our new converter hooked up to the sound system we should be able to be heard by all the parade watchers, wavers, and cheerers. Folks really love the fiddlers! Other playing dates are coming up as well, and we

all seem to make a lot of music — isn't that what it's all about?

Remember: Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you CAN do!

Judy McGarvey,
Reporter District 4

Membership for the rest of the year:


April 1	\$11.25
May 1	\$10.00
June 1	\$8.75
July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
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Well, spring has arrived and the flowers, shrubs and blossoming trees are a sight to behold! Our convention is over and everyone had a great time. If you have never been to a convention – try it, you'll like it. The music is wonderful, visiting with friends is great, the food is fantastic and there are raffles, door prizes and dancing, too. So please keep this in mind for March, 2001.

Because of the convention, the March meeting was cancelled so we will be discussing new officers for the new year on April 15th meeting and jam. We would like to encourage all our new and old members to be there, to help elect the new officers. We have several new members this would be a good time to get to know them well. We have Oren and Barbara Pruitt of Bandon, Elizabeth Sullivan and Brett Barnst and Myron Cole of Coquille, and Bill and Margie Wilkinson of Mapleton and Ron and Betty Stanley of West Lake (near Florence). We welcome you all.

A very special Birthday to Catherine Hall of Bandon. She will be 90 years. We will celebrate with her at Langlois Fire hall on Friday evening April 7th at 6 pm. This is not an OOTFA function, although many of us fiddlers attend regularly. We always have good food, good music and visiting with good friends. What more could we ask??!!

I, also, announced at our February meeting that I would not be

taking the job as reporter again, however, I will be glad to write an article or two for our new reporter when they are sick or out of town. I have enjoyed this job very much but because of so many other obligations and my doctor's advice, I must resign at the end of this term. I will be glad to take this job again at a later date and I pray that whoever takes this job as reporter, will enjoy it as much as I have. I want to thank all of you who have given me your support for the last two years. You have been wonderful.

At our last meeting it was also announced that our County Health Department is really cracking down on homemade food products being brought into places where the public is invited. The Grange could face a heavy fine and so we decided not to take food from now on. Please remember the grange does sell light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks (hot and cold). If you so desire, you can "brown bag it."

At our February Jam we were so pleased to have so many guests from other districts. Present were Jean and Bob Hanson, Thelma and Dennis Allen, Marg and Chuck Hasty, Jo Barnes and Paul Lakey, Guy Kinman and "a man named Dan," whose last name, I am shamed to admit, I did not get written down. Looking

in the roster, the only Dan I could find was a Dan Vallier so I pray this is right. All of these people were from District 10. We were also pleasantly surprised to have Dawn Meldrim and Wally Bloom from District 6. A special guest of Val and Ned Matthews was Corrine Burnum and her husband, Greg. She is the Matthew's and my husband, Ron's

Cardiac Rehab Nurse at the Bay Area Hospital. She told me they really had a wonderful time. Ya all come back ag'in real soon!

The jam at Florence North Fork Grange was a big success – many listeners and musicians showed up! A good time was had by all. Thank you Ann and Dan Hasley for getting that going. Thanks to all the musicians that showed up. Hopefully we'll keep that one going. Isn't it great to see our district growing!

Our day spent at the Senior's Meal in Bandon was very nice and the seniors stayed long after lunch and kept our fiddlers busy playing. They were a very appreciative audience and the food was great too! It looks like we will be playing there often.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Lucille Davidson and Nancy Nugent who each lost a beloved brother. Lucille and Cecil were called to Texas but her brother passed away before they arrived. Nancy's brother, Edgar Mathis, lived in our local area. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

Happy Anniversary to Debbie and Rick Reaves on April 6th. May you have many, many more. Birthday wishes go to Jerene Shaffar on the 2nd, Paul Osekowsky on the 3rd, my husband, Ron the 8th, Elnora Jorren the 14th and Easter Noblett on the 23rd.

Our April meeting will be at noon on Saturday the 15th with a jam to follow from 1 to 4. Visitors are always welcome.

May you have a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

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The month began with a well-attended jam at Morningstar Grange in Albany. Perhaps six or seven out-of-district musicians turned up, and there were 30 people on the list. Harv Harvey, who has been in ill health, put in a welcome appearance.

But the spectacular event of the month was the District Six performance for the Hult lunch program, held in the lobby of the Hult Center every Thursday. Over 300 people were in the audience,

including a bus load of school kids from Elkton. District Six was represented by Chairman Mark Carmickle, Ila Mae Carmickle, Mark Ratzlaff, Curly Roberts, Gary Lake, Harry Gates, and Vivian Steele. The audience reaction was enthusiastic and the Hult management was pleased.

Looking ahead, District Six will have a jam on Sunday, April 2 at the Elks Lodge in Sweet Home. The jam is put on in connection with an Elks breakfast program, so come early, eat a hearty breakfast and then jam all afternoon. The Elks Lodge is on the right as you enter Sweet Home from Lebanon.

Looking even further ahead, the June jam at Willamalane in Springfield, will be held on Sunday, June 4, not Saturday, June

3, as previously announced. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. There will be a short business meetings at one p.m.

At the annual convention, District Six was well represented, as usual. Ruth and Don Loring were recognized at the annual meeting for having attended every annual meeting from the first one, back in 1967. Appearing at the Friday night show on behalf of the District were, among others, Mark Ratzlaff and Joan Lomax. Ila Mae Carmickle and Starr McMullen, who brought with her, fiddler Andy Emert, were featured during the intervals.

Joe Moyle, reporter District 6

CONTEST INFORMATION: Directions to the contest. From I-5, take exit 256 (Market St. Exit), go east to Lancaster Ave., turn left (north) on to Lancaster and then 1.6 miles to "Winema Place." Turn right on Winema Place and building 50 is just a block.

OREGON STATE FIDDLE CONTEST: The Crossland Motel is near the contest. You are encouraged to make your reservations now. The starting price is something like \$37 for a single. It is located at 3535 Fisher road, NE Salem 97305. Phone: (503) 363-7557. Be sure to identify yourself as being from the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association for the contest. The directions for getting there are; From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.) go East to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Turn left onto Silverton Rd. Then two blocks – just before the freeway -- take a right onto Fisher Road. Crossland will be on the left. From I-5 you can see the motel as you cross over the Silverton Rd overpass. The contest will be held Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at the Chemeketa Community College on Lancaster Ave. in Salem. (The same as last year.) Musicians are invited to play in a regular fiddle jam Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. The contest activities will start at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday morning at 8:00 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.

If you have any questions about the contest, give Starr or Lew a call, write a letter or drop us an e-mail. (Starr: mcmulles@hotmail.com or Lew: lewholt@aol.com)

RV PARKING: As I write this, it is vacation week at the college but I am sure that we have permission to park in the gravel parking lot for the fire training tower. The secretaries remember us. Late Friday afternoon we may move up next to the contest. Please don't start parking by the contest building early as people did last year. We enjoy our relationship with the college and we shouldn't take advantage of a "good situation." There will be a \$5.00 fee each night for parking which we will collect from you. We basically are guests of the college and it is important that we follow their rules and wishes just as we would want guests to do so in our home. We have specific times and places for parking. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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April 2 - Oregon City's Pioneer Community Center. May 7 - Canby Senior Center. June 11 - Estacada Community Center. Our jams start about 11:00. We break for lunch at 12 with a little meeting time thrown in as needed. Then the real jam/show starts at 1:00.

Our March jam on Sunday the 12th found us in Lake Oswego. We continued our short business meeting from last month. It was decided that we would donate \$500 to the state contest and \$200 to KBOO for their support of our old-time traditional music as-

sociation. We'll plan to have one Saturday and one Sunday Jam at the Elsie Stuhr Center during a year's period. Our monthly potlucks will continue.

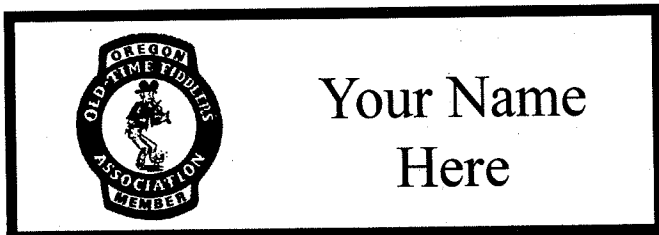
District 7 has lost two friends. Both lost their battles for life within the last few weeks. Carl Helgerson, who played lead fiddle, sang and played exceptionally fine backup guitar for many years with us will certainly be missed. Forrest Jacklin had been playing fiddle quietly in the background over the course of several years with the group. He was also an avid participant in the weekly learning jam at the Arnolds. One of his favorite tunes was "Where the White Lilies Grow," a favorite of many of us!

We want to thank those "NON-candidates/ NOW officers" who now find themselves developing into a team for this next year: Chuck and Pat Gates

Co-Chairs, Jim Toussaint. VP, Terry Jorgensen Sec/Treas, and a Special Events Team of Ida Colby and Susie Spencer. Joyce Lovgren has taken over the coffee deal already!! (Thank you.) Andy Jorgensen, sound man and MC.

The Germundsons are back from wintering in Arizona and Jackie has cheerfully agreed to continue as Membership. Pat Gates continues as Reporter. I think that about covers it for now. We had a great turn out and wonderful music at Lake Oswego! The show lasted until almost 4:30 because there were so many folks signed up to play. Ya'll all come back now!! See you all at Oregon City's Pioneer Community Center on April 2

Pat Gates, Reporter District 7



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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As you know, our state contest is scheduled at the Chemeketa Community College in Salem on April 28 and 29. Our sincere thanks to those who have contributed and those who will be contributing between now and the contest.
I received two very generous donations at the convention. Wow, many nice contributions from districts.

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On March 11th we decked out in our green and played Irish music for the seniors at the senior center in Keizer. To show their appreciation, we were invited to go through the line first to eat their famous Irish Stew. After we finished our meal, we went to the stage and played all afternoon as the seniors danced. They really appreciate our music and have already invited us back next year. Thanks to everybody for showing up and helping us.

Quite a few district 8ers attended the OOTFA convention in Roseburg. Several for the first time. Hope you'll all plan on making it an annual trip. Bob Bailey, Marie Bailey and Alice Holt each taught one of the six

workshops. The best news of all is that our own Norm McGrew was awarded the Bill Yohey Memorial Trophy for outstanding backup. Norm, Marie and Alice all played in the Friday night show.

Looking to the future – it looks great. On April 16th we'll have our regular monthly jam at the Oakgrove Grange Hall. The hall will be open at 10:00 for jamming. About noon we'll eat a brown bag lunch (that means no potluck – bring your lunch and we'll all sit around and eat together) and the jam will start about 1:00. One way to reach the grange is to take Hwy 22 out of Salem towards the coast. Just a mile or so after the Independence junction you'll come to the historic Brunk House. Watch for the next road to the right – just before the cemetery. Take this road north several miles and you'll come to the grange, church and school. We hope that you will join us for a jam in a beautiful rural setting. The cherry trees in the vicinity will probably be blooming. And

then on April 28 and 29 we are pleased to have the state fiddle contest in our district in Salem.

On May 6 we will be playing at the Newberg Senior Center starting at 4:00. We'll be playing for their spaghetti feed. We'll each be buying our own, for those who wish to eat. Directions next month but in the mean time, please mark your calendar.

We don't know for sure but we are checking with 1000 Trails at Pacific City for the possibility of playing there on May 20th. We'll let you know for sure next month.

We have made reservations for the gazebo at the McMinnville Park for 10:00, June 4th for a district 8 picnic. More information later.

There are fun times ahead of us. Please feel free to join us when you can.

Alice Holt,
Reporter



OREGON STATE CERTIFIED CONTEST					
PEE WEE DIVISION (8 years and younger)		3rd place	60.00 + trophy	4th place	80.00 + trophy
1st place	\$30.00 + trophy	4th place	50.00 + trophy	5th place	60.00 + trophy
2nd place	20.00 + trophy	5th place	40.00 + trophy	6th - 10th places	Rosettes
3rd place	15.00 + trophy	YOUNG ADULT DIVISION (18 thru 36)		ACCOMPANISTS DIVISION	
4th place	10.00 + trophy	1st place	\$100.00 + trophy	1st place	\$50.00 + trophy
5th place	5.00 + trophy	2nd place	80.00 + trophy	2nd place	40.00 + trophy
6th -10th place	Rosettes	3rd place	60.00 + trophy	3rd place	30.00 + trophy
JR.- JR. DIVISION (9 thru 12)		4th place	50.00 + trophy	4th place	20.00 + trophy
1st place	\$ 50.00 + trophy	5th place	40.00 + trophy	5th place	10.00 + trophy
2nd place	35.00 + trophy	6th - 10th places	Rosettes	6th - 10th places	Rosettes
3rd place	25.00 + trophy	ADULT DIVISION (37 thru 59)		TWIN FIDDLING (no age limit)	
4th place	20.00 + trophy	SENIOR DIVISION (60 thru 69)		1st place	\$60.00 + trophies
5th place	15.00 + trophy	Sr. SENIOR DIVISION (70 and older)		2nd place	40.00 + trophies
6th - 10th place	Rosettes	(All same as YOUNG ADULT DIVISION)		3rd place	30.00 + trophies
JUNIOR DIVISION (13 thru 17)		OPEN DIVISION (Champion)		4th place	20.00 + Rosettes
1st place	\$100.00 + trophy	1st place	\$150.00 + trophy	5th place	10.00 + Rosettes
2nd place	80.00 + trophy	2nd place	125.00 + trophy	6th - 10th place	Rosettes
		3rd place	100.00 + trophy		

District 9

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Spring is in the air. Thank goodness! Snow is melting off the hills, fields are flooding and birds are arriving by flocks.

An election has been held and it is my pleasure to announce officers for the 2000-2001 year. Edie Koenig will take over the reins from Ruel Teague as chairperson. Don Williams will step into Julia Milleson's shoes as co-chair. Rose Modey Johnson will continue as secretary/treasurer. Thanks to all the current officers

for all their hard work and welcome to the new officers. You'll take office July 1 so breathe easy for now.

Welcome to new member Mark Tiley, a rock/ jazz guitarist who is discovering the world of old time music.

Joan Suther (vocals, guitar) is seeking week night jams in the Crescent area (including Bend) where she is currently working. Give her a call at 433-5383 or 433-3201 if you are interested in playing music.

Julia Milleson made her orchestra debut at the Chamber Music Society's Spring Concert in March. Janet Braymen and Joan Suther provided the entertainment at the reception following with a sample of Cowboy and Celtic music.

Ruel and Margaret Teague

have returned from the south where Ruel says the longest he played in one day was 8 hours 15 minutes. No, it wasn't all at once, thank goodness.

Folks attending the state convention included Julia Milleson, Ruel and Margaret Teague, and Wayne and Rose Modey Johnson.

The next jam is April 2 at the Senior Center in Burns. We'll potluck at 1 p.m. and play music from 2-4 p.m. Come on down and enjoy the music. Don't forget the Aspens on Friday, April 7 at 7 p. m.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

PS. Start thinking about the Country Music Jamboree in Burns, June 15 - 17. It's going to be a blast!

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On March 11 the regular business meeting of District # 10 was held at the Winston Community Building and was called to order by the Chairperson Jo Barnes. The minutes of the February meeting was read and approved. Guests who attended were Hollis & Carol Real District # 3, Del & Clara Thomas, Ned & Val Matthews and Johnny Davis and Nancy Nugent from District # 5. We thank you for coming over and spending the day with us.

As the host District for the State Convention our obligations

were discussed and it was found that all committees had their ducks in order. Harold Dillon called Jean Hanson and asked her to convey a message to the members for their kind letters and cards he received while in the hospital recuperating from a heart attack. Joyce Pickett's mother passed away. Joyce we offer our deepest sympathies. We also heard that Jessie Brown's brother-in-law Gordon Brown passed away and to you Jessie we offer our deepest sympathies.

Birthdays for the month of April are Alvin Greer, Dennis Pickett, Chuck Hasty and Mindy Parsons. Anniversaries for the month of April are Don & Doris Dilbeck and Chuck & Margie Hasty. (Hope I didn't miss any one) Ida Johnson our oldest member in our District and we believe the oldest active fiddle

player in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association celebrated her 95th birthday on March 25. For some who don't know, Ida never picked up a fiddle until she was 85, so it proves that you are never too old to learn. Due to her 95 years it is hard for her to get started playing, but once she gets started she knows so many tunes its hard to get her to stop. Happy Birthday Ida, from all of us.

Our next regular meeting will be April 8 at 11 AM. After the meeting is over, at 12:00 we will have a delicious potluck with plenty of food for all. Then we'll jam from 1 PM until 4 PM.

We had a great time at the convention and we were proud to be a part of it. We are proud of our district 10 people who worked so hard.

Jean Hanson,
reporter 541-672-6929

Some odds and ends from the Editor:

For many years Howard and Lois Gabel have sat in the judges room during our state fiddle contest while they are timing the contestants. They hear the reaction of the judges to the contestants' music. They address the following letter to the contestants: "A letter to the fiddle contestants. We are writing this because we have heard some good fiddle players beat themselves in the play off.

My wife, Lois, and I have been the timers at the State fiddle Contest for several years and we have overheard comments made by the judges about fiddle players that play a fast tune and sluff over some of the notes. It seems that when two players have to play to break a tie that they will play a fast tune for the tie breaker and consequently some notes get sluffed over. Be precise with your notes.

If you have a tape recorder, practice your tunes and when you play them back, listen for imperfections and time the tunes. We have heard good players run way over on the time and get points deducted.

Play tunes you know well and that you can play perfectly, even if they are old tunes. The judges are accomplished musicians and they will hear notes that are not played well.

We hope that some of these points will help you win the contest. Good luck and we love to listen to your tunes." Howard and Lois Gabel

Were you as pleased with the meals at the convention as I was? I told president Fred that he would be a "hero" or a "goat" depending on the food.

He certainly came out a "hero" in my book.

Speaking of books. We sold just a few copies short of 200 of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers History book. Many districts took copies back to their district to sell. If you want a copy, please see your district chairman. The books are \$5.00. We have 100 copies left. Thanks to you all for your nice comments.

As I was working on this month's Hoedowner, the phone rang. It was Penny calling to tell me that she has her Martin Guitar. She sounded like a mighty happy person. And "thanks" everybody for their concern.

Check Louie Roy's web site:
<http://www.geocities.com/roy'2000>

Check the Booher's web site:
www.boohermusiccamp.com

Pat Gates mention the passing of Forrest Jacklin. He was a quiet man who enjoyed fiddle music very much. I first met him at the Vernonia campout years ago. Over the years we often talked about fiddles. I was always complimented when he asked me to play "Blue Darling" and enjoyed the smile on his face when he heard it. A year ago Alice and I went to Portland to visit him. I am glad that we did. I first met Carl Helgerson many years ago when he came down to Bandon to the Cranberry Festival. He brought enjoyment and a laugh to us all when he sang his songs in a Scandinavian dialect. There was only one Carl Helgerson.

Calendar

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

April

1 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 2 Sweet Home Elks Sweet Home 6
 2 Pioneer Comm Ctr Oregon City 7
 2 Burns Senior Center Burns 9
 8 Jam Winston Community Building 10
 9 Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond 3
 9 Winema Inn Klamath Falls 1
 15 Greenacres Grange Coos Bay 5
 16 Oakgrove Grange W. of Salem 8
 28 - 29 Oregon State Fiddle Contest

May

6 IOOF Bldg. Gold Hill 4
 6 Senior Center Newberg 8
 7 Lebanon Moose Lebanon 6
 7 Senior Center Canby 7
 7 Burns Senior Center Burns 9
 12 - 13 Florence Fiddle Festival

June

3 Community Ctr. Prospect 4

4 Willamalane Senior Ctr Springfield 6
 4 Picnic McMinnville 8
 9-10 Wallowa Co. Contest Blue Mtn
 11 Community Center Estacada 7
 15-17 High Desert Fiddle Jamboree Burns
 19 - 24 Weiser Contest

July

1 IOOF Bldg. Gold Hill 4
 20 - 23 Mt. Hood Campout

August

3-6 Diamond Lake Campout
 5 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis
 12 Willamalane Senior Center Springfield 6
 26 Canyonville Contest Canyonville
 26 through Labor Day Martha's Campout Williams

September

14-16 Thousand Trails LaPine/Bend State

October

1 Willamalane Senior Center Springfield 6



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