

# The Hoedowner

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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. April 28 and 29, Oregon Old Time Fiddlers assembled in Salem at Chemeketa Community College and, orchestrated by Starr McMullen, champion fiddler in her own right, and Lew Holt, Hoedowner Editor, conducted our annual Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Contest.

It is obvious, to meet Hoedowner printing deadlines, my comments about our contest had to be written about two weeks before our contest was held, which is unfortunate timing, because it would have been exciting for me to have showcased and spotlighted all our contestants and encourage all winners to go on to Weiser to represent us in our National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest. It's pretty difficult to write about an event such as this before-the-fact, for people to read after-the-fact, and give a valid, clear account

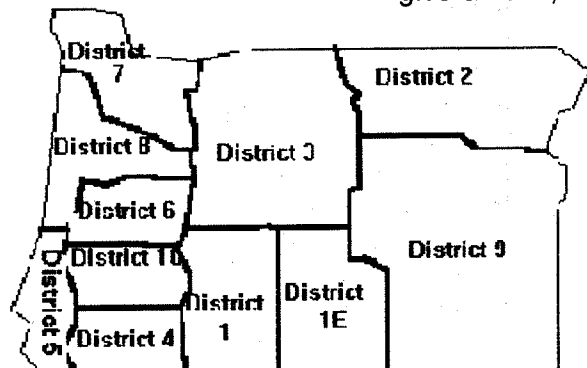
of all happenings at such an important event as this, but, knowing Starr and Lew as we do, we can safely say, though two weeks early, that our 2000 fiddle contest will undoubtedly be remembered as our best.

Next on our busy summer fiddlers' agenda is an exciting May 11th, 12th and 13th Florence Fiddle Festival. Sally Jordan, our Vice President of OOTFA for next year, has been busy for weeks ably working out details relating to an exciting schedule of activities for all three days. This is an outstanding opportunity for everyone to enjoy three or four days at our beautiful and captivating Oregon Coast, savor good food and delight yourselves jamming with your friends. Sally says it best, "Once again I would like to keep this a "fun" week-end with not much "planned" activity as this frees folks up to go visit the beach and sight see without feeling

like they are missing any fiddlin....We will have sign up "shows" on Friday and Saturday nights with dance floors open." Talk like that makes us all want to be there, so I urge you to plan to put our Florence Fiddle Festival Gala on your May schedule now.

Our friends in District 9 sponsor a High Desert Country Music Jam-boree in Burns annually, and this year it will be held June 14 through 17. Between 300 and 400 people show up for this paramount jam-boree and fiddle fest, which is of supreme importance for numerous reasons: 1. It is ideally located in Burns at Harney County Fairgrounds. 2. Plenty of space is available for RV campers (about 130 rigs last year). 3. Burns has ample motel and restaurant facilities to accommodate those who don't have RV's. 4. Our final OOTFA Quarterly Meeting during my term as President will be held

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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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Hello from District 1. First Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. (of each month) District 1 business meeting, potluck, music playing at Villa West Mobile Estates Rec Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr. Klamath Falls, Oregon.

**New Jam Location:** May 14, 1 - 4 p.m. at Oregon State University Extension Building. 3328 Vandenburg Rd, Klamath Falls. Directions - turn east off Alameda Bi-Pass at Eberlein St. - take an immediate left turn onto Vandenburg Road, go North up the hill to the 1st building on the left. Jam will be in the lower level meeting room. Parking is available in the front lot, as well as on the lower level by the meeting room. And a reminder,

please ladies, bring finger foods. We can eat a little at this place.

**Nursing Homes:** It was decided at the last meeting to stop playing at the Washburn Way Facility for the time being - they are reorganizing and changing their set up at this time.

Clairmont Nursing Home - play 4th Thursday at 1 p.m. (east end of Main St.) Clairmont Retirement play at 2:15 p.m. (one block above nursing home). Play 1 hour at each place, same day.

For the April Jam visitors joined us from the north, east, and south. >From district 3, Gary and Vi Epperly and Vance Bonner came down from Bend. Maynard Thompson came from Madras. Homer and Rosalee McLain came from Lakeview/1-E. Norm Fiock and grandson Dale, drove up from Montague, Ca. Ray Goodman was a guest. He's from Klamath Falls and plays guitar. Also our apol-

ogy to Terry and Sharilyn McLain from 1-E who drove over from Plush for our March jam and weren't mentioned in the last newsletter. We all enjoy each of your visits and musical talents, please come again.

A new member from Keno joined - Guy Hitson who sings.

Congratulations to Al and Thelma Nelson for 50 years of marriage on May 13th and Isom and Faye Patterson - congratulations on May 27th (#61, I believe)

Happy birthday wishes in May go to Daphne Settle 6th (Etta's mother), Lu Wells 10th, Cherie Lane 13th, Sherry Oliver 20th, Jackie 24th and George Fernlund 31st.

To all who aren't feeling so well, we hope good health soon returns.

Our thanks to the ladies for raffle contributions. More articles can always be used.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

**Some odds and ends from the Editor:**

As Fred has written, Oregon is the host state this year at Weiser. We will be playing on the stage five nights to open the show. This is a suggested list - for two reasons. We have been told by Layna that she wants basic old time tunes that the audience can relate to after hearing only contest tunes during the day. The other reason is that we want familiar jam tunes. This unites us as a group from Oregon so we can all play the tunes together.  
Amazing Grace G,  
Bill Bailey G,  
Boil the Cabbage Down A,

Buffalo Gals G,  
Bully of the Town G,  
Chinese Break Down D,  
Cindy A,  
Coming 'Round the Mtn G,  
Cowboy Waltz C,  
Dark Town Strutters' Ball C,  
Darling Nelly Gray D,  
Down Yonder G,  
Faded Love D,  
Five Foot Two C,  
Four Leaf Clover C,  
Fraulein G,  
Girl I Left Behind G,  
Golden Slippers G,  
Have I Told You Lately? G,  
Home on The Rang G,

Home Sweet Home G,  
I Saw The Light G,  
I'll Fly Away G,  
Jessie James G,  
Just Because C,  
Kentucky Waltz C,  
Liberty D,  
Little Bertha D,  
Little Home in W. Virginia G,  
Maggie G,  
Me and My Fiddle G-D,  
Mocking Bird Hill G,  
Oklahoma Hills G,  
Old Joe Clark A,  
Old Pine Tree G,  
Over the Waves G,

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The jam held April 1 was well attended. Edward Henry and wife visited. Ed is running for Sheriff. He spoke briefly. Other visitors were Maynard Thompson from Madras, Dist. 3, Ruth Grant was down from Christmas Valley, Lloyd and Carolyn Jensen from Bly, Dist. 1. Edna Schulze was mistress of ceremony. Did a good job, too.

Several from our district went to Roseburg for the convention. Those who went were: Homer, Rosa Lee, Larry, Rhayanna, Doug, and Eillen McLain, Bill and Gloria Myers, Edna Schulze, Beverly Perry, glad to have George and Shirley McLain from Olympia,

Washington, Janice and Ralph Roderick from Olympia, too. All reported having a good time and a lot of good music.

It was told to me there was a "who's who" when Rozanne and Homer clowned around doing trick fiddling. Hard to recognize which was Homer and which was Rozanne. She fiddled left handed and Homer fiddled right handed. Then they traded. What fun!

After going to Roseburg Homer and Rosalee McLain traveled for a week visiting family. The reported, though, that they were "Glad to be home."

On April 4th six members entertained at the long Term Care Center. As usual, all had a good time. On the 18th only 5 were present to sing and play for the elderly.

April 9 Homer McLains spent the afternoon in Klamath Falls fiddling with District 1. Mr. and Mrs. Terry McLain went to Burns to visit their daughter. Terry helped her with playing the fid-

dle. Keep up the good work.

April 10th was the monthly meeting. Eleven were present. What can we do to get more to come to the meetings? If you don't come and voice your ideas, how can we do what you would like?

Thought spring was here only on April 17th there was snow on the ground. Still some on the high hills. Summer will be here soon so they say, who knows?

On April 15 a birthday party was held at the Larry McLain home for Billy who turned 18. About 20 attended the event playing and singing the afternoon away. All had a good time, especially Billy.

On April 16th Ruth Grant and Bob Elliott from North Lake County were in Lakeview. While here they played several tunes with Homer McLain.

Time is getting away from me so all I'll say is "Keep on, Keeping on." Play and sing when and where ever you can.

Bye for now,  
 Myrle Shepard, reporter 1E

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Peek a Boo Waltz G,  
 Pistol Packing Mama G,  
 Rag Time Annie D,  
 Red Fox Waltz D,  
 Red River Valley G,  
 Red Wing G,  
 Rubber Dolly A,  
 San Antonio Rose G  
 Snow Deer G,  
 Spring Time in the Rockies G,  
 Sweet Marie D or A,  
 Tennessee Waltz C,  
 Time Changes Everything D,  
 Wabash Cannon Ball G,  
 Waltz Across Texas C,  
 Waltzing in Old San Antoine G,  
 Waverly Two Step D,  
 Westphalia G,

White Lilies D,  
 Wildwood Flower C,  
 Yellow Rose of Texas G,  
 You are My Sunshine G,

Since being a member of OOTFA I have experienced twice when Oregon was host state at Weiser. This year we will use the same format that Oregon has followed previously. All Oregon fiddlers and backup are invited to be on the stage each night. We will meet in the lobby about 6:15 to get ready. After each tune, we will take one step to the left. During the time we are on the stage, we will have rotated all around the stage. This is enjoyable for us

and enjoyable for the audience. One fiddler will be asked to step to the center mike and lead us in a familiar jam tune. Then another. Most everybody will get to lead a tune – but it must be a "jam" tune that is recognized by most of us. Nobody is a star, we all play along together because the tunes are familiar ones that we play almost at every jam. We followed the same format seven years ago. We received many compliments from people we didn't know. They loved the tunes that we played.

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The May 14th and June 11th jams have been changed to the North Sisters Building instead of the originally scheduled High Desert Activity Center. Directions to the North Sisters is to walk through the main entrance and the building is on the left. Look for directional signs that will be set out by our district and also from the fairgrounds. There will be a meeting after the May jam for election of officers.

Recently Hollis Real had a routine colonoscopy exam due to his mother's past history. Hollis said the examination was pain free, he

was awake and was able to see the entire procedure on the monitor. He said he is glad he had it done and thinks everyone should. Surgery was later performed to remove benign tumors. Hollis is recuperating well and hopefully will be fit as a fiddle very soon. You may recall that recently Katie Couric of the NBC Today Show did a week long informative segment on the importance of having a colonoscopy exam which was well received by the public audience.

Hollis was not at the last jam and Dale Anderson did a superb job playing his new bass for the entirety of the jam to a full house crowd. He has practiced a lot to master playing the bass. Congratulations to Dale! Hopefully we'll get to hear more of Dale on bass and more of

Hollis on fiddle again. Speaking of more deserved congratulations, our own fifteen year old Amie Connor gave a beginner's Old Time Fiddle Class at D & J Music in Redmond. She had nineteen students that had signed up. The response was terrific and people came from out of the woodwork leaving standing room only. Amie has enthusiastically and diligently tried to promote and preserve the true "old time fiddlin" and is trying to pass it onto other interested youths. This is just the beginning for and we look forward to her future. Way to go Amie!

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter  
 P.S. When life lets you down, faith and laughter can lift you up.

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Saturday morning, June 17. 5. You will see and hear much of our finest Oregon musical talent, and 6. It is a kickoff to our National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest the following week at Weiser, just a short drive on from Burns. These are six good reasons to attend, and I urge all our members to make special arrangements now to be there this year.

More will be written later about our upcoming July Mt. Hood Campout, Corvallis Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Diamond Lake Campout, Canyonville Fiddle Contest, Martha Warwick's Campout, and our September 1000 Trails Campout.

Perhaps the high point of my term as OOTFA President this year occurred when we received a letter from Layna Hafer, President of NOTFA, saying, "...wanted to formally confirm that Oregon is Host State for 2000." To be chosen as Host State this year, we are all exceptionally honored by this invitation, and, playing before a national audience, we know what a great responsibility this is going to be. Each night we must be on stage promptly at 6:30 p.m. and off stage promptly by 7:00 p.m. Timing is

CRITICAL! Elsewhere in this Hoedowner issue is a list of jamming tunes from which we will choose each night. Everyone who plans to be there this year should begin rehearsing those tunes now, and if anyone has tunes you think would be appropriate, please make your suggestions known to Lew Holt. Lew will be our leader for these jams, so any proposals or questions can be directed to him. Other details will be included in next month's Hoedowner and my Monthly Newsletter.

In my August Newsletter last year, mailed to all OOTFA District Officers, ten ambitious goals were set forth, which hopefully have been reached during my term as President. Goal number 3 was stated as follows: "We must reach out to young people all over our state and get them involved in OOTFA." In my judgment, a most effective way of doing that is to take our music to our young people in their public and private school classrooms and not wait for them to come to us.

Mrs. Mary Jagodnik, daughter of old time fiddlers John and Joan Waddingham of District 7 in Portland, teaches five and six year olds at Brush Col-lege Elementary School in West Salem. She has devised a very effective plan in her classroom,

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With beautiful weather, lots of flowers, and many members and visitors, the April Fool's Day jam provided lots of good food, good music, and good fun, no fooling! Visitors included Lu Wells and Irven Johnson from Klamath Falls, and Carl Miner, Dave Spiegel, and Gabriel Uri from the local area.

Our "sick list" includes Letha Kopsis who is doing better, and Letha Fry and Huck Mickey who are in the hospital. Marie Mickey wishes to thank all those who sent cards and called. We wish you all well! Jim Winslow has re-

turned from Texas. He says they were less than 4 miles from the tornado that we all heard about down there — just wind, no damage to his place.

It was decided to cancel our July 1 meeting and jam due to a conflict with the annual jam at Norman Fiock's, which many members plan to attend. We will have our usual meeting and jam in August at the picnic at Stewart State Park.

The barn dance will be starting soon. We need rakers with strong backs attached to get the area level to lay the floor. Others will be needed to carry flooring inside, but we will have professional help to install it. More information will be forthcoming.

A fine group of musicians were in the Pear Blossom Parade on April 8. The weather was perfect — neither too hot nor too cold. The rain (our first

for weeks) held off till about an hour after the parade ended. We used our new power inverter to power the sound system. Many thanks to Ralph Sieger who makes us all sound better than we really are!

We want to wish a speedy recovery to Martha Warwick who has been to Portland for surgery. The best to you Martha as you continue to get better.

Remember: To love what you do and feel that it matters — how could anything be more fun?

Judy McGarvey,  
Reporter District 4



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Well thank goodness for volunteers, District 5 now has the officers for the new year filled! We wish to thank Phil Fry who is our new chairman and our new co-chairlady is Katherine Nash. May God Bless Sheila Anderson for graciously accepting the position of sec/treas/membership again and Sally Jordan volunteered to be our new news reporter. Congratulations and may you all have a very successful years. We wish to give a "BIG HAND" to our officers, Fred Grove and Elwood Serfass who will be retiring. You have done a great job and are greatly appreciated.

Ken Jordan thanked everyone who came out to the jam at the North Fork Grange and said the Grange is talking about setting up a regular date for the fiddlers. Sally Jordan told us to remember the Florence Fiddle Festival on May 11, 12, & 13.

We had a large crowd at our April jam. Visitors from District 10 were Marge and Chuck Hasty, Joyce and Dennis Pickett and their grand daughter, Teresa Plybon, Guy Kinman, Jo Barnes and Paul Lakey and Paul's two grandsons Bart and Bo Burnison. Bart is a fiddler with district 13 in Chelan, WA and Bo resides in Snohomish, WA. Also present were Lee and Don Hanna from District 3 and their two friends from Florence who are great fans of the fiddlers, Mary Dobyns and

Wilma Tone. Please hurry back because we always enjoy your company and music.

It was nice to have a group of young musicians join us on stage. Thank you very much Erik and Michelle Schutz, (twins who are students of Dorothy and Chuck Booher), Darin Hasley and Teresa Plybon. These kids are GREAT!

Welcome into our membership, Clairca and Charlie Miller, Allen Todd, Shirley Coomler (a former member of District 4) and Kent Helsdon (These people are loaded with talent.)

Many of our members attended Catherine Hall's 90th birthday party at the Langlois Fire Hall. I understand the hall was filled to the brim with well over 100 people and everybody had a great time. Alice and Lew even drove down from Salem to honor Catherine.

On April 14 Dorothy and Bill Tennant, Bev and Jim Hill, Florence and Fred Grove, Helen and Elwood Serfass and Marianne Burns attended a luncheon sponsored by the Life Care Center in recognition of National Volunteer Week.

March and April has been a sad time for us here on the coast as we have lost two of our beloved fiddlers whom we all enjoyed through the past years. Our silent fiddlers are Leonard Olson and Claud Whaley. They will be greatly missed. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to lone Olson and Ruth Whaley and their families.

On the last Friday of this month - May 26th, the fiddlers will be playing at the senior meals program at the Barn in Bandon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.

m. for their birthday party.

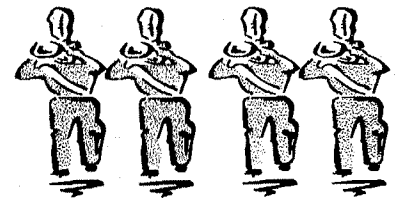
Remember that at the end of May we will be taking a vacation from our convalescent and retirement homes. We will return again in September.

Among our sick has been Al Lewis who was recently released from the hospital and Loren Osborne who had surgery in April and is recovering St. Catherine's Convalescent Center. We hope both of you are soon feeling "fit as a fiddle." Get well soon.

Our next jam will be May 20th at the Greenacres Grange from 1 - 4.

Happy Birthday wishes to Marianne Burns the 3rd, Rose Johnson the 4th, Jean Dunn the 6th, Charlotte Dow the 20th and Sheila Anderson on the 27th. We wish a very Happy Anniversary to Colleen and Paul Osekowsky on May 24th.

Reporter Mary Lou Saylor  
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June 1	\$8.75
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Quite a crowd turned out on a nice spring day for the Sweet Home Elks breakfast and jam April 2. A good time was had by all -- the Elks raised some money in the bargain.

We are looking forward to the State Fiddle contest in late

April.

By the time you are reading this, it will be over. Congratulations to all of the winners.

May 7 the big event will be the semi-annual jam at the Lebanon Moose. Once again, we hope for a large turn-out which is always well attended by seniors from around Lebanon. The Lebanon Moose Lodge is on the right as you exit Lebanon enroute to Sweet Home. The jam will commence about 10:30 and run until three or four. Come one, come all.

There will be a short busi-

ness meeting at one p.m. at the Sunday, June 4 jam at Wil-lamalane Senior Center. One of the issues to be discussed will be the Old Time Fiddler's program at Coburg Golden Years in July.

To Remind: You are invited to attend Grange dances in the Eugene area on Fridays evenings, starting at 7 p.m. The first Friday is Central Grange -- the second Friday is Crow -- and the last Friday is Elmira Grange.

Joe Moyle, reporter District 6



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bringing parents, teachers, pupils, grandparents, and great grandparents closer together. Each week one of her students can invite a special person to her classroom to speak, tell stories, answer questions, or perform some talent, etc. for about 20 minutes. Ashlee Pickerell, is a very special little person to me, because she's my great grand daughter, and she is one of Mrs. Jagodnik's adoring pupils. She invited me, as her special person, to come play my fiddle for her little classmates. Friday, April 14th, Bob (guitar) and Marie (fiddle) Bailey and I (and Charlotte as photographer) showed up to play for her class such tunes as Swallow Tail Jig, Bonaparte's Retreat, Billy In The Low Ground, Soldiers Joy, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Miss Molly, Mary Had a Little Lamb and Here We Go 'Round The Mulberry Bush. To watch them joyfully clap their hands, keeping time with our

music, forcibly stamping the floor with their feet and responding to our music by moving their little bodies in every conceivable direction was truly a delightful sight. Lew Holt loaned us his 1/8th size fiddle for the occasion and Ashlee Pickerell, Jesse Glidden, Nathan McArthur, Nick Shur and Miranda Hire showed us how they could play it, but the highlight came when their teacher showed us how she could play my fiddle. Another little great grand daughter, Kaylee Pickerell, Ashlee's little sister, also invited us to play music later that morning at her day care kindergarten class at Peace Lutheran Church, and we were met with an equally enthusiastic reception. We say an unrestrained and hearty "thank you" to both classes for inviting us to play music for them.

Thank you for reading my Hoedowner piece this month, and that's what "Fred Sed" this April day, year 2000.

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Greetings everybody. Hope the Easter Bunny was good to all of you.

Just a reminder that 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 Oregon City Jam on April 2nd was AMAZING! Between 250 and 300 music lovin' folks came together to share the afternoon. Happily, the playing and listening results came up equal... everyone had a great time! A video person from a local media enterprise came to video the happy

event. He must have gotten some fine footage.

District 7 finds Jim Ramsey on the sick list. He's home from the hospital and likely to appreciate calls and notes. He's up to playing a tune or two if you'd like to bring your fiddle or guitar along.

Martha Pederson had a fall a couple of weeks back and fractured her hip. She's at home working on getting back to her charming self. (A word of cheer, to you, my dear!)

Wayne Holmes spent a night in the hospital having his heart checked out a bit. He's at home with Esther taking good care of him. Red and Myrtle Arnold have about the same arrangement going on. (Myrtle is taking care of Red after him "not feeling so well.")

Gosh, GOOD HEALTH TO ALL!

See you all in

the merry month of May – the 7th at the Canby Senior Center for our next jam. Frequently the Center serves light and inexpensive refreshments, so you might tuck an extra couple of dollars in your pocket and slip on down to Canby for another fun filled afternoon! To help you find your way to the Canby Adult Center head out to 1250 S. Ivy St. If you will be coming from Portland take 99E to Ivy in Canby, turn left, the center is on the corner of Ivy and 13th, left side of street. Going north on 99E turn right on Ivy.

Pat Gates, Reporter District 7



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After talking to Laura Weber at the contest this year, I hope to be able to write about what she has been doing the last few years. She will have been one of our judges.  
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Hi Lew

I received notice today that I am the First Place Winner in the Non-Pen Women Music Award from the National League of American Pen Women for my piece "Trail Mix." It was accompanied by a generous check, all to my surprise.

Trail Mix is a suite for solo violin in five movements for five violins, each in a different scordatura tuning. Scordatura, an abnormal tuning, was used frequently in the violin music of the seventeenth century, particularly by Heinrich von Biber. Not much of it is seen after that, excepting the last movement of Bartok's Contrasts, where the violin has sections tuned G# D A Eb. In the American fiddle tune genre, it was common practice until 75 years ago. Now, it is considered an eccentricity. Reclaiming the scordatura strategy gave me great

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It's been a quiet month, but we had a great turnout and lots of good music at Oak Grove Grange on April 16. One couldn't ask for a more idyllic setting. Cherry trees in full bloom graced the hills around the grange hall.

Lots of grange members attended and enjoyed the music, including Bill Jensen, brother of the late Charlie Jensen. Charlie and his wife Vi, also deceased, were active members of our district for many years. We appreciated seeing Becky Torland, Elizabeth Steinmetz, Joyce and Ernie Lovgren, all of district 7. Alan and Carol Ede and Norm Oleman were there from district 6. Violet Kimber couldn't attend as she is still recuperating from a whiplash sustained when her car was rear ended by another driver. Robert and Mary Terry were also in the car, but are doing fine now.

Good to see Don and Daisy Simon and their daughter. Dennis Brutke is stealing Don's songs! (Please Don't Squeeze

the Charmin). It was a definite crowd pleaser. Dennis's cousin Gale was a guest. She did a super job singing Cattle Call. Hope she comes again. Also visiting were, Joan & Tarno Coleman, both accordion players. An anonymous friend paid their dues for the rest of the year, so they are no longer visitors, but are members. Welcome!

Lew and I were proud of our beginning fiddlers who got on the stage and played -- Jerry Janszen, Jim Wallace and Rich Samsom. All have played other instruments, but are learning fiddle.

We'll have a report on the contest next month. Here's the schedule for May. Saturday, May 6 we play at the Newberg Senior Center for their annual spaghetti dinner fund raiser. We start playing at 4:00 and will play to about 7:00. We'll buy our own dinners, and take turns eating so the music keeps going. Directions: The address is 101 West Foothills. From downtown Newberg - traveling on Hwy 99 through town, turn north on College St. (toward the hills). In a mile or so take a left on Foothills St. The Newberg Senior Center is on the right, a few blocks down Foothills St. The center is connected to an elementary school.

Sunday, May 21 will be our

regular jam at the McMinnville Senior Center. Doors open at 10 AM for early jamming (that's the favorite part for some of us). Let's have a short meeting at 11:00, back to jamming and then the potluck, then the sign up jam from 1 to 4 PM. Directions: If you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) on to McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (east)

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 4. District 8 will have a picnic in the park next to the Senior Center in McMinnville. This will be our June jam, since many of us will be going to the High Desert Jamboree in Burns, and/or to Weiser. We hope to have lots of visitors from other districts. The directions are the same as for the Senior Center since we will be next door to the center. We are suggesting that if your last name begins with A - M that you bring a picnic dish and a salad. If your last name begins with N - Z, it is suggested that you bring a picnic dish and a dessert.

Thought: We can't control the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

Alice Holt, Reporter

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flexibility in finding new chords and relationships on the violin. In addition, the sympathetic vibration of certain tunings creates a rich sound. New tonal colorings and tensions abound as each violin becomes a new instrument with the new tuning.

Trail Mix traces the history of my pioneer family in Oregon dating back to 1854. It's on my latest CD, Frames and Boxes. Hi to everybody in Oregon.  
Hollis Taylor

I am running out of room but want to put in one more plug for Ace's videos. Ace is working with the local community cable company. His videos are becoming more professional with title pages and credits. Hopefully he will have some good ones of our state contest. Check with Ace if you are interested in buying any of the videos. He has a wide variety of titles. The cost is only \$10. Ace makes no profit. The sales of the tapes go to putting free tapes in schools and libraries.

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Ok, ok. No, I can't read a calendar and I can't count either. The date was wrong last month for playing at the Aspen's. So this time I'll try to do better! It's the first Sunday of the month for the jam at the Senior Center and the second Friday of the month for playing at the Aspen's. So for the month of May we're at the Senior Center on May 7 with a potluck at 1 p.m. and jamming from 2-4 p.m. and at the Aspens on Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m. The Aspen's has allowed us to move back out to the dining room to play. We'll need to move the tables and chairs and put them back each time. Fiddlers and residents alike enjoy the spaciousness of the dining hall.

Ashley Manor has invited us to play for their residents each month. Currently the plan is to play the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30. Ashley Manor is the new assisted health care home behind the Dairy Queen.

Welcome to new member Pat Reed. Pat returned to Burns after a few years away and brings his talents of mandolin, guitar and vocals to the fiddlers. Glad you're back Pat.

We'll take a break for the summer from monthly jams at the Senior Center and start back the first Sunday in October.

Ruel and Margaret Teague hosted a Friday night practice at their new home on the hill last month. What a great place they've got. We're glad you're finally getting settled.

Plans are coming along for the Country Music Jamboree sponsored by the High Desert Fiddlers. If you'd like to volunteer your time to help with the jamboree, a number of jobs are available. Contact Janet at

541-573-1323 to offer up your services.

A quick note about the Country Music Jamboree. It's June 15, 16, and 17 at the Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns, Oregon. Follow the signs or turn south at the 2nd stop light and drive about 1 mile. Plenty of parking is available for RV's at \$10 for hook-ups or \$7 to dry camp. Arnold's Chuck Wagon will be back to provide food including specialty dinners and breakfast. Skelton Music will be on site with their store. There will be jamming, workshops, jamming, shows, jamming, food, jamming, visiting, and more jamming!

Yes, you're welcome to arrive early. Nights tend to be cool so bring a jacket and an extra blanket. Hope you can make it.

Janet Braymen, Reporter

Some bits and pieces. Cheryl dropped me a note to tell me that she needed some filler to fill out a page so I am going to jump around and share some things with you. Looking through some material I find a brochure about Hanneke Cassel putting on a concert a few years ago up in Washington. If I had the time, I could write a whole page about all the things Hanneke has done and plans to do since she took up the fiddle. She had three things going for her – talent, desire and a supporting family. The combination took her far – the Oregon State champion, the national Scottish championship for her age group, and many other

honors. She has studied with the best in Scotland and all over the U.S.. She has attended college four years in Boston to further her music education. This last school year she played in a concert in New York City – playing with nationally know musicians. Perhaps someday I can write more with greater accuracy.

Her mother, Diane, in Port Orford is a great supporter of "old time fiddling," too. She has been studying and practicing to sharpen her own skills. And, then. . . she has fourteen fiddle students who are learning both the fiddle and the guitar. Enthusiasm is running high in Port Orford. I have been

fortunate to meet some of the students. Wouldn't that be a good model for others of us!! Memorial Week end in May Diane will take a group of her "Step Dancing" students to the Folk Life Festival in Seattle to perform. Hanneke will also be performing at the Folk Life Festival. I commented to Diane one time something like, "just imagine all of this music coming from Port Orford far down on the Oregon coast. She answered -- because they don't have the malls for kids to roam, they don't have strips to drag, etc., that they can turn to their music with the out the competition of the "modern things." Makes sense, doesn't it!

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Looking back to last month – we had a great time at the convention. We are proud of our district 10. Thanks to Bob Hanson and Chuck Hasty for taking care of the sound system – and for all of their help taking it down.. A big thanks to Lewis Roy for all the advertising to promote old time

fiddling and our convention. Many thanks to all the members who helped with all the cookies and sandwiches at the convention. People sure appreciated them and of course a big thanks to Clem and Sarah Berlier for making the coffee and for keeping the food tables organized in the Floral Building on Wednesday.

Guests who attended our last jam last time were Del and Clara Thomas, Ned and Val Matthews from District 5. Helen Tracy and Alice McDowell from District 6. We were so pleased to have so many guests.

Happy birthdays this month to Tom Shepherd, Gem Moore, Dean Wilson, Charlotte Bonebright, Lester Broadwater, Jackie Parsons and John Howe.

Our next meeting will be May 13 at 11 a.m. a potluck at 12:00 and a jam from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Center.

June 10 – meeting at 11, potluck at 12 and jam from 1 to 4. July 8 – meeting at 11, potluck at 12 and jam from 1 to 4.

Jean Hanson, reporter 541-672-6929

## More odds and ends from the Editor:

On page 99 of the history book I wrote the following:

June 1982  
 Oregon State Contest Winners May 15th, 1982

### JUNIOR - JUNIORS

1. Tiffany Wheeler
2. George Rau
3. Jennifer Huckins
4. Andy Emert
5. Michael Williams
6. Brian Hanson
7. Vawn Smith

### JUNIORS

- Heather Bennett  
 Grant Wheeler  
 Scott Ranes  
 Lisa McMasters  
 Dan Emert  
 Kim Gloy  
 Sheri West

### SENIORS

- Eddie Johnson  
 Edwin Hjelseth  
 Barney Alexander  
 Chet Haven  
 Leonard Maahs  
 Shorty Allen  
 Van Southwood

CHAMPION Hollis Taylor

Last page of Hoedowner missing.

After Dulcie Fast finally got the history book away from Bob, she read it, too. When she came to this section, she went to her archives and supplied the "missing last page" for us.



### INTERMEDIATES

1. Kathy Eades
2. Penny Mead
3. Gene Lowe
4. Bud Beck
5. Roland White
6. Rob Hakanson
7. Bob Crump

### CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Hollis Taylor
2. Joey McKenzie
3. John Melnichuk
4. Carol Ann Wheeler
5. Jim Hoots
6. David Moffitt
7. Bill Yohey



# Calendar

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

## May

6	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
6	IOOF Bldg.	Gold Hill	4
6	Senior Center	Newberg	8
7	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
7	Senior Center	Canby	7
7	Burns Senior Center	Burns	9
12 - 13	Florence Fiddle Festival	OOTFA	
13	Winston Community Center		10
14	OSU Extension Building	Klamath Falls	1
14	Deschutes Co. Fairgrds	Redmond	3
20	Green Acres Grange	Coos Bay	5

## June

3	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
3	Community Ctr.	Prospect	4
4	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
4	Picnic	McMinnville	8
9-10	Wallowa Co. Contest		
11	Community Center	Estacada	7
15-17	High Desert Fiddle Jamboree	Burns	
17	Quarterly meeting - OOTFA	Burns	
19 - 24	National Contest	Weiser, Idaho	

## July

1	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
1	Norman Fiock's BBQ	Montigue, CA	
20 - 23	Mt. Hood Campout		

## August

3-6	Diamond Lake Campout		
5	Picnic	Stewart St. Park	4
5	Willamette Vly Fiddle Contest	Corvallis	
12	Willamalane Sr Center	Springfield	6
26	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	
26 through	Labor Day Martha's Campout	Williams	

## September

14-16	Thousand Trails OOTFA	LaPine/Bend	
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## October

1	Willamalane Senior Ctr	Springfield	6
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