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

March

3 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 3 Rogue River Sr. Ctr. Rogue River 4
 4 Community Center Oakridge 6
 4 Senior Center Lake Oswego 7
 4 Jam Senior Center Burns 9
 10 Keizer Senior Center Keizer 8
 10 Community Center Winston 10
 11 Aurora 8
 11 OSU Hall Klamath Falls 1
 11, VFW Hall Redmond 3
 14-17 State convention in Roseburg OOTFA
 18 Senior Center John Day 9

April

1 Crow Grange Crow 6
 1 Jam Senior Center Burns 9
 5,6,7 Florence Fiddle Festival OOTFA/5
 7 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 8 Oregon City 7
 15 Senior Center John Day 9
 22 Oak Grove Grange 8

May

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 5 Prospect Comm. Ctr. Prospect 4
 6 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6
 6 Forest Grove 7
 6 Senior Center Burns 9
 12 1000 Trails Pacific City 8
 18 - 19, 2001 State contest Salem OOTFA

June

2 Cave Junction Sr. Ctr. Cave Junction 4
 3 Crow Grange Crow 6
 8-9 Wallowa County Contest, Enterprise BM
 30 1000 Trails Pacific City 8

July

19, 20, 21 Mt. Hood Campout OOTFA/7

Aug

4 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 2 - 5 Diamond Lake Campout
 25 Canyonville Contest
 26 Warwick Campout

Sep

13 - 15 State Campout 1000 Trails

District 1

Chairman: Cherie Lane (541) 882-1595

Co-Chair: Faye Patterson (541) 798-5973

Sec/Treas/Membership: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313

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Meeting and potluck on March 4 (1st Sunday) at Villa West Mobile Estates Recreation Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr. in Klamath Falls. Rec Building opens at 12 noon till ?

Jam – March 11, (Second Sunday) 1 - 4 p.m. at OSU Extension Building, lower level, 3328 Vandenberg Rd in Klamath Falls. Directions - turn East off Alameda Bi-pass in Eberlein Ave.

Take an immediate left, turn onto Vandenberg Rd, go North up the hill to 1st building on the left. Parking is in front and side parking lots, also, on lower level by the meeting room where jam is held. Please bring finger foods. Thank you.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday at 1 p.m., Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. in Klamath Falls. Then at 2:15 p.m. we play at the Clairmont retirement home which is 1 block above and back of the nursing home.. We play 1 hour at each place on the same day.

Hi all. Elections were held at our February meeting and the current officers agreed to remain for another term. Each of us say "Thank you" and we hope to do our best for our members.

Convention is about here, hope the weather and good health cooperate so there will be a good turn out for 3 or 4 fun days and music and visiting. Please remember to bring or send along nice articles for drawings. Thank you.

Woops -- In my reminiscing of our district activities over the past year for January newsletter, I forgot to list January anniversaries and birthdays. My apology to each of you and a very late but Happy Anniversary to Louie and Grace Stork Jan. 15,. Happy Birthday in Jan. dates were to have gone out to Al Nelson 5th, Gary Rarden 6th, Frances Hughes 9th, Thelma Nelson 13th, Jo Harris 19th and Carolyn Rarden 20th.

February dates I remembered to list, so now for March. Happy Birthday to Minda Turner 1st, Faye Patterson 30th and Irvin Johnson 31st, and if I've missed anyone, please tell me so the list can be up dated.

We welcome Allen Myers and wife, Helen as new members. They live at Bonanza, Oregon and he plays guitar.

Some of our members have been suffering a variety of ailments, hope everyone is almost if not fully recovered by now. Get will quickly Etta, Grace, Lee, Jean and Ray and ??

Ladies, we'll be fixing or decorating the table centerpieces for convention at our March meeting. Come, bring your ideas and helping hands please.

Till nest time, keep the old music ringing out.

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

District 1E

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Jams March 3, April 7, May 5 Memorial Hall Jams start with potlucks at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m.

The jam on Feb. 3 was attended by 25 people. We had a couple of new musicians, who played and sang. We need more to attend and help out the regular players. I know the weather has stopped some along with illness or travel. Our main fiddle man is better after spending a few days in Medford. Welcome back Homer.

The groups have entertained at the long term care several times this month of Feb. -- on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. All had a good time.

February 12th was the monthly meeting. Fourteen members attended. Election of officers was the main business. Those elected were Chairman: Terry McLain, Vice Chairman: Larry McLain, Sec. Sharilyn McLain, Treasurer Shorty Stone, membership Sharilyn McLain, Historian Mary Cathcart, and reporter Myrle Shepard.

We need more to attend the monthly meetings held every second Monday evening at Indian Village. Most generally a group meets there before the meeting to eat or just have coffee or tea and talk. All members are welcome to attend at 7:00 p.m. See more of you next meeting -- March 12th -- just before going to the annual conference in Roseburg March 14 - 17. Hope most of you can attend and all will have a good time even just listening to the music.

On May 12 we will travel to Silver Lake to play for the fund raiser at the fire hall. We will play from 3 pm to 6 pm. Bring your instrument and mainly yourself and let's make it a good time. The weather should be better by then, but who knows!

Everyone keep well and hope to see you at our jams the first Saturday of the month.

Guess that before another storm blows in, I'll get this off to the editor.

Keep playing the good music and attending whenever you can. We love to listen to it and enjoy seeing your smiling faces.

By By for now Myrle Shepard District 1E reporter

District 3

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Betty Fullerton, 22460 McArdle Rd.,
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Spring isn't here yet. Sunday was our regular show, and there was snow on the ground and snow coming down. We have hearty fans and musicians, you have to hand it to the LaPine group - they don't let a little snow stop music. Our next jam is March 11 at the VFW Hall in Redmond.

New members Sunday, were Dennis & Ellen Jakab; Dennis plays fiddle & guitar. Ellen plays five string banjo. We look forward to them building confidence to get up and play. I have never heard of a musician getting hurt, and tomatoes are too expensive to throw. Jerry and Marisa Parks of Redmond joined, Jerry is a fiddle student. We need more fiddlers. June Dodge of Redmond, plays guitar and sings, and does a great job.

At the meeting following the show, we had an election of officers. Bob Ervin was elected as chairman, Don Hanna as co-chairman. Betty Fullerton was elected Sec/Treasurer. We want our officers to know how very much they are appreciated. It is a big job, and often other interests have to be put on hold. Thanks Guys.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Roseburg.

Ches Fullerton will have surgery on his hand Feb. 21.

Remember, it is not your job to get people to like you, it's your job to like people.

Stand up for your high principals, even if you have to stand alone.

Lee Hanna, reporter District 3

District 4

Chairman: Gene Williams (541) 560-3230

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Our jam this month was at Lake Creek Grange. The weather was rainy and chilly, but the food, folks and music were warm and good. Lake Creek has a wonderful stage and dancing area, and many souls braved the rain to come and watch and/or dance. Visitors included Al Nelson, Ernie Penry, and Jerry and Irene Ruddock from Klamath Falls. The beginning group of fiddlers, now named "The 5 o'clock Jammers" played to rave reviews! The group is growing, adding new musicians all the time. The enthusiasm of these new players is contagious! I think we are all learning that to get a lot out of our wonderful organization, we need to be putting something in! Now, that something is rarely monetary (though that's okay, too), but enjoying ourselves (and showing it) while entertaining others makes for a good time for all. We are in demand and are booked for every Saturday in March, so we always need musicians.

The main part of the meeting consisted of an election of officers. The new ones selected are: Chairman: Paul Weller, Co-Chairman: Bob Dow, Secretary-Treasurer: Lola Williams. And yours truly will continue as Hoedowner reporter.

New members joining this month were Dixie Pierren (F) and Joe Maxey (G), Edward (B) and Edie Dake (A), George R. Dow II (G), Dwight Davis (G), Ed and Anna Mae Ogilvie (A), Ray Corbin (V), and David and Marion Briney (A).

Bob Dow, our "co-chairman-in-waiting", has been very busy getting new gigs in Grants Pass. He thinks it is an area that had been very under utilized to date. A fine group played in the lovely dining room at the new Spring Village retirement home in Grants Pass. We were well received, and they want us back again next month.

OOTFA District 4 now has some business cards with names and numbers to contact, as well as jam schedule for the year printed on the back. If you need one, contact one of the officers.

Nice raffle items and door prizes are needed for the convention in Roseburg. Please contact Lola or bring to the March meeting if you can help us out.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. It puts you a mile away, and you have their shoes!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter, District 4

District 5

Chairman: Phil Fry (541)888-2004
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Another month has gone by, and here I am with the March news. With the month of February went some good music opportunities. We played at nursing and retirement homes, played at home jams and had a great jam at Greenacres on the 17th. Those who weren't there missed a great time. More dancers than ever came and filled the dance floor. We love to see you out there having a good time. Thank you Chuck Hasty and Guy Kinman for coming over again from district 10 to share your music with us.

Before the jam, we had a short meeting at which officers for next year were elected. Congratulations to Charlie Miller our next chairman. Larry Gallagher will be the vice- chairman Clirca Miller, secretary and Sharon Gallagher treasurer and membership. All the best to all of you.

Phil and Sheila Fry still have a few months left, but we need to express our appreciation to them for all the time and effort they have put into this district and are still putting into it. Thanks you two, you're working hard and we do appreciate it.

Phil would like to remind you all that there are two scholarships from district 5 available to the Booher workshop this coming Summer. This is for kids with some knowledge of the violin who want to learn more about fiddling. If you have questions or have a youngsters name to submit, call or write Phillip Fry.

Larry Gallagher has talked to several of you who are interested in the guitar workshop. We don't have a date at this time, but we'll let you know.

Our anniversary couple for March is Lloyd and Jean Dunn on March 11th. Congratulations to you!

Birthdays are: Ella Savery March 6th, Bob McKee the 15th, Colleen Osekowsky the 18th, Abbie Shaffar the 28th and Lucille Davidson on the 30th. Happy Birthday to you all!!

If you're new to the district, be sure and let us know when your birthdays and anniversaries are.

Speaking of new, we signed up a new couple this month who are just moving to Winchester Bay. Welcome to Phyllis & Cliff Larson. We enjoyed Cliff's guitar playing and his singing at the Feb. jam.

Some dates you may want to put on your calendars: Bullasrd Beach Park 6:30 May 25th, June 15th, July 27th, Aug. 17th and Sept. 14th St. Catherines 1:30-2:30 May 11th Coquille Senior center play and potluck 5:15 every other last Thursday of the month.

For Florence folks, Shorewood 3:00 March 23rd. We are jamming/practicing at the high school band room (2975 Oak) every Fri. night from 6:30 till about 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Please everyone plan to attend and help out at the Florence Fest on April 5th, 6th & 7th. District 5 is sort of the host of this event held at the Elks Lodge not just those who happen to live in Florence. Fiddlers and music lovers will be coming from all over the State. Let's help them have a good time.

Next month we will not have a district jam as it falls on the weekend of the State convention and jam at Roseburg. We hope you will all be there. It is such a good time! The details are elsewhere in this paper.

Bye for now, Kathy Nash, reporter, District 5

District 6

Chairman: Mark Carmickle (541) 683-9514

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Sec: Maxine Benson (541)746-1083

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The District Six election meeting and jam was held February 4 with the following results: Chairman, Alan Ede; Vice Chairman, Bernie Roberts; Treasurer, Bob Kaiser; Secretary and Membership Secretary, Betty Hawkins. Congratulations to all! The new officers assume their duties July 1.

The Morningstar Grange jam February 11 was the usual success with a pretty good turnout. Present from out-of-district were: Lew and Alice Holt, Bob and Marie Church, Marie and Bob Bailey, Darwin Wattles, Dale Colebank, Chris Lang and Winston and Lola Grant. We were pleased to see to Brian Dunaway, who has recently had major surgery, hoofing it up on the dance floor and playing his fiddle fast as ever.

We are looking forward to the first jam (in recent times) in Oakridge, which is being organized by Bob Strelow. It will be held in the Oakridge Community Center on Sunday, March 4,

from noon to 4 p.m., and is potluck. As the potluck is a change, the jam will start one hour earlier than previously announced. The community center is located one block south of Highway 58 on School Road.

The April (Sunday, April 1) and June (Sunday, June 3) monthly jams will be held at the Crow Grange. The May jam will be on Sunday, May 6 at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon.

Health Notes: Ruth Kennedy has had major surgery, and is on the road to recovery, we are pleased to report.

Happy Birthday to: Wayne Carpenter 3/1; Curly Roberts 3/11; Ruth Kennedy 3/13.
Anniversary congrats to Alan and Carol Ede: 3/17/57.

Joe Moyle, reporter district 6

District 7

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Vice Chair: Jim Toussaint (503) 235-3363

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CALENDAR EVENTS District 7 March 4 Lake Oswego. April 8 Oregon City. May 6 Forest Grove.

Our February Jam was at the Canby Adult Center had about 200 folks in attendance, so that makes it three huge turnouts in a row! Gotta love this music...or is it just an example of hard up for something to do or a reason to get out of the house?? Its great to have the out of district members join us whenever possible!

This year many folks have been willing and good at volunteering for pieces that fit their time, strengths and talents. Based on that here are a list of officers and support staff for District 7 for next year. (Its all going to look pretty familiar to you!)

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Hostesses, coffee+, media connection, hopefully will also be the same set of sweet smiling faces!

Like other districts throughout the state there are several small and always changing groups that play for nursing homes, retired folks, schools, dances, parades, etc.

"Not everyone in OOTFA is aware of The Northwestern Music Jamboree which provides another venue for folks who play and enjoy much of the same music.

It's a welcoming and warm environment and a great place to practice getting up in front of an audience to play! This group, while not a part of the OOTFA, caters to folks who play and enjoy much of the same music. The programs are held the last Sunday of every month at the Gresham Senior Center, 50 NE Elliott Avenue. (NE Corner of Elliott and Powell - parking on-street or in the lot on the north side of the building.) Doors open about 10:30, then circle jams, then brown-bag lunch. The signup program starts about 12:45 and we play about three hours.

And the dues are only "\$6.00 a year!"

About our members: Ed and Lareen Hjelseth, longtime members of the OOTFA both passed away recently. Our thoughts are with their family at this time.

Joe Hamm's wife, Margaret, passed away on February 1. We encourage Joe to come back to the group, we've missed his lovely music!

John Waddingham recently had quadruple bypass surgery, after having experienced two or three unrecognized heart attacks. He sounds to be doing exceptionally well with his recuperation. His voice is strong and his spirit exceptional. Hope he'll be back playing music with us soon.

Jack Smith continues to grace us with his music, for which we are all grateful. Love seeing him play, and joke it up a bit at jams and get-togethers! Keep it up Jack.

The Wells Fargo Group/Gang? recently played for yet another bank reopening, that makes eleven in the last year! Chuck Gates always grabs his banjo to play Jesse James when the armored car pulls in, our joke ... but of course nobody at the bank is the wiser!

Recently about 16 members played for Grace House in Estacada. Dorothy Wehus, and her sisters Mae and Vi's 100 years young father is a resident there. What a great occasion to celebrate! Seeing their dad helps you see where those extra fine genes (jeans ;-) come from!

See you at Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 "G" St. on Sunday, March 4. Might want to get a St. Paddy's day tune ready! Directions are: From 1-205 (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 at the very end of the street.

Your reporter, Pat Gates District 7 (Idea generator, Esther Snider)

District 8

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Co-Chair: Rich Samsom 503-623-5731

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It seems each of our jams is better than the last! What a great time we had at Woodburn on Feb 18th. Alan Ede was there from District 6, and lots of folks from District 7; Pat & Chuck Gates, Helen & John Hakanson, Rob, Kathy, Ellie, Amy & Henry Hakanson, Tom Widman, George Taevs, Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider, Donna & Dick Foreman, Bob Huffman, Don Lanz, Ace and Dorothy Wehus, Frank Williams and Chuck Williams from across the river. These are the ones who played, but all of you listeners who came from District 7 add to our enjoyment too! It is always good to see Barbara Bartholomew who has to drive 120 miles even though she lives in our district. Of course we appreciate all of the regulars from District 8. What a pleasant surprise it was to see Andy and Sandy Hoefler from District 5 drop by with their grand daughter, Cailyln. The Hoeflers live in North Bend. They were the ones that got Alice and me involved with the fiddlers back in the late 70s.

Our officers for the next year (to begin July 1st) will be Dale Colebank, who graciously accepted the chairmanship for another year, Gene Stephenson will be our Vice-chairman, and Chris Lang will be our Secretary-Treasure. Congratulations! And a big "Thank You" to Rich Samsom, for serving as Vice-chair, and Joetta Chrissakis for serving as Sec-Treas this past term. Because of their jobs, neither felt they could dedicate the time to serve again.

We lost two former members this past month. Hank Sabrowski, who you may remember for his enthusiastic style of playing his white painted bass, died in February. Eddie Johnson, a fiddle who used to enter the state contest many years ago, also passed away. Neither had been active in OOTFA for several years.

Polish up your Irish tunes, and wear something green. Begorra, we'll be playing at the annual Irish Stew Dinner in Keizer again this year. The date is SATURDAY March 10th. The place is the Keizer-Salem Area Senior Center, 930 Plymouth. There are always lots of dancers. We can come early, 10 AM or so for early jamming. We are scheduled to eat at noon and to play from 1 to 4 but I just imagine that we'll be playing a lot more than that. No rent to pay, we can pass the hat, and there will be some free food for the musicians. Can't beat that. Specific directions: If you are going down Broadway from Salem, it turns into River Road. Take a right on to Plymouth -- just before Izzy's. If you get to Bi-Mart, you have gone too far, so take a right to Cherry and come back on Cherry to the senior center. Or if you are coming off of I-5 on the Parkway, or from Salem on the Parkway, turn north off the Parkway on to Cherry and a few blocks to the center.

And then the next day, Sunday, March 11, we are invited to play in Aurora for the Spinners who are doing a benefit for the Aurora museum. We don't have the specifics just yet. For sure, we'll have the details when we play in Keizer the day before.

Then looking into the future, mark your calendars for April 22 when we'll have a jam at the Oak Grove Grange out of West Salem. May 12th we'll be playing at 1000 Trails out of Pacific City on the coast. Then third week end is the state contest in Salem. June 30th we'll return to 1000 Trails at the coast. There may be some more that will crop up later.

It is good to hear that Lee Jones is "up and running" again. We look forward to having you back with us, Lee.

If you've never attended the OOTFA convention in Roseburg, plan to do so if you can. It's like a family reunion with lots of visiting, fiddling, eating, fiddling, workshops, fiddling. Well you get the idea! There's a convention schedule in this issue.

Alice Holt, Reporter, District 8

District 9

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Co-Chairman: Don Williams 541-573-6198

Secretary/treasurer/membership: Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

February 4 Jam Senior Center Burns District 9

Howdy! Spring is coming and music is in the air! Jamming is running rampant in District 9. Jams held in February at the Senior Centers in John Day and Burns had good crowds. Several musicians from each area traveled to the other jam. What fun to play with a different group of musicians. It's a great opportunity to learn new tunes, or play old tunes in a different way. Jams are scheduled to continue with a jam in Burns on the first Sunday of the month and a jam in John Day on the third Sunday of the month. Potluck will begin at 1 with music to follow from 2 - 4.

And what a surprise to have Lee Hanna and Peggy Kerr tap me on the shoulder as I was tuning up in John Day. Of course Don and Jack were there to play too. It was great to visit with you all.

We did not elect officers at the February jam because adequate notice was not given prior to the meeting. So....we will hold the election on March 4. The election will be held at 1:45 p.m. prior to jamming. Please turn out and lend your support to the organization. Details concerning the state convention are also on the agenda to discuss.

As always practices are held nearly every Friday night rotating among members with a suitable room to fit us all in. Don and LaWanda Williams have been hosts recently sharing their brand new living room. It's a wonderful place to meet with plenty of space and high ceilings so the music has somewhere to go. Thanks to all who open their homes so we might practice together. Anyone traveling through Burns are encouraged to call if they have time to jam. Sometimes it's possible to pull together an impromptu gathering with short notice and sometimes it is not. If it's possible you know we will play music!

Mark your calendars for the Aspens on March 9 at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor on March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who can make the trip to state convention is encouraged to go. At this point Julia Milleson and Ruel and Margaret Teague are planning on attending. State convention is a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of the folks you read about in the Hoedowner and play music till your fingers give out. You will also hear some of the best old time fiddling around.

March 4 Jam Senior Center Burns, March 18 Jam Senior Center John Day, April 1 Jam Senior Center Burns, April 15 Jam Senior Center John Day, May 6 Jam Senior Center Burns
See you down the road.

Janet Braymen, Reporter, District 9

District 10

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Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501

Co-Sec: Flo Sangsland & Claire Eaton

Greetings from District # 10. At our regular meeting on February 10, 2001 there were 73 members and guests. Election of officers was held and the following were elected. Louie Roy chairman, Jo Barnes Co Chairman, Treasurer Gynn Deaton and Flo Sangsland was appointed Secretary for the years 2001 and 2002.

The State Convention Committees reported that all bases were covered, that District # 10 was responsible for, especially the Wednesday program at the Floral Building starting at 8 AM and lasting until everyone leaves at around 11 PM. District 10 as the Host District for this day, we will have Coffee, Tea bags and Hot water, for the Tea Lovers, Sandwiches, Pastry and Nick Nacks throughout the day and evening and especially a Cordial and Happy Atmosphere.

There will be a sign up and organized Jam starting at 7 PM. We also went on record that the District would buy two gifts totaling \$100.00 to be raffled at off at the State Convention.

When writing district news for the Hoedowner an error or an omission occasionally occurs, so Dave and Lavonne Knapp we are sorry, please accept our apology for not listing you Wedding Anniversary November 17 and Lavonne's Birthday December 5 and Dave's Birthday January 5. We wish all the following members a very happy March Birthday. Jean Hanson, Frances Roy, Ed Doolittle, Jo Barnes, Barbara Sullivan, Helen Bartlett, Kater Gates, Billie Doolittle, Tiny Stinett, Ida Johnson, Dan Vallier and John Parsons. We also wish Hap and Merna Jones a happy Anniversary. Kater Gates went in for surgery February 12 and Dorothy Whaley is taking Chemo treatments and all the members of District 10 extend our prayers and wish them a speedy recovery. Thelma Allen spent a few days in the hospital in January and she said she is feeling better now.

We had several guest from District 5 Del and Clara Thomas, Johnny Davis, Nancy Nugent, Charles and Clirca Miller, Bob Shaffar, Keith and Abbie Shaffar, Ella Savery and Howard Householder. We were also honored to have a bus load of residents from the Garden Valley Retirement Home attend our afternoon jam and dance. This was instigated and organized by Tiny Stinett. Thanks Tiny and we cordially invite them or even a larger group at our next jam and dance March 10, meeting at 11 AM Potluck at 12 PM Jamming an dancing at 1PM until 4PM. Our April meeting will be on April 14 and our May meeting will be on May 12.

For info on State Convention call Louie Roy 541 679 6305

Jean Hanson, reporter, District 10 (541-672-6929)

Sally sez:

Well, it is hard to believe it is time to write this report again already...where is our time going? I've heard from all of my "old" friends that time passes faster the older you get...well let me tell you.....I think that is true... mercy.

Well, I hope you all have been playing lots of music and having lots of fun. We certainly have been. There is no time like the present to learn a new tune and that is what I have been trying to do. I also went back the other day and played all of the tunes I first learned when I started in the fiddlers in 1982. Wow, some of those tunes were really great and I plan to bring them out again (especially to see if i can remember them) I hear that is an "age" thing too...hah, well if we keep our mind sharp by trying to remember and doing other "thinkin things" I really believe we can stay sharp. So my goal is to "stay sharp" and remember everything I need to and forget the stuff that really is not important. I hope you all do the same too.

We are really looking forward to convention in Roseburg. We are sure it will be a great time of fun and songs, music everywhere. We want to see smiles on all of those faces and people enjoying each other and the music we make so wonderfully when we are all together. We have some great work shops Friday and Saturday. Greg Baker will be doing a beginners workshop Sat. morning at 9:00 and a twin fiddling or harmony workshop Sat. afternoon at 2:00. These are intended to be hour long work shops, just as our other ones too. There will be backup guitar, jam tunes, an advanced tune and a swing tune workshop all held on Friday. So come, enjoy, learn, have a great time and support your organization at the state level at convention. Also be in thought who you would have in the leadership positions next year (it doesn't pay much, but it sure helps a lot of people) and if it would be you, please let Gene Williams or any district chairperson know of your burning desire. God bless you all and look forward to seeing you and making wonderful music together... see you in a couple of weeks and remember; wear a smile and you will have friends, wear a frown and you will have wrinkles...Sally

From the editor:

June 8-9, 2001 – 32nd Annual Wallowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest, Cloverleaf hall, Enterprise. Friday at 7 pm (dinner available 4-8:30 pm, with desserts and beverages till end of evening – extra cost); Preliminaries Saturday at 1 pm with finals at 7 pm. (Lunch and dinner available – extra cost). All divisions except the two for Wallowa county residents on Friday, are open to fiddlers from other areas and states. This is a "traditional old time fiddling" contest. If you need a motel room, call early – other activities in town that week end. for information, contact Charles Trump, 541-886-7885, or e-mail, chastrump@yahoo.com, or check us out at www.fiddlerscontest.org.

Would like to remind you to notify Myrtle Arnold of your address changes. Sure cuts down on the confusion. If you get an e-mail address, please let Myrtle and Lew know or if you change your e-mail address, please let them know.

Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider and others have made a very fine CD of old time fiddle music. The proceeds are being dedicated to Pat Gates from District 7 who is experiencing cancer and the battle that goes to beat it. For this reason all profits from the sale of this CD will be shared equally between the American Cancer Society and OOTFA. The CDs will be available at the state convention in March in Roseburg and the months that follow. You are encouraged to buy one (or more) for the fine music and to bolster the causes for which the sales serve. If you want an audio cassette tape, they will be available, too. This is a noble thing that the gang is doing – many dollars from their own pockets. They are willing do this because they feel that it is a worthy cause.

State convention --

March 14, 15, 16, and 17 Roseburg
State quarterly meeting and annual meeting March 17
Florence Fiddle Festival April 5 – 7 Florence
State contest -- May 18 and 19 Salem
High Dessert Jamboree Burns – June 14 - 16
Weiser – the third full week end in June – June 18 - 23
Mt. Hood Campout - July 19 – 22
Willamette Valley contest – Aug. 4 Corvallis
Diamond Lake Campout – Aug. 2 - 5
August 25 Canyonville Contest
1000 Trails – Sep. 15 - 17

Diamond Lake -- It is Aug. 2,3,4,5, we leave the 6th. It is going to cost us for the hall this year but if every one enjoys it, it will be worth it. If I could find another spot as nice I would do it.
Irene Ruddock

Several districts have donated to the contest fund already. District 5 donated \$500, District 8 \$500 and District 10 \$250. You can't imagine how we appreciate each of these contributions -- as well as the many personal contributions we have already received. Your support is tremendous. This fall and winter Fred and Charlotte Hardin have been selling chances on a brand new guitar that they are donating. They will be selling chances at the convention. The other day I received a phone call from Wally Bloom. He said something like, "Lew, let's donate a fiddle for the raffle." So Wally and I have formed a team and together we will have a nice fiddle, case and bow at the convention. We hope that you will support us with your purchases of raffle tickets for both the guitar and fiddle.

President Sally asked me to be in charge of the Friday night show at the convention this year. I asked each district chairman to give me names of two fiddle players. I filled out the program with other specials -- banjo, vocals, and special fiddle players who are great entertainers and/or state champions.

. We received a call from "Sleep Inn & Suites" in Roseburg inviting you "motel people" to check them out. They are offering special group rates for the "Old Time Fiddlers Convention." Just ask for the . . . "Fiddlers Convention" rates. They are located at 2855 NW Edenbower Blvd., Roseburg 97470 (I-5 Exit 127) 541-464-8338 or toll free 1-800-753-3746.

By the time you receive this Hoedowner, the roster for this year will have been printed. Only those whose dues are current or who are Life members are included in the roster.

Check out the Homepage of Missouri Fiddling: <http://home.earthlink.net/~geezer57/>

Wanted; Mandolin for beginner. Sound quality more important than looks. Gloria Myers
Dist. 1E 541-947-5442

If you did not receive an e-mail letter from me about the 21st telling about the web site being updated, please drop me an e-mail, it means that I do not have your e-mail address in my address book. Thanks. lewholt@aol.com

Video story. Today I received a call from a young lady who has been watching Ace's videos on Channel 5 in Canby. The fiddle music challenged her to rekindle her father's interest in fiddling. She looked up the Weiser web site, saw my name and called me. So now we should

have two new fiddlers in this area. I talked to Lee Jones on the radio tonight. He told me that he met an old time fiddler from Arkansas so maybe we have a new fiddler from his area.

OOTFA web site. The new site has not been updated as of this writing. Have faith but the old site members.aol.com/lewholt is up and running so use it until the new site is established.

One Hundred Fifty copies of the second edition of the Story of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers book have been printed and are now available. Copies are available through most district secretaries. The price is \$6.00. If you want to order one from me by mail, the price is \$8.00. The new edition has a binder that is accepted by libraries. Several members have already purchased copies to donate to their city libraries. You are invited to do the same.

On the last page of the second printing I listed the wrong secretary/treasurer for 2000-01. It should have been Irene Ruddock. I am correcting about 125 issues but another 25 issues went out with out the correction. I would encourage you to get the correction sticker from me or neatly cross out Myrtle Arnold and write in Irene Ruddock. Sorry about that.

Lew Holt, Editor

Convention information: We will be renting the Floral building for Wednesday at the convention for the early birds who want to be inside to jam and to greet their friends. District 10 will serve as our host. We take up a donation on Wednesday to pay for the rent. Thursday we will be in the main fair building. The cafeteria will be open, you may register, buy banquet tickets, greet your friends, jam and just have fun. Thursday night we will have a "sign up jam" by drawing. Friday will be more of the same, workshops, and the drawings on the hour. The show that night is by invitation. Lew Holt is in charge of it. The quarterly meeting will be Saturday morning and the annual meeting after lunch. The banquet that evening and the dance to follow.

It has been a tradition for many years to have hourly drawings on Friday. It is both fun and then at the same time, it encourages people to be in the hall in order to be eligible for the prize (Your friend can't pick up the prize for you.) Sally encourages as many of you as possible to bring a nice prize to the convention for the drawings. Think what you would like to receive and bring one that others would like to receive. There are also those special items that will have tickets sold just for them -- maybe a beautiful afghan or a fiddle or a guitar or. . . . ? We have already received some interesting items for the drawings and raffles.

Camping is available at the near by campground or dry camping outside the main hall.

You are encouraged to come to the convention, participate in the many activities, enjoy the shows, look at the photo albums, eat in the cafeteria. . . . all of you are encouraged to attend the banquet Saturday night. After the banquet each district will play 15 minutes or so for the dance that evening.