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

Feb.

1 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 1 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 2 Green Springs Trailer Court Klamath Falls 1
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 2 Elks Sweet Home 6
 8 Fiddle Contest Gaston
 9 Shasta Grange Hall Klamath Falls 1
 9 Adult Center Canby 7
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 15 Bay Area Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 16 Grange Crow 6
 16 Guthrie Park Dallas 8

Mar.

1 Rogue River Community Ctr. Rogue River 4
 2 Green Springs Trailer Court Klamath Falls 1
 2 VFW Redmond 3
 8 Senior Center Keizer 8
 9 Shasta Grange Hall Klamath Falls 1
 9 Adult Center Lake Oswego 7
 9 Senior Center Burns 9
 13,14,15 State Convention

April

5 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 24, 25, 26 Newport State/8

May

8-11 Campout Silver Lake 1E
 11 Senior Center Forest Grove 7
 16, 17 State Contest Salem

June

6-7 Cloverleaf hall Enterprise - BMOTFA
 12,13, 14 High Desert Jamboree Burns
 16-21 National Contest Weiser

July

3,4,5 Campout 1
 17, 18, 19 Mt. Hood Campout State/7
 31 – Aug. 2 Drift Fence Campout BMOTFA
 High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree
 July 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd 3rd and leave the 4th.

Aug.

2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis

23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville
Sep.
11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state

District 1

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Greetings to everyone from a wet, muddy Klamath Falls. Where did our winter go? Someone up there forgot us this winter it seems, one long, wet, fall is about all we got so far, but it ain't over yet, so wish us luck for some good ol snow. Things have slowed down here pretty much, had a good turnout at the last nursing home gig, and are hoping for another good one next month.

Our 1/12 jam at the Shasta Grange hall was a lot of fun for us here who didn't know how to waltz, foxtrot, and boxstep. Fred braved the herd of klutses and toe-stompers to help us out and give us a fun lesson. And by George, I think some of us are gettin it too! Hopefully we didn't scare him too awful bad and he'll be back for more lessons next month! If you're interested, come on out and give it a try with us, it's lots of fun!! (Even got Jo out of the kitchen for a spin around the floor with us!)

1/15 we're going to try out a new rest home out on Homedale St.

1/18 in Chemult is the sled dog races, lots of fun for those who travel that distance.

**** Don't forget to mark your calendars for July 3, 4, and 5, our Dist. 1 Campout down in N. CA. More details later on in the year.

Ray Lane is still out and under the weather, keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The 21st is Vivian Burden's B- day..

Our jams on the 9th of Feb and March are at the Shasta Grange Hall, Klamath Falls and the Meetings 2/2 and 3/2 are at the Green Springs Trailer Court, Klamath Falls. We hope you can join us.

Hope everyone is feeling pretty good this month, and looking forwards to a great year of great music and lots of fun. Remember to smile lots (ever notice that if you smile lots, other folks start to smile too?), give time to love, time to talk and time to share the precious thoughts in your mind, and whenever them roses bloom, take the time to smell them!!! Till next month, Sherry O wishing everyone health and happiness from Dist. 1

Sherry O, District 1 reporter

District 1E

Chairman: Terry McLain
Co-Chairman: Larry McLain
Treasurer: Shorty Stone
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Remember our February 1st jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. The potluck runs from 6:30 to 7:00 then we'll play music until it is time to go home.

Dec. 21 District 1E had a float in the Christmas Light Parade. It was rather cool but all on the float had fun. It was stated that it was more fun getting ready. Afterwards we had fun, food and music at the Homer McLain home.

January 4th was our first jam of the new year. We had good attendance. All of us had fun. We especially enjoyed watching the little folks dance.

January 11 Terry and Larry McLain attended the State OOTFA meeting in Springfield. Good report given at the meeting.

Jan. 13 was our regular monthly meeting. It was held at the Terry McLain home. The regular meeting place was closed down.

Feb. 10 will be our regular meeting where the election of our new officers will be the big topic. If you don't want to be put into office, be there to defend yourself. The Feb. 10 meeting will be at the Terry McLain's home again unless you are otherwise notified.

Mark your calendars for our campout. We'll be at Silver Lake from May 8 through the 11th. We had a very good time last year and look forward to even more fun this year. Come one, come all.

Membership dues are past due for those who haven't paid for 2003.

With the weather being good as it is, several have been traveling.

Keep safe and enjoy your music when and where ever you can.

Myrle Shepard, District 1E reporter.

District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach (541) 389-6030

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Looks like we missed winter this year! Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. Valentine is around the corner and hope you find a sweetheart. Our last VFW show was standing room only. The music was great and a lot of people dancing. What a great show!!!! We welcome a new drop in visitor from Waco Texas Joann Uptmor's fiddle player.

Redmond library jams are February 11th and March 11th at 7 to 9 pm.

Next VFW show in Redmond is February 2nd 1:30 to 4 pm. All musicians need to come a little early to sign up if they can. There will be a meeting to follow. We encourage all to be there.

We welcome new member Don Loyd from Bend who plays guitar, piano, bass and mandolin.

The State Quarterly meeting was held in Springfield January 11th, there was food and music to follow the meeting. A great turnout and nice to see old friends again.

Be thinking of who to elect for officers at the Roseburg State Convention on March 13, 14 and 15th. Hope to see everyone there to play music and just have fun.

District 3 will be having their election after the Redmond VFW show on Sunday February 2nd. Be thinking of who you want to elect for chairman, co-chair and secretary/ treasurer. Also Earlene Ervin will need someone who is energetic and is interested in advertisement for the District 3 OOTFA. Please don't forget your \$15.00 dues or you will not receive your Hoedowner. District 3 would like to thank Betty Fullerton for being our secretary/treasurer for 5 years, she has done a great job!!!:).

Peggy Kerr called and would like to thank the OOTFA and District 3 for being so supportive and caring. Thanks District 3 for the flowers and card . She is still holding her own and doing well. We will keep her in our prayers to heal her body.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music. Have a great Valentines Day. :0)

Ellen Jakab, Reporter District 3

District 4

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Feb 1 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass
Mar 1 Rogue River Community Ctr., Rogue River
Apr 5 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

The January meeting and jam at Eagle Point Grange had "liquid sunshine" outside, but lots of sunshine, fun, and activity inside! I think we have the inside track on great cooks, 'cuz the potluck, as usual, was superb (and who ate too much?). Visitors were Sheila McHugh and Lane Becker, friends of Judy Lyon.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mary Lute, a long time associate member who died this month. Mona Givens is on the mend following her stroke, but doesn't get around well enough yet to tote that big bass. Glen Williams has been unable to get out and play his good guitar music. We miss all these special folks.

Our community service hours this month totaled 121. . . and we had 1249 for the year! Thanx to all musicians who rack these up, with all the travel, effort and talent, not to mention strings, rosin and picks! But also thanks to all the other volunteers who make it work. Our nominating committee is working on our slate for next month and note they are progressing. Marie Mickey reports that we signed up 39 new members in 2002!

Our equipment inventory is now complete, and we have our primary equipment, secondary set, a setup for Mary Armstrong for our Grants Pass gigs, and a small set for our emcee at meetings and jams. The surplus equipment is now up for bid. The new equipment is totally paid for, and we still have about the same balance in our treasury as last year. Lots of gigs!

The Pear Blossom Parade will be on April 12, with Gene Williams coordinating. If you plan to play, contact Gene, as space is limited on the float.

Pat Manion and Joan, Gene and Lola Williams, and Judy McG attended the Quarterly Meeting in Springfield. Being only one day, a member remarked it's "not even enough time to get tuned up". Hey, t'was lots of fun anyway!

Jewett Elementary School sent a thank you for the fiddle demo at their music class. These kids don't hear our good music often enough.

Please wear your name badges so we can identify you. Faces are familiar, but we need names. Some of us just don't remember as well as we once did. Must be because our brains are too full of all those tunes we can't remember either! Help us out and wear yours.

We continue to have a pretty full schedule in all the surrounding area. More and more folks are hearing about us and enjoying the good old music. Our good/bad news is that we are almost outgrowing some of our locations. We ran out of chairs at the last two jams. Guess folks will have to dance more!

Remember: You've got to be original, because if you're like someone else, what do they need you for? But then, clones are people too!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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February 15

Bay Area Senior Center

Coos Bay

Dist. 5

Here I am in my hometown-Tacoma, WA., helping my youngest daughter and her family, due to illness, surgeries, and her Daycare Center. Her family is all on their way to recovery and I thought I had better get this report out before the deadline expires. (oops! Now her Daycare kids are coming down sick!). Better days are coming- I'm sure!

ATTENTION: Good news to report- The State President and his wife have asked Bev Hill to do a banjo work shop at the state convention in Roseburg. She will cover a multitude of things such as rhythm, timing, practice tips, musical manners, and basic banjo back-up techniques for playing behind a fiddler, other musicians or singers using the Three-finger picking style on a 5-string banjo. Bev says she feels honored to be asked to address these topics and District 5 feels honored to have one of our members chosen to do this workshop. Congratulations Bev, we are proud of you!

Harold Householder has asked me to print this in the paper. It seems he lost a big serving spoon at our January potluck. He said he had H-5 printed on the handle. If anyone finds it please bring it to our February Jam. We hope you find it Harold.

Among our sick are Helen Serfass, Charlie and Clirca Miller. Helen must spend an hour or two having a treatment at the hospital everyday. Charlie and Clirca are having problems with their allergies. Pat Kraemer has been having some medical problems...he has a bad foot...not walking too well, so he's been staying home a bit more than usual. We have all of you in our prayers and ask that God's divine healing power will touch each of you.

Our February playing dates will be as follows: Feb. 5th: Ocean View 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. -- Heritage Place (main lobby) 3:00-4:00 p.m. -- Feb. 12th: Inland Point 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. -- Ocean Crest 1:30-2:30 p.m. -- Feb. 14th: Baycrest Village (formerly St. Catherines) 1:30-3:00 p.m. -- Feb. 19th: Oerding Manor 1:00-2:00 p.m. -- Myrtle Point Care Center 2:45-3:45 p.m. -- Feb. 26th: Life Care 1:30-2:30 p.m.

This month we will not have a meeting but we will hold our monthly potluck and "JAM" on February 15th. The potluck will start at noon with the "JAM" to follow from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.. This event will be held at the Bay Area Senior Center. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us.

Happy Birthday wishes to Shelby Burt and Frankie Williams on Feb. 4th, Bev Hill on Feb. 11th, Betty McKee on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th), Debbie Reaves on Feb. 18th, Lela Osborne and Sid Earles on Feb. 20th, Georgia Williams on Feb. 22nd and Mardy Kidwell on Feb. 23rd. Congratulations to all of you.

Congratulations to Ron and Mary Lou Sayler who will be celebrating their 51st anniversary on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th). Happy Anniversary!!!!

FLASH: The district 5 jam was very well attended and everyone had a great time. Louis Roy and Guy Kinman came from Roseburg . We always enjoy their visits.

Before the jam and great potluck, we had a short meeting at which we elected the officers for this year. Our present administration will leave office as of the end of June. Our new officers are, Ken Jordan as chairman, Larry Gallagher as co-chair, Kathy Nash as secretary and Sharon Gallagher will continue as treasurer. We also agreed to give scholarships of \$200.00 to up to three youngsters who want to go to the Booher music camp. Also, we agreed to donate \$500.00 to the State contest this year, and to send \$200.00 to the Canyonville contest.

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter-Dist. 5

District 6

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The state quarterly meeting in Eugene on January 11 was well attended. The younger Boohers put in a much appreciated appearance, with the Boohers parents and grandparents in the audience to hear them. The meeting was well attended by several hundred people; the jam list ran to fifty or sixty names.

The following day, Sunday, there was an even larger jam at the Senior Center in memory and celebration of the life of "Slim Jim" Powell, guitar player and longtime fixture of OOTFA jams. Jim died suddenly on February 8. Many people offered personal memories of Jim, who will be missed by all.

There will be another of the Sweet Home Elks breakfast-and-jam jams on Sunday, February 2. Breakfast costs \$3.00 and is served until 11:00 a.m. Come early and jam late.

The next district meeting will be at Crow grange on Sunday, February 16; potluck, jam and election meeting. The meeting will be after the potluck and hopefully will be short. There are no candidates for any of the offices (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary).

We are still looking for a volunteer(s) to make three center pieces for the State Convention banquet. The Fiddlers organization, be it noted, is a VOLUNTARY association which cannot function if people do not volunteer, and not just in the table decoration department!

Health Notes: Curly Roberts, we were pleased to note at the State jam, is up and about after being banged up in a fall. Jim Bottoms, we are regret to report, is under the weather; we hope for a speedy recovery.

Thanks to: Karen Weiner, for her help in the kitchen during the January meeting, and to all others who assisted. Special thanks to Allison Roberts and others for wrapping and distributing Christmas presents to nursing homes.

Happy birthday to: Alvin "Red" Ross, 2/3; Maxine Benson 2/10; Hazel Walker 2/15; Vera Cregar 2/15; Phyllis Coffin 2/20; Bryan Dunaway, 2/25.

Happy anniversary to: Wayne and Helen Tracy, 2/28/48.
Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

District 7

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Our January 5 Jam at the Gladstone Senior Center was well-attended and appreciated. Forty musicians signed up and played. Even though we cut the pre-jam short, we still went over our allotted time. The audience stayed for the whole thing. The Center people were very understanding and helpful. Folks love this music! Pat and Chuck Gates explained to the

audience about the foot raise to signal the end of the tune then gave an example with an "end of tune ballet". It was well-received and understood.

District 7 has one new member this month. It's Heather Ulbricht, a young teen-aged fiddler who lives in Sandy. She and her grandmother Zelda Ulbricht have been taking lessons from Donna Foreman.

Joy Smith reported that Archie Erickson died on December 30 in an Oregon City hospice. He was 101. He was a long time member of OOTFA and The Fiddle Stix. We all extend our condolences to his friends and family.

Joe Hamm is housebound while taking care of an injured relative and needs folks to come to his house to jam with him. If you've got some time to play music with Joe, call him at 503-282-2684 to set up a time to visit and play.

Team Gaston's Fiddle Contest is gaining momentum. I have had several inquiries from far-away places from people who want to join in. Lots of people, young and old, are planning on taking part. Pre-registration is free, or pay \$3.00 the day of the contest. The community of Gaston is working very hard to make this a success - at no cost to the Fiddlers. Let's go help make it a fiddlin' fest! Saturday February 8 is the day. Gaston is between Forest Grove and McMinnville on State Highway 47. The contest is at the High School.

The convention in Roseburg is coming up in March. Word on the street is that the table decorations are finished already thanks to some anonymous leprechauns. We do need everyone's help in donating good raffle items to raise funds for our Association. Everyone who is going to Roseburg, please bring some good quality raffle items.

The year 2003 is getting off to kind of a slow start for fiddlers. I'm sure this will change as we get through the winter. Our February Jam will be on Sunday February 9 at the Canby Senior Center, 1250 South Ivy Street in Canby. If you are going south on 99E, turn left at Ivy. The center is on the left in almost a mile. Our March Jam will be March 9 at the Lake Oswego Senior Center, 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. Our April Jam will be April 13 at the Oregon City Pioneer Community Center at 615 5th Street in Oregon City. In May our Jam will be at the Forest Grove Senior Center, 2037 Douglas Street in Forest Grove. All these senior centers have plenty of good parking. On Monday May 19 sometime between 6 - 9 p.m. some fiddlers will be needed to play at The Wagons (The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City). I'll have more information as we get closer to the date, but mark your calendars now.

Stay on the music road.

Linda Easley for District 7

District 8

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Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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Woodburn, OR 97071

On January 19th we gathered at the Woodburn Community Center for a meeting and jam. Chairman Dennis Brutke conducted a very good meeting. We elected officers to start their term July 1. These will be Dennis Brutke, chair; Jackie Stephenson, co-chair; and Christine Lang, secretary treasurer. Jackie will continue to do membership for the district. Thank you Dennis and Chris for accepting another year in your positions, and thank you Jackie for your willingness to serve.

I know I've said it before, but the jam at Woodburn was one of the best yet! Great turnout of district 8 folks (welcome to our newer members!) Good to have Charlie Gibson with us, along with daughter Charmin and family. Our district 7 visitors were much appreciated too. You add much to

our jams! AND, we were especially glad to welcome Janet Brayman with her hammered dulcimer. Janet is on a temporary assignment in Portland, so we hope to see her often. Wish we could keep her here, but probably district 9 would arrive enmasse to retrieve her!

Many thanks to those who carried chairs (and had to bring out more chairs for the large audience), swept floors, made coffee, and all the other nitty gritty things. A big THANK YOU to Jim Haskell who donated a nice guitar to be raffled with proceeds going to the OOTFA contest.

District 8 was well represented at the OOTFA quarterly meeting. It's always good to see our friends from around the state, and hear new tunes.

Saturday January 18 the Oregon Coast Trails Association asked for a small group of fiddlers to play during their board meeting. The meeting was at Champoeg State Park. Colebanks, Holts, and Chris Lang played for the small, but friendly audience while they ate lunch. Then we were invited to eat and watch an enjoyable slide show of historic reenactments in the northwest. We only received a small amount in donations for District 8, but it was fun.

Bob Bailey had cataract surgery in January. He's looking (pun intended) forward to seeing better! But then he wrenched his knee, so is still taking it easy.

The February Jam will be a celebration of Lew and Alice's 50th anniversary. Holts will be providing finger food, beverage and cake. It'll be a regular jam, so bring your instruments and sign up to play. We'll have some family and friends there too. Remember NO GIFTS. Your presence will be your gift to us. And if the weather doesn't cooperate or you have other obligations, we'll understand.

The date is Sunday, February 16th. The place is Guthrie Park. We will have the hall open by ten o'clock. So come early, stay late. Here's how to find the building: It's 3 miles south of Dallas and Dallas is about 20 miles west of Salem. From Salem take hwy 22 west to the junction with hwy 18. Continue straight ahead. Take left to Dallas (this crosses hwy 18). Continue into Dallas staying on the main street through downtown. At Washington St. turn right. Follow signs that say Falls City and/or Kings Valley. Continue about 3 miles. Guthrie is on the left, there's a sign. You can't miss it.

Thought for the month: "Some trees are tall, some trees are small, but each has its own beauty."

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chairman: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

A much needed rainfall didn't dampen the spirits of those who met Jan. 12th for the senior center potluck and jam session. Joining us from Mt. Vernon was bass player Phil Drain who brought a beautiful lap steel he had handcrafted from juniper. Lloyd Louie and Walt Cooper gave it a try-out during the break and it sounded great. Also the Otley girls, Lisa and Brenda, from Princeton played a selection of fiddle tunes and their mom Debbie played along on the guitar.

Associate member Virginia Coble will be undergoing back surgery in Boise and we wish her well.

Kudos to the ladies who get the coffee started and take care of the potluck and food tables and Walt Cooper, our sound system man, who always opens up early to set up the system and move the tables so there will be plenty of room for the dancers. Thanks

We all wish Janet Braymen the best while she is working in Portland the next four months. Look for her at some of your jams.

Feb 9th will be our next potluck and jam: potluck 1:00 til 2:00 and music 2:00 til 4:00. Aspens in the 14th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor on the 17th at 6:30. The care home folks really look forward to our visits.

Elections will be held at the March 9th meeting.

Julia Milleson, reporter, District 9

District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Co Chairman: Louie Roy 541 679 6305

Treasurer: Gynn Deaton 541 839 4501

Secretary: Flo Sangsland 541 874 3195

Membership: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greeting from District 10, We are very busy putting the final touches on the State Convention to be held in Roseburg, Oregon March 12,13,14 and 15 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Exit 123. On Wednesday, March 12, the Floral Building will be open at 8 AM for the early bird to jam, dance ,visit or just relax. District 10 will have Coffee, Tea, Sandwiches, Finger Food and Pastries for all to enjoy throughout the day and evening. At 7 PM there will be an organized sign up jam and this will last until all who want to participate can do so and this will be hosted by District 10.

Again this year Breakfast will be served in the Community Building Starting at 8 AM until 10 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be served starting at 11AM until 2 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Thursday and Friday there will be a special dinner menu for all to enjoy starting at 4 PM until 7 PM. Again this year we will use the Fairgrounds PA system, it is not only convenient, but it also cuts down on hernias, smashed toes and torn muscles, and it is as good or better than most PA systems we used in the past.(Please Note Louie Roy And Lew Holt Are In Charge Of The PA And They Will Make Any Changes Or Adjustments) Louie Roy will be the go between - between the OOTFA and the Fairgrounds any questions contact him.

At our meeting January 25 officers for the years 2003 and 2004 were elected ,but since it is too late to get their names in the February issue of the Hoedowner, their names will appear in the March issue.

Birthdays for February are Dorothy Meadows. Anniversaries for February are Robert and Dorothy Meadows. Members on the sick list are Geneva Perry and Ed Doolittle. Dennis Allen spent a few days in the hospital but is feeling better now. I also heard that Darleen Smith had surgery which was successful and she is home recuperating

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: Greetings to everyone. We had a good turnout at Springfield with lots of good food, music and a productive meeting. Fred Hardin, the Contest Review Committee Chairman, gave the committee report and it was unanimously accepted by the board. The Board then made a motion and seconded to reactivate the Review Committee, giving it a new purpose and the name "Official State Fiddle Contest Rules Review Committee". This will give the Committee four meetings to review and change, if necessary, any standing rules to be voted on at the 2004 convention. The board is now hard at work on this project.

In following the rules set forth in our by laws to the State Fiddle Contest, I have appointed Starr McMullen, Lew Holt, Donna Reuter, Pat and Chuck Gates as the State Fiddle Contest Committee. Their terms will run thru May 31, 2003. At that time a new committee will be appointed with Starr McMullen, Lew Holt and three more to follow at a later date.

It is time once more for election of officers at our state convention in March. Yes, I am going to run for your President again and I would welcome all of your support. Pat Manion is Nominating Committee Chairman. After seven dedicated years, Helen Tracy would like someone to take over her position. During that time, Helen has sold over \$11,000 worth of name tags and memorabilia. WOW! Thank you Helen for an outstanding job. Thank you Wayne for all of your help and support.

Arrangements are well underway for the convention. Fred Hardin is in charge of the Friday night show. Jo Barnes has made new arrangements for the banquet dinner as Kings Table went out of business. The banquet price will be \$14.50 per person. Thank you Jo and Louie for all of your advanced work. You both deserve a well earned pat on the back.

As of this writing, there will be workshops for fiddle, bass, guitar, 5 string banjo & claw hammer banjo. Times and place will be posted at Roseburg. I would like to extend an invitation to all of our out of state members to join us at our convention.

Until next time,
Ed

Notes from the Editor:

Do you have a guitar or mandolin or that you might donate for the raffle? Remember I wrote that last month? Well, Jim Haskcall came to me to ask if we would like to have his extra guitar. We sure do! It is a nice, clean guitar. Anybody would be pleased to own it. Thanks a million to Jim for his donation. Vivian Williams has donated 60 audio cassette tapes – excellent fiddle music. These cassettes will be offered to those who buy 6 chances for \$5.00. You can't beat a deal like that – 6 chances and a \$10.00 cassette. George Taevs and the Swing Time group have offered 10 of their CDs for the same bargain. The drawings will be at the convention. Also, included in the same drawing will be a full size fiddle, a 1/10 size fiddle and a nice harmonica donated by Frank Geelan. There are sure some generous people out there. And I read in the District 5 news that they have donated a generous contribution to the state contest. Another "atta boy."

Philip Fry – violin maker. Why don't you check out his new web site. <http://www.fryviolins.com/> I did.

Gaston Old Time Fiddlers' Jubilee Contest information. The community of Gaston is excited and willing to support a contest – beyond belief. The whole community will be involved. (High school classes, band, boy scouts, churches, lodges, business community, etc.) There will be a food stand during the day and there will be a roast beef dinner before the contest starts in the evening. There will be raffles, competition for selling most tickets, and \$100 for the contestant who comes the farthest for the contest. And more. They are challenging us to get out the contestants so they can establish a contest in Gaston that will compliment our state contest, the Willamette Valley Contest and the Canyonville Contest. Let's not let them down. All day tickets -- \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for Seniors and \$3.00 for students.

High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree -- Diamond Lake Campout
July 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd 3rd and leave the 4th. Check with Irene Ruddock for more details.

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. Our Address is LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or you can buy them from Lew Holt.

Saturday, February 15, 7 to 9 PM, the Hakanson Family will appear in a FREE concert at the Boots & Spurs Restaurant, 519 SW Beech Rd in Estacada, (503) 630-5092.

From the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers -- the campout at Drift Fence is July 31 through Aug 2. Info, contact Charles Trump at 541-886-7885 or E-mail cntrump@uwtc.net.

Please take note of this announcement from the BMOTFA -- the 34th Fiddlers Contest is June 6-7 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Same info phone and E-mail. Will have flyers out hopefully by the end of January.

Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144. Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested in any of his fine videos. He not only has videos but has branched out into DVDs and CDs of many of our performances.

I was pleased to see everybody at the quarterly meeting in Springfield but I was especially pleased to see Dennis and Thelma Allen. And we couldn't keep them off the stage -- good to see them out again. It was nice of Louie Roy to bring them. I had a nice visit with Dave Boyd. Those of you who were not members 20 years ago, missed something. Dave was a great bass player. Thanks Darla for bringing David.

Lew Holt, Editor

GASTON OLD-TIME FIDDLERS JUBILEE GASTON, OREGON

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 8, 2003

6:30 to 10:30 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST /\$6 Adult...\$3 Children

Gaston Fire Hall, Main St, Gaston, Oregon 503-985-7575

8:30 a.m. Snack Bar Opens

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION - Gaston High School Gym

9:00 a.m. Contestants and Judges Meeting

9:30 a.m. On Stage Jam

9:50 a.m. Invocation

9:55 a.m. Presentation of Colors - Gaston Cub Scouts

10:00 a.m. Introduction of Judges

10:05 a.m. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS BEGIN

Adults, Jr-Jr, Open

12:45 p.m. Judges' Jubilee

1:00 p.m. General Raffle - \$1.00, 6/5.00

1:00 p.m. PRELIMINARY ROUNDS CONTINUE

Pee Wee, Junior, Jr.-Jr Finals, Senior, Open

3:50 p.m. AWARDS CEREMONY - Pee Wee and Jr.-Jr.

4:00 p.m. Large Raffle Prizes Give Away

4:30 p.m. Food and Table Set-up - Gaston Boy Scouts and K of P

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. ROAST BEEF DINNER /Roast Beef, Baked Potato,

Vegetable, Desert and Drink

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. On Stage Entertainment - Program by Lew Holt

6:35 p.m. Judges' Jubilee

6:55 p.m. Special Presentation

7:00 p.m. Introduction of Judges
7:05 p.m. CHAMPIONS' ROUND JUBILEE
Juniors, Adult, Senior and Open
9:45 p.m. AWARDS CEREMONY
10:00 p.m. On Stage Jam.

T.E.A.M. Gaston thanks everyone who contributed to this program.,
the many volunteers, contestants, sponsors and you our guests.
Thank you for coming as the kids in Gaston are direct beneficiaries.
We want to especially thank the Knights of Pythias for all of their
assistance.