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

May

3 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 3 Eagle Point Grange Eagle Point 4
 4 Green Springs Trailer Park K. F. 1
 4 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6
 8-11 Campout Silver Lake 1E
 10 Community Building Woodburn 8
 10 Community Building Winston 10
 11 Shasta Grange 1
 11 Senior Center Forest Grove 7
 13 Library Redmond 3
 16, 17 State Contest Salem OOTFA
 17 Senior Activity Center Coos Bay 5
 25 Community Center Oakridge 6

June

6-7 Cloverleaf Hall Enterprise – BMOTFA
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 7 Elsie Stuhr Beaverton 7
 7 Picnic Amity 8
 8 Community Center Estacada 7
 12,13, 14 High Desert Jamboree Burns
 14 State quarterly meeting Burns
 16-21 National Contest Weiser

July

3,4,5 Campout Montigue 1
 5 Community Center Rogue River 4
 12 Oakridge 6
 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 4th.

Aug.

2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 2 Jam and picnic Central Coast 5/6
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state
 2004

Feb. 7 Contest Gaston

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Hi Everyone – I'm Fran Coker, your new Field Reporter for District 1. How can you tell it's spring in Klamath Falls? Because the birds are singing, we've turned our clocks ahead, and it snowed at our mid-April jam session! Old Man Winter wasn't quite ready to let go of us apparently. But we have some great events coming up this cheery month of May. We'll be performing at the ever popular 16th annual Horse Packing and Wilderness Skills Clinic on Friday May 2nd at 4 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The clinic goes on all weekend, but not us.

On Saturday, May 31st, you can find us at Jefferson Mall at 1 p.m., helping to celebrate Western Days. Yeeha! And of course, our regularly scheduled jam sessions: Sunday May 4th at Green Springs Trailer Park, Sunday May 11th at Shasta Grange (both from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and Thursday May 22nd at Clairmont.

Even though it's a ways off – please be sure to mark your calendars for the OOTFA Music Campout on July 3rd, 4th & 5th at the Klamath River Country Estates RV Park. Great fun, great food, great music, and of course – great hosts! (Dist #1)

We send our condolences to Dist. 5 concerning Pat Kramer. We wish our ailing members speedy recoveries: Ray & Cherie Lane, and Jerry Ruddock. We need to have your smiling faces back among us, so hurry up and get well!

May is a busy birthday month: 10th – Lu Wells, 13th – Cherie Lane, 24th – Jackie Schmoe (*Husband Virgil swears she's 53, but personally – I don't think she's a day over 43! fc*) 26th – Darleth Rodgers, and 31st – George Fernland. Happy Birthday all! And for anniversaries we have: Al & Thelma Nelson on the 13th, and Faye & Isom Patterson on the 27th.

In late March, we had the honor of performing at two very special birthday parties for two special members. Faye Patterson's 80th, and a week later, Irv Johnson's 90th. A lot of us younger members are hoping we even make it to that age, let alone look that good. Congratulations to you both – hope you'll be around many, many more years.

At our Jam & Dance on April 13, we welcomed visitors Ike & Wanda Isaacson from Anderson, CA. Ike led us in the "Snowball" dance, which turned out to be more appropriate than he knew! Also visiting were Terry & Sharilyn McLain from Lakeview, and local area fiddler Herman Vowel. In the crowd we had Bob & Donna Esch, Etta Fernland's daughter and son-in-law, visiting from Portland. We keep telling everyone that the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers is for all ages. That was very evident as we watched a special four-some on the dance floor - 90 year old Irv Johnson, 5 year old Maria, and 18-month old Carson with his mom. Everyone in the room was smiling after that dance!

Bye for now – and keep those fiddlin' fingers making music. Fran Coker

District 1E

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It has been a busy month. At our jam on April 5th we celebrated Homer and Rosa Lee McLain's 46th Anniversary. We had a few guests join us from Eagleville, CA, also joining us were Derry Welch and Matt Hanks on guitar.

Terry and Sharilyn McLain traveled to Klamath Falls on the 12th and joined District 1 at their jam. They had a lot of fun and it's always nice to spend time with friends from Klamath. It was good to see former 1E member Don Hensley there and his banjo sounds as sweet as ever and his fiddle sounded pretty good too!

Clyde Lynch, Eileen McLain, Mary Stone, and Homer McLain are our nursing home old faithfuls, they make most of the play dates and others help out when they are able. Your longevity is greatly appreciated. Next nursing home dates are April 29th and May 13th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Clyde Lynch and Homer McLain will be doing a live radio program on April 17th. They will be discussing the up-coming and on-going activities of District 1E. The main topic of discussion will be the Silver Lake Campout to be held on May 8 - 11th. We would like to invite everyone to come. It is an extremely relaxed, fun, and music filled time. Sometimes hilarious and also reflective. There are breakfast munchies and fingerfoods available Friday - Sunday. All activities are held at the Silver Lake Fire Hall and dry camping is available outside the building. There are two trailer parks within walking distance. There is one motel, amenities are primitive. The Lioness club will hold a spaghetti potluck Saturday at 3:00. They provide the spaghetti and bread and fiddlers and community members provide salads and desserts. Cost of the dinner is a donation which this year will go toward the Silver Lake Rest Area and Beautification project. Thursday there will be jamming all day. Friday open jamming with a hat/song jam in the evening. Your hat should match your song in some way, could be very entertaining. Saturday, jamming all day and back by popular demand will be the draw band jam. On Sunday at 9 a.m. will be a gospel show. Look forward to seeing you there.

Our monthly jam will be held on May 3rd at the Memorial Hall. Potluck begins at 6:30 and music to follow at 7:00. There will not be a jam in June due to conflicts with the high school graduation.

Our condolences go out to Donna Lynch who lost her brother and to Sharilyn who's grandfather passed away. Also, condolences to Rachel Wilson and family on the loss of their grandfather, Leonard Maahs. Several have been under the weather and Mary Cathcart has been in the hospital. Hope all are feeling better soon.

We would also like to let Rosie Johnson and her family know that we are thinking of them with their loss of Pat Kraemer. He will be missed by all of us here at District 1E.

Mak'in Music, Music, Music,

Your Fiddlin Friends Terry and Sharilyn, Reporters District 1E

District 3

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District 3 would like to wish all who are mothers "HAPPY MOTHERS DAY" on May 11th.

Our April 6th VFW show was another great turn out. YEAH! Next VFW show in Redmond will be May 4th at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting to follow so we encourage all members to be present.

See all members at the Redmond Library Jams which are on May 13th and June 10th at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come and join in on the fun playing music.

Don't forget District 1E campout 8th to 11th at Silver Lake Fire Hall and bring your hats!!!!!!

We had visitors Winston and Lola Grant from District 8 at the VFW show on April 6th. It was great to have you. :o) Thanks for coming!

District 3 welcome all new members at District 3.

- 1) Olos Carpenter who plays guitar and wife Lois who plays harmonica. They are from Culver, OR.
- 2) Walter Orum who plays guitar and wife Shirley from Prineville, OR.
- 3) John and Elizabeth Farwell from Libertyville, IL.
- 4) Mel Sallee who plays guitar and wife Sarah from Prineville, OR.

We will keep all who have health issues in our prayers. District 3 wishes a fast recovery and May God Bless you.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music.

Hope everyone enjoyed Easter Sunday!!

Ellen Jakab Reporter District 3

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

The Roxy Ann Grange in Medford was the "fiddle capital" of Jackson County, with a rousing, exciting, and enthusiastic jam. I hope we don't have to start asking folks to bring their own chairs, but we seem to run short every month! The soggy wet spring weather (that makes the flowers bloom), didn't dampen anyone's spirits, as the music bloomed inside all afternoon! The many dancers kept going until our final minutes - aren't they great? It's so great to have our kids Mary English and Lindsey Gasik playing their fine fiddle tunes with their families! They certainly are crowd pleasers!

Our meeting was short but full of information - good job, Pat! We had 87 hours of community service this month, in spite of several of our regular musicians not feeling up to par. Bud Kilgore has been under the weather, and we've missed him. Peggy Hudson's husband Jerry was in the hospital and is recovering at home. Lots of colds and flu, but folks are on the mend.

The members voted to give fiddle camp scholarship money to Mary English, our 9 year old fiddler. She and her fiddler mom Nancy and guitar-player dad Marvin are planning to attend the Booher Camp this summer. Freda says the scholarship fund originally came from her neighbors, Hank and Beulah Wobbe.

Visitors included Marlene Towner from Rogue River, and our perennial Klamath Fallsite, Ernie Penry. We got several new members at the convention, and more at this meeting. New members include Tony (G) and Shirley Mendez, Grants Pass; Gus Boen, Medford; Lee (G) and Pat Majesky, Central Point; and Brenda (F) and Russell (G) Tippin, and daughter Trinity, 11 years old, who is learning fiddle, from Shady Cove. A big welcome and hugs to all!

We received a nice thank you note after playing for the retired teachers - they like our emphasis on helping young people to play, and would like to help encourage them.

The August picnic will be at Lake Creek on August 2 near the covered bridge - about 5 miles off Hwy 140. Mark your calendars.

It was Pear Blossom Parade time again. We had our float (wagon) full of musicians playing the old tunes. Our special thanks go to Bob Reeves who takes care of our trailer. The crowds clap and dance, cheering us on. We even had two dancing bears do-si-do-ing alongside. They were sure cute! And this year new hay bales! As usual, I always manage to take a few souvenirs home in my fiddle case, my britches, and my hair!

Jerry Van Foeken and Judy Lyon's "Friendship Appreciation Party" at the Fruitdale Grange was special for good food, good music, and fellowship. Their quote: "The clock of Life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop . . . NOW is the only time we have, to live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may be still." They certainly are good friends of OOTFA.

Jam dates upcoming: May 3 Eagle Point Grange, Eagle Point. June 7 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. July 5 Rogue River Community Center

Remember: Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights make a left (think about it!).
Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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May 17 Senior Activity Center Coos Bay Dist. 5
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of you moms out there ! May you all have a very blessed day with your families whether it is by person, phone, cards or via e-mail. This month I have some good news and some sad news to report.

The Good News---Congratulations are in order for Nancy Nugent and Johnny Davis who were married on April 3rd. May the Lord bless you with many years of happiness as you stroll, hand and hand, down life's pathway.

Now the Sad News---We regret to inform you of the death of two of our dear members. Elwood Serfass passed away on April 3rd and Pat Kraemer who passed away on April 12th. Through the years both of these gentlemen served as Co-Chairman and Chairman for our district. Elwood had at one time been our program director and was always willing to emcee at our events when needed. He also furnished rides for our players to and from our functions. Pat was an excellent fiddler and guitar player and enjoyed many trips with Rosie to Weiser and Death Valley to play with fiddlers from all over the country. Pat's favorite songs were "I'll Fly Away" and "When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again". Elwood and Pat will be greatly missed by all and we offer our deepest sympathy to their families. District 5 is proud to announce we now have a membership of 118. Recently added to our roster are Bobbie Greger, who plays the guitar and her husband, Gene. Also Paula "Cricket" Crowder who is learning to play the fiddle from Norm Nash. Welcome to District 5.!

A breeze came whistling through the trees and told me that Walt Beers recently had a quadruple by-pass and is doing nicely at this time. Walt, we have you in our thoughts and pray that you will soon be back, and feeling as good as new.

Charlie and Clirca wishes to thank Ken Jordan and Norm Nash who so willingly offered to play at Bay Crest Village when so many of our local members were not available to play. They also wish to thank Fred Grove who lent his guitar to Ken. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We had a good turn out at our last Jam with approximately 70 people present. We had several dancers out on the floor and everyone seemed to be having a good time. It was so nice to have a delightful couple, Lloyd and Esther Shriber, visit us from District 6. We also had some

guests from Prineville, Larry and Anita Freakes, who were headed home from down south. Please come back and visit anytime. Ella Savery wonders if anyone happens to have the words to some music she is looking for. The songs are "Love Knot in My Lariat" and "Invitation to The Blues". Ella would appreciate it if anyone could help her out!

This month our schedule is as follows: May 7-Ocean View- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.--Heritage Place- 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. , May 14- Inland Point-11 to 12 p.m.--Ocean Crest- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. , May 21- Oerding Manor-1:00 to 2:00 p.m.--Myrtle Point Care Center- 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. , May 28- Life Care- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On May 17 we will be at the Bay Area Senior Activity Center. We will have a meeting at 11 a.m. and a potluck at noon. Our Jam will follow from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors are always welcome !

Birthday Greetings to Marianne Burns-May 3rd, Rose Johnson-4th, Walt Beers-5th, Jean Dunn- 6th, Charlotte Dow and Mapril Combs-20th, Thelma Byrd-23rd, Margie Wilkinson -26th, Sheila Fry-27th, and Jona Artz-29th. Happy Anniversary to Loren & Lela Osborne-May 2nd, Jack & Julie Longnecker and Paul & Colleen Osekowsky- 24th, Jerry & Susan Barrows-28th. Congratulations and Best Wishes to ALL!

Honor thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

Mary Lou Sayler District 5 Reporter

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The March 23 jam at the Jasper Grange - one of a series organized by Red Herndon - was really something. There was good turn-out, but the whole thing came to a premature end when it became clear that the Grange toilets were not in working order!

By the time you read this, the Easter jam at the American Legion hall in Lebanon will be history, as will Red Herndon's Jasper jam on April 27. More about both next month.

Looking further ahead, our annual spring jam will be held at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on Sunday, May 4, starting at about 10:30 a.m., or so. Lunch will be served as usual.

Also in May, on Sunday, May 25, there will be another Oakridge jam organized by Bob Strelow. As is customary, the jam will be potluck, in the Oakridge Activities Building, starting at 10:30 a.m., or so. There will be a brief business meeting. Directions: The Center is on the right as you enter Oakridge, off School St. Turn right at the Dairy Queen to School, then right on School.

There will be no monthly jam in June, due to Weiser and the quarterly meeting at Burns.

We have been invited to participate in a jam for the "150th Anniversary of the Lost Wagon Train" in Oakridge on Saturday, July 12, starting at 10:00 a.m., and continuing until we get tired. They would like us to provide music for square dance lessons at 12 and 2, as well. And, if anyone wants to stay on -- camping sites are available -- to play on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We have tentative agreement with District 5 to do a joint jam and picnic on the Central Oregon Coast on Saturday, August 2. More details next month.

Don't forget the annual Lane County Fair gig, coming up in mid-August.

A big thank you goes out to Harry Gates, for the really fine job that he did on cabinets on our new monitor speakers.

Health Notes: Helen Tracy is recuperating nicely after a small stroke which affected vision in one eye. Mark Carmickle is having trouble with one of his hips, we hear. And Jim Bottoms

continues to recuperate from his recent difficulties. Harv Harvey was down for a few days, too. We wish them all the best, and speedy recovery.

Happy birthday to: Lorraine Larson, 5/22.

Happy anniversary to: Buck and Suzie Milligan, 5/3/53; Jack and Hazel Walker, 5/9/56; Andy and Ruth Kennedy, 5/6/50; Curly and Alison Roberts, 5/17/59; Zane and Phyllis Coffin, 5/18/52; Don and Ruth Loring, 5/31/39.

Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

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There was a really good article in the April issue of the Northwest Retirement News complete with pictures from the Lake Oswego jam. It gave the Oregon City jam some good publicity and that's why we had such a big audience there. A group of 29 seniors even came up from Albany to enjoy the music.

Jim Toussaint debuted his version of the Orange Blossom Special in response to a request for audience member, Virginia Powell's 85th birthday celebration. You know it's really special when all the other fiddlers go out in the audience to watch and listen. He did a terrific job!

Maggie Dickerson's son, Sam, who usually plays his guitar to back up his mom, brought his beautiful upright bass instrument that used to belong to Bob Crump. Sam is getting to be a good bassist. Chet Haven, well recovered from his broken hand, is celebrating his "80 and 8th" birthday this month. He is going stronger than ever. Dave Venes came over from Carson, Washington, and joined in for a tune. He hosts a jam every Monday night at the Carson PUD building at 7 o'clock and is often the only fiddler there. We are all invited to go up and help him some time.

Johanna Burton is recovering well from her knee surgery. It's a long, slow and painful process. Cards and calls are very encouraging. Joyce Kuether has had the same kind of surgery also. She will need lots of encouragement too. It seems to take such a long time to get over it. Chuck and Ann Williams in Vancouver, are recovering from the loss of their entire household to a fire. The best way we can help right now is with cards and letters and calls of encouragement. Ann is still undergoing chemo and Chuck is recovering from surgery on his eyelids. We certainly wish them all the best and are ready to lend a hand or a tune anytime it's needed.

Ida Colby is still in Good Samaritan Hospital recovering from her recent surgery. We wish her a complete recovery. Ida May Norby Jones, long-time member of OOTFA, died on April 6 Vancouver after a short illness. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

District 7 has one new member this month: Loretta Weber of Portland. She is a good member of the audience. The kind we can't do without. Let's all make her welcome when we see her next. Our district is now the proud owner of a new United States flag and a new Oregon State flag. They are 3' x 5' on seven-foot flagpoles.

Bus Boyk's workshop on Cowboy Swing was just terrific. Bus, Hollis Taylor, and John Stewart filled two hours with examples, instruction, memories and reminiscences. Becky Kilgore and Suzi Marshall joined with vocals. James Mason joined Bus for some spectacular fiddle pyrotechnics. It was amazing. If you missed the workshop you can still get the book and CD from Hollis Taylor, PO Box 4666, Portland, OR 97208-4666 or check out her website: www.hollistaylor.com.

The fiddling world of NW Oregon was well represented at the Portland Folklore Society's special Fiddle Fest the 18th of April. Joseph Siegel with back-up John Kellerman played sweet

music of old standards and original compositions. James Mason and Becky Kilgore played hot swing music and super vocals.

District 7's own Carol Ann Wheeler played her first public performance after a six-year hiatus. She doesn't just fiddle, she becomes the music, dancing and smiling and laughing with delight as the tunes come through her. Guitar backup Jeff Heberle was right with her all the way. It was a beautiful presentation.

We've got some nice playdates coming up. Sunday May 11 the regular OOTFA Jam at Forest Grove Senior Center at 2037 Douglas Street in Forest Grove. The phone number is 503 357-7910. They are doing some remodeling/construction so things are kind of torn up. Be brave.

Saturday May 17 the Washington County Historical Society needs us to play at the 37th Annual Draft Horse Plowing Exhibition from 11:30 - 1:00 at the PCC Rock Creek Campus at 17705 NW Springville Road. Take the SW 185th Exit off Highway 26 and go north past West Union Road. Turn right onto NW Springville Road. Since this is the second day of the State Contest, a lot of you will be out of town.

Monday May 19, between 6:30 and 8:30, two small groups are requested to play at the "Wagons" - The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City. The simplest way to reach the Interpretive Center is to take Interstate 205 to Exit 10, which is signed for Park Place, Molalla, and State Route 213, the Trail's End Highway. Once off the Interstate, turn right at the first stoplight. The Interpretive Center is about half a mile down the road. You literally can't miss "the Big Wagons" on your left at 1726 Washington Street.

Saturday June 7 from 1 - 4, the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton wants us to play for a fund-raiser dance between 1 and 4. It is at 5550 SW Hall Blvd in Beaverton. Go west on Highway 26, South on 217, Right on SW Allen and right on SW Hall street up to 12th street.

On Sunday June 8 we'll have a regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200 Club House Road in Estacada.

On Saturday June 28 we've been invited to play for fund-raiser at the BEAT Riding Center in Banks. They provide a horseback experience for disadvantaged children. We'll have directions and times next month.

Stay on the music road.

Linda Easley for District 7

District 8

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Fiddlers and back up players gathered early at Oak Grove Grange in April to play during the Blossom Drive celebration. The elementary school next door to the grange hall sold delectable desserts to earn money for their special projects. We jammed in a circle until 1 PM when we started our regular sign up show. We had a good crowd of both musicians and audience. It was nice to see all of you there.

Our regular May jam will be on SATURDAY May 10th at the Community Building in Woodburn. We hope to have lots of visitors. Bring your brown bag lunch and join us. District 8 will furnish the dessert so at least join us for a piece of cake. Directions: COMMUNITY CENTER - WOODBURN

The center is at 491 3rd St. It's on the corner of 3rd and Grant. From I-5, take the Woodburn exit, turn right at Settlemeier. Turn left at sign that says City Center (Garfield St.). Turn left on 3rd St.

Or, if you're on 99-E, take Young St., following signs that say City Center, to 3rd St. Turn right and go 2 blocks to the center.

The annual OOTFA contest is May 16 and 17, Friday afternoon and evening, and all day Saturday. The location is Chemeketa Community College on Lancaster Drive in Salem. See more details in this issue. We hope many of you will come and listen, applaud the contestants, and better yet, enter the contest yourselves!

District 8 will have a picnic on June 7th at Dennis Brutke's farm. This will be potluck, so bring your favorite picnic food and come on out. The view from Dennis's is fantastic. There will be more complete directions next month but for those of you coming from Salem -- go across the bridge in the right lane -- go west through West Salem. Follow the signs to McMinnville. Between mile posts 12 and 13 turn up the hill on Eola Hills Road. Follow the road up the hill. Signs will show you where to turn down the lane to Dennis's place. Directions next month for those of you coming from the West side.

District 8 lost a good friend and one of its top fiddlers with the death of Leonard Maahs in April. Leonard was a past president of OOTFA, entered most of the contests, and usually placed among the winners. He had been Senior Champion of Oregon, and placed high at Weiser as well. He was preceded in death in 1999 by his wife Faythe, also an active member of OOTFA. She served as secretary/treasurer of District 8 for several years. Lew and Alice Holt, Lee Jones, Norm McGrew and Ruth and Don Loring played at the funeral. At the family's request, we played some of Leonard's favorite tunes.

Don and Daisy Simon have moved to a retirement apartment in Dallas. We wish them well as they get settled in their new environment. Their mailing address is: 310 West Ellendale Ave., Dallas, OR 97338. Phone: 503-623-2429.

Harmonica player, Frank Geelan, has been having health problems. We all wish him the best and want him to hurry back to play us another tune on the harmonica.

Last year when we played at Silver Falls State Park we made a big hit with the audience and with the officials of the park. They were very pleased and have invited us back this year for an extended stay. We are invited to the park on July 11, 12 and 13. There will be free camping but no hook ups. We are invited to arrive on Friday and play on Saturday and Sunday. The beautiful park is east of Silverton. More details the next two months. We hope that you will be able to attend.

I hope you are all enjoying the flowers of spring. What a beautiful time of the year!
Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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Only had a few musicians to play our April show so newcomer Billie Lanier got a real workout on her fiddle and the audience got to appreciate her talent for the first time. It was good to see Edie Koenig after being out with illnesses most of the winter and also to have Gordon Black playing his standup bass and dobro guitar. Ann Schlupe came from Vale so we could enjoy her great harmonica tunes. Nice to see associate member Jane Kegel at one of our recent jam sessions.

Recently a fiddler, Vern from Grants Pass (sorry I don't know his last name) was through town looking for someone to play music with so Ruel Teague and Walt Cooper spent an enjoyable afternoon making music, I hear he will back for the June jamboree 12th-14th so we'll all get a chance to hear him play.

Ruel and Margaret Teague and Julia Milleson also attended the Blue Mountain Fiddlers annual meeting and enjoyed playing their show. Julia also played with Amos and Bonnie Fine at the Walla Walla senior center and at Weiser with a newly formed group the Gem State Fiddlers headed up by Kent Craig of Weiser. Did you ever see a more friendly or welcoming group than musicians?

Our last senior center potluck and jam will be May 11th so let's have a big turn out. The potluck will be at 1 p.m. with music and dancing from 2:00 till 4:00. Aspens will be May 9th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor is May 19th at 6:30.

Julia Milleson District 9 Reporter

District 10

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Greetings from District 10, We have had our April meeting, potluck and Jam.

At our meeting it was voted to donate \$100.00 for the State Contest and \$200.00 for the Canyonville Contest.

Dennis Pickett says "thanks to Lew Holt" who donated 3 fiddles for Dennis Pickett's fiddle students.

We want to welcome new members Fred Carstensen and Lynnetta Smith.

We always enjoy our guests from District 5, Del Thomas, Johnny and Nancy Davis, Shorty and Charlotte Dow, also Dana and Jessie Ezell from District 4.

May birthdays are Harold Cluver, Lester Broadwater, Norm Colton and Larry Johnson. May anniversary is Jim and Jeannette Jenks.

Our members who are ill are Ed Doolittle, at Rosehaven Nursing Home, Roseburg and Norm Colton who has been in the V. A. Hospital in Portland.

May 10th will be our next Jam 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Winston Community Building on Grape St. in Winston. Visitors always welcome.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

ED SED: It was with great sorrow to hear about the passing of Pat Kraemer, Elwood Serfass and Leonard Maahs. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. Once more this leads me to believe that all of our members should get their music and songs on tape, for once we are gone, our talent goes with us. This way, our music will be around for future players to learn from and carry on with and hopefully they will do the same. Think about it.

By the time you read this it will be just a few days before the Silver Lake Campout and we are reminded to have a hat and tune to match on Friday night. There was quite an assortment of hats last year which brought on a lot of laughs and fun. Shortly after Silver Lake is the State contest at Chemeketa College in Salem. If you have been on the fence about competing for the first time, do consider coming and giving it a try. It's a good way to break the ice and say "I did it". There is always some wonderful back up players who are willing to help you out and play. Another reason to come is that you get to hear some of the best of the best fiddling and back up playing. We would like to make this the

biggest contest ever. Most of us come away in awe at the two days of outstanding music that we just heard. There is good parking and the Blue Moon Cafe just across the parking lot and they stay open just for us. The food is good too.

Marie and I have been blessed to have two of our young granddaughters from Sacramento visit us on their Easter vacation. It sure was hard to put them on the plane to fly back home. The joys of being grandparents are endless.

Until next time, keep fiddlin'.
Ed

Notes from the Editor:

Ace Wehus is currently making individual 1hr. CDs & DVDs of Oregon Old Time Fiddle Members for The Oregon Old Time Fiddler Archives. He is doing this in his home but will do this in his motor home at various locations such as Thousand Trails, Mt. Hood Village etc. -- where ever our members gather for jams. In this ongoing effort Jerry & Irene Ruddock donated \$40.00 towards costs of recording DVDs & CDS & a video for those performing & a copy going to Lew Holt for the archives.

And. . . . Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested in any of his fine videos or CDs. His Friday night convention show CDs are the best he has made. I have sure enjoyed listening to mine -- better than being there. The two CDs are \$12.50 -- post paid. Really, they sure bring back good memories of the Friday night show. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144.

Thank you 22 volunteers and repeat volunteers. . . . Minnie Bennett and Donna Oldham were our OTTFA historians for many years and did a very good job. Both are dead now. Donna gave me all the material she had. I have it stored away. The other day I ran across a scrap book that the ladies had made. Here it was in my attic unseen. Many of the clippings went back to the 60s and 70s. I tried to think how I might share this material. Taking it to the convention would allow a few people to see it. I could type it but I knew I didn't have time right now to do that. I could put it off until this fall and hope that I might have time or I could forget about it. Later in the day I remembered how I got chairs set up at school. I would get a sixth grade class and 30 kids could do the job in minutes. So I sent out email letters to over 100 OOTFA members, asking for 10 volunteers. Would you believe that I got 22 -- as of this writing!! So I dug deeper into the archives and sent out close to 200 articles to be typed. They are coming back to me as email letters and I am putting them into a master document. Hopefully this will lead to "Oregon History Vol. 2." And it all will happen because of 22 volunteers across our state. I will forever be grateful to them.

Many of the people in the articles are gone, the events are forgotten and we don't know what a great job these people did -- or who they were. This book will allow these events and people to be recognized and remembered. And for us to better know where we came from in this association. Sadly it will contain many obituaries -- some long ago and some recent ones.

When we visited Dulcie Fast this winter, I brought home her scrap book. All of the articles are being typed and sent to me. Her scrapbook will live for ever!! And I am grateful.

Our history important. We are making future history every week end. Some districts take their history very serious and have a historian who collects and saves articles, etc. I received a letter from a lady recently whose family knew Rusty Modrell years ago. She wondered if I had any pictures or information about him. I went to the video archives and sent her an hour and a half video of Rusty. She was ecstatic. This morning as I am typing this, I am copying a video of

Leonard Maahs that I made many years ago. We are going to his funeral this afternoon but his memory is captured in his voice and his music in this 12 year old video. Be sure to read what Ace is doing. The preservation of our music and people is very important.

Another volunteer request -- In my working days (long time ago) I have helped put on many spaghetti feeds, school carnivals, reading conferences, principal conferences, etc. One year I sent home a letter to the parents asking for volunteers to work at the spaghetti feed. A young, shy mother with a baby 6 weeks old sent me back a note that she would like to work on Saturday at the spaghetti feed. I didn't know her and if I had known her, I wouldn't have asked here with a 6 weeks old baby. As we worked together on Saturday, she told me that she wanted to work, to get out of the house for awhile. Years ago I asked for volunteers to work at our OOTFA convention. I'll never forget that Dick Schroll wrote me and volunteered. He took care of the parking for several years. I didn't know Dick then. He lived at Estacada, over 200 miles from me. I would never have called him. He worked hard as a truck driver -- but he volunteered and I'll never forget that.

So now the contest committee is asking if any of you would "volunteer" to work at the contest this year. We too often call on the "old regulars" who have worked year after year. We need people to sell tickets, register contestants, work the CD and tape table and other jobs. Shorty Dow is coming up from Bandon to "volunteer" this year. Dick Derry from Salem and Scott Phillips from Jacksonville will be there to be the runners. (Dick and Shorty were runners at the Gaston contest this year.) Pat and Chuck Gates have already stapled the contestant ribbons to the name tags. Myrtle Arnold will be the accompanist tabulator. Ace will shoot the video. Ken Cartwright will be doing the sound. Don O'Brien and his son will set up the sound in the judges' room. Starr McMullen has an excellent slate of judges. Fred Hardin will be emceeing. Bob Ervin will be there to help. And many more out there, too. It takes people to make things happen. Drop me a note or a call if you would be willing to give a couple of hours. Thanks. Lew

The contest committee would like to dedicate this year's OOTFA fiddle contest to Leonard Maahs. Leonard entered many contests and was a great supporter of our contests.

"Lew, do you have a roster I might buy?" I hear this quite often. Nobody should have to ask me for a roster. (Well, once in awhile, maybe.) Every district should have a supply and make them available at every jam -- along with the history books, the decals, the bumper stickers, the cloth patches and the various other items. Now that Helen Tracy is giving up the job of selling, it is up to the districts to assume a more active roll in making these items available.

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

BMOTFA -- the 34th Fiddlers Contest is June 6-7 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Same info phone and E-mail.

We have had over 6000 hits on our web site in 11 months. I receive letters/inquiries quite often because someone found out web site. oregonoldtimefiddling.org

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. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or you can buy them from Lew Holt.

Lew Holt, Editor

Thousand Trails

September 12, 12, 13

South of Bend, North of LaPine

Bob Ervin writes:

1. All musicians and members of OOTFA are encouraged to come and have fun.
2. Deadline for registration will be Aug. 15.
3. Checks should be made to 1000 Trails and mailed to the wagon master, Bob Ervin.
4. Prices for trailers, cottages and yurts remain the same as last year. RV spots have increased \$2.00 to \$21. Cottages are \$75/\$85. Yurts are \$65/\$75. Trailer rentals are \$50/\$55/\$60. (The prices vary with size and the night of the week.) 1000 Trails members receive a \$10 reduction in rates for yurts, trailers and cottages. RV spaces are free to 1000 Trails members.
5. The rentals go quickly so you better contact Bob Ervin -- or give him a call if you have any questions. More details later this summer.

Myrtle Arnold has asked me to remind the membership chairmen to use the following prorated dues for the rest of this year:

May 1	\$10.00
June 1	\$8.75
July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2004

NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY HOEDOWNER

1. Ruth Ayers--- Umpqua
2. Fred & Fern Carstensen --- Glide
3. Russ Read & Bea McKenzie--- Coburg
4. Sharman Ensminger-Stapp --- Tillamook
5. Alyce & John Dubisar --- Coos Bay
6. Loretta Weber --- Portland
7. Gus Boen -- Medford
8. Brenda & Russell Tippin -- Shady Cove
- 9 Lee & Pat Majesky -- Central Point
10. John & Elizabeth Farwell -- Libertyville, Ill
11. Mel & Sarah Sallee --- Prineville
12. Ray & Illa White --- Klamath Falls

OPTFA-1E Campout at Silver Lake, OR, May 8-11th

Schedule

Thursday 8th

9:00 a.m. Hall open
Open jam all day

Friday 9th

7:00 a.m. Hall open
2:00 p.m. Begin signing up for Hat Night jam
5:00 p.m. Hat Night jam begins
Hall closes when the cows come home.

Saturday 10th

7:00 a.m. Hall open
2:00 p.m. Sign up for draw band

3:00 p.m.

Lion's club spaghetti potluck. They will provide the spaghetti and bread, the fiddlers and community are asked to potluck a la carte and dessert. They will be accepting donations for the meal with proceeds going to the Silver Lake Rest Area.

5:00 p.m. Begin drawing names for bands

6:00 p.m. Draw bands begin playing

Hall closes when the cows come home.

Sunday 11th

Happy Mother's Day

7:00 a.m. Hall opens

9:00 a.m. Gospel show (sign up at the door)

4:00 p.m. The cows will be home.

Contest information: The OOTFA fiddle contest will be held at the Chemeketa Community College again this year on Friday, May 16 and Saturday 17. Your membership card for OOTFA will get you in free. We are planning on a jam Friday afternoon if we can get everything set up -- probably will. To be eligible for the contest, a contestant must have lived in Oregon for the last 6 months and be a member of the OOTFA. A contestant may join as late as the day of the contest. If you have any questions about the contest, give Starr (541-745-5130) or Lew (503-391-5377) a call. Or you can reach us by e-mail. The rules for the contest are on our web site.

Motel Information: Salem Inn is located just off I-5 -- take the Market St. exit one block towards town. They can be reached by calling 1-800-305-0515. Or 1-503-588-0515. The Red Lion and Phoenix are also near by. The Crossland Motel is located off Silverton Road near the contest. For more information or reservations call: 1-800-EXT-STY or 1-503-363-7557. From I-5 take Exit 256 (Market St.) go east to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd (1.3 miles). Turn left onto Silverton Rd. Then two blocks -- just before the freeway -- take a right onto Fisher Rd. Crossland will be on the left.

RV PARKING: I have yet to check but I am sure that we will again have permission to park in the gravel parking lot "around the corner" for the contest on Thursday night. And then we'll be able to move up closer Friday afternoon. PLEASE DON'T START PARKING BY THE CONTEST BUILDING EARLY. Wait for the signal. We enjoy our relationship with the college and we shouldn't take advantage of a "good situation." There will be a \$5.00 fee each night for parking which we will collect from you. We basically are guests of the college and it is important that we follow their rules and wishes just as we would want guests to do in our home. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HANDICAP PARKING AREAS ARE IN FORCE 24 HOURS A DAY. NON-QUALIFIED PARKING COULD GET YOU A TICKET FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Directions to the contest: From I-5, take Exit 256 (Market St.), turn east on Market -- (away from town) go to Lancaster Ave. Turn left (north) on Lancaster to Silverton Rd. (1.3 miles) Go past Silverton Rd. Continue on Lancaster to Winema Place about .3 of a mile or so. Turn right on Winema and building 50 is a block on the left.

We are very fortunate to have the Blue Moon Cafe open for us Friday night and all day Saturday. It is just across the parking lot from the gym -- and has a very fine menu especially for us. You are encouraged to take advantage of this fine restaurant.

We plan to mail many preregistration forms to those that we know will be entering the contest and to others that we hope will enter the contest. If you plan on entering and have not received a preregistration invitation by -- say -- May 6, let Starr or Lew know and we'll fire one off to you. Pre-registration is very important.

Here is a tentative schedule for this year's contest. (Subject to change.)

OOTFA CERTIFIED CONTEST

May 16, 17, 2003

CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

4000 LANCASTER DR N. E. SALEM, OREGON

FRIDAY, May 16, 2003

1:00 P. M. OOTFA JAM ON MAIN STAGE (Free)
(This is tentative/depending on getting the sound system set up.)
6:00 P. M. Judges and Contestants Meeting
7:00 P. M. Contest begins
TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST (One Round)
OPEN Division (Round 1)
AWARDS -- 2003 TWIN FIDDLE CONTEST

SATURDAY, May 17, 2003

8:00 Judges' meeting with contestants
8:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up)
8:15 CONTEST BEGINS
SENIOR Division (Round 1)
SR - SR Division (Round 1)
YOUNG ADULT Division (Round 1)
ADULT Division (Round 1)
JUNIOR Division (Round 1)

1:00
PEE WEE Division (One round)
JR - JR Division (Round 1)
SENIOR-SENIOR Div. (Finals)
SENIOR Division (Finals)
OPEN Division (Round 2)
SENIOR AWARDS
7:00 Contest Begins
JR - JR Division (Finals)
YOUNG ADULT Division (Finals)
ADULT Division (Finals)
JUNIOR Division (Finals)
OPEN Division (Finals)

(Note -- Schedule subject to change.)

One round for the Pee Wee Division
One round for Twin Fiddle Division
Three rounds for Open
Two rounds for all other divisions

Judges:

Danita Hartz, Meridian Idaho
Tonya Hopkins, Humble Texas
John Francis, Berkeley CA
John Perfect, Idaho
Mabel Vogt, Potlatch Idaho