



The Hoedowner

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May 1, 2005

From the Prez: Hi gang, well we really did it again. Because of everybody pitching in and all of us working together we had a successful and enjoyable convention. I received many compliments on the handling and the planning of it and I appreciate these comments, but no amount of planning alone could accomplish what we all did together. I especially would like to thank District 10, the host district for all the work they did this year and all the years in the past. Each year they have stepped up to the plate and batted home runs continuously.

There are a lot of workers there whose names I do not know but we all appreciate their efforts just the same. Thank you Jo Barnes for making all the arrangements for the banquet and doing the advertisement you did a very good job in deed. Then there is Louie Roy what a magnificent job he did with the Friday night show I don't see how it could have been any better. And then not to be outdone were the ladies of district ten who baked all those goodies for the early birds on Wednesday, and Jean Hanson who organized the ladies that kept the coffee ready and saw that the tables were filled all the time. Bob Hanson and Chuck Hasty for organizing all the Wednesday activities. Thank you district 10 for a job well done. However we have all the other districts and since I am limited to 500 words it would be impossible for me to list everybody's name, but you all did a grand job.

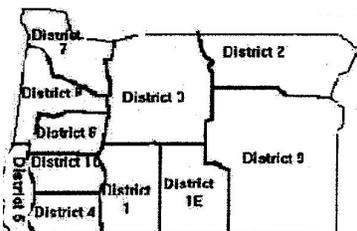
organizing the on stage activities Thursday night and I take my hat off to all the MCs that helped out.

I don't know how we found time to have our meetings with all the fun we had, but somehow we did. We had some very important business to settle and we managed to do it all very nicely. The members voted to leave 'Thousand Trails' and go to Merrill, OR. for our fall quarterly meeting of the year. The dates for this will be 14-15-16-17 September 2005. More on this latter when we get all the details worked out.

Also we will no longer be at Roseburg for our convention. After 29 enjoyable years there it has become necessary for us to make a move. Because of the Douglas County Fair Board continually raising our rates it has become too expensive for us to remain there. For our 2006 convention we will be at Rickreall, OR. about 14 miles west of Salem at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The dates will be April 5-6-7-8, 2006. Because I am fast running out of room I will write more on these changes in the next Hoedowner including the changes to the Standing Rules. Until then your chairperson has this information, see them. Our next get together will be at Burns, OR, We have been invited to have our quarterly meeting there during the High Desert Jamboree. Hope to see you all there.

Bob Ervin, OOTFA President

Mark Carmickle did a fine job



District 1

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As of April 21, the editor had not received any news from District 1.

District 1E

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I'm hoping you all had as good a time at Roseburg's Convention as I had. You can probably say that it's due more to poor technique than overuse but my shoulder was sore for days afterward. :)

District 1E's regular jam will be May 7th at 2:30 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds and our business meeting on the 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake County Senior Center. Nursing home play dates are back again to every other Tuesday, so in May they will be on the 10th and the 26th from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Lake County Senior Center play dates are every Friday from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

May birthdays include -Mary Ann McLain and Rhayanna McLain on the same day, May 5th, and Bernice Forga on May 19th. We're all pretty stout again this month, so no hospital stays to report.

On the 21st of April, a couple of our members will be performing on KQIK radio here in Lakeview to promote our camp-out. Isn't it fun to think of those old time fiddle tune radio

waves floating around out there in "outer space?" E.T. got your ears on?

Now I've been asked to go over again the itinerary for our camp-out in Silver Lake. May 12-13-14-15. It will be taking place at the Silver Lake Fire Hall again and most of us just dry camp (free) around the hall to be close to the action. There is a motel in Silver Lake about three blocks away. (541-576-2131) K & K trailer park in S.L. has full hookups (541-576-2258) There are three motels around 20 miles out also.

Of course, the first thing about the itinerary you must know is that of course there's jamming going on all day and into the wee hours. Any organization of this part is like trying to herd cats. Friday night however is sign-up "Hat Night" where you wear a hat to match the song you're going to play. This ranges from a cowboy hat ("Don't Fence Me in") to Indian head dresses (Cherokee Maiden) to a crown ("From a Jack to a King.") I think you get the picture.

Saturday night we have the ham dinner and potluck around five o'clock and then we pick the "Draw Band" bands. Each of us puts our name into a can according to which instrument we can play-even slightly (even better) and then we'll draw out a name from each can to form a band. Then there's a very short period of time to practice two songs with your new band to perform on stage. Never mind that you've never played with these jokers before! All the bands are in the same boat and that's what makes it so much fun.

Sunday morning we close up the weekend with a sign-up gospel show sure to bring a tear to your eye and a warm

feeling about spending the weekend with good friends. We start cleaning the hall right afterwards, and officially close the weekend around noon. Hope to see you there.

By the way, last week I failed my driver's test. The guy asked me "What do you do at a red light?" I said, "I don't know.....look around, listen to the radio....."

Eileen McLain, reporter,
District 1E

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Well another month has gone by and it's still cold. Can't wait till it's warmer.

Our VFW Show in Redmond turned out great. There was lots of good music playing, dancing, and lots of good food to eat. The new sound system is working out and sounds good.

Another State Convention this year in Roseburg was April 6-9th. Good turnout from our district, even with snow to drive in. Great job for playing Carolyn Marstall. You kept the people wanting more. Congratulates to Bob Ervin, our elected President for another year.

Can't wait to go to District 1E Campout May 12-15th at Silver Lake.

Our committee for the Jam sessions is still working out details and suggestions. More on that next month.

New Members: Ed Mackenzie and Diana Mackenzie

Dates to Remember:
May 1st Redmond VFW
Show 1-4p.m Redmond
May 10th Redmond Library
7-9p.m Redmond
June 5th Redmond VFW
Show 1-4p.m Redmond

No library Jams during June, July and August.

May God be with those who lost their love ones. May God bless those who are sick. Our prayers and wish for a fast recovery. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all with lots of love and Old Time Music to play. Keep on the sunny side of life.

Reporter: Rhea Bigelow

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Please note the change in date and place for May. Due to scheduling problems, our jam for May will be a week later, and at Lake Creek Grange.

As usual, the jam at Roxy Ann Grange provided lots of great music and fun for all ages. It's just great to be part of an organization that has so much fun! We had a good meeting and covered lots of ground in a short time. Good work, Lee! A certificate will be presented to the family of Glenn Williams noting a donation from District 4 in his name to our scholarship fund. Lola noted that when he was in the nursing home he taught a fellow how to play the guitar, then gave him his guitar.

Typical of Glenn, who was such a nice guy! We miss him.

"Shorty" Reeves (from his friend "Smokey") donated a nice "liddle fiddle" (half-size) to be raffled off at the convention for our scholarship fund. Thanx guys! Mary Armstrong expressed special thanks to Don Lindsey and Judy McGarvey for making the trek to Grants Pass several times a week to play for our gigs there. Tommy Mendez continues to recover, and Frank Armstrong is getting better. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who are just not feeling well yet.

A bunch of us went to the convention in Roseburg and had a wonderful time. We're proud of all our players who performed on Friday and Saturday nites, as well as the ongoing jams night and day. We thought our band was the best ever, including the "strip" show (and Chuck Gates even put some money in Judy's G string!) – wasn't it fun? District 4 folks won some nice raffle prizes, too. The McLains can't win them all!

A bunch of us attended Shorty's and Darlene's 25th anniversary party at Rogue River Community Center. Lots of bands, and District 4 musicians gave a great show, too. Shorty says thanks!

We continue to do lot of playing at many places – it's all there on the website at <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/OotfaD4.htm>, or just Google "half-time music" and go to District 4. Come join us when we play! For our anniversary I wanted to go out somewhere expensive – so my husband took me to the gas station!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter
District 4

District 5

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Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981
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What a grand time everyone had who was able to attend the convention. My fingers are still sore!!

At our jam in Coos Bay on April 16th, we once again had over 50 people attend. It was good to see Walt Beers up and about and playing his fiddle for the first time in two years.

Our next jam will be at the North Fork Grange in Florence, OR on May 28th, with potluck starting at noon and the music from 1-4pm. Everyone is invited.

Our next meeting will be at the Winchester Bay Grange on June 11 from 11:00am to noon. It will be followed by a potluck and jam. We will be electing officers and discussing other business, so please plan on attending. Please note that this is the 2nd weekend in June instead of our regular 3rd weekend due to a conflict with the state meeting in Burns.

Our deepest condolences go to Ruth Earls and her family on the death of Sid Earls. Sid played fiddle, banjo and guitar on instruments that he made himself. He will be sadly missed.

Our get well wishes go out to Shorty Dow who is recovering from a heart condition and Oren Pruitt who is battling a lung infection. Ned Matthews is still in the Hearthsides Nursing Home in Coos Bay and I am sure would appreciate a visit.

Put April 30th on your calendar to play at the Sixes Grange at 1:30pm. On July 2nd we play at NACO in Florence at 7:00pm. Dinner will be available for purchase at 5:00pm, but you must call 541-997-8333 and make reservations in advance.

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the Old Time Music Campout in Winchester Bay on August 18-21. If you need hook-ups you will need to make reservations soon or there will be no spaces left. We will have plenty of dry camping. Contact Hal Weiner or Sharon Gallagher for more information.

Blow out all the candles for our May birthday folks and dance the Anniversary Waltz for those who were married in the merry month of May.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle 541-343-5894
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Sec./Treas. Bernie Roberts 541-689-5764
Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct. Veneta, OR 97487 541-935-8506

Another great Convention has come and gone. Hope you were able to attend and jam your fingers sore. District 6 was well-represented in the Friday night show by Bob Strelow and Ila Mae Carmickle. Thanks to all the members who also played for the Saturday night dance. And special thanks to Phyllis Coffin for make lovely centerpieces for the banquet tables. See Helen Tracy to obtain an OOTFA roster for 2005.

Our next jam will be at the Lebanon Moose Lodge on Sunday, 1 May. Music starts around 10:30 AM, and the Lodge will serve lunch free to the Fiddlers. This is a fun jam as there is always an appreciative audience and lots of dancers. On Saturday May 21st the Coburg Grange has invited the Fiddlers to have a jam there beginning at 11 AM and running till 3 PM. Note that this is NOT a potluck, as the Grange ladies will have food available downstairs in the kitchen. We will again meet at the Coburg Grange on Saturday, June 25th, where a short business meeting will precede the potluck and jam. And mark your calendars for July 16th for the Coburg Golden Years, and August 17th for the Lane County Fair--details to follow for both.

Don't forget the State Contest in Salem May 20th and 21st--see elsewhere for details.

I learned recently of the passing of Vilas Sansom, a former OOTFA member and a fine fiddler in the Springfield area. He died March 13th at the age of 89. I'm sure many of you have played with him in the past and enjoyed his nice style of fiddling.

Happy birthday to: Jackie Parsons, 5/19; and Lorraine Larson, 5/22. Happy anniversary to: Buck and Susie Milligan, 5/3/53; Andy and Ruth Kennedy, 5/6/50; Zane and Phyllis Coffin, 5/18/52; and Don and Ruth Loring, 5/31/39.

Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

PS: District Six meeting: Election of Officers: Bob Strelow, Chair; Joe Moyle, Co-chair. --- Reappointed as Sec/Treasurer: Bernie Roberts --- Replacing Mark Ratzlaff as reporter: Judy Eads.

Meeting Venues: Meetings will now be held two times annually at Coburg Grange; Crow Grange; and the Plumber's Hall in Springfield.

Next Month's jam: Saturday, March 19, at the Plumber's Hall located at 2861 Pierce Parkway. Directions: From I-5, take I-105 east to Mohawk Blvd; left on Mohawk to Marcola Road; right on Mohawk about two blocks to 28th Street; left a short distance to Pierce Parkway; sign at hall says "UA Local 290 Training Center."

Coming events: April, no jam planned; May 1, Lebanon Moose; May 21, open jam Coburg Grange; July 16, Coburg Golden Years; August 17, Lane County Fair

District 7

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Membership: Myrtle Arnold 4508 N.E. Ainsworth St. Portland, OR 97218 503-284-1208

District 7 has two new members, Ron & Ella Beatty. They both play the fiddle. So, if you see them at the jambles, be sure to welcome them.

Jim Kuether needs our encouragement, good thoughts and prayers for successful recovery from surgery to fix up his cut fingers. Please help as you can. Jim and Joyce Kuether are at 31845 SE Victory Rd. Troutdale, OR 97060 503-663-3634 or jimbo4@pcez.com

Friday May 6 from 7:30 - 8:30 Terwilliger Plaza. The Plaza is at 2545 SW Terwilliger. The building sits above the street at the south end of SW 6th avenue where

you start up the hill to OHSU. Follow the yellow curb up the driveway, which runs along the front of the building. Parking in the guest parking lot.

Sunday May 8th will be our regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Corbett Grange at 37393 Corbett Grange Hall Road in Corbett, Oregon. Take I-84 east from Portland to the Corbett Exit - Exit 22, go all the way up the hill to the Scenic Highway and turn left. Go less than a mile just past the Fire House on the right. The highway curves right then left again. At the left curve, go straight ahead onto Grange Hall Road and go up the road. The Grange is the only building on this road. Informal jamming will start about 11, with a formal sign-up jam from 1 - 4.

Wednesday May 18 the Molalla Baptist Church at 901 N Molalla Avenue in Molalla at 1:00. This is the first time we've played for them. They would like some old time hymns also.

Saturday May 21, 11-12 noon The Draft Horse Pull at Rock Creek Campus.

Wednesday June 1 Miramont Pointe. It is at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. The phone number 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of their big sign. When you leave the parking lot, there is only a right turn but two blocks farther on there is a place to do a legal U-turn to go west again if you need to.

Sunday June 12 we will be at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We

can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 for the public.

Friday July 1 -- Pacific Gardens in Tigard from 3 - 4 in the afternoon. Directions next month.

Wednesday July 13 -- Marquis Wilsonville at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday July 17 -- Alton Collins Retreat Center at 32867 SW Highway 211 from 5 - 6 p.m.

Your humble reporter: Gail Foster

District 8

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Co-Chair: Ray Cunningham 503 763-8848
Sec/Treas/ Chris Lang 503-982-6224
Membership: Jackie Stephenson 567 Leasure St. Woodburn, OR 97071

Convention was a wonderful get together (a jumble) of fiddlers! We met some new people, and got to visit with long time friends. Jamming was fun. The shows were great. The banquet was super. I had a good time --- can you tell?

Our co-chairman Ray Cunningham was to be at Roseburg, but was experiencing some chest discomfort. Thinking it best, Marie took him to the emergency room in Salem. Quadruple by pass surgery followed quickly. Ray is home now and doing well. Keep on getting better Ray!

Jeannie Hascall will be having back surgery in not too long. And Bob Bailey has also been having some check ups done. Our thoughts, prayers and good wishes go to them and to Don and Daisy Simon. They recently celebrated their 69th anniversary. It was good to see you in Dallas Don.

Saturday, April 16th we had a jam at the Dallas Senior Center. The room is not very large, and seating was limited (most of the musicians stood) but, wow, what a great audience! One of the seniors there, Kitty Perkins, borrowed a fiddle from Lew and did a great job playing Golden Slippers and Rakes of Mallow. She'll be 95 next week! An inspiration for all of us. We were pleased to have Trevor and Mellissa Whittaker play with us. Trevor is giving Mellissa lessons, and she's doing great. We love our "kid fiddlers". A nice turnout of district 7 folks came too. Congratulations to Trevor for winning the scholarship to the Booher Campout -- awarded at Amy's recital.

Hope to see you at the OOTFA fiddle contest May 20-21. District 8 will have a jam at McMinnville on Saturday May 28th. Brown bag. A week later, June 4th will be a picnic/potluck/jam at Fred and Charlotte Hardin's home in Dallas. They have lots of room for jamming, so y'all come! Driving into Dallas you'll be on Ellendale Street. At the second traffic light, Les Schwab Tire will be on the left and Safeway will be on the right. Continue west on Ellendale two blocks to the next stop sign. Lyle School will be on the left. Continue on Ellendale three blocks, turn right on Douglas, drive up hill three long blocks, turn right on Reed Lane, go one block. It's a log house with a red metal roof, on the corner of Ashley and Reed Lane. Suggestions for food: A thru H Main dish, I thru P salad, Q thru Z dessert. Bring chairs if you have them, and your table ware.

A Violin sings. A Fiddle dances. but it is the Player that makes it MUSIC!

Alice Holt District 8 reporter

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206
Co-Chairman: Lloyd Louie 541-573-7862
Secretary/treasurer/membership:
Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We started off the very busy month of April with a big Friday night jam on the first with the Enneberg relatives who were here to celebrate Joe and Mickey Enneberg's 50th wedding anniversary party held at Big Bear Lodge on Saturday afternoon. We got to sit back and relax and listen to the Miller Band.

The Waterfowl Festival was also held that weekend with Joan Suther and husband Rick Vetter presenting part of the program and that evening a group played at the Elks for the Water Color Society of Oregon. And people wonder what we do to keep busy in Burns. Had to turn down an invitation to Jim Toussaint's parents because of our busy schedule. Phil Drain of Salem was here to provide the sound system for the Bird Festival and came and jammed with us.

Ruel and Margaret Teague and Ann Schlupe of Vail have returned from Arizona and Julia joined them in a carpool to Convention where we discovered Marie Macomber was also back from down south to help represent District 9 at the convention. (Thanks to Donna and Clive for making dance night so enjoyable for a couple of ladies without partners). We hurried back to Burns on Sunday morning in time for our program at the senior center. Annie Schlupe stayed to play a few harmonica tunes before heading on to Vale. Betty and Bill Chapman from Christmas Valley were also guests for the afternoon. Walt Coopers son Casey did a couple of singing

numbers and played backup guitar. Beginning guitar players Warren Land and Kim Tyler sat in with us as well as Faithe Rupp who is learning Mandolin.

Our last senior center jam falls on Mother's Day, May 8th and we will have a short meeting at 12:30. News and changes made at Convention will be given out and a new officer needs to be elected to replace George Sahlberg so put on your thinking caps.

Our monthly visits to Aspens and Ashhley Manor will continue thru the summer with Aspens May 13th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor on the 16th at 6:30.

A condolence card was sent to Virginia Coble on the passing of her husband Jay. They were long time associate members.

Hope you all picked up flyers at the convention about our June Jamboree.

Happy Mother's Day.

Julia Milleson, District 9,
Reporter

District 10

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Wednesday, the 6th of April, was the opening day to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Convention for 2005. It was a great day with lots of music and seeing old friends. We had people playing music all day with the program at 7 PM. We in District 10 enjoyed hosting all the people that arrived on Wednesday We

also had two raffles Wednesday night. One was won by Jeanette Jenks and the other by Shannon Werlinger.

On Saturday at the banquet, Bob Hanson from our District was honored in receiving the "BILL YOHEY GUITAR ACCOMPANIST AWARD". Bob thanked everyone and mainly the fiddlers. He said he could not have done it without them and that he would always be there for them. CONGRATULATIONS BOB.

We were all sad to hear of the passing of Lanora Waggoner, known as the "Yodeling Grandma". She loved to yodel and sing. She passed away in the end of March after months of sickness.

We wish Doris Dilbeck a speedy recovery from her broken knee cap. Our thoughts are with you, Doris. Also we hope to see Hap and Merna Jones enjoying better health soon. And Tiny Stinett, we hope you will be back with us soon.

Saturday, May 14th at the Community Building in Winston will be our next meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and Jam at 1:00. Hope to see you all then.

Clare Eaton, Reporter

From the editor:

District reporters – I need your help. In May I couldn't possibly get the Hoedowner out with our present schedule. Handling preregistration, name tags, etc., I will be sending the Hoedowner to the printer in on Tuesday, May 17. I would appreciate your news as soon as possible and no later than the 16th. This will give a chance to write about your week end jams. Thanks gang. June will present

adjustments, too. We will leave for Burns on Wednesday the 15th.

I must tell a story about our last district 8 jam. I emceed the jam. I introduced a 95 year old lady who said she could play the fiddle – and “fiddle she did” playing Golden Slippers and Rakes of Mallow. After she finished, I commented that I hoped I could play like that when I was 95. One of “my friends” behind me commented, “I wish you could play like that now.” True story.

Many years a sign in book was used at the state convention, but not every year. Volunteers have typed up the lists, going way back. This year there was a “sign in” book. 200 people signed in. Back home I accounted for many more I saw about the hall but there must have been some I missed. I ran a tally on where people came from. I think you will enjoy it as I did. 1E-10, 1-10, 3-23, 4-28, 5-30, 6-40, 7-28, 8—19, 9-5, 10-29, OS-3 and maybe 10 whose names I couldn't account for.

You might enjoy the convention pictures that Hal put on our website – check the links.

Jeanine Orme and friends will present a benefit concert, “Twin Fiddlin’”, for the Northwest Autism Foundation Friday, June 3, 2005, 7:30 p.m. Willamette Falls Hospital Health Education Center Auditorium 519 15th Street, Oregon City For more information contact Jeanine at 503-626-8527 or jorme@teleport.com.

Donna Reuter in Hood River private fiddle lessons -- (541) 386-2633. fiddledr@aol.

Daniel Forster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons. dforster@gabrielsbanner.com

Hi Lew, I have the following for sale: Bass: I paid \$700 for it, put on an adjustable bridge (\$65), bought it a bow (around \$60), and a good padded case (\$120). I'll sell it for \$600. It's painted shiny black - kind of quirky, but it works fine. :)

Cello: Kay, new Prim strings, 4 fine tuners, fiberglass bow, anchor strap for playing on smooth floors, good padded case with shoulder straps. \$350.

Beginner's fiddle #1: fairly new, Thomastic tailpiece with built in fine tuners, new Dominant strings, no case or bow. - \$85

Beginner's fiddle #2: shows wear, Thomastic tailpiece with built in fine tuners, Prim strings, no case or bow. - \$70

Beginner's fiddle #3: 1998 Hoffman "Etude," like new condition, fine tuners, brazilwood bow, good zipper case. (the '98 Hoffman's were better and cost more than the ones they are selling today.) - \$160

A good fiberglass beginner's bow can be purchased for about \$25. None of the fiddles come with a shoulder rest. You would need to get one. If you have questions about any of these instruments, call or email. Thanks Peg Willis fiddlepeg@oregontrail.net 541-276-0350

Sheri West -- fiddle and mandolin lessons in Southern Oregon. Fiddleist@aol.com or (541) 665-0673.

Dear Lew
Just a short note to thank those fiddlers that came by and helped us make the

Riddle / Myrtle Creek Lions club benefit a success, I think we raised somewhere around \$800.00 for them. This money will be put to work in their communities. The jam was also a lot of fun. Had 20 to 25 entertainers. Thank you again for helping us get the word out. Oral

Exciting things have been happening in planning for the contest. Amy Booher has been steam rolling work through the parents of her students. You will see new workers, a coloring contest, a snack bar, a new program and they have come up with many new contributors. I encourage you to attend the contest this year and see things you have never seen at the contest before. I am excited.

The judges are Donna Reuter (Hood River), Clara Murphy (Battle Ground, WA), Tony Ludiker (Idaho), and Dan and Amy Carwile from Tennessee.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION CONTEST May 20, 21, 2005 CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FRIDAY, May 20, 2005
1:00PM OOTFA jam on stage
2:45PM Judges' meeting
3:00PM Sr-Sr Division(Rnd 1)
3:45PM Sr Division (Rnd 1)
6:00PM Jam on main stage
6:30PM Judge/Contestant Mtg
7:00PM Contest begins
Sr-Sr Division final round
Sr Division final round
Twin Fiddle Div.(One round)
Awards

SATURDAY, May 21, 2005
8:30 Judges' meeting with contestants
8:30 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers and back-up)
8:45 CONTEST BEGINS
Young Adult Div (Round 1)
Adult Division (Round 1)
Junior Division (Round 1)
Open Division (Round 1)

NOON INTERMISSION
 1:00 Pee Wee Div (One Rnd)
 Jr - Jr Division (Round 1)
 Open Division (Round 2)
 BREAK FOR DINNER
 6:00 On Stage Jam (All fiddlers & back-up)
 6:30 Entertainment
 7:00 Contest Begins
 Jr -Jr Division (Finals)
 Junior Division (Finals)
 Young Adult Div (Finals)
 Adult Division (Finals)
 Open Division (Finals)
 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
 Accompanists Jr -Jr Division
 Junior Div. Young Adult Div.
 Adult Div. Open Div. (Please note --Schedule subject to change.)

Contest registration: \$5.00 at the contest. Preregistration \$3.00. Contestants are encouraged to reregister.. You can preregister by email. Forms are on our web site. Or just send me your name, address, phone, division and birthdate. (If you preregister by email, you can pay the \$3.00 at the contest.) Oh, yes, I need to have all of the preregistration in me by Wednesday, May 18.

Contest information: Your membership card for OOTFA will get you in free. We are planning on a jam Friday afternoon if we can 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.

RV PARKING: Park around the corner 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. Please follow the

college rules. 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 for us. You are encouraged to take advantage of this fine restaurant.

CALENDAR

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

May				16, 17, 18 Country Music Jamboree	Burns
1	VFW Redmond	3		18 State Quarterly Meeting	Burns OOTFA
1	Jam Moose Hall	Lebanon	6	25 Grange	Coburg 6
7	Jam Lake Co. Fr Gds	Lakeview	1E		
7	Grange Eagle Point	4		July	
8	Grange Corbett	7		2 Picnic	Walch Prk – Lake Creek 4
8	Senior Center	Burns	9	9-10 Silver Falls	Silverton 8
12-15	Silver Lake Campout	1E		15 Golden Years	Coburg 6
14	Lake Creek Grange	4		16 1000 Trails	Pacific City 8
14	Jam Winston	10		28 – Aug. 1	Diamond Lake Campout
20 – 21	Contest Salem	OOTFA		Aug	
21	Grange Coburg	6		6 Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis
28	North Fork Grange	Florence	5	11 Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall 8
28	Senior Center	McMinnville	8	17 Lane Co. Fair	Eugene 6
June				18 - 21	Winchester Bay Campout 5
4	Fruitdale Grange	Gants Pass	4	27 Canyonville Contest	Canyonville
4	Picnic Dallas	8		Sept.	
5	VFW Redmond	3		14-15-16-17	Camp Out Merrill OOTFA
3 – 5	Golden Old Time Music	Yreka, CA			
11	Grange Winchester Bay	5			
12	Senior Center	Estacada	7		