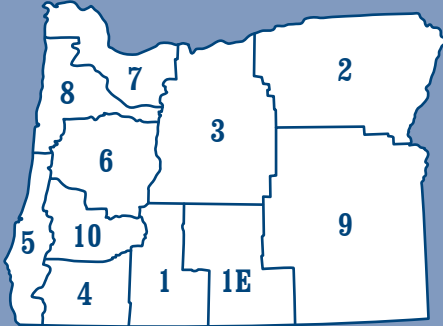


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From Your President

Happy New Year to everyone. This has been a remarkable year for OOTFA.

It was a year of new firsts for us. We received an incredible donation from the Kielhorns, held a very successful West of the Cascades Fiddle camp, and District 6 is now conducting a separate traditional Old Time jam session that is becoming well attended. They are also playing for contra dances. I would encourage each of your districts to consider doing the same, so we can bring back many fiddlers who prefer to only play old-time fiddle music, and attract new members as well.

Our next board meeting will be on January 21 at 10 a.m. at Emerald Park in Eugene. We will be discussing the creation of the permanent endowment fund with the Kielhorn donation, processes to request funds from the donation, changes required in our Articles of Incorporation and assignments for our convention in Rickreall in April. The meeting will be followed by a potluck lunch and jam session.

I would also remind everyone to pay their duesplease.

Keep on pickin', bowing and grinning....

~Hal Weiner

From the Editor

District 6 had its Christmas jam December 4 at the Lebanon Moose lodge. We were honored to have President Hal Weiner present, playing the Brazilian craviola -- a type of guitar whose unusual tone was featured in samba recordings of Antonio Carlos Jobim a few years back.

I looked up the craviola on the internet afterwards and was delighted to discover that Giannini, the Brazilian company that makes the craviola, also makes an unusually shaped mandolin. Who knows where this will lead

John Gent recently came up with a new (to me) version of a familiar tune -- "Greensleeves Jig." This caused me to look up Greensleeves on the Fiddlers Companion website, where I discovered a similarly named Irish dance tune, also a jig --- the Tune of the Month.

District 6 is looking forward to hosting the January state meeting and jam at Emerald Park in Eugene. Those who attended last year will remember that this is a very nice facility. We hope to see you all here on January 21.

~Joe

Hal Weiner, playing the Brazilian craviola,
at the District 6 Xmas jam.



From the Editor Emeritus

Recently I was doing some research trying to find a name of a fiddler from Montana. I looked at the sign ins for the 1994 dance band contest we held at the Lincoln City Elks. I was amazed and pleased to see that 183 people had signed in -- showing great support for the dance band contest. We were invited by the Elks Lodge in Lincoln City to put on a fiddle contest with a budget of \$1500. I drove up from North Bend and Lee Jones came over from Sheridan so we could meet with the lodge leaders. Rather than having a typical fiddle contest, we decided to have a "dance band" contest where each contestant would form a band and play a tune for dancers -- to be judged primarily on "danceability." This didn't mean one fiddler and one guitar player since this would limit the participation. We wanted to involve as many people as possible.

Right after Christmas a year ago I chatted with a lady in the audience at a jam who had brought her father to the jam. I could see their excitement and interest in the fiddle music so I went to her after the jam, offered to send DVDs of fiddle jams to her, got her address and the following week I sent her DVDs. Here is a letter I received later from her. It shows the beauty and power of our music. It reads:

"Feb. 26, 2011

Dear Lew,

Just received the three "DVDs!" They are such a wonderful surprise! Dad is watching one now, as I write! He is singing along to almost every song! These DVDs of your music really brightens his day! Even with cancer, ? and Alzheimer's, he remembers the words to most of your songs! I cannot thank you enough for the light this music brings into his life.

With gratitude (Signature) "

This may sound strange, but I have many obituaries of departed OOTFA members. I am soliciting your help in obtaining as many as possible to have as a part of the history of the people of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. So if you have one or two or three tucked away, I would appreciate copies either by email or a copy of the original or typed out. Thanks. I will post a list on Oregonoldtimefiddling.org of the ones I have. Thanks. I have another history project coming up this winter that I think you will enjoy.

~Lew Holt

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January

1	New Years Party & Jam	12 to 4 p.m.
3	Gig Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
3	Gig Crystal Terrace	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
8	Jam Senior Dance, music, & finger food	12 - 4:00 p.m..
19	Gig Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
19	Gig Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless something else is going on: 1:30 to 4 p.m. Any questions regarding schedule, please call Irene Ruddock.

Another year has gone by, it seems that happens faster each year. We hope all of you will have a great 2012.

So far this winter we have had very little snow, but it has been cold. Kind of puts a limit on our outdoor activity.

Our December meeting was well attended. Irene wants everyone to start thinking about our chairperson & officers for this coming election. Also remember to pay your dues for 2012.

Sunday's dance was very good. We had twenty musicians and lots of dancers. Thanks everyone for coming. We know it is a busy time of year for everyone. Also want to thank the ladies for their hard work in the kitchen, and decorating the tables for Christmas. What would we do without them.

We were sorry to hear about Patti Northcraft's sister passing away. Our sympathy goes out to Patti, John and their family.

There will not be a January business meeting; we will have our New Year's dinner instead. We will celebrate the start of another year, and all of 2011. There will be time to remember the past years when the Fiddlers started here in Klamath Falls.

A nice surprise this past month. Irene Ruddock received a call from a lady saying her Uncle George Wilson was visiting from New York. She said he is a professional fiddler and would like to jam while in the area. Irene invited several fiddlers to play for the afternoon. They were very impressed with his playing, asking him to stay and play with us Sunday. He was traveling, so he could not. We all hope he will come back someday.

Happy Birthday wishes to Johnny Rodgers, Phil Fry, LaVonne Vaughn and Thelma Nelson.

I do not have any Anniversaries on my list for January. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone, let me know if we did.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. So play lots of music and enjoy life.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter



Left: District 1 musicians at the Sunday dance.

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January

7 Jam

Lake County Senior Center

We played the Holiday Fair on December third. Lots of people around. This is a two day event. Most everything at the fair is home-made or hand-made. You can see a lot of beautiful things.

On December 10th we played for the Christmas Bazaar. Mike Foster came over from District 1. THANK YOU!! We always enjoy seeing you, hearing you and visiting with you.

We had our regular jam on the fourth. Small and cozy. Well not too cozy, as it was pretty cold out.

The next jam is January 7th, same time and place.

Everyone has paid their dues right??

Start thinking about new officers. Or re-electing the old ones.

Have a happy and safe New Year.

~ Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter

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January

8 Jam

Redmond VFW Hall (New Location)
1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Our regular monthly jam at the Pine Forest Grange on December 4th was a good one despite another dance in Bend on the same day. We were joined by Bob Hanson from District 10; he's a good musician and he was well received by our audience. After the jam we had a short meeting to make food assignments for the Christmas dinner.

We had a very good dinner and jam on Saturday, December 10th at the Pine Forest Grange. We all ate too much because the dinner was excellent and the jam was a lot of fun. I would like to thank everyone for the food and all of the help in setting up and restoring the grange to a nice clean condition.

Please Note:

Our next jam will be at the VFW hall in Redmond on January 8th at one p.m. Our jams will be always on second Sundays unless people are notified otherwise. Just a reminder --- try to get your dues paid as soon as you can to avoid missing your issues of the Hoedowner

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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January

7 Jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

February

4 Jam Fruitdale Grange 11:30 a.m.

March

3 Jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

What a feast we had at the December jam at Roxy Ann Grange! Judy Lyons does a great job of coordinating the food, and it wasn't only the turkey that was stuffed! Lots of good music, and many new people in the audience with special thanks to Ron Bolstad who is arranging some great publicity for the jams. It was voted that we have potlucks only when we are at Roxy Ann Grange – which is April, September, and December in 2012. Remember that we are a volunteer organization and all need to help where we can! What can you do?

Zelda Cook has been in the hospital, but came to the jam and is doing better following back pain treatment. Niquita Wilkinson had foot surgery--again! – hopefully she'll be back playing and dancing in no time! John Renfro is facing some health problems – we wish him the best.

Seven of our fiddlers turned "violinist" to play in the OOMPA (Only Occasional Methodist Philharmonic Association) for Feast of Carols and Feast of Cookies at the Methodist Church. They really impressed the conductor (and the crowd) with their prowess this year! Lots of happy Christmas music by musicians of all ages!

The birthday and Christmas party at Stone House, a residential program for Opportunities Unlimited, had the residents clapping and squealing, and joining in with Jingle Bells and "Frosty" and all the other upbeat tunes.

We played for another Christmas party at Pioneer Village (Active Senior Retirement) at the request of the residents as a result of our playing there last month. They love to dance to anything fast!

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We were busy as usual with our regular monthly gigs and still need musicians to fill in!

Don Maddox is going to Nashville to appear on the Marty Stuart TV show, following the release of his CD.

Our membership chairman, Carol, was busy filling out cards at the jam as we had 27 renewal family memberships, and one new member. Welcome, Annette MacGregor, who plays banjo and is planning to learn fiddle (we have to educate these banjo players!).

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Eugene on January 21 for the quarterly meeting and jam.

My New Year's wish for you: May all your troubles last only as long as your New Year's resolutions! Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

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January

4	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 p.m.
4	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
11	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
18	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 p.m.
21	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 p.m.
25	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 p.m.
25	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 p.m.

The combined Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner held before the November monthly jam was enjoyed by all. Very tasty! Enjoying the dinner and jam with the District 5 members were guests from District 10, Guy Kinman, Bob and Jean Hanson, Hal and Sharon Thompson, and their friend, Francis ?, from the Roseburg area. We're always glad to see visitors from other districts and invite you to attend our jams any time. Our monthly jam is always on the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Winchester Bay Community Center on Broadway. Follow the signs.

There was an extra added gig for the group in December when they were asked to play at Pony Village Mall on the 16th as a part of the mall's Christmas promotional programming and were much enjoyed by the crowd of shoppers.

The intermediate fiddle class, taught by Bob Shaffer, presented two Christmas recitals in December. These were at the Shore Acres Christmas light exhibition on the 8th and at Heritage Place in Bandon on the 10th. Nice to see so many people improving their fiddling skills under the tutelage of one of our best fiddlers.

There have been several new names added to our membership list recently. These include Rianne Culbertson and sister, Alyssa, Linda Gonzales, Trish and C.D. Conyers, and Linda Hinton all from Bandon and the ladies in Bob's classes. Other new members include Lisa and Virgil Griffin and Rudy Spence from Harbor, Bettie and Jack Livingston and Shara'deen and Larry Ball from Brookings and Ellen Keeland from Reedsport. Welcome to all of you and hope to see you soon at some of the jams.

We are saddened by the death, on December 10th, of Betty Lively of Bandon who, with her late husband, Albert, was a long-time member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and District 5. Services were held on December 18 at the Bandon IOOF Cemetery with dinner following for family and friends at the Dew Valley Club House. Betty was born on June 5, 1921 in Bandon.

I woke up,
I lifted my arms,
I moved my knees,
I turned my neck....
Everything made the same noise:
Crrrrrrrrraaaaaaaaaaacccck!
I came to a conclusion:
I am not old,
I am crispy!

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Fiddle Contest Advice

The following article was written by Olive Donaldson and printed in the NOTFA news letter some years back. Perhaps it will help you get ready for our state contest that will be held March 23-24, 2012 at the Chemeketa CC in Salem. (Used by permission of Olive Donaldson.)

Contest - To Enter or Not, by Olive Donaldson

This article discusses ways to approach contests and we will examine some of these important points.

Step 1 Commitment to Enter the Contest - commitment -- yes!! So you don't become a chicken at the last moment. For all of us beginners YES YES YES, you will get the jitters, but plan your attack. Try to figure out why you tremble so. Is it because you will be in front of a crowd that is all attentive on what you have for them to listen to? Then plan to play for them - in your best tradition. YOUR best traditional style is YOU personified. Give your listeners your best shot.

Step 2 Pick the Tunes - pick tunes you are comfortable with and enjoy playing. With three weeks to go some glitches can still be ironed smooth. Plan to play these tunes many, many times a day. Time the tunes, 3 tunes at one minute 20 seconds each will give you a four minute program.

Step 3 Rehearsal - Practice - Practice - Practice. Start your warm up with long bow strokes, one bow to a note, and play a C scale (start on [G3] and play to [E3], no sharps or flats; play the scale several times, not just hoping to hit the right tone, but deliberately placing your fingers on the fingerboard; play a G scale, using the high [D2] and high [E1], play from open G to [E2], (raise [D2] and [E1] again only one bow for each note. Play the D and A scales also. While doing all this try to concentrate on relaxing your bow hand and your grip on the fiddle. Work for a full steady tone. Once you feel warmed up play a tune that is not a contest tune, BUT play it slower than usual - deliberately watching your fingers on the fingerboard. Then try your first round, go from one tune to the next, do not let little errors bother you in this particular play, but note them in your memory, and continue to play the tunes. Practice the beginning of the tunes many times. Pick out those errors and give those particular segments the "20 times in a row, correctly played" type of rehearsal. And again DON'T SPEED UP! Keep the tune flowing and you better love it because you will hear it upteenthrillion times.

Step 4 Polishing and Getting Rid of the Jitters. One good way to relieve those jitters is to cut them off a the pass, so to speak, and let them know who is boss. Know your tunes inside and out; let there be NO iffy notes, know them all, that's the reason for watching your fingerboard during warm-up scales and deliberately hitting the board with your finger in the right place. You will not only build accuracy, but finger muscles strength and a focus of your playing energy. That is the reason you play your tunes slowly, not just for the proper timing for each note, but also to build those necessary muscles for bow control.

Your personal confidence as to how well you feel you know the tune will master 80% of those jitters. You need the other 20% of those jitters to get you on the UP swing of your emotional level for the contest. Another big help for a lift of confidence is to play your tunes with the accompaniment you will use at the contest, and, again, many times. If you make mistakes when playing with your accompanist, run through those passages slowly with the guitar player until you have caught hold of the right notes before playing the whole tune over again. Play your tunes at a Jam, not only on the stage, but outside before stage time. IF YOU CANNOT GET GUITAR TIME AND HAVE A FIDDLE TEACHER, HAVE YOUR TEACHER RECORD ACCOMPANIMENT FOR YOU.

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By this time you should also be nearly to contest speed, but still controlled for accuracy and clarity. REMEMBER - each fiddler is unique and is a contributor to the perpetuity of old time music, only YOU can play your tunes the way you play them. Thank goodness we are not all alike. Can you imagine going to a fiddle contest and NOT hearing the rich variety of tones, styles, and personal nuances fiddlers bring to the stage? (continued next month)

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter Bowling – It Does Make a Difference

Bowling – Where do I even begin!?! There are many more aspects of bowling to consider than I can even begin to discuss in one short column, so this month I'll merely scratch the surface, and will address specifics in the future. The direction in which the bow is traveling (up or down) on any given note, and where one chooses to slur two or more notes in one bow stroke can make an enormous difference in both ease of fiddling and in the sound produced. There are many effective ways to bow any specific tune, and there are also many ineffective ways. Experienced fiddlers often instinctively choose effective bowings, usually depending on the style of their fiddling. Inexperienced fiddlers would be wise to learn bowings while learning tunes – either through written music, video, or having someone show them. Eventually, after gaining enough experience playing with effective bowings, good instinct will usually take over.

Other Things to Consider

- Work your way towards the frog or tip of the bow so as to have enough space on the bow for a long note.
- Keep the bow evenly on both strings while playing a double stop.
- Make sure your elbow is high enough soon enough when crossing to a lower string.
- Keep your wrist flexible enough to keep your upper arm from "swinging". Along those same lines, make sure your bow stick is tipped away from you and your wrist pointing up when you're playing towards the frog.
- Keep down bows and up bows even – up bows may need an extra push as you're working against gravity.
- Find the proper bow hair tension for what you're playing – also the proper speed of the bow and amount of bow.
- Transferring the proper amount of "pressure" or "weight" through your first finger onto the bow – which will constantly change depending on what you're playing and which part of your bow is on the string.
- There are many other things to consider – pivoting over a string, accenting notes, etc. but I've run out of space.

I encourage you to contact me with suggestions or if there are certain bowling or other issues which concern you. Thanks, Eileen (503-701-1578) or Eileen@portlandfiddleteacher.com

Tune of the Month: Green Sleeves

Not the familiar melody, but an old Irish dance tune in jig format, The quarter note in bar three of lines one and two should not be dotted.



Rhythm: Jig

Source: Joyce ~ Old Irish Folk Music and Songs (1909)

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January

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
13	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
21	State jam, meeting	Emerald Park	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
21	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
27	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

February

3	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
10	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
11	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
18	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
24	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

On December 4th, we started out with a Christmas celebration at the Lebanon Moose. The music and friendship were wonderful. The highlight was the visit by Old St. Nicholas aka Keith Barr! Thanks Santa.

District 6 is again a sponsor of the Winter Folk Festival in Florence on January 14-15. The Headliners are Tom Chapin and the We Five. This is an event that has been organized and directed by our state president, Hal Weiner, for several years. In addition to the headliners, there are eight other groups who will be performing. To see a complete lineup and to listen to samples of the performers, go to the website at www.winterfolkfestival.org.

Other events organized by District 6 members and of interest to the membership include:

The beginning fiddle class will be held on January 30. For Info, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

The intermediate fiddle class will be held on January 28. For Info, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

The old time jam at Cosmic Pizza in downtown Eugene will be on Sunday, January 29 from 4-7 p.m. In fact, it will be held on the last Sunday of every month from 4-7 p.m. in 2012. For further information, call Melissa Takush at 541-228-1644 or email her at melissamandra@yahoo.com.

The District 6 song writing group is organized by Addison Talbot (peggy@brasscreek.com or call 541-912-4040).

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops camp sponsored by District 6 at Westridge Middle School near Oakridge is scheduled for July 23-26, 2012. The committee is working hard at their monthly meetings and will list updates regularly in the Hoedowner. We need everyone's support!!!

Good Thoughts for our members:

Our sincere condolences to Emily Moyle in the passing of her mother in November.

Zane & Phyllis Coffin are just great after some recent medical issues.

Curly and Allison Roberts (former members of District 6) are currently living in Salem. Allison reports that Curly is in the hospital in Salem dealing with severe back and leg pain, and will probably be moved to a care facility where his medications can be closely managed. Allison wanted her friends in Eugene to be aware of the situation.

Jam venue addresses: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene;; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

January birthdays: Joe Moyle on 1-1; Allan Ede on 1-16; Zane Coffin on 1-18; Ken Spann on 1-20; Cal Montgomery on 1-21; John Childers on 1-22; Ken White on 1-22; and Leah Canaday on 1-26

If you haven't paid your dues, now would be a good time to do it!

January anniversaries: Willie & Edna Carter on 1-11.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!!

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

Left photo: Long-time OOTFA fiddler Willie Carter, and wife Edna, perform at the District 6 Xmas jam.



Right photo: District 6 Chairman Ken Luse keeps track of the football game at the barn dance.



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January			
8	Jam	Gladstone Senior Center, Gladstone	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
February			
12	Jam	Juanita Pohl Senior Center, Gladstone	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
March			
18	Jam	Lake Oswego Senior Center, Lake Oswego	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If you missed the December Holiday Party in Estacada you really missed some fine playing, especially by the kids. They were terrific and really showed up some of us older folks. It's great to see the up-and-comers brave their fears and play for the larger group. We all played and sang and ate well as you would expect at a Fiddler's party!

On January 8, Sunday, we are starting out the New Year at the Gladstone Senior Center at 1050 Portland Ave. in Gladstone. This is our first monthly jam for 2012. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the sign-up jam is from 1:00 pm to 3:30 p.m.

February 12, Sunday, our monthly jam is at the Juanita Pohl Senior Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Rd, in Tualatin. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the sign-up jam is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 18, Sunday, we are scheduled for our monthly jam at the Lake Oswego Senior Center at 505 G Street in Lake Oswego. Doors open at 11 a.m. Signup playing starts at 1:00 and goes until 3:30 p.m.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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January			
14	District Jam	Senior Center	McMinnville
February			
18	District Jam	Senior Center	McMinnville
March			
23-24	State Fiddle Contest		Salem

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! Another year has zipped by. Does time go faster these days, or is it just me? Looking back to this last year, I would like to say that it has been a very good year for District 8, a lot of jams, contest and convention responsibilities. And many thanks to those who help at district jams: Robert Terry always helps with tables and chairs, Darlene Bryant makes coffee and cleans up afterward, Les Tucker set up our sound system, our officers carry out their duties. With everyone pitching in to do big and little jobs, the work goes quickly. Thanks to all who helped!

Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. and are looking forward to a Happy New Year.

District 8 monthly jam on December 17th was well attended with 18 signed up. Two of our scholarship students, Colton Morris and Joel Bennett, added their music. We are always pleased to have them. The audience loves them too! Lew and I had to leave before the jam, but got to play a few tunes earlier. Had a very good audience too.

The Salem area group played for a Christmas party for the Multiple Sclerosis group. We all brought home door prizes. We enjoyed a very nice potluck dinner, and off course had a great time playing tunes for the group.

We are sorry to learn that Curly Roberts has been hospitalized with severe pain in his back and legs. He is having physical therapy and hopefully can go home soon. Our best wishes to him to get to feeling better and to Allison.

Leigh Ann and Larry, and Gene and Jackie have had colds and related ailments. Glad to see them back in circulation! Stay well everyone.

Our January jam will be Saturday, January 14th at the McMinnville Senior Center. Hope to see you all there! The doors open at around 10 a.m, for sound set up and early jamming. We have our bring your own lunch at noon. Sign up jam from 1 to 3:30 p.m.. We're checking into some other locations for upcoming jams. Election of officers at our February jam and meeting on February 18th.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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January

8	Jam	
13	Gig	The Aspens
16	Gig	Ashley Manor

We had a wonderful turnout and tasty meal for the holiday potluck and jam in December. It was the biggest crowd of the season in attendance to enjoy the turkey cooked to perfection by Joan Suther. Wayne and Rose Johnson cooked the potatoes donated by Janet Braymen from her garden. With five potatoes totaling ten pounds, Wayne didn't have to do much peeling. George Sahlberg and Joan provided stuffing while a myriad of salads and deserts completed the meal. Thanks to everyone for bringing all the wonderful food.

The folks at the Aspens and Ashley Manor were thrilled with the December performances as familiar Christmas tunes were performed. It's great to see the eyes light up with enjoyment. LaWanda Williams is mending after her surgery. Don was at a recent Friday night jam for the first time in two months. It was good to see Lynn Gadbury back after a brief hiatus as well. Darlene Wingfield is recuperating from knee surgery and is getting around quite well now.

The big news around District 9 is a snowy owl which has taken up residence in a field near Burns. It is a rare event for a snowy owl to be in our part of the country. Rick Vetter has taken some stunning photos of the owl and encourages everyone to go take a look. The bird is about two feet in height and often perches on a fence post next to the highway so he is easy to see. Apparently there are other sightings of owls around Oregon so check with your local bird experts to see if there is one near you (like at Waldport, Florence, or Corvallis!)

January dates to remember include the Sunday jam on the 8th, the Aspens on the 13th, and Ashley Manor on the 16th. Hope to see you there.

~ Janet Braymen for Darlene Wingfield, District 9 Reporter

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January

28	Monthly Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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We didn't have too many at the jam in November, but enough to have a good one. Pat Weyer was there from District 5 and played harmonica. Jim Kruther, District 7, played the fiddle and guitar. It was nice seeing them and listening to their good music.--

We had two other visitors, Barbara Davis and her granddaughter Sierra Folk. Sierra is 8 years old and is interested in playing the fiddle.

Dave LeBleu is feeling a little bit better, but has to have more treatments a little later. Chuck and Margie Hastey are doing okay. Hope anyone else that is under the weather will be up and around soon.

--Happy Birthday to Whitey Kelm, who turned 81 December 5th. And to everyone else that had them. I don't have a list.

We'll be having our jam January 28th, the 4th Saturday, at the VFW Hall, 1127 Walnut St. Roseburg, from 1 to 4 pm. We'll have finger food.

Hope you have all paid your dues for 2012.

See you all at the 28th of January.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



Left: Alan Ede performs at the District 6 Xmas jam



Middle: State membership coordinator Mark Ratzlaff, at the District 6 Xmas jam



Right: Jerry and Linda Parks belt one out at the District 6 Xmas jam.



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State Calendar

January 21	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam, Emerald Park	Eugene
March 23-24	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College,	Salem
April 12-14	State Convention	Rickreall
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
May 4-6	Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest	
June 14-16	High Desert Jamboree	Burns
June 18-23	National Fiddle Contest	Weiser
July 23-26	West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir
August 2-5	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake
August 7-11	LaPine Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 16-19	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
September 13-15	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam	Merrill

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Larry & Shara'deen Ball, Brookings
Trish & CD Conyers, Bandon
Rianna & Alyssa Culbertson, Bandon
DeWayne & Nita Drake, Umpqua
Linda Gonzales, Bandon
Lisa & Virgil Griffin, Harbor
Linda Hinton, Bandon

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