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From Your President:

Wow, the State Fiddle Contest is over. What great fun. Thanks to Lew Holt and all of the other volunteers who made this another successful contest. Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all of you who entered the contest, acted as back-up, or attended the contest. Also a big THANK YOU for all of the Districts and individuals who donated. Without your support we would not be able to have the contest. This year's contest was especially important as Oregon will be the Host State in Weiser for the National Fiddle Contest and having a good turnout was appreciated.

Please plan to attend our annual meeting at the State Convention in Rickreall on April 14 at 10:30 a.m. You will be asked to vote on changes to our by-laws as published in last month's Hoedowner and elect new officers.

There has been some discussion as to whether we want to continue to dance bands at the convention this year. Some districts do not have enough attendees to create a band and others preferred to take the time and jam instead of play for a dance with few dancers. I will post an updated schedule at the convention.

Please bring nice items for the raffle that you would buy a ticket for yourself. And don't forget each district needs to bring flowers for the place settings at the banquet. Also don't forget to buy your banquet tickets. They will NOT be many (if any) available for purchase at the convention. See you all there!!

~ Hal

From the Editor:

Ruth Montgomery. We here in District 6 were very sorry to lose Ruth Montgomery, who died last month. Ruth, a self-taught bass player, was a District 6 fixture from long before the time I joined, in the early Nineties. She both played and sang, often pop hits from the big band era, like "Don't Sit under the Apple Tree." She was always willing to encourage novice musicians, which I was back then. She heard me singing along with a tune on the sidelines one night, and beckoned to me to step up to the mike long before I was ready to do anything of the sort.

Convention tidbits. Directions to the Polk Co. Fairgrounds from Salem. Go West out of Salem (over the bridge) on OR-22. Go 9.5 miles. Just before the 99W overpass, take right lane, swing around the overpass to 99W/Pacific Hwy, turn right onto OR-99W .7 miles to Fairgrounds. 520 S. Pacific Hwy. West Rickreall, OR 97371.

RV parking at the fairgrounds. This year there will be signs for RV parking which will direct us away from the front parking. It is good business to save that parking for our "paying customers."

Convention Banquet Menu. The caterer writes --

"Tri-Tip: we will prepare it by letting it sit overnight in our classic spice blend. fennel, paprika, coriander, salt & pepper. then it will be seared and cooked to med-rare/medium on a BBQ then sliced at the buffet table.

Chicken Breast: roasted with garlic, onion, and stewed tomatoes. served on the buffet line. We will also serve salad, baked potatoes, and roasted vegetables. along with bread & butter

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Convention Motels: Courtesy Inn 270 N. Pacific Ave. (Hwy 99) Monmouth, OR 97361 Ph: (503)838-4438. Dallas - Riverside Inn & Suites 517 Main St. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph: (503)623-8163. Best Western - Dallas Inn & Suites 250 Orchard Dr. Dallas, OR 97338 Ph 503-623-6000. For reservations call 1-800-528-1234"

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus:

How about a big hand for Mark Ratzlaff -- Hurray, Mark, for a job well done with the new 2012 roster! It is different, very intriguing and I think very functional. Printed copies will be available at the state convention and in your districts, probably. If you want a (free) online PDF copy, send Mark an email. A printed copy will set you back \$1.50.

I am writing this with the state contest just around the corner. I have ordered the trophies and programs, name tags, and touched base with Terry at the Chemeketa Auditorium, so those are behind me (Just the tip of the iceberg). Now to get more volunteers to work at the contest and assign them. I cannot say enough nice things about Paula Sanders and Sharon Gallagher for the work they have already done. Sharon Thompson, our treasurer, is writing checks and will be there to help. The list goes on and on. Thanks to you all!

Of course, after we walk away from the contest, and take a deep breath, it will be time for District 8 to welcome you to the state convention. District 8, with the help of District 7, will show you a good time on Wednesday, the 11th, for the those of you who come early to the convention. Sign up jam that evening. Sign up jam Thursday. The Friday show is "by invitation only." The cafeteria will be/should be open Thursday noon and during the convention so there is no need to go hungry. Sharon Gallagher will be taking your banquet reservations up to the 6th -- either chicken or beef -- the sooner the better. Why not "right now." I hope, too, to have heard from all of the districts telling me who the two fiddlers are from their districts that will be playing in the Friday night show for the public. I am running ads for both the contest and the convention with a dollar off coupon. Coupons seem to attract people and fill the halls.

~ Lew

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April

1	Meeting & Pot Luck		12- 4 p.m.
3	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
3	Gig	Crystal Terrace	1 - 2 p.m.
8	Senior Dance, music, & finger food		12 - 4 p.m.
10	Gig	Senior Center	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
19	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
19	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
24	Gig	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday at Luther Square unless there is something else going on, 1 - 4 p.m. Questions about the schedule? Call Irene Ruddock.

The week of April 10th several will be attending the convention, so there will be no practice. Hopefully there will enough players in town to play at the senior center.

It is hard to believe it is spring; we still have not had very much snow -- just cold windy weather. Everyone is waiting for the warm weather -- hopefully we won't have to wait too long.

Our dance in March was well attended by dancers and musicians. Everyone seemed to have lots of energy, even though we all had to set our clocks ahead one hour. It was good to have Ron & Paulette Neiderbach back, dancing again after his surgery.

We want give a big thanks to all our musicians that come to the senior center, also the nursing and retirement homes. They all love our music.

Everyone in District 1 sends their sympathy to Guy Hitson's family & friends. Guy passed away in February.

April birthdays: Al Meyers, Bill Bonser, and Maxine Selles. Happy Birthday to everyone.

I don't have any anniversaries listed for this month. Let me know if I missed anyone.

There are two ways to live: as if nothing is a miracle; or, as if everything is a miracle.

~ Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter

District 1
Vice Chairman John Northcraft
and wife Patti.



District 1E

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April			
7	Jam and Workshop	Senior Center	5 p.m.
May			
3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	

Is spring here?? Can't find it in Lake County.

Not much going on. Larry and Terry headed north to Bend and had a good time playing with Ellen and Dennis Jacobs. That was Larry's third trip up there and he always had a wonderful time.

We are keeping all the same officers. Also secretary/treasurer is the same as is the reporter.

Thursday nights are still going strong. Still having our jams at the Senior Center the first Saturday of the month. The workshop before (5 p.m.) the jam seems to work out fine.

We won't have a jam in May. Here is the info for the Silver Lake Campout. The dates are May 3rd to the 6th. Terry's phone number is 541-219-0896, if you need more info.

Terry says we will play till the cows come home. That will be Sunday around noon. Get your rest ahead of time.

There are a limited number of electrical-only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall -- first come, first served for \$10 per night. Dry camping all around the hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services.

A couple of blocks north, right on the highway is Silver Lake Motel. (541-576-2131)

Here's a couple more options: Silver Lake Trailer Park (541) 576-2789; K&K RV Park (541)576-2258; and, approximately 20 miles out are Christmas Valley Desert Inn 541-576-2262; Lakeside Terrace (541)576-2309; and Summer Lake Lodge (541)943-3994

~ Mary Ann McClain, District 1E Reporter

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April			
8	Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1 - 3:30 p.m.
22	Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1 - 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Ron Odegard is pleased to announce that the return to the VFW Hall in Redmond has been such an outstanding success that -- from March to October -- there will be two jams a month at the 1836 SW Veteran's Way venue, on the second and fourth Sundays.

There has been a very good reception from the VFW and the public for the return to the Redmond area, creating a win-win situation for the VFW, the public and OOTFA. The March jam was very well attended with a great turnout of musicians from Prineville.

The Oregon State Fiddle Contest will be held this year on March 23-24 at Chemekata Community College in Salem. This is a great time to support some of our junior fiddlers, such as the Leavitt & Allison families, who will be competing this year. Help support the state contest by becoming involved or enjoying the event. If you are thinking of competing, send your registration to Sharon Gallagher, 2030 King Lane, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

April is the month for the state convention in Rickreall, from April 11-14. Jack Kerr, Peggy Hudson and Roland White will be attending and District 3 will donate their required table decorations for the banquet. If you are going and want to attend the banquet on Saturday night please mail your checks made out to OOTFA for \$13.00 per meal with your choice of chicken or beef and mail to: Sharon Gallagher • 2030 King Lane • Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

The Silver Lake Campout will be held from May 3-6, and is a great campout for fiddlers and musicians from from the entire state. Many District 3 members attend this event and the word is out that it is one of the best events of the year for OOTFA members.

The Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest has been cancelled due to a shortage of volunteers and funds. This brings up an important fact about supporting these types of fiddling events including our own state fiddle camps and contests, including the national contest in Weiser. Funding sources are scarce for all organizations, so even a modest donation will make a difference.

The West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshops, scheduled for July 23-26 in West Fir Oregon near Oakridge, is on track for a great week of music. Roland White has been selected as music coordinator for this year's camp. On the last day of fiddle camp, there will be a workshop with Andy Emert, Oregon's open fiddling champion and two-time national adult champion, teaching two workshops on old-time country swing tunes.

Scholarships are available for OOTFA members with their local districts and from State for children and adults. The West Cascades camp now has 15 instructors in place and will be featuring daily classes and workshops. For scholarship information call Roland: 541-647-4789. Or visit the website: <http://fiddlecamp.org/>

Chairman Ron wants to remind our district members to pay their 2012 dues and to be thinking about the upcoming election of new District 3 officers Please send any nominations or suggestions for new officers to Ron Odegard 541-447-7395.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

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The March jam at Eagle Point was well attended on a beautiful sunny day! We ate good snacks, socialized a bunch, played a lot of music, and had numerous dancers. A busload of folks from the VA Dom not only added to our appreciative audience, but they helped stack and put away chairs after the program. The "off stage" jam before and after the stage presentations has had many positive comments! T'was good to have Lenny back as our program director – thanks, Len! Also special thanks to Everett Costa for doing a superb job with the sound, and Judy Lyons for keeping the coffee and drinks supplied.

A very small group of musicians played at Countryside Retirement Village – we need the musicians from Grants Pass to help out, too. We had three fiddlers and a bass. Someone described us as "the fiddlers three" but Everett said we were more like the "three blind mice"! By involving our audience in rhythm instruments and singing they all seemed to have a good time and asked us to come back.

Marlene Renfrow had cataract surgery and couldn't wait to get the other eye done. Lem Guthrie had cataract surgery last month and is seeing better, too. Annette McGregor is doing well after the removal of a benign jaw tumor. We've missed her sunny smile – and she plays a banjo! Lots of colds and flu around, but folks seem to be on the mend.

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April

5	Gig
5	Gig
12	Gig
12	Gig
19	Gig
21	Monthly Jam
26	Gig
26	Gig

At the meeting preceding the February jam in Winchester Bay, it was decided that the theme for this year's campout in August will be barnyard animals; so, start looking for a song about them or mentioning them and then come up with a clever way to present your choice. There was also further discussion about presenting old-time music in local schools---perhaps as a part of the Oregon history units. There was also discussion and ideas presented for the greetings and statement of purposes documents Jolly Hibbits has been preparing, to be given to all new members.

Guests at the February jam were Carol Ridley, Jean and Bob Hanson, and Sharon and Hal Thompson all from District 10, and Art Bigelow from District 4. Always nice to have you along and thank you for coming.

We are all saddened by the death of Oren Pruitt on February 29. He had been in poor health, suffering from several serious ailments, for several years, but he kept on playing, singing

April

7	Potluck and Meeting		
		Roxy Ann Grange, Medford	11:30 a.m.

May

12	Jam	Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point	12 p.m.
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June

2	Jam and Snacks	Friuitdale Grange	11:30 p.m.
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We were saddened to learn of the death of Larry Perry. He and Dorothy were faithful dancers for many years. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

A special thank you to Peggy Ervin who donated a fiddle and a guitar to our loaner program. Many thanks, Peggy, we will put them to good use. It's great to have you and Betty Vales back after Betty's serious illness.

We had a good group playing at Royal Oak Retirement. We hadn't been there for quite a while, and they had a good crowd out to hear us. One lady kept requesting old songs from her grandfather's fiddle playing, so it was quite challenging! At least somebody in our group seemed to know each one, and the rest of us faked it!

Elections are coming up this month. Please give any recommendations to the nominating committee. Nobody can do everything, everybody can do something. Where do you want to help?

We've certainly had a variety of spring weather, but remember: sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

Oerdings, Coquille	1 p.m.
Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 p.m.
Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 p.m.
Ocean Crest, Coos Bay	3 p.m.
Heritage Place, Bandon	1 p.m.
Winchester Bay	1p.m.
Memory Care, Empire	1:30 p.m.
Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 p.m.

and writing music as long as he could. He last played a bit on the Saturday before his death. He was a strong back-up guitar player with a unique voice very suited to the notable songs he wrote. Oren was co-chairman of District 5 for two years and was very active in the group before his health became an issue. He and Barbara celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008. Following the services in Bandon on March 10, District 5 musicians provided music at a potluck lunch held at the IOOF hall

Sharon Gallagher, the featured performer for March, grew up in a home filled with music. Her father was a concert pianist and both she and her sister sang. She started acting in high school and was in several musicals, both as a singer and dancer during her college years. She currently sings with several bands in the Coos Bay and Florence areas, and last summer sang at the Tumble Weed Folk Festival in Washington. She enjoys singing with the

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Tune of the Month --- Money Musk

Joe Alff, of District 7, recalls his father playing this tune. The tune is old, reputedly composed by Daniel Dow in 1776. The version shown here, from *Fiddlers' Companion*, is taken from the playing of Cyril Stinnett, a Missouri fiddler.

Money Musk

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Rhythm: Reel

Book: transcribed in OTFR as #18

Source: from Cyril Stinnett (Mo.)

Discography: taken from the playing of Cyril Stinnett

Transcription: B. Shull, trans.; R. P. LaVaque, ABCs

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Myrtle Point-Coquille Community Christmas Cantata each year. She and guitarist husband, Larry, have been OOTFA members for 15 years. She has been both a state and district officer and was instrumental in starting the annual campout in Winchester Bay. She will be singing a number of Irish songs to commemorate St. Patrick's Day. Sharon and Larry make their home in Myrtle Point.

The featured performer at the jam at the Chetco Grange in Harbor on March 31 will be Jim Sylvester from Bandon. He has been serenading his elementary students with his acoustic guitar since arriving on the South Coast in 1990. He includes both traditional tunes and his originals such as "Mamma, I Wanna Chihuahua" and "I Have a Dream". He also plays electric bass, performing with several West coast bands including his own local R&B dance band, "Sly and Co". and the mandolin. Recently, much to the dismay of the family dogs, he has learned to play the fiddle under the tutelage of Bob Shaffer, another one of our members. The fiddle he plays belonged to his wife's great

grandmother, retrieved out of a closet and unplayed for many years. It was in its original box, bought from Montgomery Ward over 100 years ago. Jim is looking forward to getting out of the house and sharing some of his fiddle tunes. His dogs are looking forward to getting him out of the house, too, though they don't howl as much as they used to.

Hope you all survived the terrific storms and the snow we have had recently. Some of you report being without power for several days and, while that is certainly an inconvenience, I trust you had alternative choices available. Am I dating myself when I say that's the way I grew up; I imagine many of you did, too?

I tried reading a book on curing insomnia but I kept falling asleep.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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April

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
12-14	Convention	Rickreall	
13	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
21	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
27	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

May

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
6	Jam	Lebanon Moose Lodge	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
25	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

Elections for our district officers for 2012-13 were held on March 10. Those elected were: Wayne Carter as Chair; John Gent as Vice-Chair; and Bernie Roberts as Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to all of you for your contributions to OOTFA District 6. A circle jam was held prior to the meeting and after the potluck, participants drew numbers to determine the placement for the afternoon performance.

The State Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall on April 12-14 was discussed. Since we were selected to be the last district to perform at the dance on Saturday night, April 14, those present at the meeting agreed to relinquish our spot so we could end the dance early, clean up the hall and jam. There will be no Saturday potluck jam in April because of the state meeting.

Ken also reminded the membership that Oregon is the host state at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, June 18-23. The Oregon Fiddlers will be in the Saturday parade and will be opening on stage every night during the entire week.

The basic fiddle class will be held on Monday, April 30 at Bethesda Lutheran Church from 1-4:30 p.m. The intermediate fiddle class will be on Saturday, April 28 at the River Road Annex from 1-4 p.m. For info, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

It is with sadness that we report that Ruth Montgomery, our longtime bass player and friend died on February 29, 2012. We send our condolences to Cal and their family.

The 2012 West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops (July 23-26, 2012) brochure is available now. Plan to get one at the state convention. You can find out all the information about the camp on the website, www.fiddlecamp.org. It is continually being updated. Tuition for the four day camp is \$70 for youth (6-17) and \$80 for adult (18 and older). If you or your district would like to make a donation to this camp, please send a check (made out to WCFCW) to our Registrar, Darla Knudsen, 240 Boden, Junction City, Oregon, 97448. For more information on the camp contact Patti Luse at 541-915-3231 or pattiluse@comcast.net.



District 6
Ruth Montgomery,
photo by Nina Hoffman

Jam venues: 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.

April birthdays: Alice McDowell on 4-4; and Carol Ede on 4-12.
April anniversaries: Lynn & Joan Nelson on 4-8; Joe & Leah Canaday on 4-9; Arlo & Louise Hamilton on 4-13; Joe & Emily Moyle on 4-22; Jerry & Linda Parks on 4-29.

~ Patti Luse, District 6 Reporter

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April			
22	Jam	Hillsboro Senior Center, Hillsboro	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
27	Gig	Tanner Adult Center, West Linn	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
May			
19	Circle Jam	Leedy Grange, Portland	1 - 3 p.m.
June			
10	Jam	Estacada Comm. Center, Estacada	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
29	Gig	Tanner Adult Center, West Linn	

April 22, Sunday, our monthly jam is at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th St. in Hillsboro. Doors open at 11 a.m.; sign-up playing from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 27, Friday, we are scheduled to play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, in West Linn, OR 97068.

May 19, Saturday, our monthly jam will be at the Leedy Grange, 835 NW Salzman Rd. in Portland near Cedar Mill, which is north and west of Beaverton. Doors open at 11 a.m.; sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 10, our monthly jam is at the Estacada Community Center, 200 SW Club House Road in Estacada, OR 97023. Doors open at 11 a.m. and sign-up playing is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is our last jam before the summer break.

~ Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

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April		
11-14		OOTFA Convention, Rickreall
28	Gig	Ag Fest - State Fairgrounds, Salem
May		
19	Gig	Canyon Arts Festival, Mill City

March has thrown a variety of weather events our way, but spring will officially be here soon!

At our February meeting we elected officers. Linda Schaffer will be our new chairman. Phil Ringle will be co-chair. Marie Cunningham will continue as secretary, and Wally Case will continue as treasurer and membership. Alice Holt will continue as reporter. We are shuffling our officers a bit. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

In other business, we voted to donate \$1000 to the OOTFA contest, and \$300 to the Willamette Valley contest. Several District 8 members have made personal donations too, totaling around \$600. Thanks everyone, for supporting the fiddle contests!

Speaking of fiddle contests, Gayle Clarity won first place in the Southern Arizona Fiddle Contest in Tucson. She also competed at Safford, AZ and did well.

We will have played at the Senior Center in Silverton on March 18th. This will be our third time playing there. I think they like us. We also played at Senior Estates in Woodburn. Thanks Chris Lang, for getting this gig.

The OOTFA contest will also be over by this time you receive this issue. We expect it to go well. We enjoy the facilities at Chemeketa Community College.

Congratulations to Robert and Mary Terry on their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated on March 31st, with an open house at the senior center in McMinnville.

The big event for April is the OOTFA convention. We, as host district, will provide finger food and beverages all day Wednesday April 11th. Please bring ready to eat items such as sandwiches, veggie or fruits trays, cookies, chips, crackers and cheese. I know you will all help to make everyone feel welcome.

April 28 we are scheduled to play again for the Ag Fest in Salem. If you plan to come, please let Lew know. They want a list of names to check at the entrance. We play at 10 a.m. and again at noon, each time for an hour.

See you at the convention!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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Reporter: Darlene Wingfield

April

6	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center, Burns	1-4 p.m.
13	Gig	The Aspens	7 p.m.
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

The March potluck and jam at the senior center had 28 in attendance. At the meeting before the jam the officers elected for 2012/13 are Janet Braymen, Chair; Darlene Wingfield, Vice-Chair; and George Sahlberg, Secretary/Treasurer. Thanks to these folks for agreeing to serve. Also thanks to Rose Johnson as she vacates the vice-chair position in July. District 9 sent a donation to the state contest. George and Janet are both planning on attending the state convention in Rickreall.

Phil Drain was able to join us once again making a special trip down from Mt. Vernon to play acoustic bass with us. It was great having Gene Thomas joining the faithful as well. Don Williams sang a couple of Irish tunes in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Paul Hyland shared information about a Korean War horse named Sgt. Reckless. There's a You Tube video telling the story of Reckless who is listed as one of America's greatest heroes.

Friday night jams have had turnouts of 15 – 17 this last month with nearly even numbers of musicians to card players. Florence Krueger's grandson Trey broke out his fiddle and joined the jam while brother Trenton found a shaker to keep time with. Trey is anxious for Ruel Teague to return to the area so he can get back to lessons. Florence and sister, Argetta, fixed up some tasty treats for us to eat.

Billie Lanier is back playing fiddle but taking it easy on her broken hip. She doesn't recommend breaking anything and is looking forward to be able to resume all her normal activities.

Maria Thompson had a free night from school activities and joined the gang at the Aspens this month. She is turning into a fine fiddler.

Joan Suther is temporarily working in Lakeview and is looking forward to playing a little music with the 1E folks.

The grapevine reports Julia Milleson has found someone to play music with in the Milton Freewater area. We're glad for her but of course she is always welcome back in Burns!

District 9 could use some help with the registration table at state convention in Rickreall. If you'd like to help out, contact Janet Braymen at 541-573-1323

The jam in April at the Senior Center will be on the 6th, Easter Sunday, with potluck at 1 and music from 2- 4 p.m. We'll play at the Aspens on the 13th at 7 p.m. and at Ashley Manor on the 16th. The Friday night jams continue at various locations.

~ Darlene Wingfield/ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporters

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April

28	Jam	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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We had a good crowd at the last jam, a lot of visitors, some we knew and some we didn't, but there were lots of good players and singers, and dancers.

At the meeting, we voted in our new officers which are: Don Hamlin, chairperson; Carol Ridley, co-chair; Claire Eaton, secretary; Gwyn Deaton, treasurer; membership, Jo Barnes; Joyce Pickett, reporter.

Dave LeBleu is home now for a month. Doing okay, but kinda weak.

Chuck and Margie Hastey are doing pretty good getting around okay, but slow.

Caroll J. Lakin passed away March 7th. She was 85. Our condolences to her family.

If you have any questions, you might contact Fred Young; he's in the roster.

There were lots of birthdays this month: Happy Birthday to all, and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.

Our next jam will be April 28th, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 1127 Walnut St. in Roseburg. We always have finger foods to nibble on during the jam. I know there are some new players out there; we would love to have you play with us. Hope to see you all there with your instruments and dancing shoes on.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

April 12-14	State Convention,	Rickreall
May 3-6	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
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 4	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
August 7-11	LaPine Fiddle Camp	LaPine
August 16-18	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
September 13-15	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam	Merrill

New Members to Welcome!

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Jerry & Laura Light, Lakeview
Debbi & Rodger Knebel, Eugene
Donna O'Neil, Eugene
Yang Yang & Qian Zhang, Portland
Anna Cooper, Roseburg

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