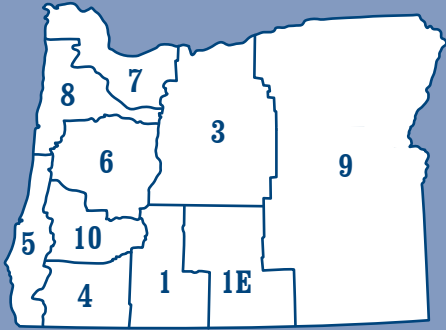


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## From Your President

The convention this year commences on Thursday, April 10. For early arrivals, the building next door opens on the ninth with snacks provided by the great folks in District 8.

This year the Oldtime Fiddlers celebrates 50 years of sharing together our love of music and the folks who play it. I hope as many of you as possible join us to honor our past and plan our future by electing new state officers and sharing in the festivities. Have your nominations to the secretary, Sharon Thompson, by March 15.

Dinner is at five p.m. Saturday April 12. Make reservations with Sharon Gallagher at (541) 572-2742 or [lsgallee@yahoo.com](mailto:lsgallee@yahoo.com). The menu is:

Barbecued beef brisket w/bbq sauce or chicken in wine sauce (designate your choice)  
Buttered mixed vegetables  
Garden salad ( choice of dressing)  
Au gratin potatoes  
A special desert  
Rolls  
Coffee  
The cost is \$14.50.

The state is responsible for unpaid reservations and for several years we have paid for the coffee cost not covered by donations which have been increasingly smaller. We have asked districts to donate money to cover some of these and other expenses. Please urge your district officers to honor the request.

Food service will be provided as follows:  
Thursday, April 10 -- noon until 6 p.m.  
Friday April 11 -- 8:00 a.m. until 6 p.m.  
Saturday April 12 -- 8:00 a.m. until about noon.

A schedule of events will be available at the convention site.

As in the past, each district should provide three potted plants for the tables

In addition to electing state officers we will be voting on the adoption of changes in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing rules. Members of the committees will be available prior to the meetings to answer questions.

The executive board will meet Friday April 11, at 10 a.m. The membership meeting will be Saturday April 12, at 10 a.m.

Work assignments will be sent to district chairmen and posted at the conference site.

Please make sure your raffle items are new and /or of good quality.

I look forward to our meeting and music

~ Larry

## From the Editor

Leslie Rovainen forwarded to me very nice coverage in the Curry Coastal Pilot of District 5's first ever Winter Festival jam in Brookings on February 1. Floating above the Pilot logo on page one was none other than District 10's Hal Thompson on his guitar. The jam was

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## From the Editor Continued from page 1

the lead item in the B section with several very nice photos. Way to go, District 5!

The Hoedowner relies on its district reporters for coverage of goings on around the state. In District 1E we have lost Laura Light. She has been replaced by Keith Steward, who, when they scraped the bottom of the barrel, "stuck to the spoon." In District 6, we have lost Sandy Wallrich, known for her lively reports. No replacement for her yet, although District 6

chairman Wayne Carter is out there scraping the bottom of the barrel. Find anything on the spoon, Wayne ?

The Eugene Opera is getting ready to put on Puccini's "Girl of the Golden West" March 14 and 16. The opera, set in the old West, features appropriate musical themes and plot. Tickets can still be had at a quite reasonable price (\$20). More information is available at [www.eugeneopera.com](http://www.eugeneopera.com)

~ Joe

## From the Editor Emeritus

### "50 Years of Old Time Music - 1964-2014"

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association was envisioned in the spring of 1964 by an old time fiddler from Waldport, Cliff Buker. Further inspired by 12 other fiddlers who gathered to perform at a country music show in Waldport, the association became a reality later at a meeting in Hillsboro in August of the same year. The following list of the charter members was found on a scrap of paper in the archives: Allen Rice, Cliff Buker, Dave Hilan, Harold Allen, Fred Hildebrandt, George Jenkerson, Bill Durham, Bill Yohey, Larry Modrell, Jimmy Miller, Loyd Wanzer, Ray Mack, Merv Whitmore, Dave Quinlan, Ken Brank, Verna Blaine, Agnes James, Dave Murray, L. A. "Pop" Powers, Henry Shanan, Floyd Beck, and Rusty Modrell. Their fiddles have all gone silent but our memory of them lives on.

I am fortunate to have known Billy Yohey, Larry Modrell, Loyd Wanzer, Ken Brank, Floyd Beck and Rusty Modrell. I heard Cliff Buker play at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon just before his

fiddle went silent. I have heard of many of the others that have been mentioned over the years.

At our state convention in 2005 we honored those charter members still alive. The list has now dwindled down to Edna Yohey (wife of Bill Yohey) and Harriet Modrell (wife of Larry Modrell). I don't believe that I have missed anybody. We all owe a big thanks to Cliff Buker who first suggested that Oregon have an association. The association grew rapidly, and in 1965 a monthly newsletter was started to keep members advised of fiddling activities, including jam sessions, fiddle shows, conventions, and contests. Buker, the first editor, named the newsletter The Hoedowner.

The wonderful association that we have and enjoy today is based on the dream of the 22 charter members. We honor them as we celebrate 50 years of old time music.

~ Lew

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**Correspondence:** Cherie Lane, 541-882-1595

### March

2	Meeting, pot luck and jam.	12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
4	Gig Plumb Ridge	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
4	Gig Crystal Terrace/ Quail Run	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
9	Senior Dance Shasta Community Center	1 to 3 p.m., finger food
20	Gig Shasta View	1 to 2 p.m.
20	Gig Linkville	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
22	Gig ShastaView Open House.	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
26	Gig Pelican Point	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At our last regular meeting we elected new officers to be installed in July:

Chairman	Aline Swartwood
Co-chairman	Delbert Sparks
Secretary/Treasurer/Membership	Marlon Jannuzzi
Newsletter	Noranne Sparks
Correspondence:	Cherie Lane

Kitchen help will be taken over by Noranne Sparks, including the Merrill campout. This job has been done by Patti Northcraft for a number of years. She has done a wonderful job. I'm sure the membership would like to thank her for the years that she has done that job. Seems like I remember her starting about the first year of the Merrill campout. I would like to thank several other ladies who pitched in and helped..

We had a fellow join the Oldtime Fiddlers yesterday (Sunday at senior dance). His name is Don Scoggin. He says he used to be a member a few years ago. Welcome from District 1. We hope you enjoy getting back into the music.

March Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Bonser

March Birthdays: Jon Blasius, Fay Patterson. Lois Jannuzzi. Don Hensley, Virginia Priddy (out of state).

Hope to see you at Merrill, if not sooner.

~ Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter



OOTFA co-founder Cliff Buker.



Editor Emeritus Lew Holt and Alice Holt

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Hi everyone.

Since Jerry and Laura Light moved to Nevada, District 1E needed a new reporter. They scraped the bottom of the barrel and I'm what stuck to the spoon.

February 8th- Barrett Amacker (9) and his backup band of Larry, Terry, and Rosa Lee McLain, and Jerry Light entertained the crowd at the Lake County Youth Mentor Talent Show. A finer example of youth mentoring couldn't be found.

Don't forget jams on Thursdays at 6 p.m. jam at Rosa Lee's with beginner's lessons

### March

1	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
10	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT: Dates are May 1-4. WE HOPE TO SEE AND HEAR A BUNCH OF YA'LL! Terry says, "We play until the cows come home", which is about noon on Sunday. If you need more info, Terry's phone number is 541-219-0896.

Camping: 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 around the Fire Hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services. More options: Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131), Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789), K&K RV Park (541-576-2258). Approximately 20 miles out are: Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262), Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309), and Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994).

Take Care,

~ Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter

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Well, Mother Nature played a mean trick as she dumped nearly three feet of snow on us over here in the high desert forcing us to cancel our jam scheduled for February ninth.

But better safe than sorry so let's all get to the next one right around the corner on March ninth. Please note that we will have our meeting before the jam at 11 a.m., please try to attend -- we need to vote on signing a lease with the Powell Butte Community Center and tidy up a few important items of district business. I'll have the coffee on and make sure we have some doughnuts to feast on.

Great news for all OOTFA members: District 3 has been awarded a Kielhorn Grant to bring Hanneke Cassel to the state convention for free Scottish Fiddle workshops for OOTFA kids under 18. Please contact Roland White for information or for an application package at 514-647-4789 or [roland@fiddlplay.com](mailto:roland@fiddlplay.com).

Hanneke Cassel is originally from Oregon. She has won the National Scottish Fiddle Championships and teaches and performs all over the world. Kids love her music, so I hope you let everyone know. Call me if you or anyone you know is interested.

The All Pickers Jam that was weather cancelled has been rescheduled for Tuesday March 19th at Bend's Community Center, 1036 NE 5th Street in Bend.

This is a non-performance event and is purely for the love of playing music. Please feel free to invite your OOTFA and non-member friends as this is also a membership invitation for those who want to play tunes with others in a non performance setting --- just good old circle jamming with your friends. It would also

### March

9	Meeting	Powell Butte Community Center	11 a.m. • Please Attend
9	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1-4 p.m.
19	All Pickers Jam	Bends Community Center	6-9 p.m.

### April

13	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1 to 4 p.m.
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### 2014 JAM SCHEDULE • 2ND SUNDAYS

Location:

Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC)  
8404 Reif Rd • Powell Butte OR 97753

be nice to have some District 3 folks there as ambassadors to new folks considering joining.

Be sure and let me know of any weddings anniversaries, birthdays or health notices for District 3 members.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter



Mac Parker, at the Sutherlin jam.

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Several of us went to the quarterly meeting in Sutherlin and had a great time seeing old friends and playing a lot of good music. It's really fun to be a part of such a great organization!

Our monthly jam at Fruitdale Grange brought out a good crowd of musicians and audience. A short meeting covered the important topics of the quarterly meeting and a donation to the state fiddle contest. A donation was made to the scholarship fund in honor of Jerry Van Foeken who died last month.

Doing our jam on the floor in front instead of the stage has been a real success. More folks play, and the music sounds wonderful! A shout out to Everett Costa for working the sound system and making us all sound better! A special thanks to Ron Bolstad who took over the program director duties for the day and did a great job. It was nice to welcome visitors Bob Hanson and his lovely wife Jean. Special thanks to Stan Sullins who has so faithfully brought his "harem" of Vi Brown and others from their neighborhood. Their smiling faces help keep us going!

Don Evans faces some more surgery but is improving and his wife is off hospice for now.

Delsa Corder continues to improve with her broken back, but is not yet able to be with us.

**March**  
8 Ashland Community Center  
**April**  
5 Roxy Ann Grange  
**May**  
10 Blue Creek Mill

Marilyn Bolstad is still recovering from a back injury from a nasty fall. We send many wishes for good health and recovery to you all.

Note that the March jam is the second weekend at Ashland Community Center. This is a new location for us, and we had to get it when it was available. It's across from Lithia Park just past the square in Ashland. Ron Bolstad, our publicity person, is working on additional exposure to inform more of the folks in that end of the valley. Thanks Ron for a job well done!

Are you ready for the "Ides of March"? We are doing at least one "Mardi Gras" program. Get your Cajun songs polished up!

Our "slow jam" is still bringing out a dedicated bunch of kids and adults, and they are having fun and really doing well. Right now all our loaner fiddles are out, except for the 1/2 and 1/4. Let's hope they keep getting played!

We continue with our regular gigs, and keep adding new ones. It's been great to have a good turnout of musicians at our new venues, and several of them want us back on a regular basis – usually at the request of the residents! Thanks District 4 music makers for keeping us on the map!

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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**March**  
1 Gig North Bay Fire Dept. Spaghetti Feed, Hauser 3 - 7 p.m.  
5 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1 - 2 p.m.  
5 Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 - 4 p.m.  
12 Gig Baycrest, North Bend 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
12 Gig Evergreen Court, North Bend 3 - 4 p.m.  
15 Jam Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay 1 - 4 p.m.  
19 Gig Heritage place, Bandon 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
26 Gig Memory Care, Empire 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
26 Gig Hearthside, Coos Bay 3 - 4 p.m.

Several people commented on what they thought was such a good program at our January jam. Among those was one of our guests, Evelyn Horner, the California state fiddling champion, who was particularly impressed to see the younger children becoming involved in the on-stage performances. These included Justin, Sally, Rachel and Tyler, the "pips", under the tutorship of John MacRae. Every month you are getting better!

Other guests included Dona and Dennis Townsend who were OOTFA members when they used to live in Burns and now reside in Washington.

There was a good turnout of both musicians and audience for the jam in Brookings on the first Saturday in February and they report another enjoyable program. Guests there included Sylvia Chapman, Marlene and John Renfro and son, Curt with wife, Brenda, from District 4, Sharon and Hal Thompson from District

10 and out of state members belonging to District. 5, Michael and Cheryl Marvis and the Everitt Van Maren family, all from Crescent City, CA. Nice to have all of you there and hope to see you again soon.

You will be advised later of the play time for the spaghetti feed at Hauser. This is always a fun event with a large crowd, good food and entertainment and lots of great door prizes.

Hope you are all avoiding the flu and other illnesses that seem to be going around at the moment.

How come it takes so little time for a child who's afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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## Annabel Guptill, by Annabel and her Mom, Celeste Guptill

Annabel started fiddling a little over a year ago, but she wasn't completely new to fiddle or music. When Annabel was about seven years old she went to the National Old Time Fiddle Contest for the first time with her grandma to watch, and that was when she decided that someday she would be on stage and play the fiddle.

From then on, she wanted to learn fiddle, but her mom thought learning piano first would be best. She started piano lessons at age seven, which she enjoyed, and progressed quickly, but she still dreamed of learning fiddle! When she was nine her Uncle David surprised her by gifting her a  $\frac{3}{4}$  violin.

When her family learned about a free youth orchestra program held at the local community college, they allowed Annabel to try it out, and see if she would stick with it, but she still had several years before her dream of fiddle lessons would come true. Just prior to high school, her family moved to Keizer, where she continued to participate in many musical ventures, including saxophone in jazz band, and orchestra with the Salem Youth Symphony, playing first violin.

While visiting the local music store in Keizer one afternoon, her mom heard an amazing fiddler practicing in one of the lesson

rooms, and decided to inquire about some lessons for her now freshman daughter. Tim Crosby agreed to work with her, and all she could think about was getting on stage at Weiser for the National Oldtime Fiddle Contest in June. With only six months to prepare, she had to stay focused. Having the chance to realize her dream, and be able to perform at Weiser last summer, fueled her in wanting to work even harder for the coming year. Since then, Annabel has begun taking instruction from Andy Emert of Portland to give her expertise on competitive fiddling, in addition to continuing lessons with Tim.

She has enjoyed participating in multiple jam sessions and has been a finalist in the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest and placed third at the Spirit of the West Fiddle Contest recently held in Ellensburg, WA. She is inspiring others to pursue fiddle by teaching three beginner students this year, and two of her sisters as well.

Annabel says she couldn't be where she is today without the support of all her family, including her Uncle David, Grandparents, and of course Dad, Mom and her seven younger siblings, who are her biggest fans. She is excited and looking forward to this year's contests and pursuing fiddle!



## Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter -- Getting Off to a Good Start

Continued from February

Some tunes such as Draggin' the Bow and Twelfth Street Rag are played with several measures of introduction.

Some tunes such as jigs can be started with drones.

Hoedowns or square dance tunes as well as some polkas and rags are often started with 2 chops. Chops are quick and sharp percussive sounds made on beats 1 and 3 by landing the bow near the frog, bearing down, and then pulling off, usually with a double stop formed from 2 chord notes from the key the tune is in. Rest on beat 2 (use the rest to land the bow and get ready for the next chop). Beat 4 can be a rest or it can be pick-up notes. Potatoes can also be used with fast tunes – use the same double stop you might use for chops, but play long, short, short, long, short, short, long, short, short, long, short, short, for 2 measures prior to beginning the tune. Leave off the last 2 short bow strokes if you're playing pick-up notes on beat 4. I've heard people play chops and then potatoes.

There are many different bluegrass kick-offs. Whatever method you use, be sure to think about the tempo before you start (and watch out for the adrenalin). Tapping your foot while the tune is running in your head can be helpful. If you start too fast or too slow, you'll need to stick with that tempo since that's the tempo everyone else will be playing. It's really a responsibility to start the tune at an appropriate tempo so everyone can play together and have a good musical experience. The tempo depends on the tune, the style, and what speed you can play cleanly and well.

## Tune of the Month -- Speed the Plough

This is a tune with many fathers. It seems to be English in origin, but is also found in the Irish, Scottish, and American traditions. The renowned chronicler of Irish tunes, O'Neill (1913), thought the tune Irish in character, but was so associated with English music that he declined to include it in his Dance Music of Ireland.

### Speed the Plough [1]



Book: Stewart-Robertson ~ The Athole Collection (1884)

Source: Reel

Transcription: AK/Fiddler's Companion



On stage at Sutherlin (l-r): Guy Kinman, Avi Zohar, Hollis Real, Ken Luse, Bob Hansen, Willie Carter, Jerry Parks.



Erin Hallgrimson (l) and Josie Slaven (r) at the District 8 jam in Woodburn.

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Here in District 6, we had a repeat performance of "canceling the Lebanon jam," for the same reason as in December - SNOW!! We pretty much got dumped on, with around eight inches of the stuff. We will get up to Lebanon, in May, when it certainly won't be snowing! Thanks again, to all who helped coordinate the Lebanon jams.

We're still having lots of fun at our Friday night jams. At the Central Grange (third Friday), we had a pretty surprising turnout, it being the first jam at Central in a long time. Please don't forget, we no longer meet at the Santa Clara Grange.; whether it's the monthly district jam/potluck or the third Friday jam, the venue will be Central Grange from now on. Amongst our jammers, was a wonderful young musician, Karl Elliker-Vagsberg, who sang a nice rendition of "Dark As a Dungeon", among others. Also, at one of our Friday night jams, Cheryl Horner sang, "Let the Mystery Be," with her mandolin; if you ever get to jam with Cheryl, ask her to sing that song. Also, at one of our Friday night jams, Joe Moyle sang, "Banks of the Ohio," accompanying himself on the ukulele -- not the usual instrument for that song!

Vocal tunes offer players of fiddles, mandolins, banjos, harmonicas and other instruments wonderful opportunities to play breaks. This is great ear training. The vocalist should advise players in advance that there will be breaks, and maybe even specify who she/he expects to play them. Instrumentalists, in return are expected to keep the noise level down and back up the vocalist by playing soft harmonies, fills and/or chopped chords. The vocalist needs to understand that at OOTFA jams, all instruments should be given an opportunity to play a break. At the same time, don't forget to HAVE FUN!

We were sorry to learn of the unexpected passing of Richard Marino on February 10. Richard was a long-time member of District 6. Our sympathy goes out to Marlene Chatoian.



Sandy Wallrich, District 6, at the Red Lion.

## March

7	Friday Night Jam, Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
8	Monthly Jam, Potluck and Business Meeting	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
14	Friday Night Jam, Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
15	Barn Dance, Spencer Creek Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
21	Friday Night Jam, Yapoah	7 - 9 p.m.
22	Intermediate Fiddle Class	1 - 4 p.m.
24	Basic Fiddle Class	1 - 4:30 p.m.
28	Friday Night Jam, Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

Good luck to all competitors at the state fiddle contest, on March 22nd, in Salem. And, please mark your calendars for the state convention on April 10-12, in Rickreall.

March Birthdays: Ed Sather (3/3), Cara McKenzie (3/4), Joanne Clark (3/6), Patti Luse (3/11), Jerry Brown (3/16)

March Anniversaries: Ed & Dorothy Sather (3/7), Sal & Darlene Fiducia (3/15), Alan & Carol Ede (3/17), Wayne & Annie Carter (3/30)

Q: How do you tell a fiddle is out of tune?

A: The bow is moving.

TOP O' THE DAY TO YA!!!

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



Bob Huffman, at District 7's BWAB Bash



At the Sutherlin jam: District 9's Janet Brayman (l) and Joan Sutter (r).

## District 7

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Happy Spring – March winds really do bring April flowers – but we will have to wait a month to see if April showers bring May flowers. Hope everyone is thawed out by now from the awesome snow/ice storms in February. BRRR! But, if you were homebound, I hope you took the opportunity to practice your fiddling and maybe learn a new song or two. March is a fun month for Irish songs as well as Easter music. Have fun!

We had some fun gigs in February, including our all-time favorite Valentine's party dance at the Harding Grange in Eagle Creek. We enjoyed a yummy dinner, lots of good music and an appreciative audience. We also played for the annual fundraiser auction event for My Sisters House, which assists battered women.

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**Reporter:** Alice Holt

Snow in February? Yes, the Willamette Valley got socked with a foot (more or less) of the white stuff. It lasted for several days, leading to lots of closures. You'd never know it now, as it all melted rather quickly once the weather warmed up.

Twenty three musicians played in Dayton for the District 8 Jam in January. It's good to get back to our usual schedule after the busy holidays. A big thank you to Frank Dummer for making all the local arrangements.

We met at the Senior Estates in Woodburn on February 15th. At the business meeting we elected officers for the coming year. Lew Holt will serve as chairperson. Darlene Bryant and Dick Dery will share the co-chair job. (Co-co-chairs?) Secretary Marie Cunningham and Treasurer Elaine Connors will continue. All will start their new terms on July 1st.

Also at the meeting we discussed the upcoming state fiddle contest and state convention. We voted to give \$1000 to the OOTFA Contest, and \$300 to the Willamette Valley Contest. Ray Cunningham reported on our scholarship students. He has organized get-togethers so the young people get to know each other better. Tim Crosby, who teaches many of the kids, gave a short workshop at the latest get-together.

Following the business meeting we started the jam with each fiddler playing a jam tune. Twenty four names were on the sign up list, including several young people. The audience numbered about 100. They enjoyed the music and many complimented the musicians after the program. Many thanks to Chris Lang for making the arrangements for the building, and for advertising it so well.

### March

9	Jam	Clark's General Store, Beaver creek	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
28	Gig	Tanner Springs Assisted Living	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Reminder – Donna's Monday classes have resumed. They are held on the second and fourth Mondays now at the Lutheran Church in Gresham. Again, all are welcome, so please come and join us if you can!

Welcome to a new District 7 member - MARTY NELSON, who plays banjo. We look forward to jamming with him.

March's play list so far includes:

Sunday, March 9 – Clark's General Store & Eatery, 25760 S. Beaver creek Rd., Beaver creek. This will be a jam format from 1:30 – 3:30.p.m

Friday, March 28 – Tanner Springs Assisted Living Center, 3000 Horizon Drive, West Linn. We play from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m..

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

### March

22	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeketa College	Salem
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### April

10-12	State Convention, Polk County Fairground	Rickreall
26	Ag Fest, State Fairground	Salem

We will have played for the Newberg Senior Center and a Chicken and Dumplings dinner, also in Newberg, in late February.

Remember to "Spring Forward" on March 9th as Daylight Saving Time begins.

~ **Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter**



A good turnout for the District 8 jam at Woodburn.



## District 9

**Chair:** Ruel Teague

**Co-Chair:** Janet Braymen

**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Janet Braymen

The February jam had a reasonable crowd despite the weather as Burns finally received some snow this month. A handful of musicians entertained those hardy souls who were in attendance and were delighted when three couples took the floor for the finale of "Could I have this Dance". It was great to have Don Williams back with his harmonica as he has been lying low this winter.

Margaret Teague spent a couple of weeks in Bend in the hospital in February and returned to Burns finally to spend a few more days in the swing bed at the local hospital. Ruel is hanging in there though very much worried about his wife of 66 years. Hopefully by the time this report runs, Margaret will be on the mend and getting her strength back.

Mandolin, harmonica, and sax player Thad Geer, 79, died suddenly at his home in early February. A talented musician, Thad played dances in his younger days around the county. He

### March

9	Monthly Jam and Potluck	1 to 4 p.m.
14	Gig The Aspens	7 to 9 p.m.
17	Gig Ashley Gardens	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

preferred living room jams to performances and always dazzled us with the many tunes in his repertoire. Services were held in Burns on February 15th.

Joan Suther and Janet Braymen enjoyed seeing many friends at the state meeting in Sutherlin in January. Thanks to District 10 for being such gracious hosts. Later on the same trip a chance to visit with Jim Toussaint and mother Wilda was quite special. They send greetings to all of District 9.

Friday night jams continue. If you don't know where, call 541-573-2515 for the week's location. In March, The Aspens will be on the 14th from 7-9 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 17th at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The monthly Potluck and Jam is March 9th with potluck at 1 p.m. and music and dancing from 2 - 4 p.m.

Remember the Irish!

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

## District 10

**Chair:** Don Hamlin, 541-573-5689

**Co-Chair:** Bob Hanson, 541-672-6929

**Secretary:** Clair Eaton, 541-784-3974

**Treasurer:** Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501

**Membership:** Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981

1257 Washington, Roseburg, OR 97470

**Reporter:** Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

Thank you all who attended the state jam. It was a great time to see our friends that we hadn't seen for a while, and the music was great.

Thank you to the members from District 1 - Sheila and Phil Fry; District 5 - Ruth and Pat Weyer; and, District 6 - Phyllis Coffin, who helped in the kitchen, with the set up; and all who helped clean up.

We hope everyone enjoyed the facility and location as well.

And thanks to those of us in District 10 who helped, especially Claire Eaton, Don Hamlin, Sandy Harter, Ann and Gene Hodson, Whitey Kelm, Joyce Pickett, Karen Pohl, and Barbara Sullivan. A special thanks to Jean Hanson for the planning and implementation. We all had fun doing it and visiting with everyone that came in the door.

A few items left behind that we couldn't identify: A dark fleece jacket with vitamins in the pocket; serving spoon with DF initials, and a fiddle blanket. Let us know if they are yours and we will get it to you.

Clint Miracle, one of our members who performed in our nursing home group, passed away recently. We enjoyed his singing and playing, and miss him.

Our district monthly jam will be March 22nd: 4th Sat. at the Sutherlin Grange from 12 to 3 p.m. Hope to see you all there with your instruments and voices.

### March

22	Monthly Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
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Hope you're all okay out there and enjoying the snow. And, hope everyone that's been under the weather will be back with us soon.

I'm doing pretty good. It just takes time.

SEE YA'S

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



Donna d'Abelang and Fred Young, both District 10, at the Sutherlin jam.



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## State Calendar

State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa College, Salem	March 22
State Convention	Rickreall	April 10-12
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 21-24

## New Members to Welcome!

Chris and Greg Bates  
River and Lennon Clark  
Barbara K. Davis  
Carrie Dye  
Bonnie Farley  
Dani, Vance, Kaiden, Maycie, Mairyn  
and Alaina Foster  
Sally and Stacy Glines  
Irena & Dennis Lane  
Annina Maggio

Burns  
Salem  
Medford  
Lacey, WA  
Medford

Eugene  
Charleston  
Sutherlin  
Coquille

Robert Moore with Dain, Kori and Krystal  
Silas, Jake and Holly Pieper  
Ron and Sally Price  
Fred & Dee Schacher  
Don Scoggins  
Gail, Lawrence, Jennifer and  
Clayre Shaffer  
Doris and Chuck Stayer Jr.  
Ann Tedder  
Everett, Tim and Tiffany Van Maren

Sutherlin  
Brookings  
Central Point  
Gold Beach  
Klamath Falls

Central Point  
Roseburg  
Hines  
Crescent City, CA

### Patti Says

The 2014 OOTFA roster will be printed in late March. The deadline for inclusion is March 1; there will be quarterly updates during the year.

I will contact all members who have email addresses on March 10 to confirm those addresses. If any of your information has changed since you registered, please let me know at 541-915-3231 or [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net).

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership