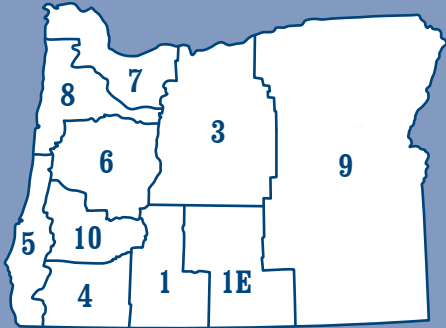


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From Your President

Greetings Valued Members,

OOTFA appreciates your support. We could not exist without each and every one of you, so the first order of business for the new year is to send in your membership dues. Our entire budget is based on our dues plus the 20% that each district sends to the state. Virtually every dollar is carefully allocated to our activities. I'm so thankful that our non-profit organization is sustained by our member and district support.

There has never been a better time to consider an extra donation to help OOTFA grow into a stronger organization. Please visit: www.OOTFAjoindonate.com

Since taking the reins of leadership this past July, it has been disappointing to find we don't have any funds budgeted to retain our members or to help OOTFA grow. Now is the time for a non-profits like OOTFA to think strongly about the future and how it will survive as time marches on.

Non-profits nationwide — especially traditional music organizations — are losing members, not gaining; support funds are stretched as the economy continues to create a lot of competition for the dollars that support such groups. Because of this it makes sense to invest in the future of our organization, continuing to build our membership and funding base.

This is the primary reason for establishing membership and fundraising goals for our Anniversary Year which will be carried into 2015 with our celebration events. As I mentioned last month, many members have asked how they can make an extra donation. So to respond to this there is now a website where you can download a donation or membership form to support OOTFA. With the State Fiddle Contest, State Convention and the many activities being planned, OOTFA can use really use your DONATION help now.

The new site is www.OOTFAjoindonate.com. Once on the site look for any any of the links labeled DONATION, and you can download the form and send it in with your check.

We are just a little over a month away from the quarterly meeting in Sutherlin. District 10 is rolling out the welcome mat, so be sure to set aside time to visit and play music with old and new friends from all over the state.

Thank you in advance if you are making a timely DONATION...and wishing you all many blessings for your health, family & music in the New Year.

~ Roland

From the Editor

"So as we slide into the new year, we can already see 2015 beginning to take shape. First up is the state quarterly meeting and jam in Sutherlin, on January 24. We have received the following from District 10:"

"A big welcome is extended from District 10 to the membership for the state board meeting and jam to be held in Sutherlin this year at the Community Center, 150 So. Willamette, the same location as last year, Saturday, January 24th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. A potluck will be served at 11:30 to give us more time to play.

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Dinner service and beverages will be supplied. So, bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy!

It will be good to see old friends again and share our love of music. Please draw your number at the welcome table when you arrive if you wish to entertain us with your talents.

Directions: Exit 136 from I – 5, east on Central into Sutherlin. 1.4 miles east of freeway on the right is a city park identified by a steam engine in the corner. Turn right and the Community Center is behind the engine on the left. There is plenty of paved parking!"

I am pleased to report that District 6's own Darla Knudsen is now OOTFA Secretary, replacing Sharon Thompson, who continues as Treasurer, the two functions having been split. Congratulations, Darla, and May the Force Be with You.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

We enjoy OOTFA because of the folks that gave us our start 50 years ago. Cliff Buker stands out as being the one who got the ball rolling. He was born in American Forks, Utah. He died in Newport, Oregon on January 18, 1982 at the age of 88. Mr. Buker and his parents came across the Oregon Trail in 1904 in a covered wagon from Utah to Oregon and settled in the Waldport area where he resided until his death.

Cliff started playing the fiddle when he was 12 years old. Cliff stepped on a piece of glass out on the flatlands in Waldport and sliced an artery in his foot. He needed something to keep from getting bored while he was confined to his room while his foot healed. His dad brought him his old violin and Cliff taught himself to play. Before he was injured, Cliff had not been allowed to touch the instrument. "In 1963 I fiddled for the first time in my life at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis. They enticed me up there with a ham, told me if I came they would give me one. I fooled them and won all the honors," he continued. "It was then I got interested in fiddling which is a different technique than simply playing the violin.

"In 1964 there was no fiddlers ssociation in Oregon but several of the other states had one. I helped start the Oregon Fiddlers Association with 13 members each paying a dollar for membership. It has grown now to over 500 members," Buker said.

One of the greater honors to befall Cliff was his winning in both 1965 and 1967 at the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest held in Idaho. "You have to be over 65 to win that," Cliff said.

"I used to play the violin at those Saturday night dances. Had to play all kinds of things, square dances, schottisches and polkas. But, when I wasn't playing for dances I would perform at the theater. I played the accompaniment for the silent films. I think

I liked 'Covered Wagon' and 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' best," the fiddler remembered. He also became quite proficient at mending and patching nets for the fishermen. He still knits crab nets for something to do in the winter. (1974)

"There isn't anything I would have rather done with my life," he explained. "I just keep fiddling and by the way my violin is at least 200 years old." With that, he picked up his bow and played a duet with his wife at the piano.

I first heard Cliff play about 1979 at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon.

~ Lew



Fiddling in District 1, at the holiday dinner (l-r): Lois Tucker, Les Tucker and Frank Ayres.



Brian Oberlin and Chris Booher.



At the fiddle camp fundraiser, all District 6 (l-r): Art Choate, Ken Luse, Linda Danielson.

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Happy New Year!!! Wishing all the best in the New Year.

Wow, we had a wonderful holiday dinner with forty-eight of our members coming. Thank you Larry McLain and Don Thomas from District 1E for coming too. We had great food and lots of fun. We had all six District 1 students and parents come. It is very rewarding teaching these young ones.

Our District 1 "Meet the Member" for January is Marlon Jannuzzi.

Marlon was born and raised in Oregon. He graduated from Molalla High School in 1952. He met and married his wife Lois in 1956. They raised two children, a son and daughter. Their son, who is retired from the military, lives in Alabama; their daughter lives in Scotts Valley, California.

In the late 70's Marlon got acquainted with Les and Lois Tucker and Irwin and Ann Johnson. They invited him to come play his guitar with

January

4	Jam	Monthly Meeting/Potluck/Jam	12:30-3:00 p.m.
8	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
8	Gig	Quail Park	12:30-3:00 p.m.
11	Jam	Dance/Jam	1:00-3:00 p.m.
20	Rig	Pelican Point	10:30-11:30 a.m.

Practice on Saturdays: Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for dates and time. 541-882-6418

them. It wasn't long and he became interested in the fiddle. Marlon joined the OOTFA about 1979. In 1985 Lois and Marlon moved to Texas. Marlon didn't join any of the fiddling groups there but played the steel guitar in church. In 2005 they moved back to Klamath Falls and soon rejoined the Old Time Fiddlers here in District 1. Marlon says "they enjoy the fellowship we have and the music we play". Marlon has been our Secretary/Treasurer for several years as none of the rest of us want to do it. He is also our sound man and is so dedicated to getting the sound system to where we need it. Marlon doesn't have a favorite song as he enjoys playing anything that comes his way.

January Birthdays are: Johnny Rogers and Phil Fry. No January anniversaries.

At the time of this writing we are still hoping for snow but we thankful for the rainfall that we have had.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

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We didn't have our regular monthly jam in December due to a scheduling conflict.

We did have seven musicians perform at the Holiday Fair. We had some a-playin' and some a-singin'. Crowd favorites were nine-year-old Barrett Amacker playing "Boil Them Cabbage" and Barrett singing Christmas carols with his cute young cousins, Raven and Lily. He also sang with his Great Grandma Rosa Lee — wish I had a recording of that.

Our man Barrett is now taking piano lessons. His mother says it's a struggle to get him to read music. Barrett, like his many talented ancestors, plays by ear. As I recall, that worked pretty well for them!

That was a nice picture in the Hoedowner last month of Sharilyn McLain in the bathtub on the Fiddlers float in the Labor Day Parade. It was a fun weekend.

We've been getting quite a bit of much needed rain lately. Now we're praying for snow in the mountains. People think I'm crazy when I tell them how the weather was when I was a kid, back when dinosaurs ruled the earth. We always had at least one snow day off from school every year. The road to Klamath was always closed at least once every year by snow. The highway going east to Winnemucca was often closed for a week or more by snowdrifts. We had to shovel snow off our roofs on a regular basis due to the weight of the snow. Lots of time the only part of a barbed wire fence that could be seen was the top of the posts. Today's kids don't have a clue what "Hook Bobbin" was. The biggest weather change is that it didn't rain in the winter, it snowed.

January

3	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
12	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.
Thursday Jams at Rosa Lee's			6 p.m.

We hope ya'll had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to lots of good fun, good friends, and good music, in 2015.

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter



Phyllis Coffin at District 6's Lebanon Christmas jam.

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We had our Christmas potluck and jam/dance yesterday (December 14). We had a really good turnout for the potluck with around 60 people attending and some awesome food.

After dinner we played music for about 4 1/2 hours while our faithful followers danced and partied. Our group was specially rewarded with a fiddle segment by our youngest member Louisiane Chouinard, her father Marcel Chouinard and Roland White. What a performance Lou Lou put on for us. It has been such a pleasure to watch her grow up in our group and to see her progress as she matures into such a fine young musician.

We also had several guests - Sharon and Hal Thompson come over from the valley to play with us as well as new members Jeral and Debbie Ellingsworth and their cousin Mary. Mary and Debbie did a wonderful job on a couple of numbers; they're going to be a great addition to our music family. New member David Carlson also joined us up front on the stand up base. He's been playing for 20 years so he fit right in.

~ Jeannette Bondsteel, for Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter



Roland White, Louisiane Chouinard and dad Marcel Chouinard perform at the District 3 Christmas party.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org (Check us out!)

January

3 Jam Holiday Potluck, Fruitdale Grange

February

7 Jam Snacks, Central Point Grange

Happy New Year, hope yours was happy and bright!

District 4's days were busy with music! We played for all our regular monthly gigs with a few extra. The yearly Thanksgiving dinner put on by the Central Point Presbyterian Church at the St. Vincent de Paul facility was standing room only! They fed over 400 people while we played happy tunes. It was great to have Leora Guthrie, Lem's wife join us. We also played for a children's Christmas party at the Medford library.

Our December jam was held at the Eastwood Baptist Church in Medford. A lovely venue and we had a lot of fun. We were most happy to have Hal and Sharon Thompson from District 10 and Pat and Ruth Weyer of District 5 join us for the day. Also from District 5 were Rudy Spence and Adam Taylor. It's always great to have visitors from other districts join in our fun!

A new member, Rob Caldwell plays a terrific fiddle and joined right in and played with us. What a great addition he will be and we'll put him to work right away.

Our sympathy goes out to Lem Guthrie and his family in the loss of Lem's brother Leslie. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Our January jam will be a super pot-luck. The district will provide the bbq chicken, Judy Lyons will contact everyone about the side dishes. The jam. Will be a Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on the 3rd.

Don't forget it will soon be time to elect new officers. Everyone should consider serving or encourage someone you think would do a good job to do so, we need to keep our organization moving ahead steadily.

Mark Twain said: An ecstasy is something that can't be put into words, such as Music.

~ Judy Lyons and Judy McGarvey, Reporters, District 4

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Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – About Fiddle Contests, Part 2



Preparing Your Contest Tunes and Rounds

For the regular divisions of the Oregon State Contest, you'll need two rounds of three tunes each, plus one extra hoedown for use as a tie-breaker. Small fry contestants will need only one round of three tunes plus one extra tie-breaker hoedown. Unless you're very experienced and are comfortable playing many tunes well, you'll be more comfortable if you prepare months ahead of time.

It's best not to play "newer" tunes, but those that you've been playing for awhile and are totally comfortable with. You'll want to play tunes that have all the "bugs" worked out, that you can play cleanly (no fuzzy notes or ghost notes that aren't totally there), with good tone, good intonation, and in the rhythmic "groove". Put your own personality into it, and "own" the tune. Don't play anything that will sound as though you are struggling, as the "effort" will detract from the musicality.

Each round consists of a hoedown, a waltz, and a tune of choice that's not a hoedown or waltz (see last month's column). Some tunes may be "ambiguous" and may fit into either the hoedown or tune of choice category depending on how the tune is played. Practice your tunes in order with a brief pause between them and make sure they fit within the four minute time limit. If they don't, you'll need to make some changes. If you need any advice about such things as tune categories, or how to make a round fit into four minutes, you're more than welcome to contact me at gdaewalt@comcast.net

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Practice with a metronome, spot check your notes with a tuner, record yourself, isolate problem areas and practice them slowly, play with a good accompanist if possible, and practice getting off to a good start. Be confident that you've already worked out all the technical details and you no longer need to think about them while you're playing your tunes – I think we all know that doubts in the brain translate into fumbling fingers.

Don't think too much about judges and/or scores – just about enjoying the tunes and being glad that you are able to put on a good performance. There may be some fiddlers who score higher than you, but that doesn't mean you aren't a fantastic fiddler.

I'll end this month's column with some very good advice I heard once about visualizing. When you're practicing for a performance, pretend you're actually performing. Visualize the stage, the audience, the microphone, etc. Then when you're actually performing, pretend you're actually enjoying playing comfortably in your home.

Tune of the Month - Drömmen Om Elin

If YouTube videos are any guide, this lovely waltz is an accordion standard in Sweden.

Drömmen Om Elin (1)

Waltz, Sweden, Karl Jularbo, 1893-1966
1) PMF arrangement

Scored:
2011-03-09

♩ = 160

A

B

Notes:

- Translation: "The Dream About Elin", related: Borgholmsvalsen?
- 2011-03-09: chords updated by David Foster

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What a wonderful combined Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at our November jam! We all enjoyed an abundance of traditional holiday food and some not-so-traditional, but no possum. Maybe next year!

There was a good turn-out of both musicians and audience at the jam; more chairs had to be set up to accommodate the the overflow. Musicians included all the young people and several moms, from the private school in Allegany, who are all learning to play the fiddle as part of their curriculum this school year. They are an amazing group who blew the audience away and received a standing ovation with their on-stage fiddling after only two lessons. Judy McGarvey comes from District 4 once each month to instruct them and is doing an excellent job. And what a neat group she has to work with! So mannerly and organized. We are happy to have all of you as a part of our District 5 and are looking forward to watching your progress.

Guest musicians and their families at the November jam included Jim Kuether, Bob Hanson and Hal Thompson, all from District 10 and John

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Hoping your holiday was filled with joy and music!

We had a great turnout for our holiday jam in Lebanon, complete with lunch and holiday decor. Lots of locals showed up just to listen, and we all had a merry time! As always, we enjoyed playing with our out of district guests: Hal and Sharon Thompson, Joyce and Jim Kuether, Lew and Alice Holt, Bob and Jean Hanson.

Ila Mae's fiddle classes are going strong with 20 or more participants at each event. We have seen a lot of growth in the students over a year's time. They really seem to blossom once they get a number of tunes under their belts. Stop by and play with us whenever you can! We take a short break (with coffee and refreshments!), but otherwise we just play tune after tune all afternoon. It's great practice and a good time too!

Jerry Parks and the Westfir Fiddle Camp committee are in the process of selecting the classes, workshops and instructors that will be offered next summer. The camp committee recently received two grants to help fund camp operations: a \$2500 grant from Lane County Cultural Coalition and a \$500 contribution from an anonymous donor. Check the website for more information and pictures from previous years at: fiddlecamp.org. The camp is scheduled for July 20-23 next summer, so be sure to mark that on your calendar. It is an amazing learning experience and a whole lot of fun.

January

7	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 – 2 p.m.
7	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 – 4 p.m.
14	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
14	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 – 4 p.m.
17	Monthly Jam,	Winchester Bay	1 – 4 p.m.
21	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 – 2 p.m.
21	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 – 4 p.m.
28	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
28	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 – 4 p.m.

and Curt Renfro from District 4. Thanks to all of you for joining us. We always enjoy hearing your music.

It's time to pay your dues if you haven't done so already. If not paid by January 1 you will not receive the January Hoedowner and the same will be applicable for February. If not paid by the end of February your name will not appear in the 2015 members directory.

Pat and Ruth Weyer and Adam Taylor and Rudy Spence all traveled to the Medford area to attend District 4's December jam on the first Saturday of the month and report having had an enjoyable day.

Happy new year to all and may it be the best ever!

"As long as we have memories, Yesterday remains;
As long as we have hope, Tomorrow waits;
As long as we have friendship, Today is beautiful."

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

January

2	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7-10 p.m.
9	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
10	Monthly jam	Central Grange	10-4 p.m.
16	Friday night jam	Yapoah	7-9 p.m.
17	Intermediate Fiddle Class,	River Road Annes	1-4 p.m.
19	Basic Fiddle Class,	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1-4 p.m.
23	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7-10 p.m.
24	State quarterly jam	Sutherlin	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"HELP GROW A FIDDLER" SALE AND SILENT AUCTION will take place at the District 6 monthly jam on January 10 at Central Grange. Thanks to many generous donors, we are amassing a nice collection of musical items to be auctioned off or sold. We have several fiddles, a banjo, shoulder rests, music stands, and a number of instruction books that will all be available! The items of lower value will be priced and sold outright, while the more valuable items will go into a silent auction. Bidding will begin at 1:00 and end at 3:00 p.m. at which time the final bidder will be able to pay for their item. Cash or checks will be accepted (no credit card purchases). We are still seeking donations of musical items, so if you have something to donate, please contact Darla. Be sure to join us that afternoon during our jam, and if you know of anyone looking for an instrument... please let them know about this opportunity to buy some musical items AND help the young fiddlers in our area. We are looking for ways to publicize this wonderful sale, so pass the word and come if you can!!!

Happy Birthday to Joe Moyle, Gerald Clark, Galen Ness, Zane Coffin, Ken Spann, Cal Montgomery, John Childers, and Leah Canaday.

Happy Anniversary to Willie & Edna Carter and Galen & Kathy Ness.

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 musicians played at the annual Estacada Community Center Christmas luncheon on Sunday, the 14th. Before we played we were served a delicious turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings. It was fun visiting with the community and players alike. The Community Center tables were decorated with white, green, and red tablecloths and the room looked very festive. At 1 p.m. we all gathered to play fiddle tunes and Christmas carols. Fiddlers took turns going to the microphone to play while everyone supported them from behind. After that twenty-four people signed up to play or sing individually, and then we all settled in for an afternoon of great music. Members of the community enjoyed dancing to the Ootpick and Skaters Waltzes and a number of performers sang Christmas carols or a favorite song.

It was a treat to hear the Swift children play again. They started with Housetop Hoedown with Colton and Isabel on fiddles and Clay on the cello. When they finished someone yelled, "Play another one!" and they jumped at the chance to play, We Wish You a Merry Christmas. They all are great performers.

Another treat was hearing Gary Evans (along with Jim Toussaint) play, I'm dreaming of a White Christmas on the SAW. In addition to the 24 plus fiddlers we had guitars, a dobro and a bass. It is wonderful that all the fiddlers were accompanied by the guitars and other instruments. Thanks so much to all of you who play back up; we really appreciate your support.

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Another new year to enjoy. They seem to come around faster than they used to. Let's all make it a great OOTFA year!

District 8 members jammed at Oak Grove Grange on November 30th. The Grange invited us to play for their craft and bake sale. Sixteen musicians kept the tunes going for the four hours we were there. We were "on stage" from 11:30 until 2 — before that we enjoyed some informal jamming and visiting.

Ray and Marie Cunningham, Darlene Bryant, Jerry Janzsen, Lew and Alice Holt entertained the multiple sclerosis group at their annual Christmas potluck. We all won some of the door prizes, too.

Linda Shafer, Darlene Bryant and Lew and Alice played in Dallas for the seniors at the Greenway Clubhouse. After the Holts finally found the place, we had a great time playing. They gave us \$100 for the district.

Johnny Williams also had a bout with pneumonia, but was able to come to Oak Grove to play back up and do his incomparable

January

4 Jam

Gladstone Senior Center

1:00-3:00

18 Jam

Estacada Public Library

2:30-4:40

Here are a few things to remember for next month:

Don't forget to pay your 2015 membership dues. You can send them to Marcella Easley. Also check out the OOTFA website if you have any questions: www.ootfa.joindonate.com

Donna Foreman would like to have a short meeting at 12:30 p.m. on January 4 before we play at the Gladstone Senior Center. We will discuss donations to the upcoming contests.

Donna Foreman's fiddle class will start up again in January on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham.

The new circle jam at the Estacada Library has been a big success. It would be wonderful to keep this new jam going strong. If you come, be prepared, with music, to introduce a new tune to the group and teach them how to play it. Questions? Contact Donna Foreman. 503-630-3577

We have two new members this month: Jeff Andrew and his wife Jane Storey. Jeff plays the fiddle, dobro, guitar and mandolin and Jane plays the autoharp and cello. Welcome to OOTFA Jeff and Jane.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

January

17 Gig Mt. View Mobile Estates, Newberg

February

14 Gig State Capitol, Salem

March

21 OOTFA FiddleContest Chemeketa College, Salem

vocals. Dale Smith had serious surgery recently. We send healing thoughts her way.

We were saddened to learn that our old friend Dale Emery, passed away December 15 at the age of 98.

Late December (after the Hoedowner deadline) we will be playing for Magic at the Mill in Salem. The old Thomas Kay Woolen Mill is an interesting place to visit anytime. At Christmas the whole area is decorated with thousands of colored lights. Very pretty! We will also have played at the Senior Center in Dallas.

January 17th we are invited to play at Mountain View Mobile Estates in Newberg. The address is 2901 East 2nd St. Turn on 2nd St. across from the airport on the southeast end of town. We'll be playing in their community building. This is a new venue for us. Hope you all can be there!

Happy New Year to all!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

Chair: Janet Braymen

Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

January

2	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
9	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
16	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
19	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30p.m.
23	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
30	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

The Christmas Sunday potluck and jam was a wonderful party, with great food, music, dancing, and visiting. Phil Drain, down from Mount Vernon, timed his visit to coincide with our jam, so we had bass guitar backup, and his jolly Santa hat to enjoy. Patty Leahey joined us with her lovely voice and guitar.

We are missing Walt Cooper, and just sent him a shout out; hope he is feeling better soon. LaWanda Williams and Margaret Teague are also greatly missed at our jams.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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We had about eight or nine fiddlers playing at the November jam; it was wonderful music with the other players and back-up players. Pat and Ruth Weyer from District 5, and Jesse and Darlene Knudsen from District 6 were there, glad to have them.

Hope everyone is happy and healthy out there; those that aren't, hope you're up and around soon.

We won't be having our jam at the Grange in Sutherlin in January. There will be a state meeting, potluck and jam at the Sutherlin Community Center on Willamette Street, off of Central, by the train at the park.--the fourth Saturday. There will be more about it on-line and in the January Hoedowner.

By the time you get this, Christmas and New Year's Day will be over; hope you all had wonderful holidays.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. We've been to quite a few birthday parties so far.



Ian Dawson plays along with Ruel Teague at the District 9 Holiday Jam with Joan Sutter, Phil Drain and Randy Gibson in the background.



Dale Emory



Jerry and Linda Parks at the District 6 Lebanon Christmas jam.



Fiddling down the middle in District 7: Clay Swift on cello, Jeff Walter on guitar, and Colton Swift on fiddle.



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State Calendar

Quarterly State Meeting	Sutherlin	January 24
State Fiddle Contest	Salem	March 21
State Convention	Rickreall	April 9-11
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3

New Members to Welcome!

Dan Adels
Jeff Andrew and Jane Storey
Christi Binstadt

Keizer
Tigard
Eugene

Bryan Mast
Jill, Eric and Andrew Swanson

Bandon
Medford

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- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair