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Greetings from Central Oregon. Not a lot to report this month but hope that you are getting many opportunities to play some "good old time fiddle music." We have a great year ahead of us.

It is great to read of all the activities in all of the districts. Things sure don't slow down in the summer time. The best to you.

LeRoy Sims, President  
Oregon Old Time  
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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers,

Our Weiser 2000 National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest is now history, and talented Danita Hartz is once again our champion. However, Oregon Old Time Fiddlers were also champions this year. We can all point with pride to one of our greatest testimonials of that unique "Oregon Spirit", which was shown by upwards of fifty of our member musicians and their families, who made special efforts to be there and help us entertain as host state. Our week in Weiser was highlighted by many, many proud moments, but most outstanding among them was when we were told that Oregon was so well represented that we had broken all host state attendance records, and for

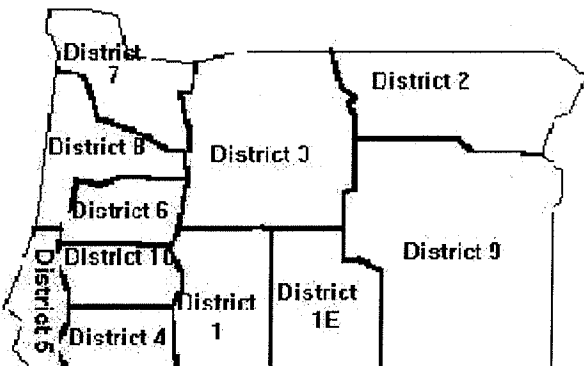
that we are exceptionally complimentary of Oregon fiddlers who were able to be there. What a legacy for us to leave to future fiddlers! Following, are two letters which summarize a great week for Oregon Fiddlers.

Layna Hafer, Contest Director  
June 26, 2000  
Chamber of Commerce, 8  
East Idaho  
Weiser, Idaho 83672

Dear Layna,

To say Oregon Old Time Fiddlers were delighted to be host state this year at our Weiser National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest would be describing our feelings and emotions mildly, to say the least. Ecstatic would probably be a better description, and even saying that would be an understatement. One of our members chose to describe us this way when he said, "Fred, it just seems like

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide

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Greetings and happy Summer time from District 1.

Notice: No potluck or meeting 1st Sunday of August at Villa West Mobile Park Rec Hall in Klamath Falls. Most of us plan to be at Diamond Lake Campout that weekend. If enough of District 1 is present, we will hold a short meeting up there.

Jam: 2nd Sunday, August 13, at Oregon State University Extension office in Klamath Falls, lower level meeting room from 1 to 4 p.m. Directions - turn east off Alameda bi-pass at Eberlem St., take an immediate left turn on to Vanderburg Rd - go north up the hill to the 1st bldg on the

left. Parking is in front and by meeting room on lower level. Ladies, thank you for bringing finger food each time. And the Extension Office Crew promises to leave the air conditioning on for us that week end. They apologize for the hot room last jam day.

Nursing Homes: 4th Thursday 1 p.m. Clairmont Nursing Home at east end of Main St. In Klamath Falls, Then at 2:15 we play at the Retirement Home which is 1 block above and back of nursing home. Play 1 hour each place same day.

Help: Players needed to entertain the Oregon Cycle Group at Diamond Lake August 15. Be at Broken Arrow Campground in time to eat at 6 p.m. Then play from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a paid event for us so please plan to attend and help entertain the large group of

cyclists. We also welcome fiddlers from other districts to come if they'd like.

Now that Burns and Weiser are over, wasn't that a fun day of visiting, good music and food at Fiock's anniversary party on July 1. Thank you Norm and Mae and family for your wonderful hospitality to all of us.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Virgil Schmoe 15th, to Frances Hughes father, "Homer" the 16th and Jerry Ruddock 30th.

I don't seem to have any August wedding anniversary dates. If someone is being left out, please tell me.

Our condolences to Jean Standiford - she recently lost a brother in Washington.

Enjoy the summer days and "Happy Fiddlin."

Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

Some odds and ends from the Editor:

Tentative agenda: Diamond Lake Campout

Arrival: cabins--47 & 48 Thurs., Aug. 3rd Get settled in and evening jam at activity center.

Fri., Aug. 4th 8:00--10:00 Breakfast at cabin 48 or 49 or in activity center if raining. Free time jamming after. 12:30 ---Potluck at cabins or in hall---depending on the weather. Home made pie for afternoon refreshments, when we get them done free time jamming in after noon 6:30 evening jamming in the hall for the public until?????

Sat. Aug. 5th 8:00 --10:00 Breakfast at the cabins or the hall if weather is bad free time jamming. 12:30 Potluck Will have home-made ice cream after-- about 1:30 free time jamming. 6:30 evening jam in hall open for the public until ??????

Sun. Aug 6th Breakfast at the cabins Same time as above. 10:30 Gospel music time in hall open to the public if they wish to come. 12:30 potluck for all who plan on staying over. Free fun time jamming afternoon and evening.

Mon. head for home. I like to do

it this way as week-enders usually go home on Sun so there should be less traffic,Irene & Jerry

THOUSAND TRAILS RALLY SEPTEMBER 14 - 15 - 16

Dennis Langford, President of the Blue Mountain Oldtime Fiddlers would like to invite all of us to the Oldtime Fiddle Contest during the Oregon Trail Days , Aug. 18th and 19th in LaGrande, Oregon. This is the 6th year the contest has been

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Greetings from all of us here in Lake County. We have been busy - people gong all over the place. The McLains went to Burns and reported that they had a "very good time." Larry, Terry, Sharilyn, Rosalie, Homer - and Bill and Gloria Myers, too. Rosalie and Homer

were the only ones who went on to Weiser.

You would have been proud of us playing for "Crazy Days" on the Court House lawn. The crowd liked it anyway. Glad to have Billy and Rhayanna helping out. The more the merrier.

On the 16th a "bunch" played and sang at the New Pine Creek BBQ.

It seem that almost everybody is traveling, visiting, camping - what ever - certainly not letting grass grow under our feet. Homer and Rosalie went camping to cele-

brate Rosalie's retirement. Yep, got the word that she retired. Bet we can't keep them "down on the farm" anymore.

Bev Perry has moved into her new home. Good news.

And I almost didn't get my news in this month because I was off chasing hand gliders across the country and having a ball!! Ask me about them sometime.

See you all next month.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter,  
 District 1E

## Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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held. Friday, Aug. 18th 6:00 Senior preliminaries and finals, Jam session. Saturday the 19th 9:00 a. m.: all other division preliminaries. Saturday 6:00 p.m.: Division finals. The Oregon Trail Days Old-time Fiddle Contest is a part of Oregon Trail Days. Join us, Dennis says, for a full weekend of good old-fashioned family fun, including art and craft booths, food, entertainment, quilt show, living history encampment, history presentations and exhibits, Dutch-oven cooking and much more. For more

information and pre-registration form, call the La-Grande/Union County Visitors and Convention Bureau 1-800-848-9969 or 541- 963-8588

One of the members from District 5 writes with some information that she thinks the fiddlers might enjoy: Homefolks Productions presents a new dance series -- 3rd Saturdays at the Greenacres Grange - next dance - August 19. The Scree Runners with Woody Lane calling. Beginner's instruction 7:00 pm Dance 7:30 10:30 pm. All dances taught Admission \$5 What is CONTRA-DANCING? A fun and easy way to spend an evening with your friends, family, and neighbors,

chem-free, all ages, cheaper than a movie, great exercise, no partners needed, come alone or in a group, hot music, learn to dance, meet new people. For more information call Elizabeth 396-6043

### Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

MC: Fred Hardin, 1999-2000 OOTFA President. Judges: Clara Murphy, Battleground Washington - former National Senior Champion and 2nd place 2000 National Senior-Senior. Gary Lee Moore, Seattle Washington, - former National Adult Champion and 2nd place 2000 National Adult. Donna Reuter, Hood River Oregon --- 1999 Pend Oreille Adult Champion and former Oregon State Adult Champion AND reigning OOTFA Queen

The campout at Martha Warwicks starts the Sunday of the contest at Canyonville and will continue through Labor Day. Remember everybody is invited to the campout where there will be many hours of visiting, hours of music, a great show every night on stage, a nice fire in front of the stage, apple cobbler and much more. If this is your first time, please feel free to call for directions.

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Greetings to all from sunny central Oregon. Summer has finally arrived on the high desert.

Our July 16 jam was great with lots of good music. And a very responsive audience. Everyone was happy to see George

and Dorothy Brumbach with us. He isn't feeling up to playing and singing yet, but after all his back problems, it is just good to see him out and about.

We're happy to have new members. Anne Robertson of Redmond and Don Stalter and his wife Jean, of Crooked River Ranch. Don plays guitar and mandolin. They have just moved to Oregon from Washington where he was active in the Washington Oldtime Fiddlers.

August 1, the fiddlers will be playing for the Deschutes County fair from 7 - 8:00 PM.

We have just learned that Mike Booher is having health problems and will have surgery July 21, at St Charles hospital in Bend for colon surgery. We would ask that you keep Mike and family in your prayers.

Lee Hanna, reporter
District 3

Some odds and ends from the Editor cont.

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Myrtle wants to remind you district treasurers to get your books to her for audit just as soon as you balance your July statement.

Holt will sign up the Forest Glen group. We hope Vic and Neva are feeling better now and will be even better by August.

Contest Day will be Saturday, August 26th. Registration from 9:00 to Noon and the judges will get together sometime during that period before they meet with the contestants on stage at Noon. Contest to get underway at 12:30. Second round will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The top 5 accompanists will also receive trophies. No entry fees for accompanists.

See you all in August for another great time in Canyonville!

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CANYONVILLE CONTEST: Some more great news! District #10 donated \$200 to our contest and will bring their sound system as a backup system. I am so grateful. And our third judge will be Willie Warwick. (The other two announced earlier are Johnny McDonald and Ila Mae Carmickle) Thank you! And another reminder about camping: it will have to take place on the lower grounds of the school, along the north and west sides of the gym, not on the upper grounds as in the past.

ENTRY FEES: \$1.00 for Pee/Wee and Jr. Jr., \$2.00 for Junior, \$3.00 for both Senior categories, \$4.00 for Intermediate and \$5.00 for Open.

CASH PRIZES: 1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH 5TH

Pee/Wee \$ 25 20 15 10 10
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Junior \$50 40 30 20 15
Senior \$60 50 40 30 20
Senior/Senior \$60 50 40 30 20
Intermediate \$80 60 50 40 30
Open \$100 80 70 60 50

Good Morning Lew & Alice
Just a little Thank You to the people that donated to the Jim Ramsey memorial: Owen & Mildred Powell, Dist 7, Keith & Laverne Sessions, Becky Torland. This amount goes into the scholarship fund. Myrtle Arnold

Andy Hoefler from North Bend and I have been good friends starting back in the early 70s. We have visited often over the years but only recently have added e-mail. I asked Andy if I might use part of

Forest Glen Senior Residence has confirmed that they want us from 4:00 to 4:30 on Friday evening, August 25th. Much earlier than usual but will make the rest of the evening's schedule not so tight. If Vic Flood unable to be here, Alice

All 5 top fiddlers will receive trophies as well as the cash prizes.

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## District 4

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No jam this month because we all went down to the Fiock's barbecue. The barbecue was a great success with lots of good food and good music, and folks had a good time.

A hardy bunch of musicians played in the Central Point 4th of July parade, and our float won 3rd place. Playing in the park afterwards, it was cold and rainy, setting a record for one of the coldest July 4ths on record. There were problems with the sound system, and other frustrations, but our great bunch of musicians played, nevertheless, and numerous brave folks defied the storm and stayed to enjoy the music.

As usual the get-together at Burns was a great time with the Hi Desert Fiddlers being wonderful hosts. District 4 was well

represented with 13 of us joining in. Just a few continued on to Weiser for the national contest. The weather varied from hot and windy, to hot and not windy. What a great group from Oregon that entertained the public each evening! Playing in the parade on Saturday was hot and long, but enjoyed by the crowds. Judy McGarvey made it to the semi-finals in the senior division, finishing up 7th. What a thrill being around all that great music and fine fiddlers!

Fred Samples, a long time member, died this past month. Our sympathies go out to his wife Dixie and other family members.

Vic Flood is recuperating from serious back surgery, with complications. He and Neva can use all of our support at this difficult time. Cards and/or calls are welcomed.

Lots of upcoming play dates. Check with Gene Williams if you are available to play. By the time this is printed, we

will have played four days at the Fair. There are a number of gigs in the offing all during August, September, and October, so "Y'all Come!" (and play, too). We need everyone!

Word for the day: Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

Judy McGarvey,  
 Reporter District 4



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First of all I want to thank Mary Lou Saylor for being our handy-dandy reporter for such an extended time. You did a terrific job Mary Lou and we really appreciate your efforts. Thanks again for all you did (I hope I can live up to your fine standard).

District 5 has been keeping busy as usual this summer and doing the gifted art of making music. A fine group of musicians got together at Bullards Beach State Park and a great time was had by all. These fiddlers are always entertaining and so very talented, thanks to everyone for coming out. The crowd thought we were delightful too. That really says something for our music doesn't it?

It was a wonderful time at the Yachats Smelt Fry with about 20 players and lots of Smelt to fry and eat; and we did that well. The weather was wonderful with soft breezes, lots of sunshine and even pie

for desert. We want to especially thank Starr McMullen for coming down and wowing us with her wonderful playing ability. Also want to thank Mark and Ila Mae Carmickles for coming over from Eugene. A big thanks to Willy Carter. It was wonderful to have you and Edna at this function as well. We miss you all winter while you are gone. Also to Ken White who played his old squeeze box with Willie and made beautiful music together. We also had a special appearance by a young man who lives in Arizona but was here visiting Aaron Carico. He is a great fiddler and played so fast we could barely keep up with him. He will win some trophies if he hasn't already that is for sure. We had a great time.

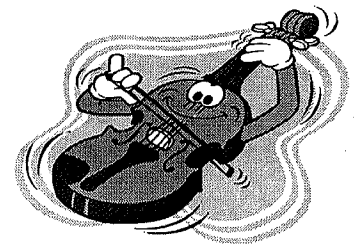
We would also like to thank Steve (don't know his last name) who provided the mike which was excellent and his talent also on the banjo. Also Oren Pruitt brought along his grandson Michael Gibson who did a fine job on the mandolin and guitar. Glad to have all of you. Needless to say it was a great event, which everyone enjoyed very much.

Fran Noah a very good friend to the fiddlers in district #5 died this past week. She loved our music and provided us a place to meet and play every first Friday of the month at the Langlois Fire Hall. Every musician in this area will miss her.

Upcoming dates are: Aug. 6 reception in Coquille, 1:00 p.m., (call Phil Fry for how to get there), Aug. 11 Bullards Beach 6-8 p.m. and of course our jam Aug 19; 1-4 p.m. at Greenacres Grange...Be there for be square.

Happy Fiddlin; Sally Jordan, Reporter

Remember: If someone doesn't give you a smile give them one of yours....



**Membership for the rest of the year:**

- Aug. 1 \$6.25
- Sep. 1 \$5.00
- Oct. 1 \$3.75 + \$15 for 2001
- Nov. 1 \$2.50 + \$15 for 2001
- Dec. 1 \$1.25 + \$15 for 2001



## District 6

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District Six's annual participation in Coburg Golden Years was, as usual, a success. Following a Saturday night open jam, there was a gospel program on Sunday morning, succeeded by a two-hour open jam. All were well attended. On Sunday, Winston Grant represented District 8, while Jay Belt from California, who happened on the jam by accident, expertly played several pieces and ended up joining the Oregon Old-time Fiddlers. Welcome Jay! And many thanks to all made the District Six program work so well.

The other July event was

Marycole Days in Marcola, July 29. Anticipating events, we can report that there was District Six participation in the parade, and an all-day jam at the Marcola firehouse.

Some District Sixers also attended Yachats Fish Fry July 7, where musical arrangements were by District Five.

The August District Six meeting will be a pot luck picnic lunch and jam, to be held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield from 10-3 on Saturday, August 12. Doors open at 10 am; there will be no hot dishes.

We want to encourage everyone to turn up for the all-day jam at the Lane County Fairground on Wednesday, August 16. The jam will be located on the stage near the Lane County Historical Museum. It will start at 11:00 a.m.; an instrument case or iden-

tification of yourself as a performer at the jam will get you admission. Parking at the Fair is free, and your responsibility. We are looking for the sort of large turn-out we always get, and, after last year's extremely successful -- and popular -- jam, we have the enthusiastic cooperation of the Fair management.

Finally, there is the Filbert Festival in Springfield, August 26-27. Two invited District Six groups will play; we hope to open it up to general participation next year, along the lines of the Lane County Fair.

Betty Canning, District Six guitar player and vocalist, is under the weather and will shortly be entering the hospital. We wish you a speedy return to full health, Betty!

Joe Moyle,  
 Reporter, District 6

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Oregon Old Time Fiddlers are on an extended "high", being host state here at our National Contest this year," to which I approvingly assented with a vigorous pat of his back, while simultaneously telling him "Well said."

All our OOTFA members take great pleasure in reporting to you that each week night from 41 to 46 of our members came to entertain with our music, 23 Saturday night, and a "jam-packed" stage each evening, as well as others circling on the floor was an inspiration to all of us because, in my opinion, we have never sounded better, and applause from a receptive

audience seemed to confirm that. Several of our members who had planned to leave for home early in the week, made sacrificial last-minute plan changes just so they could remain with our group and finish a wonderful week together. That, to me, was a tremendous testimonial to our great family spirit we enjoy among our members. Twenty-two of our musicians showed up to ride on our Saturday parade fiddler floats and play our music, delighting an approving, appreciative crowd along a parade route extending many blocks through downtown Weiser.

My year as President of Oregon Fiddlers has been a series of "mountain-top" experiences, but being chosen to be host state this year at our year 2000 Weiser National Contest was a capstone to all of them.

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Special Events Team Susie Spencer

524-4563/ Ida Colby 557-8709

Our next scheduled jam will be in King City on Sunday, September 10. Remember though that we will have numerous opportunities to play for summer events so call Susie Spencer, Ida Colby or Terry Jorgensen if you want to check on places to play this summer.

"Fred sez - one more time - a little bit more - for the last time - just couldn't resist."

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It has done much to solidify our focus on promoting, preserving, and perpetuating old time fiddling and music, and it is our fondest hope that in a small way, we have contributed as much to NOTFC as NOTFC has contributed to us.

Thank you again, and we'll see you next year.

Yours truly,

Fred Hardin, President Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association (1999/2000)

Read on:

A few events over the summer area: July 20 -23 Mt. Hood Campout and August 5-Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis. Mt Hood's District 7 event will be a sweet memory by the time you read this issue of the news from our group.

The Clackamas County Fair will find us on Stage 3A2 Wednesday August 16 from 2:00-4:00. Be sure to dress for the weather as we are outside and have only a bit of shade. Your instrument is your pass. There is usually a shuttle available between the Canby Senior Center and the fair.

Particulars: as stated here. And, of course, we need you!!! So be there or be -- you know the adage.

Not much news from the home front, so will wish you the best and hope that August will be a great and happy month for all.

Pat Gates,  
reporter, district 7



Dear Fred,

I want to take a moment to thank you and the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers for the incredible showing as this years Host State for the National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest. What a fun, upbeat and talented group. There were so many wonderful comments about your show each evening. Rotating your fiddlers around the stage was a great idea! The sheer numbers in your group will be an example to other organizations of how to pull together for a common goal. Especially since your goal obviously includes having a good time. Please let your fiddlers know how much we appreciated their help in making this one of our best contests.

Layna Hafer, Contest Director

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We met July 9th at McMinnville Senior Center. Informal jamming was followed by a great (as usual) potluck, which was followed by a good sign up jam. Our new chairman, Dale Colebank was out of the area, so new Co-chairman, Rich Samsom did a super job signing us up. Dale hated to miss his first official function, but had a prior obligation. It was so good to have our out-of-district friends join us. You added so much to the enjoyment of the day. Welcome to Kay and Joe Fielding who came to McMinnville. Kay is learning fiddle, Joe plays banjo and harmonica. The Fieldings have been members for a few months.

Two days later on July 11th, a group of us played for the outdoor concert on the Library lawn at Woodburn. We had a smaller than usual turnout, but that meant we got to play more tunes!

An audience of 238 folks seemed to enjoy and appreciate our music. We received a nice thank you letter and a check for playing our music. Not bad.

Important play dates for August are: Saturday Aug. 12th we play for the Falls City Methodist Church picnic. Musicians are invited to eat at 11 AM. We start playing at noon. The community is rebuilding the historic old church. We had a great time there last year. Falls City is SW of Dallas, check your map, go through Dallas, take the Kings Valley Highway and follow the signs to Falls City. The Methodist church is on Main St. You can't miss it. Chairman Dale encourages you to please attend so we can put on a good show.

Sunday Aug. 13th is the Polk County Fair at Rickreall on Hwy 99. Play time is 12 until 2 PM on the main stage. Yep, Sunday is the day. That is different but there is a new person scheduling this year. Let's have a good turnout. Our

district is paid \$250 for playing. Let's give them their money's worth. (Actually more than their money's worth.)

Tuesday Aug. 15th is our annual outdoor concert at the Providence

Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel. The address is 540 South Main. We play from 6 PM until after 7. Then we'll all go to the Mt. Angel Brewery restaurant for dinner. Come and join the fun. If you have been there before, you know what we are bragging about. It is a great evening. Hope to see a lot of you from District 7. If you are coming in from Woodburn, take a right on Main St. and you'll soon come to where we are playing.

Our playing schedule has been worked out into the fall and winter: Sep. 24th McMinnville, October 15th in Woodburn, Nov. 19 Willamina, Dec. 17 McMinnville, Jan. 21st McMinnville, Feb. 18th Woodburn, March 10th Keizer Senior Center, and . . . .

Alice Holt, Reporter, District 8

### IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE FROM ALICE:

For many years I have enjoyed being your state membership chairman. I feel that I know all of you. But I need to pass the job on to someone else. Myrtle Arnold have volunteered to take on the task.

Beginning immediately, send your new member information, address changes etc. to Myrtle at 4508 NE Ainsworth St., Portland, OR 97218. Myrtle has E-mail, (her e address is: redpdx@uswest.net) so she and I

can share information on membership. Undoubtedly I'll get a few memberships, but I can get the information to Myrtle.

I'll miss hearing from all of you, but I look forward to a bit more free time for other activities. Thanks for all you co-operation over the years. A special thanks to the district membership chairs who have helped so much.

Alice Holt

**District 9**

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Howdy,

Hope your summer is as busy as mine with opportunities to jam. Everyone survived the Country Music Jamboree in June followed by Weiser. Folks have been coming and going and as they pass through we often have opportunity to jam on short notice. One short notice event came to pass recently when the fiddlers were invited to jam on the sidewalk downtown on a Saturday afternoon. It was fun to watch the cars slow and roll down windows as they passed by us. Some went around the block to come by again and a few stopped to listen for a bit.

Sandee English was in town from North Carolina for a family reunion. Rose Robirts hosted a jam session in her yard so we

all could enjoy jamming with Sandee.

It's been nice to have Jake and Allie Swartwood around for awhile. Allie and Julie Milleson have been getting plenty of practice in and can hold their own in the jam sessions.

Margaret Teague has had surgery this month and is recuperating. Joan Suther is off the crutches and back on her feet.

New members from the John Day area including Peggy and Brianna Murphy. Welcome. We look forward to seeing you around.

Gordon Black attended Common Ground on the Hill in Westminster, Maryland this month where he once again had dobro lessons from the masters including LeRoy Mack and Dave Giegrich.

Chairperson Edie Koenig would much appreciate folks volunteering for Friday night practices. It's so much easier to have folks volunteer at their convenience rather than

go searching for a place to play.



Events in August include the Aspens on the 11th at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor on the 14th and 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Coming up September 7-10 is the Harney County Fair. The schedule is not set yet so watch for your September Hoedowner. Are we going to do a float this year? Now's the time to come up with an idea. The theme is 'We're just a little bit country'.

Hey, I've got a great idea. See the light bulb? Put something in your case which has your name on it and even possibly a way to contact you. I'm happy to report both fiddles left at the jamboree found their way back to their owners, but it would have been easier if we'd known who we were looking for!

Janet Braymen, Reporter,  
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Our regular meeting, potluck and jam were held July 8. This found the new chairman, Fred Young, in the pilot's chair. Some up coming playing dates were discussed as were some in the past.

Our "Yodeling Grandma" Lenora Waggoner was back with us after a long bout of (NOT SO GOOD), Dick Shroll was back with us again, too. Ed

Doolittle is out at this time with shingles. Dorothy Carins is also out with health problems. Chuck Hasty is taking a rest for awhile, under Dr's care. If I've missed anybody, I mean them, too.

The Douglas County Fair will be August 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Senior Talent Show is the 10th at 11 A.M. Our Old Time fiddlers are right after at around 12:30 for 1 hour. We play 2 hours each day 12:30 - 1:30 and 3:30 - 4:30 for 5 days!!

August 17th we play at the Catholic Mission on Stanton St. at 5:00 p.m.

We had some visitors at our last jam. Gloria Slent and a big 7 year old fiddle player, Daniel Stewart, both from Redding, California. We had a vocal guitar player from Twin Falls, Ida., Ken Worthington there, also.

Our birthdays are Harold Rogers, Paul Lakey, Hap Jones, Betty Zumwalt, Margie Hasty and Leah Shroll, John Sumwalt, Guy Kinman, Dorothy Whaley.

Anniversaries: Harold and Martha Rogers, Lewis and Fran Roy.

Fred Young, reporting

## Some odds and ends from the Editor:

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one of his recent letters to describe his feeling about a fiddle camp out. He consented and I would like to share it with you.

Andy writes: We did spend a delightful weekend camp out at Virtue Rendezvous/Squatter's Paradise II. We headed up there Friday afternoon and joined a nice group of campers most of whom were there last July. We are still struggling with names but their faces looked familiar. It seemed from memory to be perhaps fewer people than we remembered from last July. That it no way reduced the quality or quantity of the music, fellowship or food. Friday pot luck was a substantial spread of food and if variety is the spice of life, the Saturday pot luck was a life event indeed. The crowd grew some during the day and evening on Satur-

day so we did have a good crowd that evening. Many of the Saturday participants did not camp. More good music that night to be sure. It becomes evident that some of those folks came to play and play they did. I know that fingers get callused, but even so 8 to 10 hours of playing is a lot.

During the day I tried to capture some of the activities and campers on film and then put the camera away until someone else showed up then get it out and catch them also. Repeated that process a few times but came very close to getting everybody who was there I hope. We will add these to last years album as a kind of thank you to the Shaffars for inviting us again. Two people did come up and say how good they thought last years album was and that kind of makes you feel good. One dear

lady read the poem and said it was very appropriate . . . .

We hit the sack after ten and fell asleep to music still being played. (Andy Hoefer)

At Weiser this year I felt might proud to be from Oregon. I don't know how I can thank all of you enough who participated in the half hour shows for six nights, the three times we played down town and for filling two floats for the parade. You were so patient with me as I called out the tunes and players each time.

Thank you.

Lew Holt, Editor



# Calendar

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

## August

3-6 Diamond Lake Campout  
 5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 5 Picnic Stewart St. Park 4  
 5 Willamette Vly Fiddle Contest Corvallis  
 10 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8  
 12 Willamalane Sr Ctr Springfield 6  
 12 Methodist Church Falls City 8  
 12 Winston Comm. Ctr Winston 10  
 13 Extension Bldg Klamath Falls 1  
 15 Benedictine Chapel Mt. Angel 8  
 16 Lane Co. Fairgrounds Eugene 6  
 16 Clackamas County Fair Canby 7  
 20 Deschutes Cty Frgrnds Redmond 3  
 26 Canyonville Contest Canyonville  
 26 Through Labor Day  
 Martha's Campout Williams

## September

2 Community Ctr. Prospect 4  
 10 Senior Center King City 7  
 14,15,16  
 Thousand Trails OOTFA LaPine/Bend  
 24 Senior Center McMinnville 8

## October

1 Willamalane Sr Ctr Springfield 6  
 7 Senior Ctr. Rogue River 4



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