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

July

6	Memorial Hall	Lakeview	1E
6	Street Jam	Prineville	3
6	Community Center	Rogue River	4
7	VFW Jam	Redmond	3
10	Senior Center	Tualatin/Durham	7
10	Harney Co. Fair	Burns	9
13	Smelt Fry	Yachats	5 & 8
13	Farmer's Market	Cottage Grove	6
13	Community Building	Winston	10
16	Multnomah Co. Fair	Portland	7
18 – 21	Mt. Hood Campout	7/OOTFA	
20	NACO Florence	5	
21	Firemen's BBQ	Goose Lake Park	1E
21	Family Picnic	Mehama	8
26	Bullard's Park	Bandon	5
27	Mosquito Festival	Paisley	1E
27	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
27	Mary Cole Days	Marcola	6

Aug.

1-5	Diamond Lake Campout		
2	Chautauqua	Gladstone	7
3	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Redmond	3
3 (Sat.)	Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
9	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
9	Motorcycle Rally	Burns	9
10	Farmer's Market	Canby	7
14	Clackamas Co. Fair	Canby	7
16-17	Contest	LaGrande	Blue Mtn
15-16-17	Campout	No. Calif.	1
20	Benedictine Nursing Home	Mt. Angel	8
24	Contest	Canyonville	
25-31	Warwick Campout	Williams	

Sep.

7	Lake Creek Grange	Lake Creek	4
8	Jam	King City	7
12-13- and 14	1000 Trails Campout		3/OOTFA
21 – 22	Covered Bridge Festival	Stayton	8

District 1

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Greetings to all, hope you're all enjoying the warm summer weather like we are here in the Basin, thinking of future bbq's and picnics, and lots of playing dates during the nice weather, just makes you feel warm all over!

dancers to enjoy our music), a nice big parking lot, and a piano too! It's the Shasta Grange Hall, corner of Shasta and Madison Streets. Same time, and finger foods if you wish, hope to see you all there to join us and share the music.

We are so glad to have Don Fitzgerald and his always-running cam-corder and camera with us, we got together to view his recently made video of us 5/22, and were so impressed with it. He's also learning to play a mean bass-fiddle, and with his non-stop ear-to-ear smile, makes us all so happy he's here with us.

6/8 Some members played at Lake Creek for the Civil War re-enactment, it was so cold that it took Irv Johnson 2 days to thaw out!!

We had Maynard Thompson join us at our jam, it's always so great to hear his old songs, and all the funny ones too, thanx for the smiles Maynard.

Fay and Isom returned from Burns, after visiting with a nice lively bunch of folks and music, said it was HOT HOT HOT!!!

*** A note of reminder for our campout, if you're going to join us for all the fun, please don't forget to call and make your reservations. (call Fay for info. (541) 798-5973) or me (541) 273-0493)

Another of our dear pals has gone to the Great Music Center Above, dear Paul Lakey from Dist. 10. Thanx for your friendship and smiles over the years Paul, you'll be missed down here.

And who can forget to wish our birthday bunch the happiest this month: 15th Jim Lancaster, 22nd June Sandusky, 25th Bud Hughes and Tommy Oden Happy Birthday to you guys!

We only have once couple this month who have withstood the test of time, Happy Anniversary to Tom and Bernice Oden!!!

Last but not least, our Get well wishes go out to all who are ailing or injured, and in our district our Grace Stork has a bum leg, Jean Standiford is ailing, but we have heard very great news about a neighbor, Homer McLain is feeling better, and things are said to be getting lots better for him.....and we're all glad about that!!!

So, as we travel thru our short lives, remember to smile a lot and play happy music, enjoy the day for what it is, not what it wasn't, remember to hold hands and hug a lot; cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. If you can't join with others and bring happiness, stay home..... A closed mouth gathers no foot!

Enjoy your days, play lots of happy music, and try to share happiness with others, your Dist. 1 reporter, Sherry O

District 1E

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Co-Chairman: Larry McLain

Treasurer: Shorty Stone

Sec/Membership: Sharilyn McLain

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Those who played for Mrs. Rachel Young's 100th birthday party , May 24th, at the Senior Center were Bill Myers, Clyde Lynch, Shorty and Mary Stone, Don Hensley, Larry McLain and Homer McLain, hear I missed a good time. Thanks for making this organization work, without people like you, it wouldn't work.

Shorty Stone has been in and out of the hospital and now recovering nicely. Gloria Myers had knee surgery and is back home mending. Hope they find out what ails Mary Cathcart. Be good to see all back on their feet. Doug McLain was in an accident but he is doing all right.

We need a new historian if someone would like to take it on, contact Terry McLain at 947-4623 or Larry McLain at 947-2448. Thanks Terry for the information.

Up-coming activities: July 6 Regular monthly jam at the Memorial in Lakeview. Potluck at 6:30. July 8th business meeting at the Indian Village at 7:00 p. m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the business meeting. July 9 & 23 we play at the nursing home 9:30 a.m. 10:30. July 21 New Pine Creek Firemen BBQ at Goose Lake park 1:00 p.m. to 4:00. July 27 Paisley Mosquito Festival – more information later. August 3 Regular monthly jam at the Memorial Hill in Lakeview. Potluck at 6:30 and music will start at 7:00. August 12th Business meeting at the Indian Village at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the business meetings.

Many are traveling now that summer is here, especially to Burns and Weiser. Everybody had a good time. Keep up the good work and have fun.

District 3

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We will really miss our great Chairman, Bob Ervin and Co-chairman, Don Hanna ending their terms of offices with District #3. Both did a great job and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Now on the other hand our Sec/Treas/Membership... Betty Fullerton is continuing to do a great job and we hope to keep her a long time. :) Thank You.

We welcome our new Chairman Rick Brumbach and Co Chairman Dale Anderson. We look forward to having them as our new leaders.

At our June 2nd VFW Jam.... Cody Doolan and Gretchen Spencer were each given a Fiddle Scholarship. Brendan Booher played a few fiddle tunes with Cody and Gretchen on stage. It was great!!!! Gretchen placed 6th place in our state fiddle contest. Yeah!! Cody and Gretchen were very thankful that District #3 provided a Scholarship to help them to continue to learn old time fiddling music. We are proud of them both!!!

June 13th, 14th and 15th there was a lot of entertainment going on at the High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns. Thanks to Janet Braymen and District #9 for all the hard work and efforts. :)

Hope everyone had a great time at the Weiser Idaho Fiddle Contest on June 17th-22nd.

District #3 and others will be playing at the Veterans Home in the Dalles.....I'm sure we will see a lot of smiles. There will be no more Library Jams in Redmond scheduled for now.

Hope everyone In District #3 had a great time at the Pine Forest Grange Hall Potluck on June the 29th.

Dates to remember: July 6th Prineville will have their 4th street Jam from 4pm to 10pm everyone is welcome to come and play. July 7th District #3 will have their VFW Jam in Redmond. We encourage all to come play music have a great time. July 15th, 16th, and 17th Mt Hood Campout. July 27th and 28th @ Crooked River Ranch. District #3 will be having a get together and a Sunday Breakfast. Hope everybody can make it to play some music and enjoy the food. August 3rd Saturday at the Deschutes Co. Fair Grounds District #3 will be playing at 1:00 p.m. for one hour on the Eberhard Stage.

We welcome our visitors at the last VFW Jam: Betty Chapman a vocalist from Christmas Valley District 1E and Penny Mead a fiddler player from District #7.

Sorry to hear that Johnny Hodnett a fiddle player from District #3 passed away recently.

Lets give Lew Holt a Big Hand for doing a great job on the Hoedowner every month. Yeah! :)

We Celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries, etc, with lots of Old time Music.:)

HAPPY JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY :0)

Ellen Jakab

Reporter District #3

District 4

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It's been a busy month for District 4, and by the time y'all read this, Burns, Weiser, and the month of June will be history. The best part of traveling out of our district is getting to play with all you great folks from the rest of the state. Are your ears still ringing?

We picked a good day for our meeting and jam at Eagle Point Grange, and the musicians and listeners had a great time. Visitors included Gus Boen (Lem Guthrie's uncle) from Medford, Lela Tarter from Springfield, MO, and Ernie Penry (almost a regular) from K.Falls. Sam Stelle resigned as co-chair -- his position will remain open until the new officers take over in July. Sam has worked very hard lining up new places to play. especially

We have been doing a lot of playing in many areas. Our community service hours this month totaled 158! Wow! A sizable group played in Medford at the Grower's Market and for a family reunion at Lake Selmac with large and enthusiastic crowds. We will be playing at the Grower's Market throughout the summer, and for the annual Civil War reenactment at Lake Creek. A special event occurred when a small group of us worked with about 20 fifth grade violin/orchestra students at Oak Grove Elem. School. We taught them an old tune in about an hour, then they performed for parents that evening at their Multi-cultural Fair. They were so enthusiastic and quite talented, too! Gene and Lola Williams went to the District 1E Silver Lake Campout and had a wonderful time. Don Lindsey and Olive Davis had cataract surgery on the same day(!), same doctor(!), and both are doing well(!!!). Bud Kilgore's hip replacement was scheduled for June 24; now he can throw away those crutches! Mildred Kelsey is still having problems with her leg, and is now in Spring Village Assisted Living in Grants Pass. She will continue to do the publicity for our district.

Our next meeting, on July 6, will be at the Rogue River Community Center, 132 Broadway, Rogue River, next to the Senior Center Thrift Shop. August -- No meeting or jam. Sep 7 Lake Creek Grange, Lake Creek

A thought to ponder: A bird does not sing because it has an answer; it sings because it has a song
Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4.

District 5

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Quite a few from our district went to Burns Oregon for the High Desert Jamboree and our state quarterly meeting . Those who went reported having a great time in spite of the heat. Some even went on to Weiser.

Thank you to those who played for the Gay Ninties celebration on June 1st at the Community Center in Coquille . It was great music.

We will again this year, be joining district 8 to play for the smelt fry at Yachats . This will be on July 13th. We will play from 12:00 to 3:00.

Our July jam will be the 27th at the Bay Area Senior Center from 11:00-4:00 pm. This is the 4th instead of the 3rd Saturday .We are asked to bring finger food.

We play at NACO just South of Florence on South Jetty rd. on July 20th at 6:30 pm. and again in August on the 17th. July 26th is the next date for playing at Bullards Beach State Park at 6:30 pm. We will play again at Bullards on Aug 3rd and the last time in September.

We would like to recognize Gary & Sue Voorhis from Warren Ma. who joined OOTFA after the death of Gary's father, longtime member Ed Voorhis. We are sorry for your loss and those who knew Ed, will miss him.

Happy Birthday to: Darin Hasley, July 6th, Jack Longnecker, July 6th, Nancy Nugent, 7th, Phyllis Larson 8th, Doris Johnson, 20th, Bob Shaffar, 22nd, and Sharon Gallagher and Clirca Miller the 23rd. Anniversary congratulations to : Cecil & Lucille Davidson July 8th and Wally & Jean Holden the 25th.

Reporting for the last time,
Kathy Nash , Dist. 5 reporter

District 6

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The jam in Oakridge on June 2, organized by Bob Strelow, was fun and enjoyable. Since the list was not long (14 names), everyone got to play a lot. And, we had a sizeable audience of Oakridgites, perhaps 100 people in all, including musicians. Special thanks to Ellen Strelow and Joy Costello for covering the kitchen duties for the potlucks."

While not an OOTFA jam (avert your eyes: there were electrified instruments!). Red Herndon's "Country

Be sure to make it to the Saturday, July 13 open jam at the Farmer's Market in Cottage Grove from noon to 1:30 p.m. This is the first time we have done this event, but, if successful, it could become annual, so let's have a good turn-out! Directions: the Farmer's Market is in Coiner Park. From I-5, follow Gateway to Main; right on Main for about a quarter of a mile. The park is across the street from the Safeway.

We are once again participating in Mary Cole Days, in Marcola, Saturday, July 27. There will be a jam at the fire house from one to 3:30 p.m., following the parade. We need a larger turnout at the jam than last year, which consisted of Winston Grant and yours truly. We both got to play a lot, but that didn't really cut it. Bernie Roberts and Don Peeler get credit for organizing the float and jam.

Don't forget the Lane County Fair, coming up in on Wednesday August 14. We will play, in open jam format, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Lane County Historical Museum. Last year's Fair jam went very well, and we hope to do at least as well this year. Tell your friends; we welcome participants from other districts.

The district is still looking for a person or persons to take on the new and reduced sound system. The sound person is paid for storing and hauling the system. See Mark Ratzlaff.

Happy birthday to: Floyd Frazier, 7/3; Joy Costello, 7/8; Samantha Dobson, 7/11; Emily Moyle 7/11; Clarence Larson 7/18; Esther Shriber, 7/28. Happy anniversary : Bernie and Marie Roberts, 7/18/80; and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, 7/29/89.

Buck Milligan (541.744.8047) has a number of old fiddles, a mandolin and a banjo for sale. Give him a call if you are interested.

Joe Moyle, reporter district six

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This is transition month as Chuck and Pat Gates have completed their time as the Co-Chairs and Jim Toussaint is finishing his time as Vice-Chair. Linda Easley is waiting in the wings to become the Chairman, ably assisted by Joyce Anders as the incoming Vice-Chair. We are fortunate in that Lila Bills is continuing to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for another year. Jackie Germundson will continue with membership duties, assisted by Myrtle Arnold as needed. Ida Colby will continue with coordinating events and Gail Foster will start helping with the newsletter. Helen Hakanson has helped with coordinating events for some time now and will enjoy a well-deserved hiatus from that. Let's remember to thank our outgoing officers for their good services.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2002, one of the District 7's best supporters died. Norm Kielhorn died of an aggressive bacterial infection in Portland. He and his wife Hattie have provided wonderful encouragement and support for all the Old-Time Music performances in the area for many years. He will be missed. His memorial service was at the Canby Adult Center on June 8, with a loving fiddle presence showing the power of the music to help heal broken hearts.

Again this year, Jim Toussaint ably coordinated our participation in the Rose Festival's Starlight Parade. Roger and Jackie Germundson provided the pickup truck and the power to carry us through. Andy Jorgensen put the sound system together for us. Everything went very smoothly and there were no breakdowns. The crowds seemed to love us with hooting and hollering and dancing in the streets!

Our June jam at the Canby Adult Center was terrific. There was one minor misunderstanding as to the opening time so some folks started the jam in the parking lot. The music this month seemed exceptional as we all tried to do our best. John Waddingham treated us to an exquisite rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". As he played it the crowd started to sing along very quietly. Gave you goosebumps. Our public really enjoyed our efforts. It was a wonderful way to end the regular jam year and start our spring-summer music mayhem.

There was a good turnout of musicians to entertain at Milwaukie Daze on June 14. Twelve people who did not go to Burns were on stage with Russ Phillips acting as our Master of Ceremonies.

The opportunities to spread the fiddle music message are increasing. There are lots of dates coming up so mark them on your calendar!

We are invited to play at the Tualatin/Durham Senior Center's 20th Anniversary Party on Wednesday

Boones Ferry Road. Take a right on Boones Ferry Road and follow Boones Ferry Road past Haggen's Shopping Center to the Tualatin Road & Boones Ferry Road intersection. Continue straight (Boones Ferry Road curves to the right) for approximately 10? blocks. Turn into the Tualatin Community park, go past the tennis courts. Follow the road to the rear of the park. The Center is the building with the covered driveway.

The Multnomah County Fair wants us back after several years' hiatus. They want us on Senior Day which is Tuesday July 16 from noon to 2 o'clock. They will have 20 chairs on the covered stage for us. The Fair is at Oaks Park, the amusement park along the Willamette River at the east end of the Sellwood Bridge on the north side of SE Tacoma Street. There will be some parking passes available. Call Linda Easley about them at 503-235-1671.

The Mt. Hood Campout will begin the 18th of July. This is always a terrific gathering of musicians at Mt. Hood Village in Welches. Call 503-622-4011 for your reservations and be sure to tell them that you are with OOTFA.

The Gladstone Chautauqua in the Park at the Max Patterson Memorial Park in Gladstone wants us back this year. We will play the morning of Friday August 2. Stay tuned for details.

The Clackamas County Fair wants us back again this year on their Senior Day as well. It's Wednesday August 14 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. We'll play from 2 - 4. There are some parking passes available for this one also, so call Linda.

We have three dates scheduled to play for the Canby Farmers Market: July 13, August 10, and September 21. We play from 10 to 12 under cover outside at the market. Going south on 99E, turn right at Ivy Street and drive across the railroad tracks and turn left at 1st street. You'll see the market a block ahead of you. Park in the area by the tracks.

We'll start our regular jams again in September at the King City Town Hall on Sunday, September 8 from 11 - 4. The Hall is at 15245 SW 116th Avenue in King City.

On October 26, the West Gresham Grade School wants us to help with their fund-raiser Carnival with a Wild West Theme. It is at 330 West Powell Blvd. in Gresham. The time is yet to be established.

Our musical friend and mentor Penny Mead suffered a stroke while in Bend the first of the month. She was in the hospital overnight there. Now back in Portland, she is continuing her recovery at home. Calls and cards of encouragement would be very helpful right now. We all wish her a complete and rapid recovery.

While at the Burns High Desert Fiddle Festival, our fiddle friend Jackie Germundson, suffered an accident involving her little and ring finger. She is on the road to recovery and we wish her the best and give her our support and love.

If you District 7 folks know of a play date that is not listed here, please let us know so we can help spread the word.

Have a good summer, stay cool and enjoy the music of life.

Your reporter,

Linda A. Easley with lots of good help from Pat Gates. (Thank you, Pat!)

District 8

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We started June with our district picnic. Dale and Loita were our hosts, and their yard was filled with music, food, and happy people. It was a nice sunny day for us. Some of our district members had another gig and quite a few district 7 folks were busily decorating their float for that evening's Starlight Parade. We missed you, but that didn't stop us from having a great time.

This month we welcome our new officers for the coming year. Dennis Brutke will be chairman, Gene Stephenson, co-chair, and Christine Lang, secretary-treasurer. I know we'll all support them and help however we can. A big thanks to Dale Colebank for being our chairman for the past two years. He served us well.

The High Desert Jamboree in Burns was a chance to see many of our friends from other districts and other states. Lots of folks from California, Arizona, Washington and other spots make the trek to Buns each

A few of us went on to Weiser, where again we met up with friends from far places. One of the MCs at the Weiser contest, made the comment that when fiddlers get together, it's like a big family reunion. He hit the nail on the head there.

Oregon fiddlers played onstage in Weiser Memorial Park for an hour Tuesday afternoon, and that evening from 6:30 to 7PM on the contest stage. A large number of OOTFAers played at both these events included district 8 members, Hap, Marge and Roland Apperson, Ken Cartwright, and Lew and Alice Holt.

On Saturday July 13th we will be joining District 5 at Yachats for the annual Smelt Fry Jam. All others welcome too! There is always a very appreciative audience there.

Here's another play date for July. On Sunday, July 21st, we will play from 2 to 4 PM for a Family Picnic near Mahama. They will pay us \$200. Here are the driving instructions. Mahama is east on Salem on Hwy 22. Nine miles east of Stayton watch for mile post 21. Turn right (south) onto Ferry Road SE. Go 1.3 miles. The house is on the right side of the road.

Mark your calendars for the Polk County Fair on August 9th. That's Thursday, Senior Day at the fair. The Senior look forward to hearing our music every year. More details in the August Hoedowner.

Have a great 4th of July everyone. Let's remember that the holiday is Independence Day. We should all appreciate the freedoms given us by this great country we live in.

Alice Holt, district 8 reporter

District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

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Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Modey-Johnson 541-573-6237

Yippee! Summer is finally here. For District 9 no jams are scheduled until October but don't let the music stop. We will continue to practice on Friday nights through the summer and keep with the regular schedule of Aspens and Ashley Manor. The Aspens is the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor is the third Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30.

Congratulations to Ruel Teague for his first place finish at the Wallowa Valley Fiddle Contest and for being asked to perform at Weiser on Thursday night.

Julia Milleson has a full schedule of jam dates for the summer throughout the state. If you catch up with her ask where she's been and what's up next.

LaWanda Williams has been under the weather. We pray for a speedy recovery.

Experience Oregon will be visiting Harney County and the Fiddlers have been asked to perform on July 10 at 7 p.m. I believe they will be at the Best Western Motel but stay tuned for the particulars in case there are changes.

The Grant County Fair is August 8, 9 10 in John Day. Any fiddlers wishing to participate are welcome. I think the Fiddlers will have a stage from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

August 9 a motorcycle rally will be held at the Harney County Fairgrounds. We will be playing for the bikers in the evening. Keep in touch for the exact time and place.

It was great to see everyone at the Country Music Jamboree this month. Thanks for being there.
Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

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Co Chairman--Louie Roy 541 679 6305

Treasurer-- Gynn Deaton 541 839 4501

Secretary-- Flo Sangsland 541 874 3195

Membership Chairman--Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greetings from district # 10. We are busy this summer playing at various nursing homes, senior centers plus our other playing engagements.

The following members attended the State Quarterly Meeting in Burns, OR, June 15. Louie and Fran

companion of Paul's for many years. So we extend our deepest sympathy. Then just in time for the Hoedowner, I received word that Jerre Jackson passed away suddenly. Our thoughts go out to his friends and family.

The following members are home convalescing, but are still very much on the sick list: Kater Gates and Ed Doolittle. Thelma Allen had surgery and she is also home convalescing. We hope you are all feeling better soon.

Birthdays for July: Lenora Waggoner, Ellen Smith, Amanda Kobel and Sarah Berlier. Anniversaries for July: Kater and Marie Gates.

Visitors at our last meeting were Del and Clara Thomas and Ned and Val Matthews from District # 5. Our next regular meeting, potluck and jam will be July 13 at the Winston Community Building. (THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OR JAM IN AUGUST BECAUSE WE WILL BE PLAYING 5 DAYS AT THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR). Our meeting in September will be on September 14.

Reporter Louie Roy 541-679-6305

ED SED: Greetings from Central Oregon. This is the beginning of a historical time as this year the state officers are all from the east side of the Cascades.

I would like to congratulate Sally, Lew & Irene for keeping the rosin on the bows and making music for the past two years. Thanks to each of you for all that you have done. Speaking of Lew, he has graciously accepted the position of Hoedowner Editor for another year. Thanks Lew.

I would like you all to know that I am for the betterment & preservation of the O.O.T.F. and that I am open to any and all constructive ideas and suggestions that would make our organization even better and if possible, put your ideas or suggestions into effect. Each person and every district is valued and appreciated.

I agree with the idea that we should all try and make our music available by cassette tape, CD, or video (your choice) for others to carry on with to learn, play and enjoy the old time music. We are rapidly losing many of our old timers and the only time we see many of the younger players is at the contest. We must carry on with the old time music or in a few years we are going to lose it forever. Each district is loaded with talent to be enjoyed by us all. Please consider sharing your invaluable talent and music with others in the hope of perpetuating & preserving old time fiddling.

I would like each district to make every attempt to resolve any differences before taking it to the state executive board. Most problems can be resolved if we just take the time to talk them out with the parties involved in a constructive and positive conversation.

The convention in Roseburg for 2004, 2005, 2006 will be moved to the first weekend of April. The date for 2004 is March 31, April 1, 2, & 3. Hopefully the weather will be better for all.

I am looking forward to playing music and working with you in the year ahead.

Ed

From the editor:

Hattie Kielhorn sends her love and appreciation to all of the fiddlers who have been a great help to her before and after Norm's passing. She says that all of you have been such a comfort and have given her security during her time of need. Thanks for all of your help, your hugs, your cards and everything you have done.

Ace Wehus has some nice videos of the many activities at Burns and us on stage at Weiser. If you want copies, be sure to contact him. Remember, any profit goes to sending out videos to the schools and libraries in Oregon. He still has convention tapes, too. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144

Those of you with a computer might enjoy David Langsather's new web site about his violins.
<http://www.strad1714.com/>

Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA (renewals are \$15.00.)

July 1 \$7.50

Aug. 1 \$6.25

Sep. 1 \$5.00

Oct. 1 \$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2003

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who showed up and helped out at the state contest. I don't know all of their names, but they include Dick Dery, Scott (runners), Erin McMullen, Sean McMullen, Lisa Linder, Rose Murphy (judges room), Earlene Ervin and Jean Hanson. Also, Joan Algood, Charlotte Hardin and the women who worked the door and all those who helped with the set-up and tear down. (Lew mentioned others last month.)

The judges all remarked on how well the contest was run and both Howard Marshall and Megan Lynch wanted to know details on how we do things because it was one of the best run contests they have seen. Finally, I would like to really thank those who we couldn't do the contest without --- the contestants and fiddle teachers who put in hundreds of hours of practice to hone their skills, learn tunes, and insure that fiddling is passed along from generation to generation. This includes the parents who encourage, support, and drive the kids to lessons and contests. These contests attract many new people to OOFTA and the contest winners represent OOFTA at the Nationals and in various appearances around the state and the region. As a results, people as far away as Missouri know that old time fiddling is alive and well in Oregon!

Starr

THOUSAND TRAILS CAMPOUT

Sept. 12 13, 14

Bob Ervin, our new vice-president, will be taking RV site reservations for the 1000 Trails campout. The rate is \$19.00 per night. Reservations and payment (by check only) should be made by August 31st to insure that you have a site. Since this event is becoming more popular with TT members because of our great music, RV sites may be less available than before. Remember, you cannot pay at the gate. Please make your check payable to 1000 Trails and mail to Bob Ervin at 6189 N.E. Wainwright Rd in Prineville, OR 97754-8621. Phone him @ 541-447-5451

Early in June I got out a couple of old wooden cases to give to Linda Easley to use to store her Grandfather's old fiddle. One case had a newspaper rolled up in the end. Curiosity got the best of me so I unrolled it to see what the date was. It was a 1954 Oregonian – not old by some standards but 48 years ago was actually quite a while ago. I was hoping, though, that it might be 1910.

Early in June I received a phone call from Martha Warwick. What a pleasure that was. We had a good visit, reminiscing about fiddling over the years. Martha wants to thank everybody who called her, sent cards and letters, nice visits and the many other ways of extending their friendship during her illness and stay in the nursing home. Martha wants to extend an invitation to all to the Warwick Campout at the end of August. She says that she will be there. This will be the 33rd "Warwick Campout." A book could be written about the campout – many interesting stories of music, apple pie, card games, Red in the shop, deer, friendships, campfires, floods, remembering those who have passed on and especially the love and friendship that Red and Martha have shown over the many years. Martha wants to remind everybody that the campout will continue. Mark your calendars for August 25th and scoot on down to her place after the Canyonville contest. You'll be glad that you did.

I don't think I said my "good byes" last month to out going president, Sally Jordan. A little over two years ago Sally wrote to me and asked if I wanted to be state vice president. I wrote back that there was a difference between "wanted" and "would." No, I didn't want to but if she were elected president, I would. I have enjoyed working with her for the two years. Yeah, and the crab meat and the smoked trout were good, too.

Anyone interested in coming to the District.1 campout should make their reservations for the hook-up sites soon, there are 32 of them at \$13 per night, 8 sm. on-site trailers at \$17 per night, and loads of tent spots for \$6 a night. We will have a BBQ/potluck on Sat. eve. and Mr. Norm Fiock has graciously agreed to donate the meat and do the Bar-B-Qing for us. It's a beautiful setting, the Klamath River runs thru the back of the property, with a great bridge across, there's bathroom/shower facilities at each end of the place, lots of shade trees and grass, swimming pool, fishing (with a CA. license), a huge rec room, horse shoe pits, volley ball, and we can play all night if we have a mind too! For any more info call Fay Patterson, Jo Harris, or me, Sherry O. The phone number to call for RSVP: Laurie, (530) 475-3555. To get there from hwy 5, take the Hornbrook exit, (about 10 miles S. of CA border) head east on Copco Rd. aprox 3 1/2 mi. to bridge. turn right and follow signs

I recently received this note – this is what makes OOTFA so special.

I wish to take this time to express our gratitude for the hospitable and courteous treatment that Amanda and Ben received while at the State Fiddle Championships in Salem. Amanda and Ben Schaefer specifically asked if you would print a thank you to Bob Hanson and Ken Noble for the excellent back up during the competition.

Jim and Lola Johnson Canyon City, Oregon District 9

When we were kids, nobody told us that growing old would be easy. They didn't tell us that it would be hard, either. It was easy to wind the old phonograph, put on a record and let it play. But then we had to learn to change needles when the old one wore out after a few records. Then life got exciting and more involved when the 45 rpm records came out. Later we had to upgrade, spend a few dollars to get a "stereo" where we could hear the ping pong ball go from speaker to the other or the train sound in the left speaker and go to the right speaker. The new 33 1/3 records let us listen for 15 whole minutes with out having to change a record. Wow! The eight track tapes came along – good for listening. The cassette tapes opened up a whole new world and pretty easy to deal with.

Now there are computers – not accepted by all. CDs are good but many of us resisted for several years before we broke down and bought a CD player. Video tapes are great but we had to learn to use the remote and to program so we could record a program when we were away at a jam. Now along comes DVDs. Ace can sell 10 videos to each DVD because seniors are slow in taking on this new fangled way of looking at a program. Each new progress takes on more expense and is more complicated but the rewards are worth it. But best of all, we can still make our own music by getting out our instruments and playing.

Lew Holt, Editor

Mt. Hood Summer Festival – State Jam

July 18th Arrive noon – P.M. jamming

Thursday Evening sign up show

Friday 19th Afternoon "Special Music"

Family groups and couples

Evening – sign up show

Saturday 20th Morning – Flat picking contest

"any" instrument you can pick.

Afternoon – Special fiddle waltz contest

Evening – sign up show

Sunday, 21st 10 A.M. Gospel show

Roger Germundson and District 7 would like to invite you to attend the Mt. Hood Fiddle Summer Festival. He says that we all camp together so good jamming, beautiful setting, free coffee and ice water all day, all of your friends will be there and we get paid \$500.

Details: RV sites, Full hookups including Cable TV, \$20 per night. Close to where we play. Lots of loving care from the staff and they pay us (OOTFA) \$500.00 to play. When you call for reservations (503-622-4011) or arrive, be sure to tell them you're with OOTFA. Come and have a great time.

From Downtown Portland:

* Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16 (Wood Village, Gresham, Mt Hood).

* Keeping right (you'll be going south), go about 6 miles, turn Left (east) onto Burnside St. Burnside turns into Highway 26 East in about 1 mile.

* Take Highway 26 through the town of Sandy. About 15 miles East of Sandy, you will see the Mt. Hood Village sign on your right.

From Salem, Oregon and points south:

* Take Interstate 5 North to Interstate 205 to Hwy 212 exit; stay on 212 until it intersects with Hwy 26; bear right (east) to the Sandy.

* Take Highway 26 through the town of Sandy.

* About 15 miles East of Sandy, you will see the Mt. Hood Village sign on your right.

From Seattle, Washington and points north:

* Take Interstate 5 South to Interstate 205 to Interstate 84 East (The Dalles).

* Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16 (Wood Village, Gresham, Mt Hood).

* Take Highway 26 through the town of Sandy. About 15 miles East of Sandy, you will see the Mt. Hood Village sign on your right.

Actually, coming from Salem, I just take the Estacada exit – 212 – it saves a lot of miles.

CANYONVILLE CONTEST: Saturday, August 24th, is the 36th annual Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest. Preliminary contest will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the Finals at 7:00 p.m. Emcee will be Jack Walker. Shorty Dow is his all-round assistant and will schedule the specials. Rick Dobson has agreed to do the sound again and Sherry Dobson will do score tabulation. I have no Judges as yet. Come on, there are many of you who are very qualified and if you will volunteer, it will make my job easier.

Contest site will be at the Junior High Gym right behind the school on Main Street. Camping in self-contained RV's will be allowed on the school grounds behind the gym. In past years, several have come in on Thursday and enjoyed visiting and jamming. Hope you will again. We've been asked to entertain at Forest Glen Retirement Home at 4:00 p.m. and on stage at Pioneer Park at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Lew and Alice Holt will do the sign up for these events.

Donations have come in from Districts #1, #4, #8, and #10 and are so appreciated. Bob and LoRay Hannah of Albany also sent in their annual contribution. Thanks to all! And, Thanks to those who contributed trophies: Lew and Alice Holt, Wayne Holmes, Andy Emert, Starr McMullen, Darren Reitan, Bob Hanson, and Guy Kinman. Hopefully, I didn't miss anyone. Let me know if I did. Your support of the contest is so great. The registration fees and cash prizes will be about like last year. I'll have that information for the next Hoedowner. In the meantime, "Keep on Fiddling".

Oh, yes, here are phone numbers of the local motels: Riverside Lodge: (541) 839-4557; Leisure Inn: (541) 839-4278; Valley View: (541) 839-4550; Seven Feathers Hotel: 1-800-548-8461; Best Western: (541) 839-4200.

From the High Desert Fiddlers a huge thank you goes out to all the OOTFA members who attended and helped with the Country Music Jamboree. Your participation is instrumental in making this event the wonderful time it is. Thanks to the Band Scramble judges, Lola Williams, Dorothy Wehus, and Haskell Black. To all the band scramble participants, the groups who performed in the sale barn, the folks who drew numbers and played on stage, you put on a fantastic show. To all the folks who jammed under the tree, by their campsite or in the exhibit hall, you add another dimension to this event which makes it even more special. Workshop leaders were George Taevs, Lynn Wilson, Ruel Teague, Walt Cooper, Bob Bailey, Marie Bailey, Leroy Newport, Alice Holt, and Janet Braymen. Thanks for donating your talents to help promote the playing of music.

Lloyd and Esther Shriber and Adrianna Combe were faithfully in attendance to sign up all the musicians for the show plus Lloyd emceed as well. Karen Weiner put down her quilt and volunteered at the registration desk. Helen and Wayne Tracy had their wares for sale. Tom and Vivian Tucker brought a music store. Pat and Stacy Albertson kept us well fed. Thank goodness Hugh Galliher was well enough to help with the parking of campers. I don't know what we would do without him.

The stage decorations were incredible. Marie Macomber, George and Hilda Sahlberg along with window painter Noel Evans did it all. Simply amazing! Ace Wehus videoed the event so check with him if you would like a tape. Don Hanna, Dennis and Ellen Jakobs, Judy McGarvey Jerry Ruddock played live on the radio Friday morning and represented the event very well. Art and Charlotte Bigelow, Cliff Coulter, Jake Swartwood, Norm Breen and others helped with setup and cleanup. Thanks for bearing with us until the sound man finally got it right. Local volunteers included Rose and Wayne Johnson, Julia Milleston, Fran Van Cleave, Rose Robirts, Micky Enneberg, Faye Leonard, Katie Andrews, Mary Ausmus, Janet Yekel, Don and LaWanda Williams, Cindy Miles, Darlene Austin, Marie Macomber, George and Hilda Sahlberg, Edie Koenig, Lloyd Louie, Joe Enneberg, Sara Beckowski, Molly Wynn, Mary Anne Andrews, Gordon Black, Ruel and Margaret Teague, Walt Cooper, Conrad and Dorothy Coon, Virginia Tabor, Joan Suther and Monte Reynolds. I know I've missed someone but each and everyone of you are very much appreciated. Thanks. Janet Braymen, Chairman

High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree

Wrapping up Burns and Weiser. What makes us spend money, slap mosquitoes, stay up late, and endure all of the other things to attend fiddle functions? Is it the music? Is the people? Yep, both of them. The High Desert Fiddle Festival was everything it was said to be. Thanks to all of the people who showed us such a good time.

The quarterly meeting Saturday morning was well attended. All of the districts were represented. The special state meeting followed. The Bi-laws read that to have a special state meeting, that there must be at least 55 members attending. I stopped counting at 55. We must have had 75 members attending. A motion was placed on the table from our last annual meeting to eliminate term limits for state and district officers. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was defeated.

And then on to Weiser. We can be very proud of members from Oregon who entered the contest. They are all champions as far as I am concerned. Staff McMullen was 4th in the adult division. Rudi Booher came out of retirement and was 8th in the Open Division. Papa Spain was second in the Senior-Senior division – being beat only by Dick Barrett – many time Weiser champion. Every division was very competitive. Judy McGarvey brought home a trophy for the best costume in the certified division. But let's not forget the others from Oregon who entered and played so well. Why don't you tell them how proud you are of them.

Tuesday afternoon Oregon was invited to play on the stage in Memorial Park in downtown Weiser. Twenty two Oregon musicians from all over the state put on a very fine program. And we ended the last

Alice and I played our little hearts out for an hour in the parade. I don't think we were quiet over 30 seconds in the whole hour. Yes, our arms got tired but we were there to play music and "play we did."

If you wondered about the weather or chose not go because it can be hot, you missed one of the best years ever for weather. A couple of showers kept it from getting too hot – just a very pleasant week.

Alice and I jotted down right at 125 names of people that we chatted with or knew at Weiser. That alone is a good reason for attending.

This just came in as I was sending this to the printer – the top ten champion fiddlers were: 1 Tristan Clarridge, 2 Sherry McKenzie, 3 Tashina Claridge, 4 Roberta Rast, 5 Katie Glassman, 6 John Francis, 7 Katrina Pearce, 8 Rudi Booher, 9 Jimmie Don Bates, and 10 Tony Ludiker