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

Aug.

1-5 Diamond Lake Campout
 2 Chautauqua Gladstone 7
 3 Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds Redmond 3
 3 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 8 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8
 9 Motorcycle Rally Burns 9
 10 Farmer's Market Canby 7
 10 – 11 Museum Aurora 8
 14 Clackamas Co. Fair Canby 7
 14 Lane County Fair Eugene 6
 16-17 Contest LaGrande Blue Mtn
 15-16-17 Campout No. Calif. 1
 17 Bay Area Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 20 Benedictine Nursing Home Mt. Angel 8
 24 Contest Canyonville
 25 Picnic Dexter 6
 25-31 Warwick Campout Williams

Sep.

7 Lake Creek Grange Lake Creek 4
 8 Jam King City 7
 14 Winston Community Center Winston 10
 12-13- and 14 1000 Trails Campout 3/OOTFA
 14 Quarterly Meeting 1000 Trails OOTFA
 21 – 22 Covered Bridge Festival Stayton 8

Oct.

5 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4

District 1

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Greetings to all! As I write, I'm setting in an old wash tub I drug in and filled with ice water so I'd be able to spend enough time in front of the old computer and get this newsletter wrote, hope everyone else has found some respite from the heat, short of hiring some cut young fellas in spedos to stand around with large fans and ice tea for you!

We had lots of brave and energetic souls brave the heat yesterday to come and DANCE, yes, I said DANCE, at our jam at the new location. I tell you, after 6 years in Dist. 1, it was a first! They all said how much they enjoyed their afternoon, and can't wait till next month's jam, and will bring MORE dancers! We even got enough donations to pay the rent, and then some!!! So, if you don't already know where it is, it's the Shasta Grange Hall, corner of Shasta and Maddison, south end of Shasta St. Us musicians were surely pleased with the place, lots of room to spread out, plenty of room for guests and a huge dance floor, hope to see you folks over to visit soon and enjoy it with us.

**New member: Jon Blasius has joined us, he's a GREAT musician, and also our local stringed instrument repairman. Welcome Jon, you're a blessing to us.

6/29 was a good BBQ at Faye's house, Mr. Norm Fiock and his grandson Dale traveled up to join us and bring their grandpa in with them. Also, a lot of folks from his family joining in. Mom and grandpa were

I have a request, if anyone knows how to get a hold of Dan Schaeffer, an old member from Dist. 5, please let me know, or him to call me at my new phone number. He was such a dear friend, and has tried to get a hold of me at an old phone number, and many of our members would like to know how he's doing. Thanx much.

7/2 Thanx to everyone who played at the wedding for dropping by my house and practicing! The improvement really showed, and we did a much better job.

7/4 The Keno wedding, couldn't ask for nicer weather, and the folks there were so nice and made sure we didn't want for anything, it sure did our hearts good to see a young couple so much in love, getting hitched! They did a wonderful, patriotic job of decorating everything, even their dogs!! The food was great, and Mr. Fiock even drove all the way up here, and found Keno, to help us out!! Thanx Norm, always glad to see you at any event!!

7/7 Meeting: our Aug. meeting the 1st Sun. is back on, but we'll not be having any more potlucks, just meetings and music!

7/14 Jam at the Shasta Grange, we were "sweating to the oldies"

7/16, we'll play at a kids center in town for about an hour

7/19, we'll play at the VFW in Klamath Falls, for about 4 hours, and will be playing for most of the folks who were there to enjoy our music at the jam, and said they can't wait to dance to our music again! We can't wait to play there, finally get to enjoy some dancers, and new places to play over here.

** on our wounded list is poor Irv Johnson, he took a spill and is some stoked up from it, but last time I saw him, he was doing lots better.

**Our sympathy goes out to Charles Charles, who lost his wife Pat this last month.

**Dear Minnie Cox, we're so sorry about your heart-attack, and hope you will recover and feel better real soon. Now for the Happy Birthday Bunch this month, 11th, my big boy Bob, 15th Virgil Schmoe, 16th Homer, Francis Hughes dad, born 1906!!! and 30th Jerry Ruddock

Only one happy couple to wish Happy Anniversary to, is our George and Etta Farnlund

anyone who read the directions to our campout in Aug. will please take notice of a mistook in the direction dept: from hwy 5, from Hornbrook exit (about 10 miles S. of CA border) east on Copco Rd. travel about 5 miles or so, and from Montegue, travel about 14 miles North, and turn right at the bridge, and follow the signs. Thanx, hope no one gets too lost! Hope to see everyone there, bring your smiles, instruments, and lots of ice! jokes, and good humor.

If you find a little person who looks up to you in awe, remember to say a kind word and share your good thoughts and guidance with them, because we all know what happens to those little folks, they grow up all too soon and leave your side, to wander on their own.

So, from Sherry O in Dist. 1, Happy Trails To You All, Keep Smiling Till We Meet Again!!

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It was another short notice activity, but on July 4th we played for the Chamber Celebration at the fairgrounds in Lakeview. those who played were Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Shorty and Mary Stone, Clyde Lynch, Mary Cathcart, Larry McLain, Terry McLain, Eileen McLain. Thank you for your help, we always have a good time. (Don't we?)

Bill Myers has been under the weather, thanks for having us out on July 2 (good times).

Mark your calendars for Aug. 3 – regular monthly jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. music will start at 7:00 p.m. August 6 and 20 – play at the Nursing Home 9:30 a.m. to 10:30. August 12 – Business meeting at the Indian Village at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the business meeting. Sep. 1 – play at the Lake Co. fair. Sep. 2 – Labor Day Parade in Lakeview. Sep. 7 Surprise Valley Electric annual meeting in Cederville, CA. We play from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. That evening is our monthly jam and potluck at 6:30 p.m. and music at 7:00

Summer has come and the heat is hot. the fires are bad, getting better. Several are traveling this month. Playing music where ever they go. Hope you are having a good summer. Winter will be here soon

Myrle Shepard, Reporter District 1E

District 2 (kind of)

Hi Lew, I just had SO much fun last week - I've got to share! I've been directing/teaching in a "camp" called Summer Strings for the last 5 years. It's grown from only about 28 kids the first year - to 59 this year! I just realized - we had more CLASSES (29) this year than we had KIDS the first year! And we had seven teachers this year.

We meet at the high school for a (5 day) week, offering six class periods each day. Each class meets for the full week. There are Suzuki repertoire and master classes, ensembles, old time fiddling, Irish fiddling, theory for fiddlers (which includes guitar and bass), some specialty performance groups (Shenanigans and Mulligan Stew), cello at several levels, folk dancing, square dancing, arts & crafts, and even a Parent Survival class for Suzuki parents. What a ton of fun!!

We had a recital for soloists (playing classical music) on Wednesday evening and a concert where each class got to show off something they had learned on Friday evening. The Friday evening show was preceded by a potluck. (my way of getting someone else to cook for me, since I'm a lousy cook!) I taught Shenanigans (my most advanced kids) The Mouth of the Tobique, a three part New Brunswick tune. In Irish Fiddling I taught Drowsy Maggie using the bowing style Kevin Burke taught me about 3 years ago.

I, also, had an assortment of kids and one mom staying here at the house through the week. The kids come from Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties in Oregon, and some also from Washington (Walla Walla, Tri-Cities) and even Alaska.

Casey and Bethany are doing great and their new baby, Amy, is getting fat and sassy. She really likes to hear her daddy play fiddle or mandolin. Peter and Karen are getting ready to move to a larger apartment. They're still in Monmouth. Karen graduates in December, but Peter has a while longer to go. He got his ACE certification a few months back, but because of a glitch in the processing could work only for minimum wage right now. He's decided it's better to work for minimum wage making lattes in Monmouth than drive to Salem every day to earn the same amount (minus gas money) as a personal trainer.

Now back to work. I'm refinishing the dining room table I made about 18 years ago. Big job! :) Peg Willis

(Thanks Peg for letting me share your letter with our members. You are doing a great job. We appreciate the many young fiddlers you bring to the state contest each year.)

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Hope everyone is surviving the heat wave! Remember there will be a meeting after the August 4th show. We encourage all members to be present.

At our July 7th VFW jam..... we would like to welcome our visitor Rick Ziegler from Washington a mandolin player.

No library jams in Redmond until further notice.

Don't forget to wear your name tags to all events!! HEY! YOU! gets old !!! Ha! Ha!

Dates to remember:

Thousand Trails September 12th, 13th, & 14th.....To get there go south of Bend to Fall River Junction. (Lew has the directions that he will include.) Bob Ervin from district 3 is working out the details of the campout this year.

District #1 BBQ Potluck Campout is on August 15th, 16th, & 17th.

District # 3 musicians please bring you instruments to the north gate to enter the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. A go cart will take you to the Eberhard stage.

District #3 had their second annual Crooked River campout July 27th & 28th. Yeah!!

Bob and Earlene Ervin hosted another BBQ at their ranch on Saturday, Yum, Yum.....Great music and lots of friends. Thanks to the Ervins.

Cody Doolan and Gretchen Spencer will be using their scholarships from District #3 to go the Booher's Campout August 4th - 10th to learn Old Time Fiddling. :)

Happy to hear about our long time charter member Ulegal Flock condition is improving

We at District #3 celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries, etc., with lots of Old Time Fiddle Music.
Ellen Jakob Reporter District #3

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A smaller but dedicated and talented group of musicians and friends managed to beat the heat, vacations, and whatever, so that we had a great monthly jam in Rogue River. It was nice to have visitors Elsie Bostic and Dexter McPherson from Eugene, who contributed their unique style of music—a great addition to our jam! Also visitor Ernie Penry, almost a regular! We heard reports from the doin's at Burns and Weiser (and a good time was had by all!). Lola has decals, rosters, and patches available for purchase. Our community service hours this month were 112. This reflects our many volunteers who put in many miles as well as good playing time to entertain others. But, you know what? -- we love it, and probably have as much fun as our audience does!

We are taking a "vacation" from play dates in August to give the musicians a rest. Our September jam is at Lake Creek Grange, which is off Hwy.140 about 10 miles out of White City.

Playing this last month at Hanley Farms was special. Good audience, recorded and interviewed for Jefferson Public Radio, and the lovely shade of a big walnut tree. A small group played for the dedication of the new footbridge at Palmerton Park in Rogue River—hot, but a pleasant setting.

Coming up (but over at the time this is published) are a couple dates at the Jackson County Fair—always a good crowd, plus our usual monthly turns at the nursing homes, retirement centers, and senior centers. The beginning fiddle group played at the Methodist Church for Heritage Sunday, and for the picnic following at the Railroad Park. An informal picnic (not our regular monthly jam) will be held at Stewart State Park on August 3 -- bring your own food.

Our sympathy goes out to Glen and Lila Williams in the death of their son. Glen is having lung problems and not getting out much. Mildred Kelsey is still having problems with her leg; it was good to see her when we played at Spring Village. We miss seeing Paula Pasley at the jams—she has not felt up to coming, Merle says. Freda Serpa has had back problems that keep her away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mark your calendars: Aug -- No meeting or jam. Sep 7 Lake Creek Grange, Lake Creek
Oct 5 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass.

I hear that: The only way money is tainted is "tain't mine" and "tain't enuff".

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4.

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Greetings to all you fine fiddlers and friends. I am your new reporter and although it will be hard to fill Kathy's shoes, I will do the best that I can. Kathy has done a "Superb" job writing her articles and Charlie wishes to thank Kathy Nash and Larry Gallagher for all the "Hard Work" they have done this past year. Let's give them a "Big Hand" for a job well done!

Among the Thank You's is one from Clirca to all the fiddlers who so willingly accepted the last minute gigs when she called. She also thanks all of those who have been so faithful to turn out and play at the nursing homes and retirement centers. "Hats Off" to all of you.

Because our jam in June was held after the July issue was sent to the press, we would like to welcome our new members, Carol and Byron Marks. Byron does a fantastic job on the banjo.

We had an attendance of 59, several dancers, great finger food and a jolly good time. We had a couple from Rock Springs, WY. who were traveling through town and saw Clirca's advertisement. Also visiting was Meg Graf from Dist. 6 and her friend, Vickie Cox. It was so nice to have them join us. Visitors are always welcome. We were so pleased to have Bill and Dorothy Tennant back after Bill's long illness. Although Bill had

sang "Out Behind The Barn" and "O, Lord, it's Hard to be Humble" to a standing ovation. You did a great job, Bill.

On the sick list has been Rick Reavis who recently had surgery and Phyllis Larson who was hospitalized for diabetes. We pray both of you are doing better and wish you both a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to newly weds Alan Todd and his bride, Lauri.

Our playing dates for Aug. are as follows: Aug. 7th. -Coos Co. Fair-11:00--1:00 P.M. on the main stage.

Our meeting and jam will be on Aug. 17th at Bay Area Senior Center, Fourth and Ingersoll in Coos Bay. The meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. Members are asked to bring finger food to be served at noon with the jam to follow from one to four P.M. That same eve. we have been asked to play at Naco West just south of Florence on So. Jetty Rd. We will play from 7-9 P.M. On the 18th. we will be playing at the Charleston Seafood Festival from 11:00 till Noon. On Aug. 23rd. we will be playing at Bullard's Beach Campground from 6:30 to 8:30.

At all of our shows, Charlie would like all of the fiddlers to be there 1/2 Hr. before show time. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Aug. birthdays are, Lloyd Dunn on the 18th., Dick Long on the 26th., Ann Hasley on the 30th. and Del Thomas on the 31st. Happy Anniversary to Ned and Val Matthews on the 18th.

Anyone wishing to send news to me can e-mail me at grandmaandgrandpa sayler@mycidco.com "Note the 2 a's in ma & and".

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter-Dist. 5

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The turnout for the Cottage Grove Farmer's Market July 13 jam was less than stunning --- only a few stalwarts showed up. There was Mark Ratzlaff, of course, Earl Knudsen and Joy Costello, Bob Kaiser, Bob Strelow (and wife), and yours truly. Also present were Dell and Evelyn Fackler. For all that we had a good time, and the audience seemed to enjoy it, too.

Don't forget the Lane County Fair, coming up 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. Parking is available in the lot next to the museum; enter at the gate next to the museum -- tell them who you are; they'll let you in.

There will be a picnic and jam at the Knudsen and Costello ranch on Sunday, August 25. It will be potluck: bring yourself, your instruments AND some food. Food will be served at noon, and the jam will go on to three or four. Please bring your own lawn chair. The

district will provide beverages. Directions: from I-5, follow Route 58 east for eight miles, past Pleasant Hill, to Rattlesnake Road. Turn left on Rattlesnake and left after two blocks on Wheeler. The Knudsen/Costello place is on the right after half a mile, 37665 Wheeler, and will be well marked. There is lots of room for parking.

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: Frank Chandler, 8/1; Louise Hamilton, 8/8; Norma Frazier, 8/9; Joe Canaday 8/11; Helen Tracy 8/17; Paul Nielsen, 8/18; Margaret Vass, 8/18; and Bernie Roberts, 8/31. Happy anniversary : Rick and Sherry Dobson, 8/26/90.

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wonderful fun and music the fiddlers provided for the Molalla Service Day. Your wonderful service in sharing your talents so widely is an example to all of us!!"

District 7 players had a lot of fun at the Flower Farmers Oyster Barbecue in Canby. Lou Ogden, mayor of the City of Tualatin, was helping the Tualatin/Durham Senior Center celebrate its 20th anniversary on July 10. While the fiddlers were waiting in the wings, he took the mike and was saying all the correct political words, then he said he really wanted to join in with the musicians and play some music with us. He borrowed Dale Colebank's guitar and joined right in. He is a skilled musician and kept up with us just fine but declined an invitation to take a turn at the mike. Later that day, three of us entertained at the Cedar Crest Alzheimer Special Care Facility in Tualatin. It was a hot day but everyone tapped their toes and sang along to "Jingle Bells" when we used that to cool ourselves off. The Canby Farmers Market is always fun and this month was no exception. With the trains coming and going practically through the area, we are given to play every "train" tune we know.

On July 16, 23 of us played at Senior Day of the Multnomah County Fair. It was at Oaks Park in Portland. It was such a treat both for people on stage and off to hear the likes of John Waddingham, Bus Boyk and Russ Phillips, among others, play their tunes together. It was a real special day for me to hear and see and join in with so many wonderfully skilled musicians. Channel 12 was there videotaping us for the 10 o'clock news

Ernie and Joyce Lovgren have been members of the Grange at Scholls for a long time. They recently went to the State Grange Convention in Eugene and Joyce convinced Ernie to take part in the talent show. The contestants had six minutes to show and tell about their talents. Ernie talked about the dozen or so little fiddles that he had built - each about ten inches long. Then he talked about his hand-built full-sized fiddle and brought it out and showed it. He played Sweet Marie, Red River Valley and part of Rubber Dolly on it for them. He took a red ribbon for second prize. Way to go Ernie!

District 7 has some new members who have recently joined our ranks. Roslyn Hamilton is a fiddler and her husband Ron is a listener. Jonathan Levy plays the harmonica and his friend Nancy Stone is also listener. Mildred Clark of Molalla is an associate. Let's be sure to give them a warm welcome when our paths cross.

On Friday August 2 from 10 to 10:45 a.m., we are scheduled to play at the Gladstone Chautauqua. It takes place on the Senior Day Stage in Max Patterson Memorial Park close to the corner of Exeter and Cornell Streets in Gladstone. The park is about eight blocks east of McLoughlin Boulevard and four blocks north of Arlington Street. Check your map. We did this last year and it was fun. They provide the sound system.

On Sunday August 4 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. we are invited to participate in the first St. Anthony Village Festival. St. Anthony Village is a new retirement/assisted living complex between SE 79th and 80th and SE Rhine and Center streets in Portland. It's south of Powell and north of Holgate. The stage will be at the 79th Avenue side but the access street will be blocked off. Drive into the complex on SE Rhine Street from the 80th Avenue side to drop off instruments; or park along 79th and walk in from there. They will provide a sound system. Let's try to have a good turnout for this.

On Saturday August 10 from 10 - 12 noon, we are scheduled at the Canby Farmers Market again. To get there from Portland, go south on McLoughlin (which is 99E) to Canby. At Ivy Street, turn right, cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn left. The market is in the closed-off street in front of you. Turn left into the parking lot by the tracks. This is a fun one. Everything stops when the trains go by. You can't hear yourself make any music (or any mistakes either). This Saturday is also the day everyone is invited to the annual Bawb Bash Potluck at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's place from 1:00 p.m. until it ends. This was started to celebrate Bob Huffman's 80th birthday several years ago. It's at the Jorgensens at 35795 SE Snuffin Road in Estacada. Call for directions 503-630-2820 and be sure to close the gate behind you.

On Wednesday August 14 between 2 and 4 p.m., the Clackamas County Fair wants us back on stage entertaining folks. They will pay us a lot of money for this. We are allowed free entrance to the fair with our instruments and OOTFA badges. They will provide us with five parking passes, which should be used by car-poolers and those carrying multiple instruments. Otherwise, we have to pay for our own parking. However, there is another option to consider. The Canby Adult Center at 1250 S. Ivy Street is providing a free shuttle bus from 10 a.m. until about 6 p.m. The bus holds 18 people and will make two round trips an hour. You might want to seriously consider taking advantage of this service. This play date is a fun one so let's have a good turnout. The County Fairgrounds are at the north end of Canby. Coming south from Portland on 99E there is a big sign on the right side of the road just after you come into the city limits. Turn right into the Fairground complex.

On Sunday August 18 from 1 - 3 p.m. we're invited to play at the Marquis Vintage Suites Hope Village

On Friday August 23 from 4:30 - dusk, musicians are invited to play at the Estacada Community Picnic at the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church at 31121 SE Eagle Cliff Lane in Eagle Creek. There will be free food, train rides, craft demonstrations and lots of fun. Call the Church at 503-630-2444 for directions and check your maps.

District 7 is now on record in the Accounting Office of the Providence Portland Medical Center so we can entertain at any of their Eldercare facilities without the hassle of all the IRS paperwork necessary to get paid. We have three gigs scheduled this month at three separate facilities:

1. Monday August 19 from 12:30 - 1:30 at Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare at 4540 NE Glisan St. It's next to the Starbucks. Enter through the 3rd door from NE 45th on the south side of the building. Parking is on-street and difficult.
2. Wednesday August 21 from 1:30 - 2:30 at Providence Glisan Eldercare at 5600 NE Glisan. Parking is on-street and difficult.
3. Monday August 26 from 10:30 - 11:30 at Providence Mt. Tabor Eldercare at 6025 East Burnside. Again, parking is difficult.

These services provide daycare for the frail elderly and assure them a good meal during the day. These folks appreciate our music the most. Be sure to turn out and create some music and some smiles.

We'll start our regular annual jams at King City Town Hall on Sunday September 8. There's another opportunity for the Canby Farmers Market on Saturday September 21. More about this next month. Everyone keep fiddlin' and enjoy the power of the music!

Linda Easley, well-assisted by Gail Foster

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June 30th we played all afternoon at the Museum in Aurora. The event was their Strawberry Shortcake fund raiser. We fiddlers gathered in the shade of a maple tree facing the long tables where people sat eating their shortcake topped with vanilla ice cream. Many stayed just to hear the music. Many contributed to our donation jar. Yes, we got a chance to have shortcake too! Those playing: Les Tucker, Bob Crump, Lee Jones, Fred Hardin, Charlie Gibson, Charmin Waincott, Chris Lang, Phil Ringle, Gene Stephenson, George Taevs, Alice and Lew Holt. We were pleasantly surprised to have 11 year old Drew Snodderly from California play a few tunes. Not only can he rip through Devil's Dream, but he gave us taste of classical violin too. Lots of talent there. Then 10 year old Haley from Beaverton played a tune. Way to go kids!

Independence Day found a group of us on a truck/stage in Willamina for their annual celebration. The weather was comfortable – much better than the sweltering heat of last year. Les Tucker, Bob Crump, Lee Jones, Kim George, Darlene Bryant and Lew and Alice Holt were the players.

The afternoon of the 4th a small group (limited because of space) played for an enthusiastic group of folks at a Salem RV Park. In addition to having a great time, we were paid \$300 for District 8.

The Smelt Fry at Yachats on July 13, was a successful joint effort for Districts 5 and 8. With help from Elsie and Dexter from Dist 6, and Pat and Chuck from Dist 7. Many thanks to all who participated.

Twenty three of us gathered at Silver Creek Falls State Park on Sunday July 14. The occasion was Al Fasussett Day. (Al was the guy who went over 177 foot tall South Falls in a canoe in 1928. He survived!) The weather was perfect. We played on a covered porch of the lodge. The district was paid \$100 and they want us back next year for a bigger and better celebration. And the promise of a bigger check too!

Sometimes we're asked to play too late for the Hoedowner news. The July 28 play date in Woodburn for their Berry Festival is an example. We hope everyone got the word in time. We apologize to anyone who didn't know about it.

We received word that Ed Priebe passed away. He had had a stroke a few days earlier. Ed was a past chairman of District 8, and played guitar and sang. One of his favorites was The Marine's Hymn. Our love and sympathy to Donna, his wife.

Frances Boaz spent a couple days in the hospital having tests. Glad you're doing better! Les Tucker's finger suffered when it got in the way of a drill. He's doing fine now and playing up a storm. Ray Cunningham had a bit of surgery on a finger too. You'll probably read in District 7 news that Jackie Germundson is playing

Ten years ago this month we gathered at Lee and Ruth Jones to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Ten years later they celebrated their 60th anniversary with a drive up towards Mt. Hood, down through central Oregon and back home. Congratulations Lee and Ruth – a real mile stone!!

One of the good things about being members of District 8 is that we get to play, good food to eat and we get paid. A group of us played on July 21 at a family reunion in Mehama. In a couple of hours, we made \$200 for the district.

It's August, so it's time for the Polk County Fair. The date is Thursday, August 8. We play from 1 to 2:30 pm. We are told that there are no charges for parking. We are required to have passes to get into the fair free this year. Dale Colebank has the passes. You can contact Dale a head of time or he will be at the south gate at 11:00 to issue passes to musicians. He, or somebody, will be at the south gate until 12:00. Since it's Senior Day, the admission for most of us is only \$3.00 if we don't have a pass. Several fiddlers are going to be out of town and some on vacation so if you can make it, it sure would be appreciated. We are paid \$250 and want to put on a good show.

Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th, we have been invited to play for Aurora Colony Days from noon to 4 PM each day. Hope to have a good turnout again. It's a fun, casual place to entertain. Sure look forward to seeing and hearing a lot of our friends from District 7 there, too.

Mark Tuesday, August 20, on your calendars. We will play at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Providence Benedictine Nursing Home in Mt. Angel. For the past several years a bunch of us have gathered at the Mt. Angel Brewery restaurant for a no-host dinner afterward. Come and join us for the concert and dinner if you can. Coming from I-5 take the Woodburn exit – east on Hwy 214 through town, cross 99E and on to Mt. Angel. In Mt. Angel, turn right (south) on Main Street and in 3 or 4 blocks you'll see us gathered on the left on the lawn.

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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With the arrival of hot weather, fire season is upon us and our reporter, Janet Brayman is away on the fire lines. Rather than having a blank spot for District 9 news, I will attempt to cover what is happening in our area.

We will not have our monthly jams until the 2nd Sunday in October. They will be held at the Senior Center as in the past. Our weekly jams continue throughout the summer. Joan Suther has been hosting them at her home for the month of July. We maintain our regular schedule of playing at The Aspens on the second Friday of each month and at Ashley Manor on the third Monday.

Several of our musicians were in Sumpter to jam with the Blue Mountain Fiddlers at their show on July 6th. We have been asked to play at a motorcycle rally on August 9 and it won't be long before the fair and rodeo will be here and we will be performing there.

Some of our players went to Drewsey on the 12th to jam at the Drewsey Café. Turn out was reportedly light.

LaWanda Williams had surgery in Bend and is now home and feeling much better.

Thanks again to all of you who helped make our Country Music Jamboree the success that it was. We appreciate and love all of you.

George Sahlberg, Chairman and ProTem Reporter District 9

District 10

Chairman: Bob Hanson 541 672 6929

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Greeting from District 10. I hope everyone throughout the state are surviving this hot weather. We are still playing at the nursing homes and senior centers. In July we played at the Riddle Sawdust Jamboree, Drain Fair and Myrtle Creek Festival.

On August 6 through 10 we will be playing at the Douglas County Fair 12:30 to 1:30 and from 2:30 to

The following members are still under the weather but are recuperating at home Ed Doolittle and Kater Gates and we extend our best wishes and condolence.

Birthdays for the month of August are Hap Jones, Margie Hasty, Flo Sangsland, Guy Kinman, Harold Rogers and Leah Shroll. Anniversaries for August are Harold and Martha Rogers. Visitors from district 5 who attended our meeting and jam July 13 were Del and Clara Thomas, Nancy Nugent and Johnny Davis. Thanks for sharing your good music with us.

(IMPORTANT NOTICE) Due to the Douglas county fair there will be no meeting or jam in August. Our next regular meeting and jam will be on September 14. At our September meeting there will be some very important business to be discussed and voted on and it is very important that you attend this meeting, express your views and vote on these changes. Meeting will be called to order at 11 a.m. sharp by chairman Bob Hanson.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: It's that time once more to get a few lines off since the fourth of July and fireworks are over. Lots of things happening this month. Keeps a person busy. One thing that does come to mind and that is our young musicians. We should all do our best to welcome them into our groups and do everything we can to help them know old time fiddle tunes. Lets not sit around arguing and talking negatively about our neighbors in front of the young ones, driving them away with lasting negative and hurtful impressions. Just like all of us, they need to hear acceptance, encouragement & tolerance of others. After all, we are supposed to be here to pass on the heritage of old time music. We all learn from other musicians. Please give this serious thought.

We have received information that there will be a new fiddle contest at the Coeur D'Alene Casino in Worley, Idaho on August 17th & 18th, 2002. There is over \$6,000 in prize money up for grabs. The casino is located 30 miles south of Coeur D'Alene, ID. A free concert on Saturday night & jam sessions all weekend. Ages 8 and under pays \$75 in prizes with free registration, 12 and under pays \$150 in prizes with free registration, 17 and under pays \$600 in prizes with \$20 registration, 18-45 pays \$600 in prizes with \$20 registration, 46 and up pays \$600 in prizes with \$20 registration. Open/Grand Champion category 1st, \$1200; 2nd, \$900; 3rd, \$600; 4th, \$300; 5th, \$150; 6th, \$125; 7th, \$100; 8th, \$75; 9th, \$50; 10th, \$25 with registration fee of \$50. Show division, oldest & youngest fiddler & best accompanist. Free RV parking & hotel rooms are still available at \$79.95 per night at the casino. Registration forms are available online at: <http://www.cdacasino.com/events8A.html> or call Aimee Barnes at 1-800-523-2464, ext. 7245. Deadline registration fees have been waived.

I would like to ask each of you to send me by mail or email what your own opinion or perception of what old time fiddle music is, or is not, to you. Perceptions and opinions can greatly vary depending on your background and what part of the country you were exposed to the old time fiddle music. This is not a right or wrong question, but merely an attempt to have a better understanding of different points of view. Remember, we cannot pass on old time music if we continue to play other music that is not old time. This is your organization and what you wish to say is important. If you prefer to send your opinion anonymously, that is perfectly all right as names will not be mentioned or printed. Please send a detailed description of what old time fiddle music is, or is not, to you. I look forward to hearing from each you.

The Mt. Hood Campout was one of the best of the best. A variety of music and songs you wouldn't believe and just when you thought you had seen it all. Talent, Talent, talent! Mark your calendars for next year's Mt. Hood Campout on July 17, 18 & 19, 2003. A fun time for everyone. Thank you Roger, Jackie, Linda and all of Dist. 7 for a wonderful time.

Ed

From the Editor: It is late Sunday evening. We have returned from having a wonderful time at the Mt. Hood Campout. I want you to read about it while it is fresh – rather than after it has become history. The campout is a joint state and District 7 function. It is no secret that the facilities are excellent and very beautiful if I might say so. Past president Roger Germundson has spearheaded this campout and continues keeping it going with the cooperation of District 7. It is well organized with a variety of shows – a picking contest, a waltz contest (picking a name of a waltz from the hat), a special variety show, several sign up jams and ending with a gospel show. It can only be described as a great place to be to have a great time. Roger knows how to pick helpers – Kathy, Sharon, Myrtle, Joyce and Joyce, Jackie and Linda. He has the men running the sound.

Ace Wehus has some nice videos of the many activities at Burns and us on stage at Weiser. Now he has some video of the Mt. Hood Campout. Remember, any profit goes to sending out videos to the schools and libraries in Oregon. He still has convention videos, too. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Corvallis, OR 97331

Dennis Pickett in Winston tells me that he is looking for a couple more fiddle students – hopefully a couple of young people. He likes to teach "kids."

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

Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2003

THOUSAND TRAILS CAMPOUT

Sept. 12 13, 14 Bob Ervin, vice-president OOTFA, 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. 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. Bob reports that there is only one 24 ft trailer left.

Thursday, Sep. 12 – Leroy Newport will teach a beginning banjo workshop at 1:30 and Larry Gallagher will teach a guitar workshop at 3:00. Friday, Sep. 13 – Donna Foreman will teach a fiddle workshop at 9:00 and Leroy Newport will teach an intermediate banjo workshop at 10:30.

Saturday, Sep. 14 – State quarterly meeting at 10:00.

Good news travels slowly sometimes. Actually Oregon had a winner at Weiser this year. When I was talking to Betty Vandenberghe at the Mt. Hood campout, I found out that she won the drawing for the quilt at the Senior Center down town in Weiser. Not bad, Betty.

Anyone interested in coming to the District 1 campout should make their reservations for the hookup 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-Ding 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 I-5, take the Hornbrook exit (about 10 miles s. of CA border) east on Copco Rd. Travel about 5 miles or so, and from Montague, travel about 14 miles North, and turn right at the bridge, and follow the signs.

Don't forget the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held on Saturday, August 3, at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon. Registration starts at 8:30 Saturday morning, judges' meeting at 9:00 and preliminary rounds at 9:30 a.m. Finals will be at 3:30 and the contest will all be over by 5:30 p.m. or so. It is held during the Benton County Fair so there are lots of things to keep you busy while the contest is going on. This year's judges are Dan Emert, Bob Heinith, and Nancy Padilla. We have Pee Wee, Junior-Junior, Junior, Adult (18-59), Senior (60+) and Championships divisions as well as a division for those who have never played before in a contest (Novice division). For any more info give me an email (mcmulles@hotmail.com) or call 541-745-5130. Starr McMullen

Peggy Kerr wants to thank everybody from District 3 who surprised her with a beautiful birthday cake at Bob Erwin's BBQ on the 13th. She says that the surprise and the cake made turning 70 a lot easier. Happy birthday Peggy.

Dennis Pickett from Winston would be interested in having a couple more fiddle students. He especially enjoys having the younger people. Contact him if you know of someone who wants to learn to play the fiddle.

Lew Holt, Editor

Canyonville Contest: Registration from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 24th for Preliminary contest to begin at 12:30 p.m. Finals at 7:00 p.m. Contest to be held in the Canyonville Gymnasium behind the Junior

Entry fees: Pee Wee (0-8) \$1.00/ Junior - Junior (9-12) \$1.00; Junior (13-17) \$2.00; Senior (60-69) \$3.00; Senior -Senior (70 and older) \$3.00; Intermediate (No age restriction. any fiddler who has not placed in the top 20 at Weiser and who has not placed in the top 5 in any State or Regional Contest) \$4.00; Open (No age restriction. Any fiddler may enter this division) \$5.00. Judges will meet with the contestants at 12:00 noon before the contest begins. All those placing in the top 5 of each division will receive trophy as well as a cash prize.

Cash Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Pee Wee	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$10
Jr.-Jr.	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
Junior	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Senior	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40
Intermediate	\$100	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50
Open	\$125	\$100	\$80	\$70	\$60

Thanks to Shorty and Charlotte Dow for a generous donation. Districts 1, 4, 6, 8 and 10 have made generous contributions for which I'm most grateful. Means the difference of whether we can have the contest or not. I am still down \$350 from last year but I hope to get a few more dollars in. *(As of this writing, Gynn doesn't know that District 7 voted to donate a nice donation. She will be pleased and won't be down \$350.)*

Pioneer Days Festivities begin on Thursday, Aug. 22nd. On Friday, Alice Holt, will be contacting people to play at the Forest Glen Retirement Home at 4:00 p.m. Lew Holt will lead the fiddlers for their usual musical hour on stage at the Pioneer Park downtown beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us for these events and lots of jamming Thursday and Friday evenings. And for the contest on Saturday. Please, you young fiddlers, come to Canyonville. It's a good place to begin your contest experience. You are the life-blood of our organization.

Any questions? Call me at 541-839-4501 or email: gynn@mcsi.net. See you.
Gynn Deaton

Weiser Contest Results

Small Fry Div. – Haden Duncan, 6 - Idaho
 Jr.-Jr. Div. – Hulda Quebe, 11 – Texas
 Junior Div. – Grace Quebe, 16 – Texas
 Young Adult Div. – Melissa Harley Thistlewaite, 29 – California
 Adult Div. – Nancy Padilla, 44 – Washington
 Senior Div. – John Melnichuk, 63 – Washington
 Sr. Sr. Div. – Dick Barrett, 83– Montana
 Grand National Champion – Tristan Clarridge, 15 – California

I'll try to have all of the top five in each division on our web site.