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

Sep.

1 Fair Lakeview 1E
 2 Parade Lakeview 1E
 7 Surprise Valley Cedarville, CA 1E
 7 Jam Lakeview 1E
 7 Bullards Park Bandon 5
 7 Lake Creek Grange Lake Creek 4
 7 Portland Yacht Club Portland 7
 8 Jam King City 7
 12-13- and 14 1000 Trails Campout 3/OOTFA
 14 Quarterly Meeting 1000 Trails OOTFA
 14 Winston Community Center Winston 10
 17 Zoo Portland 7
 18 Berry Park Retirement Oregon City 7
 21 Senior Center Coos Bay 5
 21 Farmer's Market Canby 7
 21 – 22 Covered Bridge Festival Stayton 8
 22 Morningstar Grange Albany 6

Oct.

5 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 20 Jam McMinnville 8

Nov

2 Rogue River Com Ctr, Rogue River 4
 17 Jam VFW Willamina 8

District 1

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Just got unpacked from our first annual camp-out yesterday, and was it ever a great one, we had folks from all over the state of OR and lots from CA and one from NV, also! The campgrounds were clean and neat, lots of shade trees, and the rec room was air-conditioned for us, lots of room to spread out and relax too. Next year we'll be having it earlier to avoid the hot weather, there were folks from Dist. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10, San Jose, Hayward, and probably some who didn't sign in too.

But everyone left happy and some had some sore fingers from playing so long! We missed all those folks who couldn't come and share all the fun and music, but we'll be seeing them at other events, and maybe next year, too. But all in all, it was great, Mr. Norm Fiock and his family came and worked real hard to put on a great BBQ. We can't thank them enough for all the time and work they spent there, and we got to listen to them play some great music while they were there, too! A million THANX to the Fiock family. It was so nice to see all those happy, music playing folks there visiting and sharing their music with us, too. We seem to get in a "local rut"

sometimes with our music, and it's wonderful to share and hear others play too, kinda uplifts the spirits too! So, to all who came from the other districts and supported us and shared your great music, thanx so very much, we really appreciated you! We hope we made the long drive worth it, and you were all as happy as we were, God Bless you all. We had some local talent join us too, Lisa and Ali Androti were a true delight to see and listen to. We really enjoyed seeing everyone, and all the help and good food that everyone brought really made it a wonderful event, hope you all will be back next year, we'll be having it earlier in the cooler weather.

8/23-25 Hildebrand Threshing Bee, we'll be playing the 24th at 6 p.m. Old antique tractors will be there on display and working also. 8/3 and 8/10 the Farmers Market downtown is having us play there also, nice outside setting and lots of folks pass by and really enjoy our music. 8/4 The Shasta Grange Hall Jam, another great time with even more dancers than last time, we're sure glad to have that building now, it makes things so much nicer. 8/23 we'll play at the Jefferson Mall for 45 minutes 8/25 back to Yreka for a grand opening, play from 10 - 2 with Norm Fiock

That seems to be all the news that comes to mind, even tho my mind is still tired from the campout!!! We can wish Happy Birthday to some of our members this month: the 6th is Grace Stork and Don Fitzgearald, 26th is Dick Harris. Our Happy Anniversaries this month is 4th Ray and Cherie Lane, 25 is Bud and Frances Hughes, and Virgil and Jackie Schmoe too! Good job you guys!

Poor Irv Johnson is still pretty sore-up from his fall, we sure miss him, hope he gets back into the music soon.

I have to make a trip down to So. CA this month to take care of my Dad after his back surgery, but I can play for him while I'm there, he loves to listen to the old time tunes. So I got out of another shoulder surgery for the time being!

Hope the heat ain't getting to anyone too bad, and you can all find a good shade tree to set under and play some good music to lift your spirits. We're still real smoky here from all the fires over to the valley, but we're still cranking out the tunes and staying as cool as we can! Take care, and smile!! Sherry O, Dist 1

District 1E

Chairman: Terry McLain

Co-Chairman: Larry McLain

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July 21st the fiddlers played for the New Pine Creek Fireman's BBQ. We had Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Shorty and Mary Stone, Perry Forga, Eileen McLain, Larry and Mary Ann McLain, Terry and Sharilyn McLain, Myrle Shepard, Edna Schulze, Mary Cathcart and our newest members Jack and Judi Downey. It was good to see all of you out on such a hot day.

Health report -- As most of you know we lost one of our great leaders. Bill Myers, not only did he enjoy the music that we all love, but also took pride in how the business end of things went. He will be missed at all the activities we as Oregon Old Time Fiddlers participate in.

Following the services on August 3rd for Bill Myers the fiddlers were asked to play at the Westside Grange. Members there were Lee and Elaine Hampton, Mary Cathcart, Clyde and Donna Lynch, Shorty and Mary Stone, Doug and Eileen McLain, Larry and Mary Ann McLain, Terry and Sharilyn McLain, Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Allen Bell, Randy Gibson and Perry and Bernice Forga. From Klamath Falls there was Doc and Marie Walker and Ray and Cherie Lane. Jim and Jan Lancaster were there from Chemult. Our hearts go out to Gloria on her loss. Best of everything to you. We love you.

On August 3rd we held our monthly jam at the Memorial Hall. Guests from District 1 were Jim and Man Lancaster, Doc and Marie Walker, Ray and Cherie Lane and from Sacramento, Ca, Gene Gimble. It was great to have all that talent in one place. Good clean fun.

Please mark your calendar: Sep. 1 We will play at the Lake County Fair from noon until 6 p.m. We are on the stage by the carnival. Hope to see you all there for a wonderful afternoon of good music. On Sep. 2nd -- the Labor Day Parade in Lakeview. Meet at south L St. by the football field at 8:00 a.m. to fix the float. The parade starts at 10:00. On Sep. 7 -- Surprise Valley Electric annual meeting in Cederville, CA. We play from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then that evening back to Lakeview as it is our monthly and jam and Finger food at the Memorial Hall at 6:30 p.m. and music at 7:00. Come play, sing and enjoy the music. Sep. 9 Business meeting at the Indian Village at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the business meetings. And then on Sep. 12 - 14 1000 Trails Fiddling campout near LaPine.

Several are again traveling this past month to doctors or family campout or just going some place.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter District 1E

District 3

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What a year this year has been for fires. Hopefully the fires will stay put out and we can breath fresh air once again.

Rick Braumbach our chairman did a great job at the Deschutes County Fair on the Eberhards stage.

Crooked River Ranch campout for District #3 was a great turnout! We had lots of playing and singing with an unexpected large audience.

Cody Doolan and Gretchen Spencer has returned from Booher fiddling Camp , YEAH!

District #3 received a thank you card for playing at the Veterans Home in the Dalles.

Ed Sez, he hopes everyone will participate in giving their thoughts of what old time music is.

Our August VFW Jam in Redmond would like to welcome our new member Bob Fowler from Bend, who likes to dance.

Dates to remember: Thousand Trails September 12, 13, and 14th. Make sure you pay on your RV sites to Bob Ervin by August 31st.

At Thousand Trails there will be a beginning intermediate banjo and guitar lessons and fiddle workshops. Also there will be playing music outside and inside scheduled shows. Sounds like lots of fun to me!

Still looking at restarting Redmond Library Jams for rehearsal times in the future.

There will be no VFW Jam in September due to labor Day weekend.

We at District #3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and old time fiddle music.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District #3

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Our star reporter, Judy McGarvey, is on vacation attending a class reunion. Joan and I just returned from a trip to New Mexico and Texas so I haven't had a chance to catch up on what has been going on but will do my best to do some semblance of a report so that everyone will know we are forging ahead.

As the district was on vacation this month you wouldn't expect much to be going on, however, it seems our musicians can't seem to slow down. Such dedication. Mary Armstrong and her group kept things going pretty well in the Grants Pass area and Don Lindsey did pretty much the same around Medford. Our community service hours just keep building. Lola told me that the picnic at Stewart State Park was well attended and those that attended got a short respite from the smoke and a little extra playing.

A group of us went down to the District 1 campout, had a good time. Musicians from all over. Glad they had a good turnout.

Sept 7 Lake Creek Grange, Lake Creek. Oct 5 Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. Nov 2 Rogue River Com Ctr, Rogue River

Judy will be back for next month's report and I'm sure you will notice the improvement.

Pat Manion for District 4

District 5

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Well, here it is, Sept. again and we have had a busy summer playing at festivals, parks, special events and of course, the Coos County Fair. We are pleased to announce that we had a very good turn-out of musicians and audiences at all of these gigs. Thank you musicians, one and all !

We are pleased to see Marianne Burns who has recently moved back to good old Coos County. She has been living in the Springfield and has been a member of Dist. 6 for the past year. Welcome back home, Marianne.

Dist. 5 wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to Charlotte and Shorty Dow who recently lost a son, and also to Clirca Miller who recently lost her aunt. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

On the sick list are Ned Matthews and Johnny Davis. We just learned that Bill Tennant has been admitted to Life Care Center in Coos Bay. He would appreciate cards and visitors, also please remember him in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Bill at 2890 Ocean Blvd. SE. Coos Bay, OR. 97420. Elwood Serfass has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer and would also appreciate if you would remember him in your prayers.

It has been brought to our attention that in the July issue the father of Gary Voorhis was incorrectly given as Ed Voorhis. It should have read George Voorhis. We apologize for the mistake.

We would like to welcome our new member, Cy Wenberg. He plays the banjo and also sings.

Alex, the grandson of Holly Sylvester, attended the Booher Fiddle Camp and he enjoyed it very much. He learned some new songs and hopes to attend again next year.

We are starting our nursing and retirement center schedule again for the month of September.

The dates are as follows:

Sept. 4th. Ocean View-----1:30 to 2:30 P.M.
Heritage Place-----3:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Sept. 11th.-Ocean Crest----1:30 to 2:30 P.M.
Sept. 18th.-Oerding Manor-1:00 to 2:00 P.M.
Myrtle Point Care Center--2:45 to 3:45 P.M.
Sept. 25th.-Inland Point---11:00 A.M.-12:00
Life Care-----1:30 to 2:30 P.M.
Speccial Dates--McCauley Hall, St. Catherines
Sept. 6th.---1:30 to 3:00 P.M.

Sept. 7th.--Bullard's Park--6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

This is our last show at the park for this year.

Our Jam will be held Sept. 21st. from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. with our first pot-luck of the year to be held prior to the Jam from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Ken and Sevilla Ludwig who had an anniversary on Aug. 10th. and also to Bob and Betty McKee whose anniversary was Aug. 29th. Kathy Nash gave me these names and dates last month but working with a new computer, their names were inadvertently left out. For this I seek their forgiveness and offer them my belated congratulations.

Happy Anniversary to Helen and Elwood Serfass on Sept. 11th, Bev. and Jim Hill on Sept. 13th, Sally and Ken Jordan on Sept. 15th. and Abbie and Keith Shaffar on Sept. 28th.

Birthday wishes go to Jane Long on Sept. 1st., Florence Grove on Sept. 7th., Ken Jordan on Sept. 14th, Dave Brokaw Sept. 17 Clara Thomas on Sept. 18th. Richard Rehfeld on Sept. 26th. and Oren Pruitt on Sept. 28th. A late Happy Birthday to Mary Steele who celebrated her special day on Aug. 25th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Charlie wanted me to let you know that at our Oct. 19th. meeting we will be discussing our up-coming holiday meals. So everyone be sure and be there to voice your opinions.

May you have a very nice Labor Day and please drive safely. Also remember our children who will be heading back to school and be very careful in our school zones. Thank you.

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter-Dist. 5

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The Lane County Fair jam, as always, was a really nice experience, and an income generator, too! We had a pretty good turnout of perhaps thirty musicians, including a kibitzing banjo player, Carl Rovainen, from Brookings. Hal Weiner, up from Florence, showed off his piccolo banjo, a short necked five string banjo of a type we had never seen before; but "Five Foot Two" sure sounded good on it. Dave Boyd put in an appearance, playing a rousing harmonica version of "Mockingbird."

The Mary Cole days parade and jam, July 27, was a modest success. Participation in the parade was organized by Don Peeler, and perhaps ten musicians turned up for the firehouse jam. The float (which got a blue ribbon) participants were Bernie Roberts, Don Peeler, Buck Milligan, Bryon Dunaway, and Bob Kaiser, ably assisted by Martha Green and Marie Roberts.

The picnic and jam at the Knudsen/Costello ranch, announced in the last newsletter, is, unfortunately, off. Joy Costello is under the weather, and hospitalized as I write this. All our best wishes, and hopes for a speedy recovery for Joy, go out to Joy and Earl.

Further health notes: As Betty Hawkins is recovering from wrist surgery, Helen Tracy has assumed some of her duties as District Six secretary and membership person, for which thanks are in order. Helen, let it also be noted, has passed the 1,500 mark in name tag sales. And, as if that were not enough, she also sells tapes of past district jams, raising money for the district. Many thanks, Helen!

The next district jam will be at the Morningstar Grange near Albany on Sunday, September 22. Take the Scio/Jefferson exit (EXIT 238) go west a half mile to Morningstar Road (just past the lumber yard), turn right (north) and the grange is almost half a mile - on the left. There will be a short district meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by the potluck at noon and jam thereafter. This jam, set up by Bernie Roberts and Howard Gabel, is usually a very pleasant experience and good fun for all. We note in this connection that Harv and Linda Harvey, past organizers of the jam, have relinquished this duty after many years of fine service. Many thanks Harv and Linda!

The October jam will be held at the Crow grange: details will be announced in the October newsletter.

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: Ruth Kennedy, 9/5; Earl Knudsen, 9/5; Addie Gonshorowski, 9/13; David Boyd 9/27; Arlo Hamilton 9/28; and Darla Miller, 9/30. Happy anniversary to: Paul and Mildred Nielsen, 9/10/48; Lloyd and Esther Shriber, 9/10/48; and Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser, 9/18/48.

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August was a fiddling month as always. The Canby Farmers Market brought out 20 players. We just had a ball under the shade of a great big tree. Twenty-five people showed up to play at the Clackamas County Fair. The two hours went by so fast, we hardly got started before we were through. It sure was fun. There was some concern about the heat but we did OK.

OOTFA has some new members: Earl (Corky) and Charlene Johnsen from Longview, Washington have joined. They both play guitar. Their four kids, Chris, Yvonne, Mary and Terry all play guitar also. Let's give them a big welcome. Rusty and Judy O'Regan joined us from Zigzag. Rusty is a terrific guitar player, he sings and he yodels! Welcome to the Fiddlers!

Ron Burton is leading guitar workshops for backup players in the Rec Room at his mobile home complex at 20248 S. Molalla Avenue (Hwy 213). These are from 6 - 7 p.m. on Friday evenings, followed by a jam until about 9:30. Take exit 10 (Park Place) from I-205 and go up the hill. The place is eight tenths of a mile (0.8) farther on from the light at the Clackamas Community College entrance. Turn left into the complex and the Rec Room is the first building on the left after

the first speed bump. There's room for fifteen people. Call Linda Easley at 503-235-1671 to sign up.

Saturday September 7 from 8 - 9 p.m. at the Portland Yacht Club at 1241 NE Marine Drive. They're having "Back to Tombstone Days" so we might want to look appropriately Western with hats and boots. We'll be inside and they will provide the sound system.

Sunday September 8 begins our regular OOTFA jam year at the King City Town Hall from 11 - 4. The address is 15245 SW 116th. Let's have a short business meeting at 12:15 as we brownbag it.

We can have some updates from our July meeting. We also need to discuss the starting times of our jams. If anyone has anymore agenda items please bring them with you.

Tuesday September 17 we're invited to play for Senior Safari Day at the Oregon Zoo. We'll play from 12:40 to 1:40 p.m. The Zoo is at 4001 SW Canyon Road. Follow the signs as you go west on Hwy 26 from Portland. We need to be at the entrance to the zoo by 11:20 at the latest. If you come early you can enjoy the zoo before the gig. They gave us these four guidelines: 1) Go to Gate A to check in (identify yourself as one of the OTFA) and be directed to the Elephant Plaza. A Zoo Guide will direct you through the "short cut" through the zoo. 2) When you arrive at the Elephant Plaza, check in with the stage manager who will be located to the side of the stage. If you want to roam around the zoo before the gig, feel free to do so after you check in. 3) You can store your instrument in a secure location (one of the classrooms adjacent to the Elephant Plaza and picnic area) if you want to. 4) Report to the stage manager to the side of the stage with your instrument all ready fifteen minutes before the performance. That's 12:25!

Wednesday September 18 the Berry Park Retirement Center wants us to play from 2 - 3 p.m. This is birthday celebration day for the residents. Berry Park is at 13669 Gaffney Lane in Oregon City. From Portland, go south on I-205, take exit 10, go up the hill to Beaver Creek Road, turn right, then left onto Molalla Avenue. Go past two lights and turn right onto Gaffney Lane. Let's go have some fun there.

Saturday September 21 is our last Canby Farmers Market Day for this summer. We're scheduled to play from 10 - 12 noon. To get there from Portland, go south on McLoughlin (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.

Up and coming: Saturday Oct 5 District 7 Jam at Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton. Saturday Oct 19 at the Pine Grove Community House in Manzanita. Saturday Oct 26 West Gresham Grade School Carnival in Gresham.

Thanks and keep making music,
Linda Easley, Reporter District 7

District 8

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What a great bunch of musicians we had at the Polk County Fair! Thank you visitors from other districts. Starr McMullen came from Corvallis, Wayne and Esther came from Portland and Chuck and Pat from Tigard. You are all much appreciated! It was a perfect day, not too hot, not too cold. The chairs for the audience were nearly full as long as we played.

Both Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th we played for almost four hours each afternoon at the museum in Aurora. The people in charge of the museum sure appreciate having us.

The evening "concert" at the Providence Benedictine Nursing Home was another great gig. Usually we play outdoors, but because of threatening showers, we were inside. Linda Easley, Linda Mar and Pat & Chuck Gates all from District 7 joined us. We were especially pleased to have members Anne & Henry Huber from Redding, CA be there too. Ann plays some great tunes. Most of us went to Mt. Angel Brewing Co. Restaurant afterward for a no host dinner. No one went away hungry! This evening has become a tradition for many of us. It is an unique experience.

District 8 folks who entered the Willamette Valley Contest in Corvallis were: Charlie Gibson, Charmin Wainscott, Winston Grant, Lew and Alice Holt. Remember the raffle fiddle to raise funds for the WV contest? Our own Charmin was the lucky winner. Way to go Charmin!

Back on July 27th Alan Ede, Lew and Alice Holt rode a float in a parade in West Salem. We had our big sign saying that we were OOTFA. We received the blue ribbon for the best musical entry. On the 28th a group of us played at the Berry Festival in Woodburn. We haven't wanted for something to do this summer.

Jackie Stephenson has agreed to be membership chairman for District 8. When it's time to renew, see Jackie.

Some of us will be going to Canyonville for the contest August 24. And several will be going to Thousand Trails in September. These get togethers are great opportunities to visit and play music with friends from other areas.

We will play, starting at 11 AM, both Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, in Stayton for the Covered Bridge Festival. The festivities will be at the park where the Covered Bridge was relocated several years ago. (Note: Lew and Alice are Charter Members of the Covered Bridge Society of Oregon). There should be signs in downtown Stayton to direct you to the park and the covered bridge.

Our October jam will be Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Senior Center in McMinnville. It will be good to see all our dancing friends there. We'll have a meeting at 11 AM. We can get in at 10, so come early. Potluck will follow the meeting and we'll play from 1 to 4 PM.

November's jam will be at the Willamina VFW Hall, and December's will be at McMinnville again. More details on these later.

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9

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Oh, oh, Janet is out fighting fires and the mail man didn't bring me anything.

District 10

Chairman: Bob Hanson 541 672 6929

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Membership: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greeting from District 10. We are still playing at the senior centers, nursing homes and retirement and assisted living homes. We played 5 days at the Douglas County Fair and the weather was fairly decent the first 3 days, but after that the mercury rose into the nineties. Del and Clara Thomas from District 5 and Andy and Ruth Kennedy from District 6 came over and helped us out.

We never had a meeting in August due to the fact that we were playing at the Fair.

The following members are not feeling to chipper Ed Doolittle, Dennis Allen, Kater Gates and I have been informed that Thelma Allen has been taking some medical tests including a MRI.

Birthdays for the month of September are Claire Eaton and Tracy Smith. Anniversaries for September are Louie and Frances Roy
Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

ED SED: Time sure flies when you are making music and having fun. It's just a few days away now from Thousand Trails and the quarterly meeting. As we are all aware, our districts play at jams, rest homes, gigs, etc., and that someone is having a birthday or anniversary. All of this information is usually reported in the Hoedowner each month. It is not necessary to report the same information at the quarterly meetings. In the interest of saving time, lets just get down to business & report the business that is not reported in the Hoedowner. Also, please shorten the long speeches to a bare minimum as most of us have come to play music and enjoy the company of our friends. We do not need a meeting that is too long, as our brains will only take in what our rear ends can endure.

As a reminder, it was voted on over a year ago to encourage districts not to schedule a jam or event any time there is a scheduled state function.

I wish to thank each and every one of you who so far have chosen to participate with your answers in writing as to what old time fiddling "is" or "is not" to you. I appreciate you taking the time and the interest to express your heart felt feelings.

Marie and I had the opportunity to attend the campout that Dist. 1 hosted. Norm Fiock put on a barbecue that was his usual outstanding feast. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Faye, Isom, Norm and all of district 1 for your hospitality.

By the time you read this, the Canyonville contest will be over and a good time will no doubt be had by all. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everybody who entered.

See you all at Thousand Trails. Our quarterly meeting will at 10:00 on Saturday, September 14.
Ed

From the editor:

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. Alice Holt will teach a "tune at two" Friday afternoon. Be sure to bring your tape recorders to these workshops. You can take your "memory" home on a tape.

Saturday, Sep. 14 – State quarterly meeting at 10:00 a.m. 1000 Trails Campout

Ace Wehus has videos of each division of the state contest last May. He has each round of each division on a video just for that Division. So if you want just the Jr.Jr. divisions, he can make just that video. 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 Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144 Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested. And Ace writes: Also I'd

appreciate it if you would bring it to the membership's attention that I will make them a CD, DVD, & Video of their performances over the years interspersed with family pictures if they can get a group of five people together in a group I will then do it, but I will no longer make it for just one individual at a time. Ace

Ed Nelson didn't mention his and Marie's new grandchild in California. I just imagine that Marie will have some pictures to show us at Canyonville and at 1000 Trails. We may not even have to beg her to show us.

Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA

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| 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 |

Since our new website has gone on line, we have had over a 1000 hits.

A small group of us played recently at the Eagles in Keizer. We were standing around talking and who should walk in but Hollis and Carol Real and their son Mike. They had stopped in Keizer to see somebody and were told that some fiddlers were playing at the Eagles so they came by. Naturally we put Hollis and Mike to work. Hollis and Carol were our neighbors in North Bend (on the coast) years ago. It was good to see them again.

Thank you to all who were at Diamond Lake Fiddle Jamboree You all helped make it a great success. Sorry about a couple of smoky days but that was beyond our control. Jerry and I had a great time playing and visiting with everyone.
Thank you again. Jerry and Irene Ruddock

Many of us were pleased to see Connie King at the Willamette Valley Contest. She sends her greetings to all of her friends. If you would like to drop Connie and card or note, I am sure she would appreciate it – Connie King, 750 NW 23rd, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Contestants: August 3, 2002

Novice (first contest ever)

1. Jason Chi, Corvallis, Oregon
2. Matthew Witler, La Crescenta, California
3. Aisha Abdoul, Corvallis, Oregon
4. Ethan Johnson, Corvallis, Oregon

PeeWee (Under 9 years old)

1. Tatiana Hargreaves, Corvallis, Oregon
2. Brannie Bailey, Meridian, Idaho
3. Tasman Tennell, Corvallis, Oregon
4. Aisha Abdoul, Corvallis, Oregon
5. Emily Zahnle-Hostetler, Corvallis, Oregon

Junior Junior (9-12 years old)

1. Alex Hargreaves, Corvallis, Oregon
2. Brian Shaylor, Portland, Oregon
3. Morgan Bailey, Meridian, Idaho
4. Patrick Magee, Kuna, Idaho
5. Christy Tanner, Lebanon, Oregon
6. Anne Wynn, Corvallis, Oregon
7. Matthew Witler, La Crescenta, California

Junior (13-17 years old)

1. Natalie Padilla, Belgrade Montana

2. Paul Briskey, Corvallis, Oregon

Adult (18-59 years old)

1. Margaret Brank, Winlock, Washington
2. Eileen Witle, West Linn, Oregon
3. Roy Rowland, Monmouth, Oregon
4. Doug Orton, Coravllis, Oregon
5. Charmin Wainscott, Hubbard, Oregon

Senior (60+ years old)

1. John Perfect, Middleton, Idaho
2. Willie Carter, Lebanon, Oregon
3. Alice Holt, Salem, Oregon
4. Lew Holt, Salem, Oregon
5. Charlie Gibson, Canby, Oregon
6. Kenneth Brank, Winlock, Washington
7. Winston Grant, Oregon

Championship (Open to anyone)

1. Chelsey Padilla, Belgrade, Montana
2. Andy Emert, Portland, Oregon
3. Andy Shelton, Corvallis, Oregon
4. Clara Murphy, Battleground, Washington
5. Scott Sumner, Boise, Idaho

Alice and I attended the Willamette Valley Contest in Corvallis on August 3. It is a good, old fashion fun day “at the country fair.” We had time between the rounds to see the animals, look at the displays and to eat a hot dog. It, also, gave us a chance to recognize Winston Grant’s 85th birthday. Winston was the oldest contestant.

Although Alice and I were not able to attend either campout at Diamond Lake and Northern California, we sure have heard many good reports about many of you having a good time. That is as it should be. Isn’t it great to have people who are willing to give their time and money so these activities can be held. We had promised Norm Fiock that we would attend the campout and I was looking forward to his BBQ – still makes me hungry to think about it – but we were invited to Alice’s cousin’s 80 birthday party in Portland. Fifty years ago last March he introduced us and because of that introduction, we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary next February. He is a special person in our lives.

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