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

June

6-7 Cloverleaf Hall Enterprise – BMOTFA
 7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4
 7 Elsie Stuhr Beaverton 7
 8 Community Center Estacada 7
 7 Picnic Amity 8
 8 Community Center Estacada 7
 12,13, 14 High Desert Jamboree Burns
 14 State quarterly meeting Burns
 16-21 National Contest Weiser
 21 Senior Activity Center Coos Bay 5

July

3,4,5 Campout Montigue 1
 5 Community Center Rogue River 4
 12 Smelt Fry Yachats 5
 12 Oakridge 6
 16 Multnomah County Fair Portland 7
 17, 18, 19 Mt. Hood Campout State/7
 26 Public Library Oregon City 7
 July 31, Aug 1, 2, 3, and 4.

High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree

Aug.

2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 2 Picnic Lake Creek 4
 8, 9, 10 Drift Fence Campout BMOTFA
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state

2004

Feb. 7 Contest Gaston

District 1

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Hello again from District 1 –

It's certainly been an amazing spring! We've had snow until recently, then a few warm days, and now at press time – it's gorgeously sunny but chilly and windy. Pretty soon, the weather switch will flip, and we'll be complaining because it's too hot!

One thing we are not complaining about is the attendance and response to our jam sessions and performances! We had a wonderful turnout for the Packing Clinic & Wilderness Skills event.

Ray Lane even felt well enough to join us (good to have you back Ray!) It was quite a downpour that afternoon – thank goodness we were all inside! Jim Lancaster brought along his chuck wagon to display.

Now that it's June – we should be starting to play again on Saturdays at the Farmers Market, in the parking lot along 9th between Main and Klamath Streets. Faye indicates probably not every week like last year. Not sure what the actual schedule will be – so stay tuned (or come to the meetings to find out). It's lots of fun, and people seem to really enjoy listening to us. Last year, I saw a cutie pie munchkin sitting on the pavement, legs out in front, sun bonnet on, just smiling and swaying to the music, until Mom came along and swooped her up.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and schedule time to attend the campout on July 3, 4, & 5 at the Klamath River Country Estates RV Park that we are hosting. There will be a Potluck and Barbecue on Saturday at 4:00 PM. Look for more information (with directions) elsewhere in this issue. *NOTE: due to the campout – there will be **NO** meeting on Sunday, July 6th at the Villa West Mobile Estates!*

We had some visitors at our 2nd Sunday jam: Gary Epperly from Lebanon, and Otto Christianson from Silverton. Isom & Faye's daughter, Judy, popped in for awhile, and Frances & Bud Hughes' sons Steve and Jim brought their instruments and played with us. Because it was Mother's Day, Jo Harris had made wonderful corsages for each of the women who attended. Thank you Jo! Welcome to a new member: Jamie Carlson. She doesn't currently play an instrument, but she's interested in learning. Don't ya just love hearing that!

Get well wishes to the following: Jerry & Irene Ruddock and Ernie Pennry's wife. June Birthdays: Jean Standford (6-2), Barb Fitzgerald (6-23). We also have June Wedding Anniversaries: 57th - Dick & Jo Harris (6-16), 15th - Ben & Fran Coker (6-25), 36th – Gary & Carolyn Rarden (6-?). Figured out the Faye & Isom celebrated their 64th Anniversary on May 27th - Wow! Congrats for achieving that longevity mark.

Apparently the Silver Lake get-together was really something. Heard the weather was cold and icky, but warm inside where the music was good and the people were friendly. Definitely die-hard music lovers – they played until around 3:30 AM, then were back at it around 7:00 AM. Hope tag-alongs didn't expect to get any sleep!

Speaking of sleep – I better sign off and get some myself. Well – as I wrote last time – keep those fingers fired up and fiddlin' . . . Fran Coker

District 1E

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Co-Chairman: Larry McLain

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Wow! Another successful campout. We would like to thank everyone for coming to Silver Lake and sharing their time and talents with us. As the banner said "It doesn't get better than family, friends and fiddl'in. The Friday night hat jam was terrific and at times hysterical. Jack Kerr and Loita Colebank walked away with new, however not as nice bonnets as they came with. Begin planning now as it will be part of next year's campout. It was sure nice to have Earl Knudson and Peggy Kerr with us, what a special blessing. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies helped in the kitchen or swung the mop (Loita). A special thanks to Fred Hardin for helping with emcee duties and moral support. Larry and Sharon Gallagher and the Bigalow crew, Art, Charlotte, Arty and Rhea you are fantastic, thanks for sticking around and assisting with the cleanup. Fred was so kind to recognize Terry and me for our hard work, however the recognition

should go to all of the 1E members for their many contributions in many ways to the campout. The real success of the campout should be attributed to Homer and Rosa Lee for all they do for fiddling everyday. They have done so much for our campout and district, all we have to do is follow their model. Putting the campout on is more enjoyment than work, especially when you come and enjoy yourselves. However, I think the Teddy Bears are trying to kill us off!!!! We are looking forward to next year and hope you are too. The smiling faces of Bill Myers, Joy Costello and Pat Kraemer were deeply missed.

On another note, it has been a busy month. Homer and Clyde Lynch did a local radio show advertising our functions.

Perry Forga, Homer, Rosa Lee, Clyde, Myrle Shepard and I'm not sure who else have been entertaining at the senior center. If I missed you let me know. It looks like it might work into a regular engagement.

Again, thank you to the group who so diligently play at the nursing home. Allen Bell headed up a group who played at the hospital on May 17th, thank you Allen.

As I am writing this, several are playing for a benefit for Josh Charleton a local 14 year old boy who accidentally shot himself in the abdomen, on May 1st. We are glad to report that he is recovering and will be at home soon. On May 31st at noon we will be playing in Adel for a fire hall fundraiser, Shorty Stone is handling the details.

We will not have a jam in June. Several members have graduating high school seniors and the jam would have been at the same time.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the High Desert Jamboree next month in Burns. Your Friends in Music, Terry and Sharilyn

District 2

On June 14, 1903 a cloudburst in the hills south of Heppner caused a flash flood killing over 250 people - between a fourth and a fifth of the population. This event stands as the greatest natural disaster in United States history in terms of percentage of life lost.

On the eve of the centennial of that event (Friday, June 13, 2003) "Shenanigans!" is presenting The Flood: We Remember, a multi-media show with live background music. The show opens with a retelling of the early history of the area (south Morrow County) including the music and dance of the early settlers - many of whom were Swedish or Irish. The narrators, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, take us on a journey through the flood itself and the rebuilding of the town in the days that followed. Accompanying background music is played by "Shenanigans!"

The six kids who make up "Shenanigans!" (5 fiddles, flute, mandolin and guitar) represent over 31 years of musical experience. The kids also helped with the research for the project. The show is written and directed by Peg Willis.

"Mulligan Stew," another Eastern Oregon children's fiddle group, will open the show with some fiddle tunes and will also perform the dances of the Swedish and Irish pioneers of the area.

Information on the Heppner area, including overnight facilities, can be found on Heppner's homepage: www.heppner.net/ More information on the flood can be found by typing "Heppner flood" into your browser.

District 3

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Our Summer is finally peaking around the corner. Maybe a little sunshine would be great!
Yeah!

Our District 3 Redmond VFW show was another great turn out in May. Next VFW show is June 1st at 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Redmond. We encourage all members to show up for the meeting to follow. Now since the weather is getting warmer there is lots to talk about :o)

District 3 would like to thank District 1E for that wonderful Silver Lake camp out on May 8th through the 11th. Especially all the hard work of setting up and cleaning up. And anyone else that helped. We take our hats off to you District 1E. He! He! Just to let you all know there has been a Teddy Bear club started for late nighters and when the cows come home and the rooster club for the early birds when the roosters crow. Which one are you??? The Silver Lake hat show was a big hit. Lots of comments of how much fun it was. YEAH! There were lots of great hats there. We enjoyed seeing the kids eyes light up when they saw that big Pack Rat to show up on the stage. :o)

More great dates to remember is the High Desert Jamboree in Burns June 12th, 13th, 14th. Redmond Library Jam on June 10th at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hope to see all members come and join the fun of playing music.

It was so nice to see Peggy and Jack Kerr at The Silver Lake campout. We sure have missed them. Peggy was in good spirits and looked great!. We will keep her and many others in our prayers and wishes to all.... a fast recovery and May God Bless.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of Old Time Music. Hope all the mothers out there enjoyed Mothers Day. :o)

Ellen Jakab Reporter District 3

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Boy, it was great to see so many folks out for the meeting and jam at Eagle Point Grange! The music just keeps going, and we all have fun! A good crowd of dancers and "clappers", too! We had 129 Community service hours this month. Pat thanked the musicians whose music keeps our name out in front of the public. Gene Williams gave a special thanks to all those who helped out at the annual Pear Blossom Parade, including the musicians. This month we played for all ages and sorts of people, with our nursing homes, retirement homes, senior centers, and other "regular" gigs, as well as the parade (a real success), Grower's Market, schools, and Churches. Historic Hanley Farms will be closed due to county budget cuts, so our scheduled events there are cancelled this summer.

George and Dwight not only do our sound system, but have been generous in supplying a new vocal/specific mike, and also a briefcase large enough for all the District 4 business papers, etc. Thanks!

Our sympathies go out to Tommy and Joyce Grissom in the loss of their son, Tommy Dean. Several Dist. 4 members played with Tommy at the memorial service. Bud Kilgore is very ill, and has been in and out of the hospital. Jerry Hudson (Peggy's husband) is recovering but still weak. Our good wishes continue to go out to all those who are ailing, and those who are affected by the problems of their loved ones.

Welcome back Nellie Webb, Rick and Bonita Woodard, and Pat and Bill Thompson. Visitors were Faye and Isom Patterson from Klamath Falls. Good to see y'all!

It was noted that the schools are really cutting back on their music programs. Can we help fill in the blanks? Many children, even involved in music, don't get to take their school instruments home for the summer. Pat has several violins of various sizes available for loan, and Lee Cushman and Scott Phillips also have some. Lee also has a couple guitars. Help us get these kids and instruments together!

The members of District 4 brought home several trophies from the State Contest. Pat Manion was 3rd in the Senior-Senior division, and also got a trophy for being the "oldest fiddler". We think he lies about his age – he's not THAT old! Judy McGarvey was 4th in the Senior Division, and Carol Henderson was 7th (her first contest ever! Way to go, girl!). Pat M. and Carol H. and Scott Phillips (also his first contest ever! – and a little nervous) and Judy McGarvey also played in the Twin Fiddle division and were 16th and 12th of 20. Joan Allgood always fills in with lots of help, too. The contest was great this year. Lots of wonderful music, and an appreciative audience! It's so much fun to see so many folks from other parts of the state, and get to hear them play their best!

Our jam schedule is: June 7 Roxy Ann Grange, Medford. July 5 Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River. Aug 2 Picnic, Lake Creek.

Remember: Two wrongs don't make a right, but two rights make an airplane. (Hint, spell it Wright)

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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What a wonderful Mother's Day Week-end I had ! Our 7th great-grandchild decided he could wait no longer so he popped his little head into the world the afternoon before Mother's Day. He is a sweetie and a real keeper. (Boy , Do I sound like a proud Great- grandma or what?)

At our May meeting, our members voted to give Clirca Miller \$100 to help defray the cost of all the supplies that she had furnished through the past year. Ken Jordan and our members want Charlie and Clirca to know how much we have appreciated all the hard work and long hours they have put in during the past two years. They both deserve time to spend together and relax. Hats off to them ! Ken also wanted to thank everyone for putting in long hours of hard work and for their dedication to make District 5 such a big success.

At our May Jam we were honored to have visitors from District 10, including Chuck Hasty, Guy Kinman and Jim & Charlotte Weaver. We always enjoy your visits and may you all come back again real soon. Visitors are always welcome ! Congratulations to Hal Weiner who so willingly accepted the position as News Reporter for our district. He will assume his duties as of July 1st. Hal , may you enjoy your new job as much as I have for the past 2 years. I particularly want to thank you and know you will do a "Terrific" job.

Attending the Silver Lake Campout from our district were Lew and Colleen Hodges, Hal and Karen Weiner, and Larry and Sharon Gallagher. It has been reported that the campout was wonderful and they would like to give District 1E a big "Thank You" and a special "Thanks" to Sharilyn McLain for a "Fantastic" week-end. Welcome to our new members, John and Alyce Dubisar who live in Coos Bay. It is so nice to have you join our group.

Our schedule for this month is as follows: June 6 & June 20 We will play from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 both evenings. The players are asked to please be at the park by 6 p.m. to get things set up. On June 21 we will have a potluck at noon and a jam to follow from 1-4 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center in Coos Bay. On June 22 our district has been asked to play for the Ice Cream Social at the Siuslaw Museum in Florence from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The museum is located at 85294 Highway 101. As you are headed north, it sets on the left side of the highway just before the four lanes go into two lanes. Then on June 27 we are scheduled to play at The Bay Crest Village (Formally St. Catherines) from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Ken has asked me to print the following date so that the fiddlers can make their plans in advance. The Smelt Fry in Yachats has been handed over to our district and will be held July 12. The fiddlers are scheduled to play from 11 am-3 p.m. We hope other districts will come and give us a helping hand. This is always a nice function and we are praying for a good turn out, as well as a beautiful day!

Happy Birthday Wishes to Jan Wechter on June 4th, Betty Lively 5th, Carol Marks 6th, Val Matthews & Shorty Dow 7th, Jean Holden & Krislee McCoy 9th, Rick Reaves 10th, Johnny Davis 11th, Dorothy Booher 12th, Norm Nash 13th, Joan Daniels

14th, Nita Zwicker & John Dubisar 16th, and Fred Grove 25th. Happy Anniversary to Ken and Carol Hooton on the 8th, Charles and Dorothy Booher 15th, John and Alyce Dubisar 16th, Dan and Ann Hasley 18th, and Fred & Florence Grove 30th.

I have not had any reports of sickness among our members. So if any of you are not feeling up to par, may you soon be back on your feet, kicking up your heels and fiddling around .

Happy Father's Day to all of you dads out there. May all of you enjoy a beautiful week-end with your families. May God bless all of our veterans, service men & women and our country on Flag Day and everyday.

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter- District 5

District 6

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The Easter jam at the American Legion hall in Lebanon turned out surprisingly well, considering that it was held on Easter. About 30 old time fiddlers turn up for the breakfast and jam, plus a nice crowd of Legionaires. There were fourteen or fifteen names on the list.

There was also a good turnout at Red Herndon's Jasper jam on April 27, including an accordion player! There were perhaps 50 people at the jam, even including some members of the younger (under 50!) set. A good time was had by all.

The annual spring jam, held at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon on May 4, turned out to be pretty good jam. Perhaps thirty musicians turned up, along with a sizeable Moose crowd. There was good music, and plenty of dancing. The hat, when we passed it, came in at an even \$100, of which the Moose got half, as usual.

By the time you read this the May 25 jam Oakridge jam organized by Bob Strelow and Red Herndon will be history. More on this one next month..

There will be no monthly jam in June, due to Weiser and the quarterly state meeting at Burns.

We have been invited to participate in a jam for the "150th Anniversary of the Lost Wagon Train" in Oakridge on Saturday, July 12, starting at 10:00 a.m., and continuing until we get tired.

They would like us to provide music for square dance lessons at 12 and 2, as well. And, if anyone wants to stay on -- camping sites are available -- to play on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget the annual Lane County Fair gig, coming up on Wednesday, August 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The venues will be next to the Lane County Historical Museum, and at the BiMart Activity Stage

Looking ahead: Thousand Trails, Sept 11-13; October jam, Sunday, Oct 19 at the Crow Grange - quarterly meeting; Thanksgiving jam, Saturday, November 22 at the Crow Grange; Christmas jam, Sunday, December 7 at the Lebanon Moose.

We regret to report that Evelyn Turner, wife of long-time Fiddler "Bud" Turner, passed away May 13.

Health Notes: It is nice to see Tom McAdam out and back at the piano, following his recent quadruple bypass surgery. Ruth and Andy Kennedy, who both have health problems, appeared at the Lebanon Moose jam; they looked - and sounded - good. Jim Bottoms, we hear, is doing better after an operation, and Mark Carmickle is due for a hip replacement in July.

Happy birthday to: Jack Crockett, 6/3; Bob Strelow, 6/10; John Steele, 6/19.

Happy anniversary to: Oral and Carolyn Robbins, married 50 years, on 6/7/53; Norma and Floyd Frazier, 6/13/67; and Clarence and Lorraine Larson, 6/30/50.
Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

District 7

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The jam at Forest Grove was rather sparsely attended, but everyone there, musicians and audience, sure had a lot of fun. District 8's Frank Geelan came. It was his first outing since his triple by-pass on April 22. He took a couple of turns at the mike with his harmonica and sounded real good.

We've got many new members to tell you about this month. Becky Anderson, a fiddler, lives in SW Portland. Robyn Freatman and James White live in SE Portland. They enjoy the music. Jeff and Kate Heberle and their daughter Megan live in Hillsboro. Jeff plays guitar. Don McLaren plays the upright bass and lives in NE Portland. His children are Margie, Mike, Myra and Marvin. Mike and Jo O'Brien live in Colton. Roger and Beverly Payne and their children Hannah, Andrew, Juliana, and Samuel live in Gaston. Jesse Sprague, a fiddler lives in SW Portland. His parents are Mitchell Turker and Lisa Sprague. Just got word that William and Suzanne Ludham from Portland joined. Their daughter, Lia entered the contest and took third place. Welcome all of you.

About thirty members from District 7 took part in the Oregon State Fiddle Contest either as contestants or backup. We were well-represented. Be sure to check the contest results in the Hoedowner or on the website.

There's lots of good opportunities coming up to make music for people. Tuesday June 3 from 12:30 - 1:30, the Providence Laurelhurst Elderplace at 4540 NE Glisan needs players. This is the daycare for the frail elderly. These folks really like our stuff. Parking is on-street and can be difficult. Enter through the third door east on the south side of the building. Saturday June 7 from 1 - 4, the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton wants us to play for a fund-raiser dance between 1 and 4. It is at 5550 SW Hall Blvd in Beaverton. Go west on Highway 26, South on 217, Right on SW Allen and Right on SW Hall street up to 12th street. Public invited. On Sunday June 8 we'll have a regularly scheduled monthly jam at the Estacada Community Center at 200

Club House Road in Estacada. Public invited. On Saturday June 28 we've been invited to play for fund-raiser at the BEAT Riding Center in Banks. It's at 41919 NW Wilkesboro Road in Banks. They provide a horseback experience for disadvantaged children. Directions are West on Highway 26, turn left towards Banks on Highway 6, go about a mile and a half, turn left onto NW Aerts Road, go about a quarter of a mile. Turn right onto NW Wilkesboro Road, cross over the railroad tracks and you're almost there. They will have someone there to help us park. Scheduled time to follow. Saturday July 5 we're invited to play at the Canby Flower Farmer Chicken and Oyster Barbeque from 12 noon. In Canby turn on Ivy Street and cross the tracks, then turn left on First Street and go one block to Holly Street. Turn right on Holly and go about two miles. The Flower Farmer is on the right and there is lots of parking.

Wednesday July 16 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. we'll play on the stage at the Multnomah County Fair in Oaks Park at the east end of the Sellwood Bridge. This is always a fun one. Public invited. July 17, 18, 19 and 20 are the dates of the Mt. Hood Campout at Welches. This is always such a fun get together. Be sure to plan on this one.

On Saturday July 26 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. we'll play at the Oregon City Public Library at 362 Warner Milne Road in Oregon City. From Interstate 205 take exit 10 to Highway 213. Proceed about four miles up the hill to the light at Beaver Creek Road. Turn right onto Beaver Creek Road. Continue through two stoplights - second light is Molalla Avenue. Turn into the second driveway on the right (behind Danielson's store). The library is on the right at the far end of the building. You'll see theatres on your left. Public invited.

Friday September 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 we'll play at the Baptist Retirement Home at 1825 NE 108 in Portland. It's just off Halsey.

Saturday September 20 we need lots of fiddlers to jam at an outdoor wedding reception at Champoeg State Park from 1 - 4. It's at the Oak Grove Day Use Area #s 1, 2, and 3
Linda Easley for District 7

District 8

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The jam at Woodburn was a great success, even though some of our musicians were celebrating Mother's Day weekend in other ways. We had a very large audience and they enjoyed the program as much as those of us playing for them.

When the Phoenix RV park in Salem asked if a few fiddlers could entertain a visiting camping group, we accepted. Six musicians gave them 2 hours of foot stompin', hand clappin', sing along music. District 8 received a nice donation of \$300 for the effort. And it was fun too!

Another huge success this month was the annual OOTFA Fiddle Contest held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Over 70 fiddlers participated. Large audiences enjoyed Friday night and all day Saturday. Contestants who played included several of Amy (Thomas) Booher's students from District 8 and District 6. She teaches in Salem and Corvallis. Amy not only brought her students, she entered herself and won 1st place in Young Adult Division Her sister Angela Thomas placed 3rd in Young Adult. By the way, Amy's husband Clifton, is a cousin of the other Booher family.

Other District 8 contestants were: Seth Miller 6th place Pee Wee. Zach Konowalchuk 2nd place Junior. Kevin Kiker 6th Adult. Jim Hockenhill 3rd Senior. Alice Holt 5th Senior. Christine Lang 6th Senior. Lew Holt 2nd place Senior-Senior. Way to go everyone! It's great to have Les

and Peg Tucker back with us for the summer. Les did some backing up and entertaining at the contest.

Many, many, thanks go to a lot of others too. Fred Hardin did a great job of MCing the contest. And to those who worked setting up and taking down chairs, registering contestants, selling tickets, tapes and books and the many other jobs that keep things running smoothly. We heard many compliments on how our contest runs like a well oiled machine. That's because of you wonderful willing volunteers!

Congratulations to District 8 hammered dulcimer player, Dick Dery. Dick was named volunteer of the month at the Salem Senior Center. Dick teaches computer classes there. Dick is also one of our competent and dedicated runners at the contest each year. He must have walked and run at least 10 miles getting fiddlers to the stage for their rounds. Thanks for all you do, Dick!

Frank Geelan had surgery and is doing fine. In fact, we were told that he is doing "great" and is out and about. Keep on getting better, Frank.

Remember the District 8 picnic at Dennis Brutke's home on Saturday, June 7th. Bring a pot luck picnic dish and your instruments. What could be better than food, friends and fiddling? Here are the directions to Dennis's: From I-5 go through Salem, across the bridge in the right lane. Exit into West Salem -- go right - NE- through town. Keep going towards Hopewell -- between miles posts 12 and 13 turn west up the hill on Eola Rd. Almost at the top you'll see a sign pointing down the lane to Dennis's place. The Holts will have their cell phone on -- 503-559-2062.

Some of us will be taking the "short 5 hour drive" to Burns (that's the way Janet Brayman described it!) for the High Desert Fiddle Jamboree. And some will continue on the Weiser the following week.

Here's what's coming up:

July 11, 12, and 13 we are invited to play at Silver Creek Falls State Park. We will be allowed to camp free in Trailer Area B. No electric or water hookups, but there are restrooms, showers and a dump station nearby. The schedule isn't worked out yet, but we'll be playing several times on each of the three days. The park is located 26 miles east of Salem. More specific direction from Silverton and from Highway 22 next month.

August 7, Polk County Fair. August 14, Independence Airport Celebration. September 6, Falls City United Methodist Church. September 20-21, Covered Bridge Festival in Stayton. And farther into the future we see: October 18 in Manzanita, the 19th in Willamina. Nov. 15th, Dec. 20th, Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st. all at the McMinnville Senior Center

As many Oregon schools are considering dropping music programs, here's something to ponder. "Success in music – success in life. It's no accident."

Alice Holt, reporter District 8

District 9

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The musicians were out in full force for our May Mother's Day Jam at the Senior Center. We had 16 players counting out-of-town visitors Hugh Gallaher of Jerome, Idaho, Pat Reed of Boise and Annie Schlupe from Vale. Andrew Dunderdale opted not to play and spent his time checking out the sound system he'll be using at the Jamboree. Hope you are making plans to join us the 12th thru 14th of June. Those who come early will be playing each evening in the restaurants around town. Janet Brayman was home to make final plans.

Besides our faithful regulars some other guests attending were Jerry and Glenna Parker who just moved to the area and spent their first day enjoying the potluck and music. Bailey Johnson, an enthusiastic second grader, came to listen and wants to attend our jam sessions. We

look forward to helping her get started on the fiddle. Her father, Kevin, will be joining us to play guitar. Carole Hamilton, also from Jerome, Idaho, was back for a visit and a lady from Texas dropped in to listen.

We missed Joe Enneberg and Edie Koenig who were caught by the flu bug. Also, absent was the new banjo player, Chris Schauer, who has attended a couple of the Friday jams.

Marianne Andrews and Julia Milleson played a new Celtic tune :”The Arran Boat Song” which they learned at the May 3rd Scot’s Day workshop taught by Irene Goodnight of Bend. Brenda and Lise Otley, Edie Koenig and Bailey Johnson performed with them at the Scot’s Day program.

Ruel and Margaret Teague, Margaret’s cousin, Shammy Johnson, of Vale, Wayne and Rose Johnson and Annie Schlupe and Julia M. attended the great camp out at Silver Lake. "Hat Night” is such fun and those bands. . . !!!

Since our Aspen play date is the same as our Jamboree, it will probably be changed. I will call everyone when I find out the new time. Ashley Manor will be at 6:30, Monday, June 16th.

Ruel will be in Enterprise June 6th and 7th judging their contest but I assume we will be playing for the Lion’s Club “Fly In” on Saturday morning.

Hopefully Janet will be resuming her reporting job on her return from Portland. I’ve enjoyed the challenge. Many thanks to Walt Cooper for doing the e-mails for me.

Julia Milleson District 9 Reporter

District 10

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A big “HELLO” from District 10. Our May jam was held May 10th at the Winston Community Building, Winston. We enjoyed good music and refreshments [finger foods].

We are always happy to greet our guests, those represented were District 5, Shorty and Charlotte Dow; District 4, Ray and Dana Ezell and Ethel Holstin; District 6 Velora Williams and Lloyd and Esther Shriber; also a guest was Lenneatte Werlinger’s mother, Mary Jones. Visit us again soon.

New member welcomed was John Williams.

The family of Bruce, Lenneatte and Shannon Werlinger have welcomed by adoption a beautiful baby girl, Jaira Werlinger.

Some of our members will be attending the State Competition in Salem.

June birthdays are Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen, Goldie Colton and Darleen Smith. June anniversaries are Ed and Billie Doolittle and Dennis and Joyce Pickett. Congratulations to All. If I have missed anyone please contact me.

Our members who are ill are Ed Doolittle, at Rosehaven Nursing Home, Roseburg and Norm Colton who was ill for an extended time is now home.

June will be a jam only June 14th, 1 to 4 PM at the Winston Community Building, Winston, OR. There will be good music and finger foods. Guests are always welcome.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

ED SED: Well if you didn't make it to the State contest this year, you missed out on an outstanding two days. The twin fiddles had twenty couples. Wow! What talent the up and coming Pee Wees and Jrs -Jrs have which is not to take away from all of the other talented categories. They were all terrific and what a pleasure it was to watch and listen. The back up playing was the best you could ever ask for.

Last month I said that if you have been on the fence about competing for the first time, to consider coming and giving it a try because it's a good way to break the ice and say "I did it". Well, I took my own advice and thought "what do I have to lose?" The only exception was to compete against the talents of Willie Carter, Lew Holt, Pat Manion, Irene Ruddock and guess what? I came out in 5th place. It felt good to join Willie Carter who took first place in the OOTFA State Contest for the first time. My hat is off to you Willie and to each contestant in all of the categories. Thank you each contestant and back up player for your participation in this contest.

I visited with Amy (Thomas) Booher at the contest, as almost everyone has asked me which Booher she married. I asked Amy and she said "let's straighten this out for good." She said she married Clifton Booher, "cousin" of the musical Boothers. Amy lives in Salem and teaches fiddles lessons. So now we all know.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Starr McMullen, Lew Holt, Ace Wehus and Ken Cartwright for all of your hard work and efforts. Thanks to the contest committee and all of the volunteers for everything they did to make this contest so successful. Thank you Fred Hardin for an outstanding job as our MC. You are all greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that the State Quarterly Meeting will be held at the High Desert Jamboree in Burns at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2003. Hope to see everyone there.

Until next time, keep fiddlin',

Ed

Notes from the Editor: Our contest for 2003 is now behind us but certainly will never be forgotten. Some contestants have ribbons and trophies to remind them. Last evening as I worked on the Hoedowner, I listened to the first 3 CDs that Ken cut for me. They captured the sound of the contest so well -- as will the videos that Ace made. As Alice and I listened, we heard one of the finest renditions of "12th Street Rag" that you'll ever want to hear. We wondered who the fiddler was. When the tune was over, the emcee thanked eleven year old Alex Hargreaves. I think I read recently that Rudi Booher was twelve when he started. Alex is barely getting started and he plays so well (as does his little sister).

A moment during the contest captured me. As I was walking along the side of the audience on my way to the back of the stage, I heard some fiddling that made me stop. I wanted to know who the player was. It was Danita Hartz, one of our judges playing. Her playing was so beautiful that a surge of emotions filled my throat. What a beautiful moment that was. I look forward to again hearing her play on the CDs and the video that Ace took.

To make a list to thank people leaves one wide open. But I am going to stick my neck out and see if I can remember everybody. Marie Nelson sat for hours tallying the accompanists. Earline Ervin collected money from the Rvers. Bob was there to help when needed. Charlotte Hardin, Joan Allgood, Jeanne Hanson and maybe more sold tickets hour after hour. Darlene Bryant took over the registration and was helped by Jo Hockenhill and Joetta Chrissakis. Lloyd and Esther Shriber drove up from Eugene to run the jam Friday afternoon. Fred Hardin was on the stage for hours emceeing -- as only Fred can. Lavina Moore, Sean McMullen, Leslie Darland, Karen Willis worked faithfully in the judges' room. And what would we do without Erin McMullen (don't know her married name)!! Don O'Brien and his son and his wife came down to take care of the wires to the judges' room. Dale Colebank set up the speakers in the judges' room. And of course Howard and Lois Gabel who so faithfully sat in the judges' room running the stop watch -- timing each contestant. They have done that for many years. Chris Lang sold t-shirts and CDs. Irene Ruddock wrote many checks and had them on time. Oh, oh, better not forget Scott Phillips

and Dick Dery who herded each contestant to the stage. Irene Ruddock and others who set up the trophies. Ken Cartwright, bless him, furnished and ran the sound so well. Brian from the Blue Moon Cafe, isn't he great!! President Ed was there to help when needed. Ace's videos speak for them selves. We are fortunate to have Ace and his videos. An hour after the contest was over, you couldn't tell that we had been there. What a great bunch of workers who jumped in and made small work of cleaning up. You know, a week before the contest I was desperate for workers. At the contest I had people standing in line ready to help. I had to turn volunteers away. I must not forget the many members who contributed to the contest with their dollars that allowed this contest to happen. I was pleased to see Clarence Medack enjoying the contest. He has been one of our faithful supporters for many years.

We had 75 participants this year in the contest. They came from all over the state. We had the best community support we have ever had. We had the chairs filled Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and again that night. We took in several hundred dollars that we usually do. We had some good publicity. I talked to one lady who came from Coos Bay to enjoy the contest.

Thirty three of our sixty two (not counting the Twin) contestants were under the age of nineteen. In other words, over half of our participants were in the three divisions -- Pee Wee, Junior-Junior and Juniors. They out numbered the Young Adults, Adults, Seniors and Senior-Seniors by four. There are others but our biggest thanks go out to Peg Willis and Amy Booher for causing a lot of this to happen. Oregon is fortunate to have these ladies teaching future fiddlers. Another thing that amazes me is the commitment of the families of these young contestants. They are gone from home three or four days, spend two or three nights at a motel, eat out and fill the gas tank up several times. They are willing to spend hundreds of dollars to participate in the contest. I am so pleased that we are able to provide a quality contest and that they are willing to participate. Many have shared their appreciation for the contest to Starr and me. We wish we had a dollar for every compliment we received about the contest this last week end, we would be rich. But we are rich now because of all of your kind words about the contest. We appreciate ever one of you for telling us and by your emails.

When I asked for volunteers to type the many newspaper stories for OOTFA History, Vol 2, I never dreamed that I would have 25 volunteers typing and sending in the articles. We have close to 150 pages of text for the next book. Much of our material comes from the valley/Portland area. I know that out there, there must be scrapbooks of newspaper clippings that should be included. I would like to challenge those of you who have such material to either loan it to me for copying or you take it to a copy store and have copies made for me. There are people who are willing to type them for our next OOTFA history book. It is exciting.

Fran writes -- I'm looking for a stand-up Bass. If anyone has one they are willing to part with, they can call Ben (my husband) at 541-783-3478. Don't know how to play it (yet), but I do have a music major background - French Horn - which doesn't fit too well in OOTFA! Thanks . Fran.

Mt. Hood Campout It is not too early to be thinking about the Mt. Hood campout. It will be held July 17 - 20. Thursday - 17th Jamming. Friday - 18th Tunes at "2" at 10:00 AM and special music during the afternoon. Saturday - 19th Flat picking contest, Fiddle contest, Special music. Sunday - 20th Gospel Show. When you sign in be sure to say that you are with the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers to get the \$20 rate. The campout is at the Mt. Hood Village -- east of Sandy. More specific information and directions will be in the July 1st Hoedowner.

Contact Ace for videos. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144.

From the BMOTF -- Our Drift Fence Campout dates have been changed to August 8-9-10, 2003.. Charles Trump at 541-886-7885 -- cntrump@uwtc.net.

BMOTFA -- the 34th Fiddlers Contest is June 6-7 at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. Same info phone and E-mail.

Shasta Fiddle Camp July 27 - Aug. 1 Redding, Calif. Contact Elizabeth Johnson (530)246-2172
elizabethj@shastalink.k12.ca.us

High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree -- Diamond Lake Campout
July 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd 3rd and leave the 4th. Check with Irene Ruddock for more details. 541-
882-6418 or irene@cvc.net

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village
Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or you can buy them from Lew Holt.

Lew Holt, Editor

Thousand Trails

September 11, 12, 13

South of Bend, North of LaPine

Bob Ervin writes:

1. All musicians and members of OOTFA are encouraged to come and have fun.
2. Deadline for registration will be Aug. 15.
3. Checks should be made to 1000 Trails and mailed to the wagon master, Bob Ervin.
4. Prices for trailers, cottages and yurts remain the same as last year. RV spots have increased \$2.00 to \$21. Cottages are \$75/\$85. Yurts are \$65/\$75. Trailer rentals are \$50/\$55/\$60. (The prices vary with size and the night of the week.) 1000 Trails members receive a \$10 reduction in rates for yurts, trailers and cottages. RV spaces are free to 1000 Trails members.
5. The rentals go quickly so you better contact Bob Ervin -- give him a call if you have any questions.

Prorated dues for the rest of this year:

July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25
Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2004

Gynn Deaton writes: "Canyonville Contest: Lew Holt tells me what good luck he has getting volunteers for this and that and makes me jealous. I don't have one volunteer judge for the Canyonville Contest yet! I can't complain about volunteer donations though. " Many Thanks " to Bob & LoRay Hannah and to Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 for their generous contributions. And, "Many Thanks" to Bob Kaiser, Ila Mae Carmickle, Bob Heinith, and Mack McCasland for their donations of trophies to be re-cycled. And, I'm counting on my volunteer contest workers to be ready and willing for another go at it. You have been so faithful but I don't take you for granted.

Since we've lost so many of our fiddle friends, it is appropriate to honor them any way we can. Perhaps at the next meeting of those districts who have contributed to the contest, , three of your deceased members could be chosen to honor. Let me know and I will have "In Memory of _____" inscribed on the trophies above the donor district number.

Last year's contest was excellent with a good turn out of fiddlers and more kids than usual. We're hoping this will be the case for 2003 as well. Contest day will be Saturday, August 23rd but please come on down early. Pioneer Days activities begin on Thursday and on Friday, the fiddlers will entertain at Forest Glen Senior Center at 4:00 p.m. and on stage at Pioneer Park at 7:00. Camping in self-contained RV's will be allowed behind the gym and on the hill. I'll have more details in July's Hoedowner. For those contemplating coming down for the first time and

want more details now, call me at 541-839-4501, e-mail gynn@mcsi.net, or write to Gynn Deaton, P. O. Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417

Country Music Jamboree, June 12, 13, 14
Harney County Fairgrounds -- Burns, Oregon

Come on over to the wide open spaces of Eastern Oregon for a jammin' good time. Shows are scheduled for 1 and 7 PM each day on the Memorial Hall stage with pre-show jams 30 minutes prior. Friday night will feature dance bands while Saturday afternoon is a gospel jam. All other shows are sign-up jams. The sale barn stage features a youth jam on Friday afternoon and long sets Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Time has been set aside for electrified welcome jams as well. Groups, duos, or soloists may perform during the long sets and are available on a first come basis. Parking lot jams abound as well. Volunteers to work are always welcome too.

Workshops will be given by George Taevs on bass, Ruel Teague and Walt Cooper for beginning guitar and mandolin, Dave Barton on fiddle, Lynn Wilson for youth fiddle and Janet Braymen on hammer dulcimer. RV parking is \$12 for hookups and \$10 to dry camp. A food booth by Pat and Stacie Albertson will serve up breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. The weather may be fickle so bring an extra blanket. For local information call the Harney County Chamber of Commerce @ 541-573-2636. There are plenty of motels in the area. For jamboree specific information contact Janet @ 541-573-1323.

Early arrivals will find opportunities to jam in the local community, just let us know you are around and we'll get you to the right place!

Cheryl, if space is limited, chop each division to 3 places.

Oregon Old Time Fiddle Contest May 16 - 17, 2003
Chemeketa Community College
Salem, Oregon

Championship Division

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| 1 | Andy Shelton | Corvallis |
| 2 | Issac Calendar | LaGrande |
| 3 | Jeanine Orme | Beaverton |
| 4 | Willie Warwick | Williams |
| 5 | Donna Reuter | Hood River |

Senior - Senior Division

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| 1 | Willie Carter | Lebanon |
| 2 | Lew Holt | Salem |
| 3 | Pat Manion | Medford |
| 4 | Irene Ruddock | Klamath Falls |
| 5 | Ed Nelson | Bend |

Senior Division

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| 1 | Carol Ann Wheeler | Sherwood |
| 2 | Donna Foreman | Estacada |
| 3 | Jim Hockenhull | Sheridan |
| 4 | Judy McGarvey | Medford |
| 5 | Alice Holt | Salem |

Adult Division

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| 1 | Starr McMullen | Corvallis |
| 2 | Eileen Wiltner | West Linn |
| 3 | Bob Heinith | Portland |
| 4 | Maggie Dickerson | Milwaukie |
| 5 | Mark Phillips | Philomath |

Young Adult Division

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| 1 | Amy Booher | Salem |
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2 Daniel Forester Gaston
3 Angela Thomas Salem
4 Lacey Kay WilsonCove

Junior Division

1 Amberly Rosen Eugene
2 Zach Konowalchuk Newport
3 Bern Youngblood LaGrande
4 Marshall Baker Portland
5 Gretchen Spencer Bend

Junior - Junior Division

1 Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
2 Brian Shaylor Portland
3 Eric Jepsen Heppner
4 Alex Carlson Gaston
5 Seth Morgan Milwaukie

Pee Wee

1 Miya Saito-Beckman Bend
2 Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
3 Lia Ludham Portland
4 Joseph Haddock Pilot Rock
5 Julianne Carlson lone

Twin Fiddling Division

1 Isaac Calendar & Bern Youngblood LaGrande
2 Sophie Wilson & Becky Anderson Beaverton
3 Andy Shelton & Amy Booher Corvallis
4 Amberly Rosen & Julia Frantz Eugene
5 Marshall Baker & Greg Baker Portland

District 1 sent an excellent poster but there just isn't room for it. But here is the vital information: OOTFA Music Campout, July 3,4, & 5. Klamath River Country Estates RV Park. Hosted by District 1. Potluck and Bar-B-Que Saturday at 4:00 p.m. To make reservations for RV hookup, tent camping or small trailers, etc., call 1-530-475-3555. For more information call Faye at 1-541-798-5973 or Jo at 1-541-884-9852. Directions -- Take A-28 North from Montague to Klamath River Bridge, turn right and follow the fiddle signs. From Ashland - take I-5 to Hornbrook & Copco Rd, turn and follow the fiddle signs. We would like to have you come and join us.