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

July

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 5 VFW - Redmond 3
 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
 19 Senior Activity Center Coos Bay 5
 July 31, Aug 1- 4. Diamond Lake Campout

Aug.

2 VFW - Redmond 3
 2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 2 Picnic Lake Creek 4
 8, 9, 10 Drift Fence Campout BMOTFA
 13 Lane County Fair Eugene 6
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

6 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state
 2004

Oct.

4-5 Community Center Neskowin 8
 18 Community Building Manzaneta 7/8
 19 VFW Willamina 8
 19 Grange Crow 6

Nov.

15 Senior Center McMinnville 8
 22 Grange Crow 6

Dec.

7 Moose Lebanon 6
 20 Senior Center McMinnville 8

Feb.

7 Contest Gaston

District 1

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Happy 4th of July ! Hope you all had a fun and safe red, white and blue holiday! Those of us at the District #1 Klamath Estates campout celebrated in style. Read all the juicy details in the next newsletter. Hopefully, you all remembered that we did not hold our meeting on the 6th at Villa West Mobile Estates.

We've started playing again at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays. Our July dates are the 12th and the 26th. We'd love to have as many as possible show up. It's at the parking lot along 9th street, between Main and Klamath. We're on from 10 a.m. to about noon.

On July 19th, we are scheduled to play at Crystal Terrace for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Paul and Joyce King. Be there about 1:30 p.m.

At our June meeting, we enjoyed warm weather, cold drinks, and a small crowd early on. It took awhile before we had an equal number of musicians and dancers, and by then, it was a lively bunch. Guests included: Norm Fiock and his grandson Dale (who's taller than Norm!) playing several fiddle duets. Ike Isaacson was also back, leading us in another round of "Snowball" dance. During the dance, we all were entertained by Lu Wells doing her darndest to get Herman Vowel out of his chair to dance with her (he must have used super glue, 'cuz all she did was lengthen his arms!) Jo Harris had a purse scare, with several of us playing amateur detective, but it turned out to be just a case of mistaken identity. Whew!

The Anniversary wand waves in the direction of Tom & Bernice Oden this month. They celebrate on the 25th. The Birthday cake slices go out to: Fran Coker – 10th, Jim Lancaster – 15th, June Sandusky – 22nd, Bud Hughes – 25th, and Tom Oden – 25th. (Looks like Tom made it easy on himself by getting married on his birthday!)

Please welcome new associate member Catherine Knott. She's one of our regular dancers at the 2nd Sunday sessions.

In mid-June, a group of us played at the Sons of Norway get-together toward Chiloquin. We had good food and a great bonfire to keep the evening bugs at bay. Always a fun time.

That's about it for now. Keep those smiles turned upwards, and those fingers a-fiddling!
From your District #1 Field Reporter – Fran Coker.

District 1E

Chairman: Shorty Stone

Co-Chairman: Alan Bell

Treasurer/Sec: Sharilyn McLain

Membership: Bev Perry

"Summertime..."..and the living is easy." Well, that fella obviously wasn't an oldtime fiddler. We have quite a line-up of "gigs" in the next few weeks, and we probably don't have to add the phrase "weather permitting." June 24th, July 8th and 22nd we play our usual performance at the long term care facility in Lakeview. July 5th is the monthly jam at the Memorial hall in Lakeview. Potluck starts at 6:30, music to follow. July 14th is the district 1e business meeting, now being held(our thanks to Perry Forga)at the senior center....in, where else? beautiful downtown Lakeview. July 20th we play for the New Pine Creek BBQ from 1 to 4. Also coming up is an appearance at the Mosquito Festival in Paisley from 11:30 -3:30. Whew!!! I'm needin' a glass of ice tea just thinkin' about it.

Helping us out with all of this are our new officers. Beginning July 1st, Chairman is Shorty Stone, Co -Chair is Alan Bell and Secretary/Treasurer- Sharilyn McLain. Also, Membership will be handled by Bev Perry, Reporter is Eileen McLain and Historian will be Mary Cathcart.

July birthdays include Perry Forga-9th, Doug McLain-12th, Elaine Hampton-16th, Donna Lynch-29th and John Berutti also the 29th.

Th.. th .. th.. that's all folks.

*A wrong note played timidly is a wrong note. A wrong note played with authority is an interpretation !!!!!

Eileen McLain, Reporters District 1E

District 3

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District 3 would like to wish all who are Fathers "Happy Fathers Day" on June 15th.

Our May 5th VFW show had a big crowd and lots of dancers. YEAH!

Next VFW show is July 6th. There will be a meeting to follow so we encourage all members to be present.

Redmond Library Jams are July 15th Tuesday, August 19th Tuesday at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. So come and join us and have some fun.

High Desert Jamboree in Burns was alot of fun. Great place to learn new songs and meet new musicians and friends. Thanks Burns High Desert Fiddlers for all the fun and all the effort .

On July 26th on Saturday District 3 will do their usual Crooked River Campout. Breakfast in a.m. and potluck in the p.m. Bring your instruments and lets play some music. YEAH! The arrangements of times etc. will be discussed at the member meeting after the next VFW show in July.

Visitors at VFW are ; Miya Saito-Beckman 8 yr old girl who can really play that fiddle. Dave Gueter who plays the fiddle and does a great job too and his wife, Kay, from Bend. Welcome and thank you for coming.

District #3 will keep all who are sick in our prayers and wish fast recovery and May God Bless You.

District #3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Fiddle Music.

Hope everyone is enjoying there summer!!!

Ellen Jakab, District 3 Reporter

District 4

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Well, since spring was on a Tuesday this year, we now have full fledged summer hot weather in the triple digits! The fans and swamp cooler helped a lot at the Roxy Ann Grange, but sweat was the order of the day. You know what they say, "Don't pet the sweaty things." – or is it

“Don’t sweat the petty things.”? Whatever . . . As usual there was lots of good music, a good crowd, and enthusiastic dancers and listeners staying until we got tired of playing.

At our meeting a cake was presented to Pat Manion in appreciation of his stint as chairman of the district for the last 2 years. It was beautifully decorated in the OOTFA colors of bright yellow and dark blue. Pat discovered, though, that his finger swipe of the blue frosting did not go unnoticed – his tongue was bright blue for quite a while! T’was tasty! Many thanks, Pat, for a job well done!

We mourn the passing of our member Ira “Bud” Kilgore. Bud made our wonderful District 4 sandwich board that advertises our presence at the jams. He also was the official whistle for train songs. His ready smile and funny jokes will be missed. A certificate and contribution to the State Contest were made in his name. Our sympathy to his wife Frieda and the family.

Visitors included Lee and Richard Ferguson’s son , Junior, from Eugene, and Mary Munson who came with Patty and Burt Davis. It was good to see Olive Davis back playing her swinging tunes – it’s been a while.

Don Lindsey has sold his house and will be moving soon to a house near his daughter. The good news, though, is that he is still close by and hopes to have the same phone number.

County budget cuts have curtailed some of our usual summer gigs, but we seem to get more to fill in the blanks. A partial schedule was handed out at the meeting, and we will let you know as we get more. We had 94 community service hours for May. It’s nice to have Mary English and Lindsey Gasik joining us at some of the nursing homes and senior centers now that school is out!

Several from our district will have gone to Burns, and some to Weiser, so we will have to hear their reports next month, as this goes to print before we get back. Hope to see lots of you folks there!

Remember: Life is not a spectator sport! Only those who risk going too far will ever know how far they can go.

Schedule for jams:

July 5 --Rogue River Community Center, Rogue River. Aug 2 -- Picnic, Lake Creek. Sep 6 -- Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

District 5

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July 12 Smelt Fry Yachats and July 19 Senior Activity Center in Coos Bay.

July is here already and our new officers have taken their offices. Congratulations one and all and we wish each one of you a very successful year ahead.

Clirca wishes to thank Charlie for appointing her to be his program director for the past two years. She has enjoyed doing it for him and just knowing he had faith in her, that she would do a good job, has touched her deeply. She has met a lot of nice people and enjoyed the job very much. Clirca also gives thanks to all the musicians for being so willing to play when she needed them and to everyone who gave their helping hands in so many different ways. You are all great and she will never forget you.

Charlie I would also like to thank you for asking me to be your reporter for the past two years. It has been a real joy working under your leadership.

The High Desert Jamboree is over and District 5 was well represented at this event.

Attending were Lloyd & Jean Dunn, Larry & Sharon Gallagher, Lew & Colleen Hodges, Shorty &

Charlotte Dow, Hal & Karen Weiner, Ella Savery and Harold Householder. They send many "THANKS" to the High Desert Fiddlers for such a wonderful time.

Among the "Thank You Notes" is one from Rose Johnson & family.. "We wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us at the time of Pat Kraemer's death. Thank you for the cards, flowers, food and donations to Pat's church, The Diabetes Association and to Larry Gallagher for his donation of blood to the blood bank. We wish to thank all of you for your love and support."

We were all sadden to hear of the death of another of our members. Del Thomas passed away in Coos Bay on June 7. He was a great mandolin player and a mighty nice man. He will be missed by all of us and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Clara and the family. A Memorial Service is planned and is listed below.

On July 19 our meeting, to be held at the Bay Area Senior Center, and is scheduled for 10:30 am. After the meeting a Memorial Service for Del will follow. The service will be lead by Norm Nash. We will have a potluck at noon. We are asking everyone to bring large servings to accommodate Del's family and friends who will be there for the services and joining us for lunch.

On July 3rd we will be playing at the Mill Casino from 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. . We will take a break and play again from 5:15-6 p.m. the same evening. We hope we have a good turn out for this "Independence Day" celebration. (Yes, July 3 is the correct Date just in case anyone is wandering !) Our Bullard's Beach State Park shows will be July 11 & 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. On July 12 we will be in Yachats for their famous Smelt Fry from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Ken hopes other districts will join us for this event ! On Sat. July 26 we will be playing at Naco West in Florence from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. It would be nice if everyone could be at our shows a little early so that we could start on time.

Welcome to our new members Jim Little, June Borges and spouse, Jack Clark. All three members are reside in Florence.

Happy Birthday to Paul Kidwell July 1, Darin Hasley & Jack Longnecker the 6th, Nancy Davis -7th, Phyllis Larson-8th, Bill Byrd-10th, Doris Johnson & Alice Dubisar-20th, Bob Shaffar-22nd. Sharon Gallagher & Clirca Miller-23rd, Susan Barrows-26th, and Alex Sylvester 31st. May you all have many, many more.

Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to Byron & Carol Marks-1st, Cecil & Lucille Davidson-8th and Wally & Jean Holden-25th.

This is my last report and I would like to thank everyone who have sent me information for the articles I have written for the past two years. Your help has been greatly appreciated. Without your help some articles would have been short but, sweet. Also to Lew Holt for being so patient and understanding about my little E-mail Station and why I would have to send him 2 or 3 pages at a time for each article. (My machine only prints about 50 short lines at a time) And a thank you also to my husband who at times had to fix dinner while I got my news out.

I pray all of you have a Safe and Happy 4th of July. Please drive safely.

Our district just received word from District 10 about the death of Dennis Pickett and we send our deepest sympathy to Joyce and her family.

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter-District 5

District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle

Co-Chair: Oral Robbins

Secretary: Betty Hawkins 541-746-5579

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Where was everybody? The May 25 jam Oakridge jam organized by Bob Strelow was underattended in the extreme. Present were Mark Ratzlaff, Bob Strelow, Joe Moyle, Earl Knudsen, Ruth and Cal Montgomery, and Esther and Lloyd Shriber. The upside was: everyone got to play a lot! There was a pretty good -- and enthusiastic -- audience, and plenty of food. Red Herndon, by the way, had nothing to do with this jam (and glad of it!), contrary to last month's Hoedowner.

Another Oakridge jam is coming up on Saturday, July 12, starting at 11:00 a.m., and continuing until we get tired. The jam is part of the "150th Anniversary of the Lost Wagon Train" festival. 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. The jam will be located in a field across from the A&W/Subway, on the left about half-way through town. We hope people from other districts will attend. Both Bob Strelow and the town of Oakridge have put a lot of effort into organizing this event --- so let's have a good turnout!

Red Herndon is holding another of this Jasper Grange jams on Sunday, July 20. Past jams have been well attended, and fun. This is not an OOTFA jam; electrified instruments are permitted. The jam begins at around 10:30 a.m.; food will be provided by the Grange ladies.

The August 2 District 5/6 jam is off.

The annual Lane County Fair gig is 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 (morning), and at the BiMart Activity Stage (afternoon). People from other districts are welcome. Admission will be by pass at the gate next to the Historical Museum; someone will be there to hand out the passes. Parking will be free, but it is best to get there early to avoid a long walk.

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.

Health Notes. Best wishes to Bob Kaiser, who is recovering from surgery; to Helen Tracy, who has had laser eye surgery; and to Joyce Herndon who has had minor surgery.

Happy birthday to: Floyd Frazier, 7/3; Samantha Dobson, 7/11; Emily Moyle, 7/11; Clarence Larson 7/18; and Esther Shriber 7/28.

Happy anniversary to: Bernie and Marie Roberts, 7/18/80; and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, 7/29/89.

Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

District 7

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Our Estacada Jam had about 35 musicians there, everyone doing their best and having a marvelous time. Les and Peg Tucker are back in country and have bought a house in Woodburn. We're sure glad they are back.

The Campout at Mt. Hood Village is coming up quickly. Let's everyone go up and enjoy the music and the company. It's always a fun time.

Wayne Holmes has not been well. He now appears to be improving, albeit very slowly. He's not ready for phone calls but cards of best wishes and encouragement are very helpful. Ann

Williams in Vancouver is fully involved in hospice care now. She won't have any more chemo. Thoughtful expressions of care and concern are very encouraging and much appreciated.

Ida Colby is all recovered from her recent hospitalization. As she says herself "I thought I did pretty good for an old battle-ax!" She is building up her stamina and playing as much as possible.

We've got lots of opportunities to play our music coming up. Put them on your calendars and plan to be there. Saturday, July 5 we're invited to play at the Canby Flower Farmer Chicken and Oyster Barbecue from 12 noon until 2 p.m. 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 to 2512 N Holly Street. The Flower Farmer is on the right and there is lots of parking. They will provide the sound system.

Saturday July 12 the Marquis Hope Village at 1577 South Ivy Street in Canby needs players from 1 to 3 to entertain at the Car Show and Barbecue. We'll play outside under cover like last year. It's around the back of the complex. I'll bring my little sound system. Sunday July 13 at the Hoffman Family Farm and Garden in Canby at 6815 South Knights Bridge Road. They want us to play for a Tractor Pull from 2:30 to 4:00. Go south from Portland on 99E to Barlow. Turn right onto Barlow Road and go for a ways then turn left onto Knights Bridge Road. The Hoffman Farm is the second place on the right at the big blue barn. I'll bring my sound system.

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. Parking is free. It helps to tell someone that you are playing with the fiddlers and need to be close to the Looping Thunder Ride, like last year.

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.

Thursday July 24 from 1 – 2. We'll play at the Marie Smith Adult Day Care Center at 4616 North Albina in Portland. There is plenty of on-street parking. (Please don't park directly in front of the building.) This is the first time we have played here so let's make it good!

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 up the hill about four miles 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.

Saturday August 16 The annual Bob Bash Potluck, the celebration of Bob Huffman's birthday, will be at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's from 1 p.m. to whenever it ends. Their address is 35795 SE Snuffin Road out of Estacada. Going South on I-205, take exit 12A Clackamas/Estacada Hwy 212/224. At the junction take Hwy 224 toward Estacada. Continue on Hwy 224 through Carver and on through Barton and on through the blinking yellow light at the Jackpot and on to SE Heiple Road. Turn left on SE Heiple and go .4 mile to the stop sign. Turn right onto SE Eagle Creek Road. Go .5 mile and turn left onto SE Duus. Go 2.5 miles to the stop sign. Turn right onto SE Currin Road, go 500 feet. Turn left onto SE Snuffin Road. Turn left into the second driveway.

Friday August 22 from 4 o'clock until dusk, we'll play and eat at the Community Picnic at the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church at 31121 SE Eagle Cliff Lane in Eagle Creek. (THIS IS A CORRECTED ADDRESS.) From Portland take I-205 to exit 12-A. Go toward Estacada on Highway 224 for some miles. At the Chevron Station by the Philip Foster Farms, turn left onto Highway 211, then turn right onto Eagle Creek Road. Go a ways over the creek and come up the hill. On your left will be a sign for the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church, turn in and follow the gravel road to the church parking.

Saturday September 6 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. we'll play at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton for their Hamburger Feed Fundraiser. It's at 5550 SW Hall Blvd. Beaverton. It's west on Highway 26, south on 217, right on Allen, right onto Hall Boulevard to 12th street. The center is on the right.

Wednesday September 10 in the afternoon, pencil in playing for the 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Alzheimer's Support Group at Trinity Episcopal Church at 147 NW 19th in Portland. Times and more precise directions to follow .

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 three blocks north of Halsey Street.

Saturday September 20 we will need lots of fiddlers to jam at an outdoor wedding reception at Champoeg State Park from 1 – 4 p.m. It's at the Oak Grove Day Use Area #s 1, 2, and 3. Particulars to follow.

Mt. Hood Classes: Chuck is willing to teach his bass class on Friday or Saturday, as time allows (bring your basses) Friday Myrt @10 Tune. Saturday 9a.m. -- Jim Hockenhull's style .

Friday 3-5 small-diverse-group scheduled entertainment (reword!)

Saturday: 10 Flat Picking Contest. 1:30 Fun Fiddle Contest: practice your two best tunes to bring, especially if you have no intention of ever joining a real contest. (a no-stress event!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Linda Easley for District 7

District 8

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Our picnic at Dennis Brutke's home was a perfect day in a perfect setting. It was a hot day, but the huge maple trees provided all the shade we needed. We were pleased to have Lloyd and Esther Shriber from District 6, and Jeff Walter from District 7. Seven had another gig the same day, so we missed the rest of you. It's good to see Frank Geelan out and about and fit as a fiddle. In his case it's fit as a harmonica. Did you know Frank was a barnstorming pilot in his younger days? Some people had a bit of trouble finding the place. We hope no one is still out there driving around! (A note from Lew -- I wrote the directions last month - - and I didn't do well, at all. I promise to do better next time.)

It's been a time to travel for some of our members. Jo Hockenhull spent some time in Chicago. Jim did fine being a bachelor and caring for the garden and the cats. Ruth and Lee Jones took an Alaska Cruise Ship trip. They had beautiful weather and a wonderful time. Holts went to Seattle for the Northwest Folklife Festival, where we saw quite a few OOTFA members.

We learned about 3 weeks ago that Marie Church has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She passed away June 17. There were no services. We'll miss her, as we still miss Bob and his guitar and vocals.

We send good wishes to Lee Jones who had a heart attack on June 12 and spent 2 days in the hospital. He's feeling okay now. Take it easy Lee!

A group from both districts 7 and 8, played for two elementary schools in McMinnville on May 28th. Parent groups gave us \$75 for each of the schools. They said for lunch and travel expenses, but we opted to give it to our districts, so 7 and 8 each got a check for \$75. A group of about 20 fifth graders at one school are learning chords on ukuleles. We played several of the tunes they have learned so they could play along. Fun for all of us. The schools learned about the fiddlers through tapes Ace Wehus sent to their school libraries. Ace took video again, and sent tapes of our performance to each of the two schools. Ace has sent tapes of OOTFA shows to every public school and city library in the state. Check your library if you need some fiddle music.

July 11 through 13, we are invited to play at Silver Falls State Park. We can camp free. We played there last summer and it was lots of fun. The park is 26 miles east of Salem. (Lew here again: Check your map -- go to Silverton and there will be signs down town directing you to the falls. Or going out highway 22 east of Salem, take exit 14 (I believe it is), there is a sign pointing you to Silver Falls.) We would be glad to have you join us.

Or if you prefer to go to the coast, the Smelt Fry at Yachats is Saturday July 12th. District 5 is doing the Smelt Fry Jam this year. They would welcome anyone who would like to play there. The audience there is always large and appreciative. And you "smelt overs" can enjoy a nice meal.

Here are some future dates to mark on your calendars. We will play at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall on Thursday, August 7th and the Independence Airport Celebration on August 14th. More details on these next month.

September 6th we'll play again for the Falls City United Methodist Church picnic. The members and the community are restoring the old building. It's a classic 100 plus year old church. September 20th and 21st we'll play at the Stayton Covered Bridge Festival.

October 4th and 5th we're invited to play for the Neskowin Valley School Harvest Festival. This is another chance to go to the coast. There will be RV spaces available.

As Garrison Keillor says, "Be well. Do good work".

Alice Holt, reporter

FUN campout with free parking for fiddlers, (dry camp but water close by and dump station available) The park officials and city planners hope folks from all over the state will come and help them with this event. It's an easy schedule for us to meet. Play times:

Friday, July 11 - arrive, set up and jam

Sat. July 12 - Fiddlers, 12-1 and 3-4

Sun; July 13 - Fiddlers, Gospel show 10 A.M.-11 A.M.

Regular program 1:30-2:30 and again at 4:30-5:30.

They plan a "Thank you to volunteers" BBQ Saturday nite with potluck and Watermelon feed on Sunday night. The music, by their request, is confined to songs from 1889-1929 (no problem for us, right?) When told that we all like to jam at our campsites, they moved the BBQ and Watermelon feed to our campgrounds so they could all enjoy the music!! Plan to include this fun event on your way to Mt. Hood the following weekend. Hope to see many of you there. Could you please RSVP to Dale Colebank if you can make it as they would like a general estimate of how many sites we might need.

District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Walt Cooper

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Greetings from District 9

It's been a whirlwind of activity since my last report. Thanks to Julia Milleson for standing in while the I was out of the community. In June we played for the Lion's Club Fly-in beginning at 7 a.m. for a couple of hours. Folks enjoyed the music very much and it was a lovely morning to be out and about.

Congratulations to Julia Milleson for a 3rd place finish at the fiddle contest in Enterprise. I believe this only Julia's second attempt at contesting and she is doing quite well on the fiddle. Ruel Teague was also at Enterprise but was on the working end of the deal as he participated as a judge.

A recent Friday night jam found John Borelli of Drewsey present with his mandolin. We hope he can make it back every so often now that he has found us.

The High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree was a rousing success. Everyone was all smiles and laughter. One fellow was reported to comment, "with music and food what more could you want!" Thanks to all who trekked over to participate whether it was to play or to listen or to work. Lloyd and Esther Schriber deserve a particular mention as they put many hours of effort into signing folks up and MC'ing. District 9 and the High Desert Fiddlers do appreciate each and everyone of you who support this event. Thank you.

Virginia Coble has been struggling with health issues. We hope she is on her feet again real soon.

Cactus Smyth was honored as the Pioneer President at Harney County's Pioneer Day in June. Cactus has attended our Sunday jams for many years as he loves to dance. It is quite an honor to be selected Pioneer President so be sure to congratulate Cactus next time you see him.

Play dates for July include the Aspens at 7 p.m. on Friday, the 11th and Ashley Manor at 6:30 p.m. on Monday the 21st. Please take time to play for the folks as they do enjoy it so.
Janet Braymen Reporter District 9

District 10

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Secretary: Flo Sangsland (541-863-6864)

Greetings from district 10. This has been a busy summer. With members visiting and playing at various engagements, others attended the quarterly meeting in Burns.

Our guests for our June meeting were Ray and Dana Ezell from district 4.

Ed Doolittle is still at Rose Haven Nursing Home , Roseburg. Tracy Smith has been in the hospital several times.

We have just received word Dennis Pickett passed away in a Portland hospital today June 18, 2003. Dennis will be missed by all the Old Time Fiddlers and all the people who knew him and enjoyed his music also all his students. Dennis will always be remembered for his teaching the young people to play and appreciate Old Time music. We all extend our condolences and prayers to Joyce and the Pickett family.

July birthdays are Lenora Waggoner, Ellen Smith and Amanda Kobel "Happy Birthday to All."

Our July meeting will be July 12th at Winston Community Center. We will have a business meeting at 11 AM, followed by a potluck at noon. And a jam 1 PM to 4 PM.

We will be playing at the Douglas County Fair in August. We will be having a jam August 9th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Winston Community Center.

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ED SED: By the time this comes out in print, I will have started the second term as your President. I wish to thank everyone for your support, thoughts and suggestions. After all, this is what makes things tick. In June, I appointed Starr McMullen, Lew Holt, Donna Reuter, Judy McGarvey and Eileen Witler to the State Contest Committee. Last month I failed to mention that Pat Manion is on the Constitution and By-laws Review Committee. My apologies Pat. Dale Colebank has replaced Don Hanna on the Contest Rules Committee. Thanks Don for your participation.

We sure had fun at the High Desert Jamboree in Burns. Lots of good music, mosquitoes, visiting, more mosquitoes and jamming. Thank you again High Desert Fiddlers for giving us the time for our Quarterly meeting.

Good luck to all the contestants who ventured on to Weiser to compete and/or listen.

What a busy summer we all have ahead of us. July is especially busy starting with the District 1 Campout and B-B-Q by the Klamath River at Hornbrook, Ca. on July 3, 4, & 5. Dist. 8 has a Campout and event planned for July 11, 12 & 13 at Silver Falls State Park. Dist. 7 hosts the Mt. Hood Campout on July 17, 18 & 19 and then on July 31 to Aug. 4 is the Diamond Lake campout hosted by Jerry & Irene Ruddock. And then the special campout at the Warwick's later in August. All of these campouts are in beautiful settings. If you have never been to one of these campouts, we hope to see you there. Two contests coming up, too, August 2nd at the Benton Country Fairgrounds in Corvallis and then on August 23rd in Canyonville. Something for everyone.

Watch the Hoedowner for all the upcoming functions. Rumor has it that the Scarlet Ladies are coming back to Thousand Trails again this year. Way to go ladies.

Congratulations to all of the new officers for the coming year.

Until next time, keep fiddling,

Ed, President -- Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

Notes from the Editor: Last month I bought 51 used videos at a garage sale. They were nothing important -- just movies and a variety things that I wouldn't watch, even if you paid me. But for a dime they work well to make copies of our fiddle music. Thanks to Ace and my own recording, I have hundreds of videos of fiddle jams/shows/contests. (Most of them by Ace.) I only hope that someday they won't be sold at a garage sale for a dime each but rather, they stay in the archives of OOTFA and serve to perpetuate the memory of our players and their music. And many of you have videos and tapes tucked away, too.

I can't help but reflect for a moment. As Alice and I sat in an audience of perhaps 300 or more people in Seattle last month listening to Hanneke Cassel play, we were proud of Hanneke. She was the Oregon Champion in 1996. Hanneke has graduated from college back in Boston and is now playing her fiddle all over the U.S. We are proud of this "young lady" from Port Orford. So are her mother and father. Later during the Folk Life Festival we sat watching the dancers and noticed that Amberly Rosen was playing with a group for the hundred or more couples dancing. Amberly is a champion fiddler, plays in an orchestra, dances, many other activities and a strait A student. Hollis Taylor, former Oregon Champion writes for Strings and Fiddler Magazine, lives in Australia and does great things with her fiddling. Laura Weber played in Nashville. Joey McKenzie makes his living with music in Texas. Rudi Booher judged this week in Weiser. Donna Reuter judged this week in Weiser. Starr McMullen judged a contest this month in Oklahoma. And the list goes on. Justin Booher and Casey Willis have gone on to do great things with their music. I hope you feel as proud of all of these champions as I do.

While I was at Burns, I heard on NPR that the Boothers were going to be on the Garrison Keillor show Saturday afternoon in Bend so I left the hall, went to our RV and tape recorded the two hour show -- going back every 45 minutes to turn the tape. I was able to listen to it later. Meriwyn Booher, former state champion played with others of the family.

"The Scarlet Ladies will be performing again at Thousand Trails. All the ladies are welcome to join in. Bring your red hats, purple outfits, imaginations & be willing to have fun. We will meet at Thousand Trails to finalize our plans".

Time to make our plans for the Mt. Hood campout. It will be held July 17 - 20. 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 Campgrounds -- between Sandy and Welches.

From Downtown Portland:

- * Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16 (Wood Village, Gresham, Mt Hood).
- * Keeping right (you'll be going south), go about 6 miles, turn Left (east) onto Burnside St. Burnside turns into Highway 26 East in about 1 mile.
- * Take Highway 26 through the town of Sandy. About 15 miles East of Sandy, you will see the Mt. Hood Village sign on your right.

From Salem, Oregon and points south:

- * Take Interstate 5 North to Interstate 205 to Hwy 212 exit; stay on 212 until it intersects with Hwy 26; bear right (east) to the Sandy.
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From Seattle, Washington and points north:

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

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.

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.

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.

Thousand Trails

September 12, 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 -- or give him a call if you have any questions. More details later this summer.

Myrtle Arnold has asked me to remind the membership chairmen to use the following 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

I want to dedicate this month's Hoedowner to the back up that are always there to help us at jams and at the contest. Compiling the state contest results I find that Frank Moore backed 52 contestants -- multiply that by 3 plus practice, that comes to about 200 tunes. Pete Willis -- 51 times. Rod Anderson 44 times, Chuck Gates 27 times, Peg Willis 21 times, Pat Gates 20 times and then there were many others, too, backing up contestants.

New members

1. Robert Bergstrom--Keizer
2. Jamie Carlson---Klamath Falls
3. Mike & Robin Jones--- Heppner
4. Catherine Knott-- Klamath Falls
5. William (John) & Velma Odust---Yoncalla
6. Harry & Leanna Robins---Silver Lake

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

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

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Lew,

Thanks to you for all of your's and Starr's hard work before, during, and after the contest - your effort is recognized and much appreciated.

I am very happy with the outcome of the contest this year, for myself and all that were related and connected to me in some way. The students I had in the contest all had a good time and walked away with a positive experience, even if they didn't win. The classic example of this was the 3 gentlemen I teach who got 5th, 6th, & 7th in the adult division. they were so nervous, excited, and enthusiastic about the whole thing, I couldn't help but be so proud of them. They had a great time, and have already expressed their desire to improve before next year! even though I did have 5-6 students who pulled out right before the contest, I was glad to see them all there observing and soaking it all up. And thanks again for giving me the opportunity to give out the free tickets. I saw many of the folks that I gave them to, and some of them even came both days!

Since Monday, I have had phone calls and emails from 4-5 people who are ready to get their kids started up... that is such a good feeling. The contest was a little overwhelming for me in the sense that I am not used to having so many people trying to talk to me and get my number, asking questions, etc. but at the same time I was so happy that they were all having a great time.

Bravo Lew and Starr, on a contest well-organized and smoothly executed.

Regards,

Amy Thomas Booher

Canyonville Contest: Registration from 9:00 a.m.-Noon on Saturday, August 23rd for a 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 Middle School on Main Street. Free camping in self-contained RV's allowed on the grounds above and behind the gym.

Entry Fees: PeeWee (0-8 years of age) \$1.00; Junior-Junior (Age 9 thru 12) \$1.00; Junior (Age 13-thru 17) \$2.00; Senior (Age 60 thru 69) \$3.00; Senior-Senior (Age 70 and older) \$3.00; Intermediate (No age restriction. Any fiddler who has NOT placed in top 20 at Weiser and who has NOT placed in 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 contestants at 12:00 Noon before the contest begins. All those placing in the top 5 of each division will receive a trophy plus a cash prize as shown below:

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

On Friday, August 22nd, Alice Holt will be contacting people to play at Forest Glen Retirement Home (at 4:00 p.m.). See Lew Holt to sign up for a fiddler's jam on stage at Pioneer Park Friday evening at 7:00.

We had an excellent contest last year in all divisions. Let's make this another good one. Thanks. Gynn Deaton

Warwick's campout: Dear family and friends. Just a reminder that the campout will go on as scheduled with lots of socializing and playing music. It was Mom's wish that the music go on. It won't be the same without her but as we have noted before, every year is different. As always it will take place the last two weeks of August. That means we will start Friday, the 15th. On

Sunday, the 24th, we will have the memorial for Mom and also, as it turns out, for her life long friend , Hattie Hall. We will have a potluck following the service which will include music and remembrances from you. Dad has been mowing the grounds is in good spirits. Until then, stay well as we are looking forward to seeing you all. Karen Warwick

Alice and I are leaving for Minnesota on July 15 to attend a Hardanger Fiddle Association of American convention. So, my dear reporters and others, I need your news by the 14th (Sunday evening would be even better) -- so I can scratch together a Hoedowner that evening. We won't leave Minnesota to come home until the 28th -- so it would be too late then. Thanks everybody.

Lew Holt, Editor (It is late on the evening of the 20th, Alice has gone to bed and I must send the Hoedowner off -- so the errors are mine.)