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

Aug.

2 VFW - Redmond 3  
 2 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis  
 2 Picnic Lake Creek 4  
 7 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8  
 7-9 Grant County Fair 9  
 8 Relay for Life Gresham 7  
 8, 9, 10 Drift Fence Campout BMOTFA  
 13 Lane County Fair Eugene 6  
 13 Clackamas County Fair Canby 7  
 16 Senior Center Coos Bay 5  
 19 Jam Mt. Angel 8  
 22 Foursquare Church Eagle Creek 7  
 23 Pioneer Days Contest Canyonville

Sep.

6 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4  
 6 Methodist Church Falls City  
 20-21 Covered Bridge Festival Stayton 8  
 11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state  
 13 State quarterly meeting Thousand Trails

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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

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District 1

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No news

From your District #1 Field Reporter – Fran Coker.

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District 1E

Chairman: Shorty Stone  
Co-Chairman: Alan Bell  
Treasurer/Sec: Sharilyn McLain  
Membership: Bev Perry

I heard that Homer McLain had surgery for a brain tumor and that everything went well. We wish him well and a quick recovery. (Lew)

Eileen McLain, Reporters District 1E

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District 3

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No news

Ellen Jakab, District 3 Reporter

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Another beautiful day in the Rogue Valley welcomed us at the Rogue River Community Center for our July jam and meeting. Our new officers were installed, and many thanks were given to the outgoing officers and others whose service has been invaluable to our district. A new addition is the appointing of Bob and Marcia Zeller as parliamentarians – and we've already given them a workout! It's a combined effort, and each of us has a part to do. Are you contributing as much as you can?

We had lots of music and lots of audience, too. It was good to have Merle and Paula Pasley back. He played a great "Little Green Valley" and she sang her renowned "Let's Chase Each Other 'round the Room Tonite". Don Maddox entertained with his "Orange Blossom Special", and many others played their special brand of music. Rogue River was ROCKIN'!

We were reminded that our "gate" at the jams does not pay our way, but the "gigs" by the many musicians are what keep our treasury afloat. We had 94 community service hours last month – some are paid, some are not, but all help to bring us out before the public and make us known. (The word "famous" came to mind, but t'was a little pretentious!) By the time you read this we have already played at the Jackson County Fair and the Family Night in the Park in Central Point, as well as our usual monthly places. We played for the Civil War reenactment at Lake Creek, and also provided the music when they taught the Virginia Reel and circle dances. Boy,

our hands get tired playing the tunes over and over, but there was a goodly bunch smilin' and dancin'!

Maps were handed out for the location of the picnic August 2 at Lake Creek. Other gigs were announced – let Gene know whenever you are available to play. Visitors included Libbey Knight from Medford, and Ernie Penry from Klamath Falls. Cecil James, one of our faithful dancers, broke his ankle in several places and is recovering at the Medford Rehabilitation center.

It was fun to have Jerry and Irene Ruddock join us at the Jacksonville Senior Center and Three Fountains Nursing Home. It's also great to have Cindy McDonald taking a break from her teaching job and playing at more of our locations. We always welcome more musicians.

Don Lindsey got moved into his new home near his daughter. His big living room looks just the right size to have a jam!

Mary English and her parents Nancy and Marv are going to the Booher Fiddle Camp the first week of August. Can't wait to hear them when they get back!. Lindsey Gasik went to a violin/fiddle workshop in Ashland – she said it was fun and she learned several new tunes. Maybe they can teach us all a thing or two.

We wish you all well as you head out or return from summer trips. If you come through District 4, stop in and play – we love it!

Remember: A smile is a crooked line that puts everything straight!

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

Jam Schedule: August 2: District Picnic, Lake Creek. September 6: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass . October 4: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass (yes, that's right -- twice in a row)

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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#### District 5

Chairman: Ken Jordan (541) 902-9240

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I am very pleased to have been asked to be the District 5 reporter. Mary Lou Saylor has done an excellent job over the past two years and I have some big shoes to fill.

We had a great turn-out for the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum open house on June 22. The Siuslaw News has a great article and photo of our fiddlers in action. Thanks to everyone from throughout the district for participating.

Fireworks were not the only sparkling attraction at the Mill Casino on July 3rd. Ken and Sally Jordan, Bev Hill, Loren Osborne, Oren Pruitt and his grandson Michael, Mapril Combs, Ella Savery and Hal Weiner played to an enthusiastic audience of over 250 people.

The combination of as much smelt as you could eat and great music contributed to another successful Smelt Fry at Yachats on July 12th. Thanks to everyone for turning out and playing and a very special thank you to Ed and Marie Nelson for coming and helping us out. It was great to have the "President" and his lovely wife sharing this time with us. We have a new member who lives in Eugene. Please say hello and welcome to Suzanne Peterson.

Upcoming play dates include Bullard Beach on August 8th and 29th. We play from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and always have an appreciative audience. We play again at NACO in Florence on August 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In August we also play at the usual nursing homes. Also Bullards State Park August 8 and 29th.

Our next district meeting will be on August 16th at the Coos Bay Senior Center. Potluck will be at 11:30 followed by a jam at 1:00 p.m. We invite all districts to join us.

Four people from our district attended the District 1 Campout in Klamath Estates, the Fry's and Gallagher's. Dist. 1 gave us a wonderful time. They fed us breakfast each morning and had a pot luck every afternoon. Lots of good music and the gamblers draw was much fun. My, how those lovely people can lie!! Faye is just the best of hostess and Norm Fiock and his family did a great Bar-B-Que once again.

Thanks to Ann Hasley, we now have a new venue for our weekly jam sessions in Florence. They will now take place at the North Fork Grange from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone is invited to drop by and join u s any time.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Jess Dyer on August 6th, Lloyd Dunn 18th, Mary Steele and Dick Long 26th, and Ann Hasley 30th. Happy Anniversary to Ken & Sevilla Ludwig on August 10th, Ned & Val Matthews 18th. John Bealey & Jolly Hibbits 24th, and Bob & Betty McKee 29th.

\*\*Please folks if you have not given us your birthday or anniversary dates and want us to mention them, please give them to us and we will put them in the news\*\* Thanks.

Hal Weiner District 5 Reporter

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#### District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle

Co-Chair: Oral Robbins

Secretary: Betty Hawkins 541-746-5579

Treasurer: Bob Kaiser 541-687-8878

Membership: Mark Ratzlaff, 25701 Cochran Ct.,  
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July was a sad month for our District with the loss of Elsie Bostick. She was a very active member and a fine fiddler who divided her time between Eugene in the summer and Arizona in the winter, spreading her nice fiddling style up and down the West Coast. She will be greatly missed! Our sympathies to her family and to Dexter. We did have a jam scheduled for Oakridge, but it was canceled to allow folks to feel free to attend Elsie's service. Our thanks to Bob Strelow for his efforts in organizing the Oakridge jam, and for being flexible in the face of unforeseen events.

The annual and popular Lane County Fair is coming up in August. The Fiddlers are scheduled to play on Wednesday, August 13th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in front of the Historical Museum, and from 1 to 2 PM at the BiMart Activity Stage. Admission passes will be available for members at the entrance next to the Museum. Parking is free, but fills up fast, so get there early to avoid a long walk. We invite members from other districts to come join us for one of the highlights of the summer. This has always been a very popular event for the public, and many people say they come to the Fair on that day just to hear the Fiddlers play.

We have no District jam scheduled for September, but encourage folks to travel to 1000 Trails for the State meeting and jam in La Pine, only about 2 hours drive from Eugene.

Your reporter would like to take a moment to thank Bernie Roberts, Betty Hawkins and Bob Kaiser for being such a great district board the last 2 years while I was Chairman. Many thanks to all the members who volunteered and assisted me in so many ways. I hope Joe Moyle and his new board can count on the same spirit of cooperation and willingness to help.

Speaking of volunteers, Joe is still looking for someone to handle the District sound system. The idea has been raised about having several people do this job on a rotating basis, so if you would be willing to commit to two or three months of doing sound, please contact Joe. He also needs a person to store the kitchen box and coffee pot, and to act as kitchen supervisor on the

rare occasions when we need such a person (such as at Willamalane for the January State meeting.) We are fortunate to have the Grange ladies do the kitchen at Crow Grange.

Best wishes to Curly Roberts as he deals with some health problems, and to Mark Carmickle who is recuperating from hip surgery.

Happy Birthday to: Frank Chandler 8/1; Louise Hamilton 8/8; Norma Frazier 8/9; Joe Canaday 8/11; Helen Tracy 8/17; Paul Nielson 8/18; Margaret Vass 8/18; and Bernie Roberts 8/31.

Happy Anniversary to: Dobson, Rick and Sherry Dobson 8/26; and John and Lucille Childers 8/27-- 65 years together!  
Mark Ratzlaff, District 6 Reporter

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#### District 7

Chairman, Linda A. Easley, 503-235-1671

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Twenty players showed up for the Oyster Barbecue on the 5th of July. A good time was had by all. A smaller group played at Hope Village the next week, but the folks enjoyed it just as much. By the time we read this our annual Mt. Hood Campout will be in the past. People will be savoring the memories of all the fun times they had there and all the good music they enjoyed.

Our congratulations go to Gayl Ratigan and Dorothy Wehus for both having had successful cataract repairs. It's wonderful to be able to see again. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Elsie Bostick, a longtime member of District 7 of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers who recently passed away.

We've got lots of opportunities to share the joy of our music coming up, so everyone come and take part as you can.

Friday August 8, pencil in an engagement at about 7-ish at the Reynolds Middle School. It's for the "Relay for Life" for survivors of all types of cancer. Word is they might provide dinner and T-shirts for all who take part. It's a 24-hour event and there will be a disc jockey who says we can use her microphones - she has 2. It's a good cause. Particulars to follow.

Wednesday August 13, we are invited back to play at the Clackamas County Fair at the Fairgrounds in Canby. They need us onstage from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. From Portland go south on 99E and you'll see the big sign on the right just as you come into town. Sometimes the powers that be make you drive around to get in but just go with the flow.

Saturday August 16, the annual Bawb 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. From Portland take I-205 South to Exit 12-A head out Highway 224 toward Estacada. At the Chevron station at Highway 211 turn left and go a short ways to Eagle Creek Road and turn right. Drive a ways, over the creek

and go up the hill. On the left side you'll see a sign for the Eagle Creek Foursquare Church. Turn in and follow the gravel road.

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.

Sunday September 7 begins our monthly jam schedule at the King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th. Doors will open for us about 11:00 and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4.

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'll 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. Does anyone know a tango? Particulars to follow.

Linda Easley for District 7

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#### District 8

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Is there such a thing as having too much fun? If so, the weekend at Silver Creek Falls State Park was it! The Friends of Silver Creek, a nonprofit group like we are, treated us royally. We had a beautiful private camp area all by ourselves. The Friends group brought, and cooked burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings for us. We added our pot luck dishes to the feast. We jammed each evening at the camp ground. Saturday and Sunday we played a total of 5 hours for the public, and of course more for ourselves!

Each hour long gig drew a good audience. We were provided with coffee, rolls and soft drinks too. There was time between sessions to walk the trail around and under South Falls, to see the historic demonstrations in the log cabin. Spinning, quilt making, basket weaving and biscuit making. The biscuits were great with berry jam! We got to hear the grandson of Al Faucett, the man who went of the falls in a canoe in 1928 tell about it. He showed an old news reel of the actual event. The Friends of Silver Falls want to make this an even bigger and better event next year. And they definitely want us to be a big part of it. We'll be there!

Campers were: Otto and LaDonna Christiansen, Norm and Jean McGrew, Chris Lang, Dale and Loita Colebank, Hal Weiner from District 5, Ray and Marie Cunningham, Les and Peg Tucker, Lew and Alice Holt. Several others came for Saturday's sessions. Gene and Jackie Stephenson, Elaine and Pat Connors, Dennis Brutke and Nylene Beck, Don and Ruth Loring and two of their daughters. Jeff Walter, Jim Toussaint, Joe Hamm also joined us Saturday along with Joe's daughter and her guitar. Also joining us, and planning to become members were Cliff and Wanda Carpenter. Cliff plays great guitar backup and sings.

The bad news for the month: Dale and Loita Colebank's barn burned when they were at Silver Falls. The District 8 sound trailer was in the barn and is lost. Some of the sound equipment was at Silver Falls, so it was spared. Many personal items were also destroyed including the apartment where their son Shannon lived. This happened Sunday night July 13th. We don't know many details yet. We wish them well as they deal with this tragedy.

On Wednesday, August 6, Joy Smith has invited us to play for a group of campers that she is a member of. We are to start playing at 7:30. Take Exit 263 from I-5, go west to the Steam Up Days museum, turn north to the campers. This may take a little creativity but we hope that will accept the challenge and join us that evening. It is in the area where we have played for the Steam Up Days. There will probably be a sign -- hey, you can do it.

The Polk County Fair is August 7 at Rickreall. We're trying to work out parking and admission. We'll probably have someone at the gate between 11:00 and 12:00 to verify that you are a fiddler. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to have you come and play or listen! We are scheduled to play from 1:00 to 2:00.

We play for a celebration at the airport in Independence on August 14th. Andy writes: Dear Lew, As I discussed with you earlier, we are planning a 10 year Reunion of our 1993 Oregon Trail Flight on August 14, 2003. We would like to have the Fiddlers help with music during the evening dinner from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and possibly for the Hangar Dance at 6 to 8 p.m. We are guessing there will be 200 plus persons participating in this 10 year Reunion event. We are planning a Buffalo Stew and Indian Fry Bread for the evening meal and the musicians are welcome to eat as our guests.

We haven't committed ourselves to playing for the dance, yet. We'll make those plans later in August but we definitely will be there at 4:30 to play -- hope you can make it, too. Oh, where is the Independence airport? North of Monmouth at the light there is a sign pointing east to the airport. I suppose there is a sign between Independence and Monmouth, too.

And then one of our favorite nights of the year. We are invited to the Benedictine Nursing home on South Main Street in Mt. Angel on August 19. Tradition has it that we play from 6:00 to 7:30 on the front lawn and then we all go down town to the Brewery Restaurant for dinner. Find Main St. and go south a few blocks. You'll see Dale setting up the sound.

And then September 6 is the Falls City United Methodist Church picnic and program. They really packed the church last year to listen to us. Come before noon and enjoy a picnic with the community. Bring along a dish to share.

Mark your calendars for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September when we will again be playing each day at the Covered Bridge Festival in Stayton.

Oct. 4 and 5th (more details later) Neskowin Valley School Harvest Festival. Oct. 18, our jam in Manzanita -- more later. Oct. 19th, regular District 8 jam at Willamina Ya'll come!

Alice Holt reporter District 8

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District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Walt Cooper

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Isn't summer wonderful! It's so nice to be able to relax in the shade and play music for hours.

Folks in District 9 are making the most of the summer and taking in musical events far and wide. Ruel and Margaret Teague, Julia Milleson, Annie Schlupe and Janet Braymen spent time at Weiser during the National Fiddlers Contest. Several folks traveled to Sumpter for music over the 4th of July weekend. Campouts around the state are on several calendars for over the next couple of months.

In late June the fiddlers gathered at Hines City Park to entertain for a community picnic hosted by HHOPE. Friday night practices are continuing through the summer. If you happen to wander thru Burns be sure and give someone a ring as impromptu jams are sometimes the best!

The fiddlers are at the Aspens the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 p.m. and Ashley Manor the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30n p.m. Dates for August are the 8th at the Aspens and the 18th at Ashley Manor.

The Grant County Fair is August 7, 8, and 9. Fiddlers are scheduled to play from 10 - 4 each day. Ruel Teague has information on this event so give him a holler for the latest information. (Subject to change so. . . .)

Looking forward to September, the dates for the Harney County Fair are September 3 - 6. The fiddlers are scheduled to play but times are not known yet.

Janet Braymen Reporter District 9

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District 10

Chairman/ Membership:

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Co-Chairman: Chuck Hasty (541-673-2067)

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No news.

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ED SED: We had a fun time with District 1 and all of their guests at the Campout and Barbecue held along the Klamath River in Hornbrook on July 3, 4 & 5. Their was great music and friends galore. The barbecue was all you could want with Norm Fiock and his crew doing an outstanding job. If you have never seen Faye Patterson kick off her shoes and hear her sing, you have missed a real treat that we all thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to Faye & Isom Patterson and all of District 1 for the fun and good times we had. Being there at Hornbrook was like old home week for me as I ran the Calif. Dept. of Forestry fire station just across the highway from Hornbrook and being there brought back many memories.

For several years we have wanted to go to the Yachats Smelt Fry and we finally made it this year. It was great to be there enjoying our friends and playing music with them. The day started out absolutely beautiful and about half way through the smelt fry along came the wind and rain. However, it did not dampen any of our spirits or appetites as we continued to have a great time. We were told by one of the chef's that approximately 750 lbs. of smelt are sold each year at their smelt fry. Thank you District 5 for all the fun and hospitality.

We leave in a couple of days for the Mt. Hood Campout and will report about it in the next Hoedowner as tonight is the cut off date for this issue. We do know in advance though that we are looking forward to going and that we'll have a wonderful time. August continues to be a busy month with many events planned throughout the state. Many will be playing at their different fair events.

July 31 through Aug. 4 is the Diamond Lake Campout; On Aug. 2nd is the Willamette Valley fiddle contest at Corvallis; Aug. 8th, 9th & 10<sup>th</sup> is the Drift Fence Campout hosted by the Blue Mountain Oldtime Fiddlers Association. On Aug.15th through the 24th will be the Warwick Campout at Williams. The family started these campouts 34 years ago and this year is a special campout with a memorial service for Martha on the 24th; Aug. 15th & 16th is the Oregon Trail Fiddle Contest in the McKenzie Theater at the Eastern Oregon University Campus; On Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> is the fiddle contest at Canyonville.

Looking in to September, please note that we will have a state quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 13 at Thousand Trails near LaPine.

We are sorry to hear the passing of Elsie Bostick. She will be missed.  
Until next time, keep fiddling,  
Ed, President -- Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

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From the editor:

Johnnie Ray Days: Those of you who remember Johnnie Ray wouldn't associate him with fiddling. I don't either but his father was a fiddler . The following paragraph mentions the "Guthrie Park Musicians." Jim Hockenull and Lu Ann Ritts are members who are in this group. Quoting from the Dallas Itemizer Observer -- All of this activity, in turn, prompted the Dallas Chamber of Commerce to get in on the act. And thus, this year the town itself has organized what is called "Johnnie Ray Days, Dallas' First Annual Tribute to Johnnie Ray and his music," set for August 22-23. Both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 at the Bollman Performing Arts Theater at the Dallas High School, there'll be performances of Johnnie Ray music by well-known singers and musicians: . . . .and The Guthrie Park Musicians. Tickets \$10 (and available at the C/C). There will also be a showing of the film "Johnnie Ray, the Man and His Music—a Tribute," Saturday, August 23 at the Fox Theatre. Tickets are \$5.

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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.

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Myrtle Arnold has asked me to remind the membership chairmen to use the following prorated dues for the rest of this year:

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

New Members for August

1. Vern Ludwick--Grants Pass
2. Don Maddox---Ashland
3. William & Velm Rae VanLeer--Scapoose
4. Jim & Wanda Vega---Rogue River

Myrtle

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Don't forget the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held on Saturday, August 2, at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon. Registration starts at 8:30 Saturday morning, judges' meeting at 9:00 and preliminary rounds at 9:30 a.m. Finals will be at 3:30 and the contest will all

be over by 5:30 p.m. or so. It is held during the Benton County Fair so there are lots of things to keep you busy while the contest is going on. We have Pee Wee, Junior-Junior, Junior, Adult (18-59), Senior (60+) and Championships divisions as well as a division for those who have never played before in a contest (Novice division). The judges are: Margaret Brank (Winlock, WA), John Perfect (Idaho), and Gary Schuh (Portland). For any more info give me an email (mcmulles@hotmail.com) or call 541-745-5130. Starr McMullen

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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.

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

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Warwick's campout: 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 15<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

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A note from Faye Patterson. Faye and District 1 want to express our appreciation to all who came to the Klamath River Campout. The fellowship and music was superb. The weather cooperated and Norm's barbecue couldn't have been better, "What more could we ask for?" Our thanks to you all. Faye Patterson

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It is 10:30, Tuesday, July 15, the car is loaded except for the final things. Alice and I are taking off for Wisconsin and Minnesota in the morning. And I must send the Hoedowner off and get to bed so we can be on our way early in the morning. And I must put it on line yet tonight. We plan on being back early in August.  
Lew Holt, Editor

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I just sent the following profundities to our little Guthrie "band." I'll pass 'em on to you as well. (Jim Hockenhull)

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After our last gig Sally mentioned something about interacting with the audience. Here's what I keep in mind when playing in public:

- \* Make eye contact with the audience. Not constantly, but once in a while. Occasionally pick out a person and sing or play to him/her -- again, not constantly but for a while.
- \* Smile. (Not constantly, but once in a while.) The audience is there to have a good time; it helps if you're having a good time or at least look like you are.
- \* Banter. A little bit of talk to the audience, and a little bit of cross-chatter among the performers loosens things up. (Talk can be overdone, however -- they're here for MUSIC -- and out-and-out comedy is difficult, probably should be left to comedians.)
- \*Acknowledge applause -- a smile, a little bow, a "thank you," a pause before launching into the next number. Let them know that you appreciate their response.
- \*If you're screwing up badly, admit it. (I have an old record on which the string-band gets off to a very rocky start. The leader stops things and hollers, "Gentlemen, if you ain't right, get right!" and off they go again.) But remember that you probably sound better to them than you do to yourself. These little things have helped me. Thought I'd pass them along for whatever they're worth.

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 Fulton, Missouri  
 Dear Lew,

I wanted to write to let people know that my father, Charles W. Marshall of Portland, passed away in April at the age of 93. A number of Association members were exceptionally cordial to Dad, in particular the gracious Linda Easley, who visited him and organized a fiddle session when he was living at the rest home in Portland. I took part in that wonderful session when I was in Portland to help judge the state fiddle contest in May, 2002. Dad started out as a Missouri farm boy, part of a family of 1820s pioneers. As a boy, he played fiddle in the family band at the farm. . . . He spent most of his life in the west and loved it. . . . Throughout Dad's life, his father's violin (and childhood 3/4 size violin) hung on the wall in his living room and he always enjoyed old time fiddle music. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality extended to Dad in 2002. Thank you kindly, Howard Marshall

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A nice note from Starr: By the way, District 6 had three fiddlers in the top five of their divisions at Weiser(and all from Corvallis!):  
 Starr McMullen!(4th Adult)  
 Alex Hargreaves (4th Junior -Junior)  
 Tatiana Hargreaves (3rd Small Fry)  
 Tatiana out placed Alex and me ---and she is rather smug about it!! We all played at the farmers market on Wednesday (along with Frank Moore, Pete Willis, and David ) to raise \$ and promote the Willamette Valley contest. Boy are those kids GREAT fiddlers!

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#### A MUSIC HERITAGE CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

August 16-17 at the Historic Charles Applegate home, just north of Yoncalla  
 (From Hwy. 99, turn east onto Halo Trail, then left onto Old Applegate Road; the road ends at the event site.)

SCHEDULE: Saturday, Aug. 16. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workshops: Chico Schwall -- banjo and mandolin. Linda Danielson -- fiddle  
 10AM to Noon --- Banjo/Mandolin or Fiddle Session 1 1PM to 3PM ---  
 Session 2 3PM to 3:45 --- Jam Session---all participants  
 3:45 to 4PM --- Tea break  
 4PM to 5PM --- Guided tour of Applegate pioneer home

Sunday, Aug. 17 "HISTORIC NOTES: KEEPING TIME"

Open to public . Requested donations only

12 noon: Lunch concession , musicians' jam

1 - 2:30 p.m. Lecture-demonstrations:

Linda Danielson : music of the pioneer and Depression era Oregon  
Chico Schwall: modern developments of traditional folk music ideas  
Esther Stutzman : American Indian song and stereotypes

2:45 p.m. Concert Featuring : Workshop participants and instructors -- Rod Trotter, Slow Ponies, Susan Applegate and Marie Applegate Helmer, Esther Stutzman and Splachta Alla Singers

Fiddle Workshop: Instructor Linda Danielson performs and teaches old time American fiddle music as well as its ancestral Scottish and Irish music.

Banjo and Mandolin Workshop: Instructor Chico Schwall is an accomplished musician and song writer, well respected in the area for solo and band performance as well as for teaching. Fee: \$25 - \$45 sliding scale. Lunch: available on site or brown-bag

Overnight accommodations: camping on site or Forest Trails Ranch, 7467 Elkhead Rd, Yoncalla, Phone (541) 849-0909; info@foresttrailsranch.com The Ranch Motel, Rice Hill Interchange, Yoncalla, Phone (541 )849-2126

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"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".

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

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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.

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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.

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