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

2004

June

5 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 5 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4  
 5 Community Building Winston 10  
 6 VFW Redmond 3  
 12 Senior Center Coos Bay 5  
 12 Grange Crow 6  
 12 Picnic Woodburn 8  
 13 Grange Shasta 1  
 13 Senior Center Estacada 7  
 17 - 19 High Desert Jamboree Burns -  
 and State Quarterly meeting.  
 21 - 26 Contest Weiser, Idaho

July

10-11 Silver Falls Silverton 8  
 10 Smelt Fry Yachats 5  
 17 Senior Center Coos Bay 5  
 24 Jam Garibaldi 8  
 31 Antique Caterpillar Show Brooks 8  
 29, 30, 31 --1, 2 Aug Diamond Lake Campout  
 31 Deschutes Co. Fair Bend 3

Aug.

7 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis  
 12 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 8  
 12-14 Campout Winchester Bay 5  
 28 Canyonville Contest Canyonville

Sep.

16,17 &18 Campout 1000 T LaPine State/3

District 1

Chairwoman: Faye Patterson 541-798-5973

Co-chairman: Don Fitzgerald 541-850-3146

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Happy Father's Day to every fellow who either is a father or had one!

Can you believe it? Summer will officially be here this month! Wow. The year sure is scooting by fast, at least by all the things I haven't gotten done yet.

We had lots of fun at the Packers Clinic at the fairgrounds in late April. Jim and Jan Lancaster brought their chuck wagon and hosted us to buffalo stew, biscuits, brownies and yummy peach cobbler. For our performance, Don Maddox and Shirley joined us, with Shirley showing off her newfound skill playing the Tub Bass. We also enjoyed having fellow Old Time Fiddler Alan Greenway from Caldwell, Idaho join us and add to our music.

Two of our April visitors, Phil and Sheila Fry, announced they are now permanent residents near Klamath Falls. Welcome!

The spaghetti feed fundraiser cleared almost \$200 for Steve Curry. Not too bad for doing almost no publicity. Jo Harris sends thanks to everyone who helped with the dinner.

Our Mother's Day celebration at the May Jam and Dance was delightful. Lu Wells looked so different with her new perm we almost didn't recognize her. Anna is growing taller and her fiddle playing is getting better. Don Fitzgerald supplied corsages for all the ladies and he brought a delicious sheet cake and ice cream. Thank you Don for your thoughtfulness, your friendship and especially all the videotaping you've done. We will miss you and Barbara and we wish you both the best of life as you move to Elko, Nevada.

Visitor Walt Gilliland (guitar) moved from Arizona to Dorris, CA and hopefully will join us again. Bill and Ann Bonser's seven year old grandson Zane looked like he has a pretty good handle on that guitar he was strumming.

Our June performance schedule is as follows: Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> - Fairgrounds Event Center for the Master Gardeners at 2 p.m., Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> at Villa West Mobile Estates, Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> - Farmers Market (9<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and Klamath) from 10 a.m. to Noon, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Shasta Grange (Jam & Dance) and Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> - Farmers Market. And don't forget the get-together in Burns on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

For all of you far-out future planners, John and Patti Northcraft will be hosting a BBQ/potluck at their home in Malin on August 21<sup>st</sup>. More details later.

Special June Birthday Cake Slices to: Jean Standiford - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Barb Fitzgerald - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anniversary Congratulations go to: Dick and Jo Harris on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Ben and Fran Coker on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

"You can lead a Dad to water, but if there isn't a boat and a fishing pole there, it's just plain mean." From your friendly District #1 field reporter - Fran Coker.

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#### District 1E

Chairman: Shorty Stone 541-947-3825

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The District 1E camp out at Silver Lake this year was the best ever! (Do we say that every year?) We couldn't have had that much fun though, if our guests didn't show up, and again this year every participating district was represented at the camp out! Thanks everybody for coming and making our camp out the best. Here's what the rest of you missed....

The prize winners in our hat contest Friday night were Roger Germundson, and Larry Gallagher. The idea behind our contest is to pick a song to match your hat (or pick a hat to match your song), and we had everything from a top hat covered in pennies to a velvet wizard cap! What imaginations! This was the first time we'd used our new P.A. system and it worked like a charm.

Saturday night was our draw band contest. Well, not really a contest, but just for fun. Everybody who can play an instrument or sing, puts their name into corresponding cans, and then we form bands by picking out of the cans the name of a singer, fiddler, bass player, guitar player, and "other". Then, they have only minutes to come up with 2 songs they can all play together on the stage. Such nerve-racking fun!

Each night the teddy bear club held their "meetings". The only requirement for joining the teddy bear club is that you have to be present at the makeshift jam until 3 AM. Then you must dance with a teddy bear! Sharon Gallagher, club president(?) then presents you with the prestigious teddy bear pin. We had quite a few inductees this year, and they were so proud of their pin, you'd think it was made of solid gold.

Sunday morning the gospel music show was interspersed with Mother's Day gift giveaways that put a smile on all the mothers' faces and the grand finale to the weekend was a beautiful song for the mothers sung by Bob Hansen called "I Never Have A Memory Without Her".

We'd like to thank those that stayed to help clean the hall and grounds, especially the Bigelows who've stayed every year so far to lend a hand with the cleaning chores. We're very grateful for all the help we got with the cleaning, cooking, set-up, etc.

The whole camp out was a tribute to Homer McLain and his influence on all the members of OOTFA, also a chance for his fiddle friends to say "goodbye in their own way- it was a very emotional and wonderful weekend. See you next year.....be thinking about your hats!

Now, for the dates important to 1E members: June 5 is the next jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. No potluck that night, so be there around 7:00 p.m. Next business meeting is on June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

On June 12, we'll do a benefit show for the Adel fire station fund at the Adel store from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are raising money to build a much needed fire station, and we'll be glad to help out.

On June 26, we'll all be playing at Rhayanna McLain's wedding reception at the fairgrounds in Lakeview. 1:00 p.m. 'til whenever.

I guess it's not too early to tell you to mark your calendars for the New Pine Creek Barbecue on July 18 and the Mosquito Festival Parade and Barbecue in Paisley on July 25. No times are available yet.

June birthdays include Rosa Lee McLain -June 23, Bud Parker- June 25, and Shorty Stone- June 29

Nursing Home dates - June 8 and June 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Lake District Long Term Care Facility. Senior Center dates are June 4,11,18, and 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Sorry Jerry, Hal, Leroy, et al..... here's a banjo joke. We fiddlers really get a kick out of these, don't we?

Q: What do you say to a banjo player wearing a 3 piece suit?

A: May the defendant please rise....

Reporter for District 1E, Eileen McLain

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### District 3

Chairman: Rick Brumbach 541-389-6037

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Sec/Treas/Membership: Earlene Ervin

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Remember the ones who have past on May 30th Memorial Day. Our next VFW show will be June 6th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting to follow so we encourage all members to be present. There are lots to talk about. There will not be a July VFW show in Redmond due to the holiday.

May the 18th is our last Redmond Library jam until further notice.

District 3 will be doing the crooked River Ranch gathering July 24th and 25th. Hope to see you all there.

District 3 would like to thank District 1E for putting on a great campout on May 7th, 8th, and 9th in Silver lake. But of course we missed the hat show Friday but didn't miss the band draw and the potluck. It was a lot of great fun. The Teddy bears made all time record and played music until 4:00 a.m. and three new teddy bear members.. YEAH! We appreciate all the hard work the McLain family and anyone else who gave a helping hand. Homer was sure missed this year with a lot of tears. :o(

Put this on your calendar for June 26th District 3 will have a float in the Crooked River Round up in Prineville. Bob Ervin will be discussing this at the next VFW meeting.

District 3 welcomes new members: Mollie Edwards who plays garbage can bass , guitar and lives in Sisters. Doug Wiese who plays guitar and mandolin and lives in Terrebonne. Visitors are: Betty Chapman from District 1E who plays fiddle. We really appreciate her singing and yodeling. Christine Lang from District 8 who plays fiddle. We thank you both for joining us.

District 3 sent a card and flowers to Betty O'Neal who had hip surgery on the 10th. We wish you fast recovery.

Hollis Reel's wife, Carol, who was a great piano player passed away recently and sure will be missed by all.

A couple of our new Members Jimmie and Cyndi Cantrell will be moving back to California to be with family and to handle the tragedy that happen to their son. We hate to see them go. They will be missed.

Charles son of Art and Rhea Bigelow did have surgery and recovering well.

May God Bless and be with the ones who have lost a loved one and all who are sick and has had surgery. District 3 prays for a fast recovery . District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of love and Old Time Music. A visit, a flower a moment to remember our loved ones on memorial Day.

We are playing at Munch & Music, Upper Drake Park, downtown Bend on the Senior Stage, July 8, 2004 at 6 p.m. It will be Veterans Appreciation Night and we will be the only entertainment for that stage. We will also be playing at the Deschutes County Fair on July 31, 2004 at 1 p.m. on the Eberhard stage. Please arrive early and be ready to play on time at both events.

Ellen Jakab ,District 3 Reporter

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District 4

Chairman: Gene Williams 541-560-3230

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Congratulations from District 4 to Don Maddox. Don has been inducted into the "Seattle Western Swing Music Society Hall of Fame". He will be named a "Pioneer of Western Swing Music". This honor is bestowed annually to deserving individuals who have performed and perpetuated this wonderful music style for all to enjoy. Don will be honored at the "Pioneers of Western Swing Music Festival 2004," August 13th-15th in Everett, WA. District 4 OOTFA feels Don is well deserving of this Honor for his congeniality, support and talent to our District. He's always there to perform when requested to play.

Don came to Silver Lake to play. He was a no-show for his sign-up and everyone was very worried. Don came back the next day even tho he couldn't play, just to let everyone know what had happened. That was very thoughtful of Don. He is ok now.

May jam at Prospect has come and gone. A notable amount of members were absent. Perhaps it was gas prices and distance deterred their attendance. 21 musicians had a opportunity to play 3 tunes each. Many of our Associates came to listen and dance. Many

commented about what a beautiful drive they had coming up. The dogwood and laurel were all in bloom with the snow capped mountains as a background and Lost Creek Lake in the foreground. Bill Zinskey became a new member.

Congratulations to the Grissoms on their 64th Wedding Anniversary the 25th of June. WOW! Joyce Grissoms also has a birthday 24th of June. Does this mean Tommy has to get her 2 gifts?

Rocky and Rochelle Davis will be celebrating their 49th Anniversary June 4th.

District 4 has 99 Musicians and 131 family heads.

Several members from District 4 went to Silver Lake Campout. The weather was fair and not too cold. All had a good time. Every district was represented there.

Next jam and meeting will be at Roxy Ann Grange June 5th. Meeting 11:00 am, Lunch 12:00 p.m., on stage jam 12:30 and sign-up jam starts at 1:00 p.m. through 4. July jam and picnic will be on the 3rd at Walch Park, Lake Creek. July-Aug we will be going to Diamond Lake Campout.

Reporter Gene Williams, District 4

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#### District 5

Chairman: Ken Jordan (541) 902-9240

Co-Chair: Larry Gallagher (541) 572-2742

Secretary: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981

Treas/Mem: Sharon Gallagher (541) 572-2742

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Thanks for everyone who turned out for Brookings on May 8th and May 30th as well as NACO on May 29th. We had a great time and the audience loved the music. We play again at NACO on July 3rd and at Brookings on July 4th

Eight members of our district went to the district 1E campout in Silver Lake. They all had a wonderful time & wish to thank 1E for their hospitality. An especial thank you to Sharilyn for all of her work in making it a perfect time for all.

We will be playing at Bullards Beach on June 11th. This is a beautiful setting right on the coast. Camping is available, so come over and join us.

Our district will be also be playing for the Yachats Smelt Fry from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 10th. We welcome musicians from all districts to join us. All musicians get a free fish dinner!!

If you are looking for great concert to see, everyone is invited to the North Fork Grange in Florence on June 6th to hear the group Misty River. Tickets are only \$8.00. The North Fork Grange graciously hosts our weekly acoustic jam session every Thursday night and will gain some proceeds from this concert.

Since our next regularly scheduled jam session is the same date as the State meeting in Burns, our jam session has been changed to June 12th at the Coos Bay Senior Center. Potluck will be at noon and the jam will start at 1:00 p.m. Our next district meeting will be on July 17th at 10:30 a.m. We will follow the meeting with a potluck and jam.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Betty Lively on June 5th, Carol Marks 6th, Val Matthews & Shorty Dow - 7th, Jean Holden & Kristee McCoy - 9th, Rick Reavis -10th, Johnny Davis - 11th, Dorothy Booher - 12th, Norm Nash -13th, Joan Daniels -14th, and Fred Grove - 25th.

Happy Anniversary to Charles and Dorothy Booher on June 15th, Dan and Ann Hasley - 18th, and Fred & Florence Grove - 30th.

Space is still available for dry camp spots for the District 5 campout August 12-15th in Winchester Bay. Call Sharon Gallagher at (541) 572-2742 to make reservations.

For all of those people who have an opportunity to read the OOTFA cookbook and found any "mistakes", please forward them to Hal Weiner at banjowine@yahoo.com. I will create an errata sheet to insert in the book. We still have a few cookbooks left. They will be available for sale at campouts throughout the summer.

All of us would like to thank our district officers for the time and effort they have given on our behalf. Thanks Ken, Larry, Sharon and Kathy!! Starting next month our new slate of officers will start, with Larry Gallagher as our new district Chairman. And Sharon Gallagher will assume her new position as state secretary/treasurer.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

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#### District 6

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Summer doesn't officially start till the 15th, but it sure feels like summer to me! Nothing like sunny weather to make me want to find a shady spot in the yard and play music with friends. Hope you are doing the same.

Last month we enjoyed the hospitality of the Lebanon Moose Lodge and had a good jam with about 15 musicians signed up to play. Thanks to the Lodge for providing an excellent lunch and an enthusiastic audience. We will be there again on the first Sunday in December--how is that for advance notice!

Congratulations to our own Starr McMullen for putting on another excellent State contest, and thanks to all the folks who helped her and Lew make it a success. Don't forget the Willamette Valley contest on August 7th at the Benton County Fairgrounds, also organized by Starr.

Our next jam will be at Crow Grange on Saturday, June 12th. A short business meeting will begin at 11 AM, where Joe will update members on events being planned for the summer. Potluck will start at noon, and jam to follow. There will be at least one money issue to be discussed at the meeting, so we hope for a good turn-out.

No jams are scheduled for July at this time. We are still working out details for the Lane County Fair in August and will keep you posted. Don't forget the District 5 jam at Winchester Bay August 12-15th. And we have a jam scheduled for Saturday, August 21, at Crow Grange.

Best wishes to LoRay Hannah who is recovering from heart surgery.

Happy birthday to: Jack Crockett, 6/3; Bob Strelow, 6/10; and John Steele, 6/19. Happy anniversary to: Oral and Carolyn Robbins, 6/7/53; and Norma and Floyd Frazier, 6/13/67

Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6 OOTFA

Lew adds: District 5 would like to invite many of you from District six and others to join them at the Yachats Smelt Fry on July 10. (Just a hop over the hill.) District 8 has a 3 day gig at Silver Falls out of Silverton that week and can't be there to help out.

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#### District 7

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The jam at the Corbett Grange had thirty-two musicians sign up and play and the music was wonderful!! If you weren't there you missed a good 'un! We had even had three kids under eight each take a turn with their little fiddles. They just reaffirm that the future of fiddling in the state of Oregon is in good hands - young and capable. Our many, many thanks go to the Grange representatives, Kathie and Malcolm Freund, for their fine hospitality and the food and goodies they provided. It was a lovely day and a terrific jam thanks to everyone who helped and participated. OOTFAers are fine folks. (But we knew that!) The audience wants us all back next week!

District 7 has four new member families this month: Gregory Arnell plays guitar and mandolin and lives in Portland; Tim and Elaine Aye and their children Brandon, who plays fiddle, and Malloy, who plays piano, live in West Linn; Paul and Debra Clement live in Lake Oswego, Paul plays fiddle and guitar; and Kevin Dye who lives in Portland. His son Kian plays the fiddle. Let's be sure to welcome them as we cross paths at our jams.

We have lots of opportunities coming up to share our music with others. Even with the price of gas out of sight we can carpool and still have fun. Come when you can. You all know how our music affects folks. They like it!

Sunday June 6 from 2 - 3 p.m. the Oregon City Library needs players at 362 Warner-Milne Street in Oregon City. From I-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, cross the intersection. 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. They really enjoyed us when we played there last year. Let's give them another good show.

Tuesday June 8 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. the Cascade Nursing Terrace needs us to play at 5601 SE 122nd Avenue. This is south of Holgate and north of Foster. We haven't played here yet so let's give them lots of music to reminisce by.

Saturday, June 12, is District 8's Annual Picnic at Dale and Loita Colebank's just out of Woodburn. They graciously invite all their fiddle friends within any distance to come. It is a potluck. This is one of the best jams in the fiddle year.

Sunday, June 13, is the OOTFA regular monthly jam at the Estacada Senior Center at 200 SW Clubhouse Drive down behind the Boots and Spurs Restaurant off 224. We can get in the building about 11 for informal jamming and from 1 - 4 we'll perform for the public. Bring all your friends and neighbors. This is a fun one! Public invited. It's second Sunday this month because of Nationals in Weiser.

Saturday, June 26, the BEAT Riding Academy at 41919 NW Wilkesboro in Banks needs players for their fundraiser. Directions are West on Highway 26 from Portland, turn left towards Banks onto 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.

Wednesday June 30 at the Tualatin Senior Center from 12:15 to 1:15. Particulars to follow.  
Tuesday July 6 at the Sherwood Senior Center at 855 N Sherwood Blvd. from 12 to 12:45. Particulars to follow.  
Saturday July 10 we need to be at Farmington Square Residential from 1:30 to 3:00. Particulars to follow.  
Friday, July 16 The American Cancer Society invites the fiddlers to play for the 7th annual Relay for Life, at 7:00 p.m. at Reynolds Middle School, 1200 NE 201st (201st and Halsey). Here's the schedule: 6:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony (with Honor Guard) 6:30 p.m. Survivor Lap (with Bagpipes and Drums) - that's once around the track. 7:00 p.m. - Oregon Old Time Fiddlers

play during dinner - (free dinner for fiddlers about 8:00 p.m.) 9:00 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony 9:30 p.m. Fireworks show Cancer survivors are honored guests. If you are a cancer survivor and want to be recognized please call Donna Foreman (503-630-3577) or Connie Clausing (503-492-5329).

Saturday, July 17, between 5 and 8 p.m. fiddlers are needed to play an hour or so at a fundraiser for the Friends of the Lone Fir Cemetery. The cemetery is between SE 20th and 26th and SE Stark and SE Morrison streets. (Morrison is one-way heading west). The entrance is off of Morrison close to 20th. We will play by the Soldiers Monument. Exact times to follow.

Saturday, August 14, between 12 and 1 p.m. The Sunnyside Foursquare Church at 13231 SE Sunnyside Road needs fiddlers to entertain at their Church Picnic. They will feed us lunch. Then, after playing at the church, Andy and Terry Jorgensen are hosting their fifth annual Bawb Bash at their home at 35795 SE Snuffin Road in Estacada. This will be a celebration of Bob Huffman's 84th birthday and all his friends are invited. The directions to the Bash: Go out Highway 224 toward Estacada, turn left onto SE Folsom and go to the stop sign, Cross SE Eagle Creek Road onto SE Currin and go 3 miles up the road. Turn left onto SE Snuffin Road and the third driveway on the left is theirs. The gate will be open. Plan for an evening potluck.

For the gigs that I don't have times, addresses or directions for yet, I will have printed information available at the Estacada jam. So come!

And don't forget, if you need a fiddle teacher or if you know of somebody who does, our own Eileen Witler has opened a studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Morning, afternoon, and evening appointments are available. Children and adults of all skill levels are welcome. If you are interested, please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

SHAMELESS PLUGS FOR OUR OWN: District 7's sound man, Randy Yearout and member Papa Spain play in a group called Western Skies. They will be playing at the Beaverton Farmer's Market on Saturdays throughout the summer. The market is open from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. They play most of those hours. The dates are June 5, July 17, July 31, August 7, September 11, and October 30.

District 7's own Jim Toussaint plays in a band called the River City Ramblers. They will play for the West Linn Arts Commission at the West Linn Adult Community Center at 1180 Rosemont Road in West Linn on Saturday, June 12. Doors open at 7:00, concert begins at 8:00, refreshments are available. Directions from Portland heading south on I-205: go over the Willamette River; take 10th Street Exit; right at bottom of ramp; climb the hill and follow that street about a mile past a shopping center to a stop sign; left onto Rosemont Road and go about 100 yards and you're at the Adult Community Center. Directions from south of Portland heading north on I-205 - take the 10th Street exit; left at bottom of ramp; under I-205 then right and climb the hill and follow that street about 1 mile past a shopping center to a stop sign; left onto Rosemont Road and go approx 100 yards and you're at the Adult Community Center. If you have any questions: Call Mike Meyers at 503-888-7388.

Keep hummin' and strummin' on the Music Road.  
Linda Easley, Reporter, District 7

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#### District 8

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Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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On Saturday, May 15, district 8 musicians played toe tapping music at the Woodburn Grange hall. Some of our members had other obligations and couldn't be there, and District 7 had a gig. But we still had 24 musicians signed up to play. It was another good jam!

Lew and Alice, Linda Easley, Pat Gates, Bob Huffman and George Taevs played at an elementary school in Canby. They were learning about agriculture, and we played for 5 different groups as they ate their lunches. We were invited to have lunch there too, and the menu was a salad bar with foods from A to Z -- a fruit or vegetable for each letter of the alphabet.

What could be more fun than a picnic? A picnic with fiddle music! That's what we're having on June 12th at Colebanks new barn. As you may remember, the old barn burned after yours truly played "Barnburners Reel". Maybe we should change the name of that tune! Hope to have lots of you there. Visitors too! Ya'll come! Bring potluck dishes, your own table service, and folding chairs if you have them. DIRECTIONS: I-5 to Woodburn exit, east toward Molalla (214) cross Hwy 99 2 1/2 miles to yellow blinker, turn right on Meridian road past Elliott Prairie church & school, slow down for a sharp corner & turn right on Elliott Prairie road Watch for a white water tank mailbox & log house 4785. Bring your roster in case you need to call for more directions.

We have a busy summer schedule. Here are some dates to keep in mind. There will be more details in future Hoedowners. July 9th, 10th and 11th at Silver Falls State Park, east of Salem. This is for the annual celebration the park puts on. Probably the camping and playing schedule will be the same as last year. Details next month. July 10th, Saturday, is also the day of the Smelt Fry at Yachats. District 5 is handling that, but all are welcome. July 24th, Saturday, we'll have a jam in Garibaldi, on the coast. July 31st, Saturday, Antique Caterpillar Show at Brooks, north of Salem.

August 12th Thursday is our day to play at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall. It's senior citizens day, and many of them come just to hear us!

Lew was privileged to be invited to be one of three judges for the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Wenatchee. We both enjoyed the contest and met new friends as well as many we knew already.

Despite the rising cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

Alice Holt, reporter, District 8

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#### District 9

Chairperson: Julia Milleson 541-573-2206

Co-Chairman: Walt Cooper 541-573-3417

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

We had 17 players for our Mother's Day show at the Senior Center. This will be our last program at the Senior Center until next fall. Our out of town guest were: Annie Schlupe, Vale; Phil Drain Salem(D8); Bill and Betty Chapman, Christmas Valley; Tom and Vivian Tucker from Mt. Vernon and Ron Phillips of San Bernadino, Calif. who came with the Tuckers. Ron played banjo and mandolin. The Wingfields who moved here from California enjoyed the potluck and dancing.

A card was signed for Ray Hayes who had surgery in Bend and a card was sent to Punk McDaniel of John Day who underwent recent surgery. We celebrated Freda Tubb's Birthday. Walt sang her favorite song "Truck Driving Man".

Walt left immediately after the jam for the hospital in Bend to have 2 stints put in his arteries. What a surprise to have him home on Tuesday.

Ruel and Margaret Teague, Annie Schlupe and Julia Milleson had a great time at the Silver Lake campout. The McLains are wonderful hosts and the jam circles were gigantic. Julia also had the opportunity to visit with Tillie McFee who now lives in College Place, Washington and attend a jam in Walla Walla and visit with Amos and Bonnie Fine. Amos has been on oxygen since last July but still plays a mighty smooth fiddle.

Thanks to the generosity of Anita (Enneberg) Hunt who has moved to Elgin we now have her home to use for our Friday night jams. So.....if you don't have enough room at your place or live out in the country you can still host a jam at Anita's Just get the key from her Mother, Mickey Enneberg, and let Julia know so she can put your name on the calling schedule.

Janet Brayman and Joan Suther played a special program in Redding, Calif. recently. Roy Reed is off to Alaska for a month and Julia is going to Vancouver Island ,B.C. on a rail tour.

On Thursday June 3 we've been asked to play at the Elks Club for a medical benefit for respiratory therapist Al Jenson who is undergoing throat cancer treatments . We will play during the dinner hour at 6:00. A silent auction will follow. If you wish to make a bid on any of the donated items the building will be open at noon.

Saturday June 5 we will be at the airport playing for the Lyons Club Fly in. They start serving breakfast at 6:00 am me early and eat before we start playing at 6:30.

Aspens will be June 11 at 7:00 and Ashley Manor is Monday the 21st at 6:30.

Hope to see you all at the Jamboree June 17-19. Remember the OOTFA quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday June 19th.  
Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

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#### District 10

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Greetings from District 10, we had a good business meeting, potluck and Jam. We had several young families attending for the jam, whose children are interested in the music. Rick and Debbie Beavis from District 5 were guests. Welcome.

Jo Barnes, membership chairman has announced our new members for 2004, Thomas Hayes, Roseburg ; Kelsy and Cheryl Wood, Winchester; Keenan Lynch , Roseburg ; Tom and Pamela Potter, Winston; Doug and Debra Brewer Roseburg and Tricia Aloisi , Sutherland .

Some members of OOTFA were feeling a little bored and decided to step out of the box and liven things up a bit in our community. Our Mission: On April 21, District 10 of The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers would team up with the Winston Middle School Encore Team to present a workshop at the WMS Art Festival. The reason: To entertain 125 students at a time rotated through four classes of 25 to 30 students each for approx. 45 minutes per clinic; to take a four minute break, run down to the gymnasium and be ready to play for the entire school in a grand performance of approx. 48 minutes. You say no big deal, but wait, there's more. This is an audience of twelve and thirteen year olds whose main interests in life are: Boys or Girls, Cars, Rap or Rock "N" Roll and giving most adults a hard time.

Our Goal: To get in and engage with this large number of teen aged children in hopes of teaching them the benefits of learning Old Time Fiddle music and to get out alive.

Plan of Attack: We did not have one. Final Outcome: Mission accomplished! We made it out alive, the kids were happy, the fiddlers were happy and the program coordinator was ecstatic. In fact, she is probably still dancing in the street. We must admit though that there was one questionable but amazing moment. During the performance held in the gymnasium for the entire Winston Middle School the bleachers began to rumbled and as we peered out over our microphones the children appeared to be bouncing off the bleachers and rushing for the stage. We trembled with fear...but

they stopped short and to our delight, they just wanted to dance! They engaged the school faculty and we watched in amazement as these teens attempted to waltz, laughed as they danced a jig, smiled as they mastered the two-step and stomped and clapped their way through every hoe-down. It was truly a great experience.

Acknowledgments: We would like to thank all of the individuals who participated for their time and support. District 10 members; Barbara Sullivan, Joyce Picket, Amanda Kobel and Shannon Waling. A very special thank you to District 10 fiddler Bob Hoene and his guitar player "Dave," and to District 4 fiddler Judy McGarvey with her signature red boots and her back up guitarist Peggy Hudson. To all of you, we were truly dazzled by your brilliance, giving spirit and your high energy. Without your expertise we would not have had such a successful event. Thank you for sharing your talent and your knowledge of the arts.

Birthdays for June are Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen, Goldie Colton. Darleen Smith, Valli Smith, Robert Meadows and Vernon Witcher Happy Birthday to All.

Our next meeting, potluck and jam will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at Winston Senior Center. Visitors are always welcome.

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ED SED: Thank you District 1-E for another fun filled campout. A terrific turnout and there were people from every district in the state. We had great programs and lots of jamming and then more jamming that went until the early wee hours of the morning. One day a truck hauling Walla Walla type onions had overturned up the road and a few people went and did some salvaging. It was reported by some that the onions were knee deep. Many went home with a sack full of those sweet and delicious onions and they are still enjoying them.

We are just a few days away from the state fiddle contest which will be over by the time you read this. Due to the Hoedowner's printer deadline, the results will be published in the next Hoedowner. No doubt that many of you will already know most of the results before then, however if this year's contest is anything like last year, this year promises to be one of the best.

Our own Don Maddox from District 4, will be inducted into the Seattle Western Swing Music Society Hall of Fame on August 15, 2004, at which time he will be named a "Pioneer of Western Swing Music". This honor is bestowed annually to deserving individuals who have performed and perpetuated this wonderful music style for all to enjoy. Congratulations Don!

A reminder that the High Desert Jamboree in Burns is June 17, 18 & 19, 2004. Our quarterly meeting is Saturday morning, June 19th at 10 a.m. Copies of the new By-Laws, Standing Rules and Contest Information will be distributed to each chairperson. They will make them available to their district. Also, another reminder that our quarterly meeting is the only state sanctioned event at the High Desert Jamboree. We look forward to more fun, good times and music, music, music at Burns.

We were saddened with the passing of Carol Real. Our condolences to Hollis.  
Until next time, keep fiddlin'  
Ed

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From the editor: Letters like this one make me happy and proud to be a part of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers State Contest: Dear Lew, I would like this contribution to go the State Fiddle Contest in remembrance of Jerry Hudson. Thanks you. Don Lindsey

Another letter from Ernie and Joyce Lovgren had two checks – a donation in the name of Hazel Walker and the other in the name of Carol Real – Donations to the fiddle contest.

Now it is my turn to thank Don and the Lovgrens and all of the others of you who have made contributions.

April 30th and May 1st I had the honor, privilege or whatever word you use to be one of the three judges at the Washington State Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Wenatchee, Washington. Alice

and I arrived early on Friday so we attended their board of directors meeting so that we might introduce ourselves and meet the officers from Washington. Probably the thing that stood out the most in my mind was the willingness to support their state contest with their labor, their money and with their positive attitude towards the contest. Each of the 17 Washington districts gave financial support. I was truly impressed by their positive attitude towards their contest. There were 103 contestants – not counting the twin fiddle division – from all over the state. Washington does not give cash prizes. People enter for the challenge, for the trophies perhaps and for the enjoyment of being a part of the contest. I was treated like a “king,” a very enjoyable experience.

Vivian and Phil Williams from Voyage Recording in Seattle have offered us cassette tapes for next year to use as an incentive to buy chances at our convention next April. Neat people.

But when you read this, our contest will be history. Again, Starr and I want to thank all of you for financial contributions, for volunteering to work at the contest, for your attendance and for your helpful and kind words. We enjoy helping with the contest that has so many nice people.

I am impressed by the way contests and their families drive literally hundreds of miles, spend at least two nights in motels, eat out – all of those expenses – and most are doing it “for their kids.” They are willing to invest that much time and money to give their “young fiddlers” every opportunity. As of this writing on the 18th, we have 12 Pee Wees, 20 Jr.-Jrs., and 9 Juniors. Those figures are more than our whole contest a few years back. Over half of our contestants will be under 18. Something wonderful is happening out there.

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The High Desert Fiddlers Country Music Jamboree is June 17, 18, 19, 2004 at the Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns, Oregon. RV parking and camping is available for \$10 per night dry and \$12 per night with hook-up. (You might have to share the water with your neighbor.) Showers and an RV dump station are included in the fees. Three buildings will be open for our use. The "main hall" features 2 shows per day of sign-up jams. The "Sale Barn" will have several shows featuring 30 minute sets, a youth jam on Friday afternoon and will be available for electrified jams during unscheduled times. Any group wishing to reserve stage time for the long sets (30 minutes) is encouraged to contact Janet in advance. The "Exhibit Hall" is open 24 hours for jamming (except during scheduled workshops). Food will be available at the Jamboree. Admission is by donation. Contact Janet at 541-573-1323 for information, or the Harney County Chamber of Commerce at 541-573-2636 if you desire information about the community. Signs will help you find your way once you get to town. If in doubt, turn south at the 2nd stop light.

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The dates of the Diamond Lake Campout or High Mtn. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree July 29, 30, 31 Aug 1 go home the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug. Irene Ruddock

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Hollis Real wishes to thank all of you for your many cards, phone calls and condolences after Carol passed away. They meant a lot to him.

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Starr McMullen reminds us that the Willamette Valley contest will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis Contributions gladly excepted. \_\_\_\_\_

New members for June Hoedowner

1. Katie & Darlene Keller---Winlock Wa.
2. Garrett Rice---Bend
3. Thomas Hayes---Roseburg
4. Carol Lee Fletcher---Springfield
5. Kelsey & Cheryl Wood---Winchester
6. Doug & Debra Brewer---Roseburg
7. Tom & Pamela Potter---Winston
8. George & Ruth Hermach---Eugene
9. Lynch, Keenan---Roseburg
10. Dan & Yoke Quinn---Roseburg
11. Bernard Charlefois---Springfield

12. Bernice & Paul Orr---Roseburg
13. Ginny Marstall---Corvallis
14. Jim & Joy Sweet---Port Angeles Wa.
15. Paul & Debra Clement---Lake Oswego
16. Ed & Dorothy Sather---Eugene
17. Natasha Sills---Salem
18. Johnny Swearinger---LaPine
19. Ethel Martinson---Eugene
20. Gregory Arnell---Portland
21. Karen & Frank Morton---Philomath
22. Deborah Schaller & Ronald Bell--Corvallis
23. Tim & Elaine Aye---West Linn
24. Tim & Gail McGee---Salem
25. Bill Zimskey---Central Point
26. Mollie Edwards---Sisters
27. Kevin Dye---Portland
28. Doug Weise---Terrebonne

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Amy (Thomas) Booher has approximately 30 of her 50 students playing at the State Contest. She's held several pre-contest activities and events, including a practicing derby in which her students played their fiddles a grand total of over 28,000 minutes in the month of April! Who says fiddling isn't growing in Oregon!?! Amy is performing with students at 4 local elementary schools during May, and reports that all is alive and well with the younger set of fiddlers in the Willamette Valley!

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I want to make a comment about Carol Real. Hollis and Carol lived near us in North Bend years ago. Alice and I would be out walking and stop by their house "for a minute" and maybe 5 hours later we would get away. Carol would often prepare a nice elk roast, potatoes and other goodies "for me." She became one of my favorite cooks and a good friend. I am glad that I had several visits with her at the convention this year.

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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 contact Lew -- that's me.

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Eileen Witley, long-time OOTFA member, competition fiddler and judge, and former contradance band member, is now teaching fiddle at her studio at 11825 SW Greenburg Road #2A in Tigard. Morning, afternoon, and evening appointments are available. Children and adults of all skill levels are welcome. Please call Eileen at 503-701-1578 or email her at ewit@juno.com for further information.

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1998 33' Hurricane, SO, 17,700 miles, 5,000 Watt Onan Gen., 460 Ford Eng., hydraulic jack pads, two TVs, Video, Two Air conditioners, walk around bed, large bathroom & dressing room, non-smokers, just like new. Class A, \$39,000.00 (And Chuck and I filled the gas tank and the propane tank the other day.) Contact Ace Wehus if interested.

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Bob Shaffar writes; This year we finally got to attend the Silver Lake campout hosted by Dist 1-E, and the McLain family. We had a great time, these people are excellent hosts and work hard to make sure everyone is included and has fun. Thank you all. Jerene and I took our first trip in a fifth wheel we just bought. On the way we had battery problems and somehow pumped 25 gals of water on to the kitchen floor, A couple from Roseburg flagged us down to tell us the water was on in the trailer as we going down the road. When we got to Silver LK nothing seemed to work, and by now it was really starting to tweak my tuners. Jim Deaton, Terry & Doug McLain, and Larry Gallagher worked for about an hour to finally fix the problem and save the weekend for me and my family. I want to thank

them again and say that this kind of thing represents the kind of folk who make up our organization.  
Thank you all Bob, Jerene, Keith & Abbie Shaffar

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Convention videos. If you are interested in videos of the convention, check with me. I should be able to help you out. (Lew)

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Hi there Fiddlers,

I want to ask all fiddlers who are available on Saturday September 25 to come to the Newport Elks #2105 to the Hunters Ball. I have asked District 8 to be our music for this event and would love to have a wonderful event for both parties. District 8 will be paid for this event. As Lew stated we are thin but so are the Newport Elks. I don't know how many will be able to dance but everyone loves to hear our type of music. Music will probably start about 7ish in the evening and go to about 11ish, with the times subject to revision, depending on happenings on both sides and how long the crowd remains. We have a wonderful array of talent amongst our midst and I would love to have that talent represented at our function. We will be having a dinner and any fiddlers who wish to come early and partake of our meal are welcome. The menu and the price of the meal will be posted at the Elks. Any fiddlers who are under 21 are welcome but they must stay in the dancing or dining areas.

Respectfully yours, Barbara L. Bartholomew, Dist 8 member  
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Lew, Editor

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