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

2004

Sep.

4	Lake Creek Grange	4	
5	Lake Co. Fair	Lakeview	1E
5	FWW Redmond	3	
5	Senior Center	King City	7
10	Melon Festival	Winston	10
12	Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls	1
15	Community Center	Oakridge	6
16,17 &18	Campout 1000 T	LaPine	State/3
25	Elks Newport	8	

Oct.

2	Fruitdale Grange	Grants Pass	4
2	Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7
3	FWW Redmond	3	
9	"Hoot-n-nanny"	Winston	10
10	Shasta View Hall	Klamath Falls	1
10	Senior Center	Burns	9
16	Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
16	Grange	Crow	6
17	FWW Hall	Willamina	8

Nov.

20 Grange Crow 6

Dec.

5 Moose Lodge Lebanon 6

Feb.

5 Contest Gaston

May

20 – 21 Contest Salem OOTFA

District 1

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Happy September to all! Hard to believe that the days are getting cooler, the nights a little longer, and the leaves are turning to their fall colors already. Wow, how time flies!

State President Bob & Earlene Ervin joined us at our August meeting. It was nice to meet them, hear what Bob had to say about the Old Time Fiddlers, and learn what things are in store for the association. Our only regret was not having him join us in some fiddlin' before they left.

Our condolences to Thelma Allen and family in Roseburg. Lois Tucker is doing much better after her back surgery earlier this summer.

The September schedule is even more jam packed than last month, if you can believe it. Hang on to your hats boys and girls – here it is: Sat. 4th Keno Cowboy BBQ at Sportsman's Park from 5 – 8 pm, NO monthly meeting at Villa West on the 5th. We will be going to Gerber Ranch instead (time later). Farmers Market at 10 am on the 11th and our regular Jam & Dance on the 12th at Shasta View Hall (formerly the Grange) at 1 pm. We will also have some members performing at the Tulelake Fair on the 12th at 3 pm. Meet in front of Main Street Jewelers at 6 pm on the 16th for Third Thursday. Thousand Trails will also be on the 16th through the 18th. Saturday, Sept 18th, we perform at Wiard Park at 1 pm for Klamath Basin Habitat for Humanity's 3rd annual Basin Bike & Build. Back to the Farmer's Market at 10 am on the 25th, then off to the Chiloquin Community Center at 1:30 pm on the 26th. Whew, are ya still breathing?

The membership has decided to do the Chiloquin session on the 4th Sunday of each month, depending on weather, starting at 1:30 pm. It is a great venue, and the audience is very enthusiastic. Hope you can make it.

Don Fitzgerald reports back that he misses us a lot, and will try to visit as he can. Hope he knows we miss him too!

September Birthday Sprinkles go to: Grace Stork, Patti Northcraft and Dick Harris. Our September Anniversary celebration award is for Ray and Cherie Lane. Best Wishes to all.

From your friendly District #1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

District 1E

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Greetings all,

Here we are in the dog days of summer. Hope you're all getting lots of alfresco fiddlin' and pickin' done. On this side of the hill we've had perfect weather for it most of this summer with just a couple of "sprinkley" days. This time of year though, doesn't it seem like we start wishing again for cooler weather? Guess we're never quite satisfied.

Labor Day weekend we'll be putting in plenty of time at the Lake County Round-up and Fair, performing Sunday afternoon from 12 noon to 6 o'clock and, with just a few fiddlers in our group, we'll be stretched pretty thin. Any of you fiddlers from other districts who might read this in the online version, plan to stop by and give us a hand Sunday, September 5th. We're always happy to have you!

We are playing in the parade again this year, any of you that care to ride on the float, be at the staging area for the parade at 8 a.m. Monday the 6th.

We will, of course, be having our regular business meeting Monday September 13th at the Lake County Senior Center @ 7:00 p.m. The more the merrier (hint). Last business meeting we were treated to cake from Rhayanna McLain (as a thank you for playing at her wedding)

Here's our upcoming play dates for the month of September: Lake District Long Term Care Facility on the 14th and 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Lake County Senior Center on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon.

Birthdays for the month are as follows: Larry and Terry McLain on the 8th, Charlie Threet on the 12th, and Sharilyn McLain on the 14th.

***** From now on, no more potluck at the monthly jams. However, beverages will be provided.

*****Scratch the regular jam night in September.

Seems I'm temporarily out of stock in the music joke department. Here's a few Zen bumper stickers you might enjoy.

"Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow"

"Save the whales. Collect the whole set!"

"A day without sunshine is like.....night"

"Honk if you love peace and quiet"

Eileen McLain, District 1E reporter

District 3

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I bet everyone is enjoying these hot hot summer days. :o).

Dale Anderson, our chairman, has appointed the following people to assist in District 3 functions.

James and Joyce Wallace: Advertising and Publicity. Chet and Betty Fullerton and Joe Marstall:

Audio setup and storage. Bob Ervin: Activities Director Norma Jean Slay: Show MC and

Announcements Newsletter Reporter: Ellen Jakab and soon to be assistant Rhea Bigelow.

Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Marstall, Art Miller, Jack Kerr. Our Co-Chairman is Art Bigelow. :o)

The Redmond Library get together will be held October 12th and November 9th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Fiddle instructions will be provided by some of our members for the first hour and a jam will be held the second hour. Come on out to learn how to become a better fiddle player.

Our next VFW show will be September 5th. Remember it's the FIRST Sunday of every month. Hope to see all members there playing music and dancing.

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

Keep playing that good music. :o)

District 3 Reporter Ellen Jakab

District 4

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Summer is nearing it's end, but the hot weather seems to continue. Hope you're all keeping cool.

Sure is good to have Joan Allgood feeling better and back with us. She and Pat were among those of us from District 4 at Diamond Lake. What a great weekend - thanks Jerry and Irene!

The Greenes, the Reicherts, Linda Chambers, Louie Leger and Barbara and Scott Phillips reported having a great time at Winchester Bay! There were other district four members there, too. We all want to go next year!

Though we take a vacation from our "regular" gigs in August, our Chairman Lee Ferguson is keeping us busy and we are still playing at a lot of "irregular" gigs (as opposed to our "regular gigs"). Playing for the Historical Society at Hanley Farms got us some publicity in the paper, and playing for the Master Gardeners, doing the Virginia Reel, etc. was lots of fun!

We had our usual summer heat playing at the Jackson County Fair, and just as heated at Josephine County Fair. We really needed the iced drinks, mist'ers and fans. Gee, can't they plan these fairs for a little cooler weather?

Our beginner group (about 12 of us) "5 O'Clock Jammers" played for church services and church picnic at the Railroad Park. We ran out of train songs! Still much applause and appreciation from folks who usually don't get to hear us.

It's been nice having Sherrie West back in the area - just don't get to hear enough of her great fiddling!

Al DeWees is back playing his bass since recovering from pneumonia. Peggy Hudson and Tommy Mendez, two of our guitar players, have been ill with respiratory problems. Get well, you folks, we need you!

Several are planning to go to the Canyonville contest, which will be history by the time you read this. It's good to see the young folks competing.

Labor Day always brings sadness that summer is over and happiness by getting back to our personal versions of normal. Hope yours is all you hoped for.

And then . . . Know why the fiddlers are always so happy? - Fiddlers never fret!
District 4 Reporter, Judy McGarvey

District 5

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Whew! August is finally over!!!

Loren and Lela Osborne, Cricket Crowder and Hal and Karen Weiner thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Diamond Lake campout to start the month. The Ruddocks did it again! Thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

WOW!! What a fabulous time we all had at our first "Fiddle on the Beach" campout. (August 12-15). People came from near (Winchester Bay) and far (Germany and Australia) to hear a wonderful range of music.

We guess that we had over 175 people in the audience - there was standing room only at our performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. At one time people were queuing in the entrance waiting for some one to leave so they could get in and enjoy the great music. We had nearly 50 musicians sign up to play each evening.

On our Friday Blue Song night, the Pearsons' won for best costumes, Marie Bailey for best blue song and Bob Ervin for most creative song.

A large group of fiddlers also played at the Umpqua Lighthouse to celebrate its 110th birthday on Saturday morning.

There is not enough space to thank everyone who helped make this a success. All the cooks who made soups, cookies, muffins, cakes, salads and sandwiches – our BIGGEST THANKS.

Without all who helped out in the kitchen, ushered, set up the hall, and cleaned up, we would still be there. We collected enough donations to cover all of the cost of renting the hall and other expenses. A special thanks to Kitty who made several "anonymous" donations. If you are ever in Winchester Bay, stop at Kitty's, have some pie and tell her "Thanks!"

We signed up 5 new members at the campout. Welcome to: Buster and Shirley Smith of Vancouver, Washington; Jeff & Marla Trnavsky, Coos Bay, and Joe & Janet Trozelle, Cottage Grove. Be sure to welcome these new members at our next jam.

NOTICE: We found a black and silver magnetic necklace/bracelet at the Grange Hall. If this is yours please contact Hal Weiner.

To top it all off, on Monday 8/16, the paper in Coos Bay (The World) had a front page feature article about the campout, with a photo of Dale Colebank fiddling taking up half of the page!!

We also played at the Pioneer Days in Gold Beach on August 22 from 1-5 pm. A BBQ dinner was provided. A special thanks to the musicians who turned out to play at Bullards Beach on August 27th. We play again for the last time in Bullard Beach on September 10th.

We have been requested to add the Harmony Estates nursing home in Bandon to our play list. Larry Gallagher will contact those who play at nursing homes to confirm times and place.

We would like to thank Bill Travtsled from Coos Bay for making the delightful wooden raffle ticket turner for our drawings.

There will not be a regular third Saturday jam session at the Senior Center in September, since 1000 Trails happens at the same time. Our next meeting will be in the Coos Bay Senior Center on October 16th at 11:00 am. We will be discussing plans for our Holiday potluck, so please plan to attend. It will be followed by potluck at noon and a jam at 1:00 pm.

A reminder that we play again at NACO on September 4th at 7:00 pm. On September 11th we play at the Faber Farms Cranberry Scoop in Bandon. We will be playing there from 1-3 pm. Directions to get there are – in Bandon turn east on Hwy 42S. Go about one mile to the Cranberry Scoop sign and turn right on Morrison Rd. The Farm is on both sides of the road. Turn in past the bogs on the right and go to the gift shop.

We are also invited to join the folks in Dora for their corn feed. This is also on Sept 11.

Blow hard to get all those candles blown out for Florence Grove on September 7th, Ken Jordan 14th, Clara Thomas 18th, and Oren Pruitt 28th. Happy Birthday to all!

Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to Jim & Bev Hill on September 13th, Ken & Sally Jordan 15th, and Keith & Abbie Shaffar 28th.

The LAST copy of the OOTFA cookbook was raffled off in Winchester Bay. I know there are a few corrections that need to be made. Please send those corrections to Hal Weiner and we will publish an errata sheet in the Hoedowner. Thanks to all who participated and purchased the cookbooks (can you believe we sold all 200 copies??)

Hal Weiner, District 5 reporter

District 6

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August was another sad month for our District with the passing of long-time member Bob Kaiser. He was a true gentleman who served faithfully as our Treasurer, and I was privileged to have him on my board during my Chairmanship. His smooth fiddle style and cheerful presence will be sorely

missed at our jams. The good news is that his granddaughter is carrying on the fiddling tradition and is a very fine player herself. Our sympathies to Dee Dee and the family. We also mourn the passing of our good friend Dennis Allen from District 10 .

Belated thanks go to the folks who rode on the float in the Mary Cole Days parade. Cranking out the music were Bernie Charlebois, Buck Milligan, Don Peeler, Bernie Roberts, and special guest Andrea Wykoff, and tossing out the candy were Martha Green and Marie Roberts.

Thanks to all the musicians who entertained, if briefly, at the Lane County Fair. We are hoping to have a longer time slot to play next year.

A big thank you to the Crow Grange for hosting our August jam. Remember, we will be doing something different in September, when we will hold a jam in Oakridge on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, at the Community Center. The jam will start at 11:00 AM with a brief business meeting; bring a brown-bag lunch (the kitchen is not available). We will jam till 3 PM so folks heading to 1000 Trails will have plenty of time to get on the road. "Going east on Hwy. 58, turn right at the Dairy Queen onto Rainbow Road and turn right again on School Road, and the Center is on the left about two blocks; parking is in the rear (east side of the building)." This is an experiment aimed at providing a jam for people traveling to La Pine, and if successful we will do it again next year. Future jams will occur at Crow Grange on October 16 and November 20.

I received a brief note from Joy Halliwell in August, saying that Ken is recovering from surgery on his hiatal hernia, and spent 8 days in the hospital due to a blood clot in his lung. She asks for your prayers.

Happy birthday to Ruth Kennedy 9/5; Earl Knudsen 9/5; Addie Gonshorowski 9/13; John Davis 9/17 (85 years young!); Dave Boyd 9/27; Arlo Hamilton 9/28; and Darla Miller 9/30. Celebrating wedding anniversaries are Lloyd and Esther Shriber, 9/10/48, and John and Fran Davis, 9/17/03. Note that John got married on his birthday so he has no excuse for forgetting his anniversary.

Mark Ratzlaff, Reporter, District 6

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Thanks to District 5 for hosting such a fun weekend at Winchester Bay. Several of us from District 7 made it down there and fiddled our hearts out and sampled the local cuisine.

September continues to be a busy time for District 7 musicians. Thursday September 2 from 2 -3 we'll play at Miramonte Pointe, Hattie Kielhorn's new place, which is at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. We'll be in the Main Room by the piano. The phone number of the residence is 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of their big sign. When you leave the parking lot, there is only a right turn but two blocks later, there is a place to do a legal U-turn to go back where you came from if necessary.

Sunday September 5 begins our monthly jam schedule at the King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11:00. There will be a District 7 quarterly meeting at noon before the public arrives. We'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. Public invited.

Tuesday September 7 Fiddlers are invited to play at the Portland Air Base at 6801 NE Cornfoot Drive from 1 - 3 p.m. for the Military Officers Association of America. In order to meet requirements for security clearance you must be on the list at the gate.

Wednesday September 29, from 12:30 - 1:30 we're needed at the Providence Laurelhurst Eldercare Facility at 4540 NE Glisan. Even tho' the parking is on street and chancy, this is really a fun one and they love us here.

Saturday October 2 from 12 noon to 4:30 we'll have our monthly jam at the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. In Beaverton. Coming from the north take Hwy 26 west from Portland to 217, south to Allen, turn right onto Allen Blvd. Then again a right on to Hall to 12th St. The Center is on the right. From the South take I-5 to 217 north to Allen, then a left on Allen, to Hall. Turn right at 12th. The Center will still be on the right. Its a lovely brick building in a somewhat park looking setting.

SCHEDULE CHANGE! THIS IS THE NEW DATE Tuesday October 5, from 1:30 -2:30 at the Creekside Retirement Village in Beaverton. 5450 SW Erickson Avenue in Beaverton. We'll have to check the maps. Friday October 29, The Marquis Wilsonville Assisted Living facility at 30900 SW Parkway Avenue in Wilsonville needs players from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We want to welcome our new members to District 7. The new members are Mary Alice Hansen & Ken Bondley, Frank & Helga Stephenson from Portland, and Steve & DeDe Carr from West Linn. Steve plays guitar & Mandolin. Be sure to introduce yourselves when paths cross. Gail Foster, reporter, District 7

District 8

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Garibaldi is a small fishing village on the northern Oregon coast. What a wonderful relaxed day we spent there. The weather was lovely, a bit of coastal fog, and much, much cooler than the heat wave being experienced inland. The local musicians had a great set up in the Old Marina building. We played and visited and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. They really made us feel welcome. We had wives of three charter members in attendance: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Modrell and Mrs. Beck. What an honor. Thanks to Terry Kandle for inviting us and for making all of the local arrangements.

A few days later our district played at the Steam Up in Brooks, just north of Salem. Old Time fiddle music and Old Time Caterpillar tractors were the order of the day. Actually there were many other antique and steam driven machines on display too. We thank Phil Ringle for getting us on the program. Phil's brand new shoulder was healed enough that he could play his fiddle.

The Polk County Fair has been a regular August event for District 8 for many years. The fair crew had an overhead shade rigged up for the stage, so we didn't roast. Maybe just baked a little! Some of our members had already gone to the coast for the District 5 campout, but we had enough musicians and gave the audience a good show. We left from the fair to go to Winchester Bay.

The first District 5, Winchester Bay Campout drew many musicians from around the state. This was another reprieve from the hot valley temperatures. Winchester Bay, like Garibaldi, is a picturesque fishing village. It was especially fun for Lew and me to go back to our old district and see many friends. District 5ers were wonderful hosts. They provided us with gallons of coffee and bushels of muffins, as well as salads, desserts, sandwich makings and soups. A big thank you to all of those folks, especially the Weiners, the Nashs, the Hodges, the Gallaghers, and all the others who helped in many ways. You are all very special!

Several from District 8 entered the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. Thanks to Starr McMullen and her able crew for putting on this fun contest. Placing were: Pee Wee: Trevor Whitaker, 2nd. Junior: Zach Konowalchuk 2nd. Senior: Jim Hockinhull 2nd, Les Tucker 3rd, Alice Holt 4th. Championship: Amy Booher 4th. Accompanist: Pete Willis 3rd, Les Tucker 5th. Many of Amy's students entered. Thanks to great teachers like Amy, fiddling is reaching the younger generation! See complete results elsewhere in this issue.

On August 24 we will have played for our annual Mt. Angel outdoor "concert". And some will be attending the fiddle contest in Canyonville. I'll report on those next month.

Upcoming events, Ya'll come! Sunday, September 12, Falls City United Methodist Church. Come at 11:30 AM for a potluck lunch. Jam starts at 1 PM in the historic church. You can't miss the Methodist church. It is right on Main Street in "down town Falls City." Saturday, September 25, Newport Elks Lodge. See Barbara's note below for details.

Hope to see many of you at Thousand Trails Campout in Bend/LaPine.

~ A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Alice Holt, reporter

A note from Barbara, I want to ask all musicians 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. 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 musicians 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 OOTFA members who are under 21 are welcome but they must stay in the dancing or dining areas. Respectfully yours, Barbara L. Bartholomew, Dist 8 member Hunters Ball Chairperson 541-574-4424 Home 541-265-9441 Work bbartholomew@actionnet.net (The Elk's Lodge is locate approximately 3/8 or maybe a half of a mile east of Hwy 101, on the south side of the highway to Corvallis. You can't miss it.)

District 9

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Since the Harney County Fair is just around the corner please note our playing times: Wednesday the 8th we play from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. and again from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Thursday the 9th we play from 10:00 am until 12 noon; 4:00 p.m. until 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm until 9:00 pm. On Friday the 10th we will decorate our float at Ruel's shop starting at 6:30 pm. Those wishing to ride on the float must be at the shop by 8:00 am on Saturday morning for the judging and line-up.

Ruel Teague was in charge of the music for the Grant County Fair which lasted four days this year with a five hour program each day. Tom and Vivian Tucker of Mt. Vernon loaned their sound system and also played. Other participants John Borelli (Drewsey) Joanie Dubois and Tom Whale (Mt. Vernon), Hugh Gallaher (Jerome, Idaho), Don Hanna (Powell Butte), Ann Schlupe (Vale), Jerry and Irene Ruddock (Klamath Falls), Lidsa Otley (Princeton), Ivan McDaniel (John Day), Stacey Lange (now living in Bend), Jim Thomassen, Amanda and Ben Schaefer (Canyon City), Julia Milleson (Hines). Killai, a singer from Nashville, entertained during the fiddlers breaks. Those playing on the Blue Mountain Hospital float (third place) featuring Bones Traveling Medicine Band were Lynne Wilson and her granddaughter Rebecca, Joanie Dubois, Tom Whale, Ruel Teague and Julia Milleson. The weather was HOT but we all had a GREAT time.

We welcome guests Roger and Pat Borup visiting from Wellman, Iowa who came with niece Janet Brayman to a recent Friday night jam. also new-comers to a Friday night jam were Cran Cowan who plays guitar and Margaret Bailey who is a beginning fiddle player.

Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson played for Walt's cousins wedding held at the Teague cabin and played with Brenda and Lisa Otley in Fields for their grandparents retirement party. Congratulations to Jim and Lola Johnson of Canyon City who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Aspens will be moved up to Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm and Ashley Manor will be Monday, Sept. 20th at 6:30 pm.

Our monthly senior center programs will start on October 10th and mark Saturday 16th on your calendars for a celebration at the Sod House ranch from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Know Janet Brayman probably had a ball playing in Levenworth, Washington with the hammered Dulcimer group.

Julia Milleson, Reporter, District 9

District 10

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We had a very successful event at the Douglas County Fair August 10-13. District 10 would like to "thank" all those musicians who participated in our program this year. Extra thanks to Chuck Hasty for his excellent programming for the eight shows presented. Thanks to Louis Roy for his coordinating with the Fair management.

District 10 will be playing for the Winston Melon Festival, Friday, September 10th -4 pm to 6 pm at Riverside Park. Come early for sign up.

We have lost another of our Old Time Fiddlers. Dennis Allen passed away August 3, 2004. Many Fiddlers from around the State, participated in the service. Thelma wishes to thank everyone attending Dennis's service and for sharing their memories of Dennis and Thelma. Our condolences to Thelma and family. He will be missed.

Guests at our August 14th meeting were Marcella Lenninger, Bernie Charlebois, Martha Green and Don Peeler, all from District 6. Thank you for your musical contributions, Pat and Louie Werlinger also Seth McLaughlin were visiting from Caldwell, Idaho. You are always welcome.

Birthdays for September are Ruby Lillard, Rose Cluver and Claire Eaton, "happy birthday". Harold and Rose Cluver are celebrating their Anniversary this month.

Lynnette Smith would like your thoughts and prayers as she awaits her surgery and recovery. We are sorry we missed Jim Pershall's knee surgeries, He is doing fine now.

Mark your calendars October 9 and plan to attend our "Hoot-n-nanny". Dress in your best hillbilly costume. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Bring gut buckets and washboards or any thing else you can play. Everyone should have a great time.

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

From the Prez: Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! ordinarily I would not be happy about another month of my life being gone, but I am now, because it gives me a chance to talk to the members through the Hoedowner. This I would sooner do in person. However this is not possible, since we now only have one membership business meeting a year and this is at Roseburg, during our convention, at our annual business meeting in April.

I hope that this will change soon. As you know I have called for a special meeting to be held at Thousand Trails in September. It will be at 10:30 A.M. Saturday the 18th. We will be voting on the idea of a second business meeting each year. Nothing that we are now doing will change. Just add one more membership meeting. I hope the membership will vote in favor of this. The board has voted unanimously for this.

Don't forget about Thousand Trails, contact me if you want an R. V. space. Campsites are \$21.00 per night. There are quite a few left. Make checks to Thousand Trails and mail to me. Bob Ervin 6189 NE Wainwright Rd. Prineville, Or 97754

I should mention I have made several appointments. Some are new some will remain the same. They are: Membership: Myrtle Arnold, Editor: Lew Holt, Contest committee: Chairwoman: Star McMullen, Vice chairman: Lew Holt, Alternate: Amy Booher, Parliamentarian: Mark Carmickle. Amy Booher will work with Star and Lew and learn about the contest, so that she could fill in if either of them could not be there.

ALL WORKSHOPS IN THE SALOON AT TOWN SQUARE. The workshops for Thousand Trails are as follows: Banjo workshop 9:30 A.M. Thursday Hal Weiner -- Bass workshop 10:30 AM Thursday George Taevs -- Guitar workshop 11:30 AM Thursday Larry Gallagher -- Beginning Fiddle 10:00AM Friday Donna Foreman -- Intermediate Fiddle 11:00 AM Friday Alice Holt

State Quarterly Board Meeting will be Saturday 9:00 AM in the lodge

STATE SPECIAL MEETING 10:30 AM Saturday in the main lodge.

We will be starting the on stage jam and the evening sign-up show 30 minutes earlier this year. Maybe we can finish a little bit sooner.

And now it grieves me deeply to report the loss of two of our long time members, Dennis Allen and Bob Kaiser. They were both excellent musicians and will be very much missed by all who knew them.

We know they have gone to a better place to play with their friends who have gone before them. So Bob and Dennis, from all of us we just say so-long till we meet again. Our condolences to their families.

Bob Ervin, president OOTFA

From the editor: I left Winchester Bay feeling like a million dollars. District 5 did a great job making all of us feel welcome, feeding us, a variety of activities and weather that gave us a reprieve from the hot weather else where in the state.

The Willamette Valley contest was fun, again, this year. It was chance to meet old friends and to meet new friends. The weather was nearly perfect and the day went very well. Starr and her friends are to be congratulated for putting on the contest. (The day before I attended my high school 57th reunion – can you imagine being out of high school for 57 years?)

Because of our web site, I receive letters now and then about fiddling. One person wanted to have a fiddle festival at a lake, another fellow wanted to have a contest in Portland, another person wanted to interview and old time fiddler, etc. Regarding a contest and a fiddle festival, all I could do was give them our schedule across the state and wonder how they could fill in one more major activity. And some suggestions and advice, too.

NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER HOEDOWNER

1. Mary Hansen & Ken Bonaley--Portland
2. Steve & DeDe Carr---West Linn
3. Frank & Helga Stephenson---Portland
4. Walter Gilleland---Dorris, Calif.
5. Rick & Lani Isabelle---Klamath falls
6. Jules & Catherine Bilodeau---Florence
7. John & Sharon Hunt---Coos Bay

8. Jim & Jan Kuhl---Livingston, Texas
9. Alta Clark---Coquille
10. Laura Lawson---Klamath Falls
11. Joan Sims---Yreka, Calif
12. Sally Deitchler---Bend
13. Ray & Amy Coapman---Montague, Calif.

Did somebody put a folding stool in the wrong pick up at Diamond Lake? Contact me if you did and maybe I can get it back for you.

Recently on a Thursday evening a group of "fiddle students" met at our place here in Salem. It was a warm evening so the front door was open. A young lady and little girl walked up to the open door, Alice motioned them in. It took me a second to recognize who it was. I have been writing about our young fiddlers who have grown up. Laura Weber Cash, now 32 years old, walked in. Laura lives in Nashville and is the daughter-in-law of Johnny Cash. I loaned her my fiddle and she joined right in. She gave some very good pointers for all of us. Then Laura took the guitar and sang a few Carter family songs. We played "Where the White Lilies Grow" as one of our tunes as we went around the circle. Laura sang us an old tune that sounded very close to one we were playing. Little Anna Maybelle Cash is a delightful child. How did Laura happen to come to our place? She came back home to be with her family for a month. Her grandfather is ill and she felt that she needed to be here. She has a home in Stayton and that evening she came into Salem to have "Sushi." She visited with a lady. Laura said that she liked Sushi because she had spent a year in Japan. The lady asked her what she was doing there. "Music." "What kind of music?" "Fiddle." Then the lady exclaimed that her neighbors across the street had fiddle students in on Thursday night. "Who are they?" "Lew and Alice Holt." "I know them," so she followed our neighbor home and dropped in. It was a fabulous evening – way beyond anything imagined. Remember – Laura was one of our judges at the contest last May. Also, former state champ.

I was asked to be one of the pallbearers at Dennis Allen's funeral. I was honored to be asked. Dennis was a friend of Alice's and mine for many years. We first met Thelma and him at Greenacres back in the early 80s. He was more than "just a member." Although he didn't play his fiddle very often, to me, he represented what OOTFA is all about. He was literally at every jam and function – arriving early and staying late. He was there to back us up, to sing with Thelma, sometimes to play his fiddle and have a good visit with his many friends.

The Canyonville contest will be history by the time you read this (unless you check out the web site). The contest has been and continues to be only because of Gynn Deaton.

History book/ one and two: There are maybe 25 copies of the OOTFA History book still available. I'll have them at the Canyonville Contest and at 1000 Trails. Remember when our then president, Roger Germundson, challenged us to produce a history book for the "new biennium" (bet you haven't used those words for awhile). We printed 600 copies (in two printings) and received nothing but praise. A year or so ago we started "OOTFA History Number Two." It will consist of primarily newspaper articles from over many years. We had 28 volunteers type over 200 pages. I have collected another stack of articles and will be calling on volunteers again in the near future. Hopefully the book can be printed this winter. I dream big sometimes – this time I dream of having a CD of old time fiddlers and a DVD of old time fiddlers to go with the book. I have nice video of Bill Yohey, Leonard Maahs, Bob Fast, Rusty Modrell, Shorty Allen and Fred Virtue that would fill a six hour DVD. And I am working on the CD. I have excellent audio tapes that will give us music as far back as the early 60s.

Irene says: Thank you to all who came to the High Mountain Fiddle Jamboree at Diamond Lake. Jerry & I really appreciated it and also enjoyed putting it on. Hope everyone had a wonderful time. A special thanks to the musicians and a big thank you to the accompanists. I am sure their fingers were getting pretty sore. Thank you for the food and all the help and hope to see you next year--- July 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and leave the 1st of Aug. In 2006 we will be back to the first Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., and leave Mon. in Aug. if we can get cabins at that time. Your friends Jerry & Irene

Attention active and potential Scarlet Ladies! We will be convening at the OTF campout at Thousand Trails in September! Don't forget to pack your finery! If you have program thoughts please let Shanna Burchell know. A post card can be sent to 1800 Hamilton Lane, Grants Pass, Or. 97527 or you can use e-mail a skittlery@terragon.com . Let's wow 'em again!

A note from Jack Kerr: I can't find words to adequately express my appreciation for the outpouring of love and support from fiddlers all over the state over my loss of Peggy. What a fantastic and sensitive bunch of loving folks. Thank you, thank you everyone. Jack Kerr

Sherry Dobson writes: You are invited to join us in celebrating the 70th birthday of our Dad, Jack Walker on October 3rd, starting at noon. Potluck at 1:00 at the Crow Grange Hall, 85994 Territorial Rd., 4 miles south of Veneta. Bring your instruments, dance shoes & no gifts please.

Unknown "want to be" member. A lady paid for her dues at Winchester Bay, walked away and we have no idea who she was. If this "rings a bell" with anybody, please contact Myrtle Arnold or Sharon Gallagher or Lew Holt.

1000 Trails. President Bob wants to remind those of you who plan on going to Thousand Trails between Bend and LaPine this September that it's not too early to get your reservations to him for camping spots. Camping is \$21 per night. Make checks out to Thousand Trails and send them to Bob. know what a good time we have. Call Bob or email him if you have any questions. His phone number and address are on the front page of the Hoedowner. Thanks gang.

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.

Eileen Witley, long-time OOTFA 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.

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

I am dreaming again but hopefully by the time this Hoedowner is in your mailbox, I should have CDs of the Friday and Saturday jams at Winchester Bay available. I am working on removing all of the "silent time" between players and "sangers."

Hi Lew, Just a note to let you know about the up coming benefit Jam and dinner at Riddle on Sept 12th for the "Seniors escorting Seniors" organization. The jam is being done by the "Willamette Valley Country Music Assn. We would like to invite any of the Old Time fiddlers to join us for this worthwhile event. Any of the fiddlers that desire non amplified accompaniment will be honored. The Seniors in southern Douglas county would appreciate it if you could mention it. Respectfully Oral Robbins

Lew, Editor

Thanks Starr.

7th Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest August 7, 2004

Benton County Fair, Corvallis, OR

Results:

Novice

1. Elizabeth Peters -- Silverton, OR
2. Zachary Doyle -- PeEll, WA
3. Maddy Green -- Salem, OR
4. Tabitha Gholi -- West Linn, OR
5. Laura Townsend -- Portland, OR

PeeWee

1. Kian Dye -- Portland, OR
2. Trevor Whitaker -- Independence, OR
3. Isabel Hart -- Portland, OR
4. Fara Sumbureru -- Caldwell, ID
5. Willeke Frankzerda -- Blodgett, OR

Junior-Junior

1. Alex Carlson -- Ione, OR
2. Alex Carpenter -- Adna, WA
3. Kit Morton -- Philomath, OR
4. Quinn Carpenter -- Adna, WA
5. Aisha Abdoul -- Corvallis, OR

Junior

1. Michael Barnett -- Longmeadow, MA
2. Zach Konowalchuk -- Newport, OR
3. Robbie Griswold -- Lyons, OR
4. Brian Shaylor -- Portland, OR
5. Callie Carpenter -- Adna, WA

Adult

1. Aaron Fewkes -- Boise, ID
2. Beth Weber -- Cocolalla, ID
3. Jason Fewkes -- Boise, ID
4. Margaret Brank -- Winlock, WA
5. Mark Phillips -- Philomath, OR

Senior

1. Evelyn Horner -- Shasta, CA
2. Jim Hockenhull -- Sheridan, OR
3. Les Tucker -- Woodburn, OR
4. Alice Holt -- Salem, OR
5. K.C. "Don Juan" Maddox -- Ashland, OR

Championship

1. Jacie Sites -- Idaho Falls, ID
2. Amberly Rosen -- Eugene, OR
3. Andy Shelton -- Corvallis, OR

4. Amy Booher -- Salem, OR
 5. Starr McMullen -- Corvallis, OR
- Accompanist
1. Frank Moore -- St. Helens, OR
 2. Jeff Lincoln -- Meridian, ID
 3. Pete Willis -- Monmouth, OR
 4. Bill Murphy -- Battleground, WA
 5. Les Tucker — Woodburn, OR

Fiddle Raffle Winner (Donated by Nancy Rohn)
Zachary Doyle -- PeEll, WA

Judges:

Bob Heinith -- Portland, OR
Jeanine Orme -- Beaverton, OR
Joe Sites -- Idaho Falls, ID