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August

3-7	Diamond Lake Fiddler's Jamboree	Diamond Lake
5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
9-12	OOTFA Fiddle and Guitar camp	Thousand Trails
17-20	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay
26	Canyonville Fiddle Contest	Canyonville

September

14-16	Jam and quarterly meeting	Merrill
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District 1

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August

3-6	Diamond Lake Campout		
5	Saturday Market	Klamath Falls	11:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.
6	Villa West	Klamath Falls	
9-12	Fiddle Camp at 1000 Trails	La Pine	
12	Farmer's Market	Klamath Falls	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12	Picnic at John Northcraft's home	Malin	1:00 p.m.
13	Shasta Community Hall	Klamath Falls	12:00 -2:00 p.m.
17	Rehab	Klamath Falls	10:30 a.m.
17	Linkville House	Klamath Falls	1:00 p.m.
17	Main Street Jewelers	Klamath Falls	5:30 p.m.
26	Farmer's Market	Klamath Falls	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The second Sunday was a full house at the Shasta Community hall. Finger foods and good music were enjoyed on a nice sunny day. I was sure glad to see Irven Johnson and Lu Wells; they can still saw out a good tune.

The Burns Jamboree was great, three couples from Klamath made it there. The June weather was great. It was good to see Ruel Teague, and Bob Huffman, as I didn't see them at the Silver Lake Campout this year. The Jamboree turn out was a good one, saw a lot of old friends, including most of the McLains.

After the Burns meeting I saw Irene Ruddock at her trailer, where some of us were jamming; she had a big smile and a big gavel that someone spent a lot of time making. So now she is officially the OOTFA President for the next year.

John & Patty Northcraft had an evening BBQ at their home, a full back yard of musicians played till dark. Thank you for another lovely evening.

At our regular meeting July 2 at Villa West, we made some more progress in planning for the fiddle convention in Merrill on Sept. 14-15-16-17. Yummy's Cowboy Cuisine will put on the Saturday night dinner. The same people that did it last year, and I hope you remember how good that was. The menu will remain about the same as last year:

Roasted tri tip steak, or grilled chicken breast
Potatoes Au Gratin, green beans with bacon & onions and, if I remember, green salad.
Fresh fruit -- dessert will be berry cobbler. The cost will be the same as last year: \$12.50.

We will need a head count by September 1. Contact Bud Ullman, our district treasurer, at 1218 Buck Island Drive, Klamath Falls (541-883-2932), or send him an e-mail at bullman3@earthlink.net Advance payment is welcome, although tickets can also be purchased at the convention. There will be a raffle again this year, and each district is asked to bring a table decoration or flower.

August birthdays: Jerry Ruddock and Helen Meyers -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

August anniversaries: George and Etta Fernland -- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!

We wish Ann Bonser a speedy recovery from her knee replacement. Dick Harris is still undergoing cancer treatments; he will be in our prayers for sure.

Oh, Mike Foster, looking to buy a good guitar, he's an excellent player. 541-545-1618

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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August

14 Business Meeting

19 Jam

Bev Perry's house 2:30 p.m.

September

3 Lake County Round-up

9 Surprise Valley Rural Electric Meeting

Lakeville noon to six p.m.
Cedarville, CA 10 a.m. to one p.m.

At our last business meeting, Rosa Lee McLain turned the gavel over to Bev Perry, who will have the dubious distinction of being chairwoman of District 1E for the next year. It'll be as easy as herding cats!

On Sunday, July 16 we played for the New Pine Creek Fireman's BBQ and, of course, the cavalry came to the rescue in the form of Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, Phil and Sheila Fry, and John and Patti Northcraft. Thanks for your "hep" again. I think you now qualify as honorary District 1E members. (Your secret decoder rings are in the mail.)

We're playing at the Paisley Mosquito Festival is on July 29 for those of you who get this online. (11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Y'all come join us if you get a chance. Our August jam will be on the 19th at Bev Perry's house seven miles south of Lakeview on Hwy. 395. Look for a sign. We'll have potluck around 2:30 p.m. and play 'til the fingers give out.

We're still plugging away at the Lake County Senior Center every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Thanks to Fred Young from District 10 for joining us last Friday. He got the toes tappin' to his harmonica playing, and the crowd sure enjoyed his jokes.

The dates for August Nursing Home playing will be Aug. 1, 15 and 29 (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.).

On September 3 we play our long-standing gig at the Lake County Roundup. This one is a marathon 6 hours (noon to 6:00 p.m.).

On September 9, we'll join our friends from District 1 to play way down yonder in Cedarville, California for the Surprise Valley Rural Electrification Corporation's annual meeting (10 a.m. 'til one p.m.). Thank you District 1 for sharing the wealth....

Well, since we've no birthdays in August to report and nobody is in the Horse-pistol, I guess th..th..that's all, folks. Ever wonder why I don't talk much? My mother used to say "Never miss a good chance to shut-up."

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter

District 3

Chairman: Dennis Jakab 541-548-2387

Co-Chair: Jean Hardman 541-317-9566

Sec/Treasurer: Joyce Wallace 541-548-6865

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August

3-6	Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake	
6	VFW Show	Redmond	1:00-4:00 p.m.
6	Fair Show	Redmond Fairgrounds, Eberhard Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
9-12	Thousand Trails Fiddle/Guitar Camp	LaPine	
17-19	Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Grange	
19	Grass Valley Jam Session	Grass Valley Park Pavilion	1:00-4:00 p.m.

September

3	VFW Show	Redmond	1:00-4:00 p.m.
9	Bigelow's Potluck Barbeque	Bend	12:00 p.m.
14-16	Merrill Campout	Merrill	
16	Grass Valley Jam Session	Grass Valley Park Pavilion	1:00-4:00 p.m.

October

The weather is a lot warmer, but my calendar dates include cooler weather in the months ahead.

Our last VFW Show was July 2; with two groups of performers on stage, there were seventeen members performing good old time country music. Thank you all who performed on stage. The audience seemed to enjoy it as well. District 3 had a meeting after the show. New chairman Dennis Jakab brought the meeting to order. Eighteen members attended. Please try to attend the meetings; you get a lot of information.

New Business:

Guests who want to perform at the VFW show will be featured. Each new guest performer will be able to play/sing for free their first time with us, but must become a member to perform the next time. Group performance(s) will continue on the stage. Each performer will play/sing one song only.

District 3 had a video of our show filmed by (Leroy Dalebout). The video is being passed around among members. If you want to see it or make a copy, please contact Dennis Jakab.

District 3 wants to thank the High Desert Jamboree/Campout. What fun it was for a Father's Day weekend. The weather was great; so were the performers on stage. Dennis Jakab even wore his sun glasses on stage. Must been that bright in- and out- side. What a good concert! District 3 had twenty seven members there. Art and Rhea Bigelow want to thank to all, who came to their barbeque. Their next jam session potluck/barbeque is September 9th, in Bend -- come and join the fun.

Grass Valley invites members to their jams; the jam dates are: Aug 19, Sept 16, and Oct 21 at the City Park Pavilion, from 1:00-4:00p.m.

Closing Thoughts: When life gets you down, just remember the simple things in life: the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and the making of snow angels in the snow. May our prayers go out to those who have family members in the military. May God be with those who have lost love ones. Happy Birthday/Anniversaries to all this month. Keep on the sunny side of life.

Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter.

District 4

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August 12: Riverside Park, Grants Pass

September 2: Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

October 7: Eagle Point Grange

This reporter did not attend the July 1 monthly meeting at Walch Park near Lakecreek. Several members said that the pig and turkey roast was great! Only 25 pounds of pork was left. Many thanks to Bob Reeves, Gene Williams,

Richard & Lee Ferguson, Lee Cushman, Leonard Ferrara and our cook Monica who helped with the preparation. Richard even spent one night tending the fire so it would be just right. Everyone said it was quite a feast! However, it's back to "finger foods" for the rest of the summer lunches.

Please welcome Don Johnson as our new District 4 Co-Chairman. He replaces the ever-energetic Lee Ferguson, who will be a hard act to follow! Thanks again for all of your excellent work, Lee. All other District 4 officers remain the same as last year.

The western shirt exchange will be held at the Riverside Park meeting on August 12, so please bring your good, used western shirts to the Aug 12 meeting! Remember, the August meeting was moved one week later than usual this year. It is on August 12, not Aug 5!

Several \$50 scholarships are still available to the upcoming Fiddle & Guitar Camp at Thousand Trails, August 9-12. Please contact Judy McGarvey for details if you would like to attend. For more state activity information, check out the new OOTFA state web site by Hal Weiner www.ootfa.org. Hal built a Discussion Board Forum where we can ask questions, make announcements, do classified ads, and read the Hoedowner for each district. Once at the site, click on the "Hot Off The Press" box, then on the "OOTFA Message Board" link.

July is a busy month, and August has 3 major events! Highlights of July (so far) include playing at the Britt Festival in Jacksonville for the Children's Festival. The kids loved us! We performed for 150+ folks at the Valley of the Rogue Park, with another gig coming up in August. For the complete list of events see the latest District 4 July and August calendars at: www.ootfa4.org. Judy McGarvey also has calendars available.

In health news it was reported that Frank Armstrong took a serious fall and was injured, but he is recovering. Both Doug and Arlene Douglas are also on the sick list. Jim Barrett was also reported to be ill a few weeks ago. Also, Grumpy is back at the emcee mike but not fully recovered from his recent illness.

Back by popular request is a suggested old-time "Tune of the Month". This peppy 2/4 tune in D is called "Needlecase". Both a midi file and sheet music are available online at www.ootfa4.org/TunePages/Needlecase-D.htm.

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best." (Henry Van Dyke)

Rick Reichert, District 4 Reporter

District 5

Chairman: Mapril Combs (541) 572-5532

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Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Nash (541) 902-1981

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August

12 Bullards Beach 6 – 8pm

17 - 20 WINCHESTER BAY CAMPOUT

25 Hauser Church Time TBD

26 Sunset Beach 6 – 8pm

September

- 9 Sunset Beach 6 – 8pm
23 Myrtle Point in conjunction with the Harvest festival
October
21 location tba - jam & potluck

We would like to welcome Jolly Hibbits as our new membership chairperson. Thanks to Karen Weiner for taking care of membership for the past two years.

The weather, the music and the audiences for the Yachats Smelt Fry were great. Thanks to all of the musicians from District 5 and 8 who drove all the way there to perform.

At our jam in Winchester Bay on July 15, we had a light turnout, but good music and friendship was had by all. We had a wonderful guest from Glasgow, KY. Colin Grant Adams is a Scottish Folk singer who is touring the in area and came to jam with us.

Please plan on joining us for our “Fiddle on the Beach” campout in Winchester Bay from August 17-20. There will be jamming all day and sign-up performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday morning there will be a gospel show. Our theme for the Saturday evening performance this year is Trains, so dig deep and come up with a unique train song. Everyone is invited to a free dinner sponsored by District 5 on Thursday. We will be serving baked potatoes with chili and salads. For more information contact Sharon Gallagher.

Our next jam will be on September 23. It will be in Myrtle Point in conjunction with the Harvest Festival. We will let you know more in the next Hoedowner.

Enjoy your summer.

Hal Weiner, District 5 Reporter

District 6
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August

- 16 Lane County Fair Eugene 3-5 p.m.

As most of you chairpersons already know, we sometimes get more than we bargained for in this job. Such is the case with me at the moment. District 6 is attempting to procure someone to report all our good deeds to the Hoedowner, thus far without much success. So---I will be "spreading the word" for the time being.

By the time this gets into print, our July 22nd jam at Lake Creek Grange will be history, so will have to wait to see how that turns out. August promises to be a very busy month for us. We will be playing at the Cottage Grove Western Oregon Exposition from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. August 5th. Then, on August 16th, the Lane County Fair will be our venue from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. These are "bread and butter" gigs for the district, so participation from as many as possible is important. Visitors from other districts are especially welcome at the Lane County Fair gig.

We had a rather meager turnout for the Oakridge museum Pioneer Days picnic, but those who did show up had a lot of fun, beautiful weather, an abundant lunch and a very receptive audience. My thanks to all for a job well done.

Don't forget the open jams on Friday evenings at Central Grange (first Friday of the month) and Crow Grange (second Friday).

Best wishes to our former district reporter, Judy Eads, who is recovering from cancer surgery.

Happy birthday to: Floyd Frazier, Samantha Dobson, Emily Moyle, Clarence Larson and Esther Shriber.

Anniversary best wishes to: Bernie and Marie Roberts (July 18) , and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle (July 29).

Bob Strelow, acting District 6 Reporter

District 7

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Sec/Treas: Barbara Petrin 503-639-1688

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August

9	Rose Linn Care Center	West Linn	3:00 p.m.
12	The 7th Annual Bawb Bash	East of Sandy	12:00 p.m.
16	Clackamas County Fair	Canby	
24	Cherry Wood Village	Portland	2:30-3:30 p.m.
31	Midland Branch Library	Portland	2:30-3:30 p.m.

September

3	King City Senior Center	King City	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
19	Senior Safari Oregon Zoo	Portland	tba

We have new members hailing from north Portland. Remember to welcome Greg & Marcella DuFour when your musical paths cross. August is a busy month for D7. Lots of music to go around.

Wednesday August 9 starting at 3:00 p.m. we are hired to play at the Rose Linn Care Center at 2330 Debok Road in West Linn. We'll play from 3 to 3:45 then take the elevator to another floor and play from 3:46 to 4:30. This is for the Center's "Western Days" Celebration so be sure to wear your cowboy hats and be ready with those western tunes. Take the 10th Street Exit off I-205 and go north on 10th to the "T" and turn left onto Blankenship; then right onto Debok and the Care Center is on the left side.

Saturday August 12 starting at noon will be the 7th Annual Bawb Bash. It is a Happy Birthday Potluck Jam at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's place at 50995 SE Baty Road out of Sandy. Take Hwy 26 east of Sandy Oregon and go six miles past the last stop light. Pass The Candy Farm on the right and get ready to turn left onto Cherryville Lane. Drive one mile and turn left onto SE Baty Road. Drive another mile and turn right at 50995 SE Baty Road into their

driveway. Bring food to share, chairs to sit on and the instruments you want to play. Bob will celebrate his 86th birthday! Andy and Terry's phone number is 503-668-3917 and their new email is atjorgensen@gotsky.com

Wednesday August 16 from 2 – 4 at the Clackamas County Fair! Come help us celebrate Senior Days. The Fairgrounds are at 694 NE 4th Avenue in Canby. 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. Put it on your calendar and plan on coming!

Thursday August 24 More Western Days! This time it will be at Cherry Wood Village at 1417 SE 107th in Portland from 2:30 – 3:30 in the afternoon. We will play in the Royal Anne dining room in the Assisted Living Building. They have a wonderful sound system so let's give it a good workout!

Thursday August 31 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. we're needed to play at a retirement party at the Midland Branch Library in Portland. Midland is at 805 SE 122nd Avenue. Our lucky retiree is Susan Egan who has worked for the library for a very long time. Her grandfather was a Montana fiddler.

Sunday September 3 we'll start our regular jam season at 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 and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. Public invited.

Tuesday September 19 at the Senior Safari at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. Take highway 26 west of town and follow the exit to the Zoo. We'll know time and particulars next month.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

District 8

Chairman: Darlene Bryant 503-362-0172

Co-Chair: Marie Bailey 503-835-7185

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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August

10	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
12	Aurora City Park	Aurora	
22	Benedictine Home	Mount Angel	6 to 7 p.m.

September

23	Neskowin Valley School	Neskowin	
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July has been busy for us. We played twice at the Aurora Museum to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Aurora Colony.

Silver Falls State Park has been one of our regular gigs for several years. It's always fun and this year was no exception. With help from Districts 6 and 7, we played for 2 hours on Saturday and 3 hours on Sunday.

The Thousand Trails Campground at Pacific City is also an annual event. The group played there the evening of July 15th. Entertaining the campers were: Marie and Bob Bailey, Loita and Dale Colebank, Wally and Betty Case, Terry Kandle, Fred Hardin, Dennis Brutke and new member, Doris Snow. They received several standing ovations. Way to go!

Several District 8ers attended the fiddle workshop at Wallowa: Darlene and Jack Bryant, Ray and Marie Cunningham, Raymond Gosier, Fred Hardin and Lew and Alice Holt. We were in class five hours a day for five days. It was great. And what beautiful country up there in the northeast corner of the state!

Entertaining a group on July 18th at Rickreall was another opportunity to share our music.

July 29th we're scheduled to play in two places. Good trick! But with help, we can do it. Some of us will be at Garibaldi Days and others at a Caterpillar Tractor show at Brooks.

August promises to be just as busy.

Thursday, August 10th, we'll be paid \$250 to play at the Polk County Fair. We'll play from 11:30 to 12:30. This is senior day. Your musical instrument will get you in.

Saturday, August 12th we play at the city park in Aurora. To get to the park, from the traffic light in the middle of town, go past the museum and follow the street south to the park. It's a mile or more.

Tuesday, August 22 is our annual outdoor concert at Providence Benedictine Nursing Home in Mount Angel. We'll play from six to seven p.m., and then eat out afterward. We've been dining at The Angel's Table the last couple years. The food is good and the price is reasonable.

Other playing places for August include: Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Diamond Lake Campout, OOTFA fiddle workshop at LaPine, Thousand Trails, Winchester Bay Campout and the Canyonville Contest.

Tankruptcy (n): The financial condition resulting from fueling one's SUV.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

Chairperson: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868

Secretary/treasurer/membership:

Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

August

11	Aspens	7:00 p.m.
21	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

Following our Jamboree, Jim Toussaint's parents, Don and Wilda, hosted a lasagna party at their place near Princeton. Lots of music, friends and eating were the order of the day. Also a few lost articles turned up after the Jamboree; if you think one might be yours, contact George Sahlberg at 541-573-6517

Another fun outing for a Friday night jam was a trip to the Drewsey-Van area to the home of John and Linda Borelli. A great feast, house tour, and the wonderful view of the valley plus the music made for a mighty fine evening.

Gordon Black continues to recuperate from his hernia surgery; we are awaiting the time when he can pick up his instruments again. A condolence card was sent to Billy Lanier on the passing of her husband, Gerald.

Anyone interested in playing at the Grant County Fair August 24 - 26 should contact Ivan McDaniel at 541-575-2574 for more information and playing times.

We continue our summer playing at the Aspens August 11th at 7:00

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

District 10

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We didn't have a meeting this time due to lack of members. But, we had a nice potluck, thanks to everyone that brought the good food. The jam went great, lots of players and singers. A guest, Mike Akley, played his guitar and sang. He was very entertaining. Hope he comes back. There were many visitors in the audience; glad to see them all.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all who have them in August. We wish the ones that are under the weather a speedy recovery.

We would like to urge the members to come to the meetings. It isn't as bad as you think: we promise not to hurt you; we're all very lovable.

Some of us have been playing at the nursing homes and whatever else that comes up. We play one day at the Douglas County Fair on Tuesday, August 8th.

Our next meeting, potluck and jam will be August 12th. (Boy, doesn't time fly!) Hope to see you all there. Everyone is welcome; bring your instruments and join in with us.

Joyce Pickett: District 10 Reporter

From the Prez:
OOFTA
President
Irene Ruddock

I wish to say THANK YOU again for the great time we had in Burns., and also for asking us to have the board meeting there again next year.

Old time music has such great old time rhythm feeling and melodies. People that come to listen to us play, enjoy hearing music that they can't hear any where else. Comments from the audience can be very enlightening, especially when you hear them say "I thought we were going to hear old time fiddle music"

There are so many good hoedowns, waltzes, jigs, reels, polkas and schottisches which, played with danceable rhythm and feeling, make for very good listening. Our organization has progressed from old style playing and tunes to newer tunes and playing styles. There is nothing wrong with newer tunes, but our emphasis should continue to be on old time fiddling. So enjoy your progressive music, but keep learning and playing the old tunes with the good old time feeling and rhythms. You may find it very challenging.

Our next meeting is in Merrill and I would like to have the board meeting on Friday morning, September. 15 at 9:30 a.m., and the open meeting on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Hopefully we can get both meetings over early so that everyone can get back to the fun part, playing music!!!!!! I hope to see all of you there.

Remember the Fiddle Camp August 9--12. There will be several fiddle and guitar instructors. There are several camp-outs coming up and also another contest. Check your Hoedowner for the dates and try to support each and every one of them as they are a means of supporting and enhancing our old-time fiddling.

PLEASE get your nominations for the "Distinguished Member Award" to me before January first. Put them in a sealed envelope marked "nominee." I will give them to a committee to review and choose the one to be put on the board. You do not have to have to nominate someone from your district; it can be anyone anywhere in the state.

I have asked Joe Moyle to continue as editor and he has accepted. Mark Ratzlaff will carry on as membership chairman. Earlene Ervin will continue doing name tags. Thank you Joe, Mark and Earlene.

Your President, Irene Ruddock

From the Editor Emeritus:

I want to share with you some thoughts about Weiser this year. First - while we were there, the weather was perfect. The new campground is a good one. Alice and I left Tuesday because we had been gone a week and wanted to get back home. We got to see all of the senior and senior-senior contestants. We were very proud of them all. Willie Carter made several cuts. Les Tucker was third in the SR-SR Division. I would say that was pretty good.

Throughout the week I followed the results on the contest website. Oregon is proud of 14 year old Alex Hargreaves who is the new National Junior Champion. There were something like 71 contestants. Eric Jepson made several cuts and did well in the same division. Seven year old Kiarra Saito-Beckman was 4th in the Small Fry Division. Eleven year old Miya Saito-Beckman was fifth in the junior - junior division. Dan Emert was first in the very competitive adult division. So Oregon had two division winners. In the certified rounds, Judy McGarvey won the best dressed. All Oregon contestants are listed on our web site in a couple of places. Just as important as the music was visiting with old fiddle friends from all over.

I had a nice visit on the phone the other evening with Marie Mickey. She and Huck live with a nephew in California. Marie isn't in the best of health, I am sorry to say. It just didn't seem right this year not to see Huck and her at the convention. She would love to have a note or a call from any of her old friends. Huck and Marie Mickey c/o Lorea and Karen Morris 9158 Gary Ave. Stockton, CA 95212 209-931-3283.

Last year Alice and I entered the fiddle contest in John Day which was held the last week end of September. When I was talking to Ivan McDaniel on the phone last night, we talked about the contest this year. It will be held on Saturday, September 30 at the fairground in John Day. It is classified as an "old time fiddle contest." Pee Wee, Jr-Jr, Jr, Intermediate, Open adult (19-59) and a Progressive division. You can get more information by calling Ivan at 541-575-2574. It was fun. Alice and I hope to go again this year. The judges will be Jay Dean Ludiker, Kent Craig and Dwayne Stevens. Jay Dean will be teaching a workshop the day before the contest.

This last week Alice and I participated in the Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop in Wallowa. Five days of concentrated instruction. What beautiful country! It was a great experience.

I imagine it will be mentioned elsewhere but great things are happening in August - starting off with the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis on Aug. 5. Contact Starr for more information. And then on August 9 - 12 there will be the OOTFA fiddle and guitar camp at 1000 Trails, south of Bend. Contact Bob Ervin for more details. The Canyonville Contest will close out the month. Contact Gynn Deaton for more information.

Lew.

From the Editor:

Starr McMullen has forwarded the following information about the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest:

“The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will again be held at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis on August 5. Registration starts at 9 a.m.; the contest starts about 9:30 a.m., with the finals at 3:30 p.m.; the contest is scheduled to conclude by 5:30 p.m..

This is a contest in a really fun setting in the heart of the beautiful Willamette Valley. We are only 65 miles from the coast---for those of you who have a hankering to see the ocean.

This is the ninth annual contest, so we are becoming a Fair tradition. This year's judges will be:

Jason Kewkes, Boise ID
Danita Rast, Meridian ID
Lew Holt, Salem OR

Come one, come all --- and bring your friends---we are trying to set a record for the number of fiddlers this year. We hope to have a lot of jamming going on between rounds.

There is a Novice Division for those who have never played in a contest before in addition to PeeWee (8 and under), Junior-Junior (9-12), Junior (13-17), Adult (18-59), Senior (60+), and Championship (any age) divisions. Novice and PeeWee only play one round, top five players in the other divisions play two rounds.

Call me (541-745-5130) or (602-1224) if you have questions.

See you in August.

Starr”

Hal Weiner sends the following note along: “We now have a new site to share music and other files.

We can upload an unlimited number of files and can download/listen to about 25GB per month (that's about 2,000 songs per month!!!) For more information, see this site: <http://www.ootfa.org/announcements.htm>

Also the Hoedowner can now be read on-line without downloading and individual district reports can be printed. We also now have archive issues of the Hoedowner on-line for download. See all this at: <http://www.ootfa.org/hoedowner.htm>.”

New Members to Welcome:

Allyn & Nadine Markham, Cottage Grove

Lewis & Mona Cain, Cedarville, CA

Harry & Cora Daugherty, Boring

Dale & Carol Miller, Silverton

Mary Jane & Alan Priller, Salem

Larry & Katy McDonald, Crooked River Ranch

Jerry & Diane Willingham, Salinas, CA

James & Paule Vickroy, McMinnville

Greg & Marcella DuFour, Portland

Megan Miller-Morgan, Toledo

Donald & Barbara Evans, Medford

Larry & Linda Kendricks, Medford

Kevin & Sherry Lafferty, Welches

Ruby Lillard, Roseburg

Sue Anne Cooper, Springfield

Mark Ratzlaff, State Membership Chairman
