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## Greetings From your President

What a great time we had at the Diamond Lake and Winchester Bay camp outs. Thanks to the Ruddocks and District 5 for all of their efforts. Also congratulations to Bob Ervin for another successful Fiddle Camp.

Several years ago Bob Ervin wrote an article about jam etiquette. I thought I might share with you some items from an article in Music Scene magazine. The article was about the etiquette of performing on stage versus playing in a jam session. I thought it had some good points. But please remember these are not the official rules of OOTFA – just the magazine's suggestions and my comments to serve as a guide for your performances. Each district probably already has their own methods that they like to follow.

When performing in front of an audience, there are common good manners that should be followed:

1. Guitars are the driving force of old-time music and have an important and hard job of providing both steady rhythm and an overtone chord that affects the overall sound of the tune. With multiple guitars playing at the same time, it is very important that they get on the same page with each other. If you are unsure of the chords, please don't play, learn the tune at a jam session.

2. No one is impressed by anyone who insists on playing over everyone else's vocals and breaks. Other players should lower their volume while someone takes a break.

3. No one has ever garnered any ill will by playing too softly or too little.

4. Noodling on your instrument between tunes is just plain annoying, as well as talking while someone else is playing.

5. If you are a lead back-up player and playing back-up for someone else, back off and play rhythm most of the time. You may play some pick up frills to enhance the singer or the instrumental lead, but be courteous, and share this role with other lead players and do not overshadow the lead.

6. If you play a dominating lead instrument, like a fiddle or banjo, don't play on all of the verses; the article actually recommended that you do not play at all when a guitar picker is taking a lead since you will likely overpower the picking.

7. Tune up before you get on stage for your performance. (Banjo players take note!!)

8. Be ready, when it is your turn to play, to name a tune and its key.

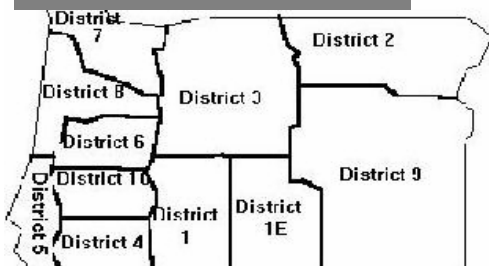
9. If you have NOT been asked to play back-up, make sure that the musician doesn't mind if you do. It is OK for the lead performer to pick their own back-up. Some musicians have difficult tunes and have practiced with specific back up. So don't take a mike unless you know you are welcome.

10. If you are a listener, you can help musicians by keeping conversation to a quiet level. Conversations near players can be a distraction. Players need to hear subtle harmonies, breaks and changes to be able to follow along. If you want to visit with your neighbor, go outside or to another room.

11. If you enjoy what you are doing, the audience will as well!

I have had several questions about paying gigs. For paying gigs, whoever hires us normally sets the rules. If they only want a small group, or no vocalists, or only fiddlers and banjo players (not likely), then those are the rules. It should be up to

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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose – To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music".

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September

I have just received information that former old time fiddler Chuck Bruneu passed away on August 1. He was a member of District 1 several years ago, living in the Bonanza-Lorella area. I would guess that several state and local members have played music with him. They dropped out of District 1 before I be-

came a member, so never had the pleasure of backing him up with guitar. He had been living around Prescott, Arizona the past few years.

Several District one members went over to New Pine Creek to join in the festivities, for the Firemen’s BBQ. Playing music with the District 1E members is always fun.

- 5 Tulelake Fair 4 - 5 p.m.
6 Farmers Market 10 a.m. - to 12 p.m.
6 Tulelake Fair 4 to 5 p.m.; 7 - 8 p.m.
7 Potluck and Jam Shasta Community Hall Meeting 12 - 4 p.m.
10 -13 State Meeting Merrill
18 Shasta View Care Center 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
18 Linkville House 3- 4 p.m.
18 Main Street Jewelers 6 p.m.
20 Farmers Market 10 - 12 p.m.
27 Farmers Market 10 - 12 p.m.

Birthdays will be celebrated by, Mike Foster, Patti Northcraft this month; have a good one.

Anniversaries. I don’t have any listed for September. If I missed one, let me know and I’ll get you on the list, thanks.

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

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September

6 Roxy Ann Grange Medford

October

4 Eagle Point Grange

November

1 09Fruitdale Grange

The August jam was held at Riverside Park in Grants Pass with about 30 attending. There was good food and music with wonderful weather. Don Johnson officially resigned as Chairman due to health problems. Scott Phillips is taking the helm, with Cathy Frutchey as co-chair.

Our fiddle music at the Britt Children’s Festival had a lot of young children dancing and singing along with our music. Some of them were quite fascinated with our instruments – I don’t think they have experienced much live music. Parents, too, were involved, and asked the usual question of “What’s the difference between a violin and a fiddle?” We, of course, pull out the old chestnuts –“A fiddle is a violin with ATTITUDE!”, and “A violin sings, and a fiddle dances.” Got some more?

Diamond Lake was great as usual with good weather and a great turnout of folks from the young girl fiddlers to our nonogenarians Jim Winslow and Guy Kinman, all joining in to make memorable music. Thanks

Jerry and Irene for the great feed – and especially the homemade ice cream!

Scott Phillips, Cathy Frutchey, Everett Costa, and Judy McGarvey attended the State Fiddle Camp at Thousand Trails. Our newest members Lindsey Short and her dad Robert also came, and Lindsey, at 12 years old, wowed us all with her awesome guitar and fiddle playing! Way to go, girl! We’re all looking forward to playing all the new tunes we learned, and teaching them to the rest of the group. Other than the marble sized hail, the weather was do-able.

We’re looking forward to the Winchester Bay camp out, which will be history by the time this goes to press.

Robert Short, one of our new members, will be managing our website. We have some plans to expand it, so check in now and then to see what’s new!

Bea Johnson has been having some health problems, and so is resigning as reporter. Judy Lyons has had a continuing sinus infection, and has not been able to play. Don Lindsey’s health has been failing, and he has been

moved to a care facility, Springbrook Cottage. We really miss having him play with us, but all the old tunes he taught us (and there are many) live on! We’ll keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Since our new members are Short, and many of us are the recipients of “short jokes,” I’ll share the latest: The advantage of being short is that you are the last to get rained on!

Judy McGarvey,
acting District 4 Reporter



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September

1 Play Parade Starts below high school.
6 Jam Senior Center 4 - 10 p.m.
8 Business meeting Senior Center. 7 p.m.
11- 14 Merrill
Don't forget RosaLee's Thursdays at 6 p.m.

October

All good in Lake-view. Played in New Pine Creek had lots of help from Klamath Falls. Thank you, people. for your help.

On Oct 6th, starting at 9 a.m., we will have an all-day work shop at the Senior Center. Pizza for lunch will be provided by District

1-E. Come have a good time. Lots of music, visiting, and banana pudding (maybe).

Juniper RV park was a good time; played a little bit. What a good bunch to play for.

If you come to the Lake County Fair, I don't know if you will need a coat or suntan lotion. Bring

both, and a lawn chair too. August 30 - September 1. Let the good times roll on!

Larry McClain, for Bev Perry, Reporter, District 1E

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September

7 Jam Pine Forest Grange, Bend 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Our last jam was August 3 at the VFW in Redmond. We competed against the Deschutes County Fair so our turnout was down, but those attending enjoyed the music even if the musicians were divided between the fair and the VFW. Betty and Bill Chapman from District 1-E were more than welcome. Betty's music always blends in well with the other musicians.

Bob Says:

"Hi! I really wish to thank District 3 for their support of the OOTFA Fiddle Camp at Thousand Trails. Thanks to you and other Districts as well as members who return each year. The OOTFA Camp continues to grow each year. This is my way of supporting

the purposes of the OOTFA which are to promote and preserve "Old Time Fiddling and Old time Music."

Also, don't forget we will not be having our monthly jams at the VFW in Redmond, they will be at the Pine Forest Grange in Bend. still on the first Sunday of each month as in the past, but will start 30 minutes earlier at 12:30 p.m. The address is: 63214 Boyd Acres Road. the same place we have our Christmas Party. Please come and support your District. WE NEED YOU.

At the Board Meeting in Burns, the Board approved a motion to increase the mileage paid to State and District officers because they are required to attend all State meetings. This will be voted on by the general membership

at the Merrill meeting on September 11-13. Since I will be attending this meeting as your representative, I would like to know your thoughts on this. You can contact me by phone ( 5 4 1 - 4 4 7 - 5 4 5 1 ), e m a i l ( ptranch@prinetime.net.), or at our September jam.

I hope to see you at the Pine Forest Jam."

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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person in your district who contracts for the gig to pick the players or open it up to anyone. Unfortunately, just because you are a member of OOTFA, it doesn't mean you are invited to play anywhere that we are hired to perform. Also, since we are an all volunteer non-profit organization, one

of our efforts is fund raising and playing for gig is one of main fund raising activities. This means that if we are invited or want to perform, we are not paid as musicians or reimbursed for mileage or other expenses. You may be able to deduct mileage as a charitable contribution on your income taxes.

Our semi-annual meeting will be held at Merrill on September 13th at 11:00am. Please plan to attend if you can, since we will be voting on several issues.

Keep the music going....

Hal

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What a huge success the Winchester Bay camp-out and jambo-ree was with many musicians who came from several states, including Alaska. Both the Friday and Saturday evening shows saw an overflow audience with people from many states, Canada and Germany. They thought the music was great and they enjoyed our cool, cloudy coastal weather. The Saturday show, with a "Sun, Moon and Stars" theme saw Judy Mc Garvey winning for most appropriate theme, Hal Weiner for funniest presentation and Jack Kerr for best presentation of the evening. Among those performing were Gayle Clarity, champion, and Judy McGarvey, 5th, in the senior-senior division at the recent national contest held in Weiser, ID. Another interesting attendee was 9-year-old Sawyer Olson from Kodiak, AK. That boy can really play the fiddle.

Way to go, Sawyer! Among other notable performers were Evelyn Horner, who has been elected to the Western Swing Hall of Fame, from Mt. Shasta, CA and Art Morgan, who has been a member of The New Christy Minstrels in the past, from Sacramento, CA.

Some notables of our own from District 5 were also on stage. These included Larry Gallagher, formerly with The New Christy Minstrels; John MacRae, a member of Glenfinnan, a Scottish folk music group from the Los Angeles area; and our new state president, Hal Weiner, who won't allow me to reveal his past (It's all good!). Thanks to all the performers, workers, judges and others involved in getting this event together. This reporter heard many nice comments from both the audience and the participants with most saying they plan to be back next year.

September will be a busy month

**September**

- 3, 10, 17, 24 Nursing home gigs
- 13 Cranberry Festival Bandon Waterfront 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 14 Church picnic Reedsport 1:30 p.m. More on this later.
- 20 Monthly jam Winchester Bay
- 27 Harvest Festival Myrtle Point. Time and location TBA
- 28 90th birthday party Coquille Community Bldg. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

with the nursing homes on Wednesday schedule resuming and the festivals, picnic, birthday party and regular monthly jam. Please note, the scheduled program at the Woahink Lake yurt on August 30, has been cancelled.

Though I am a new member of this group, I have been attending District 5 Old Time Fiddler events for the past 30 years or so -- probably longer than any of you who are active members now. I haven't one iota of musical talent but very much enjoy listening to and watching the rest of you perform. And I'm a good cookie maker! If you have any news or announcements to be included in this report contact me at the above phone number or e-mail address. And if I'm not doing this right, let me know.

Mary Weist, District 5 Reporter

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About thirty folks showed up to play on stage at the Clackamas County Fair. They entertained on Senior Day and sure had a good time. Although summer is a busy time for everyone, it would be great to have good attendance at all of our events. Let's try to have a good showing at the upcoming jams for all the folks who come to see and hear us play. Besides, it's so much fun for everyone!

Sad news for one of our members. Please send your condolences go to Elizabeth Steinmetz, whose son Norman recently died of

pancreatic cancer.

Sunday September 7th -- Let's start our monthly jams at King City Senior Center. Doors will open about 11:00 a.m. and we'll have out public jam starting at 1 p.m. They really like us out there, so come and have some fun.

Tuesday September 16 -- We'll play at Senior Safari Day at the Oregon Zoo. Start time TBA.

DATE CHANGE!!!

Saturday September 20 at 3:30 p.m. we'll be at Tanner Springs Assisted Living again. The retirement facility

**September**

- 7 King City Senior Center King City
- 16 Senior Safari Oregon Zoo
- 20 Tanner Springs West Linn

**October**

- 11 Pine Grove Community House Manzanita

is at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. The phone number is 503-655-4373. They love us out there.

Saturday October 11 is the combined District 7/8 public performance at the Pine Grove Community House in Manzanita. The address is 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. Turn toward the ocean at the Lumber Store and the building in on the right. Parking is on the east side of the building. We'll start to play at 1:00 p.m.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter



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I'm baaack for one more report. Patti Luse had another commitment and was unable to be the District 6 Reporter. Starting with the October Hoedowner, Oral Robbins will be our new reporter. I know he will be great. His phone is #541-343-4005 and his e-mail address is [robbins2334@comcast.com](mailto:robbins2334@comcast.com) Thank s Oral!!

The performance at the Lane County Fair went real well. The shows at the Trillium tent and in front of the Museum were well received. Thanks to all who helped out.

We just got back from Winchester Bay's District 5=2 0camp out. WOW! They sure know how to have a great gathering. It was fun to see friends from around the state, plus some from California and Alaska. Lots of music and good food. Check it out next year; you won't be sorry.

Our September jam will also be a meeting and potluck. It will be at Crow Grange, 85994 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR 97487. The Grange is in Crow, but has a Veneta address and zip code. Go out Hwy 126 (West

11th) to Veneta and turn South (left) on Territorial Rd., go through Veneta and stay on Territorial until you come to Crow. The Grange is on the right, across from the Crow Mercantile store. It shares a parking lot with the Crow Elementary School. The gathering will be from 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

We had twelve students at the beginning fiddle class; four more have expressed an interest. MANY Thanks to Ila Mae Carmickle for doing this. If you would like more information call Ila Mae Carmickle,=2 0541-683-9514, or Darla Knudsen, 541-998-2064.

In conjunction with Wayne Carpenter's jam on Saturday, September 6th, at Jasper Grange, Earl Knudsen's family will be holding a party to celebrate Earl's 97th birthday. It will be the usual potluck, but his kids will be furnishing the cake and ice cream for dessert. It will be from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Friday night jams are: The first Friday of the month at Central Grange and the second Friday at Crow Grange. Both are from

**August**

13 Lane County Fair Eugene 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
23 Jam and Potluck Morningstar Grange 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**September**

27 Meeting, Jam and Potluck Crow Grange 10:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**October**

18 Jam and Potluck Central Grange 1 0:30 - 4:00 p.m.

7:30-10:30 p.m., and are finger-food potlucks.

As a member benefit, we announce jams and potlucks open to the public that are non-sanctioned OOTFA events. Amplified instruments are permitted. Wayne Carpenter holds jams on the first Saturday and 20th Thursday. These are potlucks and are from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bernie

Charlebois hosts a potluck and jam on the second Tuesday of the month at Central Grange from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Ruth Kennedy 9/5, Earl Knudsen 9/5, Addie Gonshorowski 9/13, Dorthy Sather 9/14, Ruth Montgomery 9/16, Arlo Hamilton 9/28 and Darla Miller 9/30.

Anniversaries: Lloyd and Esther Shriber 9/10. This is their 60th anniversary; congratulations!

Darla Knudsen,  
Acting District 6 Reporter

**Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest**

Here are the 2008 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Results. The contest took place August 4 in Corvallis at the Benton County Fair.

**Judges:**

Beth Weber, Cocolala, Idaho  
Gayle Clarity, Woodburn, Oregon  
Kristin Newhall, Portland, Oregon

**Novice Division** (first fiddle contest ever)

- 1. Olivia Molitar, Corvallis OR
- 2. Susie Spenser, Beaverton OR
- 3. Nolan Stroup, Lebanon OR
- 4. Parnis Traghi, Portland OR

**PeeWee** (8 and under)

- 1. Isaaieh Baltzell, Portland OR
- 2. Summer Hansen, Coulton OR
- 3. Natalie Smith, Portland OR

- 4. Parnis Traghi, Portland OR

**Junior-Junior** (9-12)

- 1. Trevor Whitaker, Independence OR
- 2. Kian Dye, Portland OR
- 3. Gabriel Baltzell, Portland OR
- 4. Wilhelmina Frankzerda, Blodgett OR
- 5. Olivia Molitor, Corvallis OR

**Junior** (13-17)

- 1. Lindsey Ferguson, Tualatin OR
- 2. Alex Carpenter, Chehalis WA
- 3. Melissa Whitaker, Independence OR
- 4. Quinn Carpenter, Chehalis WA

**Adult** (18-59)

- 1. Jeanine Orme, Beaverton OR
- 2. Jason Fewkes, Boise ID
- 3. Bethany Carpenter, Adna WA
- 4. Christ Tanner, Lebanon OR
- 5. Bob Heinith, Portland OR

**Senior** (60+)

- 1. Jim Hockenhull, Sheridan OR
- 2. Willy Carter, Lebanon OR
- 3. John Perfect, Middleton ID
- 4. Alice Holt, Salem OR
- 5. Paula Saunders, Sweet Home, OR

**Championship** (any age)

- 1. Tatiana Hargreaves, Corvallis OR
- 2. Alex Carlson, Ione OR
- 3. Gary Schuh, Portland OR
- 4. Starr McMullen, Corvallis, OR
- 5. Nikki Armstrong, Eagle ID

**Accompanist**

- 1. Frank Moore, St. Helens OR
- 2. Jeff Walter, Portland, OR
- 3. Pete Willis, Salem OR
- 4. Martin Fewkes, Boise ID
- 5. tie: Todd Whitaker, Independence OR and Michele Armstrong, Eagle ID

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October

5 French Prairie Gardens St. Paul/Woodburn
18 Senior Center McMinnville
19 French Prairie Gardens St. Paul/Woodburn
26 French Prairie Gardens St. Paul/Woodburn

Four hours of playing at Salem Saturday Market on July 19th netted us a tidy \$300. There were 18 musicians and we took a ten minute break each hour. Lots of fun, and we had lots of positive comments. We'll be playing there again September 27th.

The Bryants, Cunninghams and Holts played for an Eastern Star barbecue and got a donation for the district.

The Caterpillar Museum gig is always fun. We had a great group of districts 7 and 8 people. Thanks to Phil Ringle for arrangements and dinner!

As usual we played at the Polk County Fair. The weather was perfect; we played for an hour and a half to an appreciative audience. Twenty-plus musicians participated. Thanks to those visiting from districts 6 and 7.

We played at River Road Nursing Home for an outdoor barbecue.

Keizer Times News was there, and asked us to play for the Riverfair on August 9th. Fourteen of us played there.

Dennis Brutke fell from a ladder and broke five ribs. He's recovering nicely, but taking things easy. Sigrid Schaffer had surgery on her hand. It will take a couple months to heal.

Edna Yohey celebrated her 88th birthday in August. Happy Birthday Edna! Edna is a charter member, widow of Bill Yohey.

District 8 will have a well-earned rest in September. Many of us will be attending the State OOTFA meeting in Merrill in September. We will play again for Salem Saturday Market on Saturday September 27th.

This is being written from the District 5 camp out at Winchester Bay. About a dozen of us from District 8 are

here enjoying the cool coast while our hometowns are sweltering in the heat. We're jamming, visiting, jamming, eating and jamming some more! The evening shows have been fun. Thanks to District 5 for making us all so welcome, and providing meals too. Special thanks to Dorothy Booher for bringing pans of fresh, right out of the oven, cinnamon rolls on Friday morning! Yum, yum.

October 18th we'll have a meeting at the McMinnville Senior Center to plan our winter season. Brown bag lunch and jam to follow the meeting. It will be good to be back there.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

From the Editor Emeritus:

Things are kind of quiet this month and I must get my contribution in before we go to Winchester Bay. I have saved this note for a year. I thought it was a beautiful, sensitive letter and with Jennifer's permission, I am sharing it with you.

"Hi Lew, my name is Jennifer Polk. I've been receiving your emails & newsletters for quite some time as I have been a member of OOTFA. I'm writing to let you that my Dad, Jim Wilson, who has been an OOTFA member since before I was born in 1969, passed away on May 27, 2007. I've been meaning to write you for some time now. It has been kind of hard adjusting to my Dad being gone. He has been such an inspiration to me. I have grown up listening to his fiddle music, the music was a normal part of my home life and I loved it. A couple years ago I took fiddle lessons from Amy Booher and I told her about my Dad and how he inspired me to want to play. I enjoyed my lessons so much and to Amy's gleeful surprise, I knew most of the tunes already because I had heard my Dad play them. At that time he gave

me a fiddle that he brought back from Austria during WWII, he found it in a house that had been partially blown up, it's beautiful. After he passed, we found plans for making a fiddle and a partially made one that he hadn't finished. I am currently not taking lessons but I am continuing to learn new tunes and I get to play with my sister, Cindy Jo Norenburg, (also an OOTFA member) occasionally and she inspires me also. She as well grew up listening to our Dad's fiddle music. We played some tunes that were my Dad's favorite at his services. I believe my Dad was originally a member of district 4 or 5, southwestern Douglas County. He then may have changed to district 8 when we moved to Marion County. Jim Wilson was a wonderful fiddle player, inspiration, and most of all a wonderful Dad and I just wanted to let you know this.

Thank you for taking the time to read my little bit of Dad's history, Jennifer L. Polk"

Recently I ran across a cassette tape recorded at a jam in McMinnville in 1973. (The year the state was divided into 8 districts.) Wayne Holmes was the emcee. I hear fiddlers playing that I only

know by name. Of course Bill Yohey and Leonard Maahs -- knew them well. I was especially pleased to hear Jeff Walter's father, Wayne Walter, playing. The recording is better than average -- no starting and stopping -- it is all there -- bringing out the personalities of the people and their music. Most old tapes start after the tune starts and end immediately when the tune is over. Tapes cost money in those days - I was guilty of it myself. But now I want to know who the fiddler is, the name of the tune and a feeling that I am there in the room with them. This tape was perfect. Makes two great CDs.

Hopefully I will have shot some good video of the jams at Winchester Bay. We have a small stack of OOTFA Newspaper Clippings History Books left which sell for \$12.00 each. If you buy one, I will throw in DVDs of the Winchester Bay jams for a dollar extra. Or by mail \$15.00 for the book and DVDs. We sold a good stack of them at the state convention with the same deal.

Lew

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We played at Burns RV Park hosted by Judy Martin as her sister and brother-in-law were visiting from St. Louis on their first trip to Oregon. Judy had told her sister so much about our group they just had to hear us play. Ruel Teague's sister, Mae, also from Missouri, was visiting that night but we couldn't get her to sing. Andy Dunderdale came and played bass; he brought a friend, Dan, from Phoenix, Arizona. Dan also returned with Andy the following week for another jam at Billie Lanier's. What a houseful. We had at least two dozen people squeezed in there!

Saturday night, July 19th, Walt Cooper, Gordon Black, Joan Suther, L. DeWitt and Julia Milleson joined with Ron Jahns to

play for a B-B-Q and potluck party at the Aspens. Family and friends joined the residents for a big outdoor party in their patio area.

We've signed cards for Ruel Teague and Wilda Toussaint (Jim's mom) who have had recent surgeries. La Wanda Williams and Linda Borelli have made trips for surgeries for toe repair, and carotid artery work. They are doing fine; we are glad to see them back.

Marie and Don O'Brien were here a couple days for Marie to have dental work so she didn't feel up to coming to a jam. Had a short visit with them.

Julia Milleson had a ten day break and was off to visit family in Milton-Freewater; she took in the Blue Mountain show in Elgin and

played at the Walla Walla Senior Center. Sadly, Amos Fine passed away in May; I miss his smooth fiddle playing. Met a lady guitar player, Jean, who had been to two of our jamborees, but missed this year as her husband is no longer able to travel. Great to play with old friends and always meet some new ones.

We're looking forward to fall and our Fair and may make it to Grant County for theirs, as well.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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**September**  
13 Potluck and Jam Buckaroo Barn 1 p.m.

We had a pretty good crowd this month, lots of good players and good singers. There were many guests and visitors. Thanks to all that brought the good food for the potluck. There was lots of it, and thanks to the ladies that helped with it.

Happy Birthday to those that had them, I don't have a list, but Guy

turned 91 this month. And Happy Anniversary to all that had them in August. Congratulations to you all! I know there are some people out there that are under the weather, so hope you all get well soon and come back to us. We miss ya's.

Some of us have been playing at the nursing homes every month. The

patients really enjoy it, and we enjoy playing for them.

The next potluck (noon), and jam (1:pm) will be September 13th. Hope to see you all there to make some good foot-stomping music.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

**From the Editor**

Emily, I, and friend May have just returned from a one-day outing at the District 5 jam at Winchester Bay. It was really nice to get out of a really hot (in the 90s) Eugene, down to the much cooler coast. Many old friends were there, including my old high school pal, Carl Rovainen, out of Brookings, who brought up a van-load of Brookingsites. We all had a good time, and I enjoyed both learning new tunes and passing some along which I found on the Calgary old-time fiddlers website. At the music portion of

this site can be found a listing of about 80 tunes, many familiar -- but some not. A standard notation pdf file of each tune file can be downloaded, as can a music file of the tune, played at less than full speed, to make learning it easier. The internet address is:

<http://www.calfolk.ca/tunes1/tunes-pmf.html>

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## State Calendar

**July 31, August 1-3**  
Diamond Lake Camp Out Diamond Lake

**August 2**  
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest  
Benton County Fairgrounds

**August 6-9**  
OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails

**August 14-17**  
Winchester Bay Camp Out Winchester Bay

**September**  
11-13 State semi-annual meeting and jam Merrill

## New Members to Welcome:

Lowell Weatherford, Klamath Falls  
Bob & Maria Laurin, Klamath Falls  
Louie Ramirez, Tigard  
Dale Van Wey, Medford  
Jonathan & Tara Skallerud, Coos Bay  
Robert & Julia Short, Grants Pass  
Jim Howe, Medford  
Stan Cullington, Canby  
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