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## From Your President

What a busy summer we have been having. First of all, a big thank you and well done to Janet Brayman and the members of District 9. They put on a terrific week of music and fun up in Burns. From there many of the Oregon Fiddlers went on to Weiser. We are very proud of all of the Oregon contestants. They did us proud. We had a great time playing on stage to open the evening shows every night and also playing at nursing and retirement homes and other venues around town. The campgrounds were full of music well into the nights. We have just returned from the memorial service for Jim Lancaster. It was good to see so many people turn out to pay tribute to a man we will all miss.

There are still many opportunities to join friends, from all over the state, in weekends of music, fun and good food. By the time you read this, the final Diamond Lake campout will be history. We are all so grateful to Irene and Jerry Ruddock and their family for the years of wonderful fun and memories they have provided. The campout at Winchester Bay will be held the middle of August and in September we are off to Merrill. Check reports from Districts 5 and 1 for more information on these.

As we all know, declining enrollment in the Fiddlers is an ongoing problem. We will, once again, be addressing this at the Merrill board meeting. Be thinking about possible solutions to this problem and contact your district chairpersons with your ideas. Hope to see many of you in Merrill. ~ Larry

## From the Editor

Weiser Sharon Thompson writes: "Wow!!!! What an event!"

Oregon was well represented at the 60th annual National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. We had many people attend representing Oregon as the host state and several contestants from Oregon who were winners. Our activities were many and varied to include playing at nursing homes, retirement centers, the senior center, an ice cream parlor, and many individual jams around the camping areas. Each night, 17-26 players were on stage to open the evening program. Anywhere from 6 to 17 attended the various gigs around town. At the ice cream parlor, a young man, Harrison Schumann-2nd place winner of the Junior division from San Antonio, Tx, joined us, just happened in while we were there.

We had a request to play Dreamers Waltz at the Senior Center. It turned out to be James Widner, winner of the contest back in the early 50's who actually wrote the song. He also performed it on stage Friday night during the program at the contest. He still plays a "mean" fiddle.

On Saturday, the City of Weiser provided a float for our musicians to ride in the parade. They sounded really good and well received. Our certifying judges had a good time with the certified judging part of the contest.

The weather was varied with wind and sun, only one hot day, no rain.

### Our winners were:

Certified Best Entertainers:

**Judy McGarvey** of Medford-best costume

**Tenaya Cooley** of Eugene-best female entertainer

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**Tabitha Gholi** of West Linn-best female entertainer.

### Contestant Winners:

**Kiarra Saito-Beckman**, Bend-1st place Junior Division  
**Kian Dye**, Portland-4th place Junior Division  
**Matthew McCravey**, Hood River-2nd place Jr-Jr Division  
**Starr McMullen** of Corvallis-2nd place Senior Division  
**Eileen Walter** of Portland-4th place Senior Division  
Congratulations to all the contestants!

For you bluegrass jammers, a bluegrass festival is also held at the city park for your entertainment.

If you have never been to the nationals, you are missing out on a FUN time, especially if you are the host state."

**Starla Sheppard** writes to invite everyone to come to Winston Grant's 95th birthday party, to be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 11 at the Grant homestead in Harlan. Directions: from Philomath, travel west on Highway 20 for 16 miles to the Burnt Woods exit. Go eight miles into Harlan, turn right, and follow the Grant reunion signs to the Grant homestead. For more info call Starla at 541.420.5411.

**Jack Kerr** writes: "Central Oregon area citizens and Old-time Fiddlers are going to miss Jim Lancaster. A memorial service was held at the Chemault fire hall for Jim on Sunday July 15th. which was also Jim's birthday. Jim had been the Fire Chief there for a number of years and also active with the Search and Rescue unit. He was a good neighbor and a friend to all." ~ **Joe**

## From the Editor Emeritus

I am often guilty of reminiscing about our past -- our members and our events. Martha Warwick was great advocate of OOTFA back years ago. She started a campout at her place near Williams out of Grants Pass. It was probably in August of 1984, the first fall that I was retired, that Alice and I were able to attend. We had directions out of Grants Pass to Williams, take a left and go several miles until we saw the fiddle sign, turn left down the narrow gravel road and across the creek on the narrow railroad car flatbed as a bridge. There were many campers already there. We spent the next week jamming, visiting, gathering around the campfire for the evening sign up jam, time out for dessert, get a few ears of corn and a few words from Martha. We were made welcome. Red working quietly in his shop most often making gifts for the women.

Martha and Red are gone now but the following letter tells that the tradition lives on: "Warwick Campout Aug 17 through 26th. Hope to see you there. 41 years this camp out has been going. Started as Old Time Fiddlers now all music welcome. Same format. Jams by individual camps sites during the day with show

at night. Participants do two songs of their choosing. Back up band for soloists (if desired) by Willie, Karen and friends. Karen Warwick"

The other day I ran across a 1999 video tape taken at Oak Grove west of Salem. I particularly enjoyed it as I watched and listen to many of my silent friends. Perhaps you will recognize some of their names -- Leonard Maahs, Margret Brank, Donna Oldham, Lee Jones, Don Simons, Bob Church, Jack Smith, Ed Priebe, Connie King, and Ace Wehus. Yes, they are gone but their memory lingers on because of the video taken by Ace Wehus.

OOTFA Update has become a familiar letter that many of you receive if you have email. The purpose of the updates is to share information that is relevant about events and people. No politics, no jokes. Some times sad -- some times happy. If you have email and do not receive the "updates," drop me an email and I'll add your address. If you received them and don't want to receive them, drop me a line and I'll remove your address. Lewholt@aol.com. ~ **Lew**

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### August

5	Jam, Meeting, Potluck	12-4 p.m.
12	Senior Dance and Finger Food	12-4 p.m.
14	Jam	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
18	Gig	10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
19	Gig	2 - 4 p.m.
28	Jam	10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Any questions regarding schedule, call John Rogers, or Johnny Northcraft. If there are any changes we will call you.

Nursing homes are canceled until October; also practice will be canceled until further notice.

The meeting for July was well attended. Our new chairperson (Johnny) did a very good job.

It is so good to have Jerry Ruddock back playing with us. Good to see Lois Jannuzzi and Sherman Taylor for the day.

Fred Stiverson's knee surgery went well; he and Lorraine came to the dance Sunday. Also Ernie and Arlene Graham; Ernie played the guitar.

Several of us went to Lakeview for the Ham Jam, it was so much fun. All of us want to thank District 1E; nice to see everyone. Good music and excellent food.

Be sure to read your Hoedowner for September. There will be some changes for Merrill this year. Volunteers will be needed in several areas.

Everyone had a very good time at Bill and Ann Bonser's 50th Anniversary party. Bill and Ann want to thank all the musicians and friends who attended. We want to thank them for inviting all of us.

Happy August birthdays: Jerry Ruddock, Helen Meyers, Virgil Schmoie, and Carol Fulbright.

Anniversaries for August are Virgil & Jackie Schmoie, Richard and LaVonne Vaughn

Be free, be happy, be you, enjoy the music and all your friends.

~ **Aline Swartwood, District 1 Reporter**

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Our ham jam was a blast. Thank you District 1 for joining in with the fun. You can't beat a good pot luck and visit. We started jamming around 12 and finished up about 10. Larry was still primed the next day

Terry, Larry and Roselee played at the "Rope for Hope" cancer benefit over around Deno, Nevada, on Saturday the 14th. This is quite an event. They raise money every year to help someone out over that way.

We played at the New Pine Creek Fireman's BBQ Sunday the 15th. Was told it was pretty hot up on stage. What a great event. But it seems to be getting smaller and smaller every year. Too much other competition and I think the economy has something to do with it. They always have a great rib steak dinner with all the trimmings. And what a dessert table.

Special thanks to Mike Foster for coming over and helping. And Jerry, you did a wonderful job.

Bev Perry is home (however in the hospital here) from a stay in the hospital up in Bend and doing well. Max is back home too. His chickens sure did miss him.

Perry Forga is out with shoulder problems. We do miss him.

We aren't quite sure about the jam in August. If someone is interested in coming over you might want to give us a call. Seems that there are a few things going on. But having trouble with confirmations.

We are still doing Thursday nights at Roselee's. And a part of the group is playing at the nursing home every other Tuesday.

Also we will be at the Mosquito Festival in Paisley.

In September we will be playing at the fair on Saturday and Sunday both. I will put the times in the next report.

Well that's about it. See you in Merrill if not before!

~ **Mary Ann McLain, District 1E Reporter**

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District 3 held its regular jam on June 24th on a sunny Central Oregon Sunday. A nice crowd attended from the public for listening and dancing to the musicians that attended.

We welcomed District 8 member Winston Grant who is 94 years young and performed for our audience. We also welcomed visitors and new members LeRoy Beavers and Gail Atkinson who joined in singing and playing for the audience.

Recently District 3 members voted to purchase new sound equipment that is easier to transport, operate and play. Sound committee members are learning to operate the system; members who want to play are encouraged to get to the jams by 12:30 so you can sound check with the system and learn how to play with the new mics. In testing the sound system we have found that it picks up all the sound from behind the performers including the random picking, talking and laughter from the members who are not performing. Let's please respect our performing members and the listening audience; get off to the side of the stage to wait your turn or if you want to talk to other members.

### August

12	Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1-3:30 p.m.
26	Jam	VFW Hall, Redmond	1-3:30 p.m.

**Note:** From March to October, there are two jams a month at the VFW Hall, 1836 SW Veterans Way, on the second and fourth Sundays.

District 3 officers would like to have a brief meeting following the August 12th jam. "Please attend and bring your ideas so we can plot our course for this coming year of music jams and fun with our district", says Chairman Roland.

The Allison family from District 3 is proud to announce that they now have a Family CD available by contacting them at allisonderm@gmail.com.

In addition to making their first CD the family also competed at the Idaho Open and the National Fiddle Contest and Festival in Weiser Idaho. This year Oregon was the host state for the contest and Hana, Trevor, Luke and Lauren Allison all joined in the fun every evening on stage with the rest of the Oregon Fiddlers.

~ **Roland White, District 3 Reporter**

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We had lovely weather for our picnic at the Prospect Lions Park. It was hot, but the shade and cool breezes made it quite pleasant. Everyone brought their own picnic, and Carol Ferrara (with sister Edna's help) made beautiful cupcakes to celebrate milestone birthdays for Judy Lyons and Pat Manion. We had about 16 musicians and approximately 30 audience, and everyone seemed to have a great time! Oran Barr and his wife Sandra visited from Arizona. He plays a hot harmonica! –and plays with the fiddlers in Arizona. Welcome, and come again. We like visitors!

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bill Gandy from Grants Pass. He was 97! He played guitar and had a wonderful bass voice – especially good on spirituals. He came to our last jam but didn't play. His music will stay in our hearts. We also lost another old time member, Bob Hinch from Prospect. He loved playing the guitar, fiddle, mandolin and "about any stringed instrument put in front of him". He hasn't been playing with us the last couple years. They will be missed. Donations have been made to the District 4 Scholarship Fund for Bill and Bob at the request of their families.

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Here we are with our biggest event of the year coming up this month, the annual campout in Winchester Bay. There will be a lasagna dinner for all Old Time Fiddlers members and their families at five p.m. on Thursday evening. District 5 members with names starting with A to M are asked to bring salads to accompany the lasagna and those with names starting with N to Z are requested to bring two dozen, or more, home-made or bakery cookies—preferably more. Please, no packaged cookies.

The evening performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will start at six p.m. and will run until all performers have had their turn. The theme for the Saturday evening performance is farm and barnyard animals and we expect to see some clever and funny presentations from some of you talented members. Your acts get better every year though some of the past ones will be hard to beat. We're looking forward to seeing them.

For you people who live inland where the weather has been hotter, Winchester Bay is a good place to cool down for a

### August

No meeting or jam

### September

1 Jam and Potluck Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.

### October

6 Jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 a.m.

Bruce Evans is having eyelid surgery in Portland this month. We wish him well. It's so great to have Niquita back playing with us again following her multiple foot surgeries. She claims she's "rusty", but we hear a lot of good sounds coming from her direction!

Five of us played at the Britt Children's Fair, strolling through the grounds and stopping where we found kids and shade. It's such fun to see those little kids jumping and clapping their hands to the music, and breakdancing to the rags!

We played in Williams at the Cowboy Gathering (between bouts of gunshots for the re-enactments). The weather was perfect, and it was a lovely setting.

Usual gigs continue in the summer, and a lot of special ones. We need folks to come and play. Fiddle camp is almost upon us – we are giving at least ten scholarships. Lots of enthusiasm this year with quite a few kids and families going.

How about this actual weather forecast? Today: Sunny, 96. Tonight: Not so sunny, 65.

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

### August

8 Gig Sunset Beach State Park, Coos Bay 6:30--8 p.m.

11 Gig Bullard's Beach State Park, Bandon 6:30--8 p.m.

16-19 Jam Winchester Bay Campout

25 Gig Bullard's Beach State Park, Bandon 6:30--8p.m.

few days. And we have wonderful seafood in several nice and interesting restaurants including a new one since last year. If you can find time, you can go crabbing on the docks or salmon fishing on one of the charter boats. For you oyster lovers, because of the method used to raise them, you will find the best ones anywhere in Winchester Bay. You will find a viewing area at the plant where they are shucked and processed if you are interested in knowing more about them.

I didn't get the names of all those from District 5 who went to Burns and Weiser last month but there were several, making our district well represented. They report that both events were very enjoyable, as always.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone from around the state and farther at the campout in Winchester Bay.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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## Serafeina Tang



Serafeina Tang

My name is Serafeina Tang, I am 11 years old, I have a younger brother, Charlie, also plays fiddle with me; my younger sister, Olivia, just turned two, loves to play fiddle too, she has a toy violin.... I loved to play violin before I started, my parents chose piano for me when I was five, after a few years, I told them, I wanted to play violin, and they thought two instruments might be too much for me at a young age; so, they did not let me, but I managed to get them to buy me a flute, so my second instrument turned out to be flute. A year later, I joined Southern Oregon Youth Symphony, and I played flute there. But I still wanted to play violin in my heart, 'til one day at school, District 4 came to my school and played for us. Later Judy announced that she would be giving lessons to the fourth and fifth graders of my school. I was so happy, and immediately became so interested in fiddle. I have been waiting for so long to have such a miracle. After having lessons with Judy, I played the fiddle a lot at home, and made very fast progress. Judy is such a nice teacher to have, she not only taught me by ear, but also to read notes. Soon I began to play songs I liked by reading notes after my lessons.

After about four months of study with Judy in school, the summer began, no more lessons from school, but Judy decided to continue teaching us in summer at the church she attends. So I continued my fiddle lessons. Judy also

let us jam with the big group, which gives me a lot of experience of playing with others and learning from them.

Another wonderful thing is that Judy offered me lessons for going to the fiddle competition in May. We three people in the group, who had all studied with Judy for about a year, went to the contest together, and we all did so well in the competition. Going to the contest was so much fun for me!

After I invited my friends to the monthly local jams, they joined our fiddle lessons with Judy, too. Now I feel so happy whenever I play fiddle with friends, same for my family, my mom dances when I play, my brother and my little sister also play with me at home, my house is full of music. Once a neighbor asked, "Is your mom a music teacher?" I told him: "No, she is a math teacher instead".

My family and my friends will all go to the summer fiddle camp this year. I want to learn a lot of new things, and cannot wait for that day to arrive. I love fiddle, and will continue to play it and bring joy to people forever!

By the way, I want to say thank you to Judy, she is wonderful and the nicest teacher I ever had. Thanks, too, to District 4; I am so proud of to be an Old Time Fiddler!

## Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter – Slides - Continued

Last month I wrote an overview of slides; this month I'll mention some specifics:

There are many times where instead of playing an open string, a more interesting sound can be made by sliding the 4th finger on the string below into the note while playing the open string at the same time. This technique is often used in such tunes as Back Up and Push, Spider Bit the Baby, Tom and Jerry, and countless others.

There are times when immediately after a particular note is played, it is played again with another note added to it in order to form a double stop (or chord). To help obtain good intonation, it's a good idea to slide into the note being added, because one can stop sliding at the point that the new note sounds good with the original note. If the note being added is an open string, then what will work is to very quickly and imperceptibly move the existing note (that was just played) back just slightly so it can be slid forward slightly while adding the open string. Again, stop sliding when the double stop sounds in tune.

While placing two fingers down on two strings at the same time to form a double stop, start one of them slightly flat and slide it up until the double stop sounds in tune. It may take some advance planning to decide which finger makes the most sense or is the easiest to slide.

In many waltzes, as well as other tunes, there is a position shift involved with a double stop. Often the two fingers will not be sliding the exact same distance, and also as you move up the neck, the intervals between notes become closer together (this is visible on fretted instruments like the banjo, guitar, mandolin, etc.) A common one is starting with a D3 (G) and an A1 (B) in first position, and then moving both fingers to third position – B and D (Kelly's Waltz, Morning Star Waltz, and Gardenia Waltz). A good way to practice this is to finger both notes, move your hand up the neck and execute the shift, but only bow on one string. Then check the note with a tuner. Then do the same thing, but bow the other string and check with a tuner. The tuner will provide valuable information to help with intonation.

Becoming comfortable with sliding will improve your intonation, it will make your tunes sound more interesting, and it will help you develop your own personal fiddling style.

## Tune of the Month – Shenandoah Falls

A modern old-time tune of uncertain origin, perhaps coming out of California, despite its Eastern-sounding title.

### Shenandoah Falls

Rhythm: Reel

Notes: From a transcription by John Lamancusa, by permission <http://www.mne.psu.edu/lamancusa/tunes.htm>

Transcription: AK/Fiddler's Companion

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Hi! This is my first submission as reporter for District 7. First, please note my email address: easly@ccgmail.net - PO Box 1535, Estacada, OR 97023. I appreciate any and all news or items of interest to be posted, so feel free to send me anything!

### News from District 7 President Jim Kuether:

"Hi from Troutdale, OR. As your new chair for District 7, I am looking forward to listening and playing more music in 2012-13. Our listeners really enjoy our coming out to play for them and entertaining them with our "gems of the past"! Songs they haven't heard in years and some of their favorites they remember. We really have a lot of great talent in our midst and many more who are just in the beginning stages. No matter what the age, the goal is to have fun for ourselves and be a bright spot for others. So come on out and brighten the world with your unique brand of toe tapping music."

### Our August events include:

Saturday, August 11th - the 13th Annual Bawb Bash. It's Bob Huffman's birthday! This potluck party will be held at Andy & Terry Jorgensen's farm near Sandy, OR at 50995 SE Baty Road. Festivities start a noon. Bring food, your instrument and a chair. Directions: If you are heading out from Portland, go east on Hwy 84 and follow the signs to Mt. Hood. This will get you on Hwy 26. Travel east on Hwy 26 (past mile marker 30) and turn left on Cherryville Drive. Go 1 mile and turn left on Baty Road. Travel 1 mile to their driveway. Contact # 503-668-3917. Home: 503-702-0460 Cell: Email: terryjorgensen112852@gmail.com

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Happy 96th Birthday this month to Dale Emery! Dale keeps busy learning new tunes from You Tube, and attends most district functions. Music keeps Dale, and the rest of us, young!

We played at the Marion County Fair on July 12th. Had to do some creative adaptation to get workable microphones. The audience, mostly seniors, sang along and seemed to enjoy the music. Thanks to those who played and put on a good show.

We have a few fun gigs coming up. Hope lots of you will come.

On Friday evening, August 3rd we'll be playing in Aumsville in

### August

11	Jam	Bawb Birthday Bash, Sandy	12:00 p.m.
15	Gig	Clackamas County Fair, Canby	TBA
31	Gig	Tanner Adult Center, West Linn	3:30 - 4:30 p.m

Wednesday, August 15 - another fun day at the Clackamas County Fair, 694 NE 4th Ave. in Canby. This is our annual performance on senior day at the fair. This event has always been a success so come and enjoy the fiddling. As we get closer to the event, Ron will let you know about tickets for entrance and parking.

Friday, August 31 - we are jamming from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tanner Adult Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, in West Linn.

Jeanine Orme, a District 7 member, is offering summer fiddle camps at her studio in Beaverton. The August workshop covers Irish, Scottish, French Canadian and Cajun. For more information, go to [www.fiddlinworkshop.com](http://www.fiddlinworkshop.com).

Several fiddlers went to the contest in Weiser, Idaho. Donna Foreman said that she had a great time there and Rick Bergeron said that he had never felt more on target in a contest. This is a wonderful event that is held every year, and we are all encouraged to attend and compete. You will find that everyone is friendly, supportive and fun loving.

Sharon Thompson has asked that we be reminded to let Mark Ratzlaff know about any address changes for the Hoedowner mailing list.

Happy fiddling!

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

### August

3	Gig	Aumsville City Park	6 p.m.
8	Gig	Benedictine Nursing Home, Mount Angel	6 p.m.
9	Gig	Polk Co. Fair - Rickreall	11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
28	Gig	State Fair, Salem	12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

the city park. Same location we played last year. It starts about 6 p.m.. The city will provide free hot dogs for everyone. Come on out and join us.

August 8th is the date of our annual outdoor concert in Mount Angel. Meet at the Benedictine Nursing Home lawn by 6 p.m. Note: last month's Hoedowner had the wrong date. It is the 8th. We'll go out the one of the local restaurants afterward. This has become one of our favorite evenings. Hope to see you there.

Our day to play at the Polk County Fair is August 9th. We play from 11-12:30. As with the other fairs, it's Senior Day, so we'll have a good audience.

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With the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Mary Cole Days now history, we are looking forward to Senior Day August 16 at the Lane County Fair. We will perform during the ice cream social from 12-1 p.m. in the main performance hall. We are hoping for a large turnout by fiddle class participants. This will all be discussed at the August 11 business meeting, when Joe Moyle will have gate passes and a few parking permits to hand out.

The Winchester Bay jam comes on the heels of the County Fair, and always provides a good time for all.

### August

3	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7:00-10:00 p.m.
10	Jam	Crow Grange	7:00-10:00 p.m.
11	Jam, Meeting & Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
24	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7:00-10:00 p.m.

### September

7	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m,
8	Jam, Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 a.m.- 4 pm
14	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
28	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

The basic fiddle class will be held in August on the 27th at the Bethesda Lutheran Church at 4445 Royal Ave. on Eugene. The next intermediate class will be in September on the 22nd and the basic class in September will be on the 24th. For info, contact Darla Knudsen (jkdjkc@q.com or 541-998-2064.)

Jam venue addresses: Crow Grange - 85994 Territorial Hwy, Eugene (in Crow); Eugene Hotel - 224 E. Broadway, Eugene; Santa Clara Grange - 295 Azalea, Eugene; Spencer Creek Grange - 86013 Lorane Hwy, Eugene.

~ Gary Davis, District 6 Reporter



District 1's Bill and Ann Bonser, on their 50th wedding anniversary.



District 8's Winston Grant, 94, plays with District 3 members Barbara Higgins and Ron Odegard.

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At the state fair we are down for Tuesday, August 28th from 12:15-1:15 p.m. This is senior day as well as Veterans Day. We are asked to play some patriotic tunes. This year we are on the main stage for the hour which limits the number of people who can play. We'll be on the stage on the main concourse -- just east of the Americraft Center and a bit south from where we have been for several years. Entrance for us to the fairgrounds is by

ticket only so you must let Lew know at least a week in advance so he can get tickets to you if you are attending.

We may be playing in Dayton on September 8th -- still in the planning stage.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9

**Chair:** Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323

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### August

10	Gig	The Aspens
20	Gig	Ashley Manor

Whew, it is finally summer and the heat is on!

Monthly jams are taking a hiatus for the summer but there's still plenty of music going on. Friday nights will find musicians gathering at members homes to jam. The night George Sahlberg hosted, a first time attendee was Jeff Dorroh. Jeff is learning the banjo and was inspired during LeRoy Newport's workshop at the jamboree. At the Aspens on July 10 musicians were in attendance. The residents at the Aspens really appreciate the good turnout. Virginia Smith is learning the fiddle and played a couple of numbers with Ruel Teague to help out.

Janet Braymen and Joan Suther entered the Texaco Country Music Showdown where they placed second. They are thrilled with the results as pursuing a career in country music wasn't near as important as helping to put on a good show. Mission accomplished.

A Sunday afternoon jam was held in mid July to test the waters as to whether there is enough interest in an afternoon informal get together in addition to the regular Friday nights. Stand by for results as the jam was held after this report was due!

We enjoyed visiting with Sandi Wingfield of Bakersfield, California as she was around for 2 ½ weeks visiting her mom, Darlene Wingfield.

In August we will play at the Aspens on Friday, the 10th and at Ashley Manor on Monday the 20th. Hope to see everyone on Friday nights!

~ Darlene Wingfield /Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporters

## District 10

**Chairperson:** Don Hamlin, 541-673-5689

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**Reporter:** Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995, fiddlerjoyce@hotmail.com

### August

25	Jam & Finger Food	VFW Hall, Roseburg	1 - 4 p.m.
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Being we had to change our jam date in June to the fifth Saturday; we didn't have any audience all, just the players, but everyone did a great job. We're back to the fourth Saturday now, if the newspaper review gets it right this time.

--For those that remember Amanda Kobel, she and her boy friend were home on leave from the Air Force; they are stationed in North Carolina. The family all got together on the 4th. She got her fiddle out; after ten years, she was a little rusty, but boy, she really played like she used to. It was hard to keep up with her.

We have a little group now that plays at some nursing homes and retirement centers. A little slow right now because of vacations and other things going on. But we'll pick it up next month and September.

Our next Jam will be August 25th, the fourth Saturday, at the VFW hall, 1127 Walnut St., Roseburg, from 1 to 4 p.m.. We'll have finger foods during the day.

--Chuck and Margie seem to be adjusting to their new home.

We'll sure be glad to see ya'll there.

--Anyone under the weather, hope you're up and around soon. It takes awhile sometimes, -- and, happy birthday and happy anniversary to all that had them.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

August 2-5	Diamond Lake Campout, Diamond Lake
August 4	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Corvallis
August 16-18	Winchester Bay Campout, Winchester Bay
September 13-15	State Quarterly Meeting and Jam, Merrill
March 22-23	State Fiddle Contest, Chemeteka Community College, Salem
April 10-13	State Convention, Rickreall

## New Members to Welcome!

Bobbi Roozeboom, Hines  
Diana Chase, Burns  
Curt Renfro & Brenda Bishop, Eagle Point  
Kent & Shirey Helsdon, Prineville  
Scott, Shelly & Molly Herron, Eugene  
Ron & Roberta Rowland, Gresham  
Susan Sanderson, Corvallis

Caylin Haffner, Eugene  
Michelle Chen & Peter Yang, Central Point  
Claudia Gibson, Portland  
Albert & Nancy Roberts, Bend  
Benigno & Diane Chavez, Springfield  
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