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## From Your President

A few weeks ago the tax people talked to Sharon Thompson questioning whether we could invest the Kielhorn funds and implying that problems could occur later. Hal Weiner checked with the Kielhorn attorney, Mr. Sandaval, who responded with a letter saying in essence that there is no problem. So my comment last month on the subject was a waste of paper. We are acting within the rules.

The convention: April 10-13. The art building will be open on Wednesday morning. Snacks will be provided by District 8. RV parking is \$15.00 per night. On Thursday the main hall will open; please help setup if you can. Vendor food will be available. Pick up banquet tickets Friday at the 10 a.m. executive board meeting. Check the schedule for workshops and other happenings. The general meeting will be Saturday, at 10 a.m. Nominations and election of officers. The banquet will be at 5 p.m., Saturday. Dinner is your choice of chicken in wine sauce or barbecue beef; dessert is either marionberry pie or apple crisp. The price is \$13.50 each. Please contact Sharon Gallagher at: [lsgallee@yahoo.com](mailto:lsgallee@yahoo.com). or 541 572-2742 no later than April 7 for reservations. NOTE: please see your district chairman for assignments.

Bring something wonderful for our raffle. If we do that, we will all take something wonderful home.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

~ Larry

## From the Editor

This month I mourn the passing of Carl Rovainen, of District 5. Carl and I are both from Minnesota, and were classmates at Minnetonka Highschool, in Excelsior. When I first got to know him, Carl had a banjo-uke type instrument which he had retrieved from a trash can while I was playing a Mexican guitar purchased new in Mexico City for \$16, including the case. We worked up Kingston Trio songs.

We went our separate ways, but kept in touch. Many years later, Leslie, his wife, came to visit us in Eugene on a scouting trip, looking for a place to retire. They settled on Brookings, where both were active in community theater, and Carl joined District 5, playing banjo, and, later, viola. I visited, and became an honorary member of Carl's Boondocks Band.

He is gone now, and will be greatly missed. There will be a District 5 jam in Bandon March 30 which will honor his memory (details in the District 5 report). Hope to see you there, and at the convention.

~ Joe



Carl Rovainen

## From the Editor Emeritus

Those of you who have email know that I have harassed you often prior to the fiddle contest. I had my concerns, then things started to look positive and I wanted to share what was happening with you. When you read this, the contest will be history. I hope we are "riding high in the saddle" and not eating from tin cans.

Two wonderful volunteers, Sharon Gallagher and Paula Sanders did wonders preregistering, sending out invitations and getting packets ready. I should mention our state treasurer, Sharon Thompson, who has been a great helper, too. Going unnoticed were Amy Booher and Chris Lang who literally worked the whole contest in the judges' room tallying scores. Scott Phillips came all the way up from Jacksonville to again to be a runner all day! I should thank Starr McMullen who earlier this winter rounded up the three fine judges for the contest.

And then a whole bundle of other volunteers who helped during the contest. Bless 'um. It couldn't have been done with out you – too many to list here. Katherine Allen will have videoed the contest. If things go well, DVDs of the contest will be available

after the contest. If you want DVDs, contact me and hopefully I can make copies for you.

On behalf of OOTFA, I want to thank the contestants who entered the contest – sometimes at great expense and sometimes rescheduling spring vacation plans. I must not forget to thank the many members, the districts and others who contributed financially to make our contest successful. Three cheers for all of you.

Now the association turns its time and energy to the state convention, April (10) 11-13. President Larry Gallagher asked me last fall to be in charge of the Friday night show. I have asked the chairman of each district to give me the names of two of their special fiddlers. Since this show is by invitation only, I will develop the show based on the chairmen's recommendations and by filling in with specials. We have made a great effort and have gone to a lot of expense letting the public know about our show and to hopefully fill the hall. Keep your fingers crossed.

~ Lew

## District 1

**Chair:** John Rogers, 541-591-2004

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Welcome home Johnny and Darleth Rogers, nice to have you back.

The March 1st meeting was well attended. This was the meeting at which the new officers were elected. Our chairman will be John Northcraft, co-chair is Sheila Fry, and Ali Swartwood. secretary/treasurer. Marlon Jannuzzi, and John Rogers will be Hoedowner reporters

After the election, we all enjoyed a very good potluck, music & company.

I ask John & Patti Northcraft to write a note for the hoedowner this month. Thanks John & Patti. Here it is:

"John & Patti joined District One of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers in 1999. Since joining John has played the stand-up bass, guitar and is one of our lead vocalists. John was chairman from 2005 until 2007. During that time District 1 petitioned the state to have one of the state meetings in Merrill. 2013 will be the seventh year for this September event and is always looked forward to by the community of Merrill. John was chairman again in 2009 until 2010 and is currently co-chairman under John Rodgers.

"Furthering old time music is John's passion and he enjoys playing at community events in and around Klamath Falls. Patti loves to cook and serve others, so the kitchen is a good fit for her. When asked what instrument she plays the answer is "the radio very well." We have made many good friends within the Fiddlers and always look forward to events we can attend. Music does -- and always has -- make people happy."

Let's all welcome our newest members, the Stacek family: Eric, Dalene, Jordan, Gabrielle, Mikele, Gideon, & Nolelle Stacek. The children play the fiddle and Eric (dad) plays the guitar & fiddle.

### April

2	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
2	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
7	Meeting and Pot Luck		12 - 4:00 p.m.
9	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
14	Jam	Shasta Community Center Dance	1 - 4 p.m.
18	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
18	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
23	Jam	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday unless something else is scheduled. Call or contact Irene Ruddock for any questions. I am sure there will be more on the schedule later, for updated information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.

Happy Birthday Al Meyers, Bill Bonser, & Bernice Oden.

We do not have any anniversaries on the list for April. Let us know if we missed anyone.

Follow your dreams and never give up -- smiling is free

~ Ali Swartwood, District 1 Reporter



Doings in District 1 (l-r): Eric Stacek, Mikele Stacek, John Blasius, Ben Coker and Jerry Ruddock.

## District 1E

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We had another nice jam on March 2nd. We had enough people who showed up to have a good time again. We had our business meeting on March 11th. Just a reminder that our new officers will be starting in July. We are looking forward to this. Thursdays nights at Rosa Lee's are going really good. Now that spring is coming there should be more people coming to it. The jam starts at 6:00 p.m.

The next monthly jam will be at April 6th, as always at the Senior Center. There will be a work shop ar 5 p.m. and jamming from 6 p.m. on.

The next business meeting will be April 8th at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

Bev Perry and Max Elliot are gonna be missed so much. They have made there move to Redmond Oregon, Good Luck guys in your new home.

When one goes, another comes in. We have new members, John and Debbie and Matt Aldrich. We welcome you guys, really glad to have you with us.

## District 3

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The District 3 Jam for March 10th was well attended by musicians and what started out as a sparse turnout for the public turned into a well attended event for the afternoon with music lovers filling the dance floor.

District 3 member Barbara Higgins brought one of her young students who played for the first time in front of an audience which the members and the crowd enjoyed.

A meeting was held after the performance and several important topics were presented and approved by the members.

A nomination was received from the floor for the upcoming new term vice chairman position to be filled by Jack Kerr. He accepted the nomination and was voted to replace Ron Odegard for the new term starting on July 1st. Roland White & Vivian Tucker agreed to continue as chairman and secretary-treasurer.

The members also voted to play two times per month from April to October on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The sound system will be taken care of by Chairman Roland White, Jeanette Bondsteel and Tommy and Vivian Tucker on a rotating basis; the members agreed to help them with set-up and take-down at district events.

### April

6	Jam and Workshop	Senior Center	5 p.m.
8	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT: The dates are May 2-5. Terry's phone number is 541-219-0896, if you need more info, Terry says we play til the cows come home. That will be Sunday around noon. SO get your rest ahead of time.

There are limited number of electrical-only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall-- first come,first served for \$10 per nite. Dry camping all around the hall is free. Please stay away from the helicopter landing zone. We don't want to disrupt emergency services.

A couple of blocks north, right on the highway, is Silver Lake Motel 541-576-2131. Here's a couple more options: Silver Lake Trailer Park 541-576-2789; K&K RV Park 541-576-2258 and, approximately 20 miles out, are Christmas Valley Desert Inn 541-576- 2262; Lakeside Terrace 541-576-2309; and SummerLake Lodge 541-943-3994.

Take care.

~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

### April

14	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.
28	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.

*Note: April to October 2nd and 4th Sundays at Redmond VFW Hall, 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond*

A motion from the floor was made to donate \$350 to the State Fiddle Contest and \$350 to the WCFCW fiddle camp scheduled for this summer.

Some discussion was held regarding trying to get more opportunities to play for the public in addition to the monthly jams. Members agreed to try to develop some contacts in the towns of Redmond, Prineville and Bend to provide music to seniors and rest homes.

District 3 needs to have some volunteers for the publicity and Hoedowner Reporter so dust off your typewriter and step forward with a helping hand, said Chairman Roland.

The next jams are in April on the second and fourth Sundays, so come on out and play or dance to some music with your fellow members.

We send Get Well Wishes to Peggy Hudson and Dale Anderson who both underwent knee replacement surgery over the winter.

Send the reporter any news on member birthdays, illness or wedding anniversaries.

~ Roland White, District 3 reporter

## District 4

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**Website:** www.OOTFA4.org (Check us out!)

The Eagle Point Grange was green, not with envy or for the environment, but to celebrate St. Patrick's Day – deco thanks to Carol and Edna. We had lots of musicians, and a large audience that used up all the chairs. The jam was dedicated to the memory of Gene Williams, and a gracious musical tribute by John and Curt Renfro made it special. Lola Williams has asked me to thank all the folks who sent cards and participated in the memories. She really appreciated it all.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Jerry Cook in Yuma Arizona. Zelda and Jerry live in Eagle Point and have been life members of District 4 for many years. Jerry played the guitar and sang, and Zelda would often accompany him. We will miss his music.

Judy Lyons is back home after a month away dealing with a hip fracture (following a back fracture). She is recovering nicely, according to reports, and hopes to join us again soon. Delsa Corder is recovering from knee surgery, and Joe had to have his pacemaker redone, but both are back on the road to good health. Get well, folks!

About a dozen of us played for the pre-show for Eagle Point High School's production of "Quilters", which presented stories of the early pioneer women. We played our "Oregon Trail Songs" to an appreciative audience, many of whom were from the local quilting group with their many beautiful quilts on display.

Five of our "kids" played at the jam and showed how well they have learned some of our good old time music. They steal the show – and should – because they are "awesome"!

Our young folks are excited about competing in the state contest, which will be over by the time this goes to print. We're rooting for you, Sara and Yoshe!

### April

6 Jam, potluck Roxy Ann Grange 11:30 a.m.

### May

11 Jam, potluck Butte Creek Mill, Eagle Point 12-3 p.m.

### June

1 Jam, potluck Fruitdale Grange 11:30 a.m.

Everett Costa has been hosting a twice monthly jam, Silver Strings, at Oak Lane Retirement home in Grants Pass. Contact him for more information.

We're getting ready for the state convention, and need raffle donations as well as folks to help with our convention duties. We are in charge (with District 6) of setting up and taking down the chairs each day. We also need to have a 15 minute dance program for Saturday night. Call any of your officers to volunteer. Just a reminder, scholarships are available to members of any age who want to attend a fiddle camp or workshop – and you don't have to be a fiddler. Ask for an application from any staff member.

Okay this is it: 99% of banjo players give the rest a bad name. But also remember: 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot

~ **Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter**



A Hardanger fiddle.



In District 3, Barbara Higgins and Tommy Tucker back up Barbara's student, Jackie Salazar.



At Crow Grange: District 6's Clair Elliker-Vagsberg, Shirley Humphreys, David Elliker-Vagsberg, and Fred Wilson.

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## Naomi Childers

By Marnie Childers

Naomi, age 9, became interested in learning the violin when some friends of hers began playing. When presented with either classical or the fiddle, she chose the fiddle so now we have fiddle tunes playing regularly in our home.

Today I sat down and asked our resident fiddle player a few questions:

What do you enjoy about playing fiddle? *I enjoy the sound when I'm playing and being able to figure out a tune. I also enjoy learning to make my fiddle say funny things like, "Mooooo."*

What is hardest about playing fiddle? *Practicing.*

Why did you prefer to take fiddle lessons rather than classical violin lessons? *Because you get to play fast fiddle tunes that have a fun rhythm.*

What do you appreciate most about your teacher? *She's nice, she's calm, she's a great teacher and encourages me to work hard to get better at playing my fiddle.*

Do you enjoy playing at jams? *Yes, because I get to meet other fiddle players and I get to play with my dad as backup. I love performing.*

Favorite songs to play: *Boil the Cabbage, Angeline the Baker, Pig Ankle Rag and I'm learning Aaron Boat Waltz and know it will be a favorite too.*

Naomi's other interests include fairies, animals of all kinds and most recently birds. She participates in a local scouting troop with American Heritage Girls and also takes a voice class at the Community Music Center.

Our family enjoys listening to and creating music of all genres. Papa, Dennis, loves to create electronic music, but also plays mandolin and acoustic guitar. Mama, Marnie, is slowly learning to play fiddle and little brothers, Cadence and Nathanael, are showing a keen interest in music as well...perhaps there is a family band in the making!



Naomi Childers

## Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter - Record Yourself

One of the best things you can do to improve your fiddling is to record yourself. It's difficult to listen to ourselves accurately while we are in the process of playing the fiddle and we can hear things more accurately if we listen to a recording. Some people are pleasantly surprised to hear how good they sound, but most of us are very critical of ourselves. If you're recording yourself for the first time, start with tunes that you play fairly well and work on those first; then progress to those tunes that you haven't worked on as much. The best thing to do is to pick out the things that you like about your sound and feel good about those, and then pick out those things you'd like to improve. As you listen to yourself, there are many things to consider – some of these are:

Are you playing in tune, or do you need to do some work with the tuner? Do you tend to play too sharp or too flat?

Are your fingers and bow strokes coordinated, or is there some "echo" or "fuzz"?

Can you hear all the notes, or are there some "ghost" notes that are not fully present?

Is your tone clear – are there any "scrunchy" or "airy" sounds? – If so, this may indicate issues with the angle of the bow or with incorrect amount of arm weight on the bow.

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## Junior Hoedowner

How is your rhythm – Are you in the “groove” - can you tap your foot or dance?

Are you playing with expression and dynamics – especially on a slow tune?

Is it too plain – do you need to add some ornamentation such as slides, grace notes, vibrato, double stops, etc. to make it more interesting? Or is it too busy and should you take some out?

Is it too choppy (maybe some slurs are needed, or longer bow strokes) or too smooth (maybe you have too many slurs -- too many slurs can make the beat difficult to detect) – Are your notes flowing and leading into the next notes, with the beat still evident?

Are you accomplishing the sound you want? How is the overall feel?

Are you in control of the tune – “Do you own it” - or is it getting away from you?

## Tune of the Month - Sugar in the Gourd March

This tune is called a “march” to distinguish it from other tunes with the same name. It is in the key of “F”, which makes many fiddlers uncomfortable. Can you transpose it to “D”? Hint: start at # on the “d” string.

### Sugar in the Gourd [7]



Rhythm: March

Source: Howe ~ 1000 Jigs and Reels

Transcription: AK/Fiddler's Companion



Lily Humphrey, at the District 6 basic class, with mother and siblings looking on.



The District 4 fiddlers, led by Pioneer Lady (and chairman) Judy McGarvey.

## District 5

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We are saddened by the death March 1 of Carl Rovainen, member of Dist. 5, and our sympathy and best wishes are extended to his family. Carl had earned a Ph.D. in physiology from Harvard University and had spent his career teaching and doing research at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis. Carl embraced life with enthusiasm and had many interests and encouraged others to do the same. He taught himself how to play many instruments, including blades of grass. He and wife, Leslie, moved to Brookings in 2001.

Let's have a good turn-out for the fifth Saturday jam in Bandon on March 30. This will be a tribute to Carl Rovainen. The Odd Fellows hall is on Hwy 42S 1/2 mile, more or less, from Hwy 101, right across the road from the cemetery. Turn onto 42S at the busy traffic light in front of the shopping center at the North edge of Bandon. Go a way and look for the hall on the right. It used to be a Grange hall and still looks like one! Coffee will be provided and donations of cookies or finger foods to go with it would be appreciated.

The featured performer for the fifth Saturday jam will be Larry Ball from Brookings. He is the manager of a title and escrow company and has lived in Brookings since 2010. He has played guitar for 30 years and mandolin for the last 5. He loves the old tunes, bluegrass, gospel and ballads of all kinds. His hobby is collecting, repairing and restoring old stringed instruments. He has about a dozen mandolins in various stages of repair plus another dozen or so guitars, banjos and a Regal Octophone. (Ask him what that is!)

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March has now marched in with rain, sunshine and daffodils. We really do need to mow our lawn at this point, but being kind of lazy and busy making all kinds of music, somehow, the lawn will just have to wait. Anyway, Friday nights have been quite frolicking here in Eugene.

At the Santa Clara Grange, last month, we had one of our fiddlers, Melody Morrell, lead us in "Angeline the Baker," and she did a great job. At the Eugene Hotel, Benjamin Cooley, entertained us all with some nice, soothing piano music.

If you missed the Crow jam, I think you missed the best jam that we've ever had at Crow. Fred Wilson played some fantastically beautiful music on his accordian. David and Claire Ellicker -Vagsberg played some wonderful Scandanavian numbers on their fiddles. David played a Hardanger fiddle with 9 strings fro a couple of songs

### April

3	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
3	Gig	Myrtle Point Care center	3 - 4 p.m.
10	Gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
17	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
20	Jam	Monthly Jam, Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
24	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
24	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

At the business meeting, prior to the March jam, it was decided that the theme for this year's camp-out program would be a song with a person's name in it: for the ladies, a man's name and for the men, a lady's name. Find a song with your sweetie's name and start practicing! The menu for the Thursday evening dinner will include spaghetti with salads, garlic bread and those good strawberry sundaes for dessert. It was also agreed that we would donate \$200 to the state fiddle contest being held in March.

Oops! Got the wrong name. It was Betty Ann Wilson, not Betty Ann White, as reported in last month's column, whose death occurred on February 2. My apologies, Dan. Our sympathy goes out to you.

Our best wishes go out to Larry Costa who is currently receiving radiation treatment at the veteran's hospital in Seattle. We miss your smiling face and great songs and hope you will soon be back with us, Larry.

Special guests visiting for the February program in Winchester Bay included Everett Costa from Dist 4, and Francis Stephenson, Bob and Jean Hanson and Hal and Sharon Thompson, all from Dist. 10. Always nice to have visitors from other districts. We enjoy your music and thank you for coming.

To succeed in life you need three bones:  
wish bone, back bone and funny bone.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

### April

5	Jam	Eugene Hotel Lounge	7-10 p.m.
6	Jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
12	Jam, and Potluck	Santa Clara Grange	10 -4 p.m.
20	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
26	Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7-10 p.m.

and then David and Claire also danced the schottishe for us. Fred and David also played an exciting version of "Hava Nagila" on accordian and fiddle. 'Twas a fun time, had by all.

At our District jam, Hal Thompson, from District 10, shared some nice songs. It sure was nice to welcome back Jerry and Carolyn Brown. Carolyn shared her version of "Bill Bailey" with us. We had almost 50 people there and had a great time. We might have a new member, John Doan, a friend of Kathy and Galen Ness. Patti Luse got to share in celebrating her Birthday with us, as her hubby, Ken, surprised her with a big, beautiful bouquet of multicolored tulips, and with a birthday cake, decorated with "Good Luck In Your Next Decade." John and Thelma Steele entertained us with their dancing skills; we sure wish them well with some recent health issues.

At the meeting, Wayne Carter was re-elected as chair, Bernie Roberts as re-appointed treasurer, and Kathy Ness was elected co-chair. Mark Ratzlaff reported that we have 113 households in our district.

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The meeting decided that an advertising committee will be created to develop strategies for advertising and promoting OOTFA. Patti Luse and Gary Davis have both volunteered to serve and Chairman Carter will appoint additional members.

It was also announced that our next jam/potluck will be held on April 6, due to the state convention being held April 10-13. We'd like to urge everyone to attend the convention at least one day. Friday evening at the convention, there will be a performance that is open to the public. Saturday morning, there will be a meeting. In the evening there will be a banquet and dance.

There has been some talk about discontinuing the dance, because so few were dancing. Jerry and Linda Parks and Wayne and Annie Carter will not be happy if the dance is discontinued. The banquet on Saturday, is at 5 p.m. If you wish to go to the banquet, you need to send \$13.50 to Sharon Thompson by April 1, with your choice of chicken or beef. Her address is: P.O. Box 117, Glide, Oregon, 97443.

The next basic fiddle class will be on April 29th and then on May 20th, at the Bethesda Luthern Church, from 1- 4:30 P.M. The next intermediate fiddle class will meet on April 27th and then on May 18th at the River Road Annex at 1055 River Road, from 1 - 4:00 P.M. For more information, contact Darla Knudsen at: jkdkjc@q.com or 541-998-2064.

Don't forget that if you need information about the upcoming summer fiddle camp (Westfir Fiddle Camp - WCFCW), you can find it at [www.fiddlecamp.org](http://www.fiddlecamp.org)

Mark Ratzlaff's mother, Billee, has passed away, at 86 years of age. We will all keep Mark and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

April Birthdays: Alice McDowell 4/4, Carol Ede 4/12  
April Anniversaries: Joe and Leah Canady 4/9, Arlo and Louise Hamilton 4/3, Joe and Emily Moyle 4/22, Jerry and Linda Parks 4/29

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter

## District 7

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I hope you survived and are coping with the time change. I still have "time lag", but do enjoy the later sunsets. April is an awesome time in Oregon – new leaves, flowers and a 'spring' in our steps. Hopefully the April showers won't bog us down!

Be sure to keep Ron Beatty in your prayers as he recovers from heart surgery. He is making progress and anxious to get back to fiddling with everyone!

Donna Forman continues her weekly Monday evening lessons in Gresham, and everyone is welcome to join this fun group. No

matter how long you have played, there is always something new to learn or re-learn!

We have enjoyed jamming in our usual places, including several senior assisted living centers. These are always very much appreciated as music is important to us as we get older.

April's schedule includes:

Saturday, April 1. K. C. Highlands, 12930 SW Peachvale Street, Tigard. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 pm, and then we will provide a short program for them.

Sunday, April 21. Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th Street, Hillsboro

Monthly jam from 11 am – 4 pm with signup playing from 1 – 3:30 pm

Watch your emails for additional jams during the month.

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

## District 8

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Several District 8 members have been in the news lately. Congratulations to Melissa Whittaker, who was named an Academic All Star by the Statesman Journal. Melissa is a straight A student and attends Central High School in Independence.

Fred Hardin also made the Statesman Journal in a feature article about North Salem High shop class building cabinets for the Dallas Senior Center. Fred is the liaison person between the center and school. Fred has much experience in cabinet building.

Joetta Chrisakis is featured in the Dallas Itemizer Observer. She is Executive Director of H2O (Help and Hope in Dallas Oregon). The nonprofit thrift store had been in financial trouble and was nearly closed down. Her efforts put the store on solid footing after she became a board member

### April

10 -13	OOTFA convention, Rickreall
20	Gig Blossom Festival, Oak Grove Grange 10 a.m.
27	Gig Ag Fest, State Fairgrounds 10, 12, and 2 p.m.

### May

11	Gig Sheep to Shawl, Mission Mill, Salem 2 p.m.
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### June

8	Jam Dist. 8 picnic, Colebank's - Woodburn
23	Gig Strawberry Social, Aurora Colony

The annual OOTFA contest will be over when you read this. Hope you attended and enjoyed it.

Our spring and summer schedule is getting busy. Lots of opportunities to play. First up is the OOTFA convention in Rickreall at the Polk County Fairgrounds, As host district we will provide finger food on Wednesday April 10th. District 7 will also help. Thanks to all for contributing and helping in the kitchen.

There are sign up jams Wednesday and Thursday nights around 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Friday show is by invitation only. But we would like to have as many young fiddlers as possible on stage Friday night at 6:30 in the preshow jam.

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The Convention is the highlight of the fiddling year for many of us. Think: jamming, jamming and more jamming! See you there!

Saturday, April 20th, we'll entertain at Oak Grove Grange for the Blossom Festival event. It starts at 10 a.m. and goes all afternoon. Come when you can even if you can't stay all day. Enjoy seeing the cherry trees in bloom.

Saturday, April 27th we play at the Ag Fest at the State Fairgrounds. We have three hour-long sessions on the Columbia Hall stage at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Come for one or all of these times. This is a fun, family-oriented affair.

May 11th, Saturday, Mission Mill (Willamette Heritage Center) in Salem has a Sheep to Shawl event. We've been invited to play from 1 to 2 p.m.

June 8, District 8 and friends picnic. Probably at Colebank's. Bring your instruments, food, and chairs. Expect a fun day.

Sunday, June 23rd we'll be playing for the Strawberry Social in Aurora. This is always well attended. The strawberry shortcake is delicious.

On July 11 we'll be playing at the Marion County Fair at the State Fairgrounds. Play time is 1 p.m..

July 12th we're scheduled to play in Aumsville at the park starting at 6 p.m. This will be the third year to entertain there. Lots of fun

July 13th we'll be playing at Willamette Mission Park north of Salem. This is a new venue for us. It's a benefit ride for a vet based horse rescue program. Bonnie, who invited us says, "I have heard your group before and you are awesome"! Let's not let her down. More details on all these in later issues.

Directions and specifics on gigs to follow in later issues. Mark your calendars now.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9

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

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Happy Spring!

News Flash!!! The jam and potluck at the Senior Center in Burns will be the 3rd Sunday in April rather than the 2nd Sunday. Mark the change to April 21st on your calendar. The May jam will return to the 2nd Sunday of the month for the final jam before we break for summer.

George Sahlberg has had a rough month landing back in the hospital and giving family and friends cause for worry.

Grover Heinz passed away in January at the age of 93. Grover enjoyed listening to the fiddlers and helping out at the Country Music Jamboree at the registration table. We miss his smiling face at the jams.

### April

12	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
21	Jam and Potluck	Senior Center	1- 4 p.m.

Betty Chapman chose District 9 for a 2nd Sunday jam in March. It's always good to see Betty and Bill when they come our way.

Election of officers was postponed until April. Due to term limits, we will need a new chairperson. This is not a strenuous job. Anyone willing to take on the challenge is asked to speak up (Tell Janet!).

In April, Aspens will be on Friday, the 12th from 7 - 9 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 15th at 6:30 p.m., for one hour. Sunday, the 21st is the jam at the Senior Center with potluck at 1 p.m. and music from 2- 4 p.m.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

## District 10

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

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**Treasurer:** Gwyn Deaton, 541-839-4501

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Our February jam turned out good, not quite as many people as usual, but being in a different place maybe some didn't know, but there was lots of great music, and some of us even danced. Larry Costa, and Ruth and Pat Weyer from District 5 were there to bring us a different sound system, sounds good; and gave us some good music. Glad to see you again.

Karen Pohl broke her ankle, hope she is feeling better, we miss her. Hope anyone else out there is doing okay.

My daughter is doing good now after the bone marrow transplant she got from her sister, thank you everyone for all your prayers.

### April

27	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	1-4 p.m.
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Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Don't have a list.

Our next jam will be April 27th, at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S., Comstock, Sutherlin OR from 1 to 4, with finger food.

Hope to see you all there, you don't have to play an instrument, but if you do, bring it along, and your singing voice, or just sit and listen or dance. We have lots of fun.....Hope you all have your dues paid for 2013

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

April 10-13	State Convention, Rickreall
May 2-5	Silver Lake Campout, Silver Lake
June 13-15	Country Music Jamboree, Burns
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge

## New Members to Welcome!

John & Debbie Aldrich, Lakeview  
William, Kelly & Samuel Conklin, Bend  
Rita Daley & Mike Perry, Powell Butte  
Colleen Hanks, Roseburg  
Jim & Nancy Honer, Creswell

Eric, Darlene, Gideon, Mikelle, Jordan, Noelle  
& Gabrielle Stacek, Klamath Falls  
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