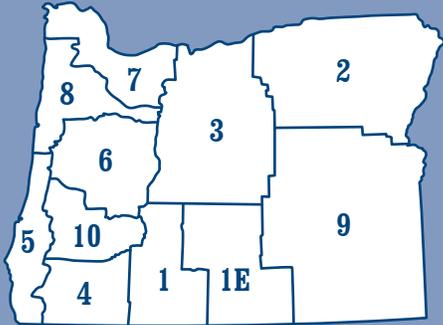


# THE OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' HOEDOWNER

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## From Your President

In order to meet the requirements for membership approval at Merrill, this message includes the motions that were passed by the board in both April and June.

Your approval will change the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of the Oldtime Fiddlers Association to correct errors or omissions and to conform to the resolution of acceptance for the Kielhorn grant of January 2012 and certain IRS tax forms. In order to fully convey the text changes, further information will be mailed to district chairmen for distribution within their districts.

Changes to the Articles of Incorporation that were approved in April 2013:

Article I. Change to read, " Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association"

Article II. Change to read: "To promote, preserve and perpetuate old time fiddling and old time music. To provide regular times and places to meet and play this type of music.

Changes to the bylaws approved at the above meeting. Changes will read as follows:

Article VI. Executive board

Section 1. Executive officers consist of the president, the vice-president and the secretary/treasurer.

Section 2. Executive board/ board of directors.

The executive board/ board of directors consist of the executive board and all district chairmen or their designated representatives.

Section 3. Meetings of the executive board.

Meetings of the executive board/ board of directors shall be held quarterly each year and the state president shall be the presiding officer.

A motion was approved in Burns on June 13, 2013. The motion as approved will remove District 2 from the bylaws and incorporate it into District 9.

( This motion will allow the Willowa fiddle camp to receive Kielhorn funds without changing the current procedures or having them join OOTFA )

~ Larry

## From the Editor

We have been having a busy time, here in District 6. We just got through performing at a fund-raising dinner for the Eugene Opera, which looked forward to the production of Puccini's "Girl of the Golden West" next year. It was big success. It was a bit scary, but also rewarding, to perform in such a challenging environment.

The West Cascades Fiddle Camp is about to commence. It looks as though it will be a smashing success, with more students registered than last year, more than 110 in all.

And, we are looking forward to driving down to the coast for District 5's Winchester Bay campout, August 15-18 --- always a good time in a really nice environment.

~ Joe

## From the Editor Emeritus

On July 9th, the 50th day after my fall, my doctor told me that I could start applying some weight to my leg. During those 50 days I had a lot of time to evaluate boxes of OOTFA memorabilia with many, many boxes to go. I couldn't go to the basement but I know there are hundreds and hundreds of video tapes -- both Ace Wehus's and mine. There are boxes of newspaper clippings and picture albums. The list goes on and on.

Last April I celebrated my 84th birthday. My fall caused me to realize my fragility and to think, "what is to become if all of these boxes of OOTFA history?" Do they have value? Should they be perpetuated for the future to someday tell the story of OOTFA? Or do I or Alice or our kids someday hire a dumpster, load it with all of the many boxes and have them hauled away? I think back to many years ago when Bunky McFee died. His wife called me a few hours after he died and said, "Lew, get out here and get this stuff out of the house before I throw it into a dumpster. In an hour I was out there. Ten years after he died I found a cassette tape in his stuff with him telling his story of D-Day. His family got to hear their father and grandfather tell his story of D-Day that they thought he took to his grave. It is on our web site.

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Make your plans for the Merrill campout and state meeting. The dates are set: September 18th for early birds; jam and meeting: 19th 20th and 21st. John Northcraft will be the man in charge. The sound system for Merrill this year will be Jerry and Irene Ruddock's and controlled by their grandson, which was used at Rickreall this spring.

This year's Merrill raffle will be for gift baskets and gift cards. We are asking the districts, or individuals that want to donate to the raffle to bring theme baskets or baskets representing those area's resources. Yes! potatoes will be a raffle item. The raffle tickets will be drawn before the Saturday evening show, and not during the banquet dinner, as in the

Recently I put the fiddle contestants and their tunes starting back in the mid 1980s on our web. (Missing a few years.) Does information like that have historical value? The history of our association up through 2000 and a newspaper article history book are both on line. Hundreds of copies are tucked away by members who bought them when they first came out. Those of us who have been around for many years enjoy reading about our old friends. We enjoy seeing them on a DVD or tape.

Is there somebody out there who has the desire, the storage area, the willingness to archive this material that I have? Our house here in Salem just doesn't have enough storage. It shouldn't be in cold shed or garage. It needs to be in an environment that is friendly for such material. Contact me, please, if you have ideas or are interested.

~ Lew

### August

4	Meeting and Jam	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
10	Gig	Museum dedication in Lakeview; details tba	
11	Senior Dance	Shasta Community Center, bring finger food	12-4 p.m.
17	Gig	Farmer's Market, 9th and Main	10:15 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

We are canceling nursing home gigs for July, August and September. The Merrill jamboree will be September 18/19/20/21.

past. The raffle is the only change so far. Parking is \$10 per night, first come first serve.

I have a friend who has a 12 String Martin Guitar & a Gibson Dobro Hound Dog guitar that he would like to sell. \$750.00 for both, or best offer. Both are in excellent shape and appearance. I think both have cases. Call 530-667-5375 for more info.

Birthdays for Aug Jerry Ruddock, Helen Meyers, Virgil Schmoie, Carol Fulbright, Ann and Vienna Larson.

~ Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter



District 4 jams at its picnic at Riversedge Park -- in the foreground (l-r): Peggy Hudson, Scott Phillips and Everett Costa.



At the District 4 picnic (l-r): Yoshe Zohar and Grace Anderson, with Everett Costa looking on. Yoshe and Grace have both been contest competitors. Photo by Oran Barr.

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Hello everyone --- another month has gone by. Hope all is well with everyone.

We had our meeting on July 8th. We didn't have a jam this month, but will have one on August 3rd and our next business meeting on August 12th, hope to see everyone there at 6 p.m.; if you come at 5 p.m., you can learn to play. The place is the Lakeview Senior Center, on G street.

We have the Mosquito Festival in Paisley on the 27th of this month, hope to see you all there. We have the Western Museum (about the MC Ranch) on the 10th of August. The Klamath Falls Fiddlers are coming over; Jerry Light, Perry and Don are playing with them.

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Greetings from sunny Central Oregon! We had below average turnouts for the last two jams but the players were eager to perform and the audience enjoyed the afternoon's music.

We had two young District 3 fiddling members attend the National Fiddle Contest in June: C.J. Neary and Luke Allison who placed second and fourth in the Small Fry Division, respectively. Congratulations CJ and Luke on your excellent results.

Senior Member Roland White attended the Idaho Open and

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It was a hot summer day for our picnic at Riversedge Park, but the shade and the delightful breezes made it a very pleasant day. What a lot of music with many musicians contributing – and our audience said it was one of the best jams ever! We all had a great time and managed to eat and drink enough for a proper picnic. Remember, no jam in August, and we resume in September with a meeting and potluck at Roxy Ann Grange. We need folks to help set up and take down for the potluck – “many hands make light work”. The few who have been helping say they are getting tired, so let's all help out!

### August

3	Jam	Lakeview Senior Center	5 and 6 p.m.
7	Gig	Redding RV	
10	Gig	Western Museum + Klamath Falls Fiddlers	
12	Business Meeting	Lakeview Senior Center	

On August 7th the Redding RV is having us play for them. So we are busy, busy. If you all can come over come on join in with us...

Well, you all, I'm gonna close for now until next month,

Have a great month and God bless you all.

Take care now,

**~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter**

### August

11	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.
25	Jam	Redmond VFW Hall	1 to 3:30 p.m.

*\*PLEASE NOTE: two Jams per month on the second and fourth Sundays through October at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond*

placed fourth in the Seniors and third in the Celtic Division. In Weiser, he placed 10th in the National Senior Division.

We District 3 members are all sending get well wishes to Ron Odegard after his recent surgery and are looking forward to welcoming him back soon.

That's about it for District 3 this month. Please send any member birthdays, anniversaries or community updates to Roland for inclusion in the monthly Hoedowner report.

**~ Roland White, District 3 reporter**

### August

No Jam or Meeting

### September

7 Jam, Potluck, Meeting Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

### October

5 Jam, Snacks Eagle Point Grange

Gerry Senn has been very ill. LouAnn reports that he is still in the hospital. We wish you well.

Dick Shoemaker “Shoe” from Pennsylvania has been passing through this area, and has come to several of our jams – and also helped out at Central Point Senior Center, Three Fountains, and the Orchards. Many of you know Shoe from Burns and Weiser.

We still need players at our numerous gigs –fiddlers especially have been in short supply (is this a “short joke”?) We have a busy

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summer schedule, and with folks coming and going on trips, we need all those available to help out. Britt Children's Festival is always fun to play – we walk around the grounds and play for the kids, who are fascinated with live music! The Jackson County Fair is another "biggie," at the end of July. Check the schedule and join in.

Words from our new chairman, Avi: "We plan to introduce new outreach programs to bolster our membership. Let's be more inclusive of all types of old time fiddle music, and encourage wider community participation, thus increasing interest in our music and organization. We will talk about this at our September meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and getting your valued input."

Burns and Weiser were awesome (though chilly), but our Yoshe Zohar placed 33rd in the large national Junior-Junior contingent! Way to go, Yoshe! We also had a great time seeing and playing with folks from all over.

## District 5

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It's here! Our biggest and most fun event of the year, our annual music jamboree and campout. We're looking forward to seeing and hearing all our old time fiddling friends again. There will be open jams all day each day with on stage shows each evening at 6 p.m. On Thursday there will be a spaghetti dinner for all members and their families at 5 p.m.

For other meals try some of the great seafood available in the local eateries. It's among the best anywhere!

The theme for the Saturday evening show will be songs featuring a person's name. The gospel show on Sunday morning will start at 9 a.m. Questions? See our web site at <http://www.fiddleonthebeach.info> or contact Ruth Weyer at 541-759-3419 or Hal Weiner at 541-902-2336.

District 5 members are reminded to bring salads for the dinner Thursday evening and home made or bakery cookies to accompany the always available coffee. Please, no packaged cookies.

The featured musician for July was Ron Estep from Florence. He is the oldest of three boys in his family with parents who both sang and played guitar. Saturday evenings the Estep home was the place to gather for musicians, friends and neighbors. Ron was exposed to many genres of music and started playing guitar when he was ten. The Estep brothers were there when folk music became so popular in the '60's with Ron on 12 string, Dick on 6 string and Don on stand-up bass. They were asked to headline many of the hootenannies around Oregon, but the income from this did not pay expenses, so they traded in their acoustic instruments for electric ones and started playing nightclubs.

Several members from our district are looking forward to attending WCFCW Fiddle camp near Oakridge. We'll get their reports and new tunes when they return. Scholarships have been applied for and approved, but are still available.

Jammers and Slow Jam (kids and newbies) are going strong. We're having fun learning new tunes every week, and polishing up the ones we should remember.

We still need input from you folks for Hoedowner news so we don't miss anything. Contact Avi or Judy M. if you have special news of members.

And in closing, a music joke (is a kazoo a real instrument?): What do you get when you cross a kazoo with a kitchen timer? A humdinger!

~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

### August

3	Gig	NACO Campground, Florence On road to beach just south of bridge.	7-9 p.m.
7	Gig	Sunset Bay State Park, CoosBay	3-4 p.m.
9	Gig	Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon	6:30-8 p.m.
10	Gig	Farmer's Market, Florence tba Downtown on the waterfront, just east of Mo's restaurant	
15--18		10th annual Winchester Bay Jamboree and Campout	
27	Gig	Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon	6:30-8 p.m.

In 1962 they recorded a record and were guest stars on a couple TV shows but, due to family commitments, they separated as a group. In the '70's Ron formed another band which was the house band for ten years for the Fisherman's Wharf in Florence. He also gave guitar lessons and is now retired from computer and electronics but is still very active musically, being a member of OOTFA, playing at Relay For Life, Elderberry Square, The Shorewood and Spruce Point in Florence. Ron said, "It is such a pleasure and so gratifying to share your talents with others, whether it be listeners, other musicians, or teaching someone how to do something".

This month will be the last for the summer schedule of performances at the parks and campgrounds. September will see the musicians back playing at the retirement and nursing homes until next summer. It was reported that the last Friday night's performance at Bullards State Park in Bandon was the best attended of the summer with 204 people in the audience. That's terrific!

To all of you "inlanders" wanting to escape from your hot weather for a few days: while our weather here at the coast has been beautiful and warm it does get quite cool in the evenings and early mornings. That's our natural air conditioning kicking in when the wind blows in from the ocean so you do need to be prepared with a warm sweater or jacket.

Women make up 50% of our population and they are the mothers of the other 50% so don't take them too lightly.

See you all in Winchester Bay!

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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## Elle Larson

My name is Elle Larson and I love music. My parents started me on piano lessons when I was six years old. I was the first of my first teacher's students, which taught both of us. My second piano teacher is a music teacher in the school district; my third teacher was his son. I've learned a lot from all of my teachers. This fall I will start lessons with my fifth teacher.

When I was nine years old I decided to expand my music appreciation and asked my parents about taking fiddle lessons. They began looking for a teacher, and discovered that our next door neighbor, Aline Swartwood, played the fiddle. Aline said she couldn't teach me, so she introduced me to my current teacher, Irene Ruddock. Irene and her husband Jerry are so nice to give me lessons every week in their home for free. I appreciate them greatly.

Since starting fiddle lessons I have experienced being in a choir in our school district, joined our church choir, have gotten a guitar to back up myself, I signed up for a strings camp this summer, and I am starting voice lessons in the fall.

Fiddle has helped me a lot in my music education. I am very excited to continue learning and playing the fiddle.



Elle Larson

## Fiddle Tips -- Stage Fright

Performance Anxiety, Stage Fright, "Getting Out of Your Own Way", or whatever you want to call it.

Although I could write a book on this subject (and many of my students have heard my many lectures), I'm going to attempt to condense it and write a short column about it – so here goes.

I recently competed at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho, and, even though I've performed and competed countless times during the past 30 years, I was well aware that I still had to remind myself to "get out of my own way" so I could attempt to play as well as I could. What I mean by that is that it's a good idea to have some strategies to put in place to help deal with the "nerves" that threaten to sabotage your performance. Here's a list of things that work for me:

Drink lots of water

Eat a little bit of healthy food (avoid sugar) about one hour before your performance so your blood sugar level is stable

Breathe

Don't think about the "mechanics" of the tunes because you already worked all that out during your practice sessions and thinking about it at this point will get in your way – if you worry about a certain passage or note, your body will hear the concern in your mind and it will question what it's doing and possibly do the wrong thing (we've probably all had this experience – right?)

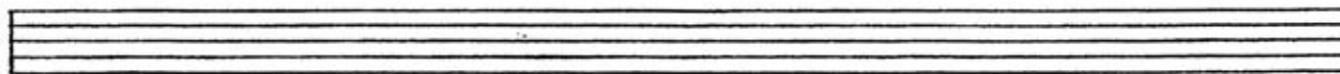
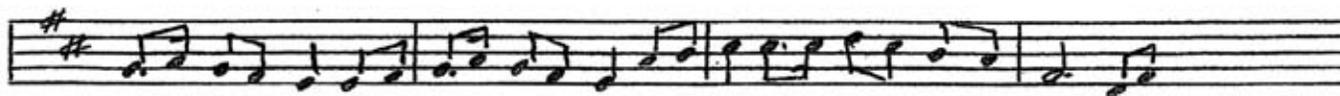
Have confidence – you know your tunes very well or you wouldn't be playing them in public. Nobody will remember a few mistakes – they'll remember your overall performance and how they feel when they hear your music.

Turn off your "inner critic" and think only positive thoughts - enjoy how well you're playing, enjoy hearing how great you sound over the sound system, think about how much fun it is to play with other musicians and be able to produce such terrific music.

### Tune of the Month -- Waverly Two-Step

This tune was composed by Canadian fiddler Graham Townsend. The version presented here, which approximates the way it is played by District 5's Loren Osborne, is good example of how tunes change with time. A transcription of the tune as played by Townsend can be found on the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers website: [calfolk/tunes1/tunes-pmf.htm](http://calfolk/tunes1/tunes-pmf.htm)

#### WAVERLY TWO-STEP



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### Harvest

August with its clouds of scented blooms.  
August with its great stacks of giant clouds.  
August with corn plants standing like rows of soldiers.  
August with watermelons, full and heavy, dozing in the sun,  
August

-- Mary Naylor

July is over and August is in full bloom. We sure had a great time in Burns. Thanks go out to Janet Braymen and the volunteers for all the planning and work that was done for another successful fiddling weekend. It sure is fun seeing people and friends throughout the state that you haven't seen all year. By now, everyone's back from fiddle camp and has brought home some lessons and tunes to share with others. Also, good luck to all those who compete in the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. And, a lot of us in District 6 are looking forward to Merrill next month.

Our Friday night jams are a lot of fun. At Crow last month, a new member, Alan, played a nice guitar, while singing "Whiskey In The Jar," with a nice Irish brogue. Hope we hear more from him. We had eleven musicians play and about four grinners, which actually was quite a crowd, considering that many of our District 6 musicians were in Burns. And many thanks go out to Leah Canaday's daughter, Janet Canaday, for making and bringing those delicious strawberry tarts.

Wow! At Yapoah, the audience responded so enthusiastically to our music. There were around 30-35 residents in the audience. We had about seven musicians perform. One of them, Cheryl Horner, played mandolin and sang her version of "This Old House." We loved it.

We had almost nine musicians in our circle jam at Santa Clara. Wayne Carter sang, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and what a beautiful job he did. We had a great time, but the clock told us to go home. We could've played all night. Thanks again go out to Janet Canaday for more of those delicious strawberry tarts.

At the Eugene Hotel, nine musicians played. It sure was exciting when Donna Wynn played Wizard Walk. It was good to have a new guitar player with us, Steve Robare. Hope to see him more often.

For some reason, the date for the July District jam in July was left out of the Hoedowner last month. It was held July 20 at the Santa Clara Grange.

This month, on August 24th, our District jam will be a potluck picnic at Tony and Shirley Humphrey's place. Their address is: 17782 Hwy 32, Blachly, OR 97412. Directions: milepost 20.3, Hwy 36. Approximately 6 miles past Triangle Lake. Their home is a grey and white farmhouse on the left side of the highway, with a large barn in the back of the property. This will be a potluck picnic: hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. You will need to bring your own drinks; drinking water will be unavailable; pack out your own trash. If you want to cool off, bring your swimsuit to dip in the creek. Bring a tent, and stay the night. What fun!

### August

2	Gig	Sierra Oaks Barbecue and Square Dance	2-3 p.m.
3	Gig	Spin Fair	10-10:45 a.m.
3	Gig	Shelton-McMurphy	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
10	Jam	Mary Cole Days, Marcola	all day
17	Jam	McKenzie Arts Festival, Leaburg	all day
18	Gig	Pancake Breakfast, Spencer Creek Grange	8-11 a.m.
20	Gig	United Way Picnic, Island Park	12-1 p.m.
24	Jam, Potluck	District 6 Picnic, Humphreys'	all day

Birthdays: Louise Hamilton 8/8, David Elliker-Vagsberg 8/10, Joe Canaday 8/11, Bertie Gilbert 8/18, Addison Talbot 8/20, Adrianna Rogers 8/25, Bernie Roberts 8/31

Anniversaries: Ken & Della White 8/4, John & Lucille Childers 8/27.

Q: How many mandolin players does it take to screw in a light bulb?  
A: "10." One to screw it in, 9 to say, "I can do it faster."

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



District 6's Art Choate, providing back up at the intermediate fiddle class.



David Elliker-Vagsberg and wife Claire, demonstrating the schottische at the District 6 intermediate fiddle class.

## District 7

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July was busy for many of us and I hope everyone had an awesome holiday! A highlight for the year was our annual gig at the Sandy Mountain Festival, with lots of participation and appreciative audience. This year we were treated to include two young players, Colton and his little sister. Colton can play a mean fiddle, and really outshines some of us "older folks"!

We continue to enjoy playing for our usual senior living facilities. It is such a treat to see the joy on everyone's faces as they tap their feet and sing along. Another fun event was playing background music for the City of Oregon City's banquet.

The West Cascades Fiddle Camp is always such a wonderful, fun-filled event, and I am sure those who attended came away with new tunes, friends, and enhanced skills. The community is also treated to some great music. This is great PR for OOFTA, so thanks to all who taught and attended!

### August

10	Jam	Bob's Birthday Bash	12 p.m.
14	Gig	Clackamas County Fair	2-4 p.m.

We are honored to welcome a new member: Jane Gallagher, who plays the fiddle. Please take time to get to know Jane and make her feel at home!

August events include our annual gig on Wednesday, August 14th at the Clackamas County Fair 694 NE 4th Ave. Canby. We perform on stage from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Also – don't forget the annual BOB'S BIRTHDAY BASH! It is August 10th at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's lovely home out of Sandy. Go six miles past the last light in Sandy. The Candy Farm will be on the right, then four tenths of a mile, turn left onto Cherryville. Go one mile and turn left onto Baty Road. Then one mile farther on, turn right into their driveway. The posted address is 50995 SE Baty Road. The party starts at noon, so bring a chair and some food to share. Their phone is 668-3917. Email: atjorgen-sen@gotsky.com

As usual, please watch your emails for future gigs.

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

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**Membership:** Dale Smith

Dale Smith has graciously accepted the job of treasurer and membership coordinator for District 8. She is recovering from cataract surgery and will be ready to go soon.

Fourteen musicians played at Mount Angel Towers retirement in June. Thanks to those from District 7 who added much to the program. Everyone had a good time.

A few days later the group, with several more, played at the annual Aurora Strawberry Social. The weather looked like rain, but it held off. The organizers had canvas cover for the large audience, and the musicians stood under the roof of an open-sided shed. Co-Chairman Phil Ringle reported that the fiddlers did an outstanding job.

Mid-July was busy! On the 11th fiddlers played for the Marion County Fair. On the 12th, we played at the park in Aumsville. Had a wonderful potluck meal provided by the town. On the 13th, played at Willamette Mission Park for a horse rescue group. Told you it was busy! Thanks to all who made it to these events. Several of you made all three! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We have some play times for August. See the calendar above.

### August

8	Gig	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall
24	Gig	Family Farm Day	Bush Park, Salem
27	Gig	State Fair	State Fairgrounds, Salem

On Thursday, August 8th we play at the Polk County Fair at Rickreall. On Saturday, August 24 we play at the Bush House for Family Farm Day. The Bush House is off Mission St. in Salem.

We are requested to play at the State Fair on Tuesday, August 27th. Since the Fair is focusing on the Armed Forces that day, they would like us to play some patriotic songs. Not a requirement, but if you know some, that would be great. Otherwise good old fiddle music like we always do. We're not sure of the time yet. Lew will send out a notice via e-mail.

We all send our best wishes to Phil Ringle whose son, Jim, has been seriously ill with pneumonia. It's been a worrisome time for Phil and Marva. Jim is doing better at this writing.

Lew's broken leg is healing well. He now has permission to put some weight on it. Still using a walker, but getting around much better. He even made it to Aumsville to play.

"A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence." --Leopold Stokowski

~ **Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter**

## District 9

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Whew, it's hot. It's great weather for playing music if you can find a shady spot with a light breeze and no mosquitoes.

There was a good turnout for the jam at the Aspens this month and the Friday night jams have been a lot of fun. Folks attend as they are able to work around summer plans.

Jane Jones, Janet Braymen, Irwin, Karan, and Randy Gibson attended the Fossil Bluegrass Festival and enjoyed the performances as well as some outstanding jam circles. It was great to see the familiar faces of John Gent and Hal Weiner.

George Sahlberg and Don Williams continue to improve in health.

### August

9	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
19	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30 p.m.

The summer is flying by. Soon September will arrive and along with it the Harney County Fair (the week following Labor Day). Stay tuned for the schedule but expect to play several hours on Wednesday and Thursday of the fair.

In August, The Aspens will be on the 9th from 7-9 p.m.; Ashley Manor is Monday, the 19th at 6:30 p.m., for one hour. Friday night jams will continue thru the summer. The second Sunday Jams will resume in October.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

## District 10

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Our jam in June was successful, many good players, and singers, guests, and visitors. David Morris came from district 6: Charlie Boyer, while John and Marlene Renfro, and Loretta and Homer Meeds visited from District 4. Thank you for coming, enjoyed your music.

We'll be playing a three hour gig August 10th in Sutherlin, from 6 to 9 p.m., behind the fire station in the little park back there. If anyone wants to come help out, you're very welcome.

If anyone is under the weather, hope you're up and around soon.--And happy birthday and happy anniversary to all that had them.

### August

10	Gig	Sutherlin, in the park behind the fire hall	6-9 p.m.
27	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.

On a sad note, Margie Hastey passed away July 8th, I believe at 3 or 4 a.m. She was such a sweet lady.

Our next jam will be August 27th, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Sutherlin Grange 851 Comstock, Suthelin OR. Hope to see ya'll there.

Thank you to all that helps out with the coffee, treats, and moving things around, etc.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



At the District 6 Opera Gig (l-r): Jesse Knudsen, Lisa Ponder, and Ila Mae Carmickle.



Roland White, Carol Ann Wheeler & Ken Luse at the State Contest. Photo: Patti Luse.



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## State Calendar

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| August 3        | Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest              |
| August 15-18    | Winchester Bay Jam                            |
| September 19-21 | Merrill Quarterly Jam and Semi-Annual Meeting |
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## New Members to Welcome!

Mark Carter and Christine Negles-Carter, Eagle Point  
Jim and Harriet Gillam, Klamath Falls  
Jon "Mac" Parker, Myrtle Creek

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership