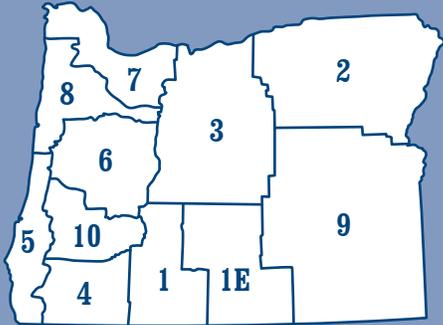


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From Your President

We had an eventful July returning from vacation just in time for Winchester Bay where Joe reminded me that I was having too much fun and had to write an article for the Hoedowner. So be it.

The Winchester Bay Camp-out just gets better with age. Constant good music played by super musicians and entertainers from Oregon, California and Washington and some states that I am sure I missed.

We have some very important business to conduct in Merrill. The district chairmen will soon receive packets showing the changes to be made to the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws and standing rules.

The chairmen will make this information available to all members. Please read and be familiar with the issues for discussion and membership vote. If there are questions do not hesitate to ask them.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Merrill. I hope your summer has been the best ever.

~ Larry

From the Editor

August has been a very busy month. We had the West Cascades Fiddle Camp, which was a smashing success. There were other events too numerous to mention, and, finally, the annual Winchester Bay Jam put on by District 5, from which I have just returned. It looks like September will be a calmer month, with "only" Merrill on the horizon. I plan to make that one, too.

These events happen only because members are willing to put in the effort to make them happen. It is not enough to go, play, and have a good time. Someone makes these good times happen, and you, the reader, should be one of them.

~ Joe



Everyone Assembled at the 2013 West Cascades Fiddle Camp.

From the Editor Emeritus

Surprisingly, I wasn't deluged with letters with offers or advice for dealing with the "archives" I wrote about last month. Last spring I uploaded a YouTube video of Wally Bloom and Marvin Standiford playing "Sierra Swing" years ago at a campout at Shorty Dow's. The other day I found a letter on Facebook from Wally's daughter. She was told by a friend about the YouTube video. Watch it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMZ3LhNGve8

YouTube is one of my favorites and makes me appreciate those two who are gone. Wally's daughter wrote: "Dad passed away on Dec 31, 2011 shortly after the YouTube was posted." Those of you who never had a chance to know Wally, missed knowing a great fiddler and a very good friend -- one of the best. He is preserved in my archives.

Several years ago I received an email from a lady wondering if I had a picture of Rusty Modrell. She and her sister had known him

in central Oregon years ago. I sent her pictures plus an hour long video just of Rusty -- close up shots, visiting, playing - the real Rusty.

The lady wrote back saying that the two sisters sat there one evening and cried in happiness for an hour while they watched the video. Rusty was right there with them. Sometime back I received a letter from Cliff Buker's granddaughter. (Cliff was the main founder of our association, first Hoedowner editor and more.) I sent the granddaughter pictures and pages of information about her grandfather. Again from the archives. Perhaps I can say it in another way, "My cup runneth over with archives." Does all of this material end up in the dumpster someday or is there another home, a younger home out there for it?

~ Lew

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September

1	Meeting, Potluck, and Jam	Shasta Community Center	12-4 p.m.
6	Gig	Tulelake Fair	5 - 6 p.m.
7	Gig	Tulelake Fair	6 -7:30 p.m.

The Senior Dance for September has been cancelled.

We are looking forward to hosting the Merrill quarterly state meeting and campout on September 19, 20 and 21. Preparatory work will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday September 17 in the old Merrill high school. District 1 members: please come down and help out.

This year's Merrill raffle will be gift baskets, and a beautiful quilt from Tater Patch, donated by District 1. Districts, or individuals, that want to donate to the raffle should bring theme baskets representing the resources of their areas. Yes! Potatoes will be a raffle item. Raffle tickets will be drawn before the Saturday evening show and not during the banquet dinner, as in the past. Parking is \$10 per night -- first come first serve. Dry camping is free. We would like each district to bring one or two flower arrangements for the banquet tables, which will also be raffled off. Please pay for parking separately from banquet tickets, as this makes bookkeeping easier. The banquet tickets are \$12.50 each, or \$25 for couples.

To purchase tickets for the banquet you can call Sheila or email her (541.591.2513 or sheilaand@yahoo.com) Banquet tickets can also be

purchased at Merrill. The important thing is we need a head count and a choice of chicken or beef as soon as possible. The banquet will be at 4 p.m., Saturday.

The town of Merrill will have town-wide yard sales that weekend. We will also have the funny coffee cup contest.

Places to Stay:

Merrill Mobile Manor 541.298.1654 or Wild Goose Motel 541.798.5826, both in Merrill.

State Line RV Park, 530.667.4849, two miles south, or the KOA RV Park in Klamath Falls, 541 205 4735 about 20 miles north of Merrill.

September Birthdays: Patti Northcraft, Mike Foster, Dean Oliver, Sherman Taylor, Bill Selles, and Richard Knapp.

~ Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter

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September

8/30 - 9/2	Lakeview Roundup
7	Jam
9	Business meeting
17-21	Merrill Campout

Rest in Peace. We had two friends pass on to a better place: Carl Forge, brother of Lakeview's Perry Forge, and Bill Chapman, of Christmas Valley. Rest in Peace. You will be missed.

Our Paisley Fling turned out well. We had Gene Thomas, Rosa Lee McLain, Jerry Light, Big Barit, and Terry McLain, who played and had a great time. We also had a jam at Junipers RV. Playing at Redding RV were Terry, Rosa Lee, Jerry, Don, Nancy, and Reba. All had a great time -- good job!!

We had a museum dedication of the MC Ranch on August 10 here in Lakeview. Klamath fiddlers came over to help out with Jerry Light and Don Thompson. About 400 people showed up and had a great time. Thank you so much Klamath!!!!!!

Our jam this month on the third was pretty small; we need more support. Hope to see more at the next one. We had our business meeting on the 12th. Our next jam is September 7: 5 p.m. to learn how to play, and from 6 p.m. a regular jam. Come have

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fun. Our next business meeting will be at 7 p.m. on September 9. Both of these are at the Senior Center in Lakeview.

Our next big get together is August 31 at the Lakeview Fairgrounds. We play on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Greetings from Central Oregon! The VFW stood us up for the last two scheduled jams when no one was there to unlock the building. The VFW explained afterward that they were having personnel problems and promised that the building will be opened for the August 25 jam, and future jams.

There are also food service changes. The VFW will no longer provide food at events. Coffee and water will still be provided for players and audience.

District 3 faces another complication: we have fewer and fewer musicians showing up to play. I have often thought that the day may come when half of our players are sick and the other half are traveling, leaving no one to entertain the audience. What will we do then?

If District 3 expects to be supported financially by the public, we have a responsibility to provide consistent entertainment music. As it stands now, there is good music when our stronger players attend, and not so good when they do not. This is not so much a criticism of our players as it is a call out to all of us to be more mutually supportive in order to provide better music to the public.

As chairman I have been frustrated after calling every district member with a phone number asking for help but only to hear the same story from each member: "I don't want to serve; I just want to play or listen".

Folks, belonging to any organization is not about using it. IT IS ABOUT SERVING IN IT.

Turning down assignments, declining to make any commitment to do anything extra or to serve as an officer or act on or run a committee, hurts the organization. If you are just coming to sing your three or four songs each week, then leave when you're done, it is only a matter of time until District 3 completely falls apart.

Perhaps the VFW snafu is a blessing in disguise in that it creates an opportunity for us to evaluate how and what we are doing and how to provide music on a consistent and reliable basis to our paying audience.

I propose a jam leader because we need to become more organized on jam days.

We certainly have the players capable of entertaining the audience but we need to have a leader and core group of 5-8 musicians that can and will show up and put on the show. If you're one of the players who can lead a song, play a melody

COME ONE, COME ALL: join in and have fun!!!!

'til next time.....

~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

September

15	Jam, VFW Hall	1-3 p.m.
29	Jam, VFW Hall	1-3 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: March to October there will be two jams per month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Redmond VFW Hall, 1836 SW Veterans Way Redmond.

or support a vocalist and the other players, please step up and organize the rest of the group so the monthly jams can continue.

Any one of you can do this, so the call is out. I'm not going to ask anyone specifically to do this, yet. I'm confident that this is important enough for one of you to step up to the service and leadership that is needed.

All that is required is a head count, sign up sheet and phone numbers to organize a dance band for the next jam.

If we can do this then we can provide the music that people expect. If we don't it is only going to continue to deteriorate into a non-functional performance, inconsistent attendance and marginal approval from our members and paying public.

Currently here are areas in which we need help.

- Jam Leader • Organize and lead the monthly jams
- Sound Tech • Thank you Jeanette Bondsteel, but we still need 1-2 more helpers
- Public Relations • Don Hendrix has done this for the past 5 years. PLEEEZE Someone
- Hoedown Reporter • I've done this for the last three years.
- Public Outreach • Spokesperson for District 3 and OOTFA
- Music for Seniors • Playing in rest homes and senior centers in Redmond, Prineville, Bend, Sisters, La Pine.
- Music for Youth • Schedule and create playing and learning opportunities for kids

Only by working together, with everyone contributing, can the future survival and prosperity of District 3 be assured.

~ Roland White, Chair and District 3 Reporter



Ken Luse's bass class at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp.

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No monthly jam in August, but we played music at numerous places. It's hard to keep us musicians from making music some place or other!

Britt Children's Festival was really fun, as many of the youngsters aren't sure about what live music really is, and follow us around in amazement! They dance and smile a lot!

Jackson County Fair was HOT (104?) as usual, but we had a good turnout of musicians, and the crowd that braved the heat was very appreciative. Special thanks to Lennie Ferrara for handling the program and keeping the music flowing!

We played at the Rogue Valley Manor on a smoky evening that kept many of the residents inside, so we had a good crowd. Many hadn't heard us before, and had very favorable comments, saying they want us back again soon.

Our 12-year-old Yoshe Zohar got fifth place at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. Way to go, Yoshe! You can see him on YouTube, thanks to Patti for videoing.

Fiddle camp was a high spot for many of our youth (and adults). They brought back many new tunes, and had a great time! Folks said it was the best fiddle camp ever! Aren't we lucky to have this resource in our area!

We're looking forward to the Winchester Bay jam as this goes to press. It's always an awesome get-together in a fabulous location.

September

7 Jam, Potluck, Meeting Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

October

5 Jam, Snacks Eagle Point Grange

November

2 Jam, Snacks Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass

We were saddened to learn of the death of long time member Gerry Senn. He and his wife LouAnn loved to dance, and attended many jams. Our sympathy goes out to his friends and family.

Judy Lyon is still healing with her hip, but is hoping to join us again soon. Lem Guthrie had carpal tunnel surgery on his hand, but says he's ready to play again. We've missed you folks.

Wednesday jam and slow jam have held up pretty well with attendance, even though many folks have been on vacation. We keep learning more new (old) songs, and improving the others.

We still need players for our regular monthly gigs at the Senior Center, retirement homes, and nursing homes. Check the calendar or call an officer for more info.

A word from our chairman, Avi Zohar:

"Hi everyone. These certainly seem to be exciting times for the Oldtime Fiddlers. This said, it is very important that as many of you as possible make the upcoming district meeting. Topics of discussion will include new member outreach, updated contact information, and jam/ gig participation. I look forward to seeing all of you at the September 7 meeting and potluck at Roxy Ann Grange."

You know it's a bad day when you turn on the news and they are displaying emergency routes out of your city. (Not really so funny during fire season!) Stay cool and smoke-free, Y'all!

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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By the time you read this, our annual Winchester Bay jam and campout will be just a memory. We hope all who attended had a great time, enjoyed the music and camaraderie, got cooled down a bit by our cooler weather, enjoyed the local seafood and other goodies and plan to return next year. More details next month.

This month will see our musicians returning to the winter schedule at nursing and retirement homes. There will also be a second gig of the summer at the NACO campground at Florence on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. There will be no Winchester Bay jam this month because of the conflict of dates with Merrill, September 19 - 21.

Another gig was added to the schedule last month when

September

1	Gig	NACO Campground, Florence	3 - 5 p.m.
4	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
4	Gig	Myrtle Point CareCenter	3 - 4 p.m.
11	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
18	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
25	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
25	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

we played at the Saturday Market on the waterfront in old-town Florence on the 10th. Hal Thompson from District 10 was a guest performer as he was at the NACO and Bullard's Beach performances. Everett Costa from District 4 was also a guest player at both the Bullard's Beach and Sunset Beach performances. Thanks guys. Always nice to have friends along.

Everyone agrees that the July jam was that was the best we have had had in a long time. There was a larger than usual audience, mostly due to the bus-load of seniors who came from the Tanglewood retirement apartments in Florence and who said, as they left, that they'd be back again. There was a good turn-out of musicians and audience participants. Among those in the audience were Ken and Jean Stevens from Redding, CA, who were celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary by camping

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Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter -- Isolations

One of the best things you can do when you're learning a tune is to "isolate" the problem areas and do extra work on them.

I can't think of any tune that I've ever worked on where I didn't have at least one such spot. Sometimes it's only a few notes, sometimes an entire section. Start a few notes or a measure before and go to a few notes or a measure beyond and practice the area many times, slowly at first. Then increase your speed just slightly and practice many more times, etc... – but never go faster than you can play cleanly. Oh yes, and don't forget to use a metronome and also spot check with your tuner! Once you get it all cleanly programmed into your muscle memory, you'll be able to increase the tempo to where you want it.

If you don't do this, there will most likely be a weak spot or weak spots in your tune. You may have a tendency to slow down (or speed up) there, or your notes may be out of tune, unclear, jumbled up, or not rhythmical. My teacher Hollis Taylor used to tell me that when I practice I should play the tune through, identify the areas that need work, work on those isolations, and then take the "victory lap" as she called it – that is when I get to play the tune through again and see if the isolation work helped. It may take many hours, days, weeks, or months of isolation work to get a tune cleaned up to where it sounds great – but in my opinion it's well worth it.

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At the West Cascades Fiddle Camp (l-r): Clara Anderson, Shelza Deaton, and Claire Butler.

Tune of the Month -- Lily Dale

The lyrics shown here are the original words, composed in 1852, and reflect the maudlin tone popular in the 19th century. Modern lyrics, by Bob Wills, can be found on YouTube.

Lily Dale

Starting note: Fifth string, second fret. H.S. Thompson

VERSE

'Twas a calm still night, and the moon's pale light, Shone
soft o'er hill and vale; When
friends mute with grief, stood a - round the death bed, Of my
poor lost Lil - ly Dale.

CHORUS

Oh! Lil - ly, sweet Lil - ly,
Dear Lil - ly Dale; Now the
wild rose blos - soms o'er her lit - tie green grave, 'Neath the
trees in the flow - 'ry vale.

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along the Oregon coast to escape the California heat. Ken mentioned that he was a singer and soon found himself on stage demonstrating that fact with a beautiful presentation of Amazing Grace. They also said they'd be back. Elaine, from Coos Bay, was celebrating her 85th birthday with the crowd singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Guest musicians were Carol Ridley and Hal Thompson, both from District 10.

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Sweet September showers,
Not quite Winter yet.
Not quite Autumn either.
But Summer has definitely left.

Victoria Hughes

Well, fiddle camp sure was a lot of fun. The quality of instructors was great. The new schedule arrangement really worked well. Many nice tunes floated throughout the camp this year; one that a lot of students were playing was "Roy's Rag." Connecting with friends, old and new was an awesome part of the camp.

Congratulations to District 6 Willamette Valley Fiddle contestants who placed: Cameron Cooley, Tenaya Cooley, Jerry Parks, Donna Wynn and Willie Carter. Hope to hear more fiddling from these folks, soon.

If you're one of the lucky people who will be attending the Merrill jam, hope you have fun. Also, hope everyone that attended Bob Huffman's Birthday Bash and/or the Winchester jam had a great time. We also had a great time playing at Mary Cole Days, at the McKenzie Art Festival and at Tony and Shirley Humphrey's jam and potluck.

Over a dozen musicians from District 6 represented OOTFA at the Lane County Fair this year. Considering that this was the same week as fiddle camp, that was a pretty good turnout. Thanks go out to Joe Moyle for organizing this event.

At this month's Friday night jam at Crow Grange, Tye Lewin played his guitar while we played Blackberry Blossom. Tony Humphrey brought his sister, Loretta Barcus, from Peoria, Arizona.

At Yapoah Terrace, it was great to have Linton Allen play his guitar, while, at the Eugene Hotel, Phyliss Coffin sang several tunes, and among them, "Give Me A Little Kiss." Meg Graf joined in with her fantastic piano playing. Vocal tunes are great opportunities for fiddlers and other musicians to try out their "playing by ear" skills on breaks. We hope to bring out more musicians at our Friday night jams, and guarantee you'll have tons of fun.

August was a very busy month for jams and gigs. It was nice to have Floyd and Esther Shriber back with us at the monthly jam. Ernie Connelly and banjo, in costume, sure entertained everyone at the Spin Fair, and at the Campbell Center.

On a tombstone in Hartscombe, England:

"On the 22 of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune"

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

September

14	Jam, Potluck, Meeting	Santa Clara Grange	10-4
28	Intermediate Fiddle Class		1-4

Friday night jams are held at the Eugene Hotel (first Friday), Crow Grange (second Friday), Yapoah Terrace (third Friday), and Santa Clara Grange (fourth Friday), from 7-9 p.m. No jam on fifth Fridays.

Birthdays: Don Baldwin 9/1, Ruth Kennedy 9/5, Bill Gilbert 9/12, Addie Gonshorowski 9/13, Dorothy Sather 9/14, Sandy Wallrich 9/15, Arlo Hamilton 9/28, Darla Miller 9/30

Anniversaries: Floyd and Esther Shriber 9/10

Question: What's the difference between a violin and fiddle?
Answer: No one minds if you spill beer on a fiddle.

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



District 6 at the Shelton-McMurphy Mansion's Living History Day (l-r): Bernie Roberts, Brian Neal, Joe Moyle (back to camera), Peggy Mulder, Annie Carter, Joe Grivel, and Ernie Connelly.



District 6ers at the Briarwood Mobil Home Park picnic (l-r): Joe Moyle, Brian Neal, Sue Cooper, Marie Roberts, Ernie Connelly, Keith Barr and Bernie Roberts. Bassist Richard Jones is obscured behind Bernie Roberts.

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Well, the "dog days of summer" hit, and boy, hasn't it been hot!!! Hope everyone is having a great time musically as well as personally – maybe took or will take a vacation? Attended a fiddle camp? Learn some new songs? For "newbies", get nerve enough to lead a jam? I don't know how anyone can live without music!

August is usually county fair time for many of us. These performances are always a lot of fun for fiddlers and audience as well. It is also a wonderful opportunity to showcase our association and maybe even get new members.

It was good to see Ron & Ella Beatty at the Sandy Festival. Ron looks good, and is getting better. We continue to wish him well

and hope he can soon join us with his fiddle! Bawb's Bash was a hoot, with a lot of food, fun & fiddling. Thank you, Bob for having a birthday so we can all get together and celebrate!

We welcome new members Bob & Jackie Peterson. Bob plays guitar, so we look forward to jamming with them.

The month of September is the start of events that were curtailed for the summer. So far, our calendar includes:

Sunday, September 8 - Marjorie Stewart Community Senior Center, 1907 SW Sherwood Blvd., Sherwood, OR. Building hours are 12 - 4 p.m. with sign up performance from 1 - 3 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., our first monthly jam for this new season in a new location commences. Let's give them a warm fiddlers welcome.

Friday, September 27 - Tanner Springs Assistant Living Center, 23000 Horizon Drive, West Linn, OR 97068. Playing time is from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

As usual, please watch your emails for future gigs.

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

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IMPORTANT: We need someone to volunteer for the treasurer and/or membership positions. One person has done both in the past. If you'd like to volunteer for one or both, let us know.

A great bunch of musicians played for the Polk County Fair at Rickreall. Starr McMullen from District 6 led us off with Ragtime Annie. Alan Ede, District 6, also joined us. District 8 folks there were: Dale Colebank, Jerry Janzsen, Dennis Brutke, Dale Emery, Pat Conners, Alice Holt, Dale Smith, Loita Colebank, Truman Price, Amelie Redman, Darlene Bryant, Erin Halgrimson, Chris Lang, Stan Kilbourn, Fred Hardin, Lew Holt, Brenda Halgrimson, and Vern Smith. Thanks to Fred for emceeding in his inimitable style.



Brian Neal (District 6) Plays "Fireball Mail" at the Lane County Fair (l-r): Peggy Mulder, Jim Hoots, Claire Elliker-Vagsberg, Joe Moyle, David Elliker-Vagsberg (obscured), Joe Canaday, Janet Begg, Bernie Roberts, Brian Neal, Phyllis Coffin and Adrianna Rogers.

September

7	Dayton Park	Harvest Festival	5-6 p.m.
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Three late August gigs will keep us busy: Bush House Family Farm Day in Salem on the 24th; Oregon State Fair on the 27th; Benedictine Nursing Home in Mount Angel on the 29th.

We are all saddened by the passing of our friend, Gene Stephenson. He had been having health issues for some time, though still getting to most of our gigs. He was finally diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and passed away on August 3rd. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jackie and their family.

Our friend, Dale Emery, celebrated his 97th birthday in August. Dale is an inspiration to us all; he still plays his fiddle every day, remembers all the words to many songs, and regularly attends district events. Thanks Dale for all you do for us!

Two of our lady charter members also celebrate birthdays in August. Edna Yohey is 93, and Harriet Modrell is 98. Stan Kilbourne is also 90 something. Way to go, all of you!

Welcome home, Les and Peggy Tucker. They were away most of the summer. Congrats Les, on second place at the Willamette Valley Contest.

Saturday, September 7th, we'll be playing from 5 to 6 p.m. at Dayton City Park for their Harvest Festival. We played there last year and had a good time. The park is just off the main street through town. Hope to see you all there!

Summer's almost gone. Have you had enough zucchini yet? Enjoy these nice Autumn days

~ **Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter**

District 9

Chair: Ruel Teague

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So is it time for the dog days of summer yet? Where does the time go?

All the usual things have been going on this summer and a couple of special times too. John and Linda Borelli invited everyone out to their home in Van about 55 miles from Burns for a Sunday lunch and jam. John cooked up a tasty lunch with the help of his visiting sister. Unfortunately Linda had landed in the hospital the day before and missed the event. John was a gracious though distracted host and was on the road the minute the call came for Linda to be released. Many thanks to the Borellis for a lovely day. Linda, we sure do hope you are fully recovered.

Several musicians played for the car show in Kings parking lot, earning them a free lunch.

September

4	Gig	Harney County Fair	1-3:30 p.m.
5	Gig	Harney County Fair	9:30-11 a.m.
13	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Harney County Fair is just around the corner. The fiddlers will take the stage on Wednesday September 4 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. On Thursday they will entertain the morning crowd from 9:30 – 11 a.m. All hands are welcome to come help out and enjoy a country fair. If we can get enough folks to commit, we also might be in the parade on Saturday morning.

Jane Jones, Joan Suther, Randy Gibson and Janet Braymen attended the High and Dry Bluegrass Festival in Bend. It was good to see friends from the bluegrass community and get in some good jammin'.

In September, The Aspens will be on the 13th from 7-9, Ashley Manor is Monday, the 16th at 6:30 for one hour. Friday night jams will continue through the summer. Second Sunday jams will resume in October.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

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We had a very nice July jam, our guests were Don and Bea Johnson, and John and Marlene Renfro, from District 4 -- sure was nice to see you folks.

We've been playing at Callahan Village and Rosehaven, and a few more coming up. Last night we played at "Music in the Park" in Sutherlin for three hours. The players were: Guy Kinman, Katie Fugleman, Jo Barns, Liz Crane, Bob Hanson, Whitey Kelm, Sandy Harter, Fred Young, Don Hamlin, and myself.

Also, a nice surprise: Chris and Lisa Booher, his brother Ben, and two of Chris's children played with us. It rained for awhile, but

September

28	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.
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we were under cover, but it soon quit. We sure had a great time.

Lois Eagleton's husband broke his hip and was in the hospital; then he had a heart-attack, and ended up in ICU. She said she misses us and will be back. Sure sorry to hear that!! You take care now Lois.

Our next jam will be September 28th at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin, from noon to 3 pm. Hope to see ya'll there.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



District 4's Scott Phillips, on the bass at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp.



John and Pem Winquist, District 6, at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp.



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State Calendar

September 19-21 Merrill Quarterly Jam and Semi-Annual Meeting

New Members to Welcome!

Gretchen Amann, Lake Oswego
Callahan Corwin and Melanie Majors-Corwin
with Casey & Cole Corwin, Bend
Steve Davis, Eugene
Suzanne and Don Durland, Springfield
Suzanne Geraci and Barbara Mickelson, Eugene

Jerry Hash and Dona Brown, Roseburg
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