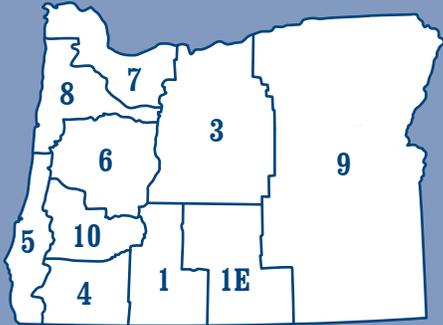


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From Your President

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the convention in Rickreall -- come early, stay late, and play a lot!

~ Larry

From the Editor

Interesting times in District 6. We have a new reporter, Karen Johnson, who is actually District 8 and lives in Toledo, but participates in District 6 events such as the intermediate fiddle class. As she is far away, various people have assisted her by forwarding info. She has melded all this data into her first report; you can see the result below.

And then we have the barn dance, which is held once a month at Spencer Creek Grange from October through April. The music is live, provided by the Spencer Creek String Band, with Alan Ede as the caller. It is has been quite successful and is now in its third year.

To this add jams every Friday night at different locations and fiddle classes, both intermediate and basic, by Ila Mae Carmickle once a month.

And then there are the nursing home gigs, once a week.

All this adds up -- I wonder where the time goes. So does my wife, when she wants to do something that is not fiddle related!

~ Joe



At the District 6 jam (l-r): Josie Slaven, Linda Danielson, Jim Keuther, Ken Luse, Brenda Hallgrimson, and Mike Slaven.

From the Editor Emeritus

A week from today I'll be at the contest with a lot of you. The tide is coming in, I must be ready. I have most all of it done except dealing with contestant lists, name tags, volunteers, late registration. . . . and things that spring up all of a sudden.

When you read this, the contest will be over. We can hope for a good audience. We can hope we have many contestants. We can hope the schedule works. There are many pieces to the jigsaw puzzle called "the state contest." I will either be a hero or a goat eating tin cans. I have my fingers crossed.

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Hi, my name is Noranne Sparks and District 1 thinks I can be the reporter for our district. I started fiddling with District 1 about four years ago after my husband, Del, and I listened to Saturday evening in Merrill. I was taken in under the wing of Jerry and Irene Ruddock and all the rest of District 1.

What a fun time I have had and what a bunch to keep up with. Just in the last month we have taken on two more care centers. That gives us seven different centers that we are playing for plus the extra gigs we do. We had a fun time playing for the hospital volunteers. They had a country and western theme and they seemed to enjoy having us play. Their favorite was "She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain When She Comes". All of the volunteers join in singing and clapping.

You know all are enjoying themselves when that happens. We want to encourage all that can to come to practice on Saturdays so we can work

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Our monthly jam at the Senior Center on March 1 was well attended. Much thanks to Mike Foster and Fran and Ben Coker from District 1 for coming over to share their music. We appreciate it very much.

Weekly jams at Rosa Lee's on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. have been going well, even some new faces showing up. At age 62 I've decided to try and learn to play the guitar. With Terry's encouragement I'm flying along at a rapid pace. I'm clear up to sore fingers now. The biggest problem I have is that all of them can play faster than I can see and hear.

SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT: Dates are May 1-4 ---
FRESH AIR, FRIENDS, FUN, & NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

When you read this, it will be April and we turn our thoughts to the state convention. I'll be working on the Friday night show. Hopefully it will include many young fiddlers. The Hanneke Cassel workshops on Saturday are wonderful opportunities for young people. Hanneke was our state champion at our state contest when it was held in Corvallis, and has gone on to become a "world renowned" fiddler. She will be playing in the Friday night show.

~ Lew

April

1	Gig	Plum Ridge Care Center	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
1	Gig	Quail Park Care Center	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
6	Shasta Hall, regular meeting/pot luck/jam		12:30 - 4 p.m.
13	Dance	No dance this month due to state convention	
17	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 - 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Linville House Care Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
30	Gig	Pelican Point Care Center	10:30-11:30 a.m.

Eldorado Care center will start in May

Practice on Saturdays: Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for dates and times 541-882-6418

on new and old tunes. March came in like a lion in the Klamath Basin, having rain and wind but we aren't complaining as we need every drop of moisture that we can get. A lot of us are looking forward to the state convention it is always good to see old friends and make new ones. I see Easter Sunday is April 20th -- time for the Easter Bunny. Some of you seniors may get a chance to hide some Easter eggs for the grandkids. This is always my favorite thing, watching the little tykes.

Birthdays for April are: Allen Meyers, Bill Bonser, Kari Larson, Don Scoggin. Anniversaries for April: Howard and Virginia Priddy (out of state).

Hats off to all of you and hope you all have a good one.

~Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

April

5	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
14	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

Camping: Limited number of electrical only sites for trailers around the outside of the Silver Lake Fire Hall; first come first served for \$10 per night. Dry camping around the outside of the Fire Hall is free. Please stay away from the Helicopter Landing Zone. We don't want to disrupt Emergency Services.

More options: Silver Lake Motel (541-576-2131), Silver Lake Trailer Park (541-576-2789), K&K RV Park (541-576-2258).

Approximately 20 miles out are: Horse Ranch RV Park (near Ft. Rock Turnoff (541-576-2488), Christmas Valley Desert Inn (541-576-2262), Lakeside Terrace (541-576-2309), Summer Lake Lodge (541-943-3994).

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Happy Birthday to Ryan Amacker on April 12.

Cambria Amacker is our new vice chairman. Thank You!

Little Known Fact: The Old Time Fiddlers are the only group where you can go out and have lots of fun, get "All Tuned Up",

and not have to worry about the police or your wife smelling your breath when you come home.

~ Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter

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April

13 Jam Powell Butte Community Center 1 to 4 p.m.

May

11 Jam Powell Butte Community Center 1 to 4 p.m.

June

8 Jam Powell Butte Community Center 1 to 4 p.m.

All jams are at:

Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC)

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Great news to report from District 3 this month. We had a windy but beautiful day to have a productive meeting and to play some great music for a great audience at our now regularly scheduled second Sunday jams at the Powell Butte Community Center.

I'm happy to report that we conducted a meeting where we accomplished a long list of necessary business important to the future of our District 3 members. First and most important: we voted to sign a lease with the Powell Butte Community Center for one year which will keep us jamming on second Sundays until March 2015. There is a lot of responsibility required of us to keep this lease in good condition so I'm pleased to announce that we have several members that we should all thank and be proud of for stepping ahead to keep us going.

We all should thank Jeanette Bondsteel, John Schultz, Ron Larsen and Jack Kerr for checking out the various jam site locations which led us to the excellent facility at the Powell Butte Community Center.

I would like to thank Jack Kerr who has agreed to be the key person to open between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon every second Sunday. The backup will be Vivian and Roland when Jack can't make it.

We all thank John Schultz and Ron Larsen for agreeing to be the set up and take down crew for the hall and sound system. If either of them can't make it then Vivian and Tommy Tucker will be their backup. Any members who can show up early, please feel welcome to pitch in setting up chairs and tables.

We all thank Jeanette Bondsteel for stepping forward to coordinate the take down and cleaning of the hall in accordance with our lease requirements. Remember you're also welcome to hang for a few minutes after the jam to put away chairs and tables and sweep and wipe down the facility. A good saying is many hands make easy work; we appreciate all of you chipping in to keep it going.

I'm very excited to announce the new leadership for our group as we had two important nominees step forward to insure our district is moving forward for the next term which officially starts on July 1. Ron Jackson who joined us a year ago has agreed to be our next District 3 chairman. If you haven't met him yet be sure and welcome him as our new leader as he is a friendly, upbeat and glad to be helping our district with his leadership.

If you haven't noticed Jeanette Bondsteel and all she has done for us, be sure and thank her as well as she has accepted the vice chairperson role. She has been invaluable helping to communicate with district members and stepping forward without asking just to be helpful. Thank you so much Jeanette!

We all need to thank our wonderful Sec/Treasurer Vivian Tucker and membership coordinator Terri Tucker for staying on in their roles to keep us organized and financially on track. It is a lot of responsibility reporting for a non-profit.

Lastly what would we do without Jack Kerr who is always stepping forward to help us out and with my busy schedule represented us at some of the state meetings as vice chair. Thank you Jack, you're generous spirit and helpful attitude is something we all can strive to be.

The membership agreed to strive for a better stage presence when performing for our faithful audience of listeners and dancers. Less people on stage, no noodling or sitting behind the performers if not playing. We now have two green rooms to warm up and store equipment.

Thank you Rita Daley for agreeing to be our stage master of ceremonies and thank you to Frank Borden who will be the stage manager, and organizing the assignment order on the white board. John Schultz will back him up if he can't make it. I had Better stop now or Joe won't print all this. So see you all at the next jam.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter



District 3 welcomes back its faithful audience and dancers.

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We had a new venue for our March jam at the Ashland Community Center. Special thanks to Ron Bolstad who did a great job of getting stuff set up, and of course our always faithful kitchen folks, Carol Ferrara and Edna Chitwood, who made it so pretty with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Everett continues "tweaking" the sound so it's darn near perfect!

Not a huge crowd, but very enthusiastic. We had four prospective new musicians who expressed interest in joining our group.

If you weren't there you missed a great jam! Lots of music, dancing, smiles, and just plain fun. We honored our 90+ year-old musicians – Pat Manion, Jim Winslow, and Don Maddox. They each told a little bit about their musical history, and then they played together and separately. It must be true that music keeps you young. Pat Manion said it, "If you don't play an instrument or dance – start!"

Our next meeting, at Roxy Ann Grange on April 5, will have elections for officers for the next year, as per our by-laws. If you'd like to run for an office, or just make your choices known, come and vote.

Charlie Boyer is starting new jam for learning to back up singers at Tom's Guitar on Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

We are tentatively scheduling a "put on new strings" workshop for fiddlers, and especially want to put new strings on the loaner instruments. It will be on Wednesday, April 16 in lieu of the regular beginner and slow jam group at the Methodist Church where we

April
5 Roxy Ann Grange
May
10 Blue Creek Mill
June
7 Gold Dust Days, Gold Hill Park

usually meet. New strings will be available for the loaners, and at minimal cost for others.

Judy Lyons has been missing at our jams for a while with severe hip pain (the one she broke). We hope she is back with us soon.

We played at Twin Creeks where Libby and Al DeWees now live. 'Twas good to have them playing with us. Also had five of our kids come out and play – Paige, Nolan, Katrina, Christa, Izak, and David. The residents sure love the kids!

Our summer is filling up fast with gigs and travels, and we're having to turn down some folks' first choice, but they seem to want us when we can schedule again. We need all the musicians who can come out to play. Please check the calendar and join us! Melinda continues sending out reminders for the gigs, and has done a great job getting them filled. If you are not on her list, contact her.

The state convention in Rickreall will be here before we know it. It's always a great get-together and so much music! What can you volunteer to do? We need raffle stuff, table decorations, and muscles (to move chairs – our duty). Let Avi know how you can help.

My most recent fortune cookie at the Chinese buffet has shed much needed illumination on the questions I have about my life: "Before the beginning of great brilliance, there must be chaos." NOW I understand!

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

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April
2 Gig Oerdings, Coquille 1 - 2 p.m.
2 Gig Myrtle Point Care Center 3 - 4 p.m.
9 Gig Baycrest, North Bend 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9 Gig Evergreen Court, North Bend 3 - 4 p.m.
16 Gig Heritage Place, Bandon 1 - 2:30 p.m.
16 Gig New venue, Bandon 3 - 3:30 p.m.
19 Monthly Jam Winchester Bay 1 - 4:00 p.m.
23 Gig Memory Care, Empire 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
23 Gig Hearthside, Coos Bay 3 - 4 p.m.

The new venue in Bandon is at a private assisted living facility; as she receives the information needed concerning location, etc, our president will pass it on.

Hope you all are enjoying the spring-like weather we have been having this week and I hope we have seen the end of the snow and ice for this year. I am enjoying the flowers, especially the plum tree, that are beginning to bloom. Really brightens the day.

It's time to start thinking about our annual August jam and campout in Winchester Bay. At the business meeting in February "Hills and Valleys" was chosen as the theme for this year's

performance and the date for the campout will be from August 14 through 17. Again we are looking forward to seeing all of you from throughout the state and beyond and know you will have some great presentations for our enjoyment. Hear Larry already has the recycled trophies collected, refurbished and ready for presentation.

Also at the meeting it was voted to donate \$250 to both the state fiddle contest to be held in March and to the state convention expense fund.

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Chatting with Charly



Charly Johnson is a second Grader at Creston Elementary. She is in the Chess Club and has been a student at The Oregon Children's Theater for a little over two years.

We thought it would be fun to have a chat with Charly and ask her some questions. Here we go...

Mom – Who influenced you to want to learn how to play the fiddle?

Charly – (with excitement) I was

watching AFV (America's Funniest Videos) and saw a kid playing the violin and hula-hooping at the same time. It looked fun and sounded cool so that made me want to learn how to play.

Dad – Do you know how to hula-hoop yet?

Charly – Yes, sort of. (smiling)

Jorja (sis) – How long have you been playing the fiddle?

Charly – A year.

Mom - What do you like best about playing the fiddle?

Charly – I like learning new songs.

Dad - What are your favorite fiddle songs so far?

Charly – "Old French Waltz" and "Soldiers Joy".

Mom - What other things do you like to do for fun?

Charly – I like to draw and read.

Dad – What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?

Charly – Um, that would make me 18 so that would make me an adult right?

Dad – Yes (smiling)

Charly – I think I will be studying dinosaur bones and still playing the fiddle.

Mom/Dad – That sounds about right! You've been interested in dinosaurs ever since we can remember.

Mom – If you could meet anyone either living or passed, who would it be and why?

Charly – I would like to meet Michael Jackson because he dances awesome and I like his songs.

Mom – I agree. He was very talented for sure.

Dad – What is the nicest thing you did for someone?

Charly – My mom was putting in a new floor when I was at school. When I got home it wasn't done yet and I asked her if I could help. She said yes. I helped for an hour or two and then we got finished.

Dad – Yes you were a huge help! That was VERY nice of you.

Mom – Lastly, what has been your favorite jam you've played so far and why?

Charly – My favorite would be where I played the "Train Ride" and I got to make different sounds on the fiddle. There were three of us playing it. I liked it because we played in a group.

Mom – I could definitely tell you were enjoying yourself.

Mom/Dad – Well Charly, that's it with all the questions. We are very proud of you and we love how you are interested in so many things! We love you so much!

Charly – I love YOU so much!

This ends our chat with Charly. Happy fiddling everyone!

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter -- Endings

There are many ways to end tunes; I will only mention a few. While sometimes it's appropriate to end a tune by holding the last note for several beats, it often works well to have a more definite ending.

A final double stop (chord) in whatever key your tune is in is a simple and effective way to end a tune. A double stop ending on a fast tune is often played on the last 2 beats of the last measure, with a one beat rest preceding it. In other words, when you play the last note of a tune, which is often the first note of the last measure, play it for one beat, then take a one beat rest, during which time you can reposition your bow so you have the whole use of a down bow, and then play a final chord for 2 beats (sometimes you will hold the final chord out for more than 2 beats).

A waltz may have a three beat arpeggio starting at the second to last measure of the tune (this may be three triplets, three one beat notes, six one-half beat notes, etc.), with a three beat note or chord at the end of the arpeggio (the last measure of the tune). Example:

Key of C arpeggio: G3 D1 D3 D1 and A Low2

Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter - Continued from page 5

Some waltzes may lend themselves to repeating a few measures as a tag, or have other types of endings. Here's an example in the Key of F: play a Low D2 for one beat and then hold it down while playing an open G for one beat, a Low G1 for one beat, and then a regular G1 for 3 beats

Tags are sometimes used at the end of fast tunes: Here are some examples in the Key of A:

Fingers 3 2 3 0 1 2 0 3 2 0 1 2 0 Fingers 3 0 0 1 0 rest 2 3 (I'm sure you'll all recognize the rhythm of this one)
E String----- A String---- E String-----

Here's a bluegrass ending:

Fingers 0 1 Low2 High2 0 1 0 3
Strings A----- E-----

The first note is 1 beat, the middle notes are 1/2 beat and the last note is 4 beats

Some polkas end with 3 fast notes.

You may want to end a swing tune or a rag with a 6 chord, which you can form by choosing any of your 1,3,or 5 chord notes (from whichever key you're in), and then add the 6th note of the scale. Here are some examples:

Key of F - play an A (G1) & a D (open) Key of G - play a D (A3) & an E (D1) Key of C - play an E (D1) & an A (open) Key of A - play a C# (A2) & an F # (E1)

Tune of the Month -- Soldier's Return

This tune, a reel from the Scottish and English music traditions, sounds really good when droned on a cross-tuned fiddle. The cross tuning used in District 6 is GDGD. To get it, leave the G and D strings as they are, but tune the A and E strings down one note.

Soldier's Return in G



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Verna Lee was appointed to chair the nominating committee for new officers and Rudi Spence and myself will be assisting her. If you are interested in being an officer or have a suggestion concerning someone else who might be interested, please let us know. Elections will take place at the business meeting scheduled for May.

We are sorry to have to report that Dan Pullis is quite ill, suffering with cancer, and is at Baycrest nursing home. Also still confined to one of the nursing homes is Loren Osborne. Hope you are both feeling better. Mary Boye is not recovering as quickly as she expected after her recent surgery but is able to be at home and has been doing a bit of driving. And the good news is that Mapril Combs is recovering nicely from her surgery and is again playing her fiddle a bit. Still weak and tires easily but is improving. Our best wishes to all of you.

There was a good turn out of musicians for the gig at the North Bay firemen's spaghetti feed at the school in Hauser in March. This included Tyler Eichoss with the train whistle, and sister, Rachel, who is learning to play fiddle. Way to go, kids!

Guest musicians from District 10 at our February jam were Carol Ridley and Joyce and Jim Kuether. Always enjoyable to have people from other districts visiting and playing with us.

Dan Pullis has donated several albums of pictures he has taken of District 5 and OOTFA jams and activities dating back to the 1970's. These will be on display at the state convention so any of you who are interested will have an opportunity to see them then.

Did you know chocolate makes your clothes shrink?

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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April

4	Friday night jam, Eugene Hotel	7-9:30 p.m.
5	Monthly jam, Central Grange	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
11	Friday night jam, Crow Grange	7-9:30 p.m.
18	Friday night jam, Yapoah	7-9:30 p.m.
19	Barn Dance, Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
25	Friday night jam, Central Grange	7-9:30 p.m.
26	Intermediate Fiddle Class	1-4 p.m.

It was nice returning to Central Grange for our jam and meeting on Saturday, March 8. After a long absence from the Central Grange, we all noted what a great facility it is! New officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Ken Luse, Vice-Chairman, Joe Canaday, and Secretary/Treasurer, Bernie Roberts. We had welcome guests at the jam: Jim Kuether from District 10 and Brenda Hallgrimson from District 8. Nice to see you both and do come back!

The membership voted to donate \$500 to OOTFA to aid in funding the State Convention in Rickreall this April, and Phyllis Coffin volunteered to bring the flower arrangements for the banquet tables at the convention. Karen Johnson from Toledo has offered to help us out in compiling the District 6 news each month.

Secretary Treasurer Bernie Roberts reported district finances to be in good shape with about \$6,000 being held in bank deposits. He also said that the annual state audit of district finances had been successfully concluded.

Ken Luse, chair of the fiddle camp committee, reported that the application form for this year's West Cascades Fiddle Camp, July 21-24, was up on the camp website fiddlecamp.org, and ready for download. The site has up to date information on classes and instructors. Scholarships are available; information on eligibility and how to apply can also be found on the website. Don't miss this camp! It's such a great chance to learn new tunes and techniques as well as to meet up with other folks of all ages and levels.

The first jam at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon is back on after having been cancelled twice on account of snow. The new date is Saturday, May 10. Surely it will be through snowing by then! The Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion will prepare light meals for sale at a reasonable price, so we will not have a potluck meal. We need a good turnout as this is the first time we have played the American Legion Hall, and we want them to be happy that we came.

We had a really nice turnout at the Crow Friday night jam March 14, which included mandolinist Larry Ball, from District 5, and Jerry Bloom, brother of the renowned fiddler, Wally Bloom. Jerry, it turns out, plays a mean four string banjo; he did "Five Foot Two" with Joe Moyle providing the vocal.

The March barn dance also turned out well. The dance started slowly, but a large number of mostly quite young dancers appeared. Caller Alan Ede reorganized the dance figures to fit the new audience, and things started to boom. Then the Booher family (most of them) unexpectedly walked in the door. During the break, Chris, Ben and Gabriel Booher did a few numbers on stage, and Chris' son, Kenneth -- maybe nine years old -- sang a couple songs, quite well. All in all, an excellent evening.

Happy Birthday to: Alice McDowell (4/4) and Carol Ede (4/12)

Happy Anniversary to: Joe & Leah Canaday (4/9), Arlo & Louise Hamilton (4/13), Joe & Emily Moyle (4/22), Jerry & Linda Parks (4/29)

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter

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Well, spring has sprung, the grass has riz, and I wonder where the birdies is. That is an old poem I recall my grandfather reciting every year - doesn't really make sense, but it's fun!

Hope you have a blessed Easter and enjoy the warming weather.

In addition to our usual playing, we had an interesting and FUN gig at a new place near Beavercreek, (Clarks General Store). A LOT of fiddlers shared their talents and the audience really did enjoy listening to us.

I know I join many others who are looking forward to the convention in Rickreall this month. This is such a wonderful jammin' and learnin' opportunity! Plus we get to see old friends from other districts. And don't forget the really fun raffle table. Hope everyone has it on their calendar.

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Spring has sprung! Another gorgeous day with blue sky, sunshine, and colorful flowers and trees blooming. At least in the Willamette Valley.

Along with spring comes the OOTFA fiddle contest and convention. The contest will be over by the time you read this. The convention is almost here. District 8 is host district and we have some responsibilities.

CONVENTION: District 8 will provide finger food on Wednesday for early birds. Darlene Bryant is in charge of the kitchen. She would appreciate a call or an e-mail telling her what you plan to bring. Or she can make suggestions of what is needed. Think easy-to-eat foods such as sandwiches, veggie or fruit plates, cookies etc. Darlene Bryant, 503-362-0172 OR jdbryant@wvi.com

We are saddened to learn that Hap Apperson passed away. Marge left us not so long ago. Together they fiddled for many years. Condolences to son Roland and other family members.

The Wednesday night groups played at a new retirement facility to a great audience. Hope they ask us back.

A group of us played to dedicate Dale Emery's new storage building. We enjoyed the catered lunch and visiting with Dale's family. Thanks, Dale!

We're playing on Saturday, April 19th for the Cherry Blossom Drive at the Oak Grove Grange Hall. The event starts at 10 a.m. and goes all afternoon. Come when you can, even if you can't stay all day. The grange usually has food items for sale. It's fun to see

April

6 Monthly Jam Hillsboro Senior Center 12-3:30 p.m.

We give a warm welcome to new District 7 members:

HARMON & JANETTE LAURIN & SAM, who plays fiddle;

EDWARD BERGERON (Rick Bergeron's father), who is learning the bass; and

FRED DAVIS, who plays guitar and bass

Our playing list for April includes our monthly jam on Sunday, April 6th at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 750 SE 8th Street, Hillsboro. Doors open at 12 p.m. and signup playing from 1-3:30 p.m.

Check your emails for others during the month.

~ **Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter**

April

10-12 State Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall
19 Cherry Blossom Drive Oak Grove Grange
26 Ag Fest, State Fairgrounds Salem

all the old collectible cars as they sign in at the grange.

The grange hall is off Hwy 22 west of Salem. Take Oak Grove Road, at the Rest Lawn Cemetery, go north 3 miles to the first stop sign. Turn right and go a short way, the grange building will be on your right.

On Saturday, April 26th, we play for the Ag Fest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. As usual, we'll have a couple playing times. Probably 12:30 and 3 p.m. Possibly 9:30 a.m. Lew will be contacting players to be sure we have a crew for each time.

~ **Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter**



Kenneth Booher sings, backed up by (l-r) Jerry Parks, Gabriel Booher, Chris Booher (Kenneth's dad), and Ben Booher, during the break at the Spencer Creek Grange barn dance.

District 9

Chair: Ruel Teague
Co-Chair: Janet Braymen
Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg
Reporter: Janet Braymen

Hello Spring!

Music is in the air as jamming continues each Friday night along with our monthly Sunday jam and playing at two care facilities each month. The folks at The Aspens and Ashley Manor enjoy the monthly visits of the fiddlers. Many thanks go to the musicians who donate their time for this community service.

A small contingent from District 9 should be at the convention this year to enjoy a musical weekend.

It's time to think about electing officers for the next year. If you'd like to serve as a district officer, please talk with Ruel, Janet or George and they can fill you in on what the duties are. Let's plan for elections to be held at the May jam. Officers change on July 1.

Linda Borelli has been suffering from severe head pain. She and John have been staying in California while they try to get the problem diagnosed. We hope and pray for speedy relief and recovery for Linda. Margaret Teague continues to build her strength back after her months of illness. Hang in there, Margaret.

District 10

Chair: Don Hamlin, 541-573-5689
Co-Chair: Bob Hanson, 541-672-6929
Secretary: Clair Eaton, 541-784-3974
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1257 Washington, Roseburg, OR 97470
Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995



District 6 Bass Player Richard Jones



District 3's Roland White.



At the Spencer Creek Grange barn dance.

April

11	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
13	Monthly Potluck and Jam	2-4 p.m.
21	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday night jams continue. If you don't know where, call 541-573-2515 for the week's location.

The Country Music Jamboree with the High Desert Fiddlers is June 12, 13, 14 in 2014. Come on over to Burns for a jammin' good time, workshops, dancing, and shows featuring you! Once again it will be at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Plenty of space for RV's or camping and motels just a mile away. Pre-jamboree jamming at local restaurants for the early birds is planned. The National Oldtime Fiddlers Festival in Weiser, Idaho starts on June 15. Stop by Burns before heading on to Weiser!

In April, The Aspens will be on the 11th from 7-9 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 21st at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The monthly potluck and jam is April 13th with potluck at 1 p.m. and music and dancing from 2 - 4 p.m.

Think rain, we need the moisture

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

April

26	Monthly Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
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The February jam was great -- lots of good players and singers, and visitors and a few new members. We even got up and danced, and I got back to playing the guitar again. Felt good.

Don and Bea Johnson from District 4 were there and had a good time playing and chatting. Lots of people!!!

Starting July 1st, our new officers will be: Chairperson: Colleen Hanks; Co-Chair: Mac Parker; Secretary: Jim Keuther; Treasurer: Gwyn Deaton; Membership: Barbara Sullivan; Reporter: Joyce Pickett.

I don't have a birthday and anniversary list, but Barbara Sullivan has a birthday March 12th. Happy birthday and happy anniversary to everyone else that had them.

Hope everyone that's been under the weather and in the hospital will be up and around soon. Some of us that were, are doing just fine now. Thank you all for the best wishes.

The next jam will be April 26th at the Sutherlin Grange 851 S. Comstock, from 12 to 3 p.m. There will be finger food; thanks to everyone that brings the goodies, and helps out.

See ya's all next time...

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

State Convention	Rickreall	April 10-12
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	May 1-4
Country Music Jamboree	Burns	June 12-14
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 21-24
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fairgrounds	August 2
Winchester Bay	Winchester Bay	August 14-17

New Members to Welcome!

Myrtle Baldwin
Edward Bergeron
Wayne and Vicki Bobbitt
Linda Cummins
Fred Davis
Brad Gray and Velma Sanders
Sam, Harmon and Janette Laurin

Princeton
King City
Prineville
Eugene
King City
Prineville
Wilsonville

Sarah, Steve and Julie Lopez
Charles Murphy
Philip Noguere
Lisa Russell
Josie, Mike, Andrea and Jennessa Slaven
Ryan, Ella, Mira and Luca Spokes
Ramonda, Maria, Risa and Adam Thompson

Springfield
Eugene
North Bend
Klamath Falls
Veneta
Portland
Diamond

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

New membership rosters will be available April 10 at \$2 each. You can pick one up at the convention in Rickreall and at other OOTFA events. If you would like to have one mailed to you at a cost of \$3.75, please contact me.

Remember: the membership year begins January 1 and ends December 31; dues are due annually.

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership