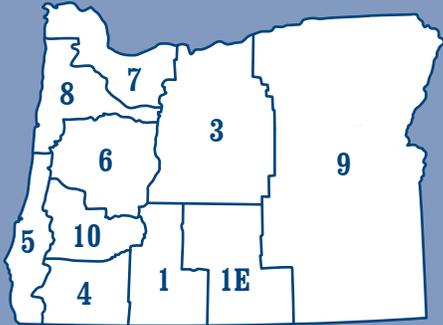


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From Your President

Greetings to all OOTFA members,

Thank you all for your votes of confidence for our new 2014 leadership team! I want to thank Jim Kuether and Sharon Thompson for agreeing to serve with me. This should reinforce in every one's mind that we all need to serve at the right time and the right place. When your district needs a new job filled don't hang back and wait for the same people to do the job. Step up and you will be glad you did, setting the stage for you and others to keep our organization strong in the grassroots style.

Help celebrate 50 Years! This is going to be a great year, so stay tuned for ideas to help our membership. Your state team is in the process of generating ideas to revitalize our group starting from the ground up. A state-wide public relations committee has been formed, led by Marcella Easley, who has extensive experience in PR and media. She is joined by Ron Bolstad, who has done an excellent job in his district, and Gary Schuh, who will guide us into social media. It's time for the State of Oregon to be made aware of all the good we provide and our Fifty Year Anniversary is the perfect time to do this. Don't be shy: share the news with non OOTFA members and tell them our story.

Funding for our organization is in jeopardy, so I will be working on a fund raising and grant writing mission to make us more solvent. A membership fee of only \$20 per year it is not enough to keep us going with expenses always on the rise. Stay tuned for more on this and how you can contribute.

We must all thank our long serving member and Editor Emeritus Lew Holt, who is passing the torch for the state contest after countless years of keeping this a vital part of our state program a success. We thank and welcome Eileen Walter, Starr McMullen and Andy Emert as the new team to keep our contest thriving.

Please remember that it's easy to think that our leaders from the district to the state level only need to hear criticism and suggestions; don't forget to take a moment to thank them for the service they have provided. In that spirit take a moment and thank your past and present District leaders and our outgoing State officers, Larry Gallagher, Hal Weiner and Sharon Thompson for their excellent work these past years.

~ Roland



Officers 2014: VP - Jim Kuether, Sec.-Treas. - Sharon Thompson,
President - Roland White

From the Editor Emeritus (Editor this month for vacationing Joe.)

Hopefully I got the July HD put together correctly. Thanks to all of you who updated your district headings, sent your news in early, etc. I am sorry that Alice and I missed the gathering at Burns – one of our favorites but this year we attended our grand daughter's graduation at SOU so we were in Ashland.

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In 1985 when I was elected VP of OOTFA, I became involved with the state contest with President Maxine Benson. Since then, except for the two years when Zelma Foote was president and the two years when Mark Carmickle was president, I have co-chaired or chaired the state contest. (Those four years I worked in the judges' room.) I have enjoyed my involvement first in Lebanon, on to OSU in Corvallis, to the gym at Chemeketa, and to the auditorium at Chemeketa. I turned 85 a few days after our last contest. It is time that others take over. I will be able to assist the new leaders but this "old body" says it is time to back off a bit. I have been fortunate to have worked with some tremendous helpers both as co-chairs and other volunteer jobs. The list is too long to enter here. But I can't resist the temptation so I must say, though, that Starr McMullen, Amy Booher,

Sharon Gallagher, Sharon Thompson and Paula Sanders have contributed way "beyond the call of duty." Many others have helped during the contest – especially Scott Phillips and Dick Dery. Many thanks to those who helped register, sold tickets, emceed, helped in the judges' room, The list goes on and on.

Recently I sadly sent out an OOTFA Update with the obituary of Edna Yohey. Her passing leaves just one remaining charter member, Harriet Modrell. Harriet will be 99 in August. I especially enjoyed the District 6 news this month. I wish we had more stories about our charter members. I am corresponding with the son and grandson of Jimmy Miller. I am sharing some old tapes of Jimmy playing and singing.

~ Lew

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July

4	Parade in Chiloquin	around 11:00 a.m.
6	No Meeting for July	
13	Senior Dance	Shasta Hall 1:00-4:00 p.m.
19		Farmers Market 11:30-1:30 p.m.
20	BBQ at the Sparks Home in Keno for all members (bring your instruments and a chair)	1:00 p.m.
23		Pelican Point 10:30-11:30 a.m.

And don't forget the Merrill Campout September 17, 18, 19, 20.

Practice on Saturday: No practice till October, Nursing homes will start in October except Pelican Point and Eldorado Care.

It is with deep sorrow that district 1 reports the passing of John Northcraft on May 22. He has been our chairman for the last two years and has filled many positions in the past. He will be greatly missed by us all. Patty, his wife, has written some words in memory of John:

"John was born July 2, 1937 in Medford, OR. He was raised on his family dairy in Olalla and graduated from Roseburg High in 1955. He served in the Army National Guard for four years. John married his first wife and lived in Malin, OR raising three children. John drove truck and eventually owned and operated his own truck and hay brokering business. John had a great love for music and grew up in a very musical family. John became involved in square dance calling and served on the national square dance calling circuit. John married Patty Stevens, who had four children, in 1997. Patty encouraged getting John back into music; he joined the OOTFA in 2004. John served as chairman several different times and the last two years up until his death. John played a big part in having District 1 host the Merrill campout, which began in 2007. As John battled heart disease, with numerous trips to the hospital; eventually he became unable to

sing his beloved music. He continued to play at the weekly dances, serve as chairman, and attend the state meeting until his death. All the family loved "Papa John" and knows that he is with his Lord now playing music and singing, waiting for the rest of the band to join him."

This year at the Merrill Campout we will again be doing raffle baskets on the theme of your choice. Each district is ask to bring a raffle basket, cookies and flowers for the stage and tables. There will be a potluck Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Saturday night will be the banquet dinner starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be more information on this next month.

July birthdays that we wish a happy day for: Fran Coker, Lorraine Degnan, London Larson, Aline Swartwood, Les Tucker. Let us know if we are missing any one. Happy Anniversary to the July weddings; Mike and Lynn Foster. We wish all to have a nice summer and we are sure our paths will cross during the next three months.

~Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Ruel Teague at the mike.

Announcing: The 2014 Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest will be held on July 24 & 25 at the Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson, Washington, right before the annual Bluegrass Festival. Nationally famous Texas fiddlers Joey McKenzie (formerly from Oregon) and Sherry McKenzie are running the contest with help from Gary Schuh, Donna Reuter, and Eileen Walter. There will be fantastic fiddling, great prizes, and camping available. The schedule and entry forms will be ready soon. You'll definitely want to put this on your calendar!
<http://www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net/contest.html>

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Birthdays: Keith Steward July 8, Doug McLain July 12, Cambria Amacker July 15.

I'm sorry to report that one of District 1E's Life Members, Perry Forga, is having some medical problems. If you'd like to send him a card: Perry Forga, 907 Center Street, Lakeview, OR 97630. I'm sure he'd love to hear from his Old Time Fiddler Friends.

Silver Lake is in the books but we'd just like to say Thank You again to all those who donated so generously of their time and money to make it possible.

At our last jam folks were interviewed by LuAnne Kozma, folklorist, for Oregon Folklife Network. She is giving talks around the county on "From Fly-tying to Hat-shaping, Folk Traditions in Lake & Klamath Counties."

One of our young members, Reba Steward, is participating in the Lake County Horsemen's Association 40th Anniversary. To

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Our June 8th jam was great with a nice turn out of the public and musicians for the day. Although Father's Day was officially a week later, a nice potluck was held early for the dads. The food and desserts were delicious.

This is the last month for the old guard of District 3 officers to be in charge. Please welcome our new leadership slate. Ron Jackson Chairman, Jeanette Bondsteel Vice Chair, Vivian Tucker Secretary, and Jack Kerr Interim Treasurer.

Speaking of treasurer, we still need a willing person to serve that position. Please step forward if you're able.

Another slot needing to be filled is for the reporter. I will be very busy this year serving as state president, along with teaching and performing. I will not be at many of the jams so please someone volunteer. It's easy and fun, puts you in the moment with District 3 activities and members and makes you feel good to let the rest of the state know what we are doing.

July

5 Jam Senior Center 2 p.m.

14 Business Meeting Senior Center 7 p.m.

celebrate this special occasion members are going on a series of trail rides that will equal at least 40 miles. The survivors will be able to purchase a T-Shirt or Belt Buckle commemorating their accomplishment. Reba's got her sights set on a belt buckle. She's gone about 23 miles so far.

Paisley Mosquito Festival will be held on July 26. Fiddlers play at 11 a.m.. We'd love to have you come join us.

Another great event, "Rope for Hope", a fundraiser to help Rural Breast Cancer Patients will be held in Denio, Nevada on July 19. This event showcases the best that rural living has to offer, Friends and Neighbors helping each other, like the Good Lord intended it.

I hope you enjoy your summer.

~ Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter

July

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

Aug

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

2014 JAM SCHEDULE • 2ND SUNDAYS

All jams are at:

Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC)
8404 Reif Rd • Powell Butte OR 97753

Upcoming events will be over by the time you get this with the Burns Music Jamboree and the National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest. Upcoming in July though is the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops. Still plenty of time to get in and sign up at: www.fiddlecamp.org

Ending with a parody of President Kennedy's famous words, "Ask not what your district can do for you but ask what you can do for your district." Step up without asking and help us thrive.

It's been great being your chairman for the last two years, now on to more music and success for District 3 and our members. Lets all keep it going supporting one another and the district at the same time in music, fellowship and life. Cheers,

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

Booher Music Academy is excited to announce our upcoming string workshop this summer in Redmond Oregon!

Dates: July 25-26, 2014

Brendan has invited a fantastic group of experienced and well known local music instructors to come together and provide some of the best music education you will find anywhere.

You won't want to miss out on this wonderful adventure! Instruments of choice will include the Violin/Fiddle, Guitar and Ukulele. 10 hours of class instruction provided. Lunch Included for Friday and Saturday (the days of the workshop).

Place: Highland Baptist Church, Redmond Oregon. Please visit our Brand New Website: www.boohermusicacademy.com to sign up and for more details! You can also contact Brendan at 541.390.4390 Brendan is also teaching online lessons.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org (Check us out!)

We had wonderful weather as we played under a huge Sycamore tree for the Gold Dust Days at Gold Hill for our monthly jam. 'Twas a good turnout of musicians, and the audience was smiling and enthused. All kinds of things were going on to celebrate their heritage, with booths for all sorts of things. I never got any gold, tho! Nice to have Judy Lyons and Peggy Hudson back with us. and visitors Jim Kuether and Hal Thompson from District 10 to join us as well.

Melinda and Gene Grant hosted a great jam at their lovely home on Memorial Day. They even ordered (and got) perfect weather. Melinda gave a mini-workshop on "techy" stuff pertaining to acquiring music – we learned a lot! A good time was had by all! A good sized group played for Mae Richardson Elementary School in Central Point, doing our "Oregon Trail Songs", since the older kids have been studying that. We had a gym full of kids and lots of sound! (not all us!).

The Children's Heritage Fair at Historic Hanley Farms featured folks all ages having a wonderful time doing the "Virginia Reel". Our musicians got a real workout, as we did several sets, and got



Dist 4: Children's Heritage Fair at Historic Hanley Farms

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Newly elected officers for the coming year are: chair, Pat Weyer; vice. chair, Verna Lee; treasurer, Larry Costa; and secretary, Jolly Hibbits. Thanks to all of you old and new officers working to help make our district bigger, better and more enjoyable.

Best wishes to Shorty Dow, from Bandon, who, with his wife, Charlotte, has been a long-time member of OOTFA. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday and we wish him many more. Some of you may be interested to know that the property in the Bandon area where he and his wife have lived for many

July
5 Emigrant Lake Picnic
Aug
No meeting or jam.
Sept
TBA

requests for more. We even had four of our young folks playing along and doing a great job.

Twin Creeks Retirement in Central Point brought out three more of our young folks, and the audience loves to have them play.

Yoshe Zohar's Bar Mitzvah was on June 21 –congratulations to a fine young man! There seems to be a proud father in this event as well!

Several from our district and the greater community, including kids and adults, attended a Lisa Ornstein workshop in Ashland on May 5, before her performance; which inspires us to promote more workshops of that nature in our area.

Our sympathy to Carol Ferrara and Edna Chitwood in the loss their brother Chuck from Springfield who died following a lengthy illness. Lennie Ferrara played "Ashoken Farewell" at their request for the funeral.

Lou Ann Senn passed away losing her battle with throat cancer. She is a long time member, Loretta Meads and Rocky Davis's sister. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Marcia Zellman was in the hospital for surgery, but is home now and doing well. We've missed her and Bob at our jams. Hope they'll be back soon.

Scholarship applications are available from District 4 for adults who want to go to a camp or workshop. Kids under 18 are covered under the Kielhorn Grant, but parents are definitely encouraged to apply for an adult scholarship and attend with their kids and others! Contact an officer for an application.

And to close: Remember, pun spelled backwards is "nup", and a nup is a nup is a nup! (Hint: say it out loud).

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

July
11 Gig Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
13 Gig Masonic picnic, Sturdivant Park, Coquille 11:00 a.m.
19 Monthly Jam Winchester Bay 1 - 4 p.m.
25 Gig Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon 6:30 p.m.
30 Gig Sunset Bay State Park, Coos Bay 3 - 5 p.m.

years is now a part of the famed Bandon Dunes golf courses development. They have the privilege to still live in their house on the property as long as they wish.

Guests at the May jam included Carol Ridley, Jim Kuether, and Sharon and Hal Thompson from Dist. 10, Marlene and John Renfro, Brenda and Curt Renfro and grandson, Kayden Bishop, with his little guitar, from Dist. 4 and Phyllis Coffin from Dist. 6. Thanks to all of you for coming and adding to the program. Always nice to have guest performers joining our group.

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Ella Spokes

Ella tell us a little about yourself.

I live in SW Portland. I have a sister, Mira, who is six years old and a brother, Luca, who is four years old.

Ella how old are you and what school do you go to?

I am 9 years old and I go to Richmond Elementary School in SE Portland. It is a public Japanese Language Immersion School. I spend half of each day learning subjects in English and the other half learning in Japanese. I have a lot of homework at my school. Sometimes it is hard to balance all of the fun things I want to do with school work but I do my best.

What are some of your favorite things to do?

I love to draw and do all kinds of art! I really like being outside in nature too. I think it would be fun to have a farm someday with lots of animals.

I also play soccer in the fall and spring and I like to swim. I enjoy dancing and singing. I want to learn how to do Irish dancing. I think it would be so much fun!

Reading is also something I enjoy. My favorite book so far is "The Girl Who Could Fly". I just finished the Harry Potters series and loved that too.

How long have you been playing fiddle and who is your instructor?

Eileen Walter is my fiddle teacher. I started with Eileen when I was in first grade. I like that Eileen is teaching me to play by ear as well as by reading the music.

Is anyone else in your family play an instrument?

My mom and dad don't play instruments but my sister, Mira just started fiddle. My great, great grandmother Nelly Ryan had all of her children learn an instrument and play together on the front porch. I also have a great, great grandfather, John Landy Wilson who was from Tennessee and he played the fiddle.

What is your favorite fiddle tune?

I love playing Crawdad, Shady Grove, and Down in the Valley. I enjoy some of the faster tunes the best!



Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – Fiddling in Comfort

This column is the result of a very brief discussion I had with Sheila at the convention regarding fiddlers with long hair having to move it out of the way while placing their fiddles on their shoulders. This got me to thinking about all the things I've done over the years so that I could fiddle comfortably, whether at a jam, a performance, or practicing.

Many years ago I was a member of a Portland contradance band called Island. I have many fond memories of that period of my life (1986-1993). However, I did develop tendonitis in my bow arm and sometimes my fingers ached. Since we played intensely for several hours at a time, comfort really was a huge issue. Here are some things that I addressed during those years and the years since.

Having good equipment is important. Playing an instrument that's set up to be easy to play and to tune can make a huge difference. I had the action lowered on my fiddle so my fingers didn't need to work so hard to press the strings down. Sometimes a different bridge will help, and sometimes different placement of the sound post will cause the fiddle to respond more quickly. Some strings are easier on the fingers than others, and different strings respond differently on different fiddles. I searched for "my bow" for many years before I finally found one that really works for me – easy to maneuver and easy to bring the sound out of my fiddle. I find it important to have a chin rest and a shoulder rest that fit my body; I'm more comfortable with a taller and more substantial chin rest and a height adjustable shoulder rest such as the Wolf Forte-Primo.

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As silly as it sounds, wardrobe can make a difference. Years ago one of my students had a problem with her fiddle slipping around on her shoulder during a contest performance. When she came off the stage she told me that she'd had a "wardrobe malfunction" in the form of a slippery silk blouse. Jewelry such as long earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and rings, as well as scarves, turtlenecks, large collars, zippers, and buttons can also get in the way.

If you've experienced injuries from fiddling as I have, you may find that lightening up and taking all tension out of all of your muscles may help as much as rest or physical therapy. Being too warm or too cold can be an issue. Drink lots of water, eat properly, watch your posture, do some warm-ups, and think good thoughts – and enjoy fiddling in comfort!

Tune of the Month -- The Log Driver's Waltz

The Log Driver's Waltz (1)

Scored:
09-06-26

Wade Hemsworth, 19??
1) PMF arrangement

Verse

♩ = 160 (midi 100)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of 32 measures. The first measure is marked with a '1' and a 'V' above it. The score includes lyrics and guitar chords (G, D7, C, Am) written above the staff. The lyrics are: "If you should ask an - y girl from the par - ish a - round, what pleas - es her most from her head to her toes; she'll say: I'm not sure that it's busi - ness of yours, but I do like to waltz with a log dri - ver. For he goes birl - ing down, a - down white wa - ter That's where the log dri - ver learns to step ligh - tly. It's birl - ing down, a - down white wa - ter. A log dri - ver's waltz pleas - es girls com - plete - ly." The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1 If you should ask an - y girl from the par - ish a - round, what

6 pleas - es her most from her head to her toes; she'll

10 say: I'm not sure that it's busi - ness of yours, but I

14 do like to waltz with a log dri - ver. For he goes

Chorus

18 birl - ing down, a - down white wa - ter

22 That's where the log dri - ver learns to step ligh - tly. It's

26 birl - ing down, a - down white wa - ter. A log dri - ver's waltz pleas - es

32 girls com - plete - ly.

Notes:
- Original Hemsworth melody (fiddle versions sometimes differ)

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We all enjoyed an amusing song, "Living on Borrowed Time", written and sung by Verna Lee. She has a special knack for writing cute little songs.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you OOTFA members from throughout the state and beyond at our annual 4-day jamboree and campout in Winchester Bay in August. The date this year is from the 14th - 17th and the theme is "Hills and

Valleys". We know you will come up with some unique and original combinations of songs and costumes to add to the hilarity.

I believe my house is haunted. Every time I look in my mirror a crazy old lady stands in front of me so I can't see my reflection!

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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July

11	Friday Night Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 9 p.m.
12	Monthly Jam & Potluck	Central Grange	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
18	Friday Night Jam	Yapoah Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
21-24	West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	
25	Friday Night Jam	Central Grange	7 - 9 p.m.

Riddle: How do you know when a fiddler's in jail?
He's behind a few bars and can't find the key!

The Biggest event for the District is the WCFCW Fiddle Camp near Oakridge on July 21st thru July 24th. There may be some openings still available so contact Linda Parks at lindaparks1980@gmail.com or call 541-905-2313. This is a wonderful camp with top-notch teachers, a beautiful setting, and a welcoming crowd.

There will be NO Basic and Intermediate Fiddle Classes in July or August, but we'll let you know when they start up again in the fall.

Because the first Friday in July falls on the 4th there will be NO jam at the Eugene Hotel this month.

A personal note from Karen J:

I noticed in a recent OOTFA newsletter a list of the founding members of our great organization! To my surprise, I learned that some of them were from Waldport... just a short drive from where I live today in Toledo. I also learned that Dave Murray was one of the founders; we had known him as a friend and neighbor for several years. When Steve and I moved to Murray Loop back in the 1980's, we met Dave and thoroughly enjoyed his old time fiddling and his long, detailed stories of the early days in Lincoln County. He was a jack-of-all-trades--still logging in his 70's, building fiddles in his home, reading profusely, thinking philosophically, and living in a ramshackle old house that his family had built when they homesteaded here. One sad night, we woke up to a rosy glow in the sky and the smell of smoke. It was that night that Dave's house burned down. According to the fire marshal, they believed Dave had made it out initially but had gone back in to try and save his house. They found him with his home-made fiddle in his hands. This was a very sad time on Murray Loop, to be sure. Until a few months ago, I had not made the connection that he was known in the fiddling community as a founder of OOTFA. It makes my memories of him even fonder.

Karen, also, writes -- Hi Lew, I am in Virginia right now, attending the Peach Bottom Fiddle Camp near Galax. We're having a great week. I am pretty much on Cloud 9. Steve and I "jammed" with the fiddlers in Independence tonight at the courthouse. Of course, as a beginner, I mostly just chorded along, but it was sure fun. Beautiful evening on the lawn until a thunderstorm hit. Super nice people.

July anniversaries: Bernie & Marie Roberts, July 18; Mark & Ila Mae Carmickle, July 29; and Alberta & Bill Gilbert, July 29.

July birthdays: Lynne Baran, July 3; Emily Moyle, July 11; Amy Burrow, July 14; Sal Fiducia, July 26; and Jerry Parks, July 31.

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter



Roger Germundson on stage at Burns.

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District 7's last monthly jam took place on June 1st at the Estacada Community Center. We had a great turn out with at least 20 people participating. In addition to the fiddlers we had four basses (two were beginners) and four guitars. We also had guests from District 8—Lew and Alice Holt who played with us, as well as three very talented children who played well on their fiddles. There was dancing, singing and lots of fiddling which pleased the many folks who came to hear us play.

Estacada Community Center is a beautiful venue. We play in a lovely room with seven large windows which makes us feel like we are playing in a park. Whenever we come here we are able to purchase lunches which are prepared by a group of volunteers and Kelly Williams, who is the director of the center, and is also the head cook. She wanted me to know that the money we pay for our lunches goes to "Meals on Wheels" and that they all love the fiddle music. She and her staff also prepare a wonderful buffet (made from scratch) for us when we play here at Christmas. We really look forward to coming here in June and December!

Also we don't want anyone to forget BOB'S BIRTHDAY BASH (Known as BAWB's BASH) which is at the lovely home of Terry and Andy Jorgensen's in Sandy, Oregon. Their address is

July

12 Farmington Square SeniorCenter Tualatin 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
13 Sandy Mountain Festival Sandy, Oregon 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
19 Springwater Presbyterian Church Estacada 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(in Grange Hall across from the church)

Aug

2 Harding Grange Estacada Noon
9 BAWB'S BASH Sandy Noon

50995 SE Baty Road and phone number is: 503-668-3917. The party starts at noon. Bring a chair and some food to share. If you have any questions or need directions call or email: terryjorgensen112852@gmail.com

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



Estacada Community Center District 7 jam

District 8

Chairman: Lew Holt, 503-391-5377, lewholt@aol.com

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Reporter: Alice Holt

New district officers begin their terms on July 1st. Lew Holt has agreed to take the chairmanship. Dick Dery and Darlene will share the Co-chair position. (Co-Co-Chairs?). Marie Cunningham will



Desert Jamboree Jam, Willie Carter, Gene Thomas, Guy Johnson, Clay Johnson, Jake Swartwood, Hollis Real, Bob Hanson, Myrtle Arnold in the back.

July

10 Marion County FairMain stage 11:30 for an hour
12 City Park Aumsville Free hot dogs at 4:30 – jam to follow

Aug

7 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall

continue as Secretary, and Elaine Connors continues as Treasurer and Membership person. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to serve. Also many thanks to our outgoing officers, Linda Schaffer and Phil Ringle, for jobs well done! And welcome to Dick Dery and Darlene Bryant as new officers.

The Wednesday Nighters played to a happy crowd at Rosewood Court Nursing Home. The residents sang along with many of our tune. Elaine and Pat Connors joined us, as did Dale Emery. We dined at the Olive Garden afterward. Thanks Dale!

Many thanks to Loita and Dale Colebank for hosting the District 8 picnic. The barn is a great location, with plenty of room for a circle jam. Plenty of tasty potluck dishes covered the long table. If anyone went hungry, it was their own fault! Dale's scholarship students gave us a recital of the tunes they are learning.

Luc Dauvin entertained us with a few French Canadian tunes as well as jamming. About 30 folks attended including Dick and Donna Foreman, Dave Altman, Rick Bergeron and Bob Huffman from District 7. Hope ya'll had a good time!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

Chair: Janet Braymen

Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Janet Braymen

I'm feeling great though tired tonight as I write this report.

Thanks to all the OOTFA attendees for making the trek to Burns for the Country Music Jamboree. Your participation is what makes the jamboree special. It sure was good to see so many old friends and meet some new folks. A special thanks to Les Tucker, John Borelli, Ruel Teague, Judy McGarvey, LeRoy Newport and Janet Braymen for leading workshops at the Jamboree. Next year the calendar smiles favorably on the jamboree with the dates of June 18, 19 and 20. We're looking forward to seeing you all then.

In late May, Ruel Teague had the inspiration to hold a jam focused on the youth musicians in the county. Eighteen youngsters showed up with parents and grandparents in tow for a "jam" at a pizza parlor. What fun it was to see the enthusiasm of the kids as they stepped up to play their tunes. When asked if

July

11	Gig	Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
21	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

they had enough, Ruel was nearly blown over with the resounding "NO". Many of the kids performed at the youth jam at the Jamboree. It looks like District 9 will be hosting monthly events focused on the kids in an effort to keep them interested and recruit new members.

Congratulations to Gordon and Marianne Andrews who have recently welcomed another grandchild into the world.

Welcome new members Phil & Toni Drain and Willa & Preston Jannison. In July, The Aspens will be on the 11th from 7-9, Ashley Manor is Monday, the 21st at 6:30 for one hour. Friday night jams will continue thru the summer. The second Sunday Jams will resume in October. It's a good time to start thinking about a float for the Harney County Fair Parade in September.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

District 10

Chair: Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381

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Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

What a wonderful jam we had in May, there were about 18 people from other Districts. From District 4, there were Marlene and John Renfro, Don and Bea Johnson, and Breffni Whelan & Margaret Keene. From District 5, there were Larry and Sharon Gallagher, Pat and Ruth Weyer, and Fred Grove. From District 6 were Jesse and Darla Knudsen, and Phyllis Coffin. From District 8 were Fred Hardin, and Lee Easter. Also, Roland White from District 3. Hope I didn't miss anyone.

We had a great time, I don't get to see some of them, so it was very nice seeing and visiting everyone again.

Taps was played by Pat Weyer on the harmonica, from District 5, for John Northcraft from district 1 who passed away May 22nd, and Uno (Dan) Pullis from District 5, plus for all the past members.

Hope all those that are under the weather will be up and around soon.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. I don't have a list.

Our next jam will be July 26th at the Sutherlin Grange 851 Comstock, Sutherlin. We will be having a MEETING at 11 AM to 12. We will be discussing a few things, so try to be there. The jam will be from 12 to 3, with finger foods, donations welcome.

We have been invited to jam on opening night, August 29th, 6:30 to 8:00 for the Bluegrass Family Reunion, at Eagleview Campgrounds.

July

26	Meeting	Sutherlin Grange	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
26	Jam with finger foods (donations welcome)	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.

Come join the fun. For campground information contact Joe Ross, rossjoe@hotmail.com, 541 670-9120

See ya'll there---

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



Visitors at District 10 Lee Easter, Fred Harding, John Renfro, Don Johnson, Pat Weyer, Larry Gallagher, Fred Grove



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State Calendar

West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 21-24
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton County Fairgrounds	August 2
Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay	August 14-17
Semi annual meeting and campout	Merrill	September 17 - 20

New Members to Welcome!

Scott, Shay & Ananda Gallagher-Starr
Dahlia Grossman
Terry Kandle
Robin Lindsey

Eugene
North Bend
Garibaldi
Eugene

Janice & Dave Lockwood
Susan Mitchell
Gayle Triplett

Redmond
Sisters
Coquille

Patti Says

We strive to provide acoustical instruments to members for their temporary use whether it be fiddles, mandolins, guitars, banjos or bass. If you have any "extra" instruments that you are willing to lend, please contact your district chair or a state officer.

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership Chair