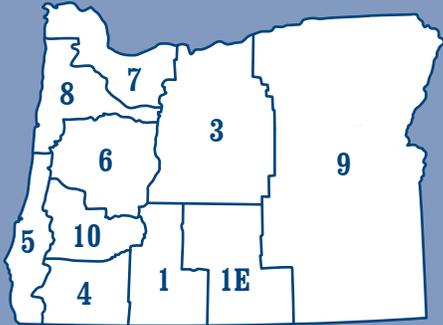


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From Your President

"Build a Bridge to our Future."

Earlier this year we all were reminded that this is OOTFA's 50th Year Anniversary. This is a remarkable achievement for an organization of this kind. As a group that needs to thrive we need to make this a year of celebrating our history with every opportunity we have.

As OOTFA members I ask you all to support our activities on the state and district levels. The Public Relations Committee is busy as I write this putting together a PR/Media package for each district's use to attract more public to OOTFA events and to make Oregon citizens aware of OOTFA and our 50th year anniversary.

We can all be ambassadors in our daily lives by sharing with those around us our history, the joy of music, and inviting others to join and support us. How we could grow if we all brought in one new member this year for OOTFA!

We must welcome the future with open arms as the challenges for us today will still be there tomorrow. We can use the 50th year anniversary as a platform to increase public awareness about OOTFA; it will benefit us in all our future endeavors for increasing members, funding and providing youth and adult fiddle programs.

Another way to a stronger future is to attract our young folks and be involved in the social media revolution. To that end, the PR committee has recommended and received state board approval to implement a Facebook page for OOTFA.

We are hoping to have it up by the time you read this. Join in and share in helping us bring more people to events and gain new members. Check in on Facebook to visit with your fellow district and statewide members for instant updates on events, concerts, meetings and important news. If you haven't used Facebook, just remember I was never going to use it till I learned that you can reach folks often times faster than by phone, email or text.

OOTFA's state business year starts on the first of July, and extends until July 2015. More plans will be revealed in Merrill, so for now let us all be thinking about how we can help "Build a Bridge to our Future."

~ Roland



West Cascade Fiddle Camp participants.

From the Editor

The month of July was busy for all of us here in Eugene, the home of the West Cascades Fiddle Camp. This year there were 161 participants from all over the West, including 131 from Oregon, 22 from California, 3 from Idaho, 3 from Washington, and 1 from Arizona. New this year was a week-long class in mandolin by the accomplished mandolinist, Brian Oberlin.

There was also a sizable contingent of youngsters at the camp, always of interest of those of us in the elder generation who want old-time music played on old-time instruments (like the mandolin and fiddle) to continue. Many of the younger players attended on scholarships, something which will continue next year.

From the Editor Emeritus

August 2, I enjoyed the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest at the Benton County Fairgrounds put on by Starr McMullen and her very fine crew. With some sadness and with a big smile I turned over six plastic tubs of material related to our state contest to Eileen Walter and her crew who have taken on the state contest for 2015. I wish them well as I give up my role dealing with the contest. I encourage the contestants, the districts and individuals to give the new leadership the same support that I have enjoyed over the years. And from me, "A BIG THANKS TO EILEEN!"

We just got home from a fabulous weekend at Winchester Bay. There aren't words to express how well we were treated – food, friends, music, weather. It is dangerous to mention one name but taking my chance, I want to comment what a dedicated work horse Ruth Weyer was – there early in the morning and there late at night. Working with her were many others who treated us like royalty. Thanks District 5!! I particularly enjoyed the small coastal village atmosphere with the salt air, hearing the nearby ocean, the many fishing boats, sea gulls, the lighthouse and

We also had a very good turnout this year for the District 5's annual campout and jam at Winchester Bay, about which more next month. I will say that there were 66 names on the sign-up list for the evening performance when I left at about 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Now that the fiddle camp and the Winchester Bay campout are over, we are looking forward to Merrill in September. Life goes on.

~ Joe

the community building. . . . What a unique location – one of a kind. The whole weekend made me even prouder to be a member of OOTFA.

When Alice and I left last Wednesday to go to Winchester Bay, Harriet Modrell, our last living charter member was celebrating her 99th birthday. Isn't that remarkable!! I should, also, mention one of District 8's fiddlers and great supporter, Dale Emery, who celebrated his 98th birthday this month, too. I think I heard mention the other day that Jim Winslow is up in that group, too. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of them.

Last month I asked for pictures of specific "past OOTFA presidents" to complete my collection of pictures. I am very pleased to say that I now have pictures of all 31 of them. By the time you read this, I should have a document on our web showing them all.

~ Lew

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September

5	Gig	Tulake Fair	5 - 7 p.m.
6	Gig	Tulake Fair	6 - 7:30 p.m.
7	Meeting and Jam		12 p.m.; meeting begins at 1 p.m.
16-21		Merrill campout	
24	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Note: No dance in September

Can you believe it is September already and time for the Merrill campout? We hope you all can come. We will be doing the raffle baskets again, theme of your choice. Each district is asked to bring a raffle basket cookies and flowers for the stage and tables.

There will be potlucks Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday, and

Friday morning. Saturday night will be the banquet dinner starting at 4 p.m. The charge will be \$15 per person, chicken or beef will be served. We would like a head count by Friday, September 19th; please call Sheila Fry, 541-850-9060, if you know ahead of time. Thursday evening will be gospel playing and singing.

We are working on getting workshops for fiddle, mandolin, guitar and ukulele.

For our quilting friends, Tater Patch Quilts is giving a special class on the 18th at 1 p.m.; several of you signed up for the class last year.

We heard that Betty Bruneau passed away August 5th; she was a member of district 1 in the early days. She was living in Prescott, Arizona.

Birthdays for September: Patti Northcraft, Mike Foster, Sherman Taylor, and Richard Knapp.

We don't have any anniversaries for this month; let us know if we are missing anyone.

~Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



Darla Knudsen, District 6, and District 1E's Rosa Lee McLain, at Winchester Bay.

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We had six folks playing and singing at the Paisley Mosquito Festival. Thanks to Gene Thomas coming to join us from Burns.

By the time you read this hopefully we will have survived "Occupy E Street" and the Lake County Fair. It sounds like we've got lots of folks from out of town coming to play music and enjoy the fair and rodeo. That'll make things a lot more fun for everyone.

We've gone from record setting hot to almost daily thunderstorms and rain showers. It's been getting down in the 40's at night. I can't imagine living somewhere that had constant

September

6	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
8	Business meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.
Thursday evening jams at Rosa Lee's			6 p.m.

warm weather. I always tell people, "It wouldn't feel good to be warm if you've never been cold."

My daughter, Reba Steward, only has five of her 40 trail ride miles left in order to get a belt buckle, to celebrate the Lake County Horseman's Association 40th Anniversary.

I think it'd be nice if we had something to celebrate the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association 50th Anniversary as well. That may have already been done and I don't know about it. I hope so.

~ **Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter**

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Greetings! New Chairman Ron Jackson, says, "We had a good jam last Sunday, with about 50 dancers and 18 musicians. We also had a couple from the Medford area: Breffni Whelan and Margaret Keene. Local Bend member Pat Votaw and his son made a visit."

District 3 had a brief business meeting at which it was decided to host a statewide jam at the Crook County Fairground every year at the end of July or early August beginning in 2015. The membership voted on having the event and it was unanimous.

September

14	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1-4 p.m.
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October

12	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1-4 p.m.
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District 3 jam Location: Powell Butte Community Center (PBCC),
8404 Reif Rd • Powell Butte OR 97753.

Jack and the set-up crew open the hall between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Although we are still in the early planning stages, the planned dates for next year are July 30 - August 1: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Vice Chairperson Jeanette Bondsteel says, "Please volunteer now. We really need to have someone step into the reporter job and the media announcement job as soon as possible."

~ **Roland White, District 3 reporter (with assistance from Ron Jackson and Jeanette Bondsteel)**



At a District 6 nursing home gig (l-r): Joe Moyle, Keith Barr, Ernie Connelly, Darla Knudsen (vocalist), Jesse Knudsen, Lisa Ponder, Ken Luse, Annie Carter.



Mapril Coombs, District 5, at Winchester Bay.

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Well, summer is upon us with a vengeance! Our July was the hottest on record – ever! No monthly jam, but we’ve been making music anyway.

Note that the September jam has been moved from Roxy Ann Grange to Eagle Point Grange, as Roxy Ann is closed indefinitely. We will have a regular meeting, as there is a lot of stuff happening, and we’ve been out of the loop for a while. Come and give your input and catch up on stuff. Bring snacks, of course; District 4 provides drinks. We’ll let you know about other schedule changes as well.

A goodly group of District 4 folks attended the fiddle camp at Westfir. I didn’t get a complete count, but everyone I spoke to said it was great! A great big tip of the hat (cowboy hat of course) to the folks from District 6 who make such a great experience happen – many thanks!

Quail Run, a subsidized housing program in Shady Cove, scheduled us, cancelled, then reinstated us, all within a week. But our group, troopers all, showed up and played to the delight of the residents.

The 100th birthday Party for “Edgar” at Welcome Home Adult

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Although the calendar says summer is almost over, the weather says otherwise as I write this; we are back to our winter schedule starting this month. Hope many of you were able to attend our Winchester Bay Campout, which starts tomorrow, and that you were able to enjoy a few days of cooler weather and lots of good music here at the coast. Will have a report on that next month.

There will be no monthly jam in September because of the state meeting in Merrill.

Jolly Hibbits, secretary of District 5 and our musician of the month, was the featured musician on autoharp with sidekicks Holly Sylvester and Dawn Vanderlin at a recent gig. They sang and played a variety of old songs and one from the ’80s to honor Oren Pruet. Dawn is one of Bob Shaffer’s fiddle students and also excels in harmonizing. Holly is Jolly’s daughter and a music teacher, focusing on choral singing in the Bandon schools.

Jolly played guitar and sang in her early years and did not get back to music until much later when she took her grandson, Alex, who enjoyed fiddling, to Old Time Fiddlers jams. She became interested and got a very nice Orthey autoharp, made especially for her, partially from a mulberry tree which came from a farm next door to the Carter family farm. She learned to play

September		
6	Jam	Eagle Point Grange, snacks
October		
4	Jam	Eagle Point Grange, snacks
November		
1	Jam	Fruitdale Grange, snacks

Foster Homes was busy and hot with many guests and musicians. They treated us to a barbecue; Channel 12 TV covered the party on the evening news.

Playing for the Crater Lake RV Park and their campers included folks from Switzerland who love “Oldtime American Music”! They had a great time participating in the simple Virginia Reel – said it was one of the highlights of their whole trip across the states!

A group of three (as requested) played for the Historic Beekman House tour in Jacksonville. Our old time fiddle music fits in well with their Historic Town. Now if we could just turn down the temperature a few degrees!

Many of us are looking forward to the Winchester Bay weekend, which will be history when this is published -- nice cool weather, great music, good fellowship – and not to mention the wonderful seafood! It’s always great fun!

Did I mention it’s been HOT here? As we are reminded that in this dry season we need to conserve water, I remember my Daddy’s maxim: “Wash easy, dry hard!”

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

September			
3	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
3	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
6	Gig	Fairview Fire Dept. Open House	12:30 p.m.
10	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
10	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
13	Gig	Dora Corn Feed and potluck	11 a.m.
17	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2 p.m.
17	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.
20		NO WINCHESTER BAY JAM THIS MONTH	
24	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
24	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
27	Gig	Harvest Festival, Myrtle Point	12 - 2 p.m.

it and old time music became her passion. On her farm near Bandon, she raises horses, chihuahuas and organic produce to sell. She moved there from Washington where she raised her two girls and worked as a research biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service. In the early ’80s she and a friend opened the Wool Company, a spinning, knitting and weaving shop in Bandon, which still exists under different ownership.

Hal Thompson, from District 10, was a guest performer at the July jam and also at the Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous at the Mast ranch in the Coquille area and at the NACO campground at Florence last month. It’s always a pleasure to hear Hal’s great singing. There was a good turnout of both musicians and audience at both performances.

If God wanted me to touch my toes he’d have put them on my knees.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Meet James Christof



James Christof and his four fiddles.

In June's Hoedowner, we featured one of District 8's new youth members, Michael Christof. This month, we'll get acquainted with his older brother, James.

James reached the grand old age of 14 this summer. As soon as he turned 14, he attended a three-day course on tractor safety at the Linn-Benton College and got certified. James is busy thus far working on a seed and mint farm in Jefferson, and, he's enjoying it as he gets to operate a John Deere Combine.

As busy as he is, he joins our District 8 jams whenever possible, even if he has to put in a late appearance, so we really appreciate his participation, and we thank his dad, George, for being such a good sport about chauffeuring his lads to various OOTFA events.

Father George played the violin in his younger days and he started James on the violin when he was 3. When he was in the 5th grade, James joined his school's orchestra and played with them for several years. He started learning old-time as well as Irish music from dad's friend, Ty. James has participated in several fiddle contests and as recently as last weekend at the Willamette Valley contest at Benton County fairgrounds where he came in 4th.

James will be freshman at South Salem High this Fall. Yes, he will be in the school orchestra. He loves sports and will participate in track and field, as well as soccer. He's looking forward to the metal industrial tech workshop and is eager to get his hands on welding, grinding polishing - all that fun stuff. (He enjoyed woodshop class last year at Judson Middle school).

James tells about their family trip in June to Europe. He reported that they spent two weeks visiting their grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, in the Czech Republic. His big exciting news from the trip is that that he inherited his great-great-grandmother's violin, a 1929 Benjamin Patocka violin. James has quite a violin collection (4 of them) for someone who is only 14!

What a busy young lad! We hope that he'll continue to be involved with fiddling as the years go by.

Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter



Happy Summer Everyone! I recently had the pleasure of teaching the advanced fiddle class at the West Cascades Camp. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and my class was delightful.

At the beginning of the class, after we'd all introduced ourselves, I passed around a quiz – the type of quiz everyone likes – the type with no correct (or wrong) answers and the type where you don't have to sign your name. The purpose was to get everyone thinking about those things that I was going to discuss next.

Here's the quiz – I hope you take a few minutes to take the quiz yourself and that it provides some good food for thought about how you view your fiddling and how you might want to improve it.

While all of the following are important, please do the best you can to rank them in order of importance, 1 being the most important and 5 being the least:

- _____ Tone & clarity – no squeaks, fuzz, ghost notes, tripping fingers, etc.
- _____ Tempo (speed)
- _____ Use of ornamentation to enhance notes – slides, grace notes, etc.
- _____ Proper rhythm – being in the "groove"
- _____ Intonation – playing in tune

Essay Question: Please describe what you think makes a fiddler a "good fiddler":

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Results

NOVICE

Mika Kojima (Tokyo, Japan)
Adrienne Cartensen, (Portland, Oregon)
Annie Dang
Bethany Doggett (Albany, Oregon)
Aletha Criss

PEEWEE (8 year old and under)

Luke Allison (Bend, Oregon)
Cameron Cooley (Eugene, Oregon)
Felicia Guptill (Keizer, Oregon)
Bethany Doggett (Albany, Oregon)
Jordan Stasak (Klamath Falls, Oregon)
Noelle Stasak (Klamath Falls, Oregon)

JUNIOR-JUNIOR (9-12 years of age)

Lauren Allison (Bend, Oregon)
Tenaya Cooley (Eugene, Oregon)
Gideon Stasak (Klamath Falls, Oregon)
Hannah Doggett (Albany, Oregon)
Michael Christof
Caleb Doggett (Albany, OR)

JUNIOR (13-17 years of age)

Hannah Allison (Bend, Oregon)
Annabel Guptill (Keizer, Oregon)
Katrina Doggett (Albany, Oregon)
James Christof
Yoshe Zohar

ADULT (18-59 years of age)

Jason Fewkes (Boise, Idaho)
Aaron Fewkes (Boise, Idaho)
Deniece Carter (Vancouver, Washington)
Kiersten Doggett (Albany, Oregon)
Martin Fewkes (Boise, Idaho)

SENIOR (Over 60 years of age)

Les Tucker (Woodburn, Oregon)
Randy Warner (Reno, Nevada)
Jerry Parks (Lebanon Oregon)
Alice Holt (Salem, Oregon)
Willie Carter (Lebanon, Oregon)

CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to anyone of any age)

Danita Gardner (Atherton, California)
Andy Emert (Portland, Oregon)
Ricky Selman (Vancouver, Washington)
Donna Reuter (Hood River, Oregon)
Cynthia Hamm (Vancouver, Washington)

ACCOMPANIST (Based on number of fiddlers they "backed" in the contest)

Jeff Walter (Portland, Oregon)
Jeff Lincoln (Meridian, Idaho)
Frank Moore (Pendleton, Oregon)
Ned Booher (Philomath, Oregon)
Bob Gardner (Atherton, California)



Luke Allison, who came in first in the PeeWee Division (8 years and under) at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest.



Danita Gardner, Atherton, California, Grand Champion at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest.



District 6's Les Tucker (backed up by Ken Luse) at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, where he came in first in the Senior Division.

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The big news for District 6 this month is the completion of another successful Fiddle Camp! By all reports, it was bigger and better than ever this year. We had 158 attending camp, including a record 50 youths, ages 6-18! The attendance has continued to increase over the four years of fiddle camp, with a total of 120 attending in 2013. Our Monday night show featuring the teaching staff brought in an audience of over 250 people, and at our Wednesday night dance, we counted 25 couples out dancing on the floor! It turns out that fiddle camp is a great way to recruit new members, as 18 new families joined OOTFA during the camp. One new member lives in Washington; he joined for the remainder of this year and paid up for next year as well! A big welcome to all our new OOTFA members!

The Kielhorn Foundation grant of \$2500 was used in its entirety as scholarships for the youth who attended camp. The Fiddle Camp Committee has already started planning for next year's camp, and one of the issues the committee will discuss will be reconfiguring the scholarship offerings so that we can avoid dipping into operating funds.

We were requested by participants of last year's camp to do three things: build a cell tower nearby, eliminate the mosquitoes, and cool down the temperature. Well... we were able to accomplish the final request. We had a much cooler camp this year, a relief from the extreme heat of previous years, with a wild thunder and lightning storm spicing things up on Tuesday night. Some of our tent campers even had to come inside and sleep in classrooms! We thank all those who attended for making it a HUGE success. We also want to thank Ray's Market in Oakridge for providing coffee, ice, and snacks every day for the campers!

Annie and Wayne Carter are part of our camp committee. You may remember that their son, Jim, experienced a serious accident the

September

5	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
6	intermediate fiddle class	River Road Annex	2 - 4 p.m.
8	basic fiddle class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 p.m.
12	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
13	Monthly jam	Central Grange	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
17-20	Quarterly state jam	Merrill	
19	Friday night jam	Yapoah	7 - 9 p.m.
26	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

first day of fiddle camp in 2013. One year later, we are happy to report that Jim is healing, is back at work, and is starting up his own business! Wayne and Annie were able to enjoy camp this year; we wish Jim all the best!

We had a good turnout at the Mary Cole Days celebration. Perhaps ten people rode the float, and 15 or so played at the jam in the fire hall, using Hal Weiner's new Bose sound system.

The annual Spencer Creek Grange pancake breakfast was, as usual, a success. It was highlighted by the appearance of Tenaya Cooley, and her dad, Bruce. Noticeably taller than she was when last we saw her, the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest winner (runner-up in the Junior Junior category) whipped off the "Beaumont Rag," and several other numbers, to the delight of listeners.

Our beginning and intermediate group fiddle classes will start up again in September and will continue once every month through the school year. These classes are a fun way to improve skills and learn new tunes! The first intermediate class of the season will take place September 6 at 2-4 p.m. in the River Road Annex (1055 River Road, Eugene). The basic fiddle class is scheduled for September 8 at 1 p.m. in the Bethesda Lutheran Church (4445 Royal in Eugene).

September Birthdays: Don Baldwin, Bill Gilbert, Addie Gonshorowski, Dorothy Sather, Sandy Wallrich, Arlo Hamilton, Darla Miller

September Anniversaries: Tony & Shirley Humphreys

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter



At the Mary Cole Days parade assembly area (l-r): Amy Burrow, Linda Parks, Jerry Parks.



The bass class at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp.

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District 7 was well represented, with 10 people, at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp. It was very successful with excellent instructors in the morning classes and in the afternoon workshops. Ken Luse was the chair for the camp; along with his wife Patti and the WCFC Committee, he created a week that was very organized, exciting, enjoyable, and an excellent educational experience! This year there were 161 participants (119 last year) and the number of youth doubled for a total of 50. It was really impressive watching these young people learn their fiddle tunes lots faster than some of us "older" folks.

I interviewed a few "campers" about their experiences during the week. People loved sharing music together during the classes, workshops and the many jams, and it was wonderful to have so many different instruments at camp. Youngsters Ellie and Skylar Harrington said they liked meeting other people who were nice. They especially enjoyed learning Old John Tate and both had an "excellent time" all week. Emily Alldrin said, "I appreciated the

September

7 Gig Marjorie Stewart Community Senior Center, Sherwood

26 Gig Tanner Springs Assisted Living, West Linn

October

12 Jam Harding Grange, Estacada

teachers who spent time with the kids." Jillian Alldrin said, "I liked the Mexican Waltz and how helpful everyone was."

Jeff Croxford, who had not been to a fiddle camp before, was so glad to have come to camp this year; she said, "It was such a privilege to have spent time totally immersed in playing my violin and in hearing fiddle music for four days." I think we all felt the same way. Going away to camp was such a lovely experience with one thing to do—to learn about and celebrate all our wonderful old time music. I look forward to going again next year and really encourage others who haven't gone to join us.

In addition to all the fun at camp, this wonderful experience is helping to "grow" the OOTFA membership with 18 new memberships. District 7 has a new member: Ken Vigil, who lives in SE Portland and plays the fiddle, mandolin, and guitar. He has a daughter, Serene, who plays the fiddle as well. Welcome to OOTFA.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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Summer is drawing to a close after a busy fiddling season. It's been great playing at various locales and seeing friends.

September means school. We have really enjoyed having our young fiddlers join us at various gigs this summer.

Some of us enjoyed the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis. Michael Christof placed 5th in the Junior-Junior Division. James Christof was 4th in Junior Division. Les Tucker was 1st place in Senior Division. Alice Holt placed 4th. Lew Holt 6th, and Dale Emery 7th.



Mandolin instructor Brian Oberlin at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp.

Twenty-plus musicians kept the toes tapping at the Polk County Fair. We liked the repositioning of the stage for better shade on a hot day. We were joined by Starr McMullen and Jim Hoots, both from District 6, and a young lady from California visiting local friends.

On August 9th fiddlers rode a float in the parade for Aurora Colony Days. Our float was a flat bed trailer with bales of straw to sit on. We got lots of waves and applause as we played our way through town. We should be getting a check too. Players were: Les Tucker and Wally Case on guitars. Fiddlers were: Gayle Clarity, Jim Wallace, Darlene Bryant, Alice Holt, Lew Holt and Michael and James Christof.

Linda Schafer and husband Paul have been in Sitka, Alaska where Paul is fishing and Linda is happily exploring the area. Good to have them home so Linda could join us at the fair.

Just got back from the District 5 Winchester Bay campout. What a wonderful turnout! The evening shows were packed with listeners. Lots of jamming and lots of visiting. Thanks District 5 for your gracious hospitality!

Late August play dates are gigs at Bush Pasture Park in Salem, the Oregon State Fair, and the Senior Center in Silverton. The campout and OOTFA meeting in Merrill is also on our calendars. Reports on those will be in next month's Hoedown.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

Chair: Janet Braymen

Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer's conclusion.

A small group of Harney County Fiddlers went to Bend to play for former Harney County resident, Ansel Marshall, who was celebrating his 100th Birthday! What an amazing milestone. Thanks to those who went.

Speaking of milestones, Harney County Fair is having their 90th fair! Theme: How The West Was Fun! September 2 - 7, in Burns.

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We had a good July jam — all kinds of other things going on around the area, and not all that many players —, but enough that we all had a good time. Don and Bea Johnson from District 4 were there. Bea did her dance for us. Jesse and Darla Knudsen from District 6 were there, too. Glad to see all of them, though some of them left pretty early.

Would like to thank Jim Kuether for the big fiddler's sign he made and donated to district 10. People should be able to see that now. Thank you Jim. (It's for outside.)

If anyone would like to have their birthday or anniversary put in the Hoedowner, give it to Sharon or Barbara and I will get it. Anyway, happy birthday and anniversary to all that had them.



On the Mary Cole Days float (l-r): Amy Burrow and Linda Parks.

September

3	Gig	Harney County Fair	1-3 p.m.
4	Gig	Harney County Fair	9:30 - 11 a.m.
5	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
12	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
15	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30p.m.
19	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
26	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

The Old Time Fiddlers will be doing two shows: Wednesday afternoon September 3rd from 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday morning September 4th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come and join us.

We rejoice to tell you that our Secretary/Treasurer, George Sahlberg is to be married to Pearl Perry on September 19th in Winnemucca. We wish the newlyweds well

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

September

5	Gig	Music Off Central	
10	Gig	Rosehaven	
27	Monthly Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12-3 p.m.

We play at Rosehaven on the second Wednesday of every month.

There will be Music Off Central in Sutherlin September 5th. Ya'll com.

Our next jam will be September 27th at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 Comstock, Sutherlin, from 12 to 3 p.m. We will have finger food; donations are very welcome.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



District 6 on the float in the Mary Cole Days parade (l-r): Ernie Connelly, Peggy Mulder, Jerry Parks.



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State Calendar

Quarterly Campout and State Meeting	Merrill	September 17-20
Quarterly State Meeting	Sutherlin	January 24

New Members to Welcome!

Ben Booher	Centralia, WA	Judy and Gary Kroeker	Sunriver
Chris, Lisa, Clayton, Kenneth, Scarlett, Kevin, Samara,		Jim and Jill McReynolds	Junction City
Hannah and Eliana Booher	Drain	Jesse Mitchell	San Francisco, CA
Glen Churchfield	Bend	Rusty, Molly, Virginia and Willie O'Regan	Oakridge
Alexa Dellinger	Bend	Les and Pam Osborne	Lebanon
Chip Goodrich	Santa Rosa, CA	Morgan Smith and Steve Barton	Cottage Grove
Stephen Hanson	San Francisco, CA	Marcia Stevenson	Oakridge
Seve Johnston	Eugene	Ken and Serena Vigil	Portland

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership Chair