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## From Your President

"Celebrating 50 Years, & Going Strong"

Fall Greetings. As I get ready to dash off to the state meeting in Merrill, I'm thinking ahead for those of you who may not be able to attend. I wanted to share with you the state plans and activities for our year that will focus on "Celebrating 50 Years," building membership and fundraising.

As I mentioned in a previous message, I appointed a public relations committee that is coordinating a statewide effort with each district to promote OOTFA members to our state citizens in the highest and most positive light. Each weekend our members play all over the state performing for the public, yet other than putting up a poster or a free notice, there is virtually no advertising or promotion of your efforts to provide this music. The general public is not aware of the service we provide in the gift of music.

Now each district is armed with a PR media kit with all the tools needed to promote, advertise and spread the word about your district's good work and service. Use this media kit with all the proper logos and spellings for OOTFA that helps us build our brand. To get the biggest media impact for OOTFA, we need members in all districts to be vocally supportive. The districts can encourage their success by advertising their special events using this slogan, "Celebrating 50 Years, & Going Strong" whenever possible.

I would like each district to promote a special "Celebrating 50 Years, & Going Strong" performance for 2014-2015, showcasing your best players from young to old. Oregon State has invited the OOTFA to play for their 153 years celebration next spring and there may be an opportunity to showcase our fiddlers statewide on several occasions.

OOTFA now has a Facebook page. Thank you to all who helped us get 100 likes the first day, now nearing 200 in the first couple of weeks. We want you to visit the site, Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' OOTFA, and post comments, pictures, or advertise your district events.

We want you to LIKE, SHARE and TAG the posts whenever it's possible as this builds our OOTFA network and shows your friends how much fun we have. It will be easy to post on the friend's and members' pages and stay in touch with each other on a state-wide basis.

Now and long term, this will help us attract members who regularly use Facebook and bring us the benefits in our modern age of social media. Now let's all jump in and make it work spreading the word while having a great time, "Celebrating 50 Years, & Going Strong."

~ Roland

## From the Editor

Eileen Walter has graciously agreed to take over the state fiddle contest from Lew Holt who is "retiring" after having run it for many years.

Eileen writes, "I'd like to thank Lew Holt for the tremendous job he's done running the state contest for so many years. I'm very excited about stepping into Lew's shoes, although I know I can certainly never hope to fill them. I've had experience with various fiddle contests in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, and Oklahoma during the past

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## From the Editor

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30 years – competing, helping students prepare, judging, helping out, and just plain enjoying them. I'm counting on all you faithful volunteers to help me out - I need all of you on board and am looking forward to working with all of you.

"Fiddle contests are a tradition worth perpetuating. If you haven't attended one, please consider it. If you have any questions or need any help with anything related to the contest (or you have any suggestions, or want to volunteer!) please call me at 503-701-1578 or email me at gdaewalt@comcast.net

"I'll see you at the contest, if I don't see you before then!"

Eileen, by the way, is the author of the "Fiddle Tips" column, which appears monthly in the Junior Hoedowner; her husband, Jeff, frequently backs up performers at fiddle contests on guitar.

There is someone in the bathtub on the back of the District 1E float in the Lakeview Labor Day parade. Who is it? Send in your best guess; we will reveal the answer in the December issue.

~ Joe

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## From the Editor Emeritus

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Would you believe that a pick-up drove away from our place the other day with 18 boxes of fiddle archives, i.e. VHS tapes, 8mm video tapes, cassette tapes, pictures, newspaper articles, notebooks of pictures, this and that and more. Rick Bergeron contacted me some time back offering to store the archives in a heated room in his warehouse. Thanks a million Rick and Joyce.

Last spring I was contacted by Leonard Maah's grand daughter for some information. You old timers will remember Leonard – a great old time fiddler and friend. He has been gone maybe 15 years. I sent her a stack of pictures of her grandfather and just the other day I sent her a DVD – 2 hrs 13 minutes - of her grandfather fiddling. Much of it was taken at the Vernonia campouts around 1990. I didn't know I had it until I stumbled on to it recently. When she views the DVD, it will be almost as if she were with her grandfather again.

I have told you the story of finding a cassette tape recorded by one of our favorite old time fiddlers, Bunky McFee; I found the tape ten years after he died – that he had made ten years before he died and chunked it into a box of other cassettes. It told about D-day, June 6, 1944. The day after I gave a CD copy

of it to his son, he called me in tears telling how happy he was hearing his father tell about D-day in his own words. All those years he had thought that his father had taken the untold story of D-day to his grave. I have it on our web – you might check it out.

One time a lady contacted me asking if I had a picture of Rusty Modrell. I sent her some pictures and a DVD of Rusty playing and talking. She told me that she had known Rusty in central Oregon 30 years earlier and that she and her sister literally sat in tears for over an hour watching the video as if they were right there with Rusty.

I have been able to create a list of 49 state presidents with their pictures and some bio information. I hope to have it on our web by the time you read this.

OOTFA Updates – if you don't get my occasional OOTFA Updates with sometimes bad news and sometimes good news and you want them, drop me an email. If you want to be removed from the list, again, drop me an email.

~ Lew

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## District 1

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By the time you read this, Merrill will be in the past. We hope all of you had a good time.

Meet the members of District 1 for October: Johnny Rogers. Johnny writes: "I was born in Merrill Oregon, January 3, 1939. My dad was the janitor at the old school where we now have the Merrill campout. I graduated from high school in 1958. I met a friend where I worked, Dave Alexander, who had been a member of District 1 for a few years. We played music about every Monday night for about ten years. He would play lead and I would play rhythm; he taught me a lot.

"I don't recall when I joined OOTFA. Sometimes we would play in Roseburg at Thousand Trails. I have met a lot of nice folks since that time. I recall Dick Harris telling me that I was playing the guitar too loud for most of the fiddlers as they were losing their hearing.

"Isom Patterson always helped me with the chords of many fiddle tunes. Isom and Dick had a little red book that had chords listed for most of the tunes that were played. Over the years I picked up a

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### October

4	Gig	Farmers Market	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
5	Meeting	Shasta Grange	12:30- 3 p.m.
9	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
12	Jam and Dance	Shasta Grange	1 – 4 p.m.
16	Gig	Eldorado	1:30-2:30 p.m.
18	Gig	Potato Festival	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
23	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
23	Gig	Shasta View	1 – 2 p.m.
28	Shaw Library @OIT Need to be there at 5 and playing by 5:30 p.m.		

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

bad habit: watching Jerry Ruddock play because he always knew the tunes and chords so I just followed him. The past few years I wanted to learn bar chords, so that has been quite a challenge. I used to like to play melody but I have too much trouble with timing so I find it easier to just play rhythm and leave the timing and melody up to the fiddlers. My favorite tunes are The Letter Edged in Black, and Kentucky Waltz."

We have learned that Naomi Bruhn's husband, Bob, is not well. Our thoughts are with you both. We have also learned that Pat Winfrey will be moving to Coos Bay, so District 5 may want to make her feel welcome. She has a voice of an angel and plays the guitar; she is very shy so needs someone to give her a little push of support.

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Birthdays for October: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, David Larson, Howard Priddy, and Noranne Sparks.

There are no anniversaries for October. If we are missing anyone, let us know.

~Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

## District 1E

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There was lots of great music, good times, and friends new and old, at the Lake County Fair & Roundup. We had musicians from all over, from the desert to the coast. We had 12 people playing on stage in our Saturday and Sunday performances. We even had some members of the band, Cascade Rye, join us.

On Monday we had 20 people all together on our float, "Celebrating 50 Years of OOTFA". Special thanks to Cambria and Ryan Amacker and the rest of the McLain Family for all their hard work on the beautiful float. The float won the trophy for "Most Unique".

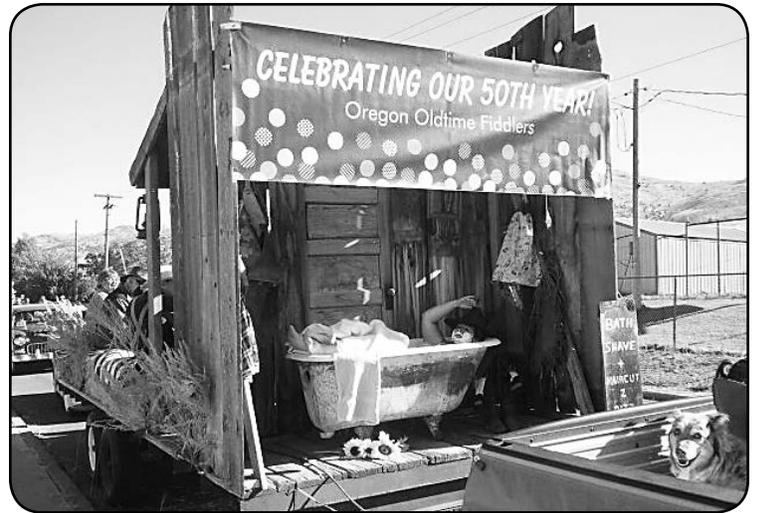
### October

4	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
13	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

Special thanks to: Mike Foster and Hal and Sharon Thompson - District 1; Pat and Ruth Weyer- District 5; Hal and Sharon Thompson-District 10; and District 1E Alumni Jerry and Laura Light, from Gardnerville, Nevada. Ya'll helped make our weekend great!

I met a new friend that I have a lot in common with. He's got a bass voice, a constant smile, a twinkle in his eye, and plays my favorite song. He likes to play fiddle and sing, "Ghost Riders in the Sky", and I like to listen to him. It don't get no better than that.

~ Keith Steward, District 1E Reporter



Front and back views of District 1E's float in the Lakeview Labor Day parade.

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### October

12	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1-4 p.m.
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### November

9	Jam	Powell Butte Community Center	1-4 p.m.
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Powell Butte Community Center is located at 8404 Reif Road, Powell; the hall is opened at approximately 11:30 to 12 p.m. by Jack and the set-up crew.

Chairman Ron Jackson called for a brief meeting before the program. Highlighting the meeting was a motion to make a deposit to the Crook County Fairgrounds for the District 3 OOTFA campout at the end of July, 2015.

More good news: LeRoy Newport has agreed to take over the treasurer position with the assistance of Jack Kerr. Chairman Ron brought up the idea of more than one jam per month. It was decided to keep it at one jam for now but for all members to be on the lookout for gigs at senior centers, nursing homes or community events.

A nice crowd of dancers and listeners was on hand for the jam this month as members played for a lively crowd on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Rhea Bigelow has agreed to take on the reporting duties for District 3 so help her out and get her any news tidbits for anniversaries, weddings, birthdays and, yes, even if you're ill, we want to send good wishes your way.

~ Roland White, District 3 reporter

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We moved to Eagle Point Grange for the September jam, as Roxy Ann Grange is now closed. It was our first sign-up jam after a busy summer at various places. 'Twas a lovely summer day, and not so hot or smoky. Lots of good music and an appreciative audience made it what many described as "one of our best jams ever". It was great to have Delsa Corder back playing her upbeat piano backup! If you missed all the fun this month, we'll be doing a repeat at Eagle Point Grange for the October jam.

Avi conducted a short meeting. Plans were made for Merrill. We will have our "Holiday Potluck" at the January jam – turkey and ham provided by the district, and planned side dishes. The Wednesday Warblers (now the Saturday Serenaders) have changed to Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. (except for the first Saturday of the month when it conflicts with our monthly jam) -- still at Tom's Guitars on Riverside.



Judy's birthday cake.

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How did we get to October so soon? Must have skipped something along the way! Part of the business meeting this month will be the planning of our annual holiday dinner celebrating both Thanksgiving and Christmas, to be held before the monthly jam in November. Bring finger food to share for lunch at the meeting.

We wish to extend a big "thank-you" to all who came to our annual camp-out and jam in Winchester Bay in August and hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. We had overflow crowds each evening and hope that everyone was able to find a place from which to watch the programs and enjoy the music. We appreciate the performers who came all the way from Idaho and California.

The first program started with "Happy Birthday" to Bob Hoffman who was celebrating his 94th; he was presented with one of the recycled fun trophies for being the oldest musician present—the "Golden Geezer" award. Others winning trophies in various divisions throughout the performances included Les Tucker, Linda Eichoff, Kathy Frutchey, Judy McGarvey, Pat Fraser, Fred Grove, Bea Johnson,

<b>October</b>		
4	Jam	Eagle Point Grange, snacks
<b>November</b>		
1	Jam	Fruitdale Grange, snacks

If you haven't yet checked out the new OOTFA Facebook page, you need to catch up on state news: <https://www.facebook.com/oofa>

Sheri West is in the hospital with a kidney infarct. She's been quite ill, and we hope she'll get better soon and come play her great fiddle tunes with us again! E-mail is probably the best way to contact her.

We had a great time at Winchester Bay with the great weather, good food, fellowship and music all weekend. Wow, what a lot of trophies! Thanks District 5 for making it special! Now we're looking forward to seeing folks again at Merrill for another wonderful event

On a personal note, I was flabbergasted when the gang at the Wednesday jam had a surprise birthday party for me with a life-sized fiddle cake – chocolate!—with strings, bridge, and all! I told them that since it was the day before my birthday, there should have been only 79 364/365ths candles, but the fire marshal objected. Thanks, guys, you really are a special bunch of friends!

We've had our regular gigs this month, with a good turnout of musicians. I heard the "Rat-Rod-o-Rama" near Merlin was a lot of fun, and raised money for the Humane Society. Thanks, Everett, for graciously coordinating it.

Just wondering: What happens if you get half scared to death twice?

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

<b>October</b>			
1	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 – 2 p.m.
1	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 – 4 p.m.
8	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
8	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 – 4 p.m.
15	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 – 2 p.m.
15	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3 – 4 p.m.
18	Business meeting,	Winchester Bay	11 a.m.
18	Monthly Jam,	Winchester Bay	1 p.m.
22	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
22	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 – 4 p.m.

Rachel Eichoff and several others whose names I didn't get. Sorry. The guest judges, chosen from the audience, picked Linda Schaffer as having the best song, Everett Costa and gang as having the best comedy presentation and Wayne Glass as having the best costume. Thanks to all of you for being a part of the program.

You who attended the shows probably noticed the camera man recording the programs. He was Lyle Dixon, California State Old Time Fiddler's member and vice-president of their District 5. He said you would find photos on the internet at Fiddling.DateQ.net. and YouTube.com/FiddleSupporter if you are interested in seeing them. Haven't tried it yet.

We have six new families who have recently joined our group. They are all from the Allegany area and all have children who are being

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## Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff



Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff, at Winchester Bay.

Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff, who are 8 and 6 years old, have been influenced and encouraged by music and song in their church since birth. As their mom branched out, going to music jams and taking fiddle lessons from Bob Shaffar, sponsored by the OOTFA, Rachel became interested in playing the fiddle.

At age 5, Rachel began practicing along with her mom while playing Boil Them Cabbage. Then last September she started fiddle lessons with Bob Shaffar.

She realized that the fiddle was similar to the piano in that she could teach herself a tune since she had the tune in her head. She has taught herself how to play several tunes including "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" that she and her brother sang and played at the Winchester Bay campout in August.

She enjoys playing the fiddle because it is fun and is hard to stop. The hardest part about playing the fiddle is learning a new tune. Her favorite tunes are: Boil Them Cabbage, The Big Rock Candy Mountain and Old Joe Clark.

A couple of years ago, both Rachel and Tyler started singing with John MacRae, who called them his "pips", and with District 5 OOTFA. Then this past summer, they branched out by themselves, pleasing the crowd by singing and playing Old Joe Clark.

Tyler is not sure what instrument he wants to play quite yet. So in the meantime, he sings, blows his train whistle and keeps the beat with his whole body.

Tyler enjoys playing with his science kit and putting legos together. Rachel enjoys reading, softball, soccer and playing the spoons in church.

## Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – Ear Training/Interval Training



I often help students develop their ears to hear intervals, in other words, to determine how much space is between two notes and whether the second note is higher or lower in pitch than the first note. This goes a long way towards being able to learn tunes by ear.

There are a few fortunate people who have perfect pitch – they can hear a note and identify the exact pitch. For most of us, though, pitch is relative.

I play a note on the fiddle and tell the student what the note is – such as "open D string". Then I play that note and a different note right after it. Then the student plays both notes. I usually do about a dozen of these, using the same first note for that entire session, going above and below it, and including sharps and flats. At first people may have to hunt around and try out different notes until they find the correct one, but they're learning while they're doing this, and they generally improve after a few sessions.

I hope you'll try this with a friend.

## Tune of the Month - Russell Creek

This is a tune presented by Donna Foreman, District 7, at the recent West Cascades Fiddle Camp. She got the tune from Bob Huffman, also District 7, who turned 94 in August. Bob writes, "Russell Creek runs into Cow Creek near .. Riddle. During the early months of 1939, my dad and I occupied a cabin .. on Russell Creek owned by Oakie Collins, the janitor at Riddle School, who was also a luthier. ... (He made) a fiddle for my dad in return for cutting and piling 28 cords of wood... We spent a couple of months in Oakie's cabin playing music on that fiddle and an old guitar .... and then it was "Off to California" from a summer picking fruit. I learned the tune from my dad but not the title, so I called it Russell Creek for want of the original title if it ever had one..."

West Cascades Fiddle Camp  
2014

### RUSSELL CREEK

The musical score for "Russell Creek" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a G chord and a D7 chord. The second staff continues with G and D7 chords. The third staff features a first ending (1. G) and a second ending (2. Am). The fourth staff includes D7, G, D7, G, and Am chords. The fifth staff starts with a D7 chord and includes first and second endings, with a double bar line and repeat sign at the end.



District 6 visitors Phoebe (l) and Amaris (r) play "Boil Them Cabbages" at the monthly jam.



Lenny Ferrara and Judy McGarvey (both District 4), entertain visiting students from the Allegheny Private School at District 5's Winchester Bay jam.



District 6 visitors (l-r): Dinah, Adri, Phoebe, Abigail, with mom Janet on bass.

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home schooled — part of their curriculum this year is learning to play the fiddle. They are the Woodland Hood family, Jessica Kateley family, Andy Arnold family, Dons Lagrou family, Allen Mathias family and Page Anderson family. Welcome to all of you and hope to see you at our next jam in Winchester Bay.

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains;  
As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits;  
As long as we have friendship, today is beautiful.

~ **Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter**

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Our district's monthly jam was great fun, and we were delighted to see some new faces. Two local families spent the day playing music with us at Central Grange. Most of these young women attended the West Cascades Fiddle Camp this summer. The youngest took her first fiddle lesson at camp in July, and a couple months later, she was able to get up in front of the microphone and lead us in "Boil Them Cabbages"!

The girls are working with a strings program out of Junction City schools led by music teacher Jim McReynolds. Along with Janet, mother to three of the girls, they have progressed in a couple of years from learning their instruments to jamming with a group at school. Now they are starting up their own band focused on bluegrass and western swing. They certainly added a lot to our jam, with great vocals, solid mandolin breaks, flat picking, and some hot fiddling. Please come back and bring your friends along!!!

A huge thanks to Phyllis Coffin and Jean Hartman who prepared a wonderful potluck lunch at the district jam! And thanks to Jim Kuether for visiting from District 10. It's always great to have you with us!

Our intermediate and basic fiddle classes started up again in September. We had about 23 show up for the intermediate and 15 for the basic class. Lois Eagleton and Irena Lane, both from District 10, joined us. It was great to have you there! In the basic class, Ila Mae taught Old Yellow Dog, and to the Intermediates, she introduced Cherry Orchard Waltz and Russell Creek, the Tune of the Month.

### October

3	Friday night jam, Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
4	Christmas Tree Farm gig	1 - 3 p.m.
10	Friday night jam, Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
11	Monthly Meeting/Jam, Central Grange	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
17	Friday night jam, Yapoah	7 - 9 p.m.
18	Intermediate fiddle class	1 - 4 p.m.
20	Basic fiddle class	1 - 4 p.m.
24	Friday night jam, Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
25	Christmas Tree Farm gig	1 - 3 p.m.
31	No Friday night jam (fifth Friday)	

Welcome to the Scholarship Committee, Doug Wise! He brings much experience and wisdom to our committee, and together we are looking forward to some fundraising projects that will help our young people develop their interest and skills in traditional music. If you have suggestions about fundraising for this committee, please contact Darla Knudsen. She's ready to hear from you!

There will be a business meeting at the October 11 monthly jam.

Thanks to the efforts of Joe Grivel, our new website and blog is up and running at [district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com](http://district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com)! In it, he has an alphabetically sorted tune list of all the songs we have been working on in our classes. You click and print any of them! It's also a place to ask questions and post comments or tips about fiddling! Thank you, Joe!

Einar Eimhjellan from Naustdal, Norway will be teaching traditional folk tunes from his area on October 3rd at the Sons of Norway lodge in Eugene, 710 McKinley Street. There will be a jam following: 7-10 p.m. For more information, contact Claire Elliker-Vågsberg at [celliker@peak.org](mailto:celliker@peak.org).

October Birthdays: Wayne Carter, Ila Mae Carmickle, Thelma Drayer, Marlene Chatoian

October Anniversaries: John and Thelma Steele

~ **Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter**



Hal and Bev Weiner with Ken Luse, all District 6, at the Tumbleweed Folk Festival.



Phyllis Coffin and Jean Hartman preparing the potluck for the District 6 monthly jam.

## District 7

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As you all probably know, this is the 50th anniversary of OOTFA; in District 7 we are planning a few new activities and the continuation of others to help spread the word about our organization.

First of all, Donna Foreman's Monday classes in Gresham at Trinity Lutheran Church will begin again in October on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. These classes emphasize learning old time fiddle tunes and improving technique.

Second, in the Estacada Public Library (825 NW Wade Street, Estacada) there will be a new circle jam which will allow participants to learn, lead, and teach fiddle tunes and songs. It will be offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting on October 19. The library is excited to have OOTFA members as well as people from community. Acoustic instruments are welcome.

Third, to help encourage members who have not been attending our monthly gigs or jams I would like to write about some of our recent gatherings. In September OOTFA played at the 100th anniversary of the Canby Ferry. What a good idea to celebrate

### October

12	Jam	Harding Grange, Estacada	1 - 3:30 p.m.
18	Gig	Luscher Farms, 125 Rosemont Road West Linn	2 - 3 p.m.
18	Gig	Oregon City Library	6 - 9 p.m.

such a piece of our local history. Members also played at the Tanner Springs Assisted Living facility in West Linn. We play there three or four times a year and always have good attendance at our performances.

In October on the 12th we will be playing again at the Harding Grange (21552 S. Fischer Mill Road) in Estacada. This is a monthly jam and sign up. We will play from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and doors open at 11:00 a.m. A lunch will be provided for a fee. The grange is out in the country and is a perfect place for us to play our old time music. We have played here for several years and always have a good response from our audience. On October 18th we will be playing at the Oregon City Library (606 John Adams Street) from 6-9 p.m.. Here we'll sit in a circle and play together. Our audience sits in chairs and comes and goes as they please. We also are booked at the Luscher Farms (125 Rosemont Road West Linn) from 2-3 p.m. (more information will be out about this in October). We encourage you all to come and play with us!

District 7 welcomes Rita Daley, transfer member from District 3.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

## District 8

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August ended with several busy fiddling days--

Bush Park Farm Day: A good bunch of fiddlers played at Bush Park Farm Day in Salem. Our scholarship fund received a nice donation.

State Fair: In spite of our concerns about members getting into the state fair, all went smoothly. Several of our young fiddlers played with us.



District 10 performs in Sutherlin, left to right: Hal Thompson, Carol Ridley, Fred Young, Bob Hanson, Robin Lindsey, Jim Kuether, Chuck Stayer.

### October

18	Gig and Lunch	United Methodist Church, Falls City	11:30 a.m.
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### November

15	Gig	Newberg	tba
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Silverton Senior Center: The end of summer outdoor concert at Silverton Senior Center turned into an indoor concert. Rain, heavy rain for a while, was falling but we and our audience were inside enjoying playing and listening to music. I heard some very nice compliments about the program. Eighteen musicians played and sang for two hours for the seniors.

Before the music we had a short meeting to discuss signatures on the certificate of deposit.

Congratulations to Wally and Betty Case who celebrate their 60th anniversary in September. Notable birthday celebrants in late August were Dale Emery who had his 98th birthday, Stan Kilbourne who turned 94, and Fred Hardin who turned 87.

We are scheduled to play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City on October 18th. The church members invite us to join them in a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. Music will start at 1 p.m. The church is on the main street in Falls City. You can't miss it. Come and join us.

Mark your calendars for November 15th. We'll play in Newberg. Directions and details next month.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9

**Chair:** Janet Braymen

**Co-Chair:** Pam Listcher

**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

The Harney County Fair hosted the fiddlers on the main stage on Wednesday and Thursday for a total of four and a half hours. Thanks to all the musicians who came out and played and to the loyal followers who spent time in the audience. Phil Drain was able to join us on stage with his banjo or bass when he wasn't at the sound controls to make us sound great!

Marianne and Gordon Andrews travelled New Zealand during the month of September. Ask them about their trip at the October jam.

Speaking of the October jam, it is time to renew our jam schedule for the fall, winter, and spring seasons. October 12th at the Harney County Senior Center is the place to be from the 1 o'clock potluck until the music finishes up at 4 pm. Hope to see you there.

## District 10

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All had a great time at our August jam. Welcome to visitors from District 6-Jesse and Darla Knudsen and Robin Lindsey, Neal and Verna Jones from District 4, and Pat Weyer from District 5. We extend an invitation to all to come join us at our monthly jam on the fourth Saturday of each month in Sutherlin.

It was our Guy Kinman's 97th birthday; we missed him though, because his family threw two big parties for him. Happy Birthday, Guy, and to all others who had birthdays and anniversaries this month.

The Winchester Bay Campout this year was GREAT!! Thank you District 5. Those attending from District 10 were: Jon Tilley and Julia, Jim and Joyce Kuether, Bob and Jean Hanson, Richard and Juanita Poelstra, and Hal and Sharon Thompson. Those left behind performed at the Rosehaven Nursing Home with local accordion and bluegrass groups. A fun time was had by all.

Also at Winchester Bay, Jim Kuether and Jesse Knudsen were awarded a mobile memorial trophy honoring District 4's Gene Williams. District 5 made it, but the "twins" left before it could be awarded. The trophy will be passed on to another fiddler next year at the Winchester Bay Campout.

We are half-way there for donations to have the piano tuned at the Sutherlin Grange!! Thanks to all that have donated so far.

This month, the district performed at the Eagleview Campground near Tye, "Music Off Central" in Sutherlin, Callahan Court and Village, Rosehaven Nursing Home, and Manor House Memory Care, as well as our monthly jam. Thank you to all who participated.

### October

10	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
12	Potluck and Jam	Harney County Senior Center	1 - 4 p.m.
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Long time member Rose Robirts celebrated a momentous birthday at the end of September with friends and family. Congratulations to Rose for dancing into another decade.

Janet Braymen attended the OOTFA state meeting in Merrill and had a great time though cut short to attend a wedding. Janet also spent part of the month supporting fire rehab in Washington.

In October, The Aspens will be on the 10th from 7-9, Potluck and Jam on the Sunday, 12th from 1 to 4, and Ashley Manor is Monday, the 20th at 6:30 for one hour. Friday night jams continue.

**~ Janet Brayman for Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter**

### October

8	Gig	Rosehaven Nursing Home	10:30 a.m.
25	Monthly Meeting/Jam		11 a.m.
tba	Gig	Callahan Village	
tba	Gig	Callahan Court	
tba	Gig	Manor House	

Hal and Sharon Thompson went to Lakeview, District 1E, to help them celebrate Labor Day weekend events. A great time!! We were busy with fair gigs, a float in the parade, and jams in homes. Thank you!! What a fun group!!

Such a great organization statewide this is, to travel and have a wonderful time!!!!

There will be a district membership meeting at 11 a.m., then a jam at 12 p.m. at our monthly jam October 25th.

The Merrill meeting will have come and gone by the time this comes out. District 1 is planning to celebrate OOTFA's 50th anniversary as well as the normal activities, so the anticipation is great. Thank you District 1-see you soon.

The January board meeting/jam will be held in Sutherlin again this year on January 24th; Same place, same station.

Our district, in conjunction with districts 4 and 5, hope to hold an event to honor our senior-senior members next summer. If you are asked if you are 80 years and above, that's why!! Stay tuned for further details.

Best wishes are extended to those that have family members with medical issues and our recovering surgical members Mac Parker and Doris Stayer.

Joyce is on vacation, so this is submitted by Sharon Thompson. Hope you have a safe and fun trip Joyce and Whitey.

**~ Sharon Thompsen, for Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter**



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## State Calendar

Quarterly State Meeting	Sutherlin	January 24
State Fiddle Contest	Salem	March 21
State Convention	Rickreall	April 9-11

## New Members to Welcome!

Skyler Roberts and Page Anderson, Andy, Amelia, Ericka and Michael Arnold, Jay Baker, Marty and Glenda Boyer, Woodland, Dustin, Tucker and Henry Hood, Carlton & Jayme Girtman and Jessica Kateley,	Coos Bay Allegany Reedsport Klamath Falls Allegany Allegany	Doris Lagrou, Elissa Lenard, Allen, Geraldine, Elora, Elaina, Gentry, Russell, Ella, Meyer, Dallen, Gideon, Eliz and Matthew Mathias,	Allegany Eugene    Coos Bay
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**Patti says:** It is time to pay your 2015 membership dues. There are two options;

- \$20 Receive the Hoedowner by email in pdf format; print it yourself.
- \$25 Receive a printed copy of the Hoedowner in the mail.

Hand or mail your dues to your district membership chair. Membership runs from January 1 through December 31.

**- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership Chair**