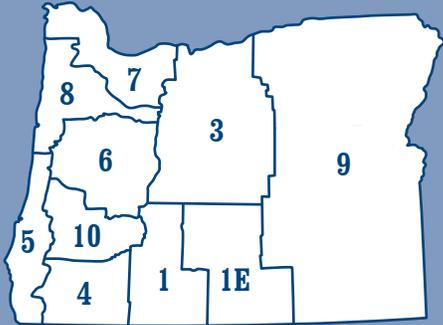


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## From Your President

Spring, just around the corner, launches OOTFA into two of our biggest activities for the year: the state fiddle contest and the convention. I would love to see 250 or more of our members attend the convention to help us celebrate our 50 year music legacy. As attendance has declined in recent years, I'm personally inviting as many of you as possible to be part of this event.

You will not want to miss our Friday night fiddlers program as we are highlighting performances by OOTFA's finest fiddlers. They will be joined by our top district musicians with a superb show of talent that will inspire and entertain you. Three of our four national champions will be joined by our Oregon state champions in what will be a showcase of fiddling talent. There will be a special presentation from Chip "Dr. Horsehair" Cohen who will be joined by Tenaya Cooley, our District 6 champion. And, there will be a presentation from Cohen's newly released, highly acclaimed music book, "Twin Fiddles & Tall Tales".

The Friday night show will be extensively promoted and advertised by our PR committee as one of our major events of the year. My goal is to have every seat in the house full with the best attendance on record. As members you can do your part by bringing your friends and neighbors to turn out and support the event. This is the perfect opportunity to bring that new member prospect into our "Fiddling Family."

We are also promoting free "Southern Appalachian Fiddling" workshops for our youth and adult members. The adult workshops will be on Friday, morning and afternoon; the youth workshops will be on Saturday, also morning and afternoon. But wait, we are not stopping there! There have been requests for the fiddler and master musician mentorship program that will be added to the Thursday workshops. Now you have a chance to get one-on-one with a master player; you will be able to sign up for 15 to 30 minute sessions with master fiddlers, guitar, banjo and mandolin players. Sign up slots will be posted at the convention. Ken Luse has also offered to teach a bass workshop.

For the state fiddle contest we have a special workshop presentation for youth fiddlers, "Performance and Contest Fiddling", scheduled for Sunday March 22nd. It will be taught by Oregon native and OOTFA member Casey Willis, a champion fiddler, performer and recording artist who has performed with stars from the Grand Old Opry. As part of this workshop, each student will receive one free month of lessons and access to Casey's online teaching website, [fiddlevideo.com](http://fiddlevideo.com)

There is an insert in this month's Hoedowner with information and sign up forms for the state contest workshops and convention workshops. Send in your applications as soon as possible; classes are limited to the first thirty people to sign up.

Please join me in making this year's events a memorable experience by taking advantage of the activities planned, especially the convention, where new and old friends meet, beautiful music is shared, and memories made that last a lifetime.

~ Roland

## From the Editor

This will be the last issue of which I am the editor. I have held this position since 2005, when I took over from Lew Holt, who had been editor for just about as long. Lew thought it was time in his day, as do I, now.

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## From the Editor (Continued from page 1)

Karen Johnson will take over with the April issue. I wish her luck; I am sure you will give her the same support you have given me.

The following is a note received regarding the Sutherlin jam: "District 10 would like to thank all the members who attended the state jam/meeting, as well as all the helpers who made the event a huge success and good time for all. The added Friday night jam for those who traveled early was also received well with a request, 'Let's do it again next year'!

See you all next event!

Roland White  
Sharon Thompson  
Colleen Hanks"

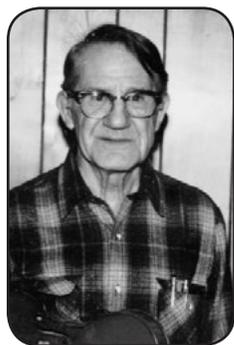
From a past event to one in the future. Jeanette Bondsteele writes that District 3 will host the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, July 30, 31, and August 1. This acoustic-only traditional music event will be open to the public; musicians must be OOTFA members. For more info see the District 3 report or contact Jeanette at 541-410-5146 jbond@bendcable.com.

Jay Dean Ludiker writes: "... We are looking for more fiddle contestants (at the) 47th annual Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest. Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th – 2015 Trent Elementary School 3303 N. North Pines Rd., Spokane Valley Wa. 99206. Contact us to register at NorthWestRegionals.com, NWfiddlers@aol.com, or Ed Miller at 509-228-9030. Prize money and trophies to the top five."

~ Joe

## From the Editor Emeritus

I am sharing a story about Bob Fast with you so that we can better understand those fiddlers who helped us over the 50 years to make us what we are today. Without their commitment, their musical skills – often playing just by ear — and their willingness to give their talent, their time and a few dollars to OOTFA, we might not be where we are today.



Bob Fast.

Missouri fiddle historian Howard Marshall writes: "Bob is a fine fiddler and like so many others, has composed some real fine fiddle tunes. He has a style that is distinctively his own. As he plays, his finger action and his fiddle tunes closely resemble the beauty and fluidity of a flute. Bob has a friendly, sensitive personality that has endeared him to all his many friends."

Bob's wife, Dulcie, has provided the following biography:

Bob was born in Knox County, Missouri on October 30, 1918. He grew up on a farm and was eighth in a family of nine. His older sisters all played piano, while his older brother played banjo and saxophone.

His dad was an avid fiddle player who played for home dances. He would take Bob when he was eight to ten years old to accompany him on the banjo. When Bob fell asleep, his father would tap him on the head with his fiddle bow to wake him.

As a teenager, Bob thought he was sick of fiddle music. He liked symphony music. His family teased him and said he liked that "symphothic" music. His dad said, "You'll come back to fiddle music someday."

When he was in Junior High (maybe Senior High) he tried taking band, but he do well because he couldn't read music.

In his sophomore or junior year he quit school to join the Navy (1937), but was discharged because of sea sickness. He then joined the Army (1938). He was assigned to the Panama Canal where joined the band there but was released because he couldn't read music. He then went to cook and baker's school. After a year or so he was discharged from the Army because of a nervous condition.

He came home and started working in a sheet metal shop in Kirksville, Mo. He married Dulcie Simler in September, 1941. When war broke out in December, his boss closed the shop and moved to California to work in an airplane plant. Bob and Dulcie moved to Portland in 1943, where he worked in the Willamette Shipyards helping to make aircraft carriers.

After the war, Bob returned to Kirksville, Mo, and Quincy, Illinois, where he worked in sheet metal shops. In 1962, he came back to Portland, still working in sheet metal shops. He enjoyed fishing and rock hounding. Then it was old time fiddling.

Bob was listening to the radio one night and heard the music from Weiser. We started looking and watching for fiddle contests and music. Then one year Bob and Dulcie went to Weiser on a Saturday. The next year they went on a Friday and stayed all week.

He joined the Old Time Fiddlers in 1971. Then it was fiddle contests and jamming. He really enjoyed the fiddlers and the good company of the fiddlers.

~ Lew



People who assisted at Sutherlin. Back row: Clare Eaton, Ann Hodson, Lois Eagleton, Laura White. Front row: Mary Oswald, Joyce Kuether, Patti Luse, Barbara Sullivan.

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District 1 has the sad news of reporting that our Cherie Lane — a member since the 70's — passed away suddenly on February 2. She will be greatly missed by our district as she was always so willing to do what needed to be done. Although Cherie didn't play an instrument, her husband Ray played guitar up until his death. She was the spouse who always gives the playing spouse all of his or her support.

We will hold on the April 5th meeting an open nomination and vote for the officers for the 2015-2016 year.

Here in District 1, we are pleased to report that the six junior fiddlers we have been working with since October are doing very well. We are just starting with another group of children; some want to learn fiddle and some want to learn guitar. I have to say for myself that teaching children to hear, play and enjoy music is very rewarding. I'm sure you will be hearing a lot more about these kids in the future.

Our Meet the Member of District 1 this month is Mervin Woodard. Merv joined the fiddlers about four years ago. He plays fiddle and

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Birthdays: none

On March 9 we will have election of officers as part of our business meeting. Please come and vote if you can. If you're not already a member, you can join there.

Our February jam at the senior center was a biggun. It lasted from 2 until 10:30 p.m. Lots of fun, music, and friends. Thanks to Phil and Sheila Fry from District 1 for coming to join us. They are always a great addition to the fun. We had some olduns and some younguns a-playin' and a-singin'. The yunguns were: Lily (4), Raven (8), Alexis, "Lexy", (9), and Barrett (10). Some of the parents and grandparents who don't usually play dusted off their fiddles and voices and joined in too.

**SILVER LAKE CAMPOUT:** April 30-May 3. YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO HAVE ALL THE FUN AND FRESH AIR YOU CAN HOLD.

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

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

### March

1	Monthly Meeting/Potluck/Jam		12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
8	Dance/Jam		1 - 3 p.m.
12	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
12	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
17	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	Gig	Eldorado Care Center	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
24	Gig	Linkville Care	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Practice on Saturdays, Luther Square — check with Irene Ruddock (541-882-6418) for dates and times.

mandolin with his favorite songs being Kentucky Waltz, Ragtime Annie and Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain. Mervin was born in Klamath Falls in 1934; he took private violin lessons starting at age 10. Merv graduated from Klamath Union High School, playing all four years in the school orchestra. He went on to college at the Oregon Institute of Technology and graduated with a diesel mechanic/welder's degree. Mervin was married for 54 years, his wife passing away four years ago. They have two sons: Brian and Brent. Merv says that he was glad he could play the violin as it gave me something to do. The violin then turned into a fiddle. Merv really enjoys playing the old time fiddle music with other fiddlers. "They are a great bunch of people to be with."

March birthdays are: Jon Blasius, Lois Jannuzzi, Don Hensley, Fay Patterson, and Virginia Priddy.

March anniversaries are: Bill and Ann Bonser.

Happy Days to all of you. Let us know if we missed anyone.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### March

7	Jam	Senior Center	2 p.m.
9	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.

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

**IMPORTANT CAMPOUT NOTE:** NO GAS OR PROPANE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN SILVER LAKE!!!! The service station has closed and they have only a card lock system for existing customers. Fill up at the last traffic jam you come to before turning off toward "civilization".

I'm not sure which one of the McLain Brothers Wives came up with this. I don't know if it's a joke or a true story. **DEFINITION OF A MUSICIAN-** Someone who has \$5,000 worth of equipment, a \$500 car, and drives 100 miles to play a \$50 Gig. The musicians I know have the same equipment but their car costs a lot more, they drive farther than a 100 miles and play for free.

These days you hear a lot about it when someone does a good deed. They call it "Paying it Forward". OOFTA Members have been doing that for years!

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy: As I write this I look out the window and see a beautiful morning here in Central Oregon. Birds out singing and the sun is out, too. We have had some crazy weather here.

Our last jam at the Powell Butte Community Center was awesome. There were 20 musicians and over 60 visitors — what a great turn out for our jam/dance!

Brad Gray brought his professional sound system this month to see if we could get a better sound for the hall. Garitt Bondsteel is learning how to work with the system so he can assist with that job. Thanks Brad and Garitt for taking on this responsibility.

New members Wayne and Vickie Bobbit took on the task of upgrading our donation center at the jams. Wayne made the most amazing donation box out of an old student fiddle donated by Ron Larson. Vickie used her skills as a teacher to generate a wonderful poster and the whole setup is just beautiful. Thank you Wayne and Vickie for taking this on.

C.J Neary (National Pee Wee Champion) ripped off a swing tune with Luke Price (National Open Champion) and Jonathan Trawick for a recording broadcast on KBOO radio broadcast February 7. We are proud to say C.J is a member of our district.

Please join or renew your \$20/\$25 year membership dues before the end of February so your name can be added to the state membership roster. Visit our Central Oregon Fiddlers Website:

### March

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

### April

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

<http://centraloregonfiddlers.com> , or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ootfa> or go to the state OOTFA website: <http://www.ootfa.org>.

Come and join us at our OOTFA Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (COCMG) event on July 30, 31, and Aug 1, 2015 at Primeville, Oregon Fair Grounds. Central Oregon has become a mecca for country, bluegrass, banjo, ukulele and fiddling music. In response to this newly found nugget, Central Oregon's District 3 is hosting the event. This is acoustic - only traditional music event will be open to the public for donations only. Any musician wishing to perform will need to be a current member of OOTFA, so please consider getting up-to-date on your dues. There will be much more information on this event coming in the near future as our plans firm up. You can contact Jeanette Bondsteel at 541-410-5146 email: jbond@bendcable.com with any questions.

Our next events: March 8th and April 12th at the Primeville Community Center on Reif Road. Anyone interested in playing music, becoming a part of learning traditional fiddling or any other stringed instruments is welcome to join us.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those who have them this month.

May God Bless those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

May God be with those who are serving our country.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter



District 3 jammers (l-r): Maynard Thompson, ?, Ron Larson, Brad Bray, Jeannette Bondsteel, Fran Rapport, Frank Borden, Paul Kirk, Willis Roberts, Dave Carlson, Dale Anderson, Ed Nelson, Ron Jackson, Vivian Tucker, Tom Tucker, Wayne Bobbit, Garitt Bondsteel, John Schultz, and Jack Kerr.

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**District 4 Website:** [www.OOTFA4.org](http://www.OOTFA4.org) (Check us out!)

### March

7 Jam Snacks, Central Point Grange

### April

4 Jam Ashland

The storm abated long enough for us to brave the swollen rivers and flooded woodlands to get to the jam at Central Point Grange — all but Barbara and Don Maddox, who had downed trees and power outages at their ranch. We had a good musician sign-up of about twenty people, and a nice crowd of listeners and dancers. Among our visitors were some from the White City Domicillary; we

are always happy to see them come! Also sitting with the musicians were new members Alexandra Schenk and Alberto Feliciano, who are learning to play fiddle. So happy to have you both.

Judy McGarvey Sends a big "Good Job" to all her students in her beginning fiddle class, and also a genuine "Thanks" to all

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## All about Christian, Katilynn and Samuel Strawn



Christian, Samuel and Katilynn (l-r)

Hi, my name is Christian and I am 14 years old. I think the fiddle is one of the most amazing instruments invented. With hundreds of various styles and thousands of songs it is an instrument almost anyone can enjoy. I enjoy the fiddle mainly because I enjoy music in general and I am learning to play parts to different songs that my older sister plays. My family is a very musical family which means that I get many opportunities to play along with several different instruments including piano, guitar, banjo, and several other fiddles. My teacher is a rather patient person and is always encouraging me even when I am slow in my comprehension of things. As the years progress I hope to learn to play better and memorize more songs.

Hi, My name is Kaitlynn and I am 12 years old. I have always enjoyed music; it has always been apart of our family. My oldest sister started teaching me piano when I was four. A couple years ago I bought a classical guitar because I wanted to try something new. I never really learned how to play it but just played around on it. We first met Mrs. Sanders when my dad, who is a beekeeper, was called out to a family farm that had bees in their walls. This house belonged to the family of Mrs. Sanders' father. We met

Mrs. Sanders and her musical family and she offered to teach us fiddle when she heard that we were into music. I really like fiddle because it is fun to perform in front of people, play with my family and my best friend, and really fun to go to fiddle camp.

Samuel, who is 6, likes playing the fiddle but gets tired of playing quickly. He likes to play "Boil the Cabbages" with his grandpa, who plays the guitar, and with his siblings. He really enjoyed going to fiddle camp and hopes to go again this year. He likes Mrs. Sanders teaching him because she is sweet and nice. (And patient! — added comment by Mom.)

(Their fiddle teacher is Mrs. Paula Sanders, Distict 6)

## Fiddle Tips, by Eileen Walter – About Fiddle Contests – Part 4 – Accompaniment



Accompanists (back-up musicians) are an integral part of our fiddle contest. Our rules state that a contestant may have up to three accompanists. The accompanists are there to support the fiddlers by helping them keep a steady rhythm and by playing chords to round out the melody and improve the sound. Among instruments played by back-up musicians are guitars, banjos, mandolins, pianos, accordions, cellos, dobros, bass, etc. The accompanists may not play the melody of the tune.

Accompanists tend to hang around the practice room when they're not on stage. If there are no accompanists there that you have played with, you'll need to ask someone to help you out. Look around and see who's there, introduce yourself, or ask someone to introduce you.

Bring several chord charts for your tunes, written out on sticky notes, in case your accompanists aren't familiar with your tunes. Be able to tell them what key your tunes are in, and be sure you can start them at the proper tempo. The accompanists are often very busy and it can be a challenge to practice with them – get in line!

Accompanists work very hard with few breaks – they're on their feet and carrying heavy instruments. They are familiar with many tunes and sometimes work out a new one on the spot. They are on stage more times than the fiddlers and they practice with fiddlers in the practice room when they're not on stage. The top accompanists will receive awards based on how many times they're on stage.

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Good communication is important – if you want someone to back you up on stage, be sure you ask them, even if you practiced with them in the practice room. It's the fiddlers' responsibility to round up their back-up when their turn on stage is approaching, so keep your eye on them – they may already be on stage.

Be sure to thank your accompanists and let them know how much you appreciate them – we all sound much better when they're playing with us. If you win money, it's appropriate to share by giving them a tip.

So dress comfortably, drink water, eat nutritious food, breathe, warm up, tune your fiddle, rosin your bow, turn off your "inner critic", believe in yourself, step up to the microphone, and have fun.

Tune of the Month - New Spanish Two-Step

This is an old Bob Wills number, not played frequently nowadays. It used to be an OOTFA standard.

New Spanish Two-Step (1)

Scored:  
08-07-29

Words: Tommy Duncan, music; Bob Wills, 19??, related: Spanish Two-Step (older)  
1) ?? (via PMF), page 03, key: C (modified)  
PMF: key uncertain, may be G or A

1. ♩ = 100 (midi 60)

C C G7 G7

Down be - low the Ri - o Grande, a se - nor - i - ta held my hand, and

G7 G7 C C

sweet - ly sang an old mel - o - dy. With - out a

C C G7 G7

wor - ry or a care, a rose she gave me from her hair, and

G7 G7 C C

then she whis - pered, "Si, Se - nor, si, si". In a cab - a -

C C G7 G7

ret we danced the hours a - way. Her

G7 G7 C C

eyes told more than words e're could say. I told

C C G7 G7

her I had to go, left her down in Mex - i - co, while the

G7 G7

band played "Span-ish Two - Step" soft and low.

1. C C 2. C C

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the "Pros" that come each week to help the students with tuning and finger placement; it is a great help as the class has grown considerably. The class is doing great and learning new tunes! We appreciate Judy's dedication.

We recently heard of the passing of long time member, Ken Akers, who had moved to Idaho to be near family. Ken was retired Air Force and received a full military honor guard funeral in Pocatello. Ken and Donna Frazier were dear lifelong friends. Donna has not

been able to attend fiddler functions because of failing health but keeps in touch by phone.

Our March jam will be at Eagle Point Grange on the 7th. It will be an important meeting so everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be snacks, so plan to come, play, dance, snack and have fun. The April jam will be in Ashland on the 4th. See you soon.

Hans Christian Anderson: "Where words fail, Music speaks."

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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### March

4	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
4	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
7	Gig	Firemen's Spaghetti Feed, Hauser	3:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
18	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2 p.m.
21	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
25	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
25	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We are saddened by the death of another one of our members, Rudy Spence, from Brookings, who died on February 2 of complications from a stroke. He was a very enjoyable entertainer who played the guitar and jaw harp and sang and was especially appreciated at the summer performances in the parks. Being very tall and slender, his adopted theme song began with "I'm a long, tall Texan and I ride a big white horse" and that describes him very well (except for the horse). He will be missed by all of us.

There was a big turn-out, with standing room only, for the jam in Brookings, which was being organized by Rudy until his illness when Adam Taylor and Larry Ball took over and it became a memorial in honor to Rudy. Those traveling south for the Brookings jam included Colleen Hodges, Art Bigelow, Ruth and Pat Weyer and from District 10 Sharon and Hal Thompson and Joyce and Jim Kuether.

We have several new members who joined the district at the Brookings jam. These include Catherine and Russell Oelheim from Brookings, Shelagh and Jerry Carrick from Crescent City, CA and Kristen and Jamie Gagnon and Layla and Dylan from Brookings. Welcome to all of you and hope to see you soon at some of our monthly jams in Winchester Bay and elsewhere.

Time for the annual gig at the spaghetti feed sponsored by the Hauser firemen at the school in Hauser on the 7th of this month.

District 5 will begin playing at 3:30 p.m. This is always a fun-filled event with lots of delicious food, including desserts, and many nice door prizes with the proceeds from the evening going to a good cause.

The young people from the Allegany home school who are learning to play the fiddle under the tutelage of Judy McGarvey and others, are doing very nicely with their music. This past week, when District 5 entertained at Evergreen Court, six of the students and one of the mothers, who accompanied them on the guitar, joined the group in several songs and were very much enjoyed by the residents. In fact, they are still talking about it and hoping they can come again. The kids practice two hours every day; one hour in class and one after school, and are advancing nicely. Our appreciation goes out to Judy for all her efforts in helping these young ones. Great job!

While it may be a bit early, we need to start thinking about plans for our annual campout and jam at Winchester Bay in August. It will be here sooner than we realize! Anyone have a good theme idea?

All desirable things in life are either illegal, banned, expensive or married to someone else.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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### March

6	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7-10 p.m.
13	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7-10 p.m.
14	Monthly jam, potluck and meeting,	Central Grange	10-3 p.m.
20	Friday night jam	Yapoah Terrace	7-9 p.m.
21	Intermediate Fiddle Class,	River Road Annex	1-4 p.m.
23	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1-4 p.m.
27	Friday night jam	Central Grange	7-10 p.m.

The skies were sunny and the air warm for our quarterly meeting and jam in Sutherlin January 23-24! Friday night, we kicked off the weekend with a jam at the grange hall for 20 early birds. The next morning, the music started in around 9 a.m. while the state board meeting took place in the adjacent room from 10-11:30, followed by an amazing potluck and an afternoon full of fine performances

on stage. The meeting was said to be the shortest ever, and the potluck was one of the tastiest ever, with main dishes in slow cookers brought in by the locals and salads and desserts brought in by the out-of-towners. It was a fabulous feast, to be sure! At the end of the day, reporters from the Roseburg News Review interviewed

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several participants. The following morning, in the Sunday paper, OOTFA was featured on the FRONT PAGE of the News Review, a great footnote to a wonderful weekend of old time music! Thanks to Colleen Hanks and all of the volunteers who made it possible for roughly one hundred people to meet and spend a day together under one roof.

Darla Knudsen reports the auction of instruments and other musical material as fund raiser with the upcoming West Cascades fiddle camp has raised \$720 to date. Darla wishes to thank all those who donated material.

Incoming District 6 reporter Amy Burrow adds: The monthly jam at Eugene Hotel was a blast, with sixteen players, some new to OOTFA. It was well-attended by residents and the participation, enjoyment and, yes, even hilarity were high. There was near-solo performance of a new waltz by Joe Moyle "Waltzing through the Leaves", and Hal Weiner surprised us by bumming a fiddle to play along with Ashoken Farewell. Who knew?

Sue Cooper debuted a moving and beautiful tribute to her dear friend and former OOTFA member, Bev Gischel. In honor of Bev, Sue sang "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" and accompanied herself on ukelele, which Bev played well, along with spoons.

I am pleased to report that Amy Burrow will replace me as District 6 reporter with the April issue, as I will become Hoedowner editor. Wish me luck!

Happy Birthday to Ed Sather, Cara McKenzie, Joanne Clark, Patti Luse, and Jerry Brown

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Dorothy Sather, Sal & Darlene Fiducia, Annie & Wayne Carter

~ Karen Johnson, District 6 Reporter, with assists from Joe Moyle and Amy Burrowa

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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Happy March, everyone! During this next year I would like to start profiling members of District 7 in this article. I think it will be fun to hear about the musical background of our members. If you are interested in sharing a story of your fiddling experiences, let me know. To get the ball rolling, I'd like to tell you a little about myself.

I was born into a musical family in Seattle. We all played the piano, but only my long-dead grandfather had played the violin. I always wanted to play the violin and decided to take up the "fiddle" after I retired from teaching school.

I had cut out a story in the newspaper about the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and thought that would be a great thing to do in my retirement. I got my first fiddle from my parents' attic, where it had been for fifty years. It was a real thrill for me to get it fixed up and then play it for my mom. She was my favorite audience during those early, screechy years. One day I was practicing a lovely Bach tune, "Du Bist Bei Mir": she became very excited because she recalled her father playing that years earlier. It was fun to know that I shared something with the grandfather I never knew who had died when she was six. My mother is now 98 and

### March

8	Jam	Clarke's General Store & Eatery , Beaver creek	1 - 3 p.m.
15	Jam	Estacada Public Library	2:30 to 4:40 p.m.
27	Gig	Tanner Hot Springs Assisted Living, West Lynn	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
29	Jam	NW Jam. 600 NE 8th Gresham	12:30-3:00 p.m.

still enjoys hearing me play. I have loved learning to play the fiddle and especially like learning to play by ear. I have found that I remember tunes better that way. It's fun playing in all our jams and gigs and is wonderful seeing how happy we make our audiences.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter



Rudy Spence, District 5, passed away not long ago. Here he is, at a jam (l-r): Fred Grove, Rudy, Bob Shaffer, Larry Costa, Dawn Vonderlin, and Jim Kuether.

## District 8 (Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area)

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### March

21 OOTFA Fiddle Contest Chemeketa College, Salem

### April

9-11 State Convention

Rickreall

25 Gig Ag Fest

Fairgrounds, Salem

On Valentine's Day we had a great time playing for Oregon's 156th birthday party in the capitol rotunda. Thanks to all who came and played. Especially enjoyed having you District 7 folks who added so much to the day. There were 27 players total.

Some could only stay for part of the program, but most of us played from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanks, too, for all the good wishes to Lew and I on our 62nd Anniversary!

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We lost a musician friend, Roland Apperson in early February. Roland played fiddle and guitar. He was a regular at the Guthrie Park jams. No services will be held, but he will be remembered at a future Guthrie jam.

Our January jam at Mountain View Mobile Park was great fun. The community building was a very nice venue. Just enough space for the 16 musicians and a happy audience of park residents. It was raining cats and dogs outside, but warm and cosy inside. Since we had been invited to play, there was no rent to pay. And since the room was on the small side, we didn't need sound equipment. The \$77 from passing the hat will help our treasury even after sending 20% to the state.

The Wednesday Nighters played at a physical therapy facility on January 20th. Eleven of us played lots of tunes. The residents sang along with many of the oldies. We enjoyed their smiles that showed their appreciation.

Rosewood Court welcomed us on January 23. Those older folks love the old tunes. Some of them know all the words.

Good to see so many friends at the OOTFA state meeting in Sutherlin. The circle jam while the officers were meeting was fun!

The potluck was outstanding! I don't think I've ever seen such a variety of wonderful food. Lew and I chose to leave before the jam started — wanted to get back to see daughter Patty in Salem Hospital. She's doing much better; some of you know she is fighting cancer. Thanks for all your prayers and support.

We've been missing Dale and Loita Colebank as Dale is having some health problems. He has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is starting treatment. Healing thoughts and prayers coming your way, Dale. We hope you'll be back playing soon.

See you all at the OOTFA Contest in Salem!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

**Chair:** Janet Braymen  
**Co-Chair:** Pam Listcher  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg  
**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

Two and a half year old Shannon and her six year old sis Glenna May entertained us with their dancing duo and huge smiles at our Sunday potluck and jam gave everyone a delight because they enjoyed the music so greatly. Again, we had thirteen musicians!

Ian's "Talking to Dinah" was polished and was great to dance to. He is doing Ruel and his grandparents proud.

Marie O'Brien gives everyone a shout out from Yuma, Arizona. She is planning ahead for the June 18-20 for the Country Music

### March

6	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
13	Gig	The Aspens	7-9 p.m.
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30-7:30 p.m.
20	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
27	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

Jamboree in Burns. She hopes to see everyone at the state convention.

The Friday night jams have been well attended by musicians and card players/listeners alike. If you want to join us, please contact an officer to find out whose home we will be at.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

## District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Well, the state meeting, potluck and jam is over in Sutherlin, and a good time was had by all. It was packed, standing room only, but we all had a wonderful time. I think I'm getting to remember some names with faces now. Takes awhile. But, it was so nice to see everyone again. The music was great!!, and some great dancers.

Thank you everyone that was working in the kitchen and others who helped out doing different things. It was much appreciated.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them.

### March

28	Monthly Jam	Sutherlin Grange, Sutherlin	12-3 p.m.
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Hope everyone that had this stupid flu is recovering okay. We're just getting over ours.

Our next jam will be held March 28th at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 Sutherlin Grange, Sutherlin, from 12 to 3 pm.--Donations Welcome---

You can also pay your 2015 dues now.

See ya'll there---

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

State Fiddle Contest	Salem	March 21
State Convention	Rickreall	April 9-11
Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3
Country Music Jamboree	Burns	June 18-19-20
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 20-23

## New Members to Welcome!

Gabby Grumelot, Axavier Jackson and Val Adams	Eugene	Gene and Amoreeng Knolin	Mapleton
Jill Rupert, Joel and Joss Bennett	Salem	Russell and Catherine Oelheim	Brookings
Justin, Desiree, Roanna, Ellen and Landon Booher	Yoncalla	Ron Phillips	John Day
Jerry and Shelagh Carrick	Crescent City, California	Sharon and Ron Pinard	Roseburg
Jonathan Trawick and Aaron Carter	Portland	Luke and Rachael Price	Portland
Carol, Cliff, Ian and Ron Dawson	Burns	Sally Smith	Colton
Julie, Clay, Natalie, Lauralee, Ava and Sam Doman	Canby	Mark and Cheryl Storms	Eugene
James, Jenny, Lena and Jake Dreyer	Klamath Falls	Verlin and Beverly Tors	Roseburg
Alexandra Schenk and Alberto Feliciano	Medford	Wayne Lindberg and Hazel Vermillion	Prineville
Kristen, Jamie, Layla and Dylan Gagnon	Brookings	Michael and Janice Williams	Roseburg

**Patti says:** The 2015 Roster will be sent to the printer in the middle of March and will be available on April 9th at the OOTFA Convention in Rickreall. If you know of members who haven't registered, please talk to them.

On March 8th, I will email a short note to ALL members who have an email address. If you don't get an email from me, we must not have your current email address. Contact Patti at [pattiluse@comcast.net](mailto:pattiluse@comcast.net) or 541-915-3231.

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- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair