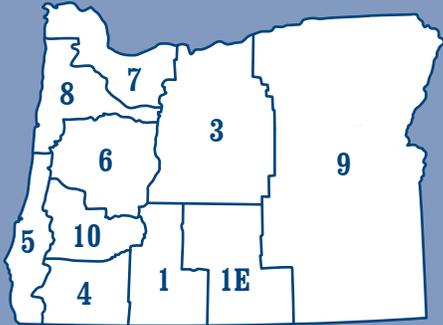


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## From Your President

Greetings!

The OOTFA 50th anniversary and annual state convention is over for another year. Highlights include: the Friday night concert with excellent performances from members throughout the state, the continuation of our state leaders for another year, and the excellent music and friendships that continue our legacy of musical service to Oregon citizens.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, our unsung heroes that jump in to set up, clean up, and mop up throughout the event--making the week run smoothly and creating a fun-filled experience for us all.

Chip "Dr. Horsehair" Cohen taught a very successful Appalachian Fiddle Workshop attended by over 40 fiddlers. I was told by numerous participants what an excellent job Chip did, how well prepared he was, and how much they got out of the class.

The first ever mentor musician sessions were a big success. Fiddlers and pickers could choose a teacher and schedule a one-on-one lesson, learning tips and techniques from master musicians. Over 20 students signed up, and many expressed how much they appreciated the opportunity to work with a master musician.

I would like to thank my executive board: Jim Kuether, Sharon Thompson and Darla Knudsen for all the energy, enthusiasm and knowledge they have provided to me throughout the year. I also want to recognize service that was above and beyond the call of duty by many of our outstanding members. OOTFA certificates of appreciation were given to the following members:

- Roger Germundson & Phil Ringle for legal consulting with the State Executive Board.
- Patti Luse for her innovative and excellent work as Membership Chair.
- Marcella Easley for her wonderful work as head of Public Relations.
- Eileen Walter for continuing the success of the State Fiddle Contest that had 73 contestants this year.
- Lew & Alice Holt for their never-ending support in all ways.
- Sharon Thompson for her 4+ years of consistent and accurate work as Treasurer.
- Darla Knudsen, for her work as our parliamentarian and her more recent work as secretary. It was also her leadership that helped launch the very successful West Cascade Fiddle Camp.

As you can tell, these members have really gone the extra mile to make OOTFA a well organized fiddlers' association that we can be proud of.

The state convention is also when we make our yearly OOTFA awards. The Homer McClain Award was given to Bob & Jean Hanson for their consistent longstanding involvement. The Norm Nash Distinguished Service Award was made to Joe Moyle for his many years as Hoedowner editor and contributor to District 6 activities. The Bill Yohey Award was made to Bob Schaffer for his contributions playing and backing up fiddlers and teaching on behalf of OOTFA.

It's that time of year when the districts need to renew leadership, so if you have never jumped in to help in the past, the future is waiting just for you! Join in, volunteer and experience the satisfaction of serving and helping your organization thrive; you will be glad you did!

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## From your president (continued from page 1)

Speaking of jumping in to help-- thank you to Lisa Ponder, Melinda Grant and Hal Weiner who are a new web advisory committee. evaluating our internet web presence and determining how we can coordinate and improve it. If you have suggestions or experiences about the web, send them along to one of our new committee members.

Coming up the last part of this month is the always fun Silver Lake Campout April 30th to May 3rd. Hope to see many of you there; maybe you can win the Teddy award if you go.

~ Roland

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## From the Editor

As I write this, I am just returning from the convention in Rickreall. What an amazing few days! As a fairly recent addition to the fiddling community, I was very impressed with the organization of the convention, the friendly and welcoming attitude of the musicians, and the diversity of the music played. As we entered the hall, we were greeted by the friendly people at the front. We heard some quick-paced reels being played in one corner, some swing tunes in an alcove, and some old cowboy tunes in another part of the building. As we'd approach a little jam circle, someone would catch our eyes in a welcoming gesture and others would start to move their chairs a little, clearly indicating they were making us welcome in the circle. It felt like we were instantly conversing with others in the language of music. I appreciate that opportunity so much.

I was able to sign up for an afternoon with Chip Cohen, which turned out to be one of the best workshops I've ever attended. We learned some techniques that we applied to several tunes in the Southern Appalachian style. He kept a whole room full of us fiddlers learning and engaged for an intensive three hours. I also signed up with Judy McGarvey as a mentor, who in a half hour was able to help me with three big questions I had been grappling with these past few months.

The evening concerts were jam packed with teams of talented musicians. The young fiddlers who took the stage on Friday night were able to demonstrate for us how very important it is to keep this music alive. They were such amazing musicians and performers. One little 4-year old playing a blue ukulele belted out his tune with a confidence and enthusiasm that won our hearts and embodied the joy of music and the spirit of the old time fiddlers.

~ Karen Johnson, editor

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## From the Editor Emeritus

The OOTFA state convention is not "next door" for everybody. Traveling to the convention is a short drive for some of us, but for others it is "farther down the road." I'll leave somebody out no doubt, but we are always pleased to have the McLains from Washington come down to join the other McLains who have so faithfully driven a great distance from Lakeview. Also, as have the members from the Klamath Falls area and Janet from Burns. Medford isn't exactly a "hop and a skip" either. We really appreciate all the distant travelers' efforts to be with us at these events!

Perhaps you noticed a man with a camera taking pictures and video. He was "all over the place." His name is Lyle Dixon. He came to our convention from Vacaville, CA. He flew to Portland Thursday morning, rented a car and drove down to our convention. He took many, many pictures and a lot of video. He has shared all of these with me on thumb disks. No, I haven't looked at every one yet, it will take hours. Lyle stayed until Saturday evening, drove back to Portland for a few hours sleep,

and then flew out at six o'clock Sunday morning to get back home in time for a meeting, since he is president of California State Old-time Fiddler Association (CSOTFA) District 5, in the Orangevale / Sacramento area. He was unable to attend our contest this year since there was a contest in his area the same weekend. Some of his video will be posted on his youtube channel: <http://www.YouTube.com/FiddleSupporter> or you can search youtube for OOTFA Convention 2015.

Alice and I want to thank all of you for your cards, for your hugs, and for your thoughtful words. The convention was a winner this year - so many friends and such good music.

~ Lew



District 4 takes the stage at convention: Kathy Frutchet, Scott Phillips, Everett Costa, Melinda Grant and Gene Grant.



Chip Cohen teaching Appalachian fiddling to 40 enthusiastic students.

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Today as I write, there are many in District 1 with heavy hearts. Our dear fiddler, Marlon Jannuzzi, and his wife passed away within just a few days of each other. There is a saying that fits this couple: "A good manner springs from a good heart, and fine manners are the outcome of unselfish kindness". This describes Marlon and Lois. They are going to be so missed by District 1.

A great time was had by all at our monthly dance. It was a very special event. As one of our beloved old time fiddlers passed, we had six new students who came and played with us. There is a future in District 1!

This month, in our "Meet the Members of District 1" we feature: Fred Stiverson and Loraine Degnan. Fred came from Colorado and Loraine from Minnesota. They started attending the Oldtime Fiddlers' monthly dances about ten years ago. Fred played the trombone, and Loraine played the piano. We found out with Loraine playing the

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Our April jam was well attended. Thanks to Ben and Fran Coker for joining us once again!

Six folks from our group went to the state convention. They all said they enjoyed it. Their highlights were:

- Barrett Amacker asked his Grandpa to teach him a new song so that he could go on stage and play it the next night. They did a cram course on "Milkhouse Blues".
- Rosa Lee came down with a "Singer's Affliction". She got the words to a waltz tune stuck in her head. Every time she closed her eyes the words jumped out at her. Instead of sleep, she waltzed.
- Lexy's Mom had a very scary moment. She couldn't find Lexy anywhere. She was about to call out the cavalry to look for her. Lexy wasn't lost; she knew exactly where she was, underneath the tables playing in a fort she'd built with her friends!
- The Homer McLain Memorial Award was proudly presented to Bob and Jean Hanson for all they've done to promote old time fiddle music. District 10 wouldn't still exist without them. Bob has played backup for lots and lots of folks over the years. Jean is always working quietly behind the scenes in the kitchen or wherever else she's needed. They are both very deserving of this award!

### May Events

April 30-May 3	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
10 Meeting, potluck, jam	Shasta Grange	12:00/Dance 1:00/ Finger foods
14 Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
14 Gig	Quail Park	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
19 Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19 Gig	Shasta View	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
21 Gig	Brookdale (Eldorado Care Center)	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
26 Gig	Linkville Care	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

piano, it qualified her to join. Fred's trombone playing didn't. Loraine started taking her turn playing the piano. They then started going to the retirement communities with the fiddlers. Fred and Loraine would dance, and the residents enjoyed watching them, as it brought back many memories for them. Eventually, when Loraine needed hip surgery and then her lower lumbar spine gave out, she started using a walker. That didn't stop them from dancing! Fred dances on one side and Loraine on the other. They enjoy all the country and fiddle music, and they love being part of the Oldtime Fiddlers!

Birthdays for May: Sheila Fry, Gracie Kliwer, Lorinda Kliwer, Phil Fulbright, Mary Knapp, Allen Myer, Darla Rodgers, Jackie Schmoer, Fred Stiverson, Jake Swartwood, Linda Scott, Lois Tucker. Happy Birthday!

Happy May to all!

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### May Events

April 30-May 3	Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake
May 11	Business Meeting	Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
No monthly jam (Silver Lake instead)		

By the time you read this, the Silver Lake Campout will probably be history. I hope you were able to come and enjoy it and take some of the fresh air and wide open spaces home with you.

Happy birthday to Mary Ann McLain on May 2!

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter



Barrett Amacker prepares for his performance with his grandpa, Terry McLain and great uncle, Larry McLain (with guitar).

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District 3 in Central Oregon started our April 12 jam/dance with a quick membership meeting to discuss upcoming elections and progress on our event planning for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. We elected officers: Ron Jackson for Chairperson, Jeannette Bondsteel for Vice Chairperson, Jack Kerr/LeRoy Newport for Treasurers, and Glenn Churchfield as Secretary. Vivian Tucker will continue heading up the refreshments, Terri Tucker will continue overseeing the memberships and Rhea Bigelow will be compiling the monthly reports.

Planning for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (July 30, 31, Aug 1) is coming along nicely. We have sponsors lined up to support the event, quite a few camping reservations are in, the

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**Reporter:** Judy Lyons, 541-956-0618  
**District 4 Website:** www.OOTFA4.org **Check us out!**

Hello fellow OOTFAers! As I write this, it's only the 13th of the month and I've already had so much fun I can barely wait to see what the rest of the month brings! The meeting and jam in Ashland were eventful. Our new officers-elect are: Scotty Phillips (Chairman), Avi Zohar (Vice-Chair), and Bonnie Farley (Secretary). Carol Ferrara will stay on as Treasurer/Membership Chairperson, and Melinda Grant will continue as Fiddler Rustler and will keep sending out those wonderful weekly reminders. Ron Bolsted will stay as Public Relation Chair and Judy McGarvey will continue to book our monthly gigs. Thanks to all.

Fiddle Contest winners were announced. Judy McGarvey won third place in the Senior-Senior Division, and Yoshe Zohar won fifth place in the Junior Division. Congratulations to both! They both did an excellent job. The judges commented that the fiddling they heard was the best of any contests in the area.

After our monthly meeting, we began our warm-up music. As it drifted out the open door across Lithia Park, like the sweet aroma of warm cinnamon buns, it drew in those walking nearby to come and sit a spell. We also had in the audience a human interest writer who submitted a fantastic article to the Medford Mail Tribune, about OOTFA which appeared in Sunday's paper (4-12-2015). See it on the web at [m.mailtribune.com/article](http://m.mailtribune.com/article)! We had many new listeners, and most asked for information about our other play dates.

Many of our members will remember Mary, Nancy, and Marv English. Mary grew up in the fiddlers, performing on stage at the jams and also at the contests. Many of you have done backups for her. We recently received the sad news that Nick, Mary's husband, was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was a marine and was to be discharged in June. As the hearse wound its way through the streets of Medford to the funeral home, the sidewalks were lined with mourners holding candles and flags. Some didn't know Nick

### May Events

1	Gig	Heights Senior Center, Redmond	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
10	Jam/ Dance	Powell Butte Community Center	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

agenda is nailed down, and the signs and posters are pretty well made. Now all we have to do is wait for July.

We had a good turnout of musicians at our jam/dance this month, with over 20 folks playing and the dancers enjoying every beat.

Next month is our annual Mothers Day potluck jam/dance May 10. We will start serving potluck lunch at 12 noon so we can be cleaned up and ready for music and dancing by 1 p.m. We are asking everyone to bring ample food for the table. District 3 will supply the coffee, tea, dinnerware, and dessert.

~ **Jeanette Bondsteel, acting District 3 reporter**

### May Events

6	Jams	Methodist Church in Medford	4:00 p.m. slow/ 5:00 regular
13	Jams	Methodist Church in Medford	4:00 p.m. slow/ 5:00 regular
20	Jams	Methodist Church in Medford	4:00 p.m. slow/ 5:00 regular
27	Jams	Methodist Church in Medford	4:00 p.m. slow/ 5:00 regular

but wanted to honor his service to our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

Recently, I loaded up my faithful Honda, kissed Tallulah Belle (my kitten) goodbye and headed north, winding over the mountain passes and lovely, green meadows filled with newborn lambs and calves testing out their wobbly limbs. Just as I had lost count of how many hawks, eagles, and osprey I had spotted, I arrived at Polk County Fairgrounds. The convention, as always, is a time to reconnect with friends from around the state, catch up on news, and jam!!! At Friday night's performance, our district was represented by Melinda Grant who was definitely a crowd pleaser, followed by Yoshe and Avi Zohar who wowed the large crowd.

The meeting Saturday morning produced the same state officers for the next term; everyone was re-elected. District 4's yearly report was given by Judy McGarvey who was asked to do so by Avi. He and Yoshe had to return to Medford because Rayna Zohar was elected Pear Blossom Queen, and they had to get back to help in the celebration. Go Zohar Family!

Check out the new roster. Patti Luse has done such a great job with it, even utilizing the back cover for listing useful information. After the meeting, we headed to Scott's RV to practice our tunes for the dance. Scott was a little under the weather, so Scotty did a terrific job helping us to organize our play tunes schedule. Scotty actively backed us and many other districts with his bass. We're already appreciating our chairman elect.

Remember next month we're at Butte Creek Mill, and it's the SECOND Saturday, May 9. The time listed now is 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. However this could change, so stay tuned. It's a long playing time, so please come; we need a good turnout. On June 6, we

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## Recap of the State Fiddle Contest

This year's contest is history, but many good memories remain. I'm already working on next year, so mark your calendars for March 19, 2016. It was exciting to hear such superb fiddling from 73 contestants, and I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing everyone again next year.

Many thanks to all the contestants, the accompanists, the volunteers, the MC, the judges, and the audience. The contest couldn't happen without the participation of all of you. Thank you to all who were so helpful and supportive, most of all Lew Holt. Thank you to Sharon Thompson for all her help, and to Starr McMullen for finding such great judges. The big bass sign constructed by Rick Bergeron added so much class to the stage – thank you Rick!

The new "Anything Goes" division was very popular and lots of fun. Start working up something special for next year!

The contest was visited by "Benny", the mysterious Salem philanthropist. He left a \$100 bill at the ticket desk and put another one in the suggestion box. We hope he visits us again next year.

Speaking of suggestions, there were 2 in the box, but you can email or call me anytime with suggestions and feedback – your input is valuable.

Thank you ~Eileen Walter



At the Oregon State Fiddle Contest, from left to right: Row 1, Pee Wees - Stage Decor - Senior-Seniors - Rod Anderson & Jeff Walter  
Row 2, Young Adults - James Christof & Erin Hallgrimson - Tenaya Cooley - Clay Swift - Mia Saito-Beckman  
Row 3, Juniors with Eileen - Junior-Juniors - Starr McMullen - Jeanine Orme

"While contest play may not be everyone's aim, it was well worth the trip to Chemeketa Community College to watch the likes of Willie Carter nail his tunes, validating that music-making is a lifelong journey during which many friends and admirers may be made along the way. Up-and-coming young players, who were talented, well-prepared and confident, give us all hope that old time fiddling will be around for generations to come." ~Amy Burrow

## 2015 Oregon State Fiddle Contest Scores

Thank you to everyone for making our contest a terrific success. The judges and audience were impressed with the quality of fiddling they heard. Congratulations to everyone for superb fiddling!

### PeeWee Division

1. Aurora Bitans
2. Eliza Mathias
3. Clay Swift
4. Natalie Guptill
5. Charlotte Medina
6. Isabel Swift
7. Noelle Stasak
8. Bethany Doggett
9. Felicia Guptill
10. Eliana Badillo
11. Anya Beebe

### Junior Junior Division

1. Tenaya Cooley
2. Lauren Allison
3. Sarah Lopez
4. Natalie Ford
5. Luke Allison
6. Colton Swift
6. Caleb Doggett
8. Michael Christof
9. Hannah Doggett
10. Gideon Stasak
11. Michelle Stasak
12. Ella Spokes
13. Dallen Mathias
14. Henry Hood
15. Caroline Guptill
16. Tye Mooneyham
17. Jordan Stasak
18. Gideon Mathias

### Junior Division

1. Samuel Conklin
2. Katrina Doggett
3. Elina Gouw
4. Annabel Guptill
5. Yoshe Zohar
6. Josh Ashcraft
7. James Christof
8. Trevor Allison
9. Erin Hallgrimson
10. Nate Rice
11. Meyer Mathias

### Young Adult Division

1. Tabby Gholi
2. Hannah Allison
3. Kiersten Doggett
4. Tori Coe
5. Michael Orme

### Adult Division

1. Jeanine Orme
2. Hajime Nagashima
3. Geraldine Mathias
4. Woodland Hood
5. Mike Ellston

### Senior Division

1. Starr McMullen
2. Eileen Walter
3. Bob Heinith

### Senior Senior Division

1. Jim Hockenhull
2. Les Tucker
3. Judy McGarvey
4. Willie Carter
5. Alice Holt
6. Jerry Parks
7. Lew Holt

### Open Division

1. Miya Saito-Beckman
2. Doug Fleener
3. Aaron Carter
4. Caleb Engell
5. Andy Emert
6. Gary Schuh
7. Kian Dye
8. C.J. Neary
9. Donna Reuter

### Anything Goes Division

1. Miya Saito-Beckman
2. Doug Fleener
3. Tabby Gholi
4. Caleb Engell
5. Jeanine Orme
6. Yoshe Zohar
7. Judy McGarvey
8. Tenaya Cooley
9. Josh Ashcraft
10. Aurora Bitans
10. Katrina Doggett
10. Bob Heinith
13. Annabel Guptill
14. Hajime Nagashima
14. Aaron Carter
14. C.J. Neary
17. Erin Hallgrimson
18. Kiersten Doggett

### Twain Fiddle Division

1. Annabel Guptill/Hyrum Kohler
2. Jeanine Orme/Elina Gouw
3. Tabby Gholi/Eileen Walter
4. Andy Emert/Starr McMullen
5. Donna Reuter/Gary Schuh
6. Josh Ashcraft/Hajime Nagashima
7. Kiersten Doggett/Katrina Doggett
8. Natalie Ford/Michael Orme
9. Judy McGarvey/Judy Lyons
10. Caleb Doggett/Hannah Doggett
11. Ella Spokes/Dawn McCauley
11. Aurora Bitans/Isabel Kirbach
13. Erin Hallgrimson/James Christof

### Accompanist Awards:

1. Jeff Walter
2. Rod Anderson
2. Pete Willis
4. Ken Luse
5. Jonathan Trawick

**Oldest Fiddler:** Willie Carter (88)

**Youngest Fiddler:** Felicia Guptill (6)

**Judges:** Amy Booher  
Casey Willis  
Mabel Vogt



Guy Kinman, one of OOTFA's "National Treasures" to be honored at a Jam on July 12



District 7 on stage at the convention: Dick Foreman, Ken Luse, Roger Germundson, Ed Bergeron, Myrtle Arnold, Richard Bergeron, Donna Foreman and Joyce Bergeron.

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are in Gold Hill for Gold Rush Days, same place as last year. Time to be announced. Hope to see you all soon!

"All one's life is music, if we touch the notes right and in time."  
Ruskin

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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### May Events

6	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
6	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
13	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
13	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
16	Meeting	Winchester Bay Community Ctr.	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
16	Jam	Winchester Bay Community Ctr.	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
20	Gig	Ocean View, Bandon	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
20	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
27	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
27	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Happy Mothers Day to all the mothers out there! Hope it is a great one!

We are proud of our Allegany students. They went to their first fiddle contest, after only six lessons from Judy McGarvey (District 4). Three of them placed in the top four of their age group, Woodland Hood, Geraldine Mathias and Eliza Mathais. All of the students who entered did a great job and we are proud of them.

We had a nice group from District 5 at the convention. Pat & Ruth Weyer, Mapril & Grant Combs, Larry & Sharon Gallagher,

Linda, Rachael & Tayler Eickhoff, Bob Shaffer, Art Bigelow, Colleen Hodges. We all had a good time at the convention, and now we'll have to rest up.

We will have a district meeting before our monthly jam on May 16th. We will elect officers for the next year. Please bring finger food.

"Gambling is awful, but raffles are lawful"

~ Ruth Weyer, acting District 5 Reporter

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### May Events

5	Friday night jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
8	Friday night jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
9	Monthly jam & potluck	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
15	Non-OOTFA acoustic jam	Yapoah Terrace	7 - 10 p.m.
16	Intermediate Fiddle Class,	River Road Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
18	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
22	Friday night jam,	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

How blessed we are to live in Oregon with its lively old time music calendar! Few days pass when there isn't an opportunity to play a jam or a performance, or go listen to fine touring musicians.

The state convention was a marvelous musical reunion; it has such a family feel. Hugs, smiles and catch-up conversations were squeezed between sessions, and it looked like all were enjoying themselves. Jam circles abounded and, due to decent spring afternoon weather, spilled out into the sunshine. Karen and Steve Johnson, Melinda Grant, Truman Price, Janet Begg, Ken Luse, Keith Barr and yours truly, played Civil War tunes to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the war's ending.

The Appalachian-style fiddle workshops taught by Eugene's Chip Cohen, aka Dr. Horsehair, were well-attended and folks commented on how many catchy tunes they were able to pick up in such short order. Listen for "Old Dan Tucker", "Last Chance" and others to surface at jams soon. Chip's book "Tall Tales and Twin Fiddles" contains many tunes called popularly at jams, along with harmony parts. The tales are unbelievably hilarious, as good tall tales should be. If you are interested in learning more about Chip and the book, you can check it out online at [chipcohenmusic.com](http://chipcohenmusic.com)

Chip and Tenaya Cooley, backed on guitar by her dad, Bruce, opened up the evening performances with a tall tale and a couple of high-caliber tunes that got the audience warmed up for an ear-popping line up of renditions that included swing tunes, old-time standards, Celtic, bluegrass and gospel. Performers from all districts were represented, and the audience was large and enthusiastic. There were many young talents on stage that sounded polished and got a warm reception.

The campout and jam at Silver Lake is looming during the weekend of April 30-May 3. Conversation simmered about cooking up plans for OOTFA fun over east. If you have never been, it's a winner.

May Birthdays: Best wishes to Tenaya Cooley, Jeri Walling, Annie Carter and Brian Sorrels!

Congratulations to Gary and Lynne Baran, Zane and Phyllis Coffin, and Ken and Patti Luse on wedding anniversaries.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

**Chair:** Donna Foreman, 503-630-3577

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**Scheduler:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

District 7 members enjoyed attending the state convention in Rickreall, April 8-11. As usual the convention was well organized and it was so nice to see old friends and meet new ones. Hajime Nagashima and David Altman represented District 7 at the Friday evening show and played beautifully. The dance band on Saturday had 16 players from District 7. It was great to have such good participation, and the band enjoyed the chance to be a part of the show.

There are several May events that members should be aware of. First of all, the Monday evening fiddle classes taught by Donna Foreman have been canceled for now but hopefully will resume in the fall. The 3rd Sunday circle jam at the Estacada Library will have their last meeting in May, and it will resume again in the fall.

There are some outstanding events coming up that we hope District 7 members can attend. In June there are the Hi Desert

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

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We are saddened to report that Dale Colebank passed away. He and Loita seldom missed a District 8 or state function. It was good to have Loita, her bass, and her beautiful voice at convention.

Lew and I want to thank all of you who expressed their condolences on the death of our daughter, Patty. She was only 58 and had battled pancreatic cancer for 2 years. It had spread to her lungs, liver, and bones. Support of family and friends helps ease the loss.

We missed some parts of convention, but it was a great gathering as usual. It's always good to see our friends from around the state, to jam, and to learn some new tunes.

We will be playing at the Ag Fest in Salem in late April. We've been entertaining there for many years. It's a fun family event with lots of kids learning how their food grows.

Next up on Saturday May 9th, is a gig at Mission Mill (Willamette Heritage Center) in Salem. We play from 1:30 to 3 PM. It's the annual Sheep to Shawl celebration. Sheep are shorn, the fleece is spun into yarn, and weavers or knitters fashion a shawl. Lots of demonstrations to watch, things to buy, and tours of the historic buildings. The address is: 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem.

Saturday, May 16th we're invited to play at Mountain View Mobile Estates in Newberg. The address is 2901 East 2nd St. Turn on 2nd St. across from the airport on the southeast end of

### May Events

17 Circle Jam Estacada Public Library in Estacada 2:30-4:40 p.m.  
22 Gig Tanner Springs Assisted Living in West Lynn 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
31 Jam NW Jam 600 NE 8th in Gresham 11:00 a.m. with sign-up

Jamboree in Burns on June 18-21 and the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho on June 22-27 which my husband and I are excited to attend for the first time. In July the West Cascades Fiddle Camp will be held again on July 20-23, and we hope to see many of you there.

Our condolences to Loita Colebank on the death of her husband, Dale. Dale and Loita often came to District 7 events to play with us, and their support was always appreciated.

We have six new members this month, and they all play the fiddle. They are: Victoria Coe, Kian Dye, Isabel Kirbach, Dawn McCauley, Nate Rice, and Gary Schuh. Welcome all of you to OOTFA!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### May Events

9 Sheep to Shawl Celebration Mission Mill 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
16 Jam Mountain View Mobile Estates in Newberg 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

town. We'll be playing in their community building. We were well received there last January when we played.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Loita Colebank with District 8 players.

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## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

**Chair:** Janet Braymen, 541-573-1323, hammerin@centurytel.net

**Co-Chair:** Pam Listcher

**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews

Please note that we held our election of officers at the Sunday jam and all officers remain as above! Guess you are stuck with us. We had a nice and appreciative crowd and 11 musicians! Henry, on his guitar, was our guest from afar. He found out about our jam in Fields where he was RVing. Thanks for joining us! We meet the second Sunday of each month, October through May.

Janet Braymen represented us at the state convention. She enjoyed seeing everyone and helping all to get the job done.

We heard from Ron Phillips that John Day is hosting a jam session on Sundays at 2:00pm, at the Outpost. Should you feel

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

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Over fifty people attended our fourth Saturday jam in March at the Sutherlin Grange Hall! It's wonderful to see the hall packed and so many folks enjoying the music, friendship, snacks and dancing. District 4 guests included Breffni Whelan and Margaret Keene who performed several old songs like "Lemon Tree" on mandola and mandolin. District 5 visitors Larry Costa, Dawn Vonderlin, Gayle Triplett, and Pat and Ruth Weyer added a lot with their banjo, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica and singing. From District 6, it was great to see Jesse and Darla Knudsen (OOTFA State Secretary). Whether you came to pick, listen, or help out, thanks for stopping by.

Welcome to our new members, The Hartsell Family – Shawn, Lucy, and their four boys. Christian and Daniel played fiddle and guitar at the jam. Isaac just got a new mandolin, and along with Caleb, I'm thinking that they'll have a family band together before long.

District Chair Colleen Hanks has been given a gavel. Our last one disappeared, and she expressed her need for one. At the March meeting she had to use a bright, large kitchen spoon. "It was effective, but I felt a little silly," stated Colleen. Gene and Ann Hodson found one on-line and presented it to her at our April jam. Now, Colleen is happy.

The only April birthday I know about is my own on the 26th. On May 30, we'd like to wish Lucy Hartsell a happy birthday. Hal and

### May Events

1	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
8	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
18	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
22	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
29	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

like a drive or are in the area, take your axe and join them. To confirm, call 541-575-1927.

Remember, our Country Music Jamboree June 18, 19 and 20. Harney County is eager to have you here.

Contact an officer for the location of the host of the Friday night jams.

~ **Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter**

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### May Events

9	Show	Oakland Car Show	11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
23	Meeting/Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sharon Thompson celebrate their 19th anniversary on May 11, and Shawn and Lucy Hartsell celebrate their 10th anniversary on May 27. We hope that all who've been under the weather will be back with us again soon.

Our district has several public performances planned in the coming months. We encourage visiting OOTFA members to join us at these gigs: Oakland Car Show (May 9, 11 am – 2:30 pm), Umpqua Valley Arts Festival (June 26), Eagleview Music Family Reunion (August 28), Music Off Central in Sutherlin (September 4).

Each month, we also do several semi-private gigs at the following venues: Callahan Court, Callahan Village, Brookdale Memory Care, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living, Rosehaven Nursing Care. Contact Colleen Hanks if you'd like to join us at any of these. Sharon Thompson is temporarily serving as program director until someone else can be found to take it on a regular basis.

Our district has approved having a table at our meetings to display instruments for sale, exchange or rent. If sales take place, then ten percent goes back to OOTFA. Bring your spare instruments for the table.

Thanks for coming, and keep on fiddling.

~ **Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter**

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**National Treasures Potluck/Jam** Districts 4, 5, and 10 invite you in a search for "National Treasures": our senior members 80 and above. We will honor their contributions with this event on **Sunday, July 12** at Mill Site Park in Myrtle Creek. We will have a jam all day and a potluck at noon. A limited number of RV and dry camping sites are available. Contact Sharon Thompson 541 496 3927 for RV reservations

Other activities in the area if you want to come spend the weekend: Graffiti weekend in Roseburg (featuring old cars) and Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville. Come enjoy the weekend and let's honor our senior members!!



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## State Calendar

Silver Lake Campout	Silver Lake	April 30-May 3
Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg.	Burns	June 18-20
National Fiddle Contest	Weiser, Idaho	June 22-27
National Treasures Potluck & Jam	Myrtle Creek	July 12
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 20-23
Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville	July 30-Aug 2
Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Benton Co. Fairgrds-Corvallis	August 1
Winchester Bay Campout	Winchester Bay	August 13-16
Merrill Campout & State Mtgs.	Merrill	September 17-20

## New Members to Welcome!

Elliana and Arielle Badillo  
Chet, Allison, Ella, Eden, Bret and Boyd Bolen  
Barbara and Ken Bonnem  
Mary Kemp and Rose Burgett  
Frank Charley  
Victoria Coe  
Annee Belanger and Cindy Daniels  
Miya Saito-Beckman and Doug Fleener  
Francis and Cecelia Garcedu and  
Grandson Tye Mooneyham

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Eugene  
Jefferson

Joy Gray and John Grover  
Lisa, Dan, Hyrum, Bonnie, Grant, Peyton,  
Blakley, Josh, Dyana and Chris Kohler  
Judy Morris  
Randy and Colleen Roberts Witt  
Brenda and Darold Rose  
Allan and Sally Sandler  
Gene Smirl  
Larae Palmer and Richard Wright

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Dallas  
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Bend  
Ashland  
LaPine  
Springfield

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- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair