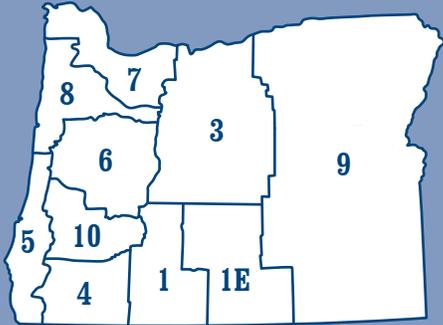


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## From Your President

Greetings,

One half of our year is now over, and some of the most fun OOTFA events of the year are still yet to come. By the time you receive this Hoedowner, many of you will have been to the Burns Music Jamboree, with District 9 hosting our state quarterly meeting, jam and campout. Some of you, especially our younger members, may have gone to the national fiddle contest in Weiser, and we congratulate your participation and results.

The next event will be when District 4, 5, & 10 sponsor the National Treasures celebration, picnic and jam in Myrtle Creek's Millsite Park on Sunday, July 12 to honor attending OOTFA members who are 80 or older in 2015. A really nice event is planned, with jamming starting at 10 a.m. At noon, there will be a members' potluck in which the districts will provide chicken, hotdogs, table service, and beverages. Please bring a potluck dish to complement. From 1-4 p.m., the public is invited to listen in. Help support this fine first time event especially for senior members.

July will be a month to take note of as the 5th Annual West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshops will be taking place in the little community of Westfir near Oakridge. We should all be proud of our District 6 Fiddle Camp committee for organizing and conducting this highly successful and affordable music camp. If you have youngsters that are wanting to learn to play, remember there are scholarships available for all youth under 18 years of age. For adult members who would like some financial help to attend, inquire to your local districts if adult scholarship funds are available.

Be sure and mark your calendars for the end of July to help support District 3's first ever Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville. A full schedule of activities are planned for the event. Check out their website for all the details at: <http://centraloregonfiddlers.com/>

Last event to support before our August Hoedowner is the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, a very popular one-day contest. Starr McMullen has put out an invitation to our contest fiddlers to turn out and support this event on August 1st at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

July 1st marks the beginning of new terms for local districts and their leadership teams. To all new leaders and past leaders, we thank you for your service.

Most of all, during these busy summer days be sure to play a lot of music and enjoy your friends and musical family at these popular OOTFA events.

~ Roland, President

## From the Editor

You will see new officers in many of the districts this month. They begin their terms on July 1. A huge thank you to those who stepped up to keep their districts running smoothly.

West Cascades Fiddle Camp is coming up. Unfortunately for me, a move and relatives visiting has pre-empted our plan to spend the week at camp. But I certainly hope YOU get to. Set in a beautiful meadow on the upper Willamette, the 4-day camp includes multi-leveled instruction, workshops, jamming, dancing, potlucks, and friendly conversations. Instructors are among the best in the state: Roland White, Andy Emert,

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Starr McMullin, Paula Sanders, Jenny Humphrey, Emily Fox, Joe Ross, Kelly Thibadeaux, Dana Abel, Donna Wynn, Chip Cohen, Chico Schwall, Linda Danielson, Jerry Parks, Ken Luse, and Josh Humphrey. With free camping on site and hotels available nearby, it is an amazing deal at \$100 per adult and \$70 for kids (youth scholarships available for ages 7-17). A potluck every night and a food truck for breakfast and lunch keep it affordable and tasty. It is a wonderful experience for young and old. Be sure to sign up soon. More information, a registration form and scholarship

application are available at website: fiddlecamp.org. Call Linda Parks if you have any questions (541-905-2313). After bursting at the seams last year, registration will be limited to the first 160 that sign up.

Correction to the June Hoedowner. A photo of District 10 identified a player as Ken Hooten. The correct caption would have been Ken Joubert.

~ Karen

## From the Editor Emeritus

Going to Burns has been a great experience for Alice and me for many years – except the last two years when our granddaughter graduated from college and the year before when I had a broken leg. Let me take you back with these excerpts from various sources. They may not be 100% accurate but they're close. Good enough for horse shoes. My comments from today are in italics.

August 1983. . . . District 9: "The first High Desert Fiddle Contest in Burns held on June 30-July 2 was a great success. We are starting plans for next year and with the support of the community; hope to continue the contest annually. Janet Burgess – reporter"

A bit from a letter that I wrote to my mother. . . . 6-22-88 "Dear Mom, . . . . We will leave next Monday or Tuesday and go to Bend. We will stay with friends of ours (*Hollis and Carol Real*) who moved from North Bend to Bend this spring. Thursday we will go to Burns for a fiddle contest. It will be July 1 and 2. We will be camped at the high school in Burns." *This was our first trip to Burns.*

*In 1988 when we pulled into the high school parking lot, before I even got out of the car, Ruel Teague came to ask me if I would emcee the contest. He would have emceed but he was backing up several contestants that evening. The next morning I was again invited to emcee. The following year he invited me months in advance.*

Quarterly meeting March 31, 1990 Roseburg, Oregon: "Ruel Teague announced that there will be no contest in Burns this year, but there will be a "Country Music Jamboree" Friday and Saturday night before the beginning of the Weiser Contest."

*The last contest in Burns was in 1989. The Jamboree was held in the Arrowhead lot downtown in 1990 and ???. Early District 9 news often didn't say where they were playing, but just included an invitation to "come to Burns".*

Looking back in the Hoedowner archives I see: "High Desert Jamboree, June 17 and 18 at the Desert Community Theatre in Burns, June 1994 and again in 1995." *I am unable to account for 1991-93. Perhaps somebody out there can help me.*

The Fairgrounds are mentioned in the Hoedowner in June 1996. Janet writes, "I thought some folks might be interested in a few details concerning the Jamboree at the Harney County Fairgrounds." *Probably this was the first year at the Harney County Fairgrounds -- it has been held there ever since.*

August 1998. . . . Notes from the editor: "Summer brings a whirlwind of activities. Many people, RVs, dogs and loads of musical instruments converged on Burns the middle of June. There was never a moment to be bored. If nothing else, you could fight off the mosquitoes. I didn't think too much about them until I saw a man chasing one with a 2x4. All the good people in the Burns area are to be thanked and congratulated for the wonderful time. It is kind of like family reunion." Lew Holt, Editor

*2015 Another year heading to Burns on our way to Weiser. A lot of handshakes, many hugs, and hours of fiddling to look forward to! Hoping to see you there!*

~ Lew

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### July Events

12	Dance	Shasta Grange Hall	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
18	Gig	Farmer's Market Downtown	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Practice is every Saturday, unless we have a gig, at 1:00 p.m. Please call Irene Rudduck if you need more information. 541-882-6418.

A special thanks goes out to Sherman Taylor for bringing back the 2015 rosters. Some of our members went over to District 1E for their practice and had a good time.

We have some of our members that are not up to par and wish them all a speedy recovery. We have special thoughts from District 1 to Margaret Teague and her family in District 9.

Yes. It is already time to start making plans for Merrill, September 16th -20th. We need able-bodied help. District 1E has already said they will assist. This year we will self-service parking for RVs'. You will need to pay at the raffle table. We will be having breakfast as in the past at 7:30 a.m. (biscuits and gravy) Thursday and Saturday mornings. Friday morning, our manly men are going to be cooking breakfast. Their menu will consist of sourdough pancakes, ham, eggs, and fruit. Coffee is on early so come on in before breakfast. There will be potlucks each day starting at 12:30 on the 16th please bring something to share.

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The Banquet will be on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. This year we will be having tri-tip and a stuffed chicken breast (yummy). Call Sheila Fry for reservations and information. This year it will be \$17 per plate. We would like to have raffle theme baskets from each district like we have done the last couple of years. Flowers for the tables from each district, cookies, and snacks are welcome too. If any districts have Junior Fiddlers, please encourage them to come. District 1 and 1E are hoping that some of ours will be there. The August Hoedowner will show what classes are available to attend. We are hoping for a record turnout for Merrill. We will have lots of smiles, music, food and fun. Come join us!

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Birthdays: Keith Steward (July 8), Doug McLain (July 12), Cambria Amacker (July 18)

District 1E Folks have been busy:  
5/31 We had 6 people busy pickin' and grinnin' on litter patrol for OOTFA.

6/6 Our monthly jam that was originally cancelled came back to life with more people than usual, 14 total. Special thanks to all the folks who came from District 1 to join us, Phil & Sheila Fry, Jake & Ali Swartwood, Johnny & Darleth Rodgers, and Mike Foster.

6/7 We played at the town picnic to celebrate the beginning of summer and the opening of the swimming pool. Lots of kids and parents came for the free swim and a barbeque to support the swim team.

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District 3 members invite everyone over to Prineville July 30, 31, Aug 1 for our first **Central Oregon Country Music Gathering at the Crook County Fairgrounds**. Noon – 10 P.M. for stage events, with a sign-up each morning. There is NO ADMISSION FEE, and it's open to the public!

This event will be three fun-filled days of acoustic, country, old-time tunes, gospel sessions, jamming and dancing. The venue will be a typical OOTFA schedule of stage shows, mini work sessions and jamming in the campgrounds until late into the night.

Please see the attached reservation form for campground reservations or call Jeannette Bondsteel 541-410-5146, jbond@bendcable.com for more information. We still have 32 power/water campsites open and unlimited dry campsites to put folks in. **We've recently learned that both nearby campgrounds in Prineville are booked full for that weekend.**

Welcome to new members of District 1 ; The Irish Family and Ron Crabtree.

July Birthdays: Rebecca Hazen, Fran Coker, Lorraine Degnan, Aline Swartwood, Happy Birthday to you all.

July Anniversaries: Mike and Lynn Foster

Happy days to all. Hope you are having a great summer. Hope we have not missed anyone; if so let me know.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### July Events

No July jam. Enjoy the 4th!  
13 Business Meeting Senior Center 7:00 p.m.

Later in June we're going to the Friends of the Modoc County Library Fundraiser.

July 18 you will find us at the "Rope for Hope" in Denio, Nevada. This is a celebration and fundraiser to support rural families who have been impacted by breast cancer.

Note to barbecuers: There is a reason you're supposed to spray the grill with cooking oil BEFORE you put it on the barbeque! My youngest daughter was very impressed when I treated her to a light show complete with sound effects. It was a cross between an atomic bomb and solar sun spots. Being intelligent or graceful have never been two of my strong points, but I bet I did look "pretty cool" when I did a backwards somersault to get away from Ground Zero.

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

### July Events

12 Jam/ Dance Powell Butte Community Ctr. 1 - 4 p.m.

If you would prefer motel accommodations rather than camping at the Crook County Fairgrounds, District 3 has arranged with a few lodgings in Prineville to offer you a discount for the nights of July 30, 31, and August 1 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights). These businesses all have 20 to 30 rooms each, so space will fill up fast. **When you call to make a reservation, please remember to mention "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association" and you should receive a discount.**

The following three motels have offered a discount to OOTFA:  
Econo Lodge: 123 NE 3rd St. 541-447-6231  
City Center Motel: 509 NE 3rd St. 541-447-5522  
Best Western Prineville Inn 1475 NE 3rd St. 541-447-8080

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Other motels in the area you might want to consider are:

Rustler's Inn: 541-447-4185

Days Inn: 541-383-3776

Stafford Inn 541-447-7100

Executive Inn 541-447-4152

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

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**District 4 Website:** www.OOTFA.org Check Us Out!

The sun is shining, gardens are blooming, bees are busy doing their "bee work", but they have not been as busy as the musicians of District 4 this month! Our day at Hanley Farms was a success, due a great deal to the visit from the Allegany Fiddlers, who were a high note of our performance and a huge hit with the families visiting the farm, enjoying our music and all the various activities offered by the volunteers there. The group also joined us for our performance that night at Crater R.V. Park where they thrilled the camp visitors with their fiddling, and I think the kids also enjoyed the roasted hot dogs and s'mores followed by a fun-filled camp-out at Judy and Bruce McGarvey's house.

Gold Dust Days dawned clear and hot, but we were generously shaded by a spreading sycamore tree, and our audience enjoyed the shade and our tunes. We appreciated a visit from LeRoy and Judy Newport from District 3 who joined in with banjo and spoons, and they sang several tunes with us. Come again soon; we loved it! Our own 99 years young Jim Winslow and his lovely lady, Dottie, stuck it out through the heat and Jim, accompanied by Melinda and Gene, gave a great rendition of "Walking in my Sleep". The crowd was amazed when Lenny announced Jim's age.

Another performance in Eagle Point, in a lovely spot by the creek, lots of lush green grass, a willow tree and beautiful butterflies flitting just out of camera reach, then off to Prospect and Crater R.V. Park for another performance for the park visitor's wiener roast. These performances open up our music to visitors from all over America, Mexico, Canada and other continents. What a treat for us! Many thanks go out to Lenny Ferrara who has the sometimes tough job of organizing the tunes we're going to play (it must be something akin to herding cats!) but we REALLY appreciate his organization. We also thank Everet Costa for all his diligence



Bob Huffman, Roger Germundson, Dick Foreman, and Myrtle Arnold playing at the Estacada Community Center on June 7th



District 6 musicians entertain at the Eugene Hotel: Ernie Connelly; Marie Roberts; Bernie Roberts; Brian Sorrells; Brian Neal and Amy Burrow.

### July Events

12 National Treasure's Picnic, Millsite Park, Myrtle Creek  
20- 23 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops

setting up and taking down our sound system. Thanks also to all the musicians who drive long distances, brave the heat and tackle the rebellion of musical instruments daring us to make them stay tuned. Many, many thanks!

We have sorely missed Mark Carter, his generous happy attitude and wonderful back-up guitar. Mark recently had hip replacement surgery and is doing well, getting around with the aid of a cane. He hopes to rejoin us soon, and we look forward to having him back.

Coming soon our "National Treasures" picnic,celebration and jam at Myrtle Creek's Millsite Park on SUNDAY, July 12. Jamming begins at 10:00 a.m. At noon, there will be a members' potluck. Chicken, hot dogs, beverages and table service will be provided. Bring a side dish to accompany. The picnic colors are red white and blue! From 1 to 4 p.m., the music is open to the public to listen in.

Fiddle Camp is fast approaching, and summer activities are heating up the air even more than the sunshine! Enjoy and see y'all soon!

"Music is the universal language of mankind." Henry Wandsworth Longfellow

"Do not neglect your music; it will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you."  
Thomas Jefferson

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Allegany junior fiddlers with their teacher, Judy McGarvey, performing at Hanley Farm Children's Heritage Fair.

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## Henry Hood

Henry Hood is ten years old and an old time fiddler from Allegany, Oregon. He started fiddling last October. When he saw his first fiddle, he didn't think he would be able to play it. "I wondered how you made music out of it," Henry remembers. His first fiddle was soon replaced by one donated to him by his grandfather. His grandfather had picked up the fiddle years before, thinking that he might learn how to play. Henry liked the "new" fiddle immediately. "It was sweet," he says.

Henry's main fiddle teacher is Judy McGarvey, who travels once a month from Medford to Allegany to give a group lesson. "Miss Judy is awesome," says Henry. "She's a super good fiddle player and she is nice." The first fiddle tune Henry remembers playing was "Old Joe Clark". From there, Henry has learned many fiddle tunes, and some of his favorites are "Swallowtail Jig," "Jolie Blon," and "Cluck Old Hen."

Bob Schaffer also teaches Henry. Twice a month, Henry and the group of fiddling friends from Allegany (informally called "The Allegany Fiddlers") travel down to Bandon, where Bob volunteers his time to teach group lessons. "He gives us lots of tips," says Henry.

Most of Henry's practice time happens in a group setting, with the other kids who are involved in the home-school group, Allegany Collaborative Education. He does practice alone to initially figure out the songs, splitting his time between reading tablature, trying to play by ear, and

reading notes. "The hardest thing about practicing is when you have to learn by ear," Henry says. Playing by ear has been difficult for him, but he also recognizes that he's gotten better at it. "I've started being able to figure out songs by myself," he says, noting that he can play "Happy Birthday" and several other familiar songs by ear.



Jr. Hoedowner: Henry Hood

Opportunities to perform with his fiddle don't scare Henry. The group plays with the OOTFA District 5 members at various jams around town and Henry performed several tunes during the Allegany Collaborative Education performance ("Westward Expansion") in May. During the performance, Henry and his friend, Meyer Mathias, played "Bile 'em Cabbage" while audience members danced the Virginia Reel. He recently visited Judy and Bruce McGarvey in Medford, where he played with OOTFA District 4 members at the Hanley Family Farm and at the RV Park in Prospect. "I like to play for the audience members," Henry says. "I'm not scared." Henry also likes to play for his grandma and various neighbors.

Besides fiddling, Henry enjoys playing with his friends. "I like to play Halo on the X-Box," he says, with a grin. He is an avid soccer player and spends lots of time in the river and woods near his Allegany home. In the future, Henry's fiddling goals include improving his performance at the fiddle contest and maybe getting his friends together in a more serious way. "I'm going to be in a band with my buddies," he says.



## Fiddle Tips

by Jerry Parks



Jerry Parks

As we all know, technology changes almost daily and although it's sometimes hard to keep up with the changes, this is good news for musicians. We now have more tools for learning and practicing our musical skills than ever before. One computer software program I use on a regular basis is a great free program called Audacity. This is a multi-track recording studio with all the bells and whistles. Just download and install it on your computer, plug in a microphone and start recording. Okay, so it's not quite that simple, however, the basics are fairly easy to learn and the rewards are worth the effort. To save your recording as an MP3, Audacity calls this an "export". You must also download and install two plug-ins, Lame and FFmpeg. The following is a good place to download Audacity: [http://download.cnet.com/Audacity/3000-2170\\_4-10058117.html](http://download.cnet.com/Audacity/3000-2170_4-10058117.html).

You can also "open" other music files on your computer in Audacity, slow them down, change the key or just play along and record yourself at the same time. Recording yourself, be it musical instruments or vocals, and listening to the play back with a critical ear is an excellent way to help correct areas that need improvement. Audacity is an excellent program for this, with many options for helping learn new tunes and making the old ones sound better.

*I would love to hear from YOU in the coming months with any tips you might want to share with us. Thanks to Jerry for his contributions the past two months. ~Karen*

## Tune of the Month --Bond-Vals (Also: Farmer's Waltz & Josephine Waltz)

I heard this tune from Valdemar Nelson of Portland, probably about 1974. He usually called it "Farmer's Waltz" or "Josephine Waltz", but this book version gives the old-country title: "Bond -Vals". Valdemar played a lot of Scandinavian tunes and was proud of his Scandinavian heritage. After I told him how much I liked the tune, he gave me this copy from one of many books of urban popular Scandinavian tunes that made it to this country and slipped into oral tradition among Scandinavian-American musicians.



Linda Danielson

You can see *Celtic Traditions* (Linda Danielson, Joe Ross, and Janet Naylor) performing this beautiful waltz on youtube by typing into google: "Bond Vals (Farmer's Waltz)".

### Bond-Vals Farmer Waltz

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Over 80 people turned out to hear District 10's jam in May! Pictured here are: Joyce Pickett, Gene Hodson, Guy Kinman, Whitey (Clarence Kelm), Bob Hanson, foreground; John Tilley and Bill in the background. Several of these performers will be honored at the National Treasures Celebration on July 12.



A kid's jam brought out some young musicians to Figaro's Pizza in Burns, playing with their teacher, Ruel Teague.

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We are having such a good time here in District 5 that if it gets any better, someone is going to have to blow the trumpet or give a drum roll. Thanks to our officers who all agreed to stay on for another year, as the rest of us clapped and cheered.. At our monthly jam on May 16th, our newest member, Rose Burgett, who hails from Florida, played her dulcimer on stage for the first time! She also enjoyed playing at the Sutherlin jam. Talk about jumping right in and participating in the activities! Great effort, Rose. We were also treated to a song by Phyllis Coffin of District 6, a young lady with a wonderful voice.

Our guests on May 16th included Hal and Sharon Thompson and Jim Kuether (District 10), Judy and Bruce McGarvey (District 4) and Zane and Phyllis Coffin (District 6).

As we roll into summer, we say goodbye to playing for the residents of the nursing homes, assisted living, and memory care for 3 months while we bring our tunes to the local state parks and other invitational events. The local and out of state campers get a real treat as they experience, perhaps for the first time, the fun of listening to fiddle music.

"It was the best children's play I have seen," said Verna Lee, of the Allegany play in which our District 5 kids acted and played their fiddles. ALL reports indicate the music and script were terrific. "They got right up to the microphones, too" said Pat Weyer. The kids thrilled everyone by picking out partners from the audience to dance the Virginia Reel. After the play and music, everyone enjoyed the chili/cornbread dinner. Some stayed and took part in an impromptu jam. District 5 members turned out for the evening in a great show of support. The children and their moms were presented with OOTFA nametags which had been purchased by the club.

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Nothing beats playing music outdoors under gloriously blue and sunny skies! Oregonians are out in throngs, enjoying early summer. At the jam at Central Grange, players were ready to sprint to the porch to watch for the naked bike racers on their way to Spencer Butte. Why, Phyllis and Zane Coffin even brought donuts in case riders needed to refuel (or so we could sit along the roadside and munch them while we enjoyed the parade). Sadly, the bikers took a different route. But at least we were not distracted from the jam-at-hand.

### July Events

4	Gig	Florence Airport, Florence	1:00 p.m.
10	Gig	Bullards Beach St. Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
11	Gig	Masonic Picnic Sturdivant Park, Coquile	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
12	National Treasures Potluck and Jam, Myrtle Creek Mill Site		
18	Winchester Bay Jam, Comm. Bldg., On Stage	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	
	Circle Jam	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	
22	Gig	Sunset Beach State Park	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
24	Gig	Bullards Beach St. Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
31	Black Powder Rendezvous, Mast Family Ranch, Lee Valley Road. Arrive at 4:00 p.m., potluck, burgers furnished, Play Music 6:00-7:30p.m.		

Judy McGarvey (District 4), the children's fiddle instructor, invited the group to join District 4 in playing at the Children's Heritage Fair at Historical Hanley Farms near Medford at the end of May. A number of the children participated in that event and also played at Crater Lake RV Park located in Prospect, OR. Dallen Mathias said "it was great".

On June 4, 18 musicians played for some of the VFW members at our new Historical and Maritime Museum. June 11 brought Judy and Bruce McGarvey to Allegany again for some instructional time and a jam. The afternoon was followed by a potluck and more music at the Hood residence.

We want to keep plugging our FAMOUS WINCHESTER BAY CAMP OUT AND three DAY JAM EVENT, Aug. 13-16. OOTFA members and families are invited to the hall on the 13th for a potato bar dinner with all the trimmings and ice cream sundae desserts.

Below is some information that might help you plan your trip to our beautiful coast:

Salmon Harbor R. V. Park (owner Bob Graves, Dist. 6 member)  
Call Sue at 541-271-2791 for availability and ask for OOTFA discount.

Winchester Bay RV Resort, 120 Marina Way, 541-271-0287  
Winchester Bay Inn, 390 Broadway Ave. 541-271-4871

"Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing" Lord Erskine

~ Susan Joubert, reporter filling in for Mary Weist

### July Events

3	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
10	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
11	Jam & Potluck	Central Grange	10 a.m - 3 p.m.
17	Jam	Yapoah Terrace (non-OOTFA event)	7 - 10 p.m.
20-23	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Westfir		
24	Jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

Thanks to Jim Kuether, Hal and Sharon Thompson and Pat and Ruth Weyer for traveling to join us. Some new and used tunes were polished off and we had great time. Visitors nearly outnumbered the locals.

The venerable Eugene Hotel celebrated its 90th anniversary on June 13 and 14 with a classic car show and live music. District 6 players contributed to the old-timey vibe. Mark Ratzlaff, Brian

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Sorrels, Amy Burrow, Keith Barr, Brian Neal, Donna Wynn, Art Choate, Ernie Connelly, Marie and Bernie Roberts and Ken Luse made up the band.

It's time for last call: fiddle camp registrations are due!! Go online to the website to get on board. We have stellar instructors again, so it promises to be a quality learning experience, as usual. We hope to see many of you there.

Ila Mae's basic and intermediate fiddle classes are on summer break. The next intermediate class will be held on October 1 at the River Road Annex in Eugene.

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

**Chair:** Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149

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

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Ron Zabudsky, 503-630-7499

**Membership:** Marcella Easley, 503-631-3149

**Reporter:** Elaine Schmidt, 503-492-0750

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

District 7 members met at the Estacada Community Center for a brief business meeting before our jam on June 7th. We were happy to hear that we have a nice fund started for scholarship students, and we learned a lot more about the state scholarship fund which is available for students, as well. We discussed ways that we could continue to increase both funds and if anyone has ideas about how to do this please email Rick Bergeron.

Donna Foreman reported that the Estacada library activity room is reserved again for the third Sunday of the month beginning in September for our monthly circle jam. We had fun playing there last year and are glad that it will be available again.

We also had our elections with Marcella Easley becoming the Chair and Donna Foreman the Co-Chair. Rick and Joyce Bergeron have had the job of setting up the sound system at all our gigs and will continue to do so next year, but they are looking for others who would like to learn how to do this, too, and eventually take over their important job. Let them know if you are interested.

After our meeting we were served a lovely soup and sandwich

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

**Chairman:** Dick Dery 503-585-9595, dickdery@centurylink.net

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**Sec:** Marie Cunningham, 503-763-8848, rmcunningham23@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Elaine Connors, 503-623-2278, enconnors@me.com

**Membership:** Elaine Connors, PO Box 557, Dallas, OR 97338

**Reporter:** Alice Holt, 503-391-5377

Congratulations to Annabel Guptil on her graduation from high school! She will be majoring in music as she continues her education at Corbin University.

We've played an outdoor evening program at the Providence Benedictine Nursing Home in Mt. Angel for many years. We're scheduled for July 30th, a Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Join us if you can. The facility is on the main street through town.

For our mid-May jam, we played at the Mobile Home Park in Newberg to a great audience. Twelve musicians kept everyone entertained for two hours. The clubhouse where we played is rather small so it was easy to interact with the listeners. They asked questions about our instruments, so we enjoyed telling them about

Happy birthday to Lynne Baran, Emily Moyle, Amy Burrow. Sal Fiducia and Jerry Parks, and Happy Anniversary to Bernie & Marie Roberts, Mark & Ila Mae Carmickle, Darla & Jesse Knudsen, and Alberta & Bill Gilbert.

Burns will be a smoldering memory by the time of this publication. Folks can look forward to the upcoming events:

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

### July Events

- 12 Sandy Mountain Festival, Meining Park, Sandy 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Gig, Cherrywood Village, 1417 SE 107th, Portland 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
- 24 Gig, Tanner Springs Astd. Living, 23000 Horizon Dr. West Linn 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 26 NW Jam, 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, Sign up playing: 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

lunch by the ladies at the Community Center and then we began our jam. We had about 20 people who came to perform and had a lively afternoon of great fiddle music and some old time singing and dancing, as well.

We want to remind everyone that BAWB'S BASH is coming up again in Sandy on Saturday, August 15th at noon. This is our annual birthday party for Bob Huffman and will be held again at Terry and Andy Jorgensen's. Their address is 50995 SE Baty Road and phone number is 503-668-3917. Bring a chair and some food to share. We'll celebrate Bob and play our music until everyone goes home. If you have any questions or need directions call or email the Jorgensens at: terryjorgensen112852@gmail.com

Lastly, District 7 member Joyce Lovgren will be moving soon and her new address is 17910 SW Seiffert Rd. Sherwood OR 97140. She has the same phone number (503-628-1524) but is asking people to write to her since she has developed some problems with her hearing. We wish her well in her new home.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### July Events

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| 30 | Gig, Jam | Benedictine Mt. Angel | 6:30 p.m. |
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our fiddles. They provided us with cookies and coffee. A good session all around!

Thanks to Fred Hardin for hosting the District 8 potluck picnic. A wonderful assortment of food crowded the kitchen counter. Some gathered at the large table. Others carried plates and cups outside to sit on the deck. After eating our fill, the jamming continued; some gathered around the piano, others played in the shade of the oak trees in the back yard. Thanks to Fred, Lynn and Linda for your hospitality! It was a beautiful day to spend with friends.

Some from our district will have traveled to Burns for the High Desert Jamboree, and then on to Weiser.

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Other late June gigs are the annual Strawberry Social at Aurora and a gig at the retirement facility in Dallas.

We'll be playing at the Polk County Fair at Rickreal on Senior Day, Thursday, August 6th. The time is 11 - 12:30. Free admission for all seniors, and we hope they'll let you in free with your instrument if

you are a youngster. Come and join us! See the animals, eat some fair food, sit in the shade of the trees and visit with your friends.

Enjoy summer everyone!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## 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

### July Events

4	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
10	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
17	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
20	Gig	Ashley Manor 6:30-7:30	
24	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
31	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

We had another Youth Jam on May 21, where seven fine fiddle, cello and guitar players showed up. They played their offerings with the old timers backing them up. All had a fun time, and pizza was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Country Music Jamboree in June. We could not have near as much fun or music without you. We give a special thanks to our workshop leaders, Dave

Barton on fiddle and Leroy Newport on banjo. Thanks to Janet for all the organization!

Margaret Teague is very ill and your prayers for her are coveted. Contact an officer for the location of the host of the Friday night jams. Visitors are welcome.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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

**Chair:** Colleen Hanks, 541-733-5381, crhanksba@aol.com

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**Reporter:** Joe Ross, 541-670-9120 or 541-673-9759, rossjoe@hotmail.com

### July Events

10	Show	Sutherlin Street Fair and Drag Races	10 - 12 p.m.
12	Jam, picnic, show, National Treasures Celebration, Myrtle Creek		10 - 4 p.m.
25	Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.

At our May meeting at Sutherlin Grange Hall, election of officers for next fiscal year resulted in Colleen Hanks, Gene Hodson and Gynn Deaton continuing as Chairperson, Co-Chair and Treasurer, respectively. Our new District 10 Secretary is Jerry Hash of Roseburg.

District 5 visitors at our May jam included Larry Costa (Coos Bay), Verna Lee (Coos Bay), Pat Weyer (North Bend) and Rose Burgett (Bandon). From District 6, we were joined by Jesse and Darla Knudsen (Junction City), as well as Zane and Phyllis Coffin (Elmira). Thanks for coming!

On June 26, OOTFA had a big presence at the Umpqua Valley Arts Festival in Roseburg. The group performed from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., as well as manned an information booth from 3 - 6 p.m. We told a lot of folks about OOTFA to help recruit new members.

In July, we have many special days to celebrate. Birthdays include Richard Poelstra (July 4), Daniel Hartsell and Kelly Wadsworth (July 6), Shawn Hartsell (July 14), Colleen Hanks (July 22), Liz Crain (July 26), and Christian Hartsell (July 26).

On July 14, Jesse and Darla Knudsen celebrate their 54th Anniversary! Congratulations to you both. On July 27, please also wish Ernie and Katie Farley a very Happy Anniversary! If we don't have your birthday or anniversary yet on our list, please provide it on the sign-in sheet at our next jam.

Besides the July events shown below, our district has several other performances planned this summer. OOTFA members are welcome to join us at Eagleview Campground Music Reunion & Potluck (5 - 8 p.m. on Friday, August 28) where you're also welcome to camp and

hear six bluegrass bands throughout the weekend, along the main Umpqua River and under a full moon! OOTFA will also play at Music Off Central in Sutherlin (6-8 p.m. on Friday, September 4).

Contact our program director Sharon Thompson to help out at our monthly semi-private gigs at Callahan Court, Callahan Village, Brookdale Memory Care, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living and Rosehaven Nursing Care.

At our jams, we have a table for music-related items and instruments for sale, exchange or rent. A donation by the seller back to District 10 and OOTFA is encouraged. Bring your spare instruments for the table.

Districts 4, 5 and 10 host the "National Treasures" celebration, picnic and jam in Myrtle Creek's Millsite Park on Sunday, July 12 to honor attending OOTFA members who are 80 or older in 2015. The theme is "Red, White & Blue." Circle jam starts at 10 a.m. A members' picnic at noon will precede the 1 - 4 p.m. show. Millsite Park campground has been reserved for OOTFA campers. Full hookups are \$20/night or \$10/dry camp. Contact Sharon Thompson at 541-430-5898 if you want a site. Unrented sites will be returned to the city so they can rent them out. The park has a nice pavilion, stage, audience area, trees and ball field. Although we'll have some armless chairs, bring your own lawn chairs for comfort. July 8 - 12 is also Graffiti Weekend with about 1,200 classic cars, hot rods and customs in the Roseburg/Winston area.

District 6 has asked me to pass along that Ila Mae's Fiddle Classes will not be happening in July, August and September.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

National Treasures Celebration & Picnic	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!

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Klamath Falls

Rainy, Lela & Ray Miatke  
Patricia Wegner

Ashland  
Grants Pass

**Patti says:** The **2015 Roster** is available now for \$2 each! You can pick one up at your district's meeting, where they may have some to sell, or you can have one mailed directly to you by sending \$3.75 (includes shipping costs) to: Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401. It's a great investment that allows us to stay connected with other members and provides other valuable information about the OOTFA organization.

- Patti Luse, State Membership Chair