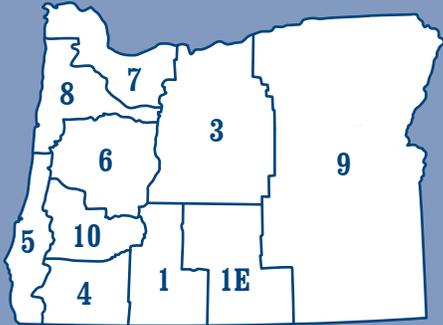


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From Your President

Greetings,

With the 2015 National Oldtime Fiddle Contest complete, OOTFA congratulates all the Oregon contest fiddlers who attended and competed. Several of our finest fiddlers once again brought home the bacon at the national fiddle championships. Luke Price from Portland won the Grand National Open Champion Division for the second time. Starr McMullen from Corvallis placed second in the Senior Division. Donna Foreman placed 5th in the Senior Senior Division. Kian Dye from Portland placed 5th in the Young Adult Division. CJ Neary from Bend, last year's National Small Fry champion, placed 5th in the Jr Jr Division. At nine years old, CJ also placed second in the 17 and Under Swing Division. Tabitha Gholi and Eileen Walter placed 6th in Twin Fiddles.

The National Fiddle Contest features a certified winners and entertainment contest each evening. All participants are certified winners in state or regional contests. Five of our OOTFA fiddlers were winners as follows: Best Male Entertainer--Samuel Conklin (Bend), Best Costume--Tabitha Gholi (West Linn), Best Female Entertainer--Jeanine Orme (Beaverton), Best Costume--Luke Allison (Bend), Fanciest Fiddler--Tenaya Cooley (Eugene). CONGRATULATIONS to all OOTFA participants at the 2015 national contest! We are all proud of you.

Districts 4, 5 and 10 successfully held the first annual National Treasures Celebration in Myrtle Creek on July 12. Thirty one of our 80+ year old OOTFA members attended and received this recognition. Sharon Thompson reports that approximately 80 OOTFA members attended with another 25-30 from the general public for the afternoon jam. Here is a list of our honored senior members.

Lew Holt (Dist. 8)	Phyllis Coffin (Dist. 6)	Homer Meeds (Dist. 4)
Alice Holt (Dist. 8)	Lee Cushman (Dist. 4)	Loretta Meeds (Dist. 4)
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Irene Ruddock (Dist. 1)	Bob Hanson (Dist. 10)	Art Bigelow (Dist. 5)
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Clare Eaton (Dist. 10)	Louie Roy (Dist. 10)	Pat Manion (Dist. 4)
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Naomi Bruhns (Dist. 4)	Bernice Orr (Dist. 10)	Orville Hoglen (Dist. 4)
Zane Coffin (Dist. 6)		

A big shout-out and thank you to District 9 for all the work on the successful Burns Music Jamboree, headed up by Janet Brayman and her fine crew of volunteers. Upcoming events are on the horizon in August with the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Winchester Bay Campout and the September State Quarterly Meeting held in Merrill. Help support and attend our OOTFA and regional fiddling events.

~ Roland, President

From the Editor

Did you know that OOTFA has a growing presence on line?

You can post your latest news and photos at the Facebook Group Site - "Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association" Please become a member of this on-line "group" and send invitations to your fiddling friends to join too! Direct link to the group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163851677025176/> The Facebook Public Page for "Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association - OOTFA" is: <https://www.facebook.com/oofa>

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OOTFA District 3 – Central Oregon Fiddlers <http://centraloregonfiddlers.com/>

OOTFA District 4--<http://ootfa4.org/>

OOTFA District 5 Fiddle on the Beach Annual Old Time Music Jamboree--<http://www.fiddleonthebeach.info/>

Intermediate fiddle Class lessons on YouTube video and printed sheet music available for free. Plus a blog for district chat--<https://district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com/>

From the Editor Emeritus

In last month's Editor Emeritus I was missing a few dates regarding the Jamboree in Burns. I am pleased to say that I have been able to fill in the dates so the information is now up-to-date.

The Jamboree was held in the Arrowhead lot downtown in 1990, 91 and 92. Looking back in the Hoedowner archives I see "High Desert Jamboree, June 17 and 18 at the Desert Community Theatre in Burns, June 1993 and again in 94 and 95.

On Sunday, July 12, many 80 and older members of OOTFA were honored at the Millsite Park in Myrtle Creek by Districts 4, 5 and 10. I would like to introduce to you two very well known fiddlers from Myrtle Creek from the olden days. They were dedicated to fiddling and sharing their fiddle music with others.

Glen Brown wrote the following about himself in April of 1986: Myrtle Creek, Oregon

I was born on January 7, 1907 in Staples, Minnesota. We moved from there to Coeur D'Lane, Idaho, Where I grew up.

With the money I earned with my first job, I bought a piano. I was interested in music at an early age and took a few lessons, but gave it up, as I had five miles to walk. Then, in later life I was busy raising a family and didn't have time. We raised a family of three, and now have fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

I retired when I was 63. My wife bought me a fiddle, and I have been learning to play ever since. We joined the Old Time Fiddlers in Eugene in 9-1-74 and I really enjoy playing at different campouts and in different parts of the state. I joined the Retired Senior Citizens Volunteer program and play with different groups at nursing homes, senior centers, dining sites, grange halls and for senior citizen dances.

My wife, Jessie, and I will be celebrating our 52nd wedding anniversary this year (1986). I love to play my fiddle and hope to be playing for a long time.
Signed; Glen A Brown

Glen and Jessie Mae (Bare) were married in 1934. He passed away in 1995, and she in 2001.

Another gem from Myrtle Creek was Ed Doolittle: Ed Doolittle spent a lifetime in the woods, harvesting trees for more than 30 years. Now he uses that same wood to make fiddles so he can play the music he loves.

The 88-year-old Myrtle Creek resident taught himself both how to play and make the instruments, turning a lifelong love of fiddle music into a full-time hobby. At one time, he owned more

than 30 fiddles, most of them painstakingly crafted by hand. "One of the first times I played fiddle was at my eighth-grade graduation," Ed recalled. "I played 'Yankee Doodle Dandy.'"

Check out various You Tube videos of our "National Treasures" like Guy Kinman from District 10. Just go to YouTube.com and search for your favorite tune or oldtime fiddler.

The latest posting from Colleen Hanks (District 10) is a video sampling of the National Treasures Celebration at Myrtle Creek. Here's the link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqSoDIZMQ4w. If you'd rather just "search" for it, use the words "youtube national treasures oregon 2015", and it comes right up! Even though I couldn't be there, I feel like I got a bit of its flavor by watching this video on line. What a beautiful venue! Thanks, Colleen, for creating this video for us to enjoy, and thank you to all the folks who organized this special tribute!

~ Karen

But it isn't words that best describes Ed's passion for fiddling. Just watching him play is more than enough.

A fiddle in Ed's large, rough hands looks as if it belongs there. His lean, angular frame envelopes the instrument, making it an extension of his body.

As he plays a fast-paced rendition of that song from eighth grade, his brow furrows and his eyes are ablaze in concentration. He says people recognize him from his signature playing style. He cradles the violin low on his forearm, looking down at the strings as he plays, rather than the typical playing position under the chin.

"People always joke and say he plays on his stomach," said Billie, his wife of 53 years.

As the conversation shifts toward Ed's days as a logger, he continues to hold the fiddle in his grasp, unwilling to give it up, and nervously plays snippets of old tunes.

~ Lew



Enjoying the National Treasures Celebration are Guy Kinman (98) and Anna Cooper (also in her 90's) with their ride home, Don Hamlin's 35 Ford.

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Happy Hot Summer!!! I suppose everyone's gardens and berry patches are doing great unless it is just plain drying up. Here in Klamath County we did have some rain that has taken the fire danger and the heat down some. Not too much help for our farmers though.

Jerry and Irene Ruddock went to the National Treasures potluck in Myrtle Creek and had a wonderful time and saw so many old friends. They would like to say a great big thank you to all of those that put it on.

We are still making plans for Merrill and hope you are too. Mark your calendars for September 16th-19th. We are still hoping some will call to say they can give us a helping hand. This year will be self-service parking and pay at the table inside. There will be a Thursday night show and there will need to be an individual sign-up. Friday and Saturday shows, each district performing will have 12 minutes, thus the show lasting two hours. The small districts please recruit players from other districts. We are really encouraging all of the districts to bring their young people, as they are our future. The town of Merrill is having a garage sale all around the town, so the people who want to take a break from playing music will have something to do.

We would like to have theme baskets from each district to raffle like we have done in the last couple of years. If you have any instruments

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We had a large turnout for the Modoc County Library Fundraiser. District 1E and friends included Phil & Sheila Fry, Sherman Taylor, Terry, Larry, Mary Ann, & Sharilyn McLain, Nancy Yialouris, Ryan, Barrett, & Cambria Amacker. This event was held at the beautiful Baker Ranch South of Alturas. The Baker Ranch is like a living museum. Words can't describe how beautiful it is! There are: replica buildings representing gold mining, barber shop, blacksmith shop, old gas pumps, and more. There are tons of antiques. The buildings are stocked with supplies from the era they represent. There's a big pond with a fountain and paddle boats. There are peacocks and 200 bird houses, each different and almost all had baby birds. There's also a train that carries passengers around the grounds. It's like a miniature Disney Land.

Larry and Terry had a good time in Burns. They always enjoy meeting old friends.

Terry, Sharilyn, and Barrett had a memorable time on their trip to the Snake River. They saw the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and the Snake River Dam. They went on a 2 hour jet boat ride

August Events

8	Farmer Market	11:30-1:30 p.m.
9	Meeting/Dance Shasta Grange Hall (newtime)	12:15-3:00 p.m.
18	Pelican Point	10:30-11:30 a.m.
22	Farmers Market	11:30-1:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for the Cedarville gig Sept. 12th at 10:00 a.m.

to raffle, please feel free to bring them. Flowers from each district are so appreciated. Cookies and snacks are welcome too.

There will be breakfast each morning starting the 17th, 18th, 19th. Thursday will be biscuits and gravy and fruit. Friday morning will be the manly man breakfast; sourdough pancakes, ham slices, eggs, fruit. Saturday morning will be biscuits and gravy and fruit. Wednesday (our set up day) will be the beginning of our lunchtime potlucks. Each day following (EXCEPT for Saturday), there will be a potluck at 12:30 p.m. Please bring something to share. You are welcome to use our kitchen if necessary. The banquet is on Saturday the 19th at 4:00 p.m. We will be having tri-tip and stuffed chicken breast. The cost is \$17.00. Please call Sheila Fry for reservations 541-850-9062. We are hoping for record turnout. As of now, we are still working on determining what class will be available. The one thing we are sure of is there will be lots of smiles, food, fun, and music.

August Birthdays: Jerry Ruddock, Helen Meyers, Vergil Schmoe, Carol Fulbright, Sandy Stewart, Karen Ayres. Happy Happy Birthday to you all.

August Anniversaries: Vergil & Jackie Schmoe

Happy Days to all, hope you are having a great summer.

~ **Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter**

August Events

1	Jam	Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
10	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.

that included a trip through some Class IV Rapids. Sharilyn said she was soaked from the spray even before it started raining. She said her glasses were so wet she couldn't see, but she was afraid to take them off. Next time she wants to ride on a raft. She'd go again tomorrow if she could. To provide Barrett with a well rounded education, Papa took them to see the Baker Biker Days Festivities and the Harley Girls. Terry can do a quick change from being an old time fiddler to a biker just by turning his hat around backwards.

The next time you see a biker with his hat on backwards and whiskers hiding his face look closely, it could be Terry.

I hope you're having a great summer!

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

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Howdy! Our last jam at Prineville Community Center was a great time. Great turnout of members and dancers! We had 21 members on stage jamming away with a lot of dance tunes and 65 dancers to enjoy the music.

As you are reading this, we have already had our Country Music Gathering at Prineville, Crook County Fairgrounds. We would like to thank all of the committee members for all their efforts. It takes a lot of time and work to get an event like this together: THANKS to all our volunteers!!!

We would like to thank District 9 Burns High Desert Fiddlers for a fun time at their campout jamboree. Just a few highlights to add: Saturday night Carolyn Marstall was showing her new red boots to the ladies of our district. She tucked a pants leg in the boot to

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

With the joyful memories of a perfect day still in our hearts, we're just back from a spectacular day of old time music and friends at the First Annual National Treasures Celebration, and what a celebration it was for all attending! The weather didn't dare to spoil such a special occasion and cooperated, giving us cool breezes. Watching each awardee receive their certificate and hearing Larry Costa call out the number of years of service each have offered was inspiring. All the hours of teaching, dedication, service, commitment, and down-right hard work these octogenarians have contributed was humbling. Many thanks and congratulations to each and all!

To our oldest, Jim Winslow at 99, went the "Golden Geezer" trophy. All the others 80 or older, down to our youngest, Gene Grant, were awarded certificates of service and special badges of honor to be added to their name tags. The picnic was a feast to the body--as beautiful as the music was to our souls. We owe so many thanks to Sharon Thompson and her group of workers who put this wonderful party together for us. What a terrific job ladies, thank you! Thanks also to Carol Ferrara and Edna Chitwood who helped decorating and organizing, and to Heather Zohar who registered everyone with a gracious smile.

Some of our group have just returned from the Burns campout and fiddle contest at Weiser where they also shared the same torturous heat wave that blanketed our valleys and cooked us with triple digit temperatures. While at Burns, Don Johnson fell, climbing the stairs to the stage and broke his arm. As of yet he hasn't had surgery; it's healing naturally and he's coping with the pain but could still use some good thoughts sent his way. Also needing good thoughts is Peggy Hudson, who's been under the weather for too long, and we miss her greatly and really want her back.

August Events

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

show them. Then; she had to play on stage. That made everyone in our district do the same. Tuck a pants leg in a boot. Hollis Real was able to get his dancing in Saturday night with the ladies from our district. We ladies were able to tap each other in for a dance with him. What fun it was to get him on the floor dancing!

May God bless those who have lost love ones or are sick. May God bless those who are serving for our country and their families as well.

As summer campouts and jams come, may you have fun memories with family and friends. May you enjoy old time fiddlers music as well.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

Some are already packed for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering coming July 30-August 2. This should be 4 days jam-packed with music, food and fun! Then we can all escape the heat and cool off with our coastal friends at the Winchester Bay Campout, which is always an all-time blast of fun, music, seafood and friends August 13-16!!

There will be no monthly jam in August, but stay tuned to Melinda's fiddle rustlings on-line. She does a terrific job of keeping us up to snuff! August 1 at 7:00 is our last performance of this year at the R.V. Park in Prospect, and we need a good turnout.

See y'all soon, stay cool!

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary." Martin Luther

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Pickin' and jammin' at Myrtle Creek: Larry Costa, Verna Lee, Jeanette Dewey, Barbara Basden, David Basden.
Back row: Jim Winslow, Scott Phillips, Leonard Ferrara.

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Gideon Mathias



Jr. Hoedowner: Gideon Mathias

Ten-year-old Oregon Old Time Fiddler, Gideon Mathias, and his fiddle have traveled through many states this summer. After a week-long family campout in Tollgate, Oregon, his family attended a large family reunion in South Dakota. There, Gideon discovered that one of his cousins, who had recently learned to play the violin, had brought her instrument too. "One of my cousins already knew how to play the violin. We taught her a bunch of songs on the fiddle." All the excitement led to another cousin wanting to learn how to play. "In a few days she learned one song,

and then she learned another part of a song." Gideon's aunt, who was thrilled with the playing, offered Gideon her mother's violin. Every family reunion, there is a big dance. This year, Gideon, along with his sister and cousins, started the dance off by playing their fiddles and dancing. Luckily, someone had a guitar, so his sister, Ella, borrowed it to play back-up. "We played Bile em Cabbage for the Virginia Reel," Gideon says. "We have about 60 cousins and a bunch of aunts and uncles. I believe all of them did dance the Virginia Reel." As each family started packing up, Gideon, knowing he had an extra fiddle now, decided to pass his old fiddle on to his cousin. "I gave her my fiddle. She had been working hard and I wanted her to continue playing when she went home. "Gideon can't wait to play again at the next family reunion.

Part of the Allegany Fiddlers, Gideon misses the daily practices at school. "It's a lot more fun to practice with all of your friends, but it is fun to practice with your family, too." Lucky for him, fiddle camp is just around the corner. "I'm really excited about all of those classes we're going to go to and about seeing what those are like. We might play in a big room with a bunch of people. We might do jams and stuff." Gideon is certainly not afraid of performing. "It's really fun to perform because you get up in front of people. Showing your talent to people is really awesome."

Teachers like Judy McGarvey and Bob Schaffer are an inspiration for Gideon. "One thing about Judy is she's really funny. She tells a bunch of stories and she brings us cool stuff. She's really fun to play with because she doesn't just fiddle, she also dances and does funny things." Gideon likes having more than one teacher. Bob Schaffer shows us different ways to play the songs." Like all of the Allegany Fiddlers, Gideon enjoys the many friends he's met this year in District 5. "Larry Costa is really funny. When he's singing, he jumps up in the air and does funny stuff. And Mapril Combs, she's really nice and cool. She's really good at fiddling. Ken Joubert is always really fun. He spends a lot of time backing us up with his guitar." Of all the tunes Gideon has learned so far, Bile 'em Cabbage is his favorite. He especially likes playing the potatoes at the beginning.

In the future, Gideon is excited about returning to the state fiddle contest. "I don't know what's going to happen there, but I know it's going to be fun," he says, smiling. Besides fiddling, you can often find Gideon lending a helpful hand around the house. He loves to build forts in the woods and swim down in the river. His favorite jump-off spot is "The Waterfall". That is, when he's not traveling cross-country with his fiddle by his side!



Fiddle Tips by Alice Holt



These are some techniques I find helpful. Many I learned from other fiddlers. With mindful practice, they will become automatic.

- Use long smooth bow strokes for waltzes and other slow tunes.
- For fast notes, play closer to the tip of the bow. (Try playing fast notes near the frog. It doesn't work very well.)
- Play in the middle 2/3rds or 3/4ths of the bow most of the time.
- Right hand position. RELAX! Bend thumb knuckle. Spread fingers apart. The bow is held mostly by the thumb and index finger.
- Left hand position. Keep your wrist straight. The tips of your fingers press the strings.
- Learn to use your fourth finger. Not an essential, but useful. If you use it the strength and flexibility will develop.
- Scales. Practice scales slowly listening to your pitch and intonation.
- Tuning. Be sure your fiddle is in tune every time you play.
- Expression. The feeling of the tune comes from the bow. It is like singing a song with your bow.
- LISTEN and LEARN. Listen to yourself. Listen to other fiddlers.
- Be patient with yourself. Learning to play fiddle is hard. There are a lot of things to remember at the same time. Keep at it. Regular practice pays off. It's better to practice 15 minutes a day than 2 hours once a week.



Alice Holt

OKAY... next month it's YOUR turn to send in a fiddle tip for us! Karen (ksjohnson210@gmail.com)

Tune of the Month --Spruce Topper's Polka

Did this one come from Wally Bloom (grew up in Saskatchewan, later ran the gas station in Veneta, and brought a great repertory of Canadian tunes to Oregon) or Don Gish (Oregon State Open Champion 1973, OOTFA president 1973-74), or Rusty Modrell (Oregon State Open Champion 1963, 1965, 1966)? Stuart Williams, music editor of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association newsletter, and I have a disagreement--I think we learned it from Rusty. I've never seen it in print anywhere, nor heard it from other than--whichever person it was. This is my version as best I remember it from the source. Stuart published it in The Evergreen Fiddler Tunebook Vol. III, 2005-2006.



Linda Danielson

The Spruce Topper's Polka

from Linda Danielson
Eugene, OR

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On stage at the Dallas Retirement Village: Marie Cunningham on guitar, Chris Lange with her pup, Linda Schafer on guitar, Alice Holt and Gayle Clarity in the background

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There is no grass growing under the feet of our musicians, as they are too busy running to and fro-- entertaining and bringing beloved tunes to varying and numerous audiences.

Our gig at Bullard's State Park in Bandon was prefaced with a surprise 79th birthday celebration for Fred Groves. At least 25 friends greeted him as he walked in to The Minute Cafe with Pat Fraser, who planned the celebration. Friendship ran deep, cards were passed, and cake was served. Ken and Patti Luse (Dist. 6) joined us for Fred's birthday, and our gig. Ken (aka "Valley Boy") started the evening with an upbeat version of Red Wing.

A highlight of the state park evenings is having Mapril Combs explain why the musicians wear hickory logging shirts made by Prison Blues. She shares with the audience that the reason is to honor our past and present loggers and the logging industry of our south coast.

We welcomed Jolly Hibbits back to the playing field after an absence of 10 months due to a fall from a hay truck. It was great hearing her harpsichord again. Clari Clapp, OTF member from Utah rounded out our musical team.

About 12 of us, including Hal and Sharon Thompson (Dist.10) traveled to Florence on July 4 for a one-hour gig at the popular Wings and Wheels festival, which featured vintage cars and planes. The weather was sunny and warm, bi-plane rides were enjoyed and T-shirts were sold.

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An OOTFA board meeting was held at Burns during which proposals were outlined to change standing rules for the state fiddle contest and state scholarship funds. The first proposal is to align contest rules with those for the National Fiddle Contest. The second seeks to create a state scholarship fund and criteria for application that are independent from district scholarships. The two proposals will be discussed at upcoming district meetings and will be voted



Glen Brown of Myrtle Creek
(historical photo from Lew's files)



Homer McLain, Chuck Gates and
Ed Doolittle (historical photo)

August Events

7	Gig	Bullards Beach St. Park, Bandon	6:30-8:00 p.m.
8	Gig	(Nacco) Thousand Trails, Florence	7:00-9:00 p.m.
13-16		Winchester Bay Campout (Community Center)	
21	Gig	Music on the Square 4th and Anderson	12 Noon
28	Gig	Bullards Beach St. Park, Bandon	6:30-8:00 p.m.

The FIRST event to honor those over 80 was held in Myrtle Creek on the 12th. Three Districts 4, 5, and 10 worked together to sponsor it. What a great way to develop camaraderie among districts! About 10 members of District 5 were there, and our own Larry Costa was the emcee. Thanks to all the people who made it possible.

About 15 of us plan to be at fiddle camp this year and know it will be as wonderful as the former camps. Thank you District 6 for making this incredible educational and fun time available for young and old.

We are looking forward to our annual campout at Winchester Bay Aug. 13-16. You will have plenty of opportunities to play, listen, visit and enjoy a cup of coffee with homemade cookies. Important information is in the June and July Hoedowner, or you can call Ruth Weyer at 541-759-3419 for any additional information. This is a well attended event, so please come and join us.

There will be no gig in Winchester Bay in September, as the Merrill Campout is that weekend..

"Music is a friend of labor for it lightens the task by refreshing the nerves and spirit of the worker." ~William Green

~ Susan Joubert, reporter filling in for Mary Weist

August Events

8	Mary Cole Days Celebration Parade & Jam	Fire Hall Marcola
14	Jam	Crow Grange 7-10 p.m.
28	Jam	Central Grange 7-10 p.m.

upon at the state meeting in Merrill in September. District 6 has no meetings set for July or August because of the rigorous jam and festival calendar, so a review of the proposals will be discussed at the Central Jam, Potluck and Business Meeting on September 12.

Take advantage of the abundant music opportunities throughout the state, and we will see you at one of the many August events. Basic and Intermediate Fiddle Classes with Ila Mae resume Oct. 1.

Birthday wishes to Louise Hamilton, David Eliker-Vagsberg, Joe Canaday, Bertie Gilbert, Addison Talbot, Adrianna Rogers and Bernie Roberts

Joe Moyle will be stepping down as music coordinator for District 6. We would like to thank Joe for his years of dedicated service. The executive board will be investigating options to fill his responsibilities.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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More information about BAWB's BASH: This is our annual birthday party for Bob Huffman. Terry and Andy Jorgensen will host this party on Saturday, August 15th at noon. "Bring a chair and something to share." Also bring your instruments! If you have any questions or need directions call 503-668-3917.

My husband and I were lucky enough to spend a few days in Weiser this year. It was our first visit, and we enjoyed being there very much. We saw quite a few members from District 7 who were there to enjoy the music and others who entered the contests. Along with the wonderful entertainment, there were some excellent workshops, too. I attended a great one about Mexican fiddling taught by Paul Anastasio. He gave us some lovely music with various harmonies which I look forward to sharing at our Estacada Circle Jam in September.

The fiddlers were absolutely amazing, and we are proud of our District 7 winners. Luke Price was the National Grand Champion again this year. What an honor for him! Donna Foreman was 5th in the Senior-Senior division; Kian Dye was 5th in the Young Adult division; Luke Price won again (2nd Place) in the Swing Fiddle Division; and Tabitha Gholi and Eileen Walter were 6th in the Twin Fiddle division. Other winners were: Tabitha Gholi, Best

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

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It was so hot--the birds had to use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground. Whew! Glad the weather has moderated a bit.

Our new officers have begun their terms. Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to a new position or accepted another term.

Our late June events included playing for the Strawberry Social in Aurora and for the Dallas Retirement Center's barbecue. We play these each summer and are welcomed by listeners in both places. In Aurora we were treated to strawberry shortcake and in Dallas to a wonderful barbecue dinner and a nice contribution.



Performing in Myrtle Creek are: Bob Hanson, Guy Kinman, Everett Costa, Louie Roy, Lolita Colebank

August Events

- 15 BAWB'S BASH 50995 SE Baty Rd., Sandy OR 12:00 Noon
- 19 Clackamas County Fair, 694 NE 4th Ave., Canby OR, on stage 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 30 NW Jam, 600 NE 8th, Gresham OR, Sign-up playing 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Costume; and Jeanine Orme, Best Female Entertainer. Also one of the many outstanding judges is from District 7—Aaron Carter. Congratulations to all of you!! (Hope I didn't miss anyone.)

On Sunday, July 12 about 15 musicians playing fiddle, mandolin, and guitar performed again at the Sandy Mountain Festival in Sandy, Oregon. This is always a fun venue with lots of visitors having a good time at the various booths, food stands, and musical events. We played to a lively crowd, and since it was a warm day, we were happy to have a large, shady stage on which to play. We look forward to the Clackamas County Fair on August 19th and hope that we have a big turnout then. Also a "heads up" about our playing at the opening of Trimet's Orange Line and our new bridge on Saturday, Sept. 12. This will be from 3-4 at Oaks Park. That should be a big celebration. Hope many of you can make it.

Lara and Grant Christensen are new District 7 members from Portland. Welcome to OOTFA.

Have a wonderful summer.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

August Events

- 6 Polk Co. Fair Rickreall 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Three District 8 members attended and were honored as National Treasurers at the event in Myrtle Creek. Loita Colebank, Lew and Alice Holt have each reached the age of 80 or more. Others in the district also qualify and will be honored at a later time. The event was held in the beautiful Millsite Park. A large band shell and a covered area for our potluck made for a great outdoor location. We jammed, visited, ate, and had a fun day of seeing friends from around the state.

We will have played at the Benedictine Nursing Home in Mt. Angel on July 30, another of our annual events.

August is fair time. We will play at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall on August 6 from 11-12:30. Come and join us if you can. It's senior day, so seniors get in free. If you are younger, tell the people at the entrance you are with the fiddlers. We have been invited to play at the state fair, but no date has been set at this time. Watch for an e-mail update.

Fred Hardin will celebrate his 88th birthday on Sunday August 23rd. He invited fiddlers to his party at Keizer-Salem Senior Center at 930 Plymouth Drive NE, Keizer, Oregon. He suggests you RSVP to the Senior Center 503-390-7441. A meal will be catered and you may give a \$3 a person donation if you wish.

Enjoy summer!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Co-Chair: Pam Listcher

Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

It was great to see all the OOTFA members there. Unclaimed items include a fiddle and a USB cord. Many thanks to all the folks who pitched in and helped out and to those who made the trip to be part of the event. Folks from 21 states plus Costa Rica were in attendance!

Fiddlers played for a birthday celebration in July and at the memorial event for former member Joe Enneberg who passed away in January.

Ron Phillips hosts jams in the John Day area each week. Thursdays are at 5:30 at Valley View Nursing Home in Prairie

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our June jam at Sutherlin Grange Hall was rather warm. We kept about ten fans and one small air conditioner going in the 100-degree heat. We had a fair crowd of listeners, dancers, and musicians. We were joined by Jesse and Darla Knudsen from District 6.

On July 10, we performed for two hours at the Sutherlin Street Fair and Push Drag Races. There were Ford vs. Chevy grudge matches with no engines in the cars. Teams competed by pushing the cars down the street. On July 12, Districts 4, 5 and 10 hosted the "National Treasures" celebration, picnic and jam in Myrtle Creek to honor attending OOTFA members who are 80 or older this year. It was a big success and will hopefully become an annual event.

In August, we have many special days to celebrate. Birthdays include Barbara Willhoft (1), Gynn Deaton (7), Katie Farley (12), Hal Thompson

Districts 4, 5, 10:

We found 31 NATIONAL TREASURES on July 12, 2015 at the Millsite City Park in Myrtle Creek, Oregon!!!! The most senior member honored was Jim Winslow at 99. He was awarded the Golden Geezer award trophy, created by Larry Costa. He states he has been with the fiddlers for 26 years, introduced to us through co-workers from the mill. He also enjoys fishing and states he is the youngest of six children and the last of his family, living. Those honored members were given nametags stating "A NATIONAL TREASURE", so when you see them, you will know that they were honored.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came and those who helped to make the event a HUGE success. Will the event be held again next year was a common question! That is certainly a probability. If there is any district, or group of districts interested in holding the event, please let me know. The template and info are already in place.

~Sharon Thompson 541 430 5898

August Events

7	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
14	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 8:30 p.m.
17	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
21	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
28	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

City. Sundays, starting at 2 p.m., the jams are at the Outpost Restaurant in John Day. A fundraiser jam for the Old Fox Church will be held on August 23 starting at noon.

The Harney County Fair is coming up fast. Expect the fiddlers to play on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9th and 10th. Times will be announced later. Contact an officer for the location and the host of the Friday night jams. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

August Events

22	Meeting/ Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	11 a.m. (meeting) 12 - 3 p.m. (jam)
28	Potluck & Jam	Eagleview Campground	5 - 8 p.m.

(13), Guy Kinman's 98th (23), Isaac Hartsell (27). Joe and Kathy Ross celebrate their 33rd anniversary on August 2.

Besides the August events shown below, our district has several other performances planned this fall. OOTFA will play at Music off Central in Sutherlin (6 - 8 pm on Friday, September 4). Program Director Sharon Thompson always rounds up a good crew to play at our monthly shows at Callahan Court, Callahan Village, Brookdale Memory Care, Riverview Terrace 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.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

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!

Rosalie Bienke
Deb Graham
Martha Hughes

Corvallis
Eugene
Keizer

Veronica Jensen
Chuck Klein
Mic Tipitino

Blachly
Eugene
Prineville

Verna Lee from District 5 wrote this song to the tune of "Golden Slippers" to honor our "national treasures":

OLD TIME FIDDLERS

All the old time fiddlers have come play, to make fine music for one more day.
They come from near, they come from far. They come by bus, and some by car.

Chorus: Oh, them old time fiddlers. Oh, them old time fiddlers,
Old time fiddlers come to play. Songs that make you shout- Hoorah!
Oh, them old time fiddlers. Oh, them old time fiddlers
Old time fiddlers come to play, and dance the night away

Oh those old time fiddlers play lots of tunes. On guitars, fiddles, and even on spoons.
They play a dobro and a dulcimer. And even let a banjo come in the back door.

There's a great big fiddle that they call a bass. A little harmonica in Patrick's face.
There's a mandolin and a jaw harp too. And if you can't play it, I'll sing it for you!!