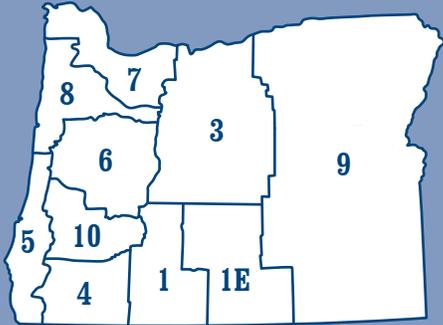


# THE OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' HOEDOWNER

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## From Your President

Greetings. It is almost time for the quarterly gathering in Merrill, scheduled for September 16-19. I have an important notice for our meeting.

**ATTENTION:** The Merrill Board meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18. We will be discussing and voting on proposed changes to the OOTFA contest rules and the establishment of a scholarship program and fund. If members have questions, contact your district chair. We will have a table where questions can be answered in Merrill about the proposed changes. The general membership meeting will be on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m.

The Merrill campout is always fun, and this year Philip Fry has gathered up some young fiddlers to join in the programs and jamming fun.

It seems that OOTFA is busier than ever! With more and more of you posting events on Facebook, it is very gratifying to see that districts all over the state are participating in regional community events and are getting some great press and visibility that benefits our association. Facebook is telling me that our public and group pages are 90% more active than other group pages, so this social media is benefitting OOTFA.

Some major events have taken place this summer, and many of you have participated. It is always fun to hear about the events from the folks that attend them. This last month we have to thank District 6 for their successful 5th Annual West Cascade Fiddle Camp & Workshops. Attendees were about as happy as I have ever seen fiddlers & pickers after a week of excellent classes and workshops.

We also want to send a "shout out" to District 3 leaders and volunteers for a "job well done" at the first Annual Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville the last weekend of July. We had a good turnout and in spite of the hot weather, there was plenty of good music, friends and fun.

Two excellent fiddle contests took place this summer. The Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest was organized by Joey and Sherry McKenzie who support OOTFA as out of state members. The second contest was the 18th Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest that Starr McMullen produces. Many of our youth and adult fiddlers enjoy this contest every year, and it's a regular stop for a lot of regional fiddlers too.

As summer winds into fall, I wish you all lots of good fiddling with friends and family. Keep the OOTFA mission alive and play the music with all your heart.

~ Roland, State President

## From the Editor

Something I like the most about the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers is a shared appreciation we have for our elders and an active interest in our youth. You will see yet another talented young musician featured as this month's Junior Hoedowner. Reading about these young people inspires me and brings me hope for the future. Likewise, seeing the elders who are living their lives with passion for music and a sense of community brings me hope and vision of how to fully live one's life. Sharon Thompson has provided me a list of some of our "National Treasures". We gave a little sketch of our eldest "treasure" last month. Here are a few more from the top of that list:

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## From the Editor (continued from page 1)

Guy Kinman has been a member of OOTFA since 1967 and has been playing fiddle for 90 years. He enjoys life and loves bowling and golf.

Anna Cooper has been a member since 2008. She's an avid listener to the music. She's a homemaker who loves to crochet and dance. She made ammunition in a defense plant during the war.

Louie Roy has been a member for many years. He was a past president at the state and district level.

Clare Eaton loves to listen to the fiddlers. She plays cards and enjoys traveling to Canada.

## From the Editor Emeritus

Alice mentioned Roy Allen in the District 8 news this month, which brought back some memories for me. I would like to share a bit about Roy's dad, Shorty. Willis Oscar "Shorty" Allen lived most of his life in Suver, Oregon--a town in the heart of the Willamette Valley, just a couple houses and a grain elevator along the railroad tracks. Music was an important part of Shorty's life, from his early days until his death in 1996.

In the spring of 1996, I worked on a fiddle for Shorty. His daughter-in-law, Mary, wanted to pay me. When I declined, she asked me if later on I would take vegetables from her garden. Early in November she called to tell me that she had some vegetables for us. While Alice and I were at her place, we walked across the field to Shorty's house for a visit. He lived across the highway from the railroad tracks where he had worked for so many years. His health was failing so we wanted to visit with him and to play some music - maybe for the last time.

The stove was full of wood, the room temperature was in the 90's, but we took down a fiddle off the wall. Alice and I took turns playing the fiddle and keyboard with Shorty. Shorty's tunes came out soft and uncertain, but there was the smile that we had known for so many years. A couple of days later Shorty had surgery, and he died shortly after that.

His graveside services were held Saturday morning, November 9, 1996 in a little country graveyard at the top of a hill near Monmouth. It was a foggy, chilly morning. Shorty's fiddle friends

Bernice Orr has been a member since 2013 and plays harmonica. She enjoys being a grandmother, and she loves traveling, music and OOTFA!

Jack Kerr has been a member for 25 years and has played music for 82! He enjoys family, reading, and the outdoors. His life work was as a merchant seaman and forester.

More will be revealed in the next Hoedowner!

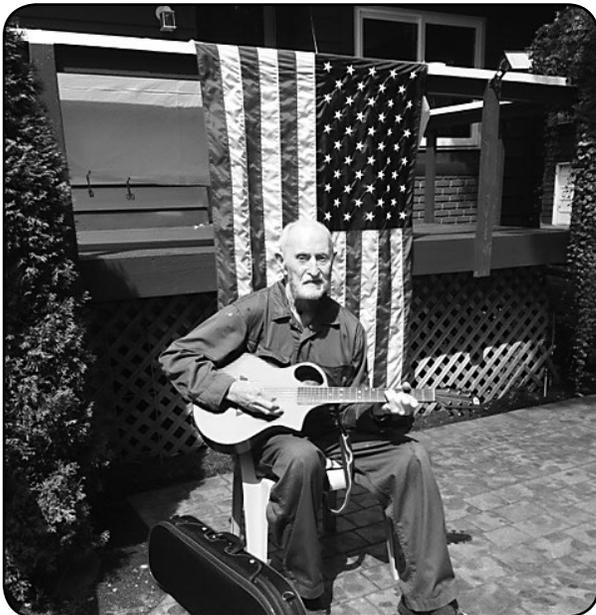
~ Karen

were invited to play for his burial service; we tuned up in the cold fog and gathered around by Shorty's grave. We played "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "Amazing Grace." We drove the country roads in the valley fog to the nearby community church for a potluck. Then the fiddlers gathered to play many of the old tunes that Shorty loved. Alice and I were asked by the family to play a tune just especially for Shorty. We played "Blue Mountain Waltz." Shorty will always be in our minds and hearts. He will be remembered by those of us who knew him and enjoyed his music. With his death, a style and a library of fiddle music died with him

~ Lew



Shorty Allen



Happy 95th Birthday to Bob Huffman!



Verna Lee and Larry Costa (District 5) performing on stage at Winchester Bay.

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Mark your calendar for the Cedarville gig Sept. 12th at 10:00 a.m. We will be starting with the Care Centers in October. Practice is on every Saturday, unless we have a gig, at 1:00 p.m. Please call Irene Rudduck if you need more information. 541-882-6418.

We are 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.

Here are the phone numbers for places to stay in Merrill: Merrill Motel 541-798-5598, Wild Goose Lodge 541-331-2701, RV Mobile Manor 541-798-1654. You will probably need to make reservations soon. There will be a Thursday night show with group sign-ups. Friday and Saturday shows, each district performing, will have 12 minutes, thus the show lasting two hours. On Friday evening the JR. Fiddlers will be opening the show at 6:30 p.m. 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 instrument to

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Most of 1E went to the McLain family reunion at Lapine State Park. There were over 90 in attendance.

Recently we played at a Loggers BBQ (west of Lakeview) and at a retirement party for Jeff Pointere, Fire Chief in Pine Creek, OR/CA, where the state line runs right through the middle of town.

Barrett Amacker is now a 4FER. He plays fiddle, piano, guitar, and harmonica. We're all very proud of him.

We'll be playing at the Lake County Fair from September 5 from 11:00- 1:00. We'll also have a float in the parade on Labor Day, September 7.

September 12 will find us at the Surprise Valley Electric BBQ In Cedarville, CA. Cedarville is a wonderful place with great people and beautiful scenery.

Then it's off to join y'all at Merrill. Hope to see you there.

### September Events

12	Gig	Cedarville	10:00 - 1:00 p.m.
13	Meeting/Dance	Shasta Grange Hall (newtime)	12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
16-19	Merrill Campout		
26	Farmers Market		11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

affle 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 the 17th 18th 19th. Wednesday is our set-up day and will be the beginning of our lunchtime potlucks. Each day following EXCEPT for Saturday there will be a potluck.

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. Fiddle class taught by Donna Foreman, Alice Holt and Jerry Parks on jam etiquette. On Friday at 4:00 there will be a JR. Fiddle class taught by Paula Sanders. We are looking forward to seeing you all. There will be lots of smiles, food, fun, and music.

September Birthdays: Patti Northcraft, Mike Foster, Dean Oliver, Sherman Taylor, Jake Dreyer, and Jonathan Etters. Happy Happy Birthday to you all.

August Anniversaries: John and Sandy Stewart

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

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

### September Events

No Jam this month, enjoy the Roundup and Fair.

14	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.
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While at a recent jam I discovered something I call "Fiddlers Facts":

1. Most Old Time Fiddlers know only one song. It's called one after another.
2. They have more friends than a teenager on Facebook.
3. When computers were first invented, they made a list of all the songs the fiddlers played. The computers kept burning up. The fiddlers are "Big Dogs" the computers just "Pups".
4. All ages are welcome no matter how or if you play. Helping someone always makes their day.
5. The #1 REASON I LIKE FIDDLERS: No matter what your problem is, it's impossible to listen to them without catching a great big case of "OLD TIME FIDDLER'S GRIN"!

Birthdays: Larry & Terry McLain (Sept. 8),  
Sharilyn McLain (Sept. 14)

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy From District 3:

Our Country Music Gathering Campout at Crook County Fairgrounds was a big success. Weather was hot during the day but the nights were a little cooler. There was shade, good music, and dancing to boot. We had a great turnout for the shows, with lots of jams going on too. Highlight: Ron Jackson was dancing with his guitar after he performed on stage Friday night. What a dancing partner that was for him! It made us giggle to see how much he loved performing and dancing.

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

With tunes from Fiddle Camp still bouncing around in our heads and trying to find a place to stick in our brains, we tell July goodbye and dive quickly into August. Where has summer gone?

Fiddle Camp was terrific, instructive and fun! Many thanks go to District 6 members, the instructors, and all who put the program together. I think all who attended are planning to return next year.

The first annual Central Oregon Music Gathering in Prineville was a huge hit, with lots of music time and jamming, and District 3 is already busy planning for next year's gathering.

Recently, a very special person, Pat Manion, gave us a scare. He went to the ER for what he thought was a minor health problem and was quickly sent to surgery. After a week in hospital, he is now home recovering. He's gaining his strength back with little walks outside with Joan, his wife, and his appetite is improving. We certainly wish him a quick and complete recuperation and hope to see them both again in September.

Don Johnson is recovering and beginning to play his guitar again. He's still receiving physical therapy. Peggy Hudson is also recovering, and she's planning to rejoin us in September. See? All those good thoughts worked!

Paul and Joyce King have been members of OOTFA for many years. Paul plays the fiddle, and Joyce was a lovely lady who recently passed on. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, and she will be greatly missed.

Our local PBS station, Channel 8, is doing a program about some of our local service people. Our own Rick Hazen, one of our best fiddlers, was chosen to present his story. The program is titled "My Story of Service". Rick was drafted in the army and served in Viet Nam from 1968-1970. His story will air soon, but you may watch it online by going to the PBS website and finding: "My Story of Service Episode 4". Rick's story is a harrowing but moving presentation of jungle warfare. However, Rick's feelings about his

### September Events

13 Jam/Dance Powell Butte Community Center 1 - 4 p.m.

Our next jam/dance will be Sept 13th, 1-4pm at Powell Butte Community Center on Reif Road. Come early and enjoy the foot-tapping good time.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those this month. May God bless those who are sick or who have lost love ones. May God bless those serving for our country. May they all return home soon.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

### September Events

5 Monthly jam Fruitdale Grange

service are "I wouldn't change my journey". Rick is also a very talented artist, has his own studio in Medford, and works with local theatre groups.

The Winchester Bay Music Festival was, as always, a huge success! Lots of wonderful musicians having a wonderful time together. Great food, fans, and fabulous weather! Can hardly wait 'til next year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See y'all in the fall.

"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed hearts open." Maria VonTrapp.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Lee Cushman (District 4) and Jeff Walter (District 7) perform at Winchester Bay.

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## Garitt Bondsteel

Most fourteen-year olds aren't seriously eyeing their career options, but when Garitt Bondsteel moved in with his grandparents, Jeannette and David, his interest in guitar was revived as a result of living in a music-infused household. Jeannette plays guitar, mandolin and fiddle, so invited Garitt, a resident of Terrabonne, to attend District 3 jams with her. As his interest and affection for guitar rekindled, he began to play in November after a hiatus. He became acquainted with Ed Fritz, luthier, at a jam, and a deal was struck for a combination of tune, technique and music theory lessons and an apprenticeship for building guitars. An unexpected benefit, presumably at no extra cost, was Ed's funny jokes. The connection with Ed sparked in Garitt a desire to build his own guitar. He researched wood options through websites like Oregon Wildwoods and selected native Douglas Fir and Myrtlewood, with accents of cocobolo and rosewood. The uniquely Oregon guitar is a work of art



Jr. Hoedowner: Garitt Bondsteel of Terrabonne (holding his own handmade guitar) and President Roland White

and took a little over four months to construct and finish, just in time for WCFCW. "Bending the sides, freehand, was a challenge and it was neat watching the planks come into curvy beautifulness." Its voice is still maturing, but Garitt is getting raves for its sound quality, as well as its looks. He enjoys and plays all genres and likes to sing.

Garitt's grandmother, Jeannette, credits OOTFA for encouraging young players and making accessible West Cascades Fiddle Camps and Workshops, which Garitt has attended twice. She shared that the biggest influences, personally and musically, for Garrit have been Dennis and Ellen Jakab, Larry McLain, Les Tucker and Jack Kerr. They have been "positive influencers and rock-solid mentors. They made him believe he was a star—and he is." At this point, Garitt considers himself an "accomplished hobbyist" who has aspirations on becoming a luthier. He is a joy to play with, so look for him at a jam near you!

## Fiddle Tips "If It Ain't Got that Swing... It Ain't Got a Thing" by Judy McGarvey



Judy McGarvey

There's more to fiddling than just getting the notes right. Almost every fiddle tune is a dance tune, whether it's a jig, a hornpipe, a waltz, or a reel, and dancers need to really feel the beat within the tune. At the beginning of each measure or phrase, the fiddler provides more emphasis by applying a longer bow and more pressure. This emphasis is what makes our listeners want to clap, tap their feet, or get up and dance! It's what gives a fiddle tune its life and zest. You can play the notes perfectly, but the rhythm should drive the tune.

Rhythm is also what keeps the musicians working together. Strong back-up musicians are invaluable, but it's the fiddler's job to listen to them and to other fiddlers in the group. Listening is the key to staying together. Also it's important to keep your eyes on other musicians. Watch their fingers and bows to make sure you're still in synch with them.

### Strategies to practice your rhythm skills:

1. Practice with a backup. If you're lucky, this can be someone in the same room with you. Otherwise, use a metronome to work on the tune or you can practice with recorded music. Use a slowdowner to bring it down in speed, and then turn up the speed as you improve.
2. Start the tune with just the rhythm in your practice. Tap your foot, clap the rhythm, and do some potatoes. Then start adding in the notes. If you can hear it in your head... you can play the tune on your fiddle.
3. Record yourself and listen to the recording. Find out where you need more emphasis, and then play the tune again along with the recording of yourself. You'll notice it if your rhythm isn't smooth, and you can practice even over-emphasizing the beat.
4. Watch your audience. If they're starting to feel the rhythm, they'll be moving to the beat. If you can't see them responding, you probably need to emphasize the beat more.

Playing the notes is just a part of learning a tune. Happy fiddling -- keep fiddling around!

~Judy



## Tune of the Month -- East Tennessee Blues

A great tune-of-choice that I used to hear at contests in the 1970's. It's not really a blues tune, more a "country rag". Generally it's thought to have been composed by Charlie Bowman, fiddler with Al Hopkins and his Buckle-Busters in the 1920's. It was recorded by Bob Wills in 1936. This version comes from Stacy Phillips. *Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, Volume Two.*

**Note:** This tune can be found in various versions on the web by searching youtube and using the words: "East Tennessee Blues Fiddle". There is even a lesson on it by Bluegrass Daddy.



Linda Danielson

**EAST TENNESSEE BLUES**  
a.k.a. "Poca River Blues" and "Huckleberry Blues"

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C (A7) D7 G7 (A7) (D7) G7

C F C

(A7) D7 G7 (A7) (D7) G7 C



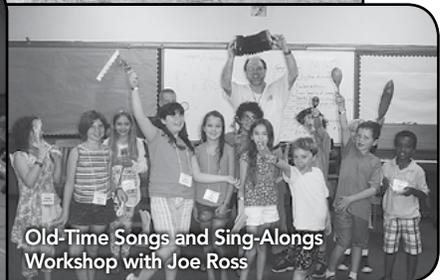
Fiddle Camp Group Photo



Bass Class with Ken Luse



Colleen Hanks (right) with her fiddling grand-daughter Ella



Old-Time Songs and Sing-Alongs Workshop with Joe Ross



The Alldrin Family performed a "special" together at a morning assembly



Guitar Class (taught by Joe Ross)



Break for Lunch

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Our July monthly jam was well attended by musicians, and the audience included many who had not been there for a while. We were pleased to have Bob Hanson (District 4) join us. Linda Sweat delights us with her yodeling, as does Cliff Larson. I wonder... did they grow up in Austria?

As much as we depend on our musicians, it is time to highlight some of those hard-working members who are consistently working in the background. Pat and Ruth Weyer arrive early to get a number of things accomplished. Pat gets the sound system set up and chairs in place, while Ruth is in the kitchen manning the coffee pot, getting cookies and napkins aligned, and exercising her terrific organizational skills. Colleen Hodges and Art Bigelow are two others who always seem to be available. Colleen is Ruth's right hand woman in the kitchen. In addition, she oversees the raffle table (which helps to pay the rent). Art helps Pat with set-up, clean-up and dismantling at the end of the day. Mary Weist is another unsung hero, who for years was our district's reporter, but health difficulties have caused her to turn over the reins. Many thanks to each one of these people who consistently do the things that make our time together special.

John MacRea is moving to California. John has been a long-standing emcee for our Winchester Bay Campout and our State

Park performances. He always brought a bit of Irish and Scottish flair to the stage. His wit and joking manner as well as his ability to get young people involved in music will be missed.

Fiddle camp gets 10 stars. The committee continues to outdo themselves! It is such a great place for individuals and families, as it lends itself to hours of learning, camaraderie, and fun. It is so well organized; classes and workshops run on time, teachers are prepared and students are motivated. Instructors are kind, patient and very encouraging. One hundred dollars brings four days of camping and almost unlimited instruction. AMAZING. Thirteen members of our district attended, and eleven of them participated. Mick, Melissa and Jake Green also, attended and have since become members of our district. We welcome them. The icing on the camp is the last day's performance. Eager students and good teachers do wonders for one another.

Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff, a couple of our youngest members, gave a great rendition of "Country Roads" at our Aug. 7 performance at Bullards State Park. Rachel played fiddle and they both sang. They looked like "old time members" as they wore their bona fide OOTFA nametags. Needless to say, they received a roaring ovation. Approximately 180 people came to enjoy the evening.

Remember, there will not be a monthly jam in September as Merrill will be hosting their annual campout that weekend. We will have a meeting Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. with finger food to follow. At 1 p.m. we will have our regular performance/jam schedule.

"I don't care much about music. What I like is sounds."  
- Dizzy Gillespie

~ Susan Joubert, Reporter

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As a girl, I eagerly packed off to Girl Scout camp at the earliest opportunity and quickly discovered how much I loved meeting new friends, acquiring new skills, enjoying adventures and steeping myself in camp camaraderie. Yes, there were chores and other work, but it felt different and collective and somehow more rewarding than the daily grind at home. And so I am privileged to revisit that same enthusiasm when I attend fiddle camp. There is work for the brain and body, and you emerge stronger and more skilled than when you arrived, with newly acquired tunes, friends and memories to last until next summer's camp. There was a passel of youngsters around camp this year, some too young for instruction, but immersed in the culture of campsite jams and excited to create or renew friendships. Ananda Gallagher-Starr of Eugene said early on Day One that she was already eager to return, excited to reunite with friends and become a second-year fiddle student. She participated in Paula Sanderson's Beginning Fiddle Class and loved it. Carl Deaton, of Alpine, tried fiddling last year, but felt like other players were "more awesome" than he was and that he was forced to be too serious. He chose Ken Luse's bass class this year because he observed that the bass has an important role in keeping the beat for the other players.

### September Events

4	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
11	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
12	Meeting, Jam & Potluck	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
18	YaPoAh Terrace Jam		7 - 10 p.m.
25	Jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

He proudly wore a sign he created stating, "It's all about the bass." His fingers toughened up and he is committed to coming to camp again next year, perhaps to hone his bass skills, or maybe to explore a different instrument. Over thirty percent of this year's campers were kids, which bodes well for OOTFA and old-time music. Judging from smiles and comments, everyone felt they got their money's worth. The instruction was of the highest caliber, the caterer did a fabulous job of keeping us fed, the morning meetings were enlivened by corny skits from dual wits, Patti Luse and Linda Parks. The community dance was a true hoedown, with lessons provided by Linda and Jerry Parks, live music provided by our able instructors and dance calling by Joe Ross. The swimming hole was amazing and, if you can imagine, less bracing than the morning showers. Consider joining us next year. In the meantime, we'll see you at some of the September happenings.

Birthday shout-outs to Don Baldwin, Bill Gilbert, Dorothy Sather, Sandy Wallrich, Arlo Hamilton and Darla Miller.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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### September Events

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| 12                                | Trimet Orange Line, 2735 SE Park Ave., Portland OR                                       | 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.                     |
| 13                                | Marjorie Steward Comm. Center, 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd., Sherwood OR                      | 12 - 4 p.m.                          |
| 20                                | Estacada Public Library, 825 NW Wade St., Estacada OR                                    | 2 - 4 p.m. (only 4-6 players needed) |
| 23                                | Gladstone Christian Church, 305 Dartmouth, Gladstone OR                                  | 11 - 11:45 p.m.                      |
| 24                                | Summerplace Retirement, 2020 NE 150th, Portland OR                                       | 7 - 7:45 p.m.                        |
| (We need 12 people for this gig.) |  |                                      |
| 25                                | Tanner Springs Assisted Living, 23000 Horizon Dr., West Linn OR                          | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.                     |
| 27                                | NW Jam, 600 NE 8th St., Gresham OR, Doors open at 11:00, Sign up playing, 12:30 - 3 p.m. |                                      |

District 7 fiddlers will be playing at the opening of the Trimet Orange Line on Sept. 12. Please note there is a change of address. It is 2735 SE Park Ave. (NOT SW) Portland. Trimet is all afternoon. They want the fiddlers to play from 3:45 to 4:30 and would like us to be there ½ hour before our performance. They will give us directions and parking instructions as we get closer to the performance date.

During the summer, District 7 members have been playing at a variety of places—assisted living facilities, memory care units, larger jams and festivals, and the Clackamas County Fair. Also we all had a great time celebrating Bob Huffman's 95th birthday at our 16th annual BAWB'S BASH. Bob plays his guitar at many of our gigs and jams and always can be counted on to accompany fiddlers who need support. He has a wonderful memory of old time tunes and enjoys sharing his interesting life with all of us. Many of us know the lively tune he learned as a boy from his dad—"Russell Creek".

A number of District 7 members attended the West Cascades Fiddle Camp in July. About 150 people including 55 students were at the camp. All the students received a Kielhorn Scholarship and it was wonderful to hear such talented young people enjoying all the fiddling. District 6 puts on the camp each

year and it was amazing to see how hard all the people on the board worked to give us such a great educational experience. The classes and workshops were outstanding as usual!

I would like to mention a couple unique people who were in my classes this year. Two interesting ladies (from District 6) were former 4th grade teachers at Westridge Middle School where our classes were held. Marcia Stevenson and Alberta Gilbert live in Oakridge and have been attending the camp since it started. They are thrilled to have it in Westfir so close to their homes. Both play the "violin" in the Oakridge Orchestra and have enjoyed learning the different techniques that make fiddling what it is. They are very happy that the camp has been successful and look forward to attending next year.

Three members from the Marchon Family (a mother and her two daughters), Anne Marie, Michelle, and Alexandra, also from District 6, drove to Westfir each morning from Monroe, Oregon. They really enjoyed taking fiddling and guitar classes but next year will plan to stay over night because they missed all the jamming and entertainment in the evening.

Keep on Fiddling!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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### September Events

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| 3  | State Fair          | Salem                |            |
| 13 | Bob Bailey memorial | Guthrie Park, Dallas | 1 - 5 p.m. |

We mourn the passing of our good friend, Bob Bailey, on July 30th. Bob was a guitar player and faithful District 8 member. He seldom missed a jam until his health failed. We extend our sympathy to Marie and the family. A celebration of remembrance will be held at Guthrie Park from 1 to 5 p.m. on September 13. Coffee, punch and finger foods will be provided. You may bring something to add to the table if you wish. Marie asks us to bring

our instruments and play the old standards and swing tunes that Bob loved. Guthrie Park is 4 miles south of Dallas on the Falls City/King's Valley highway.

Our annual concert at the nursing home in Mount Angel brought lots of reaction from the residents. Smiles, toe tapping, singing along, and comments of how much they enjoyed the music. Most of the musicians enjoyed dinner afterward at the Mt. Angel Sausage Co. This has been a tradition for many years. It's a no host, pay for your own dinner, though our good friend Dale Emery used to pick up the whole tab.

Neighborhood Night Out was a beautiful, warm evening. We gathered at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Salem. Chairman Dick Dery had us draw a number for order of play. After playing for 90 minutes, we had hot dogs, beans, watermelon and cookies. Then back to playing for another half hour. Thanks to Les T. For setting up sound equipment, and Les and Marie C. for guitar back up.

As we have done for many years, we played at the Polk Co. Fair in Rickreall. The weatherman was on our side with a pleasantly



OOTFA District 8 fiddlers on the float in Aurora's Parade Day.

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warm day. Starr McMullen joined us, playing her fiddle and back-up guitar. Thanks for coming Starr! Pam Meriwether from California was visiting in the area and whipped out some good tunes. Glad to have you, Pam! Dick did a great job organizing us and emceeing. We liked the new stage. It's larger and situated so the sun didn't shine in our eyes. After we played, Lew and I were pleased to have a short visit with Roy and Mary Allen. Willis "Shorty" Allen, Roy's Dad, was one of District 8's main fiddlers back a few years. He also played great accordion and piano.

Parade Day in Aurora looked a bit dismal, but the clouds departed, and the day was beautiful. We checked in, were directed to our

float and got the sound equipment set up. Our float was a big truck pulling a bigger trailer with a wagon strapped on. Hay bales provided the musicians with a place to sit. The wagon was one that traveled from Independence, Missouri to Independence, Oregon. Two museum volunteers in period dress rode on the wagon seat. When the parade got underway, we played lively jam tunes. Folks lined the parade route and applauded as we passed by.

Still to come this month is Fred Hardin's 88th birthday.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Hooray! The Harney County Fair is September 9- 13. The Old Time Fiddlers will be playing Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., in front of the vegetable, flower, canning and baking building. Tune your fiddle and rosin your bow, because we need you all.

We got a note from Ron Phillips in John Day who wants us to know that Valley View is an assisted living center and not a nursing home.

The Old Time Fiddlers played for Odell Lawson's 90th birthday party. That is a great milestone for Odell and was also fun for all.

### September Events

4	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
9	Gig	Harney County Fairgrounds	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
10	Gig	Harney County Fairgrounds	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
11	Gig	The Aspens	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
18	Gig	Friday Night Jam	
21	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
25	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

Our Friday night jams have been very fun and we want you to know you are welcome to join us. Remember to call one of the officers to discover whose house to go to.

Janet Braymen went to OOTFA District 3's Campout. She wants you to know that she really enjoyed seeing and playing with you all.

Continue to remember that Margret Teague still covets your prayers. She has good days and bad, and we all pray her good days outnumber her bad.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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

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The July 12 celebration in Myrtle Creek to honor attending OOTFA members who are 80 or older this year was a big success. Thanks to everyone who made it a very special happening. Our District's Guy Kinman, Anna Cooper, Lewis Roy, Clair Eaton, Bernice Orr, Bob Hanson, Bill Adney, and Francis Stephenson were recognized as "National Treasures." On August 23, Louie and Fran Roy hosted a prime rib dinner to celebrate Guy Kinman's 98th birthday. It was attended by about 20 of his OOTFA friends.

To conserve energy and keep things cool, we dimmed the lights at July's third Saturday jam at Sutherlin Grange Hall. The turnout was a little sparse, but the music was very fine. Our guests included Jesse and Darla Knudsen (District 6) and Pat and Ruth Weyer (District 5). At our August 22 jam, we also held a meeting before the music kicked off. Our district performed for a couple hours under the full moon along the Umpqua River at Eagleview Group Campground on August 28 for a music family reunion that featured nine old-time, bluegrass and western bands throughout the weekend.

### September Events

4	Show	Music Off Central, Sutherlin, Or.	6 - 8 p.m.
26	Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.

Lew Holt recently sent me a DVD video of our very first District 10 jam on January 8, 1992. It was fun to again experience that historic moment, as well as to hear some fine fiddling and singing from many who are no longer with us. Thanks for the memories of that jam, Lew.

In September, we have many special days to celebrate. Birthdays include Clare Eaton (Sept 22). Happy Birthday, Clare! On September 5, Louie and Fran Roy celebrate their 69th Anniversary. On September 10, Jim and Gynn Deaton celebrate their 67th Anniversary. Congrats to all!

District 10 plays monthly shows at five Roseburg assisted living facilities. Sharon Thompson has asked for someone to help out with the district's gig schedule. She and Hal will be "out of service" from mid-September until at least end of October as they're making a road trip prior to Hal's shoulder replacement surgery. Please contact Colleen Hanks if you can even temporarily fill in as Program Director during the fall.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

Merrill Campout & State Mtgs.  
January Board Meeting

Merrill  
Time and place to be announced

September 17-20

## New Members to Welcome!

Barbara Cheppaikode & Bill Adney  
Keith and Mary Appling  
Gail Atkinson & LeRoy Beavers  
Rosalie Bienek (correction)  
Dawn Leslie, Ronnie Ray & Clayton James Carper  
Sondra Cheney  
Kelle DeForrest  
Chuck and Ann Gibson  
Mick, Melissa & Jake Green  
Cosette Greenman

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### A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers', we can promote our organization by displaying a colorful decal. There are a variety of places that these can go... from cars, to RV's, to notebooks to instrument cases to music stands to ???

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- 3 inch oval OOTFA Sticker ..... \$1
- 12 inch round OOTFA Sticker ..... \$1
- 12 inch OOTFA Bumper Sticker..... \$1

We also have the 2015 OOTFA Rosters at \$2 each through your districts or from Patti Luse at 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401. To be mailed, they will cost \$3.75