

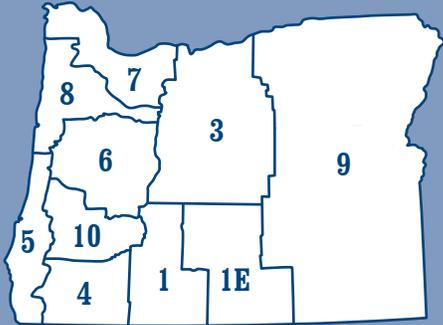
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From Your President

Greetings. As the summer winds down and we prepare to attend our last state gathering with the fine folks in Merrill, we can look back on what has been a fun and successful year, including the new events that have been recently added.

I just attended Winchester Bay, with District 5 putting on a wonderful weekend of music, fun, and friends. The "welcome mat" was out, along with smiling faces and sunny weather, making it a perfect weekend. District 5 members were in good form from the emcees to the players. They even awarded a special trophy for each district participating. Thank you to all who put so much effort into this annual event!

As president for the past two years, I have heard many of the likes and dislikes from our members. One comment I often hear is; "We are losing our traditional music. What can we do to preserve it?" From my viewpoint, I encourage "maintaining our mission statement while being ready to adapt to the future." This is a challenge faced by all organizations at some point in their lifespan, since longtime members "like it the way it was" and new members want to "change with the times".

I recently received a nice letter from a long standing member of OOTFA who brought up some interesting points about our old time music traditions. She stated that in 1964 when OOTFA was initially formed, the old time music repertory at that time would mostly consist of music from 50 or more years before that (from the late 1800's and early 1900's). She expressed her concern that the 50 year old music we now play is more from the 60's & 70's and beyond, instead of the old time music of that earlier time period. As members, we should be aware of our roots and strive to represent that older music in our playing.

Of course, times change and we have fewer members that know the old time tunes, so we should ask ourselves, "Are we actually preserving and perpetuating our old time tradition? And how can we do that better?" Currently we can thank Lew Holt and Linda Danielson, who have documented a large part of the early OOTFA music and history. Their contributions are important to us, as they help deepen our understanding of the traditions we want to preserve.

In future issues of the Hoedowner, I will write about other member-generated ideas I have received. It is important to discuss topics like these openly amongst our membership so that we can all grow in a positive direction that will make OOTFA thrive, attract more members and successfully demonstrate our mission statement.

Best wishes to all and see you in Merrill.

~ Roland, State President

From the Editor

Again, we have a list of honored members. These people were recognized as "National Treasures" at the Myrtle Creek gathering this summer. They are all over 80 and proud members of OOTFA.

Jerry Ruddock has been one of our key backup guitar players for years. He and his wife, Irene, are an integral part of District 1 activities.

Orville Hoglen has been a member for 14 years, but he just started playing 5 years ago. He enjoys fishing and hunting. His life's work was as a watch maker.

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Lee Cushman has been a member of OOTFA for 20 years. He enjoys fiddle and guitar making. He used to work in the field of electronics and communications.

Zane Coffin has been an OOTFA member for 12 years. He enjoys reading, traveling and gunsmithing. His life's work was as a machinist.

Lew Holt has been a member for 35 years. He enjoys Ham radio and computers, and he keeps the archives up to date for OOTFA. Lew has been a past president, vice president, and editor for the Oldtime Fiddlers. His life's work was as a teacher for 31 years.

From the Editor Emeritus

Most of you probably don't remember Al Lively from Bandon. Al died this summer after an extended illness. Those of us who have been members of OOTFA for many years knew him when he was an active leader of District 5. People are remembered for different reasons. Al wasn't known for his great musical skills, although Al did play the stand-up bass. But rather I remember Al for his easy going and friendly mannerism. Behind that quiet man was a thinker who only wanted the best for District 5. He was devoted to his role as chairman -- transporting and setting up the sound equipment, signing up the musicians and making sure that everybody was treated equally and fairly.

I don't remember the first time that I met most friends, but I do remember meeting Al for the first time. It was back in the late 70s, before Alice and I had become members of OOTFA. Alice and I were just becoming interested in the "old time fiddlers." We went to the District 5 jam in Bandon, which was held in the elementary school during the Cranberry Festival.

About half way through the jam, the school fire siren went off. Naturally it distracted the audience and musicians. Because I was a "stranger" at the jam, I sat back a bit. But because I had had experience with fire alarms in elementary schools (I was the

Bob Hanson has been a longtime OOTFA member. He enjoys fishing and hunting. His life's work was as a route salesman for Coca Cola. He remembers the temperature dropping to 52 degrees below zero in Minnesota while working in a pulp mill.

Irene Ruddock has been a member of OOTFA since 1970 and has been interested in music since she was six years old. She enjoys quilting and teaching fiddle. She used to work in a small saw and engine shop. She is a past president, vice president and secretary treasurer, and currently, she's an integral part of District 1's activities.

~ Karen

one who set them off several times a year for fire drills), I got up and walked down the hall looking for a "fire alarm box" that had been tripped. I met Al in the hall. We walked until we found the box. The glass covering the alarm button was broken. I pushed in on the button and the screaming siren became silent. I could have been the little Dutch boy who held his finger in the dike all night, but rather than having me stand there all afternoon, we had to devise some way to hold the button in. Finally with a little stick that we found, we created a make-shift wedge to hold in the button. The show went on and that was the day I first met Al Lively.

Little did I dream that afternoon that I would be a member of District 5 and also be chairman for a number of years working closely with Al (and later with Pat Kraemer). Al was the one who taught me the traditions of our association. Al focused on the fiddler and his or her contribution to our "fiddlers association." Al respected the beginning fiddler as well as the best. He invited Alice and me to play many times before we finally got up enough nerve to stand on the stage at the VFW Hall in Bandon to play. What a "terrifying" experience that was. Through Al we were made welcome and have many fond memories of the years when we lived in District 5

~ Lew



Betty and Al Lively, District 5.



District '6ers' at the Spencer Creek Grange pancake breakfast: Darlene Fiducia, Stan Humphrey, Shirley Humphrey, Darla Knudsen

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It is hard to write this as it is still September and Merrill Campout hasn't even happened. We hope anyhow you all had a good time. We sure to appreciate all of those that work so hard at Merrill.

District 1 and 1E had the privilege of playing for the Surprise Valley Electric Company at their annual meeting and picnic in Cedarville, CA. What a great time we all had! If you don't know where this is, it is a "fur piece" between Lakeview and Alturas.

We were sorry to hear that one of our Lifetime Members, Roy Rath, passed away. He was a wonderful fiddle player. When he would get done playing a tune, he would say "and that's all I know".

We are going to start again this month with "Meet the Members of District 1". Kay Goodwin is the member for October. Kay was born in Helena, Montana and moved to Auburn, California when she was

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We had a fun day of music at the Lake County Fair. It started off with the great band, "Cascade Rye". As usual they were gracious enough to let us use their sound system, plus they joined us after they were done playing.

We had a great group: Johnny & Darleth Rogers (District 1), Chris Arellano & Jake Payne (Cascade Rye), Larry, Terry, Doug, & Rosa Lee McLain, Don Thomas, Barrett Amacker, and Reba Steward.

District 1E is the home of Royalty: Ruby Wilson, Lake County Roundup Princess. She did a great job of representing Lake County in rodeos and parades all over the state. Ruby is one of the five pretty daughters of Matt and Rachael Wilson of Silver Lake, and the great granddaughter of the 1983-84 OOTFA President, Leonard Maahs.

In the Labor Day Parade, we had Princess Ruby Wilson, along with my favorite mandolin playing truck driver, Doug McLain, with his big load of logs, and Reba and Alissa Steward leading mini ponies.

At our latest jam at Rosa Lee's we had lots of pretty! A pretty young lady with purple hair, playing a pretty purple fiddle, playing pretty music, with her not-so-pretty "makes fiddle playing look easy" uncle. It was fun to watch and listen. Sis, you're doing great!

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

October Events

10	gig	Farmers Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
11	Meeting/Dance	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Merrill Potato Festival	10 - 1 p.m.
20	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
22	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
22	gig	Linkville Care	1 - 2 p.m.

three. After her husband passed away, she moved to Klamath Falls. She had not played music for many years but met a lady by the name of Grace Stork who played the harmonica which Kay also played. They had a lot of fun playing music together. Grace encouraged her to join the Old Time Fiddlers, which she did in 2004. Kay had been carrying around an old fiddle for years. Phil Fry worked on it and did a wonderful job. Kay realized she could play some of the fiddle tunes and learn them by ear. She never learned to read music. Kay is wonderful to listen to. She said she has learned a lot from the fiddlers and enjoys playing along with District 1. Some of her favorite tunes are: White Lilly, Peek a Boo Waltz, Red River Valley and many more.

October Birthdays are: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, Noranne Sparks

Let us know if we are missing anyone.

Hope you all have a great fall.

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter

October Events

3	Jam	Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
12	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.



District 10 "Music off Central" performance in Sutherland: Karen Pohl, Colleen Hanks, Kelly Wadsworth, Gene Hodson, Jim Keuther, Patsy Parker, Mac Parker, Hal Thompson

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Howdy from District 3.

As summer closes to the end and autumn gets closer, I see the fall colors starting to show in the trees and shrubs. What a beautiful site to see!

As I am writing this, we just had our jam/dance at Powell Butte Community Center. The center was full with musicians and dancers for a boot-scoop good time. Thank you all who turn out to support us.

Chairmen, Ron Jackson, had a jam/campout at his place August 20-22. What fun it was being there and camping for a weekend of enjoyment. Our son, Charlie, was able to ride on a horse, too. We even celebrated Jack Kerr's birthday that weekend. Ron would like to thank all who were able to come, and he's already looking forward to next year's campout.

We would like to thank District 5 for their campout at Winchester Bay August 13-16th.

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

Welcome Fall! We're expecting good things from you, such as a wet rain storm and an end to fire season! All the wonderful summer get-togethers are over and it's back to the ordinary, with lovely memories. Beginning fiddle lessons will begin again probably late October. Judy McGarvey will be teaching, and she is hesitant to set an exact date yet. She is recovering from her hip surgery and doing great, but there are many tasks that need completed first. She's planning on a class size of not more than 15 and ages over 9 years. This year, classes will begin at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Slow jamming will be from 4:30-5:00 p.m., and regular jamming from 5-6 p.m. Judy's recovering fast and anxious to get back to fiddling.

Pat Manion is doing much better. We have really missed him and Joan. Mark Carter recently had another setback and was in the hospital a few days. Another longtime member, Anita Simmons, was in an auto accident and is recovering at Avamere in Medford. We keep all of them in loving thoughts.

In September, we were happy to be back at our regular monthly jams. We were at Fruitdale Grange and entertained a small but happy crowd. We were thrilled to welcome back Niquita Wilkinson, who plays both guitar and banjo. She brought with her, her two elderly aunts who have moved recently to the Rogue Valley from Brooklyn, New York. Their names are Marie Nelli and Lillian Orlanski, and they are just delightful and enjoyed our music, recognizing most of the tunes we played and requesting some we tried (but mostly failed) to play. We hope to see them again soon.

October Events

11	Jam/Dance	Powell Butte Community Center	1 - 4 p.m.
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Thanks for the music and keeping the Old Time Fiddlers coming back for more each year.

Hope to see you at the District 1 campout at Merrill September 17-20th. It will be a state meeting as well. Thank you, District 1, for putting this together.

It has been a busy summer. The events just keep on coming, and it is good to see many faces and friends enjoying them. We must be sure to take time to enjoy everything around us. Let us take in the memories along the way.

May God bless those who are sick or lost love ones. May God bless those serving our country. May they all return home soon.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those this month.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

October Events

3	Meeting	Central Point Grange	11:30 a.m. -
3	Open Jam	Central Point Grange	1 - 4 p.m.

Last month, we returned to the Medford Library, to continue our educational series, on old time music, that Judy McGarvey has arranged for our district. This program was on dance tunes we play and the different steps that go with the tunes. Lenny and Carol Ferrara performed the dance while we played the tune. We demonstrated the polka, hoedown, waltz, and Virginia reel. When it came to the Virginia reel, such a large number of listeners joined in, they stretched across the entire room and we ran out of time to finish the program. So we're told that it was great... we can come back and finish it.

Lenny Ferrara has assumed the hosting position for the Wednesday night jams and is really doing a great job with the beginning fiddle students who come to maintain their fiddling. At one recent jam, he reminded them if they're not doing well, when Judy returns, he might get FIRED! Their eyes grew big but were soon followed by, "We know you're kidding." We love our Lenny!

"Music is said to be the speech of angels." T. Carlyle

See y'all soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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It's hard to believe that an entire year has passed since Dallen Mathias, age 12, has started playing the fiddle. Learning the fiddle has been both challenging and fun. At first glance Dallen says, "The fiddle looked challenging!" Judy McGarvey from District 4 drove all the way from Medford to Allegany, about a three hour drive, to give Dallen and the rest of the kids in Allegany their first lessons. Dallen remembers being sized for his fiddle and learning "Mary Had a Little Lamb". Dallen says, "That took about two minutes!"

After that, Judy worked with everyone on "Old Joe Clark" and "Bile Them Cabbage Down". This was the beginning of Dallen's wonderful journey into old time fiddle music. Since that first lesson, Dallen has continued to take lessons from Judy, who comes to Allegany once a month, along with many of the District 5 old time fiddlers, and enjoys meeting new people and playing his fiddle. Along with fiddling, Dallen loves to swim in the river, build forts, and play with his friends.

Fiddle Tips - Using Ring Tones to Make Your Fiddle Sing - by Roland White

Have you ever heard one fiddle played...that sounded like two fiddles...and the tone was extra rich & the fiddle just seemed to "sing" with extra tones? More than likely you have heard it, and that's one of the many reasons you love fiddle music. Here is an easy way to start playing using your open strings as ring tones to enhance your playing.

Ring tones are any notes that are played that are the same as any of the strings on your fiddle. So G, D, A & E strings will ring whenever you play notes that are one of the strings with that note. Here's an example. Have you observed that when you hit your A note on the G string, your A string will vibrate sympathetically? Try this: first tune your fiddle, then bow a long A note on the G string to watch the A string vibrate on its own. Now move your finger until the A note is flat or sharp and watch the string stop vibrating. Now slide back in tune, and you will see it vibrate again.

The easiest way to start using ring tones right away are the "unison and octave ring tones". For unison tones, they are always found with the 4th Finger creating the same note as the next open string. Here they are:

G String unison note is 4th Finger D note played with Open D String • Unison D Drone
D String unison note is 4th Finger A note played with Open A String • Unison A Drone
A String unison note is 4th Finger E note played with Open E String • Unison E Drone

For octave ring tones, at the end of the G,D,& A scales, your ending note is the scale name and should be your 3rd finger which you play with your next lower open string. Here they are:

3rd Finger D String is G Note Played with Open G String Octave G Drone
3rd Finger A String is D Note Played with Open D String Octave D Drone
3rd Finger E String is A Note Played with Open A String Octave A Drone

Take that thought one step further and realize that your fiddle wants to vibrate with the proper pitch rather than the improper one. What better way than to use your own fiddle to play in tune using open strings and ring tones?

Have fun and listen for the sweetness!

~Roland



President, Roland White with Bob Hanson jamming at Winchester Bay.

Tune of the Month -- Reginald's Waltz:

This tune was recorded and perhaps composed by Reg Bouvette in 1967, in western Canada's Metis tradition,. He was Manitoba provincial champion 1973-75. I learned the tune from Bill Yohey, Oregon state champion in 1962, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1976. A founding member of OOTFA, he was the organization's first secretary-treasurer, and president in 1970-71 and 1982-83. Carol Ann Wheeler (Oregon state champion 1977, 1978, 1984) and I recorded it on our album, "The Joy of Twin Fiddling."

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

Note: You can hear Reginald's Waltz played by Reg Bouvette himself on Youtube. Just "search" for Reginald's Waltz, and it magically appears! Karen

Reginald's Waltz

by Reg Bouvette
through Bill Yohey
transc. L. Danielson

last time only

Winchester Bay



On stage at Winchester Bay: Jon Tilley (District 10) performs with John Renfro (District 4).

Wayne and Kriss Glass (District 5) perform a couple songs that had the audience "grinnin' like a possum eatin' a sweet tater".

Evelyn Horner and Phyllis Coffin (both District 6) prepare for their performance at Winchester Bay outside in the coastal sunshine!

Naomi Bruhns (District 4) sings and plays guitar with her backup band.

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Thanks to all those who attended our Winchester Bay Campout. You helped make it a success! Almost every district was represented. All day and night, we were surrounded with the many tunes we have come to love. There were some first timers, which is always wonderful, as well as others who come every year to renew friendships and enjoy the music. Special thanks to Verna Lee, Larry Costa and Ken Joubert who decorated the hall with nets, floats, crab pots, rope and more. You knew, without a doubt, you were on the seashore. The Thursday night potato bar and ice cream sundaes were a big hit.

We had three onstage evening performances and a great variety of nautical songs Saturday evening. Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff won the best costume award and Bob Shaffer won the best performer's award. Bryan Ibach blew us away with his Milk Cow Blues. Jerry Rose, California flat picking champion, helped to back up a number of the players. It was terrific having him on board and we hope he returns in 2016. Jamming took place all day, inside as well as outside the hall. The weather was perfect, the food nourishing. Every year Pat Casey prepares hot dogs for Friday and Saturday lunch. This is a terrific benefit as the musicians do not have to leave the building to eat, which gives them more time with friends and music. Fruit, veggies, cookies and coffee were available throughout the day, and Ruth Weyer's early morning cinnamon rolls are always a hit.

Jim McCarren, from Lakeside, one of our newest members, turned his application in at the end of the campout. We

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It was a lively summer for many District 6 members, as they attended jams and camps throughout the Northwest, scooping up tunes and rekindling relationships with fellow Old-time lovers from points near and wide. Those of us who stayed closer to home kept up with house and standing jams on our busy calendar. By the time of publication, the state meeting and jam at Merrill will be history. Winchester Bay Jam and Campout was a salty breath of fresh air, with nautical tunes resonating as musicians prepared for the Saturday night theme performance. There were introductions and reunions at every turn, along with invitations to play in back-up bands for performances. District 5 deserves thanks for their warm hospitality.

We welcome to Oregon Evelyn Horner, who relocated from California to Monroe and is eager to join in our events. She attended the jam at Central Grange and added to a hot fiddle

October Events

3	gig	Pistol River Hall, Gold Beach	1 - 3 p.m.
		circle jam	3 - 4 p.m.
7	gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
7	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
14	gig	Bay Crest (across from Avamere (Hearthside)	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
14	gig	Evergreen Court (next to Bay Crest)	3 - 4 p.m.
17		Meeting, finger foods & on stage, Winchester Bay	11 - 3 p.m.
17		circle jam	3 - 4 p.m.
21	gig	West Wind Court, Bandon	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
21		Pacific View, Bandon	3 - 4 p.m.

welcome him, and appreciate all the help he gave us in cleaning up the hall. We also are pleased to have Linda Hill, Gerry Canning, Cynthia Stone and Sean Canning from Bandon join our group, as well as the Stasak family who recently moved to Coos Bay from District 1.

Quite a few musicians played on the square in downtown Coos Bay on Aug. 21st, and our last session at Bullards State Park was held on August 28th. Nine different instruments (including hammer dulcimer, bass, auto harp and ukulele) were in use. We do have a versatile group! September brings us back to a different schedule since we now play every Wednesday at two residential centers in North Bend, Coos Bay, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon.

We took part in a special performance at the Coos Historical museum as part of their Grand Opening. On Saturday, the 12th of September, about eight members played for the Dora Corn Feed, an event that has taken place for a number of years.

Our condolences go out to Dawn Vonderlin whose father recently passed away. Pat and Ruth Weyer spent a week in Washington celebrating with Pat's brother who had his 90th birthday.

"If everyone started off the day singing, just think how happy they would be." Lauren Myracle

~ Susan Joubert, Reporter

October Events

2	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
3	Int. Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
5	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Ch.	1 - 4 p.m.
9	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
10	Meeting & Potluck	Central Grange	10 - 3 p.m.
16	Jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7 - 10 p.m.
23	Jam	Central Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

section with Linda Danielson, Ila Mae Carmickle, Sue Cooper, Jenny Gusset, Shirley and Tony Humphries, Vicki McGowan and your loyal reporter. District 6 held a well-attended quarterly meeting at Central Grange on September 12. The district recognized the considerable and enduring contributions made to the organization by Joe Moyle as Program Coordinator and equipment manager. An Outstanding Service Award was presented to him in absentia, but will be given to him when we catch up with him between adventures. Thanks, Joe, for all you have done and still do!! Five motions were made, discussed and approved by vote at the meeting: 1) An agreement between members to foster a climate of positivity, encouragement and respect, and to use collaborative approaches to resolving problems. 2) To allow all musicians who are willing to abide by established OOTFA instrumentation bylaws to play in circle jams, which are intended to be a fun, social way to grow music skills and

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membership in the organization, but to be mindful that at sign up jams and performances, musicians can select their back-up players. 3) A two-member advocacy committee will be appointed by the board to represent concerns from the membership to the Board. 4) A sign will be displayed at the basic and intermediate fiddle classes to solicit donations that would contribute to venue rentals and refreshment costs at a rate of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. 5) The Board agreed to seek a new venue closer to the

urban core for the 4th Friday jam, replacing the one that's been held at Central Grange. No change would take effect unless and until such an alternate site can be arranged.

Happy birthdays to Wayne Carter, Ila Mae Carmickle, Lisa P. and Thelma Drayer. Anniversary congrats to John and Thelma Steele.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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October Events

11	Harding Grange, 21551 S. Fischer Mill Road, Estacada, Open at 12:00, playing from 1:00-3:00		
18	jam	Estacada Public Library, 825 NW Wade St.	2 - 4 p.m.
24	circle jam	Oregon City Public Library, Oregon City	6 - 9 p.m.
25	NW Jam	600 NE 8th Street, Gresham	Doors open at 11:00 sign-up playing 12:30-3 p.m.

Portland's new TriMet MAX line (the Orange Line) was opened on Sept 12. It went across our newest bridge, Tilikum Crossing, and ended in Milwaukie at Park Ave. where there was a big celebration. There were many booths—food, clothing, information about Milwaukie and about the Orange Line etc. (everything was ORANGE). There was a large stage which showcased many musical groups, and District 7 fiddlers were the last on the list. We got there early and enjoyed an amazing "Salsa" group before us. I think we were a little worried about our reception after such a rousing group, but we were awesome—even if I do say so myself. There were about 16 fiddlers (including guitars and a bass). We played from a list of standards and threw in a few tunes like Roy's Rag, Whiskey Before Breakfast and a joyous Boil the Cabbage at the end. The audience really enjoyed our playing, and it was fun to end the party.

On Sept. 13 Marcella Easley, District 7 chair, had a meeting before we played at the Marjorie Steward Community Center. About 20

people came to play (fiddles, guitars, and a bass) and attend the meeting. The first thing we discussed was the survey sent out to members which helped our leadership understand how to plan for our future. They were very encouraged with the responses and appreciated the suggestions given. Some of the ideas which will be implemented are: finding more guitar players, having more "getting acquainted" jams for new (and old) players, giving a CD of traditional OOTFA tunes to new players (Donna Foreman and Rick Bergeron will put one together), finding more jams on the West and East side of Portland, and conducting more workshops. Also we are hoping to find someone who can take over the duties of setting up the sound system from Joyce and Rick Bergeron. They have been doing it for a long time and will train anyone who can help.

We have a number of great jams coming up-- hope to see you all out there.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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October Events

17	potluck	United Methodist Church	Falls City	12 noon
17	sign-up jam	United Methodist Church	Falls City	1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hello to Autumn. There's a nip in the air, but we're still having 80 plus degree weather.

Late in August the Salem area group played in Mt. Angel. The beautiful shady courtyard behind the nursing home was a fun place to play on a warm day. Many of us celebrated Fred Hardin's 88th birthday at Salem-Keizer Senior Center. Thanks Fred.

District 8 fiddlers enjoyed playing at the Oregon State Fair. We were on a new stage, but a good sized audience found us. Nice to have our Groupies! A good crew of musicians played for an hour. We were pleased to have the Guptil family join us. Four year old Dylan Guptil was a hit with his vocals. James and Michael Christoff also wowed the audience. Just proves that you don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler.

A crowd of friends from near and far came to Guthrie Park a few miles out of Dallas, to say our final farewells to Bob Bailey. Each musician had the opportunity to tell a story of how Bob touched his or her life. Thank you Marie and family. I think it was exactly the kind of event Bob would approve of.

Some district members are off to Merrill for a few fun filled days.

Our annual date to play at the historic United Methodist Church in Falls City is Saturday, October 17th. We are invited to join in a potluck at noon. Then we'll play from 1 to 3:30ish. This is always fun.

Enjoy the rain, if it ever happens! This is Oregon, you know.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Secretary/Treasurer: George Sahlberg

Reporter: Marianne Andrews

The Harney County Fair performance was successful although we missed Janet, as she was on a fire. All the rest really came through and filled in beautifully. We would like to give a special thanks to Phil Drain for the wonderful sound system that made everyone sound their best. We were joined by Ron Phillips of John Day. Thanks for the special trip.

The second Sunday of the month potlucks and jams will begin October 11th. We look forward to seeing everyone's smile, side dish, and instrument.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our August meeting and jam were very well attended. Guests included several from Districts 4, 5, 6 and 8: Don and Bea Johnson, Ken Joubert, Larry Costa, Pat and Ruth Weyer, Linda and Dana Sweatt, Jesse and Darla Knudsen, and Jim Wallace. Thank you for coming to infuse our group with your fiddlin', energy, crooning, musical saw, banjo and friendship. Colleen Hanks has uploaded videos from the jam. You can find them on OOTFA's Facebook public group site.

Our district performed for a couple hours under a full moon along the Umpqua River at Eagleview Campground on August 28 for a music family reunion that featured ten old time, bluegrass and western bands all weekend. A few raindrops didn't dampen spirits and proceedings, and there was wonderful music, food and friendship. Videos of the OOTFA and other bands' shows have been uploaded on YouTube. The campground has been reserved to do it again next year on August 27-28, 2016.

Music Off Central in Sutherlin hosted OOTFA's festive fiddling show from 6-8 pm on September 4. Due to a little moisture, we had about as many providing the lively entertainment as there were in the audience. Doughnuts, pizza and hot coffee kept everyone fueled up during the show.

Irena Lane's husband, Dennis, passed away on July 20. We send our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Irena and her family. A celebration of life for Dennis is on September 26 at the Sutherlin Grange Hall. Expect many to share both funny and serious stories.

In October, we have many birthdays to celebrate including those for Jim Deaton, Patsy Parker, Don Hamlin's 60th, Jerry Hash, Sandy Harter and George Breeze's 90th. Happy Birthday to one and all!

Hal Thompson has a new CD out that features his fine singing and guitar playing on many favorite songs. Chris Booher assisted him in various

October Events

2	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
9	Gig	The Aspens	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
11	Jam	Sunday	
16	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
19	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
23	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
30	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

Don Greenfield has been joining us, adding a group of gospel songs to our repertoire.

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.

Margaret Teague just celebrated her birthday.

Musically Yours

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

October Events

23	Gig	VFW, Winston	7 - 9 p.m.
24	Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.

aspects with the project. We'll be keeping Hal in our thoughts and prayers as he undergoes shoulder replacement surgery on October 14.

District 10 plays monthly shows at several assisted living facilities. We're still in need of a program director to coordinate activities and players. Until someone take this on, please contact Colleen Hanks if you'd like to play at any of our regular shows.

On Friday, October 23 from 7-9 pm, join OOTFA's show with dancing and singing at Winston VFW, 570 W Douglas Blvd. This gig will give us all the proceeds from the door cover charge, only \$4 per guest. Y'all come!

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.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Performing at Winchester Bay: Hal Thompson (District 10) and Jerry Rose (from California) on guitars with Loita Colbank on bass



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State Calendar

January Board Meeting

Time and place to be announced

New Members to Welcome!

Wes & Wanda Hamrick
Don & Ardy Smith

Sutherlin
Medford

Kelly Stone
Matt, Rachel, Ruby, Matteline Rose, Violet, Iris & Opal

Grants Pass
Silver Lake

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As we enter the last quarter of 2015, it is time to re-register for 2016. You can do it NOW. Hand or mail it to your District Membership Chair whose contact information is listed in your district report in this publication.

There are two choices of payment for the 2016 Annual Household Membership DUES. Membership runs from January 1-December 31:

- \$20.00 - You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in a PDF format.
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You qualify to be LIFETIME MEMBER if you are at least 70 years old and have been a member of Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association for at least 5 years. Contact your District Membership Chair and they will fill out the appropriate form and mail it to me. Once a LIFETIME MEMBER, you do not have to "register" again UNLESS you want to receive the newsletter, THE HOEDOWNER, in the Mail. In that case, you need to pay the \$25 which actually covers the cost of printing and mailing the Hoedowner. If you only want to get it as a PDF directly from the printer, let your Membership Chair know and it will come to you at NO CHARGE. You can also go online at the OOTFA website and read it there.