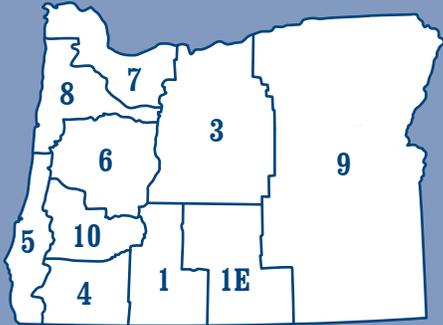


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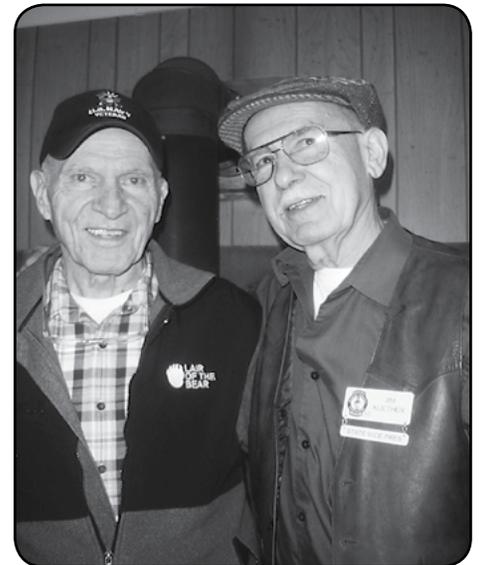
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From Your President

Summer is right around the corner. From where I sit, I envision barbecues, campouts, singing and playing music. Speaking of campouts, if you missed the Silver Lake shindig, you missed a great one. Good weather, fine food, wonderful camp hosts and music, music, music! Made me wonder why anyone would want to miss what we had there. Now I know there are always reasons why folks can't come to a particular event. But just maybe one of the reasons is they just haven't been introduced to it yet.

My journey into old time music started when my neighbor, Roger Germundson, took the time to ask me to go along one night to a practice. Suffice to say, I'm still going--after some 15 years. My advice to anyone just being introduced to this genre we call old timey music is to immerse yourself into every practice, gig, campout, or opportunity you can attend. Until you do, you won't know what it's all about. There were some 19 people signed up last month in various districts. You who signed them up, please see to it that they are introduced to as many events as possible. Take them yourself if need be. Don't leave them hanging on their own. Remember, they probably don't realize what a great organization they joined just yet. But with your encouragement, they will. Keep the music flowing and until then, happy trails.

~ Jim Kuether, President



Pat Weyer and President Jim Kuether

From the Editor

My husband, Steve, and I both started playing old time music about 4 years ago, when we attended the Fiddle Camp near Oakridge. We camped out in our little backpacking tent right next to the railroad tracks. Despite the 100 degree days and the high winds, the bracing rush of trains passing by at night, and the cold showers...we had the time of our lives! Part of our joy was that we were lucky enough to meet up with some of the most generous and fun-loving people we'd ever known. Among them were Pat and Ruth Weyer. We were constantly being sucked in by Pat's stories that always seemed to turn from story to joke at the end. We went to sleep each night listening to the sweet sounds of his harmonica floating with the evening's breeze.

As most of you know, Pat now has terminal cancer and is going into hospice. Our prayers and thoughts are with Pat and Ruth and their family. If you'd like to send a card to let them know your thoughts, here is their address: Pat and Ruth Weyer c/o Andrea Sharman 1198 Winsor North North Bend, Or 97459

I will be out of town for a couple of months, so my two very capable friends, Joe Moyle and Lew Holt, will each be taking a turn at the editing while I'm out. I'll be back for the September issue. In the meantime, I'll be thinking of you.... out on your porch with a couple of friends--jamming and enjoying a beautiful summer.

~ Kindest regards, Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Perhaps 20 years ago, a group of us-- three fiddlers, two guitars and a bass-- played our usual hour in the social room at a nearby nursing home for enthusiastic residents. Nothing out of the ordinary-- just the usual group enjoying our music. A lady came in to ask us if we would go to room 19 when we finished, to play for her sister-in-law's mother. The old lady had been an active piano player but had suffered a bad stroke last Monday. They couldn't get her to swallow and they really didn't think she would live long.

When we finished playing, we hesitantly went down the hall to room 19 where the lady's daughter and a friend were sitting quietly by the old lady's bed. Her eyes were closed, the left side of her face drooped, the IV tubes dripped. It was quiet; there wasn't much happening. We were told that she always liked to play "Tennessee Waltz" and "Sweet Georgia Brown". We decided we would end with "Faded Love". That was easy; we could do that.

We started with "Tennessee Waltz". The old lady's eyes opened; she looked far away. Her breathing became deeper. I couldn't help but wondering where her thoughts were. While we played, she was attentive in her own way, and we could see her thinking about something. Her wheels were turning, but she was unable to speak. We hoped that we touched her in some way with our music and that we gave her pleasure for the moment.

When we finished the three tunes, we were asked if we would play "Amazing Grace" before we left. I have never heard any of our tunes played with such depth, such emotion, such commitment as those tunes were played that day. I couldn't help but think about a recent discussion we'd had about playing and singing at the same time. Today I wondered if we could play and have tears running down our cheeks at the same time. We can and we did. Isn't it great to be a fiddler?!

~ Lew

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June Events

11	gig	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
12	jam	Shasta Grange	1 - 3 p.m.
16	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
16	gig	Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
21	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
23	gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
30	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1 - 4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418

Greetings All from District One,

It's with great pride that we are happy to announce the HOMER McLAIN MEMORIAL AWARD for the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Member of the Year for 2016 goes to Philip and Sheila Fry! The award was presented to Sheila at the Silver Lake Fiddle Campout. It's a very poignant award, and Sheila was extremely honored to receive it! The celebration of life that was held here in District 1 to honor Philip's life had a tremendous turnout and was very moving. Many talented friends and family drove great distances to come play music and honor this great man! He touched MANY and left a lasting legacy amongst OOTFA members.

Other district news...many attended Silver Lake as well as our regular monthly jam. We also recently played a gig for a wedding reception where the bride and groom were both 80 years old! How

fun! Starting this month will be the return of our Farmer's Market Gig. With school winding down for the kids, we are hoping we will have many junior fiddlers willing and able to join in the fun...the only thing we need now is some warmer weather!

June Birthdays: Debra Etters, and Marie Kliewer.

June Anniversaries: Ben and Fran Coker, Allen and Helen Meyers, Richard and Mary Knapp, Del and Noranne Sparks, and Sherman and Jacque Taylor.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

"Music washes away from the soul, the dust of everyday life"
(Anonymous)

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Barrett Amacker staying up late to earn his "Teddy Bear" pin at Silver Lake.



Jamming at Silver Lake

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District 1E held its business meeting on Monday, May 2. Terry McLain took charge for the last time. He's done a fine job for us and not only kept our meetings on track but also kept us all informed when changes came up between meetings. We appreciate his service and I'm sure he'll be relied upon as the new officers take charge. Thanks Terry, for all your hard work!

The Silver Lake Campout was so much fun despite the less than stellar weather. We had **130 campers** who turned out to make the weekend such a success! **Sherilyn McLain** organizes and runs the kitchen and makes sure there is enough food for everyone with custom breakfasts complete with fresh fruit and muffins. The coffee pot is on and at the ready, first thing. Lunch and dinner are also provided, with several people bringing food to supplement the offerings. She wants to thank all her kitchen helpers who assisted to make the weekend so successful, from the good fairies who cleaned up late at night to the ones who brought food and/or helped serve and wash up. You know who you are and your help was so appreciated!

In addition to the kitchen work, Sherilyn also serves as M.C. for the evening performances. **The Homer McLain Award** is usually presented at the OOTA State Convention but this year, due to unforeseen circumstances, it was postponed and presented at Silver Lake. Sherilyn introduced the nature of the award, followed by Jim Kuether presenting the award to **Phil and Sheila Fry**. Sheila was present to accept the award and spoke eloquently about how proud Phil would have been to have received this particular award, since he viewed the McLain's as "family" and also how much it meant to her. It was a fitting tribute to both of them for their participation in the organization and their efforts to promote old time fiddle music.

The Hat Contest was held Friday night with three outstanding winners: **Brenda Rose** took the prize for "original song," with lyrics that reflected the likes of all of us jammers. **Rick Bergeron** won the prize for having the silliest hat, sporting a coo coo bird complete with nest adorning his head, and **Cathy Frutchey** won a prize for "the best fit," i.e. the hat that

June Events

4	"Ham Jam & Potluck"	Senior Center, Lakeview	2 p.m.
6	Business Meeting		

best illustrated the song choice. **Kirt Renfro** was recognized with an "honorable mention."

Both **Barrett Amaker** and **Jassmyn Guerney** managed to stay up until 3 a.m., dance with the bear and earn their bear pins this year. Congratulations to both of them!

Saturday night the "potluck bands" were formed, and after drawing names out of a hat, performers had a few minutes to find their band-mates, decide on a song choice and a name for their group, and perform the song. That is always a challenge for the participants as well as a lot of fun.

The job of setting up and running sound equipment, making sure everyone was comfortable and had everything they needed fell to **Terry McLain**. He was the "go-to guy" for the weekend and he did a masterful job of it. Thanks, Terry! And, thanks to all who made the drive to Silver Lake, shared in the music making and camaraderie! How lucky are we all are to be able to share that kind of love through music!

Larry and Rosa Lee McLain both left the campout early due to a family emergency, and we missed their company, energy, and musicianship. Rosa Lee's son, Delbert, suffered a heart attack Thursday morning, and they left for Medford to meet him at the hospital and see him through his surgery. His surgery was successful, and they all returned to Lakeview Sunday. We were all concerned for the family and relieved to know Delbert came through it okay.

We have decided that June 4, our traditional "First Saturday Jam" will be this year's "Ham Jam and Potluck." If you're in the neighborhood and want to join us at the Senior Center in Lakeview, we'd love to have you. Jamming starts at 2 and goes until we all fizzle out.

We're looking forward to June and the Burns Country Jamboree. See you there!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter



Cathy Frutchey's band at the Hat Contest playing "Panhandle Rag"



Joyce, Rick, and Ed Bergeron play "Cuckoo in the Nest" and take first place for the "silliest" hat.

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Howdy from District 3,

Our Mother's Day Potluck on May 8th was a big success. We had 17 musicians playing and about 55 guests with lots of dancing going on. There was lots of food, good desserts and of course, the famous chicken noodle soup. The potluck was enjoyed by all.

While visiting friends in Redmond, Pastor Marxon Wanyana (from Uganda, Africa) paid us a visit and enjoyed dancing to our music. We were glad to have Robin Lindsey attend, and when he renewed his membership, he transferred to District 3. He is a welcome addition, and we are also happy to have Wayne and Vickie Bobbitt back with us.

Before our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance at the PB Community Center on June 5th, there will be a membership meeting held at 12:30 p.m. Please note that this will be a meeting to elect officers. For this to happen, we need a quorum; all members, not just musicians are needed to vote so please do plan on

June Events

5	PB Community Center	Membership Meeting	12:30 - 1 p.m.
5	PB Community Center	Jam/Dance	1 - 4 p.m.

attending. There will be music and dancing beginning after the meeting.

Throughout the summer we will keep you posted on our 2nd Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (COCMG).. This year it is being held on September 8, 9, 10th. It will be an indoor event at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville. Our website will be updated as plans come together. We have a couple of surprise ideas that we think you will enjoy. The website will also have a list of Prineville restaurants, lodging, and a campground map of the fairgrounds. Food vendors are also planned.

Our website.....centraloregonfiddlers.com

As always, we thank all for coming out to our Jam/Dance and wish you a happy and safe summer. See you in the July Hoedowner !

~ Pat Borden, Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

June Events

4	gig	Gold Rush Days	Gold Hill	12 noon
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Well...Mother Nature cooperated and didn't completely rain on our parade, or on our benefit performance at Vintage Days in Eagle Point, to help rebuild the Butte Creek Mill. Despite the on and off again spring showers, there was a good turn-out of musicians and general public. We were able to give Bob Russell over \$150 as District 4's donation to the wonderful efforts to rebuild this great historical monument.

We've been missing a few really valuable members. Scott Phillips has been under the weather. We hope you're back soon, and also Don Maddox has been ailing. Get well soon guys!



Barrett McLain plays "Angelina Baker" at Silver Lake

Beginning fiddle classes are completed for this year. Judy McGarvey, the teacher, congratulated each student on their accomplishments and encouraged each musician to continue coming to the 4:30 slow jams each week to maintain their playing and to learn new tunes. Some of the students are making plans to attend the West Cascades Fiddle Camp in July. Judy is considering teaching again in the fall if there is enough interest.

June should prove to be a busy month for all OOTFA-ers. We will begin the month on the first Saturday, June 4, in Gold Hill at Gold Rush Days. We will be performing in the park next to the library under the huge tree. The sponsors have told us we are the highlight of their shin-dig so y'all come out and have fun. Then June, 16-18, it's off to Burns for the High Desert Jamboree and State Meeting, and so much fun and jamming. Then repack the car and head a little further east to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho June 20-25. Oregon is the host state this year so we will be opening the program each night with an onstage jam of old time fiddle music. It's an "I gotta be there" year! Take your vitamins, get a few naps in and I'll see you soon!

"Music is like a cat, you can't explain its importance to those who don't appreciate it" Anonymous

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Junior Hoedowner: Gideon Stask, District 5



Gideon Stask, District 5

My name is Gideon Stask. I am 14 years old. I have been playing the violin since I was four years old. When I was seven, I went to the Booher Family Music Camp where I was introduced to fiddle music. Since then I have been going to contests and playing classical and fiddle music. I like fiddle because I don't have to read music to learn it and because I can personalize it. My favorite songs are "Arkansas Traveler" and "Temperance Reel." I play violin at my church, and I play in the orchestra at Southwestern Community College. I have many other hobbies, and I especially like biking and flying paper airplanes. I am on a swim team. I like math, and so I want to get a job that requires it, when I finish growing up.



Fiddle Tips by Truman



Recently someone asked if I could analyze the bowing I'd just done on a tune. I'd started with a simple statement; then put more notes in, with little slurred connections for each two or three notes, then the same notes with separate strokes; then added a few; around the third or fourth time through. I kept that going on the top two strings and reached over with the bow to strike a rhythm on a lower string, without stopping the complex pattern on the top strings. Then I played the tune high and clear again, to finish with the simple statement.

I tried to slow down what had just happened and look at it, but it didn't seem to work. I never knew for any given time which direction the bow had been going. The next day at home, I tried watching my right arm while playing a similar tune. I think I counted 14 different strokes, without getting as far as that simultaneous bass rhythm.

One can analyze bow strokes, of course. In a chapter on bow movements in his book, *Six Lessons*, Menuhin breaks down 50 different movements, with the tiny muscles used for most. That might be useful to work through, but move on! I'm really after a sound, and a rhythm. I'll try different strokes until I find the sound I want. Don't forget:

*The Centipede was happy, quite,
Until the toad in fun,
Said, Pray, which leg follows which?
That worked his mind to such a pitch
He lay distracted in a ditch, considering how to run.*

I've learned fiddle by listening to, and playing with, tunes I wanted to learn. One has to become used to the piece. Sheet music may help with the basic notes, but you can always find more variations that you need to match, play with, or elaborate on. Play the basic melody until you are bored with it, then keep playing! If you are bored with "Soldier's Joy", then you haven't played it enough! Every good tune is different, has its own character, and you find the essence by playing it. You will make accidental strokes, but some of them will sound like keepers. That is where the art begins.



~Truman

Tune of the Month : "Seamus O'Brien"

I remember hearing this tune from Paul Lakey of Drain. This version comes from the Evergreen Fiddler Tunebook, Vol. III, edited by my old friend Stuart Williams of Seattle. Henry McVeigh turns it into a nicely bouncy waltz. It goes back to an 1870 composition by William Shakespeare Hayes. Another version can be found in O'Neill's Music of Ireland, where a perfectly good Irish name is given its English form: "James O'Brien."

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

On Youtube there are numerous recordings of this tune, some with words that tell a broken-heart story of wishing Seamus to come back home:

*O, Shamus O'Brien, why don't you come home?
And you don't know how happy I'll be;
I've got one darling wish and that is that you'll come,
And forever be happy with me.*

Waltz

"Seamus O'Brien"

by William Shakespeare Hays
from Henry McVeigh
Tacoma, WA

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It features ten staves of music. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, C, G, Em, Am, D7, G, C, Am, G, D7, G, C, Em, B7, C, Em, D, D7, G, C, Am, C#d7, D, G, D7, G. There are also triplets marked with a '3' over the notes.

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One of the most beautiful gifts of creation is the Southern Oregon coast in springtime. We are ablaze in a panorama of color with lilacs, rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as primroses, daisies and petunias that are just beginning to join the parade. We are inviting you to come for a visit! A good opportunity is our 3-day plus campout that will take place mid-August. Talk with anyone that has attended in the last number of years, and you will know why you don't want to miss it. The dates are August 18-21.. It will be held, as it is every year, in Winchester Bay. Make a note that the theme for the contest night is "**Cowboy, Cowgirl.**" This gives time for researching what song you would like to play for the evening performance.

We had a great season of 9 months playing at the various care centers, and for the next 3 months, the venue changes to the local state parks. These are usually evening performances played outside. The group will once again wear their logging shirts to honor the industry that helped make our area known. A full schedule for June will be emailed once it is finalized. The Black Powder event will consist of a potluck and our music as well as other activities. The report from those who have previously attended is that it is a great event and you will enjoy it. Please email or call me if you need directions.

Fred Grove's memorial service was well attended. So many wonderful things were said about him. A group (including

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Old time string music sings from all corners of this great state! May's been a month filled with celebrations of old time music. Jams and performances are being held far and wide and our District 6 musicians are always represented, from Silver Lake to Sutherlin, Oakridge to Monroe, and right here around Eugene. Our players are welcome guests at other district jams. It's a chance for us to scout tunes that we may want to add to our repertoires, and to extend our circle of friends.

District 6 held its quarterly business meeting and potluck on April 13, at Central Grange. Our members are profusely grateful for the dedicated service of Joe Canaday and Ken Luse as Vice-chairmen. Linda Parks is the new Membership Coordinator. Thanks to Mark Ratzlaff for long assuming this important role.

The membership continues to grow and thrive, in part because of fiddle classes taught by Ila Mae Carmickle. Classes resume in June, so rosin up and practice if you let your skills and memory get rusty during the hiatus. Hopefully, Ila Mae and Mark are nesting comfortably in their new urban home.

There was a reminder for professional ethics and polished efforts for paid OOTFA performances, which bring in much-needed money for

June Events

10	gig	Black Powder Rendezvous	Mast Ranch	4-?
25	gig	Myrtle Point Library Picnic	Rotary Park, Myrtle Point	noon-?

(Please read below for further information regarding the schedule)

some from District 5) played and sang a song that Fred wrote in 1950 when he was 14. The group learned it from him a short while before his death. The name of the song is "Fred's Love Song" or "Why I Fell in Love with You".

Larry and Sharon Gallagher went to the memorial jam for Phil Fry. Sharon said "it was a great day of remembering a wonderful man and musician. Many people were playing instruments that Phil had made." Larry and Sharon also went to the Silver Lake Campout in early May, as did Colleen Hodges and Art Bigelow. Once again, Sharon reports: "We all had a wonderful time. It is so good to spend time with friends. As usual, there was lots of great music and food. The McLain family and District 1E outdid themselves again. The hat songs brought lots of fun and laughter. The closing gospel show is always moving and a wonderful way to end our time together".

Here in District 5, we continue to pray for Pat and Ruth as they walk through the challenges of Pat's illness. We know members all over the state are thinking of them right now. Karen, our editor, has included their address, so feel free to write. I know it means a lot to hear from their musical family.

"We consider that any man who can fiddle all through one of those Virginia Reels without losing his grip may be depended upon in any kind of musical emergency." — **Mark Twain**

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

June Events

3	performance/jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 9:30 p.m.
4	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
6	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
10	jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
17	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
24	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 - 10 p.m.

the organization. Players should be prepared to contribute two tunes to set lists at least four days in advance to the organizer, preferably tunes that the band can back up without difficulty in a performance situation. Last-minute tune-switches present difficulties for back-up players and compromise the professional sound sought by customers.

Members from the Corvallis area are hopeful that a coordinator will step forward to arrange sites for jams and performances. Evelyn Horner is happy to partner with someone to get a schedule established. There was a request that a few performances at care facilities be scheduled in the early evening so that working stiffs can participate. Residents adore these gigs and hang on every note, eager for the next performance.

Oregon is the host state for the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, ID, following closely on the heels of the annual jam at Burns. Check out the OOTFA website for details for both events and see if you can help represent us at the jams and build the local economy by shopping the many yard sales!

An OOTFA band supplied the soundtrack for the 63rd Oakridge Tree

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District 6 (Continued from previous page)

Planting Festival on Mother's Day with Bob Strelow, Linda Danielson, and Amy Burrow on fiddle, Linda and Jerry Parks and Allan Stults on guitar, Brian Neal on Dobro, and Ken Luse with the bass beat. Marlene Neal was lured to the mic to sing with Brian, "Across the Brazos at Waco", made all the more perfect because Marlene had been the original Tree Planting Queen. And Bob delivered a killer version of "Florida Blues", to an appreciative audience of vendors and community members.

Joe and Leah Canaday and their family appreciate our love and concern as Joe endures treatments. Please send positive thoughts their way.

Best birthday wishes to Ken Luse, Lena Stubbs, Bob Strelow, John Steele and Linda Parks.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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June Events

12 jam	Estacada Community Center	200 SW Club House Drive	1 - 3 p.m.
26 NW Jam	600 NE 8th St. Gresham	Doors open at 11. Sign up playing	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

It is always fun to play in our last monthly jam before the summer at the Estacada Community Center. We usually have a great turn-out, and everyone enjoys the light lunch that is served for a nominal fee. The doors will open at 11:30 and sign-up playing is from 1 to 3 p.m. Also the monthly NW Jam is a similar venue with jamming before the sign-up playing. Brush up an old tune and come out and join us for both of these events; you'll have a great time. A couple of other events to put on your calendar for the summer are the Sandy Mt. Festival on Saturday July 9th and the Clackamas County Fair in Canby August 2-4. More details on those later.

the jamming, a highlight of the weekend was the Hat Night on Friday. There were 28 acts, and the participants played a song and wore a hat to go with it. There was a lot of creativity that night with lovely, crazy, silly, and funny hats and costumes! Congratulations to Rick Bergeron from District 7 who played "Cuckoo in the Nest" and won first place for the "Silliest Hat". Another highlight was the CAN BAND on Saturday night where 20 bands played. Each band was to play a song and a fiddle tune and only had a short time to prepare. There were prizes, lots of laughs, and great music. If you have never been to this event consider going next year. You will love it.

I was lucky to be able to attend the Silver Lake Campout in early May this year. My husband worked on a ranch during his teen years in Summer Lake, and we were able to visit our friends there as well as participate in the jamming and entertainment events at Silver Lake. We loved the beauty of the countryside! I was amazed that over 120 people from all OOTFA districts in Oregon attended the "Campout" which was held at the Silver Lake Fire Station. This event has been going on for 16 years and is sponsored by District 1E with Sharilyn McLain and her family in charge. There were potluck dinners, and the breakfasts and lunches were provided by District 1E. In addition to all

Remember that District 7 is considered a host of the Weiser National Fiddle Contest this year, and we will be playing on the stage each night to welcome everyone to the evening program. If you have never gone to this event, it is one not to be missed, and you will have a wonderful time playing with your fellow District 7 members and others from around the state.

Keep on Fiddlin'!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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June Events

4 District picnic	Lynn Gossett's home, Dallas	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
26 Strawberry Social	Aurora Colony Museum	2 - 4 p.m.

District 8 players entertained for the annual Ag Fest at the fairgrounds in Salem. It's always fun to see families learning about farming. Fiddler young (several of the Guptil kids) and older played three sets, with time between to see the various exhibits. Some played for all three sets, some for one hour or two. Your help was appreciated. The district was paid \$150 for playing.

Several District 8 members attended the Silver Lake Campout. Reports are that they had a wonderful time. Haven't heard if any of them joined the Teddy Bear club. Those 1-E folks make everyone feel welcome.

PICNIC - PICNIC Ya'll come! Coming up: District 8 picnic will be Saturday June 4, at the home of Lynn Gossett. As usual, bring picnic food to share and of course your instruments. Time: 11 am to 3 pm.

The May 7th Sheep to Shawl day at Mission Mill in Salem drew ten fiddlers and back-up musicians. Fred Davis from District 7 joined us. His guitar back-up was very welcome. The front porch of the little church, our designated spot to play, was too hot, so we moved into the shade a few yards in front of the church. People passed by on their trips between the various exhibits and demonstrations. Many stayed to listen for awhile and enjoy the shade from the big oak tree. Those attending were: Allen Scheese, Jim Wallace, Truman Price, Darlene Bryant, Chris Lang, Ray Cunningham, Amelie Redman, Dale Smith, Fred Davis, Dick Dery, Lew and Alice Holt. We played for 90 minutes.

Lynn's address is: 364 S. E. Davis Court in Dallas. Coming into Dallas from the east you will be on Ellendale. Here are the directions from Mapquest. From Ellendale, turn left onto SE Uglow St, in about 1/4 mile turn right onto SE Hankel St., take the 2nd left onto SE Davis St., take the 1st left onto SE Davis Court. It's a cul-de-sac. 364 SE Davis Court is on the left.

Sunday, June 26th is the date for the Strawberry Social at the Museum in Aurora. This is always a fun place to play and eat fresh

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Oregon Strawberry Shortcake. We'll be playing from 2 to 4 pm. Hope you can be there. Visitors welcome!

We are often asked what is the difference between a violin and a

fiddle. There are lots of answers. I like this one: "Violins play notes. Fiddles imitate the sounds in your head."

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

As you can see, elections were held, and new faces have volunteered to be the Chair and Vice-chair, for which we are all grateful. Thanks Don and Joan for coming forward. Janet is still the Jamboree coordinator, and will help, but now will have some help with the work load.

The last Sunday potluck and jam was on Mother's Day. Our potlucks and jams will resume in October. Two mandolin pickers showed up - John Borelli, back from California, and Pat Reed came from Boise.

T'was great to have them.

Ruel played his fingers to the bone at Silver Lake and enjoyed every minute of it.

Our Country Music Jamboree, as you all know, will be June 16th, 17th and 18th. We will be hosting a free Youth Fiddle Workshop, paid for by a Keilhorn Grant. Cheryl Hall will be conducting Fiddle 1 and Fiddle

June Events

3	jam	Friday Night Jam	
10	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16,17,18		Country Music Jamboree!!!! Whoopie!!!!	
20	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m. and 1st Day of Summer
24	jam	Friday Night Jam	

2 classes. Other workshops will be available for everyone else. Please check the schedule.

If you come early, you may want to take in Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising playing at the Nazarene Church on June 15th. Mark from Haines, Alaska joined us at the Aspens and played fiddle and sang at the same time! He was a wonderful addition to our gig.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. The Friday night jams continue all summer.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our fourth Saturday jams in April and May were fun--with several guests from other districts. Thanks for coming. At the May meeting, new district officers were elected. They will be listed in next month's newsletter.

Up in the Oakland area, the "Senior Moments Fiddle Group" is looking for new members. Celia says, "Beginners are welcomed & encouraged to come play with us. We're all beginners!" Call Celia at 541-459-7952.

Gynn Deaton shares her thoughts about old time music: "I enjoy old time fiddle music because both my grandfathers were fiddlers. My Texas Irish granddad played for dances. When I visited them, neighbors would come over with guitars, and I never got tired of listening to that good music. Both of my husband's granddads played fiddle too. When we found out about OOTFA, we happily joined so we could hear that music from our childhood once again. That led to our many years with the Canyonville Fiddle Contest, cooking for the convention when it was at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, and my serving as State Treasurer. Most importantly, the good friends we made mean the most."

Jean Hanson expresses her sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone who sent prayers and thoughts after Bob's passing on April 16. A celebration of Bob Hanson's life took place on May 22 at Riversdale Grange Hall. It was an afternoon filled with song, stories and memories (both joyous and sad). Many of Bob's favorite gospel, old-time and bluegrass songs were played. OOTFA is truly a "family" that cares for one another. Bob proudly promoted the organization and the people who make it what it is.

June Events

4	gig	BPOE-Myrtle Creek - invitation only	7 - 9 p.m.
8	gig	Rose Haven (2nd Wednesday)	10 a.m.
20	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
25	jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall (4th Saturday)	12 - 3 p.m.
27	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
30	gig	Riverview Terrace	4 p.m.

It's with a heavy heart that I must report that Barbara Sullivan passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 4th. No memorial services are planned, but I think that her family would welcome your cards, prayers and thoughts sent to her address (1257 SE Washington, Roseburg 97470). Barbara's guitar, mandolin, pleasant personality and helpful attitude will certainly be missed at our jams and shows.

On June 15, Ann Hodson will have a very special, milestone birthday. Other birthdays this month include Ernie Farley's (June 19) and Sharon Thompson's (June 23). Happy Birthday, Ann, Ernie and Sharon! Ann also had knee replacement surgery on May 11. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts. District 10 also sends our prayers and thoughts to Pat Weyer (District 5 Chair) who has aggressive, terminal cancer.

Oregon will be host state for the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Id. on June 20-25. If you're planning on going, contact Patti Luse or Judy McGarvey.

If you have an unused instrument to play, sell, share or donate, bring it to our jam. A district officer can direct you to someone to help you. At our jams, we also set up 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 pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

June 13-14	Nevada State Old Time Fiddler's Contest--Eureka, NV
June 16-18	Hi Desert Jamboree & State Board Mtg.--Harney Co. Fairgrounds, Burns
June 20-25	National Fiddle Contest--Weiser, Idaho
July 18-21	West Cascades Fiddle Camp--Westridge Middle School near Oakridge
August 6	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest--Corvallis
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout--Winchester Bay
September 8-10	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering & Semi Bi-annual State Meeting--Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

Ron Baker
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Herman & Sharon Langley
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OREGON is the HOST STATE at the NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST in WEISER, IDAHO.

The festivities begin on Monday, June 20 and run thru Saturday night, June 25. If you are planning to attend, please let Patti Luse know by June 3. We can get you a Weiser Host Ribbon/Ticket which will get into most of the competitions for free. More about the National Fiddle Contest is at www.fiddlecontest.com.

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