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From Your President

June is in full swing and, before you know it, summer will have made its debut. What a wonderful time to make "hot fiddle music"! I guess by the time you read this, Burns High Dessert Jamboree and Quarterly meeting will have happened and Oregon state's hosting at Weiser will be history. Those who attend will have had quite a thrill, I'm sure, and listened to countless tunes that will make them want to go home and practice or at least listen to the cds they buy. I have to admit it's been too long since I attended a Weiser event, but it is one of the reasons I am still active in OOTFA. I had never witnessed an event like that — and the tunes I came away with were amazing. I bought my first book of old time music along with the cd. That really got me practicing the fiddle again. Maybe you have similar stories to tell of how or what got you motivated. It certainly has to be the enjoyment of playing with other members the classics of old-time music. So, 'til next time, keep the rosin handy and the fiddle singing sweetly.

~ Jim

From the Acting Editor

As we go to press we have learned of the death of District 5's Pat Weyer. Pat and his wife, Ruth, have long been active in District 5, both playing leading roles. Pat will be remembered for laid-back humor and his harmonicas, which he carried around in a handmade myrtlewood box. District 5 will hold a memorial jam and potluck honoring Pat and Fred Grove, who passed away earlier this year, at the Winchester Bay Community Center, 635 Broadway, Winchester Bay on Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. Ruth Weyer will provide the ham and turkey.



Pat Weyer

Our thoughts and love go out to Pat's family. If you would like to send a card, it can be sent to: Ruth Weyer, 93951 Raymond Lane, North Bend, OR.

~ Joe

From the Editor Emeritus

Our association exists, perhaps, because of our love of music, but just as important are the many friends that we have in the association and our memories of those friends who are gone. Another story -- Alice and I joined OOTFA about 1980 and have enjoyed being members for many years. I would like to share this bit from a letter that I wrote to my mother which tells of our first experience with the fiddlers.

Sunday Dec. 10, 1971

Dear Mom,

This afternoon was extremely interesting and I wish you could have been with us. Last week I heard on the radio that there was going to be a fiddle jubilee in North Bend so Alice, Tim, and I spent from 1:00 until 4:00 listening to old time fiddlers and guitars. People had come from all over Oregon to play together. They played until 3:00, moved back chairs and danced for an hour to the old time music. There must have been 15 fiddle players and they each played three tunes. There were some special numbers - guitar and mandolins, etc. The gal that played the piano really bounced. We left at 4:00 - Tim had set real patiently for three hours - and we needed to get home to put up the Christmas lights. Anyway - I really enjoyed listening to the music and watching people dance - as they did at Bridgeport.

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Then the January 1972 Hoedowner reports the following:

Southern Division Report (Before districts were formed.)

First the jam session at North Bend. It was another big success. We had fifteen fiddlers: Cliff Buker, Dick Frankland, Sue Walker, Mary Walker, Jim Rose, Jim Morris, Russ Hall, Billy Warwick, Carl vanHooser, Sherman Wilson, Fred Virtue, Buck Aulman, Cecil Davidson, Bud Ray, and Don Gish. As back-ups we had: Bessie Buker, piano, Earl Aulman, Wilma Ryan, Steve Hall, Ken Ryan, Pete Odem, Jim Clark, Billy Warwick, and Jim Morris all on guitars. As extra solos we had George Cabal and Pete Oden on mandolins. The I.W.A. Local 3-261, donated their beautiful new hall for our jam session. Russ Hall and his wife

were responsible for all the wonderful help we had. We want to thank all of those that helped to make this another successful Jam Session. Martha Warwick

Alice and I later got to know and became friends of seven of the fiddlers and several of the back ups. I am guessing that only two of those listed are still alive -- Russ Hall and Billy Warwick.

Let me tell you a story about Bill Yohey. Back in the early 1980s at the Vernonia campout Alice proudly showed Bill her new fiddle. Bill looked at it saying, "You never tell a lady that she has an ugly baby." Over the many years that I have been around fiddles, I remember Bill's advice, taking it to heart.

~ Lew

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July Events

9	Gig	Farmer's Market	11:30-1:30 p.m.
10	Jam	Shasta Grange	1-3 p.m.
16	Gig	Farmer's Market	11:30-1:30 p.m.
18	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30-11:30 a.m.
21	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30-11:30 a.m.
21	Gig	Brookdale	1-2 p.m.
28	Gig	Quail Park	10:30-11:30 a.m.
28	Gig	Rogue River Place	1-2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square; check with Irene Ruddock (541-882-6418) for date and times. Farmer's Market set-up is at 11 a.m. on the morning of the gig; any extra help setting up and taking down is MUCH appreciated!

Summer is officially here! We kicked off the season with our first Farmer's Market and had a well attended gig. We had several guitar players, several fiddle players, a passel of junior fiddlers, and were also blessed with a banjo player plus a surprise visit from the Larry McLain family. We even twisted Larry's arm to come up and play a few tunes with us; his wife was very gracious to let us steal him away for a bit! Many thanks, McLain family!

Milk Cow Blues in front of 350 students/staff and did great! In other district news, our monthly jams are going great and it's always fun to get together and play some tunes. Hopefully now that summer is underway, we can all get outside to play some of our tunes and enjoy the finer weather!

The Junior Fiddlers are coming right along and showcased some of their newest songs, like Soldiers Joy. They even enjoyed dancing to some of the danceable songs being played; their energy and joy were fun to watch. Another one of our fiddle players, Lena Dreyer, played in her school talent show at Henley Middle School on the last day before summer break. She played

July Birthdays: Fran Coker, Lorraine Degnan, Rebecca Hazen, Bill Hazen, London Larson, Aline Swartwood, Les Tucker.

July Anniversaries: Mike and Lynn Foster.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



District 1 at the Farmer's Market.



Lena Dreyer Playing "Milk Cow Blues".

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District 1E held its business meeting on June 6th. June 6th happens to also be Larry and Maryann's anniversary but they came anyway! Happy (belated) Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. McLain!!

Sharilyn McLain made the financial report, including Silver Lake Campout donations. Our sincere "thanks" to everyone who generously donated to help defray the costs involved in setting up the event. We appreciate it more than you know! All the bills are paid and we're all set to do it again next year. The McLains would also like to thank those who sent "thank you" cards following Silver Lake, expressing their appreciation for the time and effort that went into the planning and all facets involved in making the weekend such a success.

Our "Ham Jam and Potluck" held on June 4th at the Senior Center in Lakeview was a huge success! We had 13 members from other districts who made the trip to our town to join in the music and share in the feast. District 1 was well represented by Sheila Fry, Aline and Jake Swartwood, Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, Edna Jenkins, and Mike Foster. Diana and Ed Mackensie drove all the way from Terrebonne to represent District 3 and add harmonica and banjo to our group and we had two visitors from Alturas, Sharon Enderlin and Lynn Staubb, adding another guitar and an autoharp. Jerry and Laura Light, former members of District 1E, joined us also, driving from their home in Nevada to spend the weekend in town with Larry and Maryann. Jerry always brings his songbook of lyrics and sings tunes we only hear when he comes to town. Little did we know it was Diana Mackensie's birthday on June 5th so Happy Belated Birthday, Diana! Sheila stayed over with Terry and Sherilyn and they had a nice visit. It was wonderful to have Sheila back in the song circle with us and playing her fiddle and uke. Edna found herself occupying "The B Minus" (I never wanted to be a slave to a B&B), my guest cottage on Friday night so that she didn't have to head home and turn around the next day to drive back over to Lakeview. She paid for her stay with squirrel bodies which she picked off from the back deck! We sure

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It is very hot now in Central Oregon. We were all waiting for a weather cool down, which we got with some thunder storms and needed rain! We are very glad that our COCMG gathering will be in September when it is cooler.

Several of District 3's members traveled to Fox, OR on Jun 5th for the second annual benefit for the restoration of the historic

July Events

2	Reba Steward's Wedding (no "First Saturday Jam")	Church of the Nazarene	1:30 p.m.
7	Jam	Rosa Lee's house	5:30 p.m.
9	Logger's BBQ	until we can't play anymore	11 a.m.
11	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7 p.m.
14	Jam	Rosa Lee's house	5:30 p.m.
16	Rope For Hope	CANCELED	
21	Jam	Rosa Lee's house	5:30 p.m.
23	July Car Show	Lakeview	10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
28	Jam	Rosa Lee's house	5:30 p.m.
30	Mosquito Festival	Paisley, OR	

enjoyed the infusion of great playing, singing and musicianship from all who blessed us with their presence.

Edna Jenkins brought a poster of photos from Silver Lake that she'd assembled and made available to anyone who wanted to help themselves to the photos. Most of them went home with the Ham Jam attendees and the few that were left will find their way to the appropriate people soon enough. Thanks, Edna for taking the time to make the photos and for your participation in our spontaneous jam on Friday night. Our normal jam night is Thursday each week but this week we jammed three nights in a row. Edna came over a day early for the Ham Jam so we gathered to jam Friday night in her honor. She made her singing debut that night and has a fine voice! We hope she'll join the other District 1 members who come over during the warm months to round out our jams on the first Saturday of the month.

By the time this article is published we will have played in Alturas at the "June Jamboree," the annual fund raiser for the Friends of the Library held on the last Saturday in June. It promises to be a great venue and we'll have a guest fiddler, Crystal Reeves, who plays with Siskiyou Summit, a Medford-based bluegrass group, joining us this year. It should be lots of fun.

Belated birthday greetings to Rosa Lee McLain, June 23. July birthdays include: Keith Steward, July 8; Doug McLain, July 12; and Cambria Smacker July 15.

By the time this is published The Burns Country Jamboree will have come and gone and we'll still be high on the music shared out in Harney County. We're lucky to live in a state that has such an active group of life-long musicians who love to come together to play and don't mind driving the miles that separate us. Keep on pickin'! Hope to see you all again soon at our first Saturday Jam on August 6 at the Senior Center in Lakeview!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

July Events

10 Second Sunday Jam/Dance PB Community Center 1 - 4 p.m.

Fox Church. The event was organized by Ron Phillips and the Blue Mountain Fiddlers so we went over to help out and support them. Vivian Tucker who lived in Fox for many years was happy to be able to visit there. Traveling with her were Tommy Tucker, Pat and Frank Borden, John Schultz and Kim Martin. A delicious potluck, a short service and then jamming in the church, gospel music was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Ron for inviting us over.

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We had our membership meeting on June 12th prior to the jam for officer elections. The results are: Chairman-Jeanette Bondseel, Vice Chairman- Glen Churchfield, Secretary –Vivian Tucker and Treasurer – Ed Fritz . The jam/dance was wonderful..about 22 musicians and 55 guests..great music and dancing !

After the jam/dance, the following members played a gig at the Touchmark Senior Facility in Bend: Dale Anderson, Jack Kerr, Frank Borden, Hollis Real, Ron Jackson, Leroy Newport, Glen Churchfield, Brad Gray, Ed Mckenzie, Leon Pantenburg, Suzanne Johannsen and MC'd by Jeanette Bondsteel. A lively group and it was enjoyed by all.

Members Jack Kerr, Hollis Real, Brad Gray, Velma Sanders, Frank Borden, Kim Martin, John Schultz, Judy and Oliver Robinett, and

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

District 4 members finished the month of May with a whooping and hollering good time. We started Saturday the 28th at the historic Hanley Farms playing for the children's day festivities. The wonderful volunteers there introduce the youngsters of today to the ways of yesteryear with hands-on demonstrations of how things were cooked, washed and repaired or built in the 1800s. We were joined in our performance by the Allegany kids and their moms. The kids just seem to become more accomplished each time we hear them perform. Also joining us at his fiddle debut was Cameron Kidd — Gene and Melinda Grant's grandson. Cameron is really coming along, smiles brightly and does not seem to be bothered by stage fright. We're happy to have you Cameron and look forward to watching you grow!

That night we did our first performance of the year at the Crater Lake R.V. park in Prospect. The Allegany kids and their moms came along too; we were also joined by Sheri West and did we ever have that stage rocking! The guests at the park included visitors from Canada, Peru, India, Mexico and many



District 4's Cameron Kidd playing with grandmother Melinda Grant at Hanley Farms in May.

Judy Walters made an appearance at a surprise birthday party for Vivian Tucker at her home on June 11th. The party was given by her family; for the first time in years all four of her kids were there, great food and a good time for all. Happy Birthday Vivian!

Thanks go to Robin Lindsey who does all the art/poster work for us, our COCMG Flyer for the gathering in September is now complete and posted on the website. Great job, Robin! Our updated camp reservation form will be on the website very soon so you can get those reservations in early !

We are all looking forward now to the Burns Jamboree and jamming till we drop!

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

July Events

2	Monthly jam and meeting	Phoenix Grange	11:30 a.m.	Snacks to Share
9	Gig	Crater Lake R.V. Park, Prospect		7 p.m.

U.S. states. One sweet lady and her little dog announced she was from Eagle Point, saying "Sometimes the best campground is in your own backyard!" Judy McGarvey soon had many of the campers doing a rollicking Virginia Reel while Lenny Ferrara kept the musicians playing "Old Joe Clark", while the more sedate listeners enjoyed hot dogs and S'mores. If you didn't attend don't miss the next one, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

We opened the month of June at Gold Dust Days in Gold Hill — and was it WARM! The musicians kept the music flowing while the audience relaxed in the shade or visited the different vendors. Our cast of players included Jim Winslow working diligently to reach 101 years and Cameron Kidd — just 9 years, and our youngest fiddler. Both stuck it out to the end. It was fun even in the heat! We were so happy to have Bob Pantell back playing with us. He plays a great fiddle and is also accomplished on mandolin and a super guy! We really missed him.

The next day a small group of us did a special request performance in Jacksonville at the farmers market and arts and crafts fair. We were well received and asked to return again soon, and yes it was still WARM!

We have really been missing Scott Phillips and hope to see him in one of his brightly colored shirts soon. Also, Pat Manion, our long-time friend, fiddler and teacher, is very ill; he and Joan are in our thoughts and prayers.

Saturday, July 2 we will be at the grange in Phoenix. Scotty will host a short meeting at 11:30. Bring snacks to share.

"Music is God's gift to man. The only art of heaven given to earth. The only art of earth we take to heaven." — Walter Savage Landon

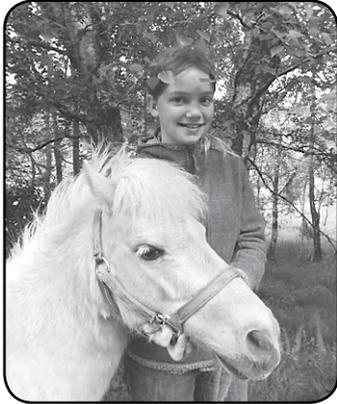
~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Junior Fiddler: Mikelle Stasak, District 5



Mikelle Stasak

Hi my name is Mikelle Stasak and I am 12 years old. I started to play the fiddle when I was 5. Some of my favorite fiddle tunes are: "Ragtime Annie", "Star of the County Down", and "Spotted Pony". I became interested in the fiddle when we first started going to Booher Family Music Camp in 2009. I love playing the fiddle and am glad I started playing it. I am the second of five children and have been homeschooled all my life. I have many other interests. I love animals. I live next door to a farm, and I love training the filly that was born this spring. I would like to be a big animal veterinarian when I grow up. I also like to paint and swim, and to play the piano and the flute.

Musical Memos by Linda Parks:



When Karen sent me an email....."could you write us a little section on how you learn songs? What are your techniques for remembering words, what are some resources for finding the words & chords you are looking for, etc.?... I thought about it for a while. Did I even have answers for her questions? But I guess in analyzing my "method", my first thought is that I try to find songs that mean something to me - happy or sad - does it leave me with a feeling that I want to pass on to listeners? Is it a song that fits with my voice range? Unfortunately, a lot of songs I really like aren't good songs for me to do. Once I decide I want to learn a song, I decide what key works best for me, figure out the chords, then hum the melody constantly around the house. This drives Jerry crazy. Once I have the melody in my head, then I start learning the lyrics - singing it when I'm sewing, doing yard work, driving alone in the car, on the computer. As for finding chords and lyrics, the internet is my friend: Google and U-tube are a great help.

I will admit that I have a song book that I take to most of our playing jobs. I use it as a "crutch" in case I need it - but the more I do my songs, the less I have to look. I just like to know it's there. The special songs that I know I want to sing at OOTFA functions, I learn all the lyrics and chord changes, as I know it's OOTFA policy not to use sheets.

~Linda

You know... many of our musicians in OOTFA are NOT fiddlers. We'd love to hear from you--any of you musicians who could share your thoughts, your techniques, your practice tips with others. Share your best tips in this section!

~Karen



Tune of the Month: Black Velvet Waltz with Linda Danielson

This version is published in The Phillips Collection of Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, Vol. II. Stuart Williams and I were both learning this tune from Wayne Holmes back in the 1970's, when all three of us lived in Eugene and shared quite a few tunes.



Linda Danielson

BLACK VELVET WALTZ 2 (Stuart Williams)

The musical score for "Black Velvet Waltz 2" is written in treble clef, 3/4 time, and the key of D major (one sharp). The piece begins with a repeat sign. The first staff contains the first measure with a D chord above it. The second staff contains measures 2-4, with chords D, G, and D above the notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' below it. The third staff contains measures 5-8, with a first ending bracketed over measures 5-6 and a second ending bracketed over measures 7-8. Chords A7 and D are indicated above the notes. The fourth staff contains measures 9-12, with a 'Fine' section ending at measure 10. A fourth ending bracketed over measures 11-12 includes a triplet of eighth notes. Chords D7 and D are indicated above the notes. The fifth staff contains measures 13-16, with chords D7, G, D, and A7 indicated above the notes. The piece concludes with a 'D.C. al Fine' instruction.



District 6 Plays Junction City Retirement (l-r): Ken Luse, Wayne Carter, Marie Roberts, Jesse Knudsen, Phyllis Coffin, Lisa Ponder, Shirley Humphreys, Tony Humphreys, Bernie Roberts, Annie Carter, and Joe Moyle.

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The Brookings gig and jam held on May 14th, was great, and enjoyed by those who attended. What a wonderful opportunity to play and socialize in the southern part of our district. Again, many thanks to those who did the background work to make the day successful.

At our May meeting a number of things were addressed. One was the importance of outgoing officers mentoring new ones. Mentoring is an action as well as an attitude and, when done with commitment and the building of relationships, can be very effective. We also discussed scholarship money available for workshops, fiddle camp and other learning opportunities. Contact Dawn Vonderlin for more information pertaining to the application process. It was decided to reinstate recognition of "featured musicians" at our monthly jams in the not too distant future.

Re mentoring, I would like to encourage mentoring of new members. Give them a call and ask if you can take them to an event, or help them in any way. They may be brand new to the music world and will appreciate someone taking an interest. Or, maybe we can learn from them! Do what it takes to draw them to the stage. Everyone has to start somewhere. Welcoming and mentoring are words that go hand in hand.

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Not that there has been much of a lull, but fiddle season is kicking into overdrive!

Upcoming: West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops, along with jams, performances, and festivals to keep at bay any music-making boredom (as-if!!!). Thanks to the many musicians who represented District 6 in Burns and at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser.

It's such a pleasure to play with musicians young and old, skilled and aspiring. Jams offer a wonderful chance to meet, socialize, swap tunes, and exchange technique tips. We strengthen our musicianship, as well as our bond over shared affection for Old-time Music.

Anticipation swells as we look forward to the fiddle camp in Westfir. The organizing committee has recruited stellar familiar and new instructors for your learning pleasure and, along with classes and workshops, you can work your fingers to the bone at jams, which accommodate all levels of skill and comfort.

We have a new food service provider, Marissa, of Cowgirl Cook'n. She aims to please with diverse breakfast and lunch options and will gladly fix a "Potluck to Go" dish for the evening meal if you find yourself short on ideas, ingredients, or time. She is an artiste in the kitchen and paints splendid murals, as well.

July Events

8	gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8 p.m.
9	gig	Masonic Picnic, Ferry Rd. Park, N.B.	12 - 2 p.m.
16		Weyer-Grove Memorial Celebration Potluck and Jam	
		Winchester Bay	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
22	gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8 p.m.

We are grateful to the new slate of officers who have volunteered their time to serve our district. Our chairwoman is Dawn Vonderlin, Vice chair Gayle Triplett, Secretary Jolly Hibbits, Treasurer Ruth Weyer, and Membership Pat Fraser. Thank you for filling these valuable positions.

It was a fun surprise to see Steve and Hoedowner editor Karen Johnson at our May 21 gig. It was an unexpected gift having them pop in and participate in the on-stage performance.

On June 10th we played for the Tioga Mountain Men Black Powder Campout. Many musicians showed up to entertain, enjoy the potluck and visit. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, as it was chilly, windy and rainy! Many thanks to Verna Lee (OTF) and her son Bob (TMM) for planning and including us.

The Winchester Bay campout is just around the corner. If you like music, friendship, cookies, and snacks, then the beautiful and cool coast is waiting for you. The dates are Aug. 18-21 at Winchester Bay. There will be a lots of jammin', on-stage performances, a song contest and food!

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

July Events

1	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 9:30 p.m.
8	Jam	Crow Grange	7 p.m.
9	Meeting, Poluck, Jam	Central Grange	11 a.m.
15	Jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9:30 p.m.
22	Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 - 9:30 p.m.

The July basic and intermediate fiddle classes have been cancelled

Also new this year is the role of Camp Clinician. Linda Danielson will be on hand to help troubleshoot difficult fingerings, bowings, and other fiddling frustrations; she is a patient and expert coach who will stop by each class on Day One to introduce herself and describe her services and availability.

Last call: if you have questions about the camp or scholarships, or have not registered yet, check out the camp website and Facebook page for more information or give one of the committee members a call.

The power of music heals. Keep in mind our members who may be struggling with health issues for themselves or their loved ones.

Birthday cheer to Lynn Baran, Emily Moyle, Amy Burrow, Sal Fiducia & Jerry Parks.

Anniversary kudos to Bernie and Marie Roberts, Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle, and Alberta and Bill Gilbert.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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District 7 OOTFA members have some interesting gigs in July that we haven't done in a while. On the 7th we will be the entertainment for an outdoor BBQ at the Marquis Vermont Hills again. Also we have been invited back to perform at the King City Senior Center after being gone for three years; we hope to have a good turn out for that. The North Tillamook Library is far away but they are holding a special event the afternoon of the 15th and would like the fiddlers to play there again; this is a good time of the year to go to the beach, so we hope many of you can attend.

On June 10 twenty District 7 members played at the funeral of Dennis Easley—the husband of our president, Marcella Easley. The service was held at Stone Creek Christian Church in Oregon City. We were honored to be asked to play and it was very moving for us to share our music with the congregation. Dennis was a great



At the District 7 jam (l-r): Jeff Walter, Maggie Dickerson, Joan Harrington, and Les Tucker.

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

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The Willamette Heritage Center sent us a postcard of thanks signed by the staff for playing during the Sheep to Shawl celebration at Mission Mill. We play there and a few other places each year as volunteers for community support.

Record-breaking hot weather on June 4th didn't stop the District 8 annual picnic. Thirty or more musicians and listeners gathered at Lynn Gossett's home in Dallas. The double garage made a great jamming place. Picnics always involve food, and oh my, what a spread we had. Linda and Jerry Parks from District 6 joined us; we all enjoyed their great fiddle, vocals and guitar back up.

Several in our group will be travelling to Burns for the High Desert Jamboree, and then on to Weiser where Oregon is the host state again.

July Events

7	gig	Marquis Vermont Hills	6010 SW Shattuck Rd Portland	6 - 7 p.m.
10	gig	King City Senior Center	15245 SW 116th Ave. King City	2 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	North Tillamook Library	571 Laneda Ave. Manzaneta	1 - 3 p.m.
31	gig/jam	NW Jam	600 NE 8th Gresham	

Doors open 11 a.m. Sign-up playing: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

supporter of OOTFA music and often attended our gigs and jams. He was a very lovely man who will be missed by all.

The last monthly jam for District 7 was at the Estacada Community Center. We had a meeting before we played and elected all the same officers we had last year! Thank you all for serving again. Our gathering was a lot of fun, as usual, and we were happy that nearly 25 people showed up to play. In addition to all the other instruments it was a special treat for us to hear Marcella Easley's dulcimer and Dave Altman on his mandolin.

A reminder of two special events in August: First of all, Bob Huffman's Birthday Bash (he will be 96!) will be held on Aug. 13th at noon. Terry and Andy Jorgensen will again host this annual event; their address is 50995 SE Baty Road in Sandy. Bring a chair and something to eat. If you have any questions or need directions call 503-668-3917. Another event is the Clackamas County Fair in Canby on August 17 from 2-4. Please put this on your calendar. We would like a big turn out for the fair.

There are a number of District 7 members who play in the East County Community Orchestra. They have a delightful time practicing and playing together. They usually practice once a week and have several concerts each year. Some of the members are: Ron Zabudsky, Donna Foreman, Gary Evans, Marcella Easley, Howard Smith and Lila Bills. They play light classical music, marches, waltzes and Broadway tunes etc. If you are interested in this orchestra get in touch with one of these folks for more information.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

July Events

Nothing scheduled for July

We will have played for the Strawberry Social in Aurora in late June.

August will be a busy month. The Polk County Fair will be Thursday, August 11. On Sunday August 14, we are scheduled to play in McMinnville at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

On August 21st everyone is invited to a wedding reception for Fred Hardin and Lynn Gossett at the Salem-Keizer Senior Center. Detailed information on August dates will be in the next Hoedowner.

Friendship is like a violin; the music may stop now and then, but the strings will last forever. - Author Unknown

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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Happy 4th of July!

What a wonderful Country Music Jamboree. We had many young people who came to Cheryl Hall's two day workshop. Thank you, Keilhorn Grant, for supporting our youth.

It was great to see all our fiddling friends too. Jamming kicked off on Tuesday and the music was rolling all over town. Of course, the official start was the 16th at the Harney County Fair Grounds. We were glad to host the OOTFA quarterly board meeting—thanks for coming. Thank you, Janet, for all your hard work, and to all the volunteers (unsung heroes all).

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our fourth Saturday May 28 Sutherlin jam had about 30 attend. Everyone had fun. Thanks to all who brought sweets and sandwiches. There were fiddles, guitars, mandolins, harmonicas, bass, piano, Dobro and even a cello. At the meeting before the jam, new district officers were elected (see above). A Program Coordinator is still needed. Reports were given about past events at Oakland's Turkey Hall (March 13), Rickreall (April 6-9), Silver Lake (May 5-8), and Bob Hanson Celebration of Life (May 22). We hope to do some future events at Oakland Art Gallery. Gavels of varying sizes were presented to Jerry Hash (District 10's new Chair) and Jim Kuether (OOTFA State President for 2016-17). Colleen Hanks was presented with a \$100 scholarship to attend West Cascades Fiddle Camp on July 18-21. The possibility of hosting some fiddle workshops in fall was discussed.

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

OOTFA President Jim Kuether shares his thoughts about old-time music: "To me, being an old time member of OOTFA means hours of music enjoyment. I grew up in a time when music consisted of people and groups who sang harmony, and you could actually understand the words they used. Of course, 'old time' is usually dependent on how old one is. To me, that means music in the 1920s to 50s time frame. At OOTFA, we want to perpetuate this fiddle music because we love it. I'm sure there are more people out there that love it and would like to hear it and play it if only they were introduced to it. That's where you and I come in. Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association is '50' years old and going strong."

Birthdays this month include Richard Poelstra (July 4), Kelly Wadsworth (July 6), Colleen Hanks (July 22), and Liz Crain (July 26). Happy Birthday

July Events

1	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
8	Gig	The Aspens	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
15	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
18	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
22	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
29	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

A special thanks to all the workshop teachers!!!! So many opportunities to improve and learn new fun stuff. It is so special to have that much talent being shared in our neck of the desert. A good time was had by all.

The Friday night jams will continue all summer. Be certain to call one of the officers for jam locations. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. Sunday potluck and jams will resume the second Sunday in October.

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

July Events

3	Gig	Sutherlin Gospel Music in the Park	6 - 8 p.m.
7	Gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
9	Gig	Brookdale Memory Care	10 a.m.
13	Gig	Rosehaven	10 a.m.
18	Gig	Callahan Court	2:30 p.m.
18-21		Camp/Workshops	West Cascades Fiddle Camp
20	Gig	Deena Young Yard Party – invitation only	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
23	Jam	Sutherlin Monthly Jam	12 - 3 p.m.
25	Gig	Callahan Village	3:30 p.m.

to y'all! Jesse & Darla Knudsen celebrate their 55th Anniversary on July 14. Happy Anniversary! Ann Hodson is out of rehab after her knee replacement surgery on May 11. We're so happy she's better.

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.

I hope everyone had fun at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. Thanks to all who made the drive to represent Oregon as the host state this year.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



At the May District 10 jam (l-r): Bernice Orr playing harmonica (back to camera), Kelly Wadsworth, Liz Crain, Julie Yarbrough & Jon Tilley (on stage-partially hidden), Karen Pohl, Gene Hodson, Sandy Harter, Guy Kinman (partially hidden behind Hal), Hal Thompson, Jim Leimer (with cello), Joe Ross (at piano), Jim Kuether.



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State Calendar

- 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--Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

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