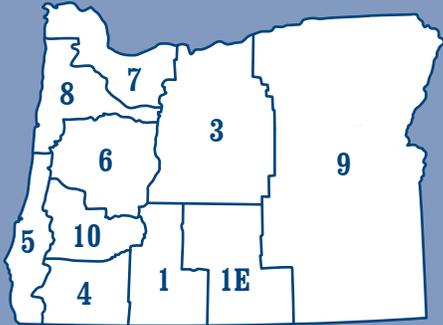


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From Your President

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if there was never any music played for us to listen to? Imagine if people created notes on paper just to be read or viewed as an exercise or to be appreciated for the style or curiosity of fitting different numbers of eighth notes, quarter notes, and whole notes into each measure? Some art is like that in galleries where you stand back trying to figure out what the artist was trying to purvey. No. Music was meant to be heard and appreciated in many different ways. But to hear and enjoy music, someone has to perform it. Someone must take those little dots on the page and turn them into all the different melodies and moods we, as humans, identify with. That's where we as OOTFA members come in. Not only are the musicians important, but the listeners are also. Membership is an important part of the equation, but the general public is the way we survive. Whoever we play for--whether it be in nursing homes, businesses, on stage or in contest--we must strive to be our very best. If we are being paid to make someone's establishment happy about hiring us, then it would behoove us to give them what they want. I might add, in most cases they get more than they bargained for.

Finally, here's a tip for all of you just learning your instruments. Keep on practicing and don't give up. It's better to do something imperfectly, than to do nothing flawlessly!

~ Jim

From the Editor

Our team here at the Hoedowner had a recent email discussion about how to honor and not miss honoring any of the members in our districts who have passed away. We agreed that the reporter from the district (with the help of the family, if necessary) should write a paragraph to memorialize the person and their contributions. We also are planning to include a year-end list of the members we lost during the year, as a tribute to them and their families. We will also plan to present these policies to the board in January to make sure we have the board's input.

Here are a few more of our National Treasures:

- Fred Hardin (District 8) has been with OOTFA for 25 years. He loves his music, and his life's work was in education.
- Clarence "Whitey" Kelm (District 10) has been with OOTFA for 20 years. He worked with carpet installation, as well as millwork and general labor.
- Hollis Real (District 3) has been with the fiddlers for 52 years! He served in the military and worked as a logger. He has been interested in music all his life and wants everyone to "Be Happy". How better to do that than pick up your fiddle?
- Hal Thompson (District 10) started playing a Gibson Banjo Ukelele in 1939, played violin '43-'48 in the school orchestra, got his first guitar for Christmas 1947, and has been playing that ever since. He played on the bandstand for 35 years, 'retiring' in 1985, came out of retirement to do 2 shows with Ferlin Husky in 1989, then didn't play until he joined the Fiddlers January 2008. He LOVES playing music.

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

If it isn't written down or if pictures weren't taken, memories sometimes fade away. One should never dwell on yesterday at the expense of today and tomorrow but rather to remember yesterday to make the future richer by learning from the past. Most of us in OOTFA enjoy today because of those we know, those we have known, and the many and varied experiences of "yesterday."

I hope the pictures I have posted on Oregonoldtimefiddling.org will help you recall many of those who laid the foundation to make us what we are today. Perhaps some pictures will bring a smile, and some even may bring a tear. These few pictures are just the tip of an iceberg of the many that exist. I invite you to go to Oregonoldtimefiddle.org. At the top of the menu there are four numbers - 1, 2, 3, and 4. Each one will take you to a group of pictures for your enjoyment.

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Bill Monroe, the famous bluegrass musician, said on a video of his that he went back to the old home place one day expecting to see one of his brothers or someone still living in the old house. When he got there, the house was dark and no one lived there. As he drove down the road away from the old home place, he cried. He realized that he could never go back to the "old home place," to the people, and to the experiences that he knew there at one time. I hope these pictures help you to remember earlier years.

We all have a past. --
We all have a yesterday. --
What are you doing with yours?

~ Lew

November Events

13	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
17	gig	Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
24	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.
24	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	3 - 4 p.m.

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

Greetings All from District One,

Summer is definitely winding down here in District 1. As I write this, we are getting close to the Potato Festival Gig, held annually in Merrill. It's one of our last big hurrahs of October before we usher in November. I'm sure we'll all have a great time, and even though we're expected to have our weather take a turn for the worse, I'm sure we'll still get a few good fiddle licks in! Our November schedule is pretty much "business as usual." I think as November rolls along, we'll all start practicing our Christmas carols...hard to believe, right?!

I'd like to place a shout-out to the many dedicated teachers who are dedicating their time and talents to the youth of District 1. Irene Ruddock, Noranne Sparks, and Merv Woodard have a large group of Junior Fiddlers who are showing lots of promise. Ms. Faye and Sheila Fry also have two students taught on a more

individual basis. All the teachers are well loved and appreciated for taking time to pass along Old Time Music. A very special thank you goes out to Merv Woodard for making it possible for Jake Dreyer, age 4, to get his very own, just HIS size fiddle. His generosity to the children in District 1 is a blessing indeed, as well as the generosity of all the teachers who take time to keep music alive and well.

November birthdays: Terry Eters, Kay Godwin

November anniversaries: Johnny and Darleth Rogers, Les and Lois Tucker

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Junior fiddlers and teachers from District 1



Jake Dreyer receives his first fiddle ever! A generous gift from his good friend, Mr. Merv!

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Our small community has been hit by an avalanche of loss this past month. Two of the McLain family members passed away in one week's time, and their passing was followed by several long time family friends. For awhile it seemed like it would never end. Speaking for the McLain family, Rosa Lee wishes to thank everyone for their support and thoughtfulness. She told me she has received so many cards from the members of our organization, and so many people have told her they are keeping the family in their prayers. That is such a great comfort to her and to the other members of the family. The outpouring of support has been so appreciated, and the kindness and love expressed has come at a time of great need. Bless you all!

Douglas ("Doug") McLain was killed in a tragic logging truck accident. He played mandolin with us on several occasions but started out as a fiddle player at the age of 11 years old. He took lessons, and his brother Larry said, "He was a good little fiddler but when he entered high school, hot rods became his love." Later, Doug played guitar but then took up mandolin, joining us on occasional jams and playing at most all of the local gigs. One of the songs he usually played and sang at these events was, "A White Sport Coat." He last played with District 1E on September 3rd, at the "Lakeview Round Up," our big fair and rodeo. Doug loved the woods, logging, and working on his truck. He was an excellent mechanic and had many friends in the community as well as his loving family. He will live on in our hearts and minds.

Fall lasted a few days before winter hit our community. We've seen wind chill as low as 10°s already, hail, heavy frost in the North Goose

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Howdy from District 3,

Fall has come to Central Oregon, and we are ready for some cooler weather and the color change which is beautiful in the mountains. We were fortunate to have excellent weather for our gathering in September. Again, thanks to all who attended. We appreciate all the positive comments in the Hoedowner.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in 2017. The dates are September 7-9, so you can plan ahead. Campground reservations are open. Forms, letters, maps are all updated for 2017, so you may reserve at any time. We already have 27% of the campground spaces reserved, so do get your reservations in early. The forms will be posted on our website: www.centraloregonfiddlers.com.

At our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance on October 9th, 20 musicians and 40 guests were present, and good music and dancing were enjoyed by all. A special thanks to our dancers who came early and helped set up the hall with tables and chairs. Garitt Bondsteel, who usually sets up our sound system now has his first job, so John Schultz stepped in and became our "sound man" for the afternoon. Thanks, John. We

November Events

3	jam	Rosa Lee's house	
5	jam	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center
7	business meeting	Senior Center	
10	jam	Rosa Lee's house	
17	jam	Rosa Lee's house	
24	jam	Rosa Lee's house	

Lake Valley and snow on the ridge tops of the Warner Mountains. Our district members are slated to pick up trash along a stretch of Highway 140 this coming Sunday. (I'm praying for a huge dump of snow Saturday night.) Failing snow, we'll all turn out in good cheer armed with colorful trash bags and a good pair of gloves to make ourselves proud and contribute to beautifying our community as well as improving our environs. By the time this passes through the printer's press and on through the mail, that deed will be done.

Our First Saturday Jam and last business meeting were canceled so I'm short on news this month. However, Thanksgiving is on the way so on behalf of District 1E, we are truly thankful for the friendships we enjoy and the love that comes through the sharing of our music. We wish you all the best this holiday.

November Birthdays: Alissa Steward, Nov 1

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter



The McLain brothers (District 1E): Larry, Gayle, Delbert, Doug & Terry

November Events

13 jam & dance 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance Powell Butte CC 1 - 3 p.m.

welcomed two of our faithful dancers, Clarence and Dora Cook as new OOTFA District 3 members!

At our next 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance (November 13), there will be a musician's meeting immediately following; we have several items to go over to keep our monthly jam/dance a success. Please plan on staying for this important meeting.

We are trying to get more people to participate and help with the jam/dances. We need help with set-up, break-down, cleaning, floors, etc. Help is always needed and appreciated.

The Redmond Senior Center has requested that OOTFA play for their Halloween Celebration on October 28th. Margaret Keene is coordinating this Dance Band Performance. If you are interested in playing, Margaret's email is bozetta22@gmail.com

Our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance on December 11th will be our Christmas Potluck starting at noon, with music and dancing to follow. More details will be announced at the November 13th Jam/Dance.

Enjoy the cooler fall weather and we look forward to seeing you in November!

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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

The October monthly meeting and jam was well attended by many musicians and a small (but happy) group of toe-tapping listeners and dancers. It was suggested and approved that the November Jam would be dedicated to the memory of Lem Guthrie, our Oklahoma singing cowboy, who passed away in October to a massive stroke. Lem was a faithful member of District 4 since 1972. He played guitar, sang, and often played a banjo solo. He always turned out in his western wear and boots, and he would be unrecognizable without his western hat. His family will be attending the jam as a memorial, so plan to come and share your memories of Lem with them.



Lem Guthrie (District 4) on banjo with Ron Bolstad on guitar in a summer jam

November Events

5 jam	Eagle Point Grange	11:30 a.m.
5 gig	Victorian Ball, Jacksonville	5:30 p.m.
10 workshop/concert	Spencer and Rains Ashland, Or.	4 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday slow jam & jammers, Methodist Church, Medford 4:30 & 5 p.m.

See our website for more details!

At our September meeting, we voted to approve our district presenting a free fiddle workshop. Melinda Grant has been planning this project for us, and now it is set to go! The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 10 from 4 to 6 pm at the Headwaters building on 4th and C streets in Ashland. The teachers presenting the workshop are Tricia Spencer and Harold Rains, who have been performing old time music professionally and internationally. The workshop will be central to intermediate and advanced musicians, but fiddlers of all levels are encouraged to attend. There will be something that will apply to everyone. Spencer and Rains will follow up with a concert at 7:30 p.m.

Coming up in November, along with our usual gigs, are two additions. Saturday, November 12 at 3 p.m. we will be playing at Pioneer Village in Jacksonville. On Sunday, November 20 from noon to 2 p.m., we will be playing for the annual St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving dinner. We will follow that afternoon at Waterford at 2 p.m. Check your calendar for these dates because we need a good turn-out for them all. Our November meeting and jam is on the 5th in Eagle Point. It is a short meeting at 11:30. Bring snacks to share. Remember, that evening we will be playing for the Victorian Ball in Jacksonville. You should be there at 5:30 p.m. The ball organization has set a dress code. Fellas press that nice white shirt and dark jeans, and gals dig out that long skirt from the back of your closet, and let's go to the ball!

See y'all soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

"Do you know that your soul is compromised of harmony?"
Leonardo Da Vinci



District 5's gig at Pacific View in Bandon: Pat Fraser, Dawn Vanderlin, Verna Lee, Dick Bowman, Jollie Hibbits

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Isaac Humphrey, District 3



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Isaac Humphrey lives in Prineville and is learning to play the fiddle. With four brothers, one sister, and a mom who all play musical instruments, one could say he's from a musical family. To be honest, his youngest brother (4 years old) hasn't yet chosen his instrument, but he is making musical instruments out of duplo blocks and pretending to play along.

Isaac became interested in playing violin when his sister began learning the fiddle. Before they moved to Prineville, they were living in Eugene. They heard about the old time fiddlers and decided to try taking Ila Mae's beginning fiddle classes in Eugene. They loved taking the classes. Isaac's favorite types of music are classical music, Scottish music, and the beautiful waltzes that the fiddlers play. He also likes learning fiddle tunes and finds that once you get them down, it's fun to play them quick.

Isaac is 17 and is planning to finish up his home schooling this year. He is interested in ancient history, graphic design, photography, and science.

Fiddle Tips: by Evelyn Horner (District 6)

Evelyn Horner has sent us some of her fiddle tips that were published in the "National Old Time Fiddler" back in 1993. Here is the third article:

The Importance of Having a Good Bow:

In my years as a fiddle teacher, I have noticed many fiddlers not getting the most sound out of their fiddle. I feel this is due to their bow, bow position, and bowing patterns. A fiddler needs a good bow. Some of our best fiddlers have told me they spend as much for a bow as they do for their fiddle. Try many bows out. Line them up and saw away. Listen for the sound and best balance for you. At least 75% of playing is in the bow. I like a heavy, full-haired bow. My best bow was hand made by Jack English. He made it to fit me.

I teach my students to use a fairly loose tension on the hair as it is easier to cross strings and plays smoother. A tight tension may skip and squeal. Too much rosin powdering on the fiddle may make a sticky, rough sound. Try using rosin sparingly.

A good bow arm position is most important--elbow extended out; bowing from elbow to wrist with a stationary upper arm. This position controls your bowing straight across the strings. You will get a smooth-flowing bow with practice. You may want to practice sitting in a chair with your upper arm positioned up and pull the bow with the lower arm only. Position your thumb under the frog in a bent position. This helps you play with a loose wrist and gives better balance of the bow. Try this: practice bowing with thumb and first finger (pointer) only, on the bow--the other three fingers in the air. Pressure should be controlled through thumb and first finger only. This method works well on long bows, waltzes, etc. Try pulling long bows with even pressure on long notes. Use all the bow, and you will have more sound and better tone. Watch your favorite fiddlers' bowing techniques. Practice in front of the mirror.

I like to keep my bow well-haired. I have it re-haired quite often, as the little barbs on each hair wear off. This can produce a slick feel--hair not grasping the strings. Keep the stick clean of rosin buildup.

Bob Wills' dad threatened him (Bob) with chopping his bow in two if he didn't learn to use the bow properly. Remember we are never too old to learn a new trick.

~ Evelyn



Evelyn Horner, District 6

Tune of the Month: November 2016: Texas Schottische
(also known as "Military Schottische")

Composed in 1852 by William Rulison under the title: "Rochester Schottische," this is sometimes said to be the most popular schottische in the old time fiddle repertory. I used to hear it a lot among Oregon fiddlers, but not much any more. Too bad about that.

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

Texas Schottische

arr. L. Danielson

End the tune on one A part.

"A violin invites you to sing, but a fiddle makes you want to dance!"



Adelyn and Anne Chouinard



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With the season of autumn in our midst, we are once again enjoying playing for the residents of our local care centers. It is a gift to see the sparkle in the eyes of the residents as the music starts. I overheard one lady say "They are really good." I readily agreed! Bill and Pat Winfrey have joined us at some of our gigs, with Bill playing the harmonica, and Pat playing guitar and singing. The Chamber of Commerce invited us to play at the Harvest Festival in Myrtle Point. It was a wonderful musical session. If you know anyone who would like to join us, please encourage them to do so.

Pat Casey and Sandy Eichenlaub had a fire at their home in September. The kitchen was destroyed and there was water and smoke damage. They had been out and returned home to see fire trucks in front of their house. His Dobro, which was acquired from Tim Shirhorn, is okay as are his other instruments. He hopes to be back in the swing of things again soon. Their new phone number is 541-404-0659.

Our holiday dinner will be held on November 19 at the Winchester Bay Community Center. 'A-M' please bring a salad, and 'N-Z' please bring a dessert. This is open to all members. It's an enjoyable event with lots of good music.

The following is a letter from a proud mom, and it's a tribute to our organization! Thanks to Mapril Combs and Mary Weist for helping me connect with a wonderful 18 year old named Shannon Stein. And thanks to OOTFA for (many years ago) inspiring her to pick up the fiddle.

From Valerie (Shannon's mom): Thank You, OOTFA! Members of District 5 will remember Shannon Stein who first stepped

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District 6 is action-packed, as always, as folks begin to migrate back to local jams and events.

In response to a request to establish a jam in the north reaches of the district, Jim and Gabi Ford arranged for one at the Old World Deli in downtown Corvallis. The inaugural event was a smash hit, with 17 players picking, bowing, singing and grinning. The jam has growth potential, so larger venues are being explored to accommodate expansion. No change is planned for November, so come join the fun at the deli, especially you bass players.

Our Quarterly Meeting had a full agenda and active participation. A proposal to open each District 6 jam with Ragtime Annie was accepted, as this ritual aligns with the opener in most of the other districts around the state. In other business, we are reminded that venue rentals and snacks for break are not free. It's important to make a contribution at each jam to cover costs. Bringing finger foods

November Events

2	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
9	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
9	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
16	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
19	holiday dinner & jam	Winchester Bay Comm. Ctr.	
		11 - 12:30 p.m. (dinner) 1 - 4 p.m. (on stage and circle jam)	
21	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
21	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

onto the Winchester Bay stage at age 7. She was a quick study by ear and a speedy sight reader to boot. John MacRae always called her his "Secret Weapon" which thrilled her and gave her courage. District 5 gave her scholarship money, and her whole family went to fiddle camp while it was still in LaPine. She thought fiddle camp was great! By the time she moved to Eugene in 2012, Shannon was a confident, competent fiddler, showing never a trace of stage fright. There, Shannon joined the youth orchestra. She polished her classical repertoire while sharing fiddle tunes with classically trained pals who were in awe of her facility and ear training. Her family moved to Washington in 2015, and she joined Portland's Metropolitan Youth Symphony. Last June, the MYS toured China for 11 days and even performed on the Great Wall. She is planning for college next year to study occupational therapy with a minor in music. She still loves bringing joy to all with her fiddle, thanks to all her OOTFA friends!

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter



Historical photo of Shannon Stein with John MacRae at a District 5 holiday gig

November Events

3	jam	North District Jam, Old-world Deli, Downtown Corvallis	7 - 9 p.m.
4	gig	Eugene Hotel Performance	7 p.m.
5		Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
7		Basic Fiddle Class Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
11	jam	Elmira Grange Jam (replaces Crow),	7 - 9 p.m.
12	jam	Central Grange Jam & Thanksgiving Finger-foods Potluck,	12 - 3 p.m.
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace Jam (Non-OOTFA)	7 - 9 p.m.
25	jam	Willakenzie Grange Jam	7 - 9 p.m.

or paper products to jams would be a great help and would prevent the price burden from falling on the same shoulders each time. We know that members are grateful for the many opportunities to play together and commune during breaks. Let's all do our part!

Do you know a member who does not use email? So much information is disseminated electronically that they may miss news and event announcements if they don't use the internet. Consider offering to be an "email buddy" by phoning them with updates or printing important emails for them.

The life of Joe Canaday, long-time District 6 and Grange member and leader, was honored and celebrated with a service, slideshow and memory-sharing at Crow Grange on October 9th, followed by a potluck and jam. The overflowing hall was evidence of the love and respect Joe gathered over his 86 years in Crow, Eugene

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and surrounding areas as a musician and community leader. It was a joy to look at the displays of his beautiful paintings of snowy mountains, admire his numerous service awards and aspire to share the loves he experienced with Leah, his wife of 66 years, and



Joe Canaday, District 6

his extended family, pictured in many photos. Joe, with his wise face, knowing smile, twinkling eyes, white beard and generous spirit personified both Father Time and Santa Claus. His solid guitar backup and awesome picking are missed. He embodied the philosophy that, while he couldn't change the world, he could do his best to fix his little corner. He was a "Type E" personality, doing everything for everybody," said Phillis Coffin. We extend our condolences to the family.

Birthday cheer to Marie Roberts, Peggy Mulder. John Gent, Darlene Fiducia, Jim Hoots, Vickie Clark, Benjamin Cooley and Roseann Spann.

Anniversary congrats to Ken and Roseann Spann.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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Happy November everyone! District 7 OOTFA members had fun at the Harding Grange Chili Cook Off in early October. We had a good turn-out, and it was fun tasting the different chili recipes. There is something really special about playing fiddle music in an old grange hall. We are always thrilled to be in those historic buildings and playing for folks who are taking such good care them!

Our November events should be just as much fun. We will again go to King City Senior Center for a Sunday performance. Our last visit there was very well received, and they are looking forward to having us back again. We hope to have a good turn-out for these seniors. We will again have our monthly circle jam at the Estacada Library. This is a stringed instrument jam, and we usually have a lot of musicians. You can bring music to share if you'd like to teach a

November Events

13	gig	King City Senior Center, 15245 SW 116 Ave, King City	2 - 3 p.m.
20	circle jam	Estacada Public Library	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
27	jam	NW Jam, 600 NE 8th St. Gresham	Doors open at 11 a.m.
		Sign-up playing	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

new song. The NW Jam is our third event this month. We have jamming and group playing at first, and then at about 1 p.m., we have sign-up playing. So brush up some tunes and come out and join the fun in Gresham!

We have a special event on December 11 that I would encourage folks to come out for. It is our annual Christmas jam at the Estacada Community Center. Doors open by 11 a.m., a turkey meal is available by noon, and sign-up playing is from 1-3 p.m. Come on out for a good time.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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

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The fall colors are amazing as we enter the season. Enjoy the sunny days, and remember there are always things to do inside on rainy days.

A rainy Saturday changed a few plans during the Oregon Trail Games at the Willamette Heritage Center. For the musicians, it was playing in the Dye House rather than outside on the porch. Those playing were: Chris Lang, Jim Wallace, Dick Dery, Darlene Bryant, Ted Hunt, Les Tucker, Lew Holt and Alice Holt. People came and went all afternoon as part of the game and to

November Events

19	gig	Senior Center, Silverton	1 - 3 p.m.
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have a snack. We played for nearly 3 hours and got lots of nice compliments. It was good to have Ted Hunt with us again. His wife, Pauline, passed away recently. Ted and Les kept the music going while some of us had a bite to eat. We received a nice thank you note from the museum.

In late September, a group played at the Benedictine Nursing Home in Mount Angel. Many of the residents commented on how much they enjoyed our music.

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October 15th we are scheduled to play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City. Will write about that for next month.

Here are some dates for your calendars:

November 19th we'll be playing at the Silverton Senior Center.

December 17th at the Dallas Senior Center. We'll have a short business meeting at 12:30 and then play from 1-3PM.

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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We all switched our October Potluck and Jam to the 16th to accommodate our musicians, especially Janet, who has taken a new job in Lakeview and commutes home on the weekends! Our business meeting included George's notice about dues and who will cook what for the holiday dinner. A fine time was had by all and it was great to have everyone out for it. Next month, back to normal we hope.

Folks are going in lots of different directions before the snow sets in. Good to see Ruel back from Missouri. Joan is back from Alaska and Janet is back from Iowa.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Most of the discussion and decisions at our Sept 24 district members meeting involved planning the January State Jam and Board Meeting. Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on Oct 22 was a blast.

I asked Sandy Harter why she loves OOTFA's music. She says, "It takes me back to when I was a kid sitting on an old wooden bench in front of our fireplace in the evenings listening to the Grand Ole Opry and other programs with my folks. I'd ride out to feed the cows with my dad in his old pickup, and he would sing some of his favorite songs in his deep, rich, bass voice, and oh, could he whistle and yodel! I sure miss those days. One of my favorites for him to sing was 'Paper Doll.'"

Throughout September, many Vaux's swifts (aka chimney swifts) settle nightly into a large, unused chimney at Roseburg's Umpqua Valley Arts Center during their annual migration to Central America. Many people come at sunset to watch or count the swifts as they circle and dive into the chimney to roost. Several OOTFA members provided old-time music on Fridays during the "Swift Watch" hosted by Umpqua Valley Audubon Society. They included Colleen Hanks, Sandy Harter, Judith Stensland, Beth Brown, and Kelly Wadsworth. We now call them "The Swift Sisters." The Audubon Society also accepts donations for bags of "Vaux Swift Guano-Do" that makes good fertilizer in your garden. Those who go to see the show said the sight is amazing, and they like

Hope you all got your flu shots and stay healthy as winter approaches.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

November Events

4	jam	Friday Night Jam	
11	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
18	jam	Friday Night Jam	
21	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
25	jam	Friday Night Jam	

Three fiddlers from John Day and rural Harney County have joined us for Friday jams. We also had a visitor from Portland who heard about our jams and showed up to listen.

Well wishes for Cliff Dawson as he battles his illness.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the Friday Night Jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

November Events

3	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
9	gig	Rosehaven (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
21	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
26	jam	Monthly Jam (4th Sat)	12 - 3 p.m.
28	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.

the fun old time music too. In mid-September, about 4,500 swifts were counted.

For our November events, Sharon Thompson says, "It's time to get back into a routine schedule. If some extra gigs come up, I'll let you know. Thank you all for your contributions. Please call at 541-430-5898 if you are scheduled and cannot attend."

In November, we celebrate birthdays for Jon Tilley, Irena Lane, Fred Young and Jim Kuether. Happy Birthday!

Looking ahead, District 10 will host the January 14th State Jam and Board Meeting at the Community Building in Glide (17 miles east of Roseburg on Hwy 138). We're trying out a new venue due to space and convenience. Also, we think it would be nice NOT to do a potluck, but we'll have food available at non-banquet prices. By then, we'll all have eaten and worked hard enough during the holidays! A Friday night jam will take place for early birds. Dry camping, as well as full hookup camping, and motels are available at or near the site. For more info, call or e-mail Sharon Thompson (mamabear3506@centurytel.net or 541-430-5898). Put it on your calendars and plan to come.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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State Calendar

January 14	January State Jam/ Board Meeting	Glide Oregon
March 18	Chemeketa CC, Salem (one week earlier than spring break)	
April 6-8	Statewide Convention, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall	
May 4-7	Silver Lake	
June 15-17	Burns	
July 17-20	Fiddle Camp	near Oakridge
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Camp-out	
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	Prineville

New Members to Welcome!

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Medford
Bend

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Central Point
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