

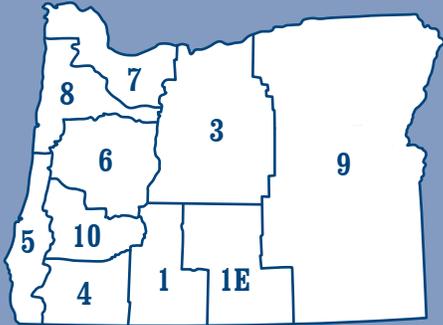
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## From Your President

A busy June was had this year with all the events and activities. The Country Music Jamboree in Burns, Quarterly Board Meeting / Jamming, then Weiser, contest fever, and now, as you obviously know, it's August. Among other activities comes the next big **camp-out at Winchester Bay**. For those of you who have participated in this event, it is no surprise so many faithful show up each year. It's also a good place to make new friends as well as renew old ones. Which reminds me, have you made new acquaintances so far this year? It's a good idea to ask your membership people if there have been new faces added to your district that you may not have met yet. There's nothing worse for the growth of our organization than to ignore our new members and not get them involved right away. Be proactive in encouragement. I know most of you already do. That's why you keep coming back week after week. We love our music, our instruments, and we want others to also. It seems there are always new tunes to learn, places to go, people to see, and challenges to overcome. If we help others along the way, we will make the load lighter for all. It's called "volunteerism!" On that thought, I would like to encourage you to consider making a deposit of time and energy to this great endeavor called OOTFA by running for an office in your district or state. If you've "been" there, how about encouraging someone else? Of course it doesn't have to be an office; you can volunteer your time to help around your district's jams or playouts.

Well, that's all for now. Get out there and support your coming camp-outs and meetings! Stay cool and keep picking, strumming, bowing, or whatever you do!

~ Jim

## New Members to Welcome!

Jessica Bryan	Ashland	Monica, William and Calder McQueen	Salem
Tom Clunie	Ashland	Leland Mitts	Klamath Falls
Cheyenne Fredrickson	Redmond	Tom O'Connor	Silverton
John and Weston Hawkksley	Ashland	Katherine Max and Lukas Sikes	Eugene
Adrian Henderson	Redmond	Marlene, Jeff and Kyler Stevens	Redmond
		Amber, Jay and Jacob Turnage	Powell Butte

## From the Editor:

In June, we made a road trip to Colorado for a family reunion, which brought us through Burns during the "early bird" days of District 9's Country Music Jamboree. What a wonderful time we had there! I met Jake Swartwood from District 1 who told me the story of his fiddle, which I want to pass on to you.

Jake got the fiddle from his cousin who was in the Veteran's Hospital in Colorado. His cousin asked if there was anything Jake might want from his grandfather's belongings which were all sitting in storage. Jake decided the only thing he wanted would be his grandfather's fiddle, so he asked his cousin if he could send it. His cousin had to rummage through the storage unit, and finally found the old fiddle, completely flattened and cracked. The cousin was pretty sure it could never be used, but Jake told him to send it out to Oregon anyway. When he received it, Jake brought the damaged fiddle over to Phil Fry, and Phil had to rebuild it. But it's in great condition now, and it plays like a dream. It's the only thing Jake has of his grandfather, and he treasures it.

~ Karen



Jake Swartwood (District 1) proudly shows his grandfather's fiddle.

## From the Editor Emeritus

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"MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?"

Many years ago, seven of us fiddlers, plus a bass, and a piano player, performed at a senior meals program in Oregon City. People came early to hear the fiddlers and to visit until it was time to eat. An older couple sat at the table just in front of the stage where we were playing. The wife sat in her wheel chair enjoying every tune. Her eyes danced as we played. Now and then, her husband would lean over her shoulder and they would talk. Later she requested "Wednesday Night Waltz" -- saying that her father used to play it on the fiddle.

Towards the end, as we played "Home", a big smile came on the lady's face. The husband walked around to the front of his wife's wheelchair and put out his arms. With his help, his wife carefully stood up. He held her close so she wouldn't fall. They started dancing. She danced with the glee of an 18 year old. They slowly danced back and forth in front of the stage until the end of the tune. They returned to her wheelchair where he carefully sat her down. I thought of the country tune "Could I Have this Dance for the Rest of My Life?"... and a tear came to my eye.

After we had eaten, she came in her wheelchair to every one of us and thanked us for the music. What a wonderful day to be an old time fiddler here in Oregon.

~ Lew

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### August Events

TBD	Farmer's Market		11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
13	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
N/A	Plum Ridge		10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
N/A	Pacifica/Brookdale		1 - 2 p.m.
N/A	Quail Park (Bistro)		10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
N/A	Rogue River Place		1 - 2 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,

I promised myself I wouldn't do it...I made a deal with myself that after the winter we just had, I would "never" complain, wail, or whine if summer finally showed up and it got hot. I'm afraid I didn't even make it 2 weeks of 95+ degree heat and record overnight lows before I caved. Truly, it has been a scorcher...we usually get a week or maybe two of hot temps, but this summer has brought endless weeks of heat, with little to no apparent reprieve in sight. I long to see a rain cloud.

It was just such one of these scorching hot days that we kicked off our Summer Farmer's Market schedule...we had 3 guitar players, 2 banjos, a bass, 4-6 fiddle players, a gospel singer, plus a few cheerleaders, both in the music tent with us and in the crowd. It was a fine day for playing music, and we got some good tunes in. I personally enjoyed seeing one of the junior fiddlers, Miss Dana, showcase one of her favorite fiddle tunes! It's wonderful to see

the growth and progression of the younger fiddlers coming up the ranks. Great job, Dana! I look forward to hearing your version of "Whiskey Before Breakfast" before long!

Also, our nursing home schedule has been postponed for summer. Those gigs will pick back up in the fall. Looking ahead, the Central Oregon Campout and Gathering is right around the corner, Sept. 7-9th. So much time and planning goes into each and every event to make it a success...half of that equation is participation. Sure hope you can make it. ☺

August Birthdays: Karen Ayers, Jenny Dreyer, Carol Fulbright, Ann Larson, Vienna Larson, and Helen Meyers,  
August Anniversaries: None at this time.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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### August Events

3	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
10	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
12	wedding	Battle Mt. NV	
17	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
24	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.
31	jam	Rosa Lee's	5 p.m.

We ended June with a gig in Alturas, CA, a fundraiser for Friends of the Library. Joining Terry and Larry McLain for that event were some members from District 1 that included Ben and Fran Coker, Mary Knapp, Sheila Fry, Irene Ruddock, and Edna Jenkins. Lexi Bryant joined her grandpa and uncle and sang at the event, along with Mary Knapp and Edna Jenkins.

There is a local ukulele group in our town that "talked some smack" over the local radio station and challenged us Old Time Fiddlers to show up at the fairgrounds on July 4th to show our stuff. So in order to preserve our honor, we did just that! Rosa

Lee McLain sang, "In the Arms of My Love," and was loved by the crowd, judging by their cheers and applause. Larry McLain and Lexi Bryant sang, "Big City Lights," his original song. Terry broke the land speed record coming from the coast where he and Sherilyn had been vacationing all week and arrived just in time to share a mic with me to back up our singers. We played in front of the grandstand to kick off a national talent search and I must say, we answered the challenge in grand style! What was just as much fun prior to our performance was the spontaneous jam Larry initiated as the two groups were waiting while the sound equipment was being set up. Randy Dary, a retired

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music teacher and member of the uke group joined us, and we warmed up together. I hope you had as much fun at your local Independence Day celebrations!

We are now looking forward to participating in the "Rope For Hope" fundraiser for rural cancer victims on the Dufurrena Ranch south of Denio, NV, this coming weekend. We may give a half baked performance since the temperature out there this weekend is predicted to be in the triple digits. We'll try not to sweat it, though. (I should apologize for that.) By the time this article appears in the "Hoedowner" we will have played two more events in addition to Rope For Hope: "Take Back E Street" in Lakeview and the Mosquito Festival in Paisley, OR. July was a busy month for us.

Aside from the Thursday night jams at Rosa Lee's this month, OOTFA will be playing at a wedding in Battle Mountain, NV.



Johnny Rodgers plays and sings at the District 1 Farmer's Market Gig.

Some of us will be going out to Winchester Bay for the gathering there while I will be off to Puget Sound Guitar Workshop (PSGW) up near Bremerton, WA. Joan Suther (from District 9) and I are traveling together to PSGW, and we're hoping to make it back to our high desert homes in spite of the eclipse which occurs 3 days after our workshop experience ends. Traffic is supposed to be slow and fuel may be scarce. Wish us luck!

When we live from gig to gig, the summer just flies by leaving us to wonder where the time went. We'll return home in time to anticipate the final gathering of "music season" in Prineville, OR. If we don't see you in the meantime, we hope to see you in September.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter



Impromptu jam after a committee meeting: Jack, Garitt Bondsteel, Brenda Rose and Glen Churchfield.

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Hi to All!

First, let's catch up on our June events. Our June 11, our Jam/dance was a huge success. We had 23 musicians and 38 guests that danced the afternoon away. While Leroy Newport was leading the musicians in The Kansas City Kitty (a Charleston), Judy Newport entertained us with a dance while playing the spoons. All enjoyed it and gave her a big round of applause. Another round of applause was for "Happy Birthday" sung for Vivian Tucker. The officer elections were held, and the current board...listed above...was re-elected for the coming year.

Dale Anderson had requested a group of musicians to play at the Touchmark at Mt Bachelor Village after the jam/dance. It is a beautiful facility, and Dale had the sound system and refreshments all set up. Players were: Jack Kerr, Hollis Real, Leroy and Judy Newport, Ed MacKenzie, Wayne Bobbitt, Ted Schoenborn, Brad Gray, Frank Borden and John Schultz. The residents all enjoyed the music, and several asked that the group come back as they would like to dance!

Burns Jamboree was awesome and we were well represented with about 10 of our District 3 musicians attending. Lots of

### August Events

13 2nd Sunday Jam /Dance      Powell Butte CC      1 - 3:30 p.m.

music and visiting, and the District 9 folks did a great job putting on this event.

We would like to welcome new members to our district: Marlene, Jeff and Kyle Stevens. They were at the Country Music Gathering last year and played some good music; it is always nice to have new people. We also welcome JoAnn Uptmor as a new District 3 member. She is a former member who has just moved back into the area and plays a very good fiddle.

Our Jam/Dance on July 9 was very good. We had 19 musicians including the traveling fiddler, Peggy Price. As it was a hot, sunny day, lots of people were attending outdoor events, but we still had our core dancers of about 35 who enjoyed the good music and got in a lot of dancing.

This edition of the Hoedowner has our poster with information on our upcoming Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. The 3rd annual event is at the Crook County Fairgrounds again on September 7, 8, 9. Please get your camping or hotel reservations in if you have not already. We are looking forward to seeing you all! We might even have another surprise or two for you. Don't forget the Friday Night Favorite Artist in Costume Performance. It was a lot of fun last year!

Enjoy the Central Oregon summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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Summer arrived here in our valley in her express mode. The calendar days seem to be speeding by. July is in our rear view mirror already, and August is coming into view quickly.

Some of our district members attended District 9's High Desert Jamboree and really had a fun time. Judy and Bruce McGarvey left Burns and went on to Weiser, Idaho for the National Fiddle Contest. Judy competed and made it into the second round which is quite an accomplishment at the national level. Great job, Judy!

On the 4th of July, some musicians from District 4, along with Colleen Hanks from District 10, played for the celebration at The Springs-Veranda Park in Medford. The residents feasted on barbecue with all the fixings, while they listened to some tunes to celebrate America's 241st birthday. The following Saturday, a small group attended the district picnic at Lost Creek Lake. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and making music in the mountains. We are so happy to have Sylvia Chapman back playing with us! She's playing her mandolin for now. Her shoulder needs to heal more before she can get her fiddle under her chin. We are also so grateful to have Cathy Frutchey join us at activities when she can make it there.

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On June 24, we played at a benefit for the Myrtle Point Library; it was a nice time of sharing our music with the locals and supporting an important cause. Smokey the Bear was greeting the children, the USFS employees were handing out Frisbees, rulers, coloring pages, the library staff had a creative play table, and hot dogs, drinks and chips were served.

Our time at Bullard's Beach State Park twice a month has been enjoyable and the audiences have shown their appreciation.

Our planning meeting for our upcoming camp-out was held on July 5 at the Lucky Dragon restaurant in Pony Village. We had a quorum, and it was an enthusiastic group of leaders who volunteered to take care of the many and varied jobs for our special weekend in Winchester Bay. OOTFA has many events throughout the year, with various districts offering invitations to the rest of the world to join them for the special moments in their district. Our camp-out this month is just one of these extra events. Many thanks Dawn Vonderlin, who used her computer/graphic talents to design the poster to advertise our weekend, and also to Karen Johnson for the great idea of making a special place in the Hoedowner to highlight these events.

By now you should have all the information regarding dates, and times of our **Winchester Bay Camp-out**. The back of the July Hoedowner has the main information. If you have last minute

### August Events

There will be no August monthly jam and meeting. Check the online calendar for monthly gigs.

District 5's Winchester Bay Campout in mid-month, August 17-20, is always happily anticipated by us "inlanders", as a chance to enjoy our OOTFA family on the coast, the cool ocean breezes and seafood! There will be no monthly jam and meeting in August. Check the online calendar for monthly gigs. Our schedule of monthly jams will begin again on September 2 at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. The meeting will begin at 11:30 with the sign-up jam at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share. See you soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Jamming at District 4's picnic: Sylvia Chapman, Everett Costa, Charlie Boyer and Carol Ferrara

### August Events

11 gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8 p.m.
17-20	Camp-out, Winchester Bay, jamming, contest, stage shows	ALL DAY!
25 gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8 p.m.

questions please call one of our officers listed above.

The dinner on Thursday night of the camp-out is PROVIDED by our district for any OOTFA member. If you have been to one of our camp-outs before, you know how good the food is. Ruth Weyer and her crew do an incredible job of keeping the vittles rolling and making sure that everyone is served. And you can't beat those delicious sundaes! We serve cookies and coffee all day, and with the hall opening at 7 a.m., which gives you lots of time to enjoy jamming, socializing, and eating. Art Bigelow, one of our stalwarts is well known for his great recipe of lemon bars that he brings to most of our events. His recipe is included at the end of this report; thanks to Art for sharing this with us.

On Friday afternoon of the camp-out, our musicians will be playing for the local residents of the retirement homes. There is always a lot of participation in the Friday night contest, so don't hesitate to sign up, and keep in mind the theme is "Celestial". We plan to have three workshops on Saturday. Be sure to bring your instruments for these classes:

- Bryan Ibach will lead a workshop called: "The Microphone is your Friend"!
- Another workshop will be on the harmonica called "Harp Basics and Style"
- Luke VerHagen will teach a workshop called: "How to use the capo on a guitar and mandolin". Be sure to bring along your capo and instrument to Luke's class.

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## Junior Fiddler: Holly Brewster (District 6)



Holly Brewster is 12 years old and attends Linus Pauling Middle School in Corvallis. She started playing fiddle when she was 7 years old, and her mom was her teacher. She also plays piano, cello, and guitar. She is passionate about music, and she plays in her school orchestra. Her grandmother, Kelly Wadsworth (District 10) and her mom, Amanda Brewster, are also fiddlers--as is her brother, Asher. The three generations played together on stage in January at the Statewide Convention.

Holly has four brothers and is the oldest of the children in her family. Her family does foster care for kids in need, so their family changes all the time. She loves doing the foster care because she knows the kids need the help and she enjoys being a part of that process.

Besides music, Holly is passionate about **READING**, with her absolute favorite books being the Harry Potter series.

## 2017 Report from Fiddle Camp ~ Photos by Ron Cooper

The seventh annual Fiddle Camp near Oakridge run by members of District 6 was a roaring success. WOW... There were 147 participants of which nearly 46% were youth. Sixty seven is the largest number of youth that we have ever had. They all are required to pay the \$70 tuition to attend camp but it was all refunded at the end of camp through the generosity of the Kielhorn Grant that the camp received from OOTFA.

We had students from as far away as Switzerland and Alaska, but the majority were from along the I-5 corridor between Portland to Medford. During the day, the youth had a great time in the various classes from Beginning Fiddle through Advanced Fiddle with some exploring Bass, Mandolin and Guitar but after dark, glow sticks were very popular. For the adults, after the organized evening events, they either joined the various types of jams around camp or turned in early. We had a Masseuse in camp for two days, and it benefited nearly 15 people who came away renewed and relaxed. After experiencing nearly 100 degree weather and a thunderstorm a couple years back, this year the 85 degree days were delightful. There were over 50 camping families onsite in tents and RV's with others coming from next door at the RV park with hook-ups, motels in the area or commuting from the Eugene/Springfield area. All in all, there were over 250 on site from the participants to the family members who come to support them.

This year's instructors were **AWESOME**. You can see pictures and information about them on our website at [www.fiddlecamp.org](http://www.fiddlecamp.org) in addition to the many pictures we will be posting over the next several weeks.



The Mason sisters reunite at Fiddle Camp: Bonnie Macdonald, Pem Winquist, Cathy Frutchey, Judy Clement and Carol Park. Some have been coming to Fiddle Camp for all the 7 years!



Fiddle Camp students: Lucy Bragg, LuLu Clute and Caylin Haffner, with their teacher, Amy Burrow (District 6).

The camp ended on a "cool" note...an Ice Cream Social before everyone left for home. By 5 p.m. the camping area was deserted and ready for the quiet time of fall, winter and spring. We WILL be back at the same location next year. Thanks to the 2017 Fiddle Camp Committee: Chair Jerry Parks; Secretary Amy Burrow; Treasurer and Registrar Linda Parks; and the Members-at-Large: Linda Danielson, Patti & Ken Luse, Lisa Ponder and Chuck Roehrich.



Four of the eleven instructors on stage at Fiddle Camp: Corwin Bolt, Steve Blanchard, Tim Crosby, and Andy Emert.

## Tune of the Month: District 7's Choice, "A Mighty Pretty Waltz"

Al Hoffman and Norman Gimbel wrote this lovely waltz in 1952. It was written for a dance orchestra and recorded by Bill Monroe and many others. Many of our members love to get out on the dance floor and waltz when this one is played. District 7 plays it often but it doesn't seem to be played much among the other districts. Let's see if we can change that. Maybe next time we meet, we can play this tune altogether. Be sure to listen to Bill Monroe play it on youtube.

### A Mighty Pretty Waltz

The musical score for "A Mighty Pretty Waltz" is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, C, G, A7, D7, G, C, G, D7, G. The melody is a simple, pleasant waltz tune.

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Art Bigelow's recipe for: LEMON BARS

3/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, 1 1/2 cup flour, 2 cups sugar, 5 Tbs. flour, 6 Tbs lemon juice, 5 eggs slightly beaten

Mix butter, flour and powdered sugar together in 13 x 9 pan; press to flatten.

Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes. Beat together the remaining ingredients and pour over the crust. Return to oven for 20-25 minutes until filling is set. Cool and sift powdered sugar over the top.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

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### August Events

3	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7 p.m.
4	jam	Eugene Hotel (OOTFA jam)	7 - 9 p.m.
5		Intermediate Fiddle Class, River Rd. Annex,	1 - 4 p.m.
5		Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Corvallis	
7		Basic Fiddle Class, Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
11	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
12	jam	Central Grange 11:30 - 3 p.m., finger-food potluck at 12	
18	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
25	jam	Willakenzie Grange (OOTFA jam)	7 - 9 p.m.

With the beautiful month of July behind us, the 2017 West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops will be bookmarked in the fiddle family memory books. Nearly 150 campers, diverse in age, experience and string instrumentation, gathered to share and celebrate Oregon Old Time Music. The organizing committee will comb through camper evaluations and use feedback to form plans for our 8th year. Thanks to all of you who joined us! We hope you enjoyed the event, honed your skills, broadened your repertoires and had a good time.

Looking forward to **August 5, the 20th annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest** will be held during the Benton County Fair in Corvallis. It's second in longevity only to Oregon's State Fiddle Contest and is the lone contest held at a County Fair. Starr McMullin, Founder and Chair of the contest, reports that many people come to the fair specifically to hear the fiddlers play and that OOTFA adds some new memberships, as a result. The contest is organized with the standard age-based divisions but, unique to this contest, is a Novice Division for fiddlers who have never previously competed in a contest. Starr encourages fiddlers in all divisions to test their mettle and savor a chance to perform in the local spotlight. It offers an opportunity to polish tunes in case you plan to compete at the state and national levels. She shared that several first-time competitors have gone on to become fiddlers of national or international recognition.

Starr is a District 6 member from Corvallis and is the winner of contests in several states. She was the National Senior Champion in Weiser in 2014. She can be contacted for more detailed information regarding registration and contest guidelines at mcmulles@hotmail.com or 541-745-5130.

Watch for Alex Hargreaves, also a Weiser-winning District 6 fiddler out of Corvallis, to perform with Chamber Music Amici at the Wildish Theater in Springfield on October 22 and 23. The youngest member of the Turtle Island Quartet, the concerts will be the culmination of a week-long residency during which he will offer fiddle workshops and master classes. Students of any age can purchase tickets for the matinee or evening performance for \$5, and adults can buy tickets starting at \$25.

If you happen to be passing through Eugene on the first Saturday or Monday of any month, consider sitting in on one of Ila Mae Carmickle's awesome fiddle classes (see calendar), regardless of your OOTFA district. The classes afford learning and practice and there is always jamming.

Those blowing out birthday candles this month include Louise Hamilton, David Elliker-Vagsberg, Bertie Gilbert, Addison Talbot, Adrianna Rogers, Darla Knudsen and Bernie Roberts.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

## District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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I know everyone is enjoying our lovely summer. Thoughts of our rainy, cold spring and winter are far behind. I also know that lots of you are attending venues where you can play your music and share it with others. My husband and I enjoyed attending the Centrum Fiddle Tunes at Fort Worden the first week of July and loved the experience. We also will attend the West Cascade Fiddle Camp the third week of July, along with a lot of other District 7 members. We are lucky in the Northwest to have all these chances to play and learn more old and new music.

### August Events

12	jam	Bob's Birthday Bash 50995 SE Baty Road, Sandy OR	Noon
16	gig	Clackamas County Fair, Canby OR	Performing from 2 - 4 p.m.
27	jam	NW Jam 600 NE 8th St., Gresham	Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Sign-up Playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We have three fun events this month. The first is Saturday, August 12, at Terry and Andy Jorgensen's for our annual **BOB'S BIRTHDAY BASH**. Bob will be turning 97! Bring a chair, something to eat, and your instrument. We will be playing in a circle under the shady trees in the Jorgensen's front yard while their goats nibble bushes nearby. If you have any questions or need directions call: 503-668-3917.

The second event is at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby on Wednesday, August 16 from 2-4 p.m. We will be playing on the Grove Stage. This is always a great event with a good audience, and we have free admission passes and some parking permits, too. Contact Ron Zabudsky for information. The third

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event is the NW Jam on Sunday, Aug. 27 at the senior center in Gresham. The doors open at 11 a.m. so come early and jam until the sign-up playing starts at 12:30.

Here is a heads-up for September: on Saturday, September 9, we will meet at the Harding Grange in Estacada. This is a chili

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June 10 was one of those rainy days for the annual District 8 picnic. It was definitely an indoor affair. The jam circle in the warm garage went on as usual. Lots of tasty picnic food kept us at the table trying the various dishes. And visiting of course! Many, many thanks to Lynn and Fred Hardin for hosting us!

The High Desert Jamboree was super fun, as usual. It's so great to play tunes with people we don't get to jam with very often. District 8 folk attending were: Karen and Steve Johnson, Les and Peggy Tucker, Marie Bailey and her daughter, Gayle Clarity, Lew and Alice Holt. Don't think any of us went on to Weiser this year.

The stalwart District 8 musicians braved 100 plus heat to play for Strawberry Shortcake on June 25. Those participating were: Gayle Clarity, Darlene Bryant, Dick Dery, Jim and Jackie Wallace, Johnnie Williams and Dee Thomas, Les and Peggy Tucker and Peggy's sister Judy, Lew and Alice Holt. We were very pleased to welcome Katherine Allen from District 7. The audience was smaller than usual because of the heat, but everyone did enjoy the music. And the shortcake was excellent. You can't beat fresh Oregon strawberries! We received a very nice thank you note from the historical society.

Thanks to all the District 8 musicians who played for seniors at a newly finished building at the Dallas Retirement Village on June 30. Players were: Les Tucker, Johnnie Williams, Darlene Bryant, Loita Colebank, Jim Wallace, Truman Price, Dick Dery and Ted Hunt. A full house of residents enjoyed the music, several telling the musicians how much they enjoyed it. They definitely want us back.

August 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. is our time slot to play in Rickreall for the Polk County Fair. Your instrument should get you in free. Since it's senior day and many of us qualify, there shouldn't be a problem. Come and join in the fun!



Performing on stage: Janet Braymen (District 9), Ken Luse (District 6), Joan Suther (District 9)

cook-off fundraiser for our scholarship program and will last from 3-6 p.m. Last year it was a lot of fun, and we hope to see a good turn-out for this gathering.

Have a good August!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### August Events

10 gig	Polk Co. Fair, Rickreall	1 - 2 p.m.
12 gig	Porter-Boone Park, Aumsville	12 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to play at the Porter-Boone Park, 1105 Main St. in Aumsville on August 12th. There is a new large stage. This isn't the Corn Festival, but a gig put together by our sound man, Jim Wallace. It starts at 5 p.m.

Here's a date for your September calendar. Loita Colebank has arranged for us to play at the clubhouse at Deer Creek Estates on September 16th. This will be our monthly jam and open to the public. Directions, time and details in next month's news.

We are saddened by the loss of two of our long time members. Frances Boaz of Dayton passed away June 23. Our condolences to Rose and their children. Stan Kilbourne passed away on June 28. He was 96 and still fiddling until shortly before his death. Condolences to Janice and their two sons.

Prayers and good wishes to Marie Cunningham, Donna Janszen, Phil Ringle and any others who are in difficult situations. We often don't know what our friends are going through. We all need to be kind to everyone; we don't know the paths others are walking.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Chatting and fiddling together at the Country Music Jamboree in Burns: Julia Milleison (District 9) and Hollis Real (District 3).



Performing on stage: Ken Luse (District 6), Cheryl Hall (WA), Don Greenfield (District 9), Lew Holt (District 8), Ruel Teague (District 9)

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We had such a good time at our Country Music Jamboree with you all, that we are going to do it again next year---June 14, 15, 16, 2018!! We estimate that attendance this year was over 300. The Build-a-Guitar workshop was a hit with all who participated, and they took home an instrument to play. The Keilhorn Grant provided for instruction for 12 youth fiddlers with Cheryl Hall who came down from Yakima. We learned "Spotted Pony", "Soldiers Joy" and a waltz in the Novice Class. In the Beginners Class, we learned "Hot Cross Buns" on 4 strings and "Cotton-Eyed Joe".

It has been pretty quiet here compared to last month. Marianne played her fiddle for the Theatre Guild's, Harney County Hee Haw

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It's with great sadness that I must report that Clare Eaton, from Winston, passed away on June 30. She was really a special person who was always there to support our music, members and audiences. Her big smile and easy-going personality made her a joy to know.

Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on July 22 had about 50 attend. West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops on July 17-20 were excellent with about 150 attending. It's a great way to get the younger generations involved.

Many will be attending the Winchester Bay Fiddling on the Beach Camp-out/jam on August 17-20. OOTFA members are also invited

to the Eagleview Music Family Reunion campout/jam on September 9-10 at Eagleview Group Campground (11 miles west of Sutherlin). Ten bands (mostly bluegrass) perform during the weekend, and OOTFA's show will be from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, September 9 (right before the potluck starts). The campground gate opens at 1 p.m. Saturday, and we must leave by 11 a.m. on Sunday. Between those hours, (almost) anything goes, and there's always plenty of jamming!



Jim Leininger (District 10)

### August Events

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

production. Don Greenfield went to West Cascades Fiddle Camp in Oak Ridge and had a good time, and now he knows you all.

Remember that the place the Friday Jams are held is discovered by calling one of the officers, or getting an e-mail from Don Greenfield. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### August Events

3	gig	Oak Park, 1400 NE Rocky Ridge Dr, Roseburg	1 p.m.
9	gig	Rosehaven, 740 NW Hill Ave, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
21	gig	Callahan Court, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
27	gig	Garden Valley Retirement, 1800 NW Hughwood, Roseburg	2 p.m.
26	jam	Sutherlin Jam, 851 Comstock Rd, Sutherlin (4th Sat)	12-3 p.m.
28	gig	Callahan Village, 1801 NW Garden Valley, Roseburg (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
31	gig	Riverview Terrace, 1970 W Harvard Ave., Roseburg	4 p.m.

I'd like to introduce our resident multi-instrumentalist and singer Jim Leininger, from Sutherlin, who always brings an upbeat and eclectic mix of material to our jams. He offers, "OOTFA has been a 'welcome' and 'welcoming' experience since our move to Oregon. The variety of music among our many kindred spirits is always refreshing. I especially enjoy the occasional visit to other districts where I'm challenged with songs I'd never tried. Each of us has an interesting back-story to our musical journey through life. Mine started in the mid-50s learning Hawaiian songs on lap steel guitar (which proved convenient when I started playing Dobro a few years back.) Piano lessons, cello in high school and college, the inevitable road to guitars, and there we were in the folk music of the 60s and 70s. Our stories, it seems, are often the same but played with different chords. Somehow we play our different chords in the same key and it makes us smile every time."

Birthdays this month include Barbara Stephenson (Aug 1), Gynn Deaton (Aug 7), Jim Leininger (Aug 12), Hal Thompson (Aug 13), and a special shout-out to Guy Kinman who becomes a Centenarian "100" on Aug 23. Happy Birthday to All! The only anniversary this month that I'm aware of is Kathy's and mine (35th) on Aug 7. How time flies when having fun!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Clare Eaton (District 10).



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August 5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Campout	(see District 5 report)
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (The Bi-Annual OOTFA Membership Meeting will be held) Prineville (see District 3 report)	

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