

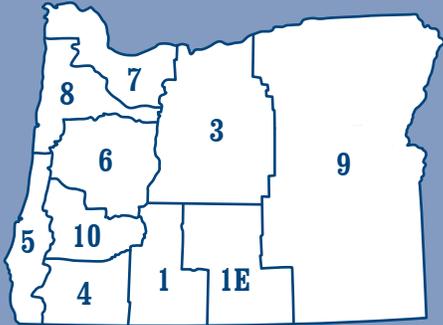
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From Your President

Wow! As I sit here writing this report to all of you, my mind is in a whirl. It bounces from one experience to another, not knowing exactly what to write first! My first thoughts are about the activities that came out of the Country Music Gathering in Prineville. By all accounts it was a huge success--with District 3 pulling out all the stops to make it an enjoyable event for all present. Kudos to all those who made it happen, even if it was a bit "smoky" for a day or two! Then my mind jumps to the state required meetings that were held for the Board of Directors but also the general membership. We always enjoy hearing about other districts and how they are coping with their particular activities. I feel honored to be doing business and music with such a great group of folks. Then my thoughts speed ahead and start thinking about our next voter's meeting in January. There are items we need to vote on to tweak or improve our 501(c3) organizational commitments so that we remain a viable organization. That I'm confident we will do--along with moving forward to play our hearts out for all those who love to hear our music.

My suggestion is to try to learn one new tune a month. It's really not that hard to do. It will keep our music more interesting for ourselves and those we play with! Please join me in making music and showing others we are in this thing to not only promote our organization, but to have FUN doing it.

~ Jim

New Members to Welcome!

Mike, Chris, Aaron & Jolian Borelli	Lakeview
Anna Cutlip	Portland
John and Joan Harding	Bandon
Adam Hinkle	Portland
Tamara, Matthew, Chloe, Hannah, Liam and Ryan Marksbury	Springfield
Carol Purvis	Prairie City

From the Editor:

Hello. A big thank you to District 3 for their wonderful gathering in Prineville. I know it takes a lot of coordination and effort to create an event such as this. For me, it paid off big time. I went to workshops that were just filled with learning! I learned some square dance moves and dusted off some of the old ones. I met some new folks and got to reunite with other great friends and fiddlers. And for the very first time, I was part of a "band"--sitting right next to Gayle and Evelyn--two of my idols in the fiddling world. I am thrilled and inspired. I've been playing fiddle non stop ever since we got home! Thank you to all who made it happen.

STRINGS SWAP

I've been approached over the years by people who'd like to find a new owner for a loved instrument. They often say they want to keep it in the "OOTFA family". So, I am going to try a new article in the Hoedowner which will appear now and then (as room allows). It will be a place for individual MEMBERS to put in a notice about an instrument that they'd like to sell or trade. I will prioritize the acoustic stringed instruments. We may have to add rules and regulations as we go, but the idea right now is to keep descriptions to a minimum (brand/type of instrument/ condition/ your name and contact info). One line should do it, sent to ksjohnson210@gmail.com. Our deadline is the 14th of the month prior to the issue (so October 14 for the November issue). OOTFA is not responsible for any problems that might arise between a buyer and seller. However, a donation from the seller to OOTFA would be appreciated.

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From the Editor Emeritus

Here are a few listings just to kick it off. These are from Joe Ross, District 10 reporter. Contact him at: 541-673-9759 or rossjoe@hotmail.com

- Martin 1967 D-18 guitar (serial # 222937) fair condition. \$2200 OBO.
- Mandolin, No. 20 handcrafted by Jim Jenks in 2003. Excellent condition. \$300.
- Yamaha FG-200 guitar, built in the 1970s, very good. \$300 OBO

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Let me tell you how a fiddle has given me many adventures. It starts back in 1884 when my grandpa Trotter, as a young fellow, worked one summer to buy a fiddle. Now let's jump forward 94 years to 1976 when my mother gave me my grandpa's old fiddle. We were not members of OOTFA back then but one fall at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon, I met John Hoerster from Rogue River and learned that he made and repaired fiddles. Later he restored my old fiddle. We went to his place to pick it up, where I met Les McLeod from Bandon – opening up a whole new chapter in my life with ramifications that I could not have imagined. Alice and I became members of District 5.

I struggled for a year trying to learn some tunes, still am struggling. After a year, Alice thought perhaps she would like to try to learn to play. In a month, she went off and left me, becoming a very good fiddler while I am still treading water. Even though I might not shine as a fiddler, it has given me much pleasure and many opportunities that I would never have had, if it were not for my grandpa's fiddle.

Many doors have opened because of that old fiddle. I have met fiddlers across Oregon, across our nation, across our continent and over the world who became very good friends. We have had fiddlers in our home from Missouri, Washington, D.C., Washington, California, Canada, Japan, and Norway -- all because of my grandpa's fiddle. We have grown from house jams to district jams, to state contests, to state conventions, to judging at contests.

One night just before midnight when I was monitoring the Fiddle List on my computer, a member wrote that she had a Japanese CD, asking if someone could translate the title for her. Within a few seconds, she received a response from a fiddler in Japan offering to transcribe the title. I immediately wrote to him asking if he would translate a letter for me into Japanese that I could mail to Japan seeking Japanese aviators who participated in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. I had a brother who was a veteran of PH, dying in 1945 from TB that he acquired in the South Pacific.

The fiddler in Japan, Chris, responding to my letter volunteered to find a Japanese Pearl Harbor veteran for me. Within a week, he had located two of the seven still alive at that time. Driving hundreds of miles, he took gifts from me to them and brought back stories from them for me. Who could have dreamed it would be so easy. Three years later – in August 2003, I wrote to Chris asking him if he would send letters to Mr. Harada and Mr. Maruyama giving them my regards. Chris's response was a simple, "Why don't you come to Japan and tell them yourself?" So, in October I became Chris's guest in a hotel back in his home town for almost a week, driving with him hundreds of miles to meet the two Japanese Pearl Harbor veterans in person. All of this was made possible only because I acquired my grandpa's fiddle in 1976.

~ Lew

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October Events

8	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
14	jam	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
19	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
26	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
26	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

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

Greetings All from District One,

As I write this, fall is slowly ushering in a transition...and boy am I so thankful for cooler temperatures, clear skies (with no smoke!) and learning some new fiddle tunes off my bucket list. How about you? Were you able to make any state-wide events this summer? Did you make some new memories, learn some new fiddle tunes? Add any new instruments to your repertoire? District One had a really fun Farmer's Market in August...we had two surprise fiddlers join us...Terry McLain and Barrett Amacker. We sure had a good time with them coming over and playing some fine fiddle tunes with us! We are highly looking forward to being able to play more frequently with "them boys" as Barrett and Cambria made the move to K-Falls and we are so happy to have them here, Welcome Cambria and Barrett!! Our last Farmer's Market will be on October 14, and hopefully the cooler, finer weather will hold and we will have a beautiful day for playing good tunes.

Irene Ruddock's group of Junior Fiddlers will be meeting henceforth at these times...Tuesdays at 2-3 p.m. for Intermediate and 3-4 p.m. for Beginners...same location as before. Irene is starting out the school year strong with 7 students in her intermediate and 3 students in the beginner class. We look forward to hearing some new tunes from her group of fiddlers over the course of this next school year. Finally, I'd like to make a shout-out to all the back-up players of District One...you guys/gals are unsung heroes and I'm not sure you all get the praise and credit due. Thanks for always being there and helping the fiddle players/singers sound like a million bucks...we couldn't do it without you. ☺

October Birthdays: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, Noranne Sparks. Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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The McLain Clan, along with Mike Borelli and I, have just returned from the Prineville gathering and are still basking in the glow! This was just the second year District 3 hosted the OOTFA Quarterly Meeting and what a success! I know so much hard work and organizing goes into putting on an event like the one. The enthusiasm and participation of District 3's members was apparent. They worked so hard to make us all feel welcome and special. The workshops were wonderful and so appreciated and our district sincerely extends our appreciation and "Thanks" to District 3 for a great weekend. You all rock (in an old timey way)!

Mike Borelli, our district's newest member and a "first timer" attendee had a wonderful time meeting and playing with so many different groups, on stage and off. Many of you who had the pleasure of meeting and playing with him know how lucky we are to have such a nice guy as a neighbor and one who just happens to be a great bass player, too. We must be livin' right out here.

Most of you know Rosa Lee McLain, the matriarch of District 1E, a life member of the OOTFA, and co-founder of the Silver Lake gathering along with her late husband, Homer, but some of you may not know that she had a hip replacement two days after we returned from Prineville. She elected to have the surgery in Lakeview so she would be near her family. She has set her sights on a full recovery by the time spring rolls around so that she'll be ready to make music when we start up again at convention. If you'd like to send cards or well wishes, I'm sure she would love to hear from you. Rosa Lee McLain, 1029 S "F", Lakeview, Or 97630 (I hope she doesn't skin me when she reads this.)

The Lakeview Fair and RoundUp was held Labor Day weekend with District 1E playing on Saturday morning. Rosa Lee, Terry and Larry McLain, along with Barrett Amaker from District 1E

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Howdy from District 3,

The 3rd Annual Central Oregon Country Music Gathering has now come and gone. And what a gathering it turned out to be! The campground was just about full this year and we did have quite a few local community members come out for the night shows. The highlight was the Friday night "Favorite Artist in Costume" show. We had a surprise MC for the evening when "Minnie Pearl" ...aka Pat Borden joined us. She was joined by our soundman "Bubba" ...aka Phil Drain and they entertained. A great job of announcing the musicians was done by "Minnie". I do believe that both will be back with us at next year's gathering. Our dance band show on Saturday night was well attended and the dance floor was busy all night. Brad Gray was our announcer

October Events

2	Business Meeting	Rosa Lee's house	7 p.m.
5	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
7	First Saturday jam	Chamber of Commerce (2nd and E St.)	2 p.m.
12	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
18	Muriel Anderson	Concert in Lakeview	
19	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
26	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.

were joined by Edna Jenkins from District 1. The Lakeview Old Time Fiddlers were one group among many musicians who shared the stage during the course of the fair, and despite the smoky air and heat, a good time was had by all.

Our First Saturday Jam will start up again on the 7th of this month at a new location for us. We've contacted the Chamber of Commerce and will be able to use that facility for our First Saturday Jams starting this month. The setting is a nice one with 2 rooms, one for jabbering and one for jamming. There is also a nice space for snacks and the fact that we'll have heat in the building sold us on the change of venue. The Chamber of Commerce building is on the corner of E St. (behind Jerry's Restaurant) and 2nd St. It is directly across the street from Washington Federal Bank. There is a public parking lot to the north of the building. We'll start at 2 p.m. as usual and go until our fingers fall off. We invite anyone and everyone who'd like to join us the first Saturday of every month.

I also wanted to alert any of you who might be interested: Muriel Anderson, a nationally famous finger style guitarist, will be playing in Lakeview on October 18th. She is a young talented woman who plays beautifully. You can check her out on You Tube or listen to recordings on Amazon or CDBaby, if you don't know of her musicianship. It is an opportunity to see a world class player at a relatively small venue. The event is sponsored by the Lakeview Arts Council and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 619 S. 1st St. The event starts at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$15 for individuals / \$25 couples/ \$30 for families. Tickets can be purchased through The Golden Gem on E Street; phone 541-947-2285.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

October Events

8	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3:30 p.m.
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for the afternoon open mic shows and did a great job while also accompanying the musicians on the piano. Another highlight was the chicken dance performed by Judy McGarvey and we were amazed at the number of dancers who came forward. Our workshops were also well received and hopefully we will have them again next year. All in all with the shows, performances, workshops, and jamming it was a very successful weekend which also included a State Board and a Membership meeting. District 3 thanks all who came over and made it happen. The fun and the camaraderie were amazing!

We did cancel our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance on September 10th as most of us were still at the fairgrounds cleaning up, and we do thank all who pitched in and helped us. We hope to have a good crowd for the jam/dance on Oct 8th.

Please save the date for next year's Gathering....September 6-8, 2018. See you somewhere down the trail. Until then keep the music and fun going!

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters

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In District 4 we literally are breathlessly awaiting the fall rains. With the many fire complexes surrounding our valley, we feel as though we are living in a ring of fire. The atmospheric conditions the last week of August and first days of September were in the "unhealthy to breathe" category, and it did seem to be the reason for our poor audience attendance at the September jam. However with an excellent musician turn-out we soon had the grange filled with the old tunes we love. It was great to be back to our schedule of monthly jams.

The Winchester Bay Music Gathering was a welcomed getaway and as always wonderful and well attended by District 4 members and families. The Friday night "Celestial Tunes" program proved that all the musicians really thought out their selections. Cathy Futchey had diligently worked on her presentation of "Ghost Chickens in the Sky", complete with her "Burnt Chicken" costume ready. Unfortunately she became very ill and was unable to be there that evening so all those from District 4 did their best to perform the tune, and it was very funny. Cathy is feeling better now and is home.

Our true old-timer, Jim Winslow, took a fall recently and is beginning to limit his activities. He and Dottie are slowing down as she also is having health problems. She has resigned as Membership chairperson, and the position is open and needs someone to fill it soon because membership renewal time is fast approaching. At

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District 5 did it again. You hitched your wagon to a star and made a splashing success of the annual camp-out; THE CELESTIAL THEME blasted us into notoriety with the crowd. Many thanks to John MacRae for suggesting this idea. It tied in so nicely with the eclipse the following Monday, AND lent itself to incredible decorations. The back of the stage was adorned in small blue lights, replicating the sky. Golden stars hung from the stage front, large red and blue stars adorned the auditorium curtains and dining room wall. To complete the decor, an incredible painting entitled "Planets Against the Nebula" by Verna Lee, our artist in residence, hung gracefully above the piano. In a way, stepping into the hall was like stepping into outer space. Additionally, the choice of songs were amazing. I don't think one person could come up with the myriad of titles, but collectively you did! Here is a smattering: Mr. Moon, Blue Moon of Kentucky, Paper Moon, Stroll Over Heaven, When You Wish Upon a Star, By The Light of the Silvery Moon, Hello Central Give Me Heaven.

Our contest winners were Linda Sweatt, comedy (even Dana had us laughing) Kris Fenton, costume, Cliff Larson, best song. At least one representative from half of our families were involved in some way with the 3 day event. Thanks to all who participated, not only in the music realm, but in communication, advertising,

October Events

7 meeting/ jam Phoenix Grange meeting 11:30, snacks, sign-up jam 1 p.m.
See District 4's website for the full listing of events, classes, and jams

the September meeting, we heartily approved Judy McGarvey's plan to teach beginning fiddle lessons. Open to adults and youth age 10 and older, lessons and registration begin October 4 and will run through April with no lessons in December. Lessons will be on Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. (replacing our slow jams). The cost is \$120, due at registration, and students will be eligible for a reimbursement of half their tuition upon completion of lessons in April. Classes will be held at the Medford First Methodist Church. Scholarships and loaner instruments are available. For more information contact Judy McGarvey at 541-779-8145. All persons regularly attending the slow jams are encouraged to come and help with the new students and stay for the regular jam at 5 p.m.

We have a wonderful slate of fall activities on our calendar. The "Meet the Pioneers" in Jacksonville at the cemetery is on October 6 at 3:30-6:15 p.m. We will play as each group arrives to take the bus tour of the cemetery. Pheasant Fields Farms is on October 14 at 1 p.m. and is always fun. New this year is a gig in the Applegate-- the Emigrant Festival October 22, 2-4 p.m. Contact person is Barbara Basden. Also new is a date at the Brookdale Living Facilities in Grants Pass on October 26 2-4 p.m. Contact Judy Lyons for information about this one. Check our online calendar for all our gigs, jams, times, places and maps or call an officer. Our October monthly meeting and jam is October 7 at the Phoenix Grange in Phoenix, Or. Meeting at 11:30, sign-up jam at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share, bring your family and friends and come have fun. See y'all soon.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

October Events

4	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
11	gig	Bay Crest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
11	gig	Evergreen Court (next to Bay Crest) North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
18	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
21	meeting/jam	Winchester Bay 11-1 mtg & snacks, on stage 1-3, jam 3-4 (possibly)	
25	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	1 - 2 p.m.
25	gig	Bayside Terrace, Coos Bay	2:30 - 3:30 p.m. (unconfirmed)

buying/preparing/serving food, instruction, setting and cleaning up. You all helped to execute our wonderful time together.

A number of people came from a distance; we were glad to welcome Bill Buzzard and Donna Dorsey from Georgia. Talk about notoriety of our district! Bryan Ibach sends his apology for not being able to put on the two workshops he had hoped to teach. It was caused by a mix up in dates.

The Dora Corn Feed on September 9 was enjoyable, per usual. Due to many other events, the crowd was down, but the chattering, food, and music was as good as it gets. Thanks to those who made the drive to Dora to be part of that Saturday afternoon. Also on September 9, we had five musicians represent us at the Gold Beach Art and Brew Festival. Bob Shaffar, one of those musicians said "the crowd was appreciative, and the sound folks and other musicians friendly".

Our president, Dawn Vonderlin, attended the state meeting in Prineville. She participated in a couple of workshops and lots

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Junior Fiddler: Cameron Cooley (District 6)



Cameron Cooley is 10 years old and lives in Eugene. He is in the fourth grade at the Eugene Waldorf School. He started playing a one-sixteenth size fiddle at age 4! He takes classical violin lessons, and he gets a lot of help from his sister, Tenaya, as well as from his mom and dad.

Cameron not only plays music; he writes his own tunes! He wrote one recently about spring. When a song comes, it just seems to pop into his head. Then he sings it over and over until he's able to remember it, and finally he just writes it all down. Cameron likes to play at contests. His favorite tune is one by Chip Cohen, called "Friday the 13th".

When he's not playing music, he loves to eat and read and run around outside. In the winter he loves to lie by the fire. He is building a little house in his back yard, and he enjoys studying machinery, nature, and science. He has been collecting elements, and has some uncommon ones like Xenon, Krypton, Bismuth, Barium, and Cesium.

Country Music Gathering in Prineville September 7-9



Louisianne Potvin, Ken Luse, and Jack Kerr perform "The Lover's Waltz"



"Bubba and Minnie Pearl" (Phil Drain and Pat Borden) host and manage the sound for dress-up night.



Little ones and their moms enjoy the dancing opportunities too!



Vivian Tucker, Kim Martin, Pat Borden welcome visitors at the registration table.



Jeannette and Garitt Bondsteel on the dance floor together.



Edna Carter (District 6) and Hollis Real (District 3)—friends for a long time.



Performing together from around the state.



Tucker Just 4 Fun Band (District 3) winds up the weekend's festivities.

Tune of the Month Submitted by District 1E: "All of Me"

If you've ever had a chance to jam with the folks from the Lakeview area, you know they can really swing with some jazzy chords and hard driving rhythms. This is one they submitted for us to learn as Tune of the Month. It was composed by Gerard Marks and Seymour Simon in 1931. That year, it was first recorded by Ruth Etting, also known as "America's sweetheart of song." After making its radio debut, "All of Me" was picked up by many artists, including the Count Basie Orchestra and various vocalists, such as Bing Crosby and Billie Holiday. Louis Armstrong scored a hit with the song in 1932. It remained a part of his set list throughout his entire career.

All of Me

(Medium Swing)

Simone/Marks

The musical score for "All of Me" is presented in 4/4 time with a medium swing feel. It consists of two main sections, A and B, each with four measures. The piano part includes a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bass part includes a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score is divided into two systems, A and B, each containing four measures. The piano part features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in measures 2 and 3 of each system. The bass part provides harmonic support with various chords, including C Major 7, E7, A7, Dm7, Am7, D7, G7, F, Fm, C Major 7, Em7, A7, Dm7, G7, C6, Eb7, and Dm7. The score concludes with a final measure in the bass part labeled (Fim).

A

Measure 1: C^{Maj}7

Measure 2: %

Measure 3: E7

Measure 4: %

Measure 5: A7

Measure 6: %

Measure 7: D^m7

Measure 8: %

Measure 9: E7

Measure 10: %

Measure 11: A^m7

Measure 12: %

Measure 13: D7

Measure 14: %

Measure 15: D^m7

Measure 16: G7

B

Measure 17: C^{Maj}7

Measure 18: %

Measure 19: E7

Measure 20: %

Measure 21: A7

Measure 22: %

Measure 23: D^m7

Measure 24: %

Measure 25: F

Measure 26: F^m

Measure 27: C^{Maj}7

Measure 28: E^m7

Measure 29: A7

Measure 30: %

Measure 31: D^m7

Measure 32: G7

Measure 33: C⁶

Measure 34: E^b7

Measure 35: D^m7

Measure 36: G7

(Fim)

District 5 (Continued from page 4)

of music. She learned a lot, and in spite of the detours and difficult travel conditions, due to the fires, she was glad she was able to attend.

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Did you know...

- District 6 has a Fiddle Loaner Program? Lois Eagleton now coordinates the service, inheriting it from Darla and Jesse Knudsen, who ran it for several years. Any District 6 OOTFA Member may borrow a fiddle. Give Lois a call at 541-343-0986 if you want to check out an instrument. The current inventory includes: one quarter-size fiddle; two half-size and two full-size instruments. She's had a request for a three-quarter size, so if anyone would like to donate one to District 6 or has one to loan, please call Lois. If you hear of someone who wants to play, but doesn't have a fiddle, they can join OOTFA and borrow one at NO CHARGE. Thanks, Lois, for doing this.

- There are 636 OOTFA Family Households in Oregon and that District 6 represents 123 of these, according to Patti Luse, our Membership Chair, who shared the numbers during the State Membership Report at Prineville.

- District 6 native son, Alex Hargreaves, will be performing as guest artist at Springfield's Wildish Community Theater in a concert titled, "The Folk In Classical". Alex, of the Turtle Island Quartet, will play a varied program with musicians from Chamber Music Amici in their opening concert of the season on Sunday, October 22, at 3 p.m. and again on Monday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. These performances include a week-long residency of education and community outreach. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear how the ensemble blends elements of classical music with bluegrass, jazz and other contemporary genres. For tickets, order online at wildishtheater.com. Contact info@chambermusicamici.org if you have questions.

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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Greetings to everyone from District 7. We hope you all are enjoying beautiful October weather as you read this article. Many of us enjoyed playing at the Harding Grange in Estacada for their chili cook-off in early September. It was organized as a fundraiser for our scholarship program. We had a good turn-out with some musicians from other districts and some new people who came to play with us.

The folks at the grange organized the delicious "cook-off" with five different chilis to pick from. We were given small containers of chili to sample and then were asked to vote for our favorite, for the most unique, and for the spiciest. In addition to the chili we were

Dawn will send out an updated October schedule toward the end of September. Things can change between the time this report goes to our editor and the dates of the events.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

October Events

5	jam	Old World Deli, Corvallis	7 - 9-ish p.m.
6	OOTFA jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 8:30 p.m.
7	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
9	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
13	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 9 p.m.
14	meeting, potluck & jam	Central Grange	doors open at 9:30,
	meeting 11a.m., followed by lunch, then jamming		
20	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
27	jam	Willakenzie Grange Jam	7 - 9 p.m.

- District 6 is still seeking a replacement reporter to write monthly submissions.

These folks will be making birthday wishes this month: Wayne Carter, Ila Mae Carmickle, Lisa P. and Chuck Roerich. Happy Anniversary to Jim and Teresa Bowers.

We mourn the loss of members Ed Sather and J.D. Steele.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



District 6 members, Allan Stults, Evelyn Horner and Jim Ford, play for "Pioneer Grandparents Tea" in September.

October Events

15	monthly jam	Harding Grange, 21552 S. Fisher Mill Rd. Estacada, OR 97023	1 - 3 p.m. A light meal will be provided for a fee.
29	NW Jam	600 NE 8th St., Gresham OR	Doors open at 11a.m. Sign-up playing from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

served corn meal muffins and some wonderful desserts. There was a good turn-out of community members who enjoyed our music and the chili as well. We sat in a circle and played for several hours with a break half-way through. At the end of the event there was a raffle where some of our members won nice prizes. We were also given a generous check for our scholarship fund. Harding Grange wants to do this again for us, and we look forward to another chili cook-off!

On the 15th of October we will again go to the Harding Grange for our monthly jam. This time we will just play together, which is

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always fun, and we can also purchase a light meal for a fee. As I've said before in this column--it's always delightful playing all those old tunes in an old grange hall--there is so much history that has

happened within those walls. Come and experience a little of that history. See you next month.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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Gayle Clarity and Karen and Steve Johnson represented District 8 at the Central Oregon get together in Prineville in early September. I haven't heard of any other District 8 members attending. I'm sure it was a fun-filled event.

Guy Kinman's 100th Birthday Jam was a huge success. Thanks, District 10, for recognition of one of our oldest old time fiddlers. Lew and I first heard Guy play his fiddle about 1978. We met him a few years later and always enjoyed seeing him at the Canyonville Contest and the District 10 and District 5 jams. Lew presented Guy with a scrap book of photos and articles about him over the years.

The biggest district news is that Les and Peggy Tucker are moving to Idaho to be near their daughter. We'll miss Les's great guitar backup AND his great fiddling. Sweet Peggy will be missed too. We all wish them well on the move and know it's the best choice for them right now.

The September 16 meeting and jam at Deer Creek Estates in Aurora will be a new location for us. I'll report on it next month. Thanks to Loita Colebank for making the arrangements.

October Events

21 gig UMC Falls City Noon potluck, perform 1 - 3 p.m.

Heads up for two upcoming events:

- We play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City on Saturday October 21. They invite us to participate in their potluck. We can contribute food to share. Eat at noon and play from 1 to 3. The church is the white building with a tall bell tower on the main street in Falls City. There is parking behind the church. If you've never played here, come and join us.

- We're invited to play at Capital Manor in West Salem on Tuesday evening November 21 at 6:30 p.m. and we'll play about an hour. We haven't played there for a few years. It will be fun to go back.

Looks like our dry weather is about to come to an end. At least rain is in the forecast. I promise not to complain — at least for a couple days!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Fiddlers from all over Oregon jam on stage.



Joan Suther and Randy Gibson (District 9)



Glen and Lorena Whitman (District 3)

Country Music Gathering in Prineville September 7-9

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Our Sunday Potluck and Jam Session will start October 8th and is also National Children's Day, so let's see if we can have some kids join us for music and dancing. Remember that we need all the folks older than 18, especially those over 90!

The folks that went to the Country Music Gathering in Prineville—that would be Ruel, Joan, Randy Gibson and others. I heard they had a great time. Isn't music fun and such a universal language?

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Our August 26 jam was very well attended. It included a 100th birthday celebration for Guy Kinman. Thanks to the party organizers, those who brought refreshments, and the many folks who traveled from miles away to attend. Guy received many cards, good wishes and a hat that said "Old Dude ... made of achy, breaky parts." He fiddled throughout the afternoon, thanked everyone for coming and said, "Let's do it again next year!"

Our district was well represented by Colleen Hanks, Jude Stensland, Jim Kuether, Hal and Sharon Thompson in Prineville on Sept 7-9. We heard that it was a lot of fun. OOTFA members kicked off the live music at the Eagleview Pickout on September 9. It was a beautiful day along the main Umpqua River, and many stayed for the big potluck, other bands, jamming and camping. OOTFA performers included Richard Polestra, Bill Kline, Gene Hodson, Karen Pohl, Liz Crain, Jim Leininger and Joe Ross. Later in the day, a special song was requested by Barbara Cheppakkode and led by the band Jericho Road for Bill Adney who hasn't been feeling well. OOTFA was also a big hit again at the Winston-Dillard

October Events

6 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
13 gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16 gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
20 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
27 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers or get 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

October Events

5 gig	Oak Park	1 - 2 p.m.
11 gig	Rosehaven	10 - 11 a.m.
16 gig	Callahan Court	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
23 gig	Callahan Village	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
28 jam	Sutherlin Monthly Jam	12 - 3 p.m.

Melon Festival on September 16. Our jam on Sept 23 had a quarterly meeting beforehand. Any major decisions will be reported in the next Hoedowner.

There was a very nice article about Dolores and Mike Booher in the August 27 "Umpqua Edition" magazine in the Roseburg News-Review. Written by Craig Reed, it was subtitled, "Loving the Rural Life: Scotts Valley couple, married 48 years, enjoy a quiet piece of paradise." After raising and home-schooling eight kids, all excellent musicians too, the story tells how Mike and Dolores now spend more time gardening, tending to the yard and baking pies. Their extended family includes 39 grandchildren. Their work ethic, strong faith, family life and music are very special elements of rural America. It's always a treat when any of the Booher Family show up at OOTFA events, and we hope to see them more often.

In October, we celebrate birthdays for Don Hamlin (Oct 10), Jerry Hash (Oct 16), Sandy Harter (Oct 17) and George Breeze (Oct 25). Happy Birthday!

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Jamming one afternoon: Dave Jensen (District 6) and Ben Coker (District 1)



Sheila Fry (District 1) plays "Braunla".



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State Calendar

January 27, 2018

District 10's Quarterly State Gathering and Board Meeting

Details TBA

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As we enter the last quarter of 2017, the overall HOUSEHOLD membership is 636 which is the same as last year. However, the number of MEMBERS is down by about 10% from 2016.

REGISTRATION DUE NOW FOR 2018: Hand or mail your dues to your District Membership Chair (contact information is listed in the District Report in this publication). The dues remain the same as last year, so for the **2018 Annual Household Membership** which runs from January 1 - December 31:

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