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OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

A bit of a ramble:

Love the coast, so went to Brookings at the Chetco Grange. Thank you District 5 for a Great weekend.

Communications is a key to success in any organization. Ours is no exception. Please talk to your fellow members and your district and state officers. To that end, let me be up front with my thinking.

OOTFA is a nonprofit Organization. Article II of our bylaws reads "Purpose - To promote, preserve and perpetuate Old Time fiddling and Old Time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old Time Fiddling and Old Time Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music".

As a nonprofit, we provide community service whenever and wherever we can. And we gladly accept donations to keep OOTFA going. The push should be to fulfill our Purpose in such a way that other would join and support our endeavors.

We have a busy summer and fall ahead. Hope to see you at one or more of the events.

Please think about why you joined and step up to help OOTFA continue running smooth and growing,

Thanks

~The keeper of Grandpa's fiddle



State Calendar

July 16-19	Fiddle Camp near Oakridge. Pre-Registration required. Check out www.fiddlecamp.org Scholarships available.
July 20-22	Lost River Bluegrass Festival in Merrill. OOTFA will be very visible thanks to Joyce Furlong our OOTFA State VP. See website at www.lostriverfestival.com
August 3 (Friday)	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, OR Contact Starr McMullen at mcmullens@hotmail.com
August 4-5	Washington State Fiddle Championships at Clark County Fair near Vancouver, WA. More info at wotfafflechampionship.wotfa.org
August 16-19	Winchester Bay Campout "Roads, Railways and Trucking" at the beach in Winchester Bay. See District 5's report.
August 25	"Music in the Park" at Porter Boone Park in Aumsville near Salem. Show starts at 1 pm. See District 8's Report
September 6-8	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR. State Board Meeting and Bi-Annual State Membership Meeting

FROM THE "SUBSTITUTE" EDITOR

My Goodness! Who would have thought I would step in for a month as the Hoedowner Editor. It is a good experience and appreciate the reporters as well as Karen. Hope she is having a good time in Italy and Turkey visiting family and friends. Come on back, Karen!

Usually the editor doesn't point out district articles but please read District 6's report regarding SEVEN COURTESIES in a JAM. Everyone should read that piece as it applies to EVERY DISTRICT! Nor does the editor put in a picture of herself but there are exceptions.

~Patti Luse

8th Annual West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops July 16-19 in Westfir (near Oakridge)

Classes & workshops daily for all levels!

\$120 for Adults, \$70 for youth (ages 7-18)

Full scholarships available for youth thru Camp. Scholarships available for adults thru Districts or State

Free dry camping on site, RVs with hookups nearby
Motels available in Oakridge or Westfir.

Food service available on site.

Register by June 30. Attendance is limited (we fill up).

See more online at: www.fiddlecamp.org

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

Greetings. This note written many years ago by Bill Yohey is just as timely today as it was when Bill wrote it. It was true back then, it is true today.

"THE ART OF BEING A GOOD ACCOMPANIST" By Bill Yohey

When I was a small boy 12 years old, I started to chord on the guitar and mandolin to my dad's fiddling. As I grew up, accompanying my folks and other musicians, I soon learned that most everyone plays a piece of music differently. This we must watch for and endeavor to make the right changes as they play it and not the way the last performer did it. Accompanists like Bill Durham and Vic Brown can do this very well. I have a lot of respect for the piano players and men like Dave Hite and Rusty Modrell who are willing to accompany anyone who asks them.

Some accompany the fiddler too loudly and unintentionally take the

play away from him. Some fiddlers often break time because they can't hear their accompanists. You have to find a happy medium here, and it takes a little concentration. Time doesn't permit us to practice much at our jam sessions. I think it is very important when choosing someone to help us, that we quickly tell them what we will play and what key we do it in. Most accompanists appreciate being asked to play. We take advantage of some, but that's the price of being a popular one. Do you think these three items are important?

1. Having your instrument in tune.
2. Willing to accompany anyone.
3. Respect for other's ability.

Hats off to all accompanists. Without them, we wouldn't sound so good. After all we are not soloists, you know.

~ Lew Holt

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Greetings All from District One,

We've finally made it to July and WARMER weather! Our June Farmer's Market ended up being cancelled due to stormy, rainy, COLD weather; but our monthly Meeting/Jam was well attended with at least 11 musicians, and at least that many listeners. It was a fun Jam for all, with good music, good times, and good people!

Up coming events in July are as follows...July 8th is our Meeting/Jam, July 14th is our Farmer's Market (let's try this again!) and July 28th is the Mosquito Festival in Paisley. This is where we (District 1) go and play music to support District 1E. If you can, please come and play. This greatly helps District 1E out and I know that all help is greatly appreciated.



Miss Dana Scott and Irene Ruddock having fun at District One's June Jam

July Events

8th	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	Noon-3 p.m.
14th	Farmer's Market		11:30-1:30 p.m.
20-22	Lost River Bluegrass Festival	Merrill	www.lostriverfestival.com
28th	Mosquito Festival, with District 1E	Paisley, OR.	

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

During the month of July and August, District 1 will not be doing the usual nursing home schedule. We will resume that normal schedule in September.

I want to wish everyone in District 1, as well as all District's statewide a Happy Fourth of July...even if you will be receiving the well wishes well after the date! Best wishes for a summer filled with good FIDDLE music, and "all good things!" ☺

July Birthday's : Fran Coker, Lorraine Degnan, Rebecca Hazen, Bill Hazen, Daniel Hartsell, Rose Maness, Aline Swartwood, Les Tucker.

July Anniversary's: Mike and Lynn Foster.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Recent District One Newlyweds, Leland and Mary Knapp Mitts. Congrats!

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As I sit down to write, the Burns Country Music Jamboree is less than a week away and by the time this newsletter arrives in the mail, we all will have enjoyed another opportunity to make music with new and old friends. I am among the workshop presenters this year and as a result of my workshop, hope to add more western swing enthusiasts to the swing jam circles.

July will take us out to the Dufurrena Ranch, approximately 27 miles south of Denio, NV, for a huge fund raising event called, "Rope For Hope." It raises money to help support rural can-

July Events

2	Meeting	Chamber of Commerce	7 p.m.
21	Gig	Denio, NV. Rope for Hope	10 a.m.-All Day

cer victims and is a well organized and well attended event that includes ranch roping for prizes, a silent auction, food and beverages, and music provided all day by the McLain's and friends. By the time that day has drawn to a close, we've played every song we can think of but it is a worthwhile effort and a lot of fun, too. Some of us will attend the Lost River Bluegrass Festival prior to going out to Denio so we will experience another week of good music this month. We look forward to seeing everyone again as the summer progresses.

~Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3,

Just when we think our weather has settled into summer, we get wind and rain storms roll thru. One of the newscasters called this Juneuary!

What a fantastic jam/dance we had on Jun 10th! We had 23 musicians playing along with at least 15 couples on our dance floor most of the time. We had set up our chairs in a different style which gave us a much larger dance floor and it was really enjoyed. Several of the musicians were there for the 1st time and we hope to have them back. It was nice to have Robin Lindsey visit us. There were at least 50 guests and we certainly appreciate them coming out, thanks for the help in setting up and cleaning up as well as the generosity shown to us.

After the jam, a group went over to Touchmark Retirement Community in Bend, at the invitation of Dale Anderson and his wife, Liz. The music was well received and enjoyed by the residents. We did have several couples dancing in the aisles with lots of clapping going on. The players were Jeannette and

July Events

8	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte CC	1-3p.m.
21	Slow Jam	Redmond Library	6-9p.m.

Garitt Bondsteel, Frank Borden, Hollis Real, Leroy Newport, Brad Gray, John Schultz, Margaret Keene, Breffni Whelan, Marlene and Jeff Stevens, Karen and Steve Bennett, and Suzanne Johannsen. All together, they really sounded like a good band.

Jeannette and Janice took a "music swing" thru Kansas several weeks ago. They played music all the way over and back to Central Oregon. We want to pass along one of the things they learned, which is how do you find music to play while traveling. There is a great website where you can search for a type of music, a city or state or post a local jam. You just might see a Central Oregon jam posted there soon. www.folkjam.org

Once again...if you have not done so, please get your reservations in for our Central Oregon Country Music Gathering, Sep 6.7 & 8th!

Take good care and keep on playing!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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

July Events

Saturday 7/7	District 4 Picnic McKee Bridge Park	10:30 am - 3:00pm
July 16-19	West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops	

Check our online calendar for all gigs, meetings, jams times and maps or call an officer

The creed practiced by postal workers, Neither Rain nor Cold nor Dark of Night.....could be the motto of district 4. With temperatures in the low 50's and towering storm clouds threatening 10 musicians faithfully came to the gig at the McKee Bridge for the performance for the Historical society. The rain abated for the 2 hour performance and many visitors sat to enjoy our lively music and hear information about our organization and its purpose and receive information about future performances. As the players left the park and headed home the skies opened. With another gig booked for 7 that evening at the R.V. Park in Prospect 8 members drove through pouring rain and intermittent pea-size hail to the engagement. Pam, the park owner, assured us that her campground was completely full of visitors eagerly awaiting our arrival. As she and her workers arranged the food and chairs, lit the bon fire and the musicians tuned their instruments, the rain stopped. A lively group of campers roasted wieners and made smores. They danced to the music and learned the Virginia Reel and performed it happily. The night went by joyfully and as the food was stored and instruments packed away the rain came down. Had the clouds held their drenching droplets in a tribute to the ancient music they heard?

This was district 4's second year to attend Jewitt Elementary school and demonstrate to and instruct the 4th grade students about the music and dance that the pioneers brought with them...across America to the West. With over 100 students attending the musicians and 3 teachers guided the young people thru the steps of the Virginia Reel. With clapping hands and tapping feet they responded with ear-deafening Yahoos as they dosey - doed and sashayed across the floor and as the minutes ticked away they begged "one more time, please". We'll be back next year.

The Saturday for our performance in Gold Hill for Gold Dust Days was sunny and warm with a good turnout of musicians. The visitors to the activities were many and those who came and sat to listen to us said they enjoyed our tunes and asked for information about future performances. Many who visited the different vendors and exhibits also stopped to listen awhile and ask about future engagements.

There are several new gigs on the calendar for July along with our regular monthly gigs. Please note in your datebooks these dates. On July 4th come celebrate our nation's birthday with the residents at Veranda Park in Medford, 11:30-1:00. District 4

District 4 - Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland (continued from page 3)

members will picnic at McGee Bridge Park 7/7 from 10:30-3:00. Bring your own lunch your instruments and comfortable seating. Drinks will be provided. Sunday 7/8 from 1-3:00 is the Living History Celebration at Hanley Farms. Monday, 7/8 at 9:30 12, is the Britt's Children's Festival. You really do not want to miss the West

Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops July 17/19 there is fun and instructions for the entire family. A new venture for OOTFA will be the Lost River Bluegrass Festival, July 20-22 in Merrill, Or. Hope to see you at many of these activities.

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Carol Ferrera teaching the Virginia Reel to students of Jewitt Elementary



District 4 Fiddlers at Gold Dust Days in Gold Hill



Ross Jones, Carol Ferrera, Judy McGarvey and Leonard Ferrera sounding good in a District 4 jam.

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Brooking Jamboree review:

- First things first- huge thank you's go out to Luke Verhagen, Bill Winfrey and Michael Mavis who handled the set up and staging of the sound system. They did a fine job!
- Friday's gathering afforded a terrific opportunity for members of D5 and visiting guests to run through songs, network and just enjoy each other's company. Thank you so much to all who came to share your talents and help behind the scenes
- Saturday's event was very well attended, showcasing about 20 stage musicians. One in particular was mentioned to me, an elder named Naomi. Her and her guitar received wonderful reviews. Thank you for coming Naomi, wherever you are!
- Two of our Junior Members, mentored by Pat Foht, were in attendance. Racheal and Tyler, thank you so much for stepping up!
- We gained two new OOTFA Members from our event, John 'Tiger' Aughinbaugh and Bob and Kay Petzold, both of Brookings. Bob and John are musicians. I can't wait to meet and welcome them.
- A raffle of various fun items was offered and brought in about \$200.00. A grateful thank you to all members who contributed to that effort.
- Our most heartfelt thank you belongs to the directors and members of the Chetco Grange Hall. Not a single cent was charged for the use of their facility, or their parking lot, where many persons and their RV's spent the night. That's amazing. We look forward to next years Jamboree and may it be as great as this one turned out to be.

District 5 headlines at the Scottsburg Community Center Grange Hall June 16th! It is a wonderful venue and we enjoy their appreciative audience. We bring cookies/snacks and there is always a pot of coffee! Thank you to Luke and Char Verhagen for this charming place to share our music.

'Volunteers Needed', has been resolved. Dawn reiterated that she needs to give up the multiple jobs she has had for years. She was asking for volunteers to take over the publicity for our group. Barbara and Kriss have decided to act as a team and are just goofy excited about this adventure. Stay tuned.

July Events

11	Stage Show	Bullards Beach	2-3:30 p.m.
21	On Stage/Jam	Winchester Bay	1-3:00 p.m.
25	Stage Show	Bullards Beach	2-3:30 p.m.

Winchester Bay Camp-Out--August 16th-19th. Here it comes! The South Coast premiere annual extravaganza! Our event this year will be "Roads, Railroads and Trucking."

- Ruth announced that Dinner for our Camp-Out will be pulled pork sandwiches with an option of pulled chicken sandwiches, for those who do not eat pork. All offerings will be gluten-free and Verna gave some examples of dietary restrictions/ requirements. All members are requested to bring salad side-dishes as well as at least 2 dozen cookies or muffins or fruit breads, etc. We need to keep our attendees fueled and happy! In keeping with this goal, ice cream sundaes are for dessert!



On stage at the Chetco Grange in Brookings are Scott Phillips (4), Hal Thompson (10), Mapril Combs (5) & Linda Sweatt (5)

- As we did last year, it was discussed and decided that we will have a special stage show at 2:00 pm on Friday the 17th and invite nursing home residents from various nursing homes in the area. This was very well-attended last year and we had a very appreciative audience. A 1 hour, 15 minute limit with a limit of 20 performers was suggested in the interest of keeping the program interesting and fun for our older friends; and so that they do not become too fatigued sitting in chairs for a long duration. This is agreeable to the group. Susan Joubert volunteered to contact the nursing homes. Ruth said we need three quality prizes for our theme song contest stage show to be held on Friday evening during the Camp-Out. Verna volunteered to donate one of her beautiful crocheted lap robes as one prize. We need only two more prizes. Dawn sent out a plea for people to volunteer to set up our sound system for the event and other events. We need to have a team of individuals that can set up sound and utilize our existing equipment paired with our new microphones. Luke, Michael and Bill? You three already have some good experience!

- This is going to be soooo much fun! We hope you can arrange to spend a few days with us, you won't be disappointed!

With much respect and appreciation, we send a big hug from the Southern Coast!

~Kriss Fenton, District 5 Reporter

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Ian Dawson of Burns playing with Lifetimer Ruel Teague, his fiddle instructor

IAN DAWSON, A Teenage OOTFA Fiddler From Burns

Ian Dawson is 14 years old and has just finished the 8th grade. He will go to Crane Union High School as a Freshman in the Fall. Crane is one of the oldest boarding High Schools in the USA. While some of the students live far away in the back county of southeast Oregon, Ian will live at home. His grandparents, Carol & Cliff Dawson, were instrumental in seeing that Ian have the opportunity to play the fiddle. At age 9, Ian wanted to play so Ruel Teague along with Larry McLain found a fiddle for Ian to begin playing and with Ruel as his teacher he has come a long way in the 5 years since. He plays by ear and his favorite songs include "Down Yonder" and "Boil the Cabbages Down." It was fun to see him play at each of the on-stage/open mic performances at the Country Music Jamboree this June in Burns. He enjoys playing at the care facilities and Senior Centers with the other members of District 9. In addition, he enjoys reading and camping. Cliff died a year or two ago and Ian lives with his grandmother, Carol, who supports Ian in every way possible.

COUNTRY MUSIC YOUTH WORKSHOP

A workshop was held during OOTFA's Country Music Jamboree in the middle of June in Burns for 15 youth in the Beginner's class. Instructor for the 2 day workshop was Stacey DeFord, a Harney County native and daughter of OOTFA members, Paula & Randy Cook. Stacey began playing fiddle at 4 years of age under the tutelage of her grandfather and well known OOTFA Burns resident, Ruel Teague. As an Oregon State Fiddle champion multiple years, Stacey began teaching at age 12 and it has now been 29 years. She has performed in Branson, Missouri with Box Car Willie, Ralph Stanley and others. She currently lives outside Elko, Nevada.



Stacey DeFord, Workshop Instructor



The Burns Junior Workshop learned lots and had fun too!

APOLOGIES ARE IN ORDER to the SHAFFAR Family and especially Jerene:

We are so sorry that we misspelled their name in the Junior Hoedowner when talking about Shelby Panter. Shelby is the Granddaughter of Jerene & Bob Shaffar and the Great Granddaughter of Abbie & Keith Shaffar. All these special members are longtime and devoted OOTFA Members on the Southern Oregon coast.



Linda Danielson (6)

TUNE OF THE MONTH - "TEN STRIKE" aka "Oklahoma Rooster"

This version of "Ten Strike" comes from Stuart Williams of Seattle, WA who notated it from the playing of Les Raber of Washington and Michigan before that. It's widely played in Oklahoma and the rest of the southwestern states. I have heard it played more like a rag but this version leans a bit toward being a Hoedowner.

Thanks to Linda Danielson, a longtime member of OOTFA in District 6 for giving us a Tune of the Month for July.

Ten Strike

aka Oklahoma Rooster

from Les Raber
Alleghen, Michigan

* "Rockin' the bow"

OVERVIEW OF THE OOTFA CONVENTION SURVEY

Since this was the location of Survey in the JUNE Hoedowner, here are a few of results of the 72 surveys which were returned. There were LOTS OF COMMENTS. An 8 page compilation has been sent to your District Chair.

- What did you like BEST and the REASONS YOU ATTEND? The top three were: 35% like the Jamming and 26 % like the socializing and 17% like the performances.
- What did you like LEAST: This was all over the map from not liking the Banquet nor the location. Other comments were: terrible acoustics in the building, distance from home, limited jamming areas, performances at night (would like in daytime) and the raffle/auction.
- What about a POTLUCK instead of a BANQUET? Fourteen said yes; 11 said NO; 15 had no opinion and the rest left it blank. (One suggestion is that OOTFA would provide the MAIN DISH and the attendees would provide side dishes.)
- Do you like the LOCATION/FACILITY? Twenty Six said YES (central location; plenty of motels/hotel, building rent is economical); 19 said NO (building too cold, too huge, not enough ways to divide into small jams, need better weather at convention time and RV Parking is too expensive); and 6 had no opinion.
- WHERE DO YOU STAY when you attend the convention? Fifty four percent stay in the Fairground RV Park, 26% stay at home and the rest didn't comment.
- Would you be willing to DRY CAMP WITH YOUR RV? Seventy eight percent said they would be willing to do this if need be. (Dry Camping is without Electricity or Water.)

A committee will look over all the surveys and begin the planning of the 2019 Convention. More information will be forthcoming in future Hoedowners.

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No matter how new or seasoned we are as musicians, regular tune-ups remind us of how we can keep OOTFA and our district alive, fresh and inclusive. In our efforts to make events as friendly and fulfilling as possible, our district tries to provide a regular, open forum where suggestions can be floated and concerns addressed.

To promote those outcomes, we have available at all jams a list of suggested tunes played commonly in the district as a starting point, as well as guidelines for jam and performance player etiquette. OOTFA by-laws are provided, clearly outlining instruments that are considered "legal" in the organization, as a way to prevent misunderstandings and bruised feelings.

A group of members met in May to take District 6's pulse and the upshot was that we should strive to increase accessibility and inclusiveness for all members by committing to SEVEN SIMPLE COURTESIES.

- When you call a tune, project your voice, even when using a microphone, to ensure that all players hear the name and key signature. Use hand signals as further insurance (if you're unsure, check with someone whose been around awhile). Check to see if other players are set to begin before you set the tempo, either by counting in or playing potatoes or other introduction.
- Allow people time to find tunes in binders and on tablets and get themselves ready to begin when you are. Remember that banjo pickers may need to retune or switch instruments.
- When we perform for an audience, it's polite to announce the name of the tune, or ask an emcee to do it. If you know a brief, interesting fact or anecdote about the tune, share it.
- Sometimes, a player calls a tune you don't know well. If it happens in a jam, listen to the melody, think about the chord structure and watch other players' fingering. It's a great way to learn. If you start to catch on, play along quietly until you feel confident that you've got it. You can also jot down the title and research it later. But, in a performance, it's advised to just rest and listen until the next tune is called.

You may find versions of a tune you've heard on YouTube; some have tutorials. Free sheet music might be available on any number of sites, including www.district6fiddleclass.wordpress.com the archive for music from Ila Mae's classes. Try using a slow-downer app., if you have one.

• Jams are for fun, fellowship, learning and practice. They are social and relaxed. Performances are intended to entertain audiences and are often paid. It's important that we use high standards of professionalism, connecting with the audience through eye contact and smiles and, most importantly, playing tunes that are polished for the public.

• PLEASE! If you want to chat with someone during a jam or performance, take the conversation to another space. Side conversations are a major distraction and take away from us

July Events

5	OOTFA Jam at Old World Deli., Corvallis	7-9 p.m.
6	Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam	7- 8:30 p.m.
7	Intermediate Fiddle Class at River Road Annex	1-3 p.m.
9	Basic Fiddle Class at Bethesda Lutheran	1-3 p.m.
13	Elmira Grange Jam	7- 9 p.m.
14	Central Grange Business Mtg., Potluck Jam	10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
16-19	WCFCW	Visit www.fiddlecamp.org
20	YaPoAh Terrace Jam	7 - 9 p.m.
27	Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam	7-9 p.m.



Territorial students in Junction City listen to District 6 members Allan Stults, Jim Ford, Evelyn Horner and Amy Burrow play some Oldtime fiddle music.

supporting the tune, whether we know it or not.

- Ideas that are under consideration: the possibility of having themes for monthly jams, e.g. Western Swing, Irish, etc., and maybe trying to find a place to host a slow jam where folks can practice in a group.

Maybe you'd like to get on the performance circuit, playing for some of the standing gigs on the District 6 schedule. Notify Bernie Roberts, our coordinator, by giving him a call or sending an email expressing your interest and he will add you to the player roster. He provides prior notice of gigs and asks that we provide tune names and keys to him in advance so that other performers can prepare. His contact information is beroberts285@comcast.net or 541-689-5764.

Birthday Felicitations: Lynn Baran, Emily Moyle, Sal Fiducia, Jerry Parks and yours truly

Anniversary Acknowledgements: Marie & Bernie Roberts, Jesse & Darla Knudsen and Alberta & Bill Gilbert

Note: if you have not seen your name recognized for birthdays or anniversaries, be sure to give me your information so you can be included.

Hope to see you soon at an upcoming jam, festival or campout!

~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter



Rita Daley & Ed Bergeron at a jam in District 7.



District 7 members, Barry Bloom & Penny Mead Walter, wait their turn to play.

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District 7 has three interesting events planned for July.

- The first one will be a gig at Jeff and Micky Knight's family gathering. We should have a lot of fun playing for two hours out in the country and then joining them for a catered meal. If you will attend please let Ron Zabudsky know so the family can plan for the meal.
- Secondly, we will be playing at the Sunnyside Grange for a "general jam". It is always fun to gather at a grange and play the music that has been heard there for many years.
- The third event is one that appears in this column every month. The NW Jam has been around for 15-20 years and was started by OOTFA members who wanted to have another opportunity to play and sing oldtime and other types of music. Some of the early members also play with OOTFA today. A few of them are: Lila Bills, Roger Germundson, Myrtle Arnold, Bob Huffman, and Gayl Ratigan. The NW Jam always meets on the last Sunday of the month and for many years it has met in the Gresham Senior Center. This is a great venue (with sign-up playing) where a good

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July 14: Directions to Marie's place for District meeting: At the N. end of Amity on 99W, turn E. at the grade school cross walk onto Rice Ln. Go .8 miles. On left is a white rail fence with the numbers 5001 on it. That's the place. Time: 11am to 3pm. We're across from Keeler Vineyard's.

July 20: Directions to Bush Pasture Park: Exit I-5 at Mission Street. Go West past 12th St S.E. & turn left into the park. They've asked for our younger members as well. For our young members: Bring a list of the tunes you know to the jam and we'll be sure to play them with you or you may select several for when your turns come, or ask us to play with you if that's more comfortable. Please don't stay away just because you

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Reporter: Marianne Andrews

The Country Music Jamboree is in full swing. I love the dancing especially. Thirty campers have showed up so far, with many more expected and the music is everywhere. The weather cooperated and the people are friendly. A good time was had by all. Thanks for bringing yourselves to Burns. I heard that the workshops were really useful to those of us that keep trying to

July Events

July 2	Gig	Jeff and Micky Knight's home 21745 S. LewEllen Rd, Beaver Creek	5-8 pm
July 21	Jam	Sunnyside Grange 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Happy Valley	2-4 pm
July 29 NW	Jam	600 NE 8th Ave. Gresham Doors open at 11.	

Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 pm

crowd comes to hear music and to dance to it.

During our May jam we had a good turn out with many fiddlers, two banjos, a bass, a number of guitars, and a bass guitar. While there I enjoyed visiting with Penny Mead Walter and Barry Bloom. Many readers may know that Penny has been very sick in the last few years but she is much improved and had a great time playing her lovely fiddle and dancing waltzes with Barry. A photo of them is in the Hoedowner this month.

A reminder of upcoming August Events to put on your calendar:

- On August 11th - Andy and Terry Jorgenson will host BOB'S BASH to celebrate Bob Huffman's 98th birthday. There is a potluck meal around noon followed by jamming. For questions call Terry at 503-702-0460.
- On August 15th - we will play at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby OR from 2-4. More on these events in the August Hoedowner.

Enjoy the summer and all the music.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

July Events

14	jam	District meeting and potluck jam 5001 S.E. Rice Ln. Amity.	
		to replace retiring officers for Treasurer, Secretary and Scheduler.	11am to 3pm
20	gig	Art Fair in Salem at Bush Pasture Park on the family stage	12-12:45pm
27	gig	Emerald Point Sr. Living, Keiser, 1125 McGee Ct. N. E. Play from	2-3pm.

don't know all of the ones that are played.

July 27: Directions to Emerald Point Senior Living: Get on River Road [it's a ways north of Chemewa Rd]. Go north to Mc Gee Court N.E.; turn onto Mc Gee Court N.E. Emerald Point will be on your left. [It's near The Village where we've been before.

Then looking forward to August 25th. "Music In The Park" will be held in Aumsville on the new stage at Porter Boone Park. District 8 of OOTFA along with guest's from other district's will put forth a two hour performance of old time fiddling. The Park is at 11th. and Main St. in Aumsville. Show starts at 1:00 P.M.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

July Events

6	Jam	Friday Jam	7:00pm
13	Gig	The Aspens	7:00-9:00pm
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:00-7:00pm
20	Jam	Friday Jam	7:00pm
27	Jam	Friday Jam	7:00pm

get better and/or learn something new. Thanks especially to the workshop teachers.

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the

Musically Yours, ~Marianne Andrews, Reporter

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July Events

5	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 – 2:30 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.
26	gig	Myrtle Creek Summer Festival, Millsite Park	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
28		meeting/jam Sutherlin Grange Hall 11 am meeting;	12 - 3 p.m. jam

Our May 26 and June 23 jams were very well attended. We always appreciate our guests who travel considerable distances to play, dance and enjoy the music with friends. Our district has a busy summer coming up with many public appearances, including Myrtle Creek's Summer Festival on July 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. will be double-neck guitarist Mark Kroos. We'll have our quarterly membership meeting at 11 a.m. on July 28 before our jam.

Thoughts of our members:

- Please keep Allison Lindley's husband in your thoughts and prayers. He was recently released from the hospital after a five month stay. We all wish him a full and speedy recovery.
- In July, we celebrate birthdays of Richard Poelstra (July 4), Kelly Wadsworth (July 6), Colleen Hanks (July 22), Liz Crain (July 26), and Mary Oswald (July 26).
- Congrats to Jesse & Darla Knudsen who celebrate their 57th Anniversary on July 14.

Our sign-in sheet at jams now has a column for your birthday. Please fill it in with your month and day (and if you wish, year).

Featured members Mary and Dennis Oswald have been OOTFA members for over three years. Mary serves as District 10's

membership coordinator. About five years ago, Mary and Dennis moved to Roseburg from Portland where they had lived for 40 years. They first learned about OOTFA from Jim Kuether as they attend the same church. "We came down for retirement," says Dennis. "It's a slower pace, and it's agreed with us. It's God's country. We'd always brought our kids down to go fishing, and we hope they'll bring their kids down, as well. They're all young and mobile, but Roseburg will be a center." Mary and Dennis have a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren. Dennis states, "The music is fun and relaxing to hear. I enjoy watching others and their reactions to it. They're classic tunes that never seem to get old." Mary adds, "The music is very reminiscent of a time gone by. It's the type of music we cherish. I love the songs that tell stories. It's nice to see young people getting involved. Everyone there is giving a testimony of their life and what it means to uplift others."



Mary Oswald of District 10 takes a Membership Registration with husband, Dennis, looking on.

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

THE JUNE GATHERING AT THE COUNTY MUSIC JAMBOREE in BURNS

Nearly 200 musicians gathered in Burns for this annual event...sometimes associated with "The Trip to Weiser!" It was THE BEST!! What a great time the High Desert Fiddlers offer OOTFA. A Youth Workshop was held for more than 16 youth over 2 days and it was fun to see and hear. (Look at Junior Hoedowner for their picture.) Some of the highlights of the Jamboree in Burns are in the pictures thru out this issue.



Mike Foster (1) and Nancy Yilouris(1E) enjoy the sunny day



Friday night on-stage jam in Burns 2018



Behind a successful gathering are the volunteer efforts of non-musicians such as George & Joyce Sahlberg (10) of Burns.



The Marchon's Family (6) take time out from playing music for lunch under sunny skies.



Jim Borrelli (9) makes beautiful music on his Mandolin with Dennis Townsend (9) on Guitar



Three guys from District 3... Frank Borden, John Schultz and Brad Gray... draw for their turn on stage.



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OOTFA Membership is probably the most important entity in our organization. We need members so we have more musicians, more jamming and more volunteers. As of June 2018, we have 669 households!!! This is a 5% increase right now OVER the END OF 2017. We need to encourage new and/or returning members to join up and have some fun!

DISTRICT	HOUSEHOLDS
1- Klamath County	40
1-E - Lakeview	16
3 - Central Oregon	69
4 - Southern Oregon	78
5 - So. Oregon Coast	60
6 - So. Willamette Valley	129

DISTRICT	HOUSEHOLDS
7 - Portland & Northwestern Oregon	90
8 - Central Willamette Valley	61
9 - Eastern Oregon	34
10 - Douglas County	47
Out of State	45