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OOTFA PRESIDENT SCOTT PHILLIP'S REPORT

Thoughts

From RV Site C-16 at Winchester Bay

Best laid plans and all that! Left home to get out of smoke and get to Winchester Bay earlier. Planned to go from here to Prineville. Minor incident has kept me from driving. So I am sorry to report that I had to spend the month on the jetty at Salmon Harbor recuperating. 😊 I am told that the balance of state officers, with the addition of Darla Knudsen, did a bang-up job of taking care of business. I can not thank them enough.

The date and venue for the spring get-together has been set. Now begins the process of organizing the schedule of events. Your officers would like to hear from all of you with your ideas for it. Also, any of you that would like to volunteer your expertise to make it a great event, would be appreciated. We will be trying to incorporate some of the ideas mentioned in the survey.

Looking forward to a fall and winter of great fiddling for all.

~Scott

State Calendar for 2019

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| January 18-19 | Lebanon State Gathering Lebanon Senior Center. State Board Meeting, Potluck and Jamming |
| March 16 | Oregon State Fiddle Contest Chemeketa Community College in Salem. |
| April 10-13 | OOTFA Convention , Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall. State Membership and Board Meeting |
| June 13-15 | High Desert Jamboree , Harney County Fairgrounds in Burns State Board Meeting |
| July 22-25 | Fiddle Camp . East Linn Christian Academy. Lebanon |
| August 15-17 | Winchester Bay Campout |
| September 5-7 | Central Oregon Country Music Gathering . Prineville |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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| Jane Bealey | Dallas | Ray Pokorny | Madras |
| Mary Danforth | Florence | Christa and Sidra Price | Medford |
| George Hecht | Eugene | Janice Railton | Redmond |
| Matt & Cheryl Horowitz | Veneta | Everest Smith | Medford |
| Cheryl Hyrciw | Portland | Janet Throop | Corvallis |
| Annette Lange Hildebrand | Madras | Logan & Helen Towery | Medford |
| Morgan May | Coos Bay | Amber, Jay and Jacob Turnage | Powell Butte |
| Casey and Chance Mott | Redmond | Carmen, Joseph and Eric Mattis | Klamath Falls |

A note from our State Treasurer, Sharon Thompson

Where do my OOTFA dues go?

Many times I am asked what the dues we collect each year are used for, so here is a general breakdown: The Hoedowner is mostly paid for by your dues. Any balance of this cost is absorbed by the state. Other monies coming from the districts, donations, and grants pay for the cost of doing business to maintain the organization.

That cost of doing business includes:

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| Accounting fee to make out our required legal tax forms: | \$1250.00 |
| Copy/Print | 149.46 |
| Filing Fees for Fed/State | 213.00 |
| Liability Insurance/Sound equipment | 2038.00 |
| Office Supplies | 132.29 |
| Membership Expense (forms/postage) | 585.68 |
| General Postage | 121.28 |
| Rent for state meetings not including the convention | 568.00 |
| State travel expenses | \$3177.00 |

The State Fiddle Contest and Annual Convention are mostly supported with district and private donations. The amount not covered by the donations to put these events on is paid for by the state.

At the quarterly board meetings and bi-annual membership meetings, a financial report is printed and available.

Direct inquires to any state officer.

~Sharon Thompson, OOTFA State Treasurer



Sharon

FROM THE EDITOR

I always enjoy hearing from our reporters each month, and this edition seems to be overflowing with good music, exciting events, and community service. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the gatherings this summer and fall. We have much to be proud of in OOTFA.

~Karen

FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

I may have painted myself into a corner and find it rather difficult to get out without having winners and losers. Late last spring before Alice and I became very involved with moving, I received a letter from a man in Monmouth who said that he had two fiddles and a banjo that he wanted people to have for free. The only stipulation being that a recipient did not now have a fiddle or did not now have a banjo, but would enjoy playing one of them. The two fiddles are inexpensive--no brand names, clean, like new, with bows and nice cases. The banjo is a five string Blue Ridge Banjo, like new with a nice case.

Here is where the wet paint gets sticky -- what if I were to receive more requests than there are instruments? Somebody would end up being happy and others would be disappointed. So I have to tread carefully and see how the ball bounces.

It wouldn't be "first come, first served," rather it would be someone who could convince several of us that they truly wanted and needed a fiddle or a banjo. So email or send me a letter with your request or the name of a person who truly needs one of the instruments.

~Lew

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October Events

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| 13 | jam | Farmer's Market | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. |
| 14 | meeting/jam | Shasta Grange | Noon - 3 p.m. |
| 18 | gig | Plum Ridge | 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| 18 | gig | Pacifica | 1-2 p.m. |
| 25 | gig | Crystal Terrace | 11 a.m.- noon. |
| 25 | gig | Rogue River Place | 1-2 p.m. |
| 28 | (TBD) Junior Fiddler Jam | | Anthem House TBD |
| Practice on Saturdays 1-4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418. | | | |

District 1 - Klamath Falls Area (continued from page 2)

Greetings All from District One,

Not much specific news to write about here in District One, mostly because all of our upcoming September gigs haven't even happened yet! Through the grapevine, I've heard that there was much success at Prineville and our members who made the trek had a fun time. Our October schedule is back to our District One "usual" schedule, with a late Farmer's Market thrown in. That will be a fun one, and most likely COLD, so remember to dress warm! I always like to come with my fingerless gloves and one of those one-time-use hand warmers that I sneak from hubby's hunting bin...shhhhh...don't tell on me, LOL. 😊 We may also have another Junior Fiddler Jam the last Saturday of the month, but more to follow on that. Lastly, please keep your good thoughts, prayers and good vibes headed our way, as we have several members who could use the pick-me-up...many here are dealing with health issues

and we wish them all our best. We sure miss each and every one of them who isn't able to come to our functions due to health. And since it's October, and Christmas is just around the corner...be thinking about brushing up on your Christmas songs! I know, crazy, right?! 😊

October Birthdays: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, and Noranne Sparks.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



Frank Ayres (District 1) having fun at a recent jam.

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October Events

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| 4, 11, 18, 25 | jams | Rosa Lee's House | 7 p.m. |
| 6 | First Saturday Jam | Chamber of Commerce | 2 p.m. |

Exactly one week ago today, as I sit before my computer to write this article, The Central Oregon Country Music Gathering was just firing up. What a great time! It was obvious how much work went into the planning and organizing of this last state-wide gathering of the year. "Congratulations" are extended to Jeanette Bondsteel and her entire team of volunteers who made it run so smoothly. Thank you all for a great time!

Just prior to the Prineville gathering, our district helped to celebrate the 99th Lakeview Fair and RoundUp by playing on Saturday. Johnny and Darleth Rodgers and Sheila Fry from District 1 and Janet Brayman from District 9 came over to help out. Johnny and Janet both played on stage joining District 1E

players on Saturday, and Janet rode on the float with District 1E in the Labor Day Parade on Monday. Next year we will celebrate the Centennial for this event and it should be a very special week for our town.

Our First Saturday Jams start up again this month. We'll be meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building on E Street, starting at 2 p.m. and we'll play until our fingers fall off. We welcome anyone and everyone at these jams so come on over.

~Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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October Events

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| 14 | 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance | Powell Butte CC | 1-3 p.m. |
| 18 | Redmond Slow Jam | Redmond Library | 6-9 p.m. |

Howdy from District 3,

What a wonderful Central Oregon Country Music Gathering! All of us in District 3 are so happy to have welcomed all to Prineville and a send a big thank you to all who came and made it such a success. The weather cooperated this year, and we were very lucky that the smoke was not too heavy in Central Oregon.

We did several things for the first time, and since they seemed well received, I believe we will see things next year like the pie social, T-shirts, electronic display of the sponsors, national treasures and live pictures of the festivities. A special thanks goes out to Minnie and Bubba (Phil Drain) who both did a fine job this year. We were fortunate to have Lynn Anderson and

Dolly Parton stop by on their way to Nashville. Our workshops this year were very well attended. The Old Time Mountain Music workshop was a first for Prineville, and it was very popular. Kids and young musicians were very good, and it was wonderful to see the young people. Another note of thanks goes to the clean-up crew on Sunday morning. Our out of town guests were a huge help, and we appreciated them so much. It is time now to rest, recuperate and start thinking about next year. We appreciate all those who turned in surveys. We'll get the results together and use them in the planning for next year.

At the McKenzie jam, a chair was taken by mistake and a soft gray one leftso please get in touch with me and we'll get the

District 3 - Bend, Redmond, The Dalles (continued from page 3)

correct items to the correct owners. Kim Martin 360-852-2413 • crgypsy@live.com

The Redmond Slow Jam is attracting more and more musicians, and people have been coming over to enjoy the music. Again, thanks to all who came to Prineville for the Central Oregon Country Music Jam and "y'all come back, ya hear!" See you all down the trail, keep on picking and fiddling!

~Kim Martin & Pat Borden, District 3 Reporters

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

A hint of fall is in the air. Cooler nights and a few gold-red leaves floating in the air are omens that a change in our weather is coming. All our wonderful summer activities are just pleasant memories. The Winchester Bay event was fun and entertaining, and many from District 4 attended. Our Judy McGarvey brought home the trophy, which was almost as tall as she, for the best tune for the theme night. She also won the "Gene Williams" trophy for Best Fiddler. The dates for next year's event are August 15-17. Make your reservations early!

The Central Oregon Country Music Festival and quarterly meeting in Prineville were attended by a few from District 4. Co-chair person, Jessie Lotts, gave a good report on our district's events. At the meeting some changes were made to the Fiddle Contest. The Twin Fiddle division will be replaced with an Entertainment Division, which will more closely match the division at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser. Also discussed were changes to the location and time of year for the State Convention. Nothing has been confirmed but feedback is welcome. Contact Patti Luse. Due to conflicts in using the school at Westfir for fiddle camp next year the 2019 camp will be held in Lebanon at the West Linn



Judy McGarvey holding the "Gene Williams" trophy she won for Best Fiddler at the Winchester Bay Campout.

October Events

6 meeting and jam Phoenix Grange 11:30 a.m.
See our website for a complete list of jams and gigs. www.OOTFA4.org



Judy McGarvey and friends dressed as Dolly Parton, in the Friday night program in Prineville.

Christian School. The dates are July 22-25. Further information will be available soon.

Two of our musician-members have had hip surgery in September. Jim Winslow slipped and fell while on a fishing trip at the coast, breaking his hip and was flown to Medford to have it pinned. He is at 3Fountains now recovering and receiving physical therapy. Sylvia Chapman also had surgery to receive a new hip and is home recovering and improving. Dave Basden is improving daily and still recovering from his heart surgery. He is back playing with us again. Yay for modern medicine!

October brings the return of our gigs at Pheasant Fields Farm for 3 gigs on October 13, 14 and 27. We will be on the deck under the huge walnut tree. These are always fun to do watching the little kids playing and dancing to our tunes. Check our online calendar for all the standard monthly gigs and some new ones too. The weekly Wednesday night jam has changed a little. From 4-4:30 p.m., we'll have beginning fiddle lessons. 4:30-5 p.m. will be the slow jam and beginning fiddlers are encouraged

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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October Events

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| 3 | gig | Myrtle Point Care Center | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. |
| 10 | gig | Inland Point | 1:30-2:30 p.m. |
| 10 | gig | Evergreen Court | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| 17 | gig | Pacific View | 2-3 p.m. |
| 20 | meeting/ gig/ jam | Winchester Bay Community Center | |
| | | District 5 meeting 11 a.m., gig 1-3 p.m., followed by jam | |
| 24 | gig | Avamere | 1-2 p.m. |
| 24 | gig | Inland Point | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |

Hooray! It's time to share with you all the wonderful highlights from August's Fiddle on the Beach! Seven OOTFA Districts were represented: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Counting District 5, that makes 8! The musician that came the farthest, thank you, was Janet Braymen from District 9, Burns/Lakeview. I know we welcomed several new members, as I saw

Patti Luse very busy at her table! I do not have an exact count, but we look forward to getting to know each of you. A special award trophy was presented to Mr. Lee Cushman for being the eldest fiddle player to attend. Congratulations Lee, 90 years and counting!

JR FIDDLER

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Junior Fiddler: Rachel Eickhoff (District 5)

Rachel Eickhoff is 12 years old and has just started 7th grade at Harbor Lights Middle School. She lives near Bandon, and their house has a view of cranberry bogs just out the window! Rachel started playing the fiddle when she was four years old. She remembers, "My mom played fiddle, and I just wanted to do it with her." They both took lessons from Bob Shaffar (District 5). Her mom was definitely her inspiration to learn music, and she's pretty well known in her family for being able to pick up an instrument and learn it at a good pace.

Rachel's favorite type of music is Southern Gospel. She plays trombone with the school band, she performs with her church, and she is excited to do Jazz Band again this school year. She also started playing the ukulele this summer. Rachel's brother, Tyler, plays harmonica. She and her family have been OOTFA members for many years. She often plays with District 5 at their gatherings and performances. She played at Rickreall in April and at Bullard's Beach State Parks over the summer. She appreciates Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers because they provide opportunities to perform and to play with others. She thinks her district does a pretty good job of getting young people involved.

In school, Rachel enjoys social studies, math, and band. She's going out for cross country again this fall, and she says she loves to run. She doesn't know what she'll do in the future, but she's sure of one thing: her life will always include music.



Rachel Eickhoff

Tune of the Month Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

This tune comes to us from Sarah Armstrong of Derry, Pennsylvania, America's first famous fiddler of the female persuasion. Born in 1883 of Scottish descent, her father and uncles all played the Appalachian music of the area; Sarah began fiddling at the age of 5. She called this one 'The Old Reel' and probably learned it from her Uncle Laney where she got most of her tunes; but nowadays we just call it "Sarah Armstrong's Tune".

When she died in 1957 at the age of 74, few people in the Derry community noted the passing of Mrs. Sarah Armstrong and fewer yet remembered the joy she once brought to the community with her music. No one could have imagined that 50 years after her death, "Sarah Armstrong's Tune" would be heard on YouTube and in oldtime jams throughout the world.



Melinda Grant



Sarah Armstrong

Sarah Armstrong
(Sarah Armstrong's Tune)

Traditional old-time
Arr. Pete Showman, Dave Barton

Key: D
♩ = 90

Pennsylvania fiddler Sarah Armstrong played this tune around 1944 for Samuel Bayard, who published it in his collection "Hill Country Tunes".



Eileen Walter

From the State Fiddle Contest Director

I hope you all had the summer you were looking forward to – with lots of fiddling! It’s that time of year when the contest preparations are beginning – it’s less than six months away – March 16!

I’d like to announce a change in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers’ Association Bylaws and Standing Rules. (revised 4-7-18) affecting the contest divisions. The Twin Fiddle Division and the Anything Goes Division have been combined and replaced by the new Entertainment Showcase Division. The rules as set forth in the Standing Rules were voted on and passed by the membership at the recent meeting in Prineville. These new rules appear in Article III State Fiddle Contest on page 7-9 of the new document, Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers’ Association Bylaws and Standing Rules Revised 9-8-18. This document can be found on the website, www.ootfa.org. I encourage all of you to enter the contest, volunteer, or come and enjoy the show – or participate in all three!

I will provide additional information about volunteer duties, the schedule, registration form, etc. in upcoming issues of the Hoedowner. If you have any questions about any contest matters, please contact me at gdaewalt@comcast.net or call or text me at 503-701-1578.

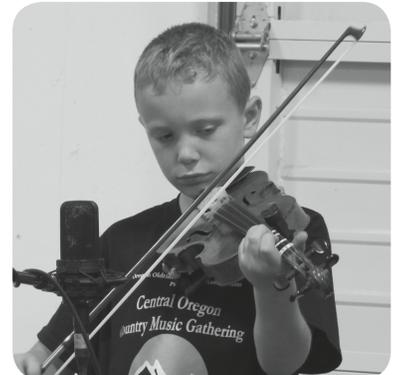
I’m looking forward to another successful contest – all of them have been lots of fun!

~Eileen

Central Oregon Country Music Gathering 2018



Lots of jamming in Prineville!!!



Chance Mott, fiddler



Pie and Ice Cream Social



Edna Carter and Roger Germundson



Gayle Rasthofer selling T-Shirts



Dedicated Volunteers

District 5 - Southern Coast Area (continued from page 4)

We had so much fun with our 'Roads, Railroads/Trains and Trucking' theme. Members got extremely creative putting their performances together for contest night. Verna Lee took home the trophy for Best Costume, Linda Sweat was a riot and awarded Best Comedy Routine. District 4's Judy McGarvey gave us Best Song to Fit the Theme. She involved the whole audience, with a terrific performance. Thank you to all who helped support their presentations by being back-up musicians. Sometimes you just have to have guitars and a big bass!

The magic continued Saturday when we staged an extra show for the senior community in our area. All in all, it was just a marvelous event filled with skilled performance, circle jams, great food and friendship. We can't say 'Thank You' enough.

Our September review includes our return to our Assisted Living facilities. We love being with them as much as they love hosting us. We will continue to share our hearts and our old time music as long as they will have us.

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Seventeen of our District 6 ranks headed to Prineville for the Central Oregon Music Gathering, the highlights of which included Jessie Kurtz playing "I Hate to Say Goodbye", with its composer, Ruel Teague. Evelyn Horner personified Bob Wills as she played a medley of his favorites, and Wayne Carter crooned Eddy Arnold's "I Don't Really Want to Know." Jerry Parks channeled Willie Carter's stylistic influence in his performance selections. And if there were awards for endurance, Ken Luse would win, as he backed fiddlers for hours on end.

Those of us who stayed close to home had a wonderful time making music together on a smaller scale. It's a rare occurrence when the audience outnumbered band members at our popular Eugene Hotel jam, but eleven performers put on a dandy show to an audience of nearly twenty. Judging by smiles and enthusiasm, we were a big hit in September.

We anticipated that many Central Grange regulars would be in Prineville, so were not surprised at a small jam attendance. We enjoyed a cozy seven-player acoustic jam, with Ila Mae Carmickle, Lena Stubbs, Claire Elliker-Vagsberg and this reporter on fiddles. Our esteemed back-up musicians included Joe Moyle, Allan Stults and Barry Breen.

We devoted attention to tunes that will be performed at the Emerald Valley Opry on October 13, at Willamette High School in the Powers Auditorium. Bethel School District music programs are the beneficiaries of funds earned through monthly Opry performances. Our aim is to demonstrate not only how infectious and wonderful old time music is, but

I want to let you know that our district will be offering fiddle lessons. We will not have a beginning fiddle this time. We will be offering two different classes directed toward those with some fiddling experience, and those of the intermediate level. Bob Shaffar, an excellent fiddler and musician, will be the instructor. We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Harbor Lights Middle School in Bandon at 6 p.m. for the first group, and 6:45 for the intermediates. A \$5 donation is suggested per lesson which goes into our scholarship fund. This fund is used to pay our teacher and to buy fiddles and supplies. Our goal is to learn new songs and skills, and keep the old time music going. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Vonderlin. Space is limited, so please respond soon.

My final note is a reminder, District 5 meeting at Winchester Bay, October 20 at 11 a.m. See you there!

Happy 'wave' from the South Coast!

~Kris Fenton, District 5 Reporter

October Events

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| 4 | jam | Old World Deli OOTFA Jam, Corvallis | 7-9 p.m. |
| 5 | jam | Eugene Hotel OOTFA Jam | 7-9 p.m. |
| 6 | | Intermediate Fiddle Class, River Rd. Annex | 1-3:30 p.m. |
| 8 | | Basic Fiddle Class, Bethesda Lutheran | 1-4 p.m. |
| 12 | jam | Elmira Grange Jam | 7-9 p.m. |
| 13 | jam | Central Grange Jam with snacks | 11 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| 13 | jam | Mary's River Grange (24707 Grange Hall Rd, Philomath) | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. |
| 13 | gig | Emerald Valley Opry Performance, see above | 7-8 p.m. |
| 19 | jam | YaPoAh Terrace Jam | 7-9 p.m. |
| 26 | jam | Willakenzie Grange OOTFA Jam | 7-9 p.m. |

to show audience members that they can aspire and have opportunities to learn an instrument, regardless of age or experience. We will have OOTFA registration information available in the lobby. Our goal is to showcase a wide representation of our musicians, with a focus on fiddlers, for this performance. We're booked to play from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. You should have been emailed a set list from Patti Luse so that you can practice, and our Intermediate and Basic Fiddle Classes will put the polish on the tunes. All tunes will be played by the entire ensemble, with no vocals or instrumental breaks. Please join us. Contact our District Chairperson, Peggy Mulder, or Ila Mae, with questions.

To benefit the Mary's River Grange (near Philomath), we are invited to jam at their 1st Annual Grange Harvest Festival on October 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us if you can! It's right down the road from Gathering Together Farm.

Fiddle Camp 2019, first announcement! Camp will be held at East Linn Christian Academy in Lebanon, July 22-25. Y'all come!

Note: our usual quarterly business meeting, jam and Thanksgiving potluck has been rescheduled to November 10.

Birthday best wishes to Wayne Carter, Chuck Roerich, Ila Mae Carmickle, and Lisa P.

Anniversary congratulations to Jim and Theresa Bowers.

~Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful Oregon fall and happy that the temperature has cooled off. District 7 has had some great jams and gigs in the last two months. A real highlight was the fun gathering we had at the Clackamas County Fair on August 15. We had a great turn-out with about 25 musicians--there were fiddles, guitars, 2 basses, a mandolin and a banjo. Several people sang, we played solos, played in small and large groups and had a great variety of beautiful old time music. We played for a large, lively audience for about two hours on a stage under a canopy of tall shade trees.

Donna Foreman, Rick and Joyce Bergeron helped organize our program to make sure we had a variety of interesting and lively tunes. They did an excellent job of arranging the afternoon music so that it was engaging to our audience and a lot of fun for all of us to play. We welcomed Grant Wheeler (Carol Ann Wheeler's son) who played the fiddle and Loita Colebank from District 8, who played the bass. If you haven't played at the Clackamas County Fair before, please try and come next year, I know you will have a great time.

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Directions to Yamhill Valley Heritage Center for coming from the South:

Go North on 99W toward McMinnville, past Amity, under the railroad crossing, then 1 mile to Durham Lane. Turn left and go about 1 mile to end of road. The Heritage Center is the large building on the left just before Highway 18 intersection. **Parking:** You can pull around to the back side of the main building to park and bring your instruments through South side from 10 a.m. on.

Learning Jams in District 8:

Salem: Donna and Gerrit Janszen are continuing the **Wednesday** eve jams at their house 1445 25th St. N. E. Salem, 97301 from **7 - 9 p.m. weekly**. This will be an open jam for all District 8 members to learn our district jam tunes, some other new tunes and how to play together. Donna says: "The players sit in a circle and each takes a turn. If the players know the tune they join in, if they don't know the tune they listen and try to learn it. Some read music; others play by ear. It is very casual." **Directions: Exit I-5 at Market Street in Salem; go west to 25th Street NE; turn south to 1445. Please call ahead, EACH WEEK, 503-585-3033.**

Kaiser Basic Fiddle Class: Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community. First Wednesday of the month. 7693 Wheatland Rd. N. Keizer, 97303. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. To register or have questions, phone: 503 393 2271.

October Events

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| 3 | jam | Trinity Lutheran Church 507 W. Powell Blvd. Gresham -- | Probably about 11:30 a.m. |
| 13 | gig | Bonaventure of Tigard (15000 SW Hall Blvd. Tigard) | 2-3 p.m. |
| 21 | jam | Harding Grange (21550 S. Fischer Mill Road, Estacada) | 1-3 p.m. |
| 24 | gig | Towncenter Village (8709 SE Cansey Ave, Happy Valley) | 2-3 p.m. |
| 28 | NW Jam | 600 NE 8th Ave. Gresham | Doors open at 11 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30-3:30 p.m. |

Here are a few comments about some of our upcoming jams and gigs in October. On Oct. 3 we will meet at Roger Germundson's church, Trinity Lutheran, for some jamming and then enjoy a potluck lunch served by the good cooks over there. On the 21st we have the pleasure of jamming in the old Harding Grange in Estacada again which is always such a treat, and on the 24th we will be playing at the Town Center Village in Happy Valley. We have played there in the past and always have had a good turn-out.

District 7 would like to extend condolences to the family of Susan Spencer, who passed away on August 8. She was a longtime member who will be dearly missed.

We want to welcome Cheryl Hryciw as a new member to OOTFA and District 7—she plays the fiddle. Have fun playing all our beautiful old tunes and the new ones, too.

~Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

October Events

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| 3 | Basic Fiddle Class | Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community, 7693 Wheatland Rd N, Kaiser 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 | jam | Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane (just south of McMinnville) Play 2-4 p.m. |
| 20 | potluck/jam/meeting | Fall City; United Methodist Church Potluck at noon, jam 1-3 p.m. Meeting following jam.. |

Martha says: "We had our inaugural 'basic fiddle class' September 5th. Our turn-out was at 10 fiddlers, one dulcimer, and we expect even more fiddlers next time. Back-up players, guitar, bass, etc. are encouraged and welcome to attend. Some of the tunes taught included Boil 'Em Cabbage, Old Joe Clark, and Angeline the Baker. Next First Wednesday includes Soldiers Joy & Flop Eared Mule. Ages 11 to 80 attended, some rusty and some not but we all got along and had fun."

Silverton Fiddle Tune Workshop. 405 N Water St. Bazaar Americana store. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Thursday.

Questions, call Tom O'Connor at his home phone: 503-873-3977. Tom says: "We will select a few tunes to work on, and help each other to learn / improve our playing of them. Tunes will be old time fiddle tunes. I expect there will be a lot of instruction and repetition. Written materials from participants may be used for reference, but instruction and playing will be by ear. Recording devices are encouraged! Some may want to just record, move on, and work on it later. **Directions from Salem:** Take OR Hwy 213 to Silverton. Turn left onto West C Street. Take the second Right onto N. Water St. (OR Hwy 214). It is about 0.18 mile on the right; shares a driveway with Acorn Dentistry. Plenty of street parking, some metered, some not. Big yellow 1880's 2 story house with green trim.

District 8 - Salem, McMinnville, Tillamook/Newport Area (continued from page 8)



Jimmie Wallace (District 8) and others perform on stage in Aumsville.

Aug. 25, our party in the park was a big success, thanks to Jimmie Wallace and the town of Aumsville with all their support. The city's police served hot dogs and passed the hat for us. The pizza parlor provided a meal for the musicians, and the paper advertised us. These services were free. Guests from out of district were: Hal and Sharon Thompson and Jude Stensland from District 10, Judy and Bruce McGarvey from District 4, Lew and Alice Holt from District 6 and David Altman from District 7. They were welcomed by 12 musicians and 4 members from District 8. We had fun putting on a show for approximately 1/3rd of the town who showed up to enjoy the music and give us a substantial donation. Some danced in the grass. The weather cooperated by being in the low 70's and partly sunny. Thanks all who came and created such a grand time.

~Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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Greetings!

I heard from Julia Milleson that John Day's musicians have been busy playing at their fair and the Sumpter Flea Market. Carl Stinnett and Ron Phillips are especially active.

Ruel Teague, Paula Teague, Gene Thomas, Don and Debbie Greenfield, Joan Suther, Janet Braymen, and Ron Phillips had a good time at the Prineville Country Music Gathering. We also played at the Aspens Assisted Living Facility's Community Appreciation Day in September.

Everyone is invited to our Sunday Potluck and Jam which is the

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We had a nice crowd at our August 25 jam. We appreciated all those who joined us from out of town at the jam.

The Winchester Bay Campout on Aug 16-19 was a lot of fun, as was the Central Oregon Gathering in Prineville on September 6-8. Thank you to District 5 and 3 for their hard work organizing these events. Besides the retirement homes, we put on some good upbeat shows at the Eagleview Pickout and Winston-Dillard Melon Festival in September.

This time of year, the public gathers at the Umpqua Valley Art Center parking lot to watch while The Audubon Society counts over 4,000 Vaux swifts as they circle at sunset. Sandy Harter invited OOTFA friends to join in music while folks wait for the birds to dive into a large chimney to roost. Thanks to Kelly Wadsworth, Liz Crain, Donna Dorsey, Colleen Hanks, Allison Lindley, Jim Kuether, Frank Moore, Sandy Harter, Jude Stensland and others.

October Events

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| 5 | jam | Friday Jam | 7 p.m. |
| 14 | Sunday Potluck and Jam | Harney County Senior Center | 1 p.m. |
| 12 | gig | The Aspens | 7-9 p.m. |
| 15 | jam | Ashley Manor | 6-7 p.m. |
| 19 | jam | Friday Jam | 7 p.m. |
| 26 | jam | Friday Jam | 7 p.m. |

second Sunday of each month from now until May. Join us for great food (at 1 p.m.) and music (2 p.m.)

Remember that to discover the place the Friday Jams are held, call one of the officers. We always welcome newcomers, traveling through folks, card players, clappers and especially our regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

October Events

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| 4 | gig | Oak Park | 1-2 p.m. |
| 6 | gig | Oakland Living History Days | 12-1 p.m. |
| 10 | gig | Rosehaven | 10-11 a.m. |
| 18 | gig | Riverview Terrace | 4-5 p.m. |
| 22 | gig | Callahan Village | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| 27 | meeting/jam | Sutherlin Grange | 11 a.m. meeting; 12-3 p.m. jam |

Happy Birthday to Don Hamlin (Oct 10), Jerry Hash (Oct 16), Sandy Harter (Oct 17) and George Breeze (Oct 25).

We play at Oakland Living History Days on Saturday, October 6 from Noon – 1 p.m. The town of Oakland will be a place to take a step back in time to the 1800's. Meet Old Wild West costumed characters like the sheriff, blacksmith, gun slingers, mountain men, gold miners, quilters, Civil War Re-enactors. At this two-day free family event, kids enjoy hands-on activities such as gold panning, wool carding, or washing clothes on a washboard. There will be old-fashioned games, crafts, food, and live entertainment including us, bluegrass and a group of Can-Can girls dancing around town. Oakland, Oregon is just off I-5 at exit 138 (northbound) or 140 (southbound). For more info, contact Conni 541-315-8073 or find them on Facebook at "Living History Day, Oakland Oregon."

Let's pick!

9 ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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We're on the web:



Facebook Group... Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association



www.ootfa.org

A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP STATS: As we enter the last quarter of 2018, the overall HOUSEHOLD membership is 700 which is 10% more than at the same time as last year. WAY TO GO!!!!

REGISTRATION DUE NOW FOR 2019: Hand or mail your dues to your District Membership Chair (contact information is listed in the District Reports in this publication). The dues remain the same as last year so for the 2019 Annual Household Membership which runs from January 1-December 31:

- \$20.00 - You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in a PDF format.
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