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OOTFA Special Report by Patti Luse

Despite what you've heard, Summer has NOT been Canceled...just our 2020 OOTFA events.

With the cancellation of the other OOTFA events (from the Oregon State Fiddle Contest in March organized by Eileen Walter and Silver Lake Campout in May hosted by District 1E to the OOTFA State Convention also in May planned by District 10) the last of the OOTFA EVENTS we had scheduled for 2020 have joined that list. What a year! Please remember all the hard work the organizers/hosts have done and make sure you let them know you appreciate them. So...the following have also been canceled:

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION

2020 ROSTER

Listing of All OOTFA Members

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- **HIGH DESERT JAMBOREE** in Burns planned for June 18-20, with District 9 as host
- **NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST** in Weiser, Idaho planned for June 21-27. We were going to be the State Hosts at Weiser and now we have been asked to do it in 2021, so put that on your calendar for June 20-26, 2021.
- **FIDDLE CAMP** in Pleasant Hill planned for July 20-23 by the WCF-CW Committee and District 6. This was the 10th year, so we will celebrate that milestone in 2021.
- **WILLAMETTE VALLEY FIDDLE CONTEST** at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis planned for July 31, organized by Starr McMullen
- **WINCHESTER BAY CAMPOUT** at Winchester Bay planned for August 13-16 organized by District 5



Lillian, Isaac and Johnpaul Humphrey of District 3. They were joined by brother, Joseph, and parents Aiden and Elizabeth as they entertained their neighbors

- **CENTRAL OREGON MUSIC JAMBOREE** in Prineville, September 17-20 organized by District 3

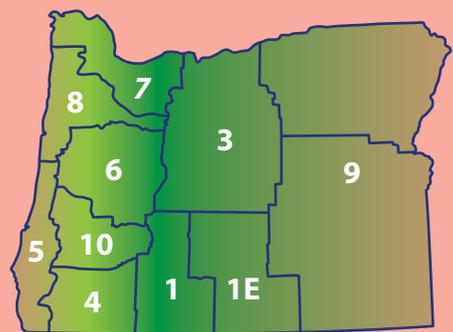
What a daunting list. So many hours of work and fun but hope you are able to enjoy music during this time and look forward to 2021. Look on our website, www.ootfa.org for updates! ~ Patti

**OOTFA
Board
Meeting**

June 20, 2020 @ 10 am
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Here are some excerpts from my journal that I wrote when we were at the contest in Weiser, June, 1989. After spending a few days at the contest in Burns, it was on to Weiser. Oregon was the host state that year at the contest in Weiser so there was a large group of us from our state.

6-21-89 Wednesday We went to the Pioneer Elementary school at 10:30. There were perhaps 100 K-6 graders. They were a good audience. We did a variety of things, i.e. banjo, fiddle, piano, magic, etc. They fed us excellent cinnamon rolls. We brought some home. At 3:00 we played at the emigrant center - most couldn't speak English, making it difficult. OOTFA jammed on the contest stage at 7:30. We came back to our camp and visited with Bob and DeeDee Kaiser. Alice and I worked on a tune. I served lemonade to Carol Ede, Lee Jones, and Alice and me.

6-22-89 Thursday Time is going quickly. I thought I would feel like I had been gone forever but here it is Thursday already. We have been gone for 9 days...I rode the bus downtown at 11:00 to check on our Saturday parade float. I went to the hospitality room to talk to the Chamber of Commerce people...Coming back to the camp I ran 30 yards to catch the bus as it was pulling out. I went across the way to "Hippyville" to buy lunch. Betty Deckard and I sang with an autoharp and guitar player and then had lunch together...A lady gave me a bowl of cherries. They sure were good. We had a potluck at Art Dehmes tonight. Alice and I walked to "Hippyville" and then a half-mile down 7th St. We came back and listened to a Cajun accordion player.

6-23-89 Friday After breakfast, I went to the contest to hear Lee Jones and other Seniors play. I just took it easy all morning. After lunch, I started to Hippyville for french fries but ended up at Shorty's and Art's for snacks and stories. After going back to the contest area, I came back and played my mandolin for an hour or so. I relaxed and took it easy this afternoon...At 7:20 OOTFA went on stage. The emcee wasn't there yet, so I was the "acting emcee" for 10 minutes. When Greg Baker came, he introduced me with kind words. The Oregon delegation gave me a good hand. After 8:00 I went to the hospitality center downtown with Lee Jones and Shorty Allen. OOTFA members were the designated fiddlers tonight. We played from 8:45 to 11:45. Everything went perfectly. I was very pleased.

6-24-89 Saturday I got up at 7:30 - quite sleepy because I didn't get to sleep until 2:00. Alice and I went down to the parade at 10:00 so we could check things out. We got on our two floats and the parade began at 12:00. We were near the front so we were back to the starting area before the end of the parade got started. We went to the park and had barbequed beef with Art and Lucy Dehm. Art did his fiddle act and invited Alice and me to participate. We had a large group watching.

Thanks for riding down the crooked road spending some time with me in June 1989 when Oregon was the host state in Weiser. If you had been there, you would have been mighty proud of Oregon as the host state. It was sad that Weiser wasn't held this year.

~ Lew Holt, Editor Emeritus



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This photo accompanies Lew's journal from his trip with Alice to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser Idaho in 1989 (on the previous page). That's Lew crouched on the floor in the front on the right. Hasn't changed a bit, in my eye. Same with you, Judy M! I recognize several others whom I have had the privilege to meet since becoming an OOTFA member. There are those who are now gone and I only know through the stories and memories shared by old-timers like Lew, but they are still there with us, in the rooms and on the stages where we play. ~ Robin



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Greetings All from District One,

I hope this issue of the Hoedowner finds everyone healthy...things are still status quo herein District One. We are not going to be up and running like "normal" anytime soon. A lot of our gigs involve being around the elderly, so I'm sure we will be slow to get back in the game full time. We had another COVID Driveway Jam, it was very fun but the weather didn't cooperate fully and it became a COVID Garage Jam. We had 4 District One members, and Jake Dreyer on Harmonica. Lastly, Terry McLain stopped over for another Driveway Jam while in Klamath Falls. The weather cooperated a lot better this time and all the neighbors are enjoying the impromptu music! Stay healthy and keep fiddling!

June Birthday's: Marie Kliever **June Anniversaries:** Del and Noranne Sparks, Sherman and Jacque Taylor.

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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Last Friday one of our newest members **Joan Coleman** played accordion for the residents of Stone Lodge Assisted Living. She played outside in front of the facility as the residents enjoyed some sun on their balconies;. It was good to see smiling faces. On Mother's Day Joan took her 90 yo mother, **Corine**, up to Lava Island Falls and where they sat next to the river and played for about 1 1/2 hours for themselves and hikers.

The Humphrey family of Prineville gave a Front Porch concert for their neighbors -- *"it was very unpracticed, but our neighbor requested it!"* They live up on a hill, the neighbors brought their chairs into the street and looked up to the "stage." *"There was quite a distance between us, so we figured any wrong notes would be carried away by the wind!"*

Janice Railton and **Jeannette Bondsteel** attended a Park Party in Redmond last week where they played music as well as set up a variety of instruments for others to join us. It was very effective to generate community interest for OOTFA in our area. I was able to get a few pics but it was difficult to play music, promote OOTFA as well as assist new and interested folks at the same time. We are planning more of these Park Parties in the upcoming month and will be asking you to join us.

The District 3 Instrument Lending Library is set up and open for business. We have many fiddles of all sizes, and a few mandolins to loan out. The only thing we are requiring is that borrowers become members of OOTFA. You can contact Jeannette Bondsteel at 541-410-5146 jbond@bendcable.com for more information.

~ Jeanette Bondsteel, District 3 Reporter

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District 4 Website: OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

District 4 members are doing their part to help curb the Pandemic by staying home. This supports the essential workers in our community that must continue to work to keep us fed, informed, comfortable, safe and provide for our medical needs as they arise.

Sadly we lament the cancellation of all our wonderful summer activities, where we meet, share and play music with friends from our district and around the state. At this time all District 4 events are canceled through September 2020. With sweet anticipation we look to next summer.

The heavy toll of the virus was brought home to member, **Sylvia Chapman**, who received news of the passing of a family member, a wife and mother, living on the East Coast, who passed from COVID-19. In loving memory to her, the family are continuing to sew mask for the community.

Our banjo player, **Niquita Wilkinson**, who is a special education teacher, reports that the internet at her rural home in Eagle Point is so slow she is working from a room in Medford and spends her days in Zoom rooms interpreting for hearing impaired students. She says " It reminds me of the old TV show *Hollywood Squares!*"

Our District 4 Chair, **Scotty Phillips**, has been working steadily all this time, and some days long hours, often wearing an n94 mask. In a quote from Scotty about District 4 business he said. " The next weeks will bring changes in the restrictions and quarantine recommendations. Hopefully that will let us see when we can expect to be together as a group again. I hope everyone is healthy and as adjusted to the situation as can be expected in these times." Thanks Scotty, we appreciate your work for our organization.

I want to close with a message from Scotty, who is also the OOTFA State President and an 18+ year member and fiddler from District 4: "I want to personally thank my fellow District 4 members for doing their part to help everyone get through the pandemic. I know you will miss our summer gigs like Gold Dust Days, Hanley Farm and the Britt Children's Festival. So practice, practice and more practice and next year will be that much sweeter!" Thanks Scott, yes indeed it will.

Stay safe, stay well! Best wishes to all from your friends at District 4 ~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Scotty Phillips and Barbara Basden of District 4 jamming in Grants Pass

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This month, as promised, in June's newsletter, we include responses from some of our members who sent in news about what they are up to and how they are faring during the virus crisis.

Our annual hosting of Fiddle at the Beach event at Winchester Bay is canceled. Our District is very disappointed by this cancellation. This event is always a large and joyful gathering. We are very sorry we will not be seeing you this August. Better days are ahead and we will dearly love to see you then!

And now, onto those interviews... *continued next page*

Dawn Vonderlin had a cheerful and quick response when asked what she was up to: *"I have been playing my guitar quite a lot. I am my own back-up! I'm playing the fiddle and the flute as well. My tunes cover a wide variety of music. I've lots of home projects to catch up on; although it is sometimes hard to find the inspiration to do so! I am getting seriously close to pulling out my watercolors once again. And of course I sit outside and watch my birds every day with my old cat. The hummingbirds are visiting by the dozens! I wish I had stock in the sugar market.....hmmm....well, maybe not. And of course I'm keeping my 92 year old Mom out of harms way!"* Dawn plays so many instruments and has such a variety of interests and talents that I bet she's good to shelter in place for a good, long time. When we have such, we are our own best toys and entertainment!

A National and Local Treasure is our **Verna Lee**. She is staying busy with her Matriarch duties to her three boys, Bob, Chuck and Jerry and their families. Verna is currently enjoying playing her guitar, which she has put into banjo tuning and is playing a tune that she says is *"Really stuck in my head and I can't wait to play it with everybody!"* This song is "The Serenade of the Bells" from 1947. Say, that year sounds mighty familiar to your reporter, here--since I am that year's vintage! It's a lovely tune and we will be happy to get to hear Verna play it and sing with her. Verna speculates that maybe--just maybe--when the weather turns nicer perhaps toward the summer, we could get a very small group together and make a very large circle and play outside in someone's yard, keeping proper social distancing at the forefront. It is a good idea and a girl can hope!

Ken and Susan Joubert are also making use of their time sequestered at home. *"Ken and I have been playing our tunes for about an hour a day--fiddle tunes mostly. A new one for us is called "Saturday Waltz," which I took from Prairie Mountain Fiddlers site, that Mapril Combs told me about a few years ago. One of my favorites is "Purple Lily Polka," which I got from Carol Ferrara (District 4) after I heard her play it at our campout in August, 2019,"* Susan reports. She is taking her happy, small comforts where she finds them: *"Popcorn is our go-to snack.... we are enjoying our red rhododendron which is in full bloom and our pink azaleas. We love hearing from our kids more frequently as they too have more time at home."* They also say they are rather enjoying the quiet pace, but will be ready to break out of the cocoon when this is over. The Jouberts are definitely blooming where they are planted!

Always busy, **Kirk Mlinek** reports that he and his wife Donna are faring well and describes their life sheltering in place as filled with art, music and sometimes in Kirk's case, golf. *"The other bottom line is that we seem to be cooking, baking and eating our way through these isolating times (well at least I am!). Looks like a spring diet is right around the corner,"* Kirk quips. Donna enjoys a daily routine of creating pottery, weaving beautiful baskets, reading and making lovely lifelike birds using felting as her medium. They take their Border Collie mix, Rain, on long walks. Kirk says he continues to practice guitar and vocals although not as arduously as he feels he should, given the current climate, he admits. He wishes us all well!

Our **Sharon and Larry Gallagher** report that they are feeling very blessed to be living in such a lovely area. They are about a block from the river and walk their puppy there each day that it is not raining. They drove to Waldport and went for a nice walk on the beach there. They only go to a store when necessary. Larry spends some time playing his guitar every day--boy, it'll be nice to hear him play again! The couple say they work a lot of puzzles and wish us all health and happiness. Thank you, Sharon and Larry. We are doing our best!

Luke VerHagen reports that his clever and giving wife, Char, has been making dozens of fabric masks for their local hospital and Fire Department. He has been doing those tasks that he has promised himself he would get to when he got "Around-to-it," such as sorting a lifetime's worth of photos. "What a big job," Luke remarks! He also says he's not been playing much music but he hopes to "fix that soon--it's more fun when you have someone to play with!" Amen, Luke!

Our **Ruth Weyer** is sharing her talents and generously making home-sewn masks that have pocket accommodation features in which to insert special protective filters. She has donated these to her son-in-law's medical clinic, where he is a Family Practice physician. The doctor has handed Ruth's protective masks out to his employees and people who need them. She recently had a new type of Doctor's appointment, which has become the sign of our times: a video conference interview by her doctor. Ruth participated in this appointment but realized that her doctor was not able to assess her hands-on, of course. No checking her reflexes or listening to her lungs or the like. Ruth has gotten pretty good at a game or two of computer solitaire and was currently working on a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle! She plans on working in her garden and clearing brush with her new Stihl chain saw she recently bought for herself. They don't make 'em like Ruth Weyer (and some of the rest of us country ladies) anymore!

Forgive me if I didn't get around to interview all of you. I know you all have a story and a few tricks up your sleeves for coping with this singularly unusual situation. Our activities are varied, and we do our music more quietly these days but we continue to be resilient and self-contained. We will look forward to the time we can again gather and enjoy the music we make together. Keep your sense of humor, your faith and the music in your heart!

Love to all ~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

Seneca Square Dance

"Seneca Square Dance" has been, and continues to be, a popular tune among regional fiddlers, now widespread and a part of the core "old-time revival" repertory. The origin of the title is obscure. Jim Kimball, a musicologist from Genesco, NY, points out that many Seneca indians (part of the Iroquois nation) were relocated to Oklahoma after the War of 1812, and that there is still a large community of Seneca in the northeastern part of that state, not far from southwest Missouri. They

were located between the Wyandot reserve and the Cherokee Nation on the Grand River. The tune may also be called after the town of Seneca, Missouri, in the southwestern part of the state (which may itself have taken its name from the Indian tribe). It appears to have had a long history in the United States, judging from some of the alternate title that suggest pre-Civil War times and hiding from authority. A Civil War connection is made with the alternate title "Shelby's Mules," a reference to the Confederate cavalry commander General Joseph Shelby.

~ from tunearch.org



Joe Ross from District 3 is our guest contributor with this Tune of the Month.



Seneca Square Dance

The musical notation for "Seneca Square Dance" is presented in four staves. The first staff begins with a G chord and an Em chord. The second staff features G, D, and G chords. The third staff includes G and Em chords. The fourth staff contains C, G, D, and G chords. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

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Since all of our activities have been canceled because of the virus, I have asked some of District 6 members if they might have anything of interest to share for the **Hoedowner**.

Here is what **Melody Morrell** from District 6 had to say:

Years ago I really wanted to find the words to a song "Missing You", which I believed was recorded by Jim Reeves. It was not on any of my records. While visiting my mother in Grants Pass. I ran an errand into town and parked near a Goodwill store. Who can resist that! I went in and made a beeline to the back, while thinking, "where are you going? The clothes are over there." and ended up in the pots and pans. I turned to retrace my steps and saw I was facing a big rack of record albums. Someone must have donated them. Then a voice in my head said, why don't you look for that song "Missing You"? Oh ok. There were a couple of Jim Reeves albums, but the song was, well, missing. I thought maybe someone else recorded it and looked through the possibilities. Nope. As consolation I took two albums of fiddle tunes and a 2 record set of Hank Williams greatest hits. As I started to leave I glanced at an album that was definitely not country and noticed a piece of masking tape on top that was written in red ink was "Jim Reeves LSP3987". Have you ever had the feeling something wonderful was about to happen? I took down the album and slid the record out, still in its semi-transparent sleeve. It was Jim Reeves, and through the sleeve I could read the song titles, and there it was; "Missing You" was no longer missing!

~ Melody Morrell, District 6

It appears that we are in an everyday changing mode. So if we have anything to report it is different even in just one day. I know all of us are wanting to get back to normal, especially to get together to play our favorite tunes. So for now we just have to keep ourselves safe and keep practicing our instruments. Thank God we have that.

Members who would like to play at any gigs can call Bernie Roberts at 541-689-5764 or email him at beroberts285@comcast.net. Thanks to Bernie Roberts and Amy Burrow for scheduling and coordinating the gigs. If any one has any pictures you would like to put in the **Hoedowner**, please send them to Robin Lindsey email: qat_boy@msn.com on or before the 14th of the month.

Just a reminder: If you need to pick up the blue collection bags for the Bottle Drop fundraiser contact:

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Birthday Greetings: Ken Luse and Lena Stubbs (6/6), Bob Strelow (6/10), Linda Parks (6/28)

Wedding Anniversaries : Lisa Ponder and Chuck Roerich (6/22)

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter

Tony's Tune for the month

Oh give us a home, where the buffalo roam
and the members of OOTFA can play.
Where seldom is heard a mis-chorded word
and the sky is not cloudy all day.
Home Home on the range where the
fiddlers, mandolins, guitars, harmonicas and
banjos do play.
Where seldom is heard a mis-chorded word
and the sky is not cloudy all day.
Oh give us a home where the buffalo roam
and members of OOTFA can play,
where seldom is heard a discouraging word
and the Bass Fiddlers are playing all day.
Oh give us a home.....!

Here is an article that might be of real interest to musicians:

Why Being a Musician is Good For the Brain

Changes In The Brain

Long Lasting Benefits For Musicians

Other Ways Learning an instrument Strengthens Your Brain.

<https://www.inc.com/john-rampton/the-benefits-of-playing-music-help-your-brain-more.html>

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Hello OOTFA Members. Good wishes to everyone and hope you are all doing well. **Terry Jorgensen** has asked me to remind you that **Bob Huffman is turning 100** on August 15 this year and that the Jorgensens will be having **Bob's Bash** again in celebration of this big event. She wants to have the gathering at least outside (she has ideas about social distancing) and will only cancel at the last minute if absolutely necessary. It's hard to believe that this birthday party has been going on for over 20 years now! More about this next month but if you want to get ahold of her, here is her phone and email: 503-702-0460, terryjorgensen112852@gmail.com

I have been taking **Maggie Lind's Neighborly Music online Stringband Band Class** via Zoom. We are learning oldtime music taught by three instructors for fiddles,

clawhammer banjos and guitars. We have eight classes and learn 6 tunes and songs. There are about forty of us and we get an invitation to come to our Zoom class in our email. We meet together and listen to our instructors play the tune we will learn. (Our first three classes were in cross tuning AEAE.) After that introduction we go to our separate "rooms" and are taught the tune more slowly by ear. Our instructor plays and instructs as we play with her. (While playing we hear only ourselves and the instructor.) After that we meet again as a large group and listen to the instructors play together while we play along. **Maggie Lind's Neighborly Music** is offered several times a year during "normal" times at various venues in Portland. I am having fun and learning a lot.

David Altman, other OOTFA members, and I are trying to figure out how we could use Zoom with District 7 members. Some ideas that we have come up with are: learning traditional tunes from instructors like I have been doing with Neighborly Music; using Zoom for visits with "oldtime fiddlers" who can talk about the history of oldtime music or who can teach a lesson on ornamentation etc., or how to care for our bows, bridges and pegs, for example. We want to create a "survey" and will send it out to you to see if you are interested in learning some of

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We all seem to be catching up on our homes and gardens. The competition is stiff for who gets the gardener of the month award. Can you beat our **Phil Drain's** seven times he's mowed the lawn from January to end of April? At last, the excess is getting cleaned from closets and storage and yard sales are imminent. Charity donations are up all over due to our captivity. Ted Hunt is using his down time to record all his tunes and songs at the request of his children. What a nice keepsake.

Big, big shout out and thanks to our own **Tim and Cathy Crosby** for their facebook sharing of their music sessions both on the road and jamming at **Up Town Music**. Now Tim has added all level lessons. Have to add in Unger's fiddle tunes of the month sessions with so many from everywhere joining in. This has been fun to follow. And Joe Ross our versatile musician with his great shares. You make our days more delightful.

these topics on Zoom. If you have any ideas about what we could put in the survey please send them to me and we will put them all together and send it out in the next few weeks. Some people know a lot more about Zoom than others. Once it is on your computer it is pretty user friendly--more about that later.

Happy fiddling! I am practicing in a room that faces our backyard and really love looking at all the beautiful flowers, blooming trees, and shrubs this time of the year. Hope you are enjoying them, too.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

Our Slo-Jam group has been challenged to pick their favorite tune to surprise us with when we can get together again. We hope to expand our jam tune list. By the time that happens you may have quite a few instead of one.

We look forward to the day we can gather to play music again and wish everyone all the best of health. Keep up the practicing. Looks like we're in for another 60 days. :(

~ Marie Bailey, Substitute Reporter, District 8

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Our next Potluck and Jam will be announced when the governor says we can go back to life as we knew it. We are looking forward to seeing everyone return and bringing your friends and your instrument.

The High Desert Music Jamboree is now off the calendar for 2020. We regret missing our friends this year and are looking forward to seeing you all in 2021.

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Our sunbirds Jim & Jeanie Leninger and Frank Moore & Karen Bennett are now back in Oregon. In June, we celebrate birthdays for Dennis Oswald (June 1), Ann Hodson (June 15), Ernie Farley (June 19) and Sharon Thompson (June 23). Ron & Sharon Pinard will celebrate their anniversary on June 15. Karen Bennett took a fall, broke her shoulder, and is recovering well. Any event updates will be sent around via email and posted on District 10's Facebook page.

Prayers go out to Colleen Hanks and Hal Thompson who are each recovering from recent surgery.

~ Joe Ross,
District 10 Reporter



Jude Stensland & Friend

We are, however, in the near future, planning to start our small group Friday Night Jams with those people who are comfortable with it and are not sick. We haven't met since March and are looking forward to getting together. We plan to maintain our social distance, as we value all of you.

Your reporter reports her birthday this month. She's a lot closer to life time membership than Janet.

June schedule is on hold, of course, due to COVID-19. Locals will be called or e-mailed if we start our small group jams.

Have a beautiful summer

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

Physically Distant Jams

by Jude Stensland (District 10 Chairperson)

In mid-April, we started doing "physically distant" driveway jams. We've been meeting at 3 pm three days a week (warmest part of the day), sometimes 3 people, sometimes as many as 9, always outside or, in case of rain, in a large roomy garage with the vehicle door open. With the distance, it is sometimes hard to hear, and sometimes people tend to lean in, but I have been the monitor and am not bashful about telling people to "back off." We have worked out the chords to Josephin's waltz for a struggling bass player (me). We have increased speed gradually on Red Haired Boy. We have introduced about 5 new tunes and revisited old ones.

At this point, because I want to keep the size down to 10 people or less, I'm doing a head count. Members call or text me for the location. So far, I haven't had to turn anyone away, but I suspect that time is coming, but with Jams 3 days a week, that shouldn't be too much of a hardship. Of course, participants are expected to stay home if they show the slightest hint of illness.

I am grateful to Joe Ross for posting YouTube videos of some great OTF tunes and some of us have been using those to help with our chops. Jeanette Bondsteel shared a great app that she found, <https://www.mp3juices.cc> Some of us are using that to convert YouTube vids to MP3's so we can use them on Amazing Slowdowner.

These jams are not the same as going knee to knee with the close contact we all love, but definitely better than the sad isolation we were enduring. After COVID 19 limitations are relaxed, maybe we can get back to normal by mid-summer.

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To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music.
To Provide regular times and places to meet and play this kind of music.

Web Index

Online Resources for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers

- [Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#) Official Website for State
- [OOTFA Facebook](#) Facebook Site
- [National Fiddle Contest](#) **Canceled 2020** Weiser, Idaho
- [West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#) **Canceled 2020** Pleasant Hill
- [District 3 Website](#) Central Oregon, Bend, Redmond, The Dalles
- [District 4 Website](#) Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland
- [District 6 Fiddle Tunes](#) Alphabetical listing of Fiddle Tune Sheet Music
- [District 7 Facebook](#) Portland, Northern Coast Area
- [Hoedowner Archive](#) Since 1967 [Join OOTFA!](#) Registration Form
- [Tune of the Month Archive](#)

Please contact me if you would like to add an appropriate website to the list or have suggestions.
~ Robin qat_boy@msn.com

We're on the Web! www.ootfa.org

Facebook Group: [Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association](#)



Janice Railton of District 3 enjoys a day in the park in Redmond



Verna Lee, Larry Costa & Luke VerHagen of District 5 doing what comes naturally



Chicken Dancin' in the Street

Judy McGarvey of District 4 fiddles and teaches her neighbors the Chicken Dance while maintaining proper social distance