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OOTFA President's Report



OOTFA President Scott Phillips in bass class at West Cascades Fiddle Camp in 2013. This year Fiddle Camp and so many other OOTFA events couldn't happen, but we sure hope that we can get back to normal in 2021!

Cabin Fever Thinking

Silent fiddles are no fun! Since we still have to shelter in place, you might just as well get your instrument out and make some music. Some are fortunate to have more than one musician in the house. I envy them. But I do get to play with recordings and any one I can find on the internet. Not the same as in person, but it will do for the interim.

Sad to say that smoke is becoming the norm. Glad I have N95 masks handy. Sure do miss the bright green on the trees. With luck, by the time you read this, there will have been some rain and things will be a bit more normal. I am looking forward to a new year in 2021, hoping we can have a full schedule. If not, we will do what we can to stay safe and healthy. Best wish to all on that score.

Remember to help those you can.

~ Scott



District 4 Chairman, Scotty Phillips, happy to be playing his bass

Editor Emeritus by Lew Holt

We had presumed, hoped anyway, that the virus situation would

be settled by now and that we would be back to our regular playing schedules. The virus problem has been exaggerated in early September for many of us by the fires and the smoke problem. I would hope that next month I could write that both problems are solved. **Ken Cartwright** and **Jan** lost their home and everything in it by fire. Others had to evacuate and were concerned about their homes.

I wasn't able to attend but it was enjoyable to read about **Bob's Huffman's 100th birthday party** that was held at **Terry Jorgensen's** place. Again, congratulations to Bob and a mighty big **THANK YOU** to Terry.

Let me comment on the fine **Hoedowner** that we read every month, complimenting **Robin** for the beautiful **Hoedowner** that he gets out every month for us. I guess that it is a product of aging, but I often like to look back to "the good old days". If you look at the 2nd page of the roster, you will see my name for a number of years as editor. It was different being editor "back then." Reporters from the districts would hand write or send me a typed copy of their news. Then as I received the news, I would type a stencil to take to the school district office to run off maybe 600 copies of 4 or 5 pages each. Later I would type a copy and use the school district's copy machine producing a much better-looking copy and a lot less work. But then, I had to address the 600 envelopes, fold the 600 **Hoedowners**, etc., and get them in the mail so the members would receive their issue by the first of the month. ~ Lew

Too Many Guitars

Editor's Notes
by Robin Lindsey

I was in the process of finishing some end-of-the-summer outdoor projects when the smoke rolled into Eugene. I then turned my attention toward taking inventory of the household and getting rid of a bunch of stuff. Aleta and I are at that point in life where we have accumulated too many things ourselves, and have each lost a parent this year, so we now have many more things. When two families that like to collect things come together you are entering hoarder territory.

I was considering some of the electric guitars I haven't played in years. Why do I even have some of these? I pulled out a Les Paul. Way to heavy for my back. Without a thought I started strumming "Smoke on the Water". What do you expect from a dude who came of age in the 1970s? It's like Redwing for Rockers – the first song you learn!

I have considered selling some of these guitars on Craigslist, but would frankly rather deal with OOTFA folks (who like to plug in occasionally). I am certain that many OOTFA members also have a lifetime of accumulating musical instruments and accoutrements and may want to move some of them along. At one time the Hoedowner featured classified ads for musical equipment, and I would like to revive that practice. A person could either post what they want to sell or trade, or look to find the right person to donate to. Many wonderful musical instruments were passed down rather than sold. Keeps it in the family.

Please send me information about musical instruments or equipment that you may want to part with and I will begin a classified ad section in the Hoedowner!

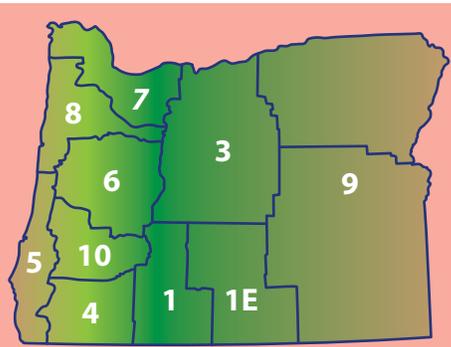
All OOTFA events have been canceled through the end of 2020

Story Time

When the COVID-19 crisis led to a shutdown of all our precious activities, Hoedowner reporters were faced with a difficult predicament. What is there to report if we aren't active as a group? That meant it was time to think outside the box of standard monthly reporting. The past several issues have included stories about what folks are doing during lockdown. There have been several features or profiles of OOTFA members and nostalgic tales from the past of the people we love and remember.

I would like to encourage all of you readers to think about something in your musical life, either recently or in the past, and if so inspired, write about it and send it to me. Stories about us and what we do or have done brings color to the Hoedowner and a smile to the face. I can also never receive too many photos for consideration. I'm always looking for that perfect cover pic!

I am now going to take a break from writing and go play my guitar. My Martin, not the Les Paul. In my head I am hearing "Smoke on the Water" as arranged for fiddle. Hmm, kind of Beethovenish.



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Greetings All from District One,

We had an impactful September with some of our core members from District One being affected by the **Two Four Two** fire. Some of our members live about 35 miles North of us in Chiloquin, where the fire started and grew rapidly due to unprecedented winds. Some were evacuated, and have since safely returned home. Often it is windy here in Klamath Falls, usually towards the end of the day when the thermals start to change...from a very hot day to cooler evenings. Being a high desert, we don't retain heat well. Sometimes it will blow for a few hours and once night has fallen then it's calm and beautiful. But no such luck with these highly unusual winds that really made so many fires, not just ours, a "perfect storm". All of Oregon felt these winds, and all of us

will never forget September 2020, or anything 2020 ever again. It was during some online fire news that I caught an article about helping those in need. What struck me was a small group of musicians; a fiddle, a guitar, and a bass. I thought, gosh I wonder if those are **OOTFA** members? They had come to play for the evacuees and bring them a smidge of Joy during their time of need. I would not doubt that it COULD have been OOTFA members, because we have the best members in the world! It would make sense that OOTFA would be out there making a neighbor in need a little lighter and brighter with music that has stood the test of time. Wherever you are, whatever your circumstance, your OOTFA friends are here for you! Don't be afraid to reach out if you need a helping hand. Here's to a better tomorrow, a better month, a better year! Keep playing music, and when you can, share it with your family, friends, and neighbors...we're all in this together! Have a blessed October!

will be missed by our family of musicians and especially missed by her loved ones; the McLain family, a son and daughter, two step daughters and numerous grandchildren.

We convened a business meeting the last Monday in August, the first one since January! **Terry McLain** and I will share the duties of "Reporter" for our district, alternating the task every other month. The best thing about that meeting was gathering together again with a sense of normalcy in these abnormal times. Our local rodeo took the place of the **First Saturday Jam** in September which fell over Labor Day weekend. With school resuming a week from the writing of this report, we will hope our town continues to see insignificant numbers of viral cases so that we can once again gather safely and finally witness the effect that months of solo practice has had on our playing ability!

October Birthdays: Ann Bonser, Noranne Sparks.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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I am sad to report the passing of Eileen McLain who served as our reporter the past few months. She took over the job in February, just when COVID hit. We stopped formally meeting then so she really never had a chance to report any of our activities. Still, she was a willing participant in our organization and was an active fiddler until 11 years ago when Multiple Sclerosis impaired her ability to play the fiddle. Eileen suffered a massive stroke and passed away August 21, 2020.



Eileen McLain of District 1E

Eileen was **Doug McLain's** wife and they were both active members of OOTFA in the past. Eileen attended **Silver Lake** 2 years ago, happy to reconnect with her jam-mates of the past. She and **Janis Roderick** participated in the **Booher Family Fiddle Camp**, the **Canyonville Fiddle Contest** in 2004, **LaPine Campout**, **Roseville** and **Rickreall Conventions**. She and Doug played locally at our hospital, senior center, and nursing home, as well.

Eileen attended District 1E's "**First Saturday Jams**," as often as her health permitted. Though she no longer played fiddle she enjoyed the music as well as visiting with the attendees. She

Happy Halloween to all of your children and grandchildren from the Spooks in the Outback!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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September 13th, we had our Second Sunday Jam at the Powell Butte Christian Church. There were 10 of us there playing and 2 others. It was a fun jam with **Steve Lundgren** and his son **Luke** sharing a fun French-Canadian tune "Pays de Haut". **Steve Honum** always brings some good old 40's tunes to play but with our accordion player **Joan Coleman** home canning this month we weren't very good support for him. One of our newer members **Steve Proffitt** joined us; he just returned to fiddling after having surgery on his shoulder. It's amazing how he was picking it up again so fast – just like ridin' a bike. **Janice Mott** showed up with her banjo and always pulls out an Irish Shanty that we have a lot of fun with. **Marlene Stevens** and **Jeannette Bondsteel** have been working on "Old French" so we shared that tune along with several other **Chip Cohen** pieces. Our gracious host **Amber Turnage** brought some fun old time favorites this month like "Old Suzanna".

A Message from Patti Luse, State Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP STATS: As we enter the last quarter of 2020, the overall Household Membership is 582. This has been a difficult year. COVID has caused the total shut-down of gatherings which historically, have been good member recruitment with the nearly 20 households from the contest, 8-10 from the Convention, and 8-10 at our June and September music gatherings. Without those fun and exciting events, we are down 16% compared to the end of 2019.

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LIFETIME MEMBER: Anyone who is at least 70 years old and has been a member of Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' Association for at least 5 years, qualify for this honored membership. Contact your District Membership Chair and they will fill out the appropriate form and mail it to Patti. It is free unless you want to receive the newsletter **The Hoedowner** in the Mail...then it's \$25. If you only want to get it as a PDF directly from the printer, it costs nothing but OOTFA relies on the membership dues and donations to sustain the organization. The support from all households, including Lifetime, is so very important to the financial health of **OOTFA**.
PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021 NOW!

Our greatest joy of the jam was 9 year old **Megan Nave** and her fiddling friend 6 year old **Casselin Clark**. These girls have been in **Suzuki** classes together for the past 3 years and OMG can they play fiddle, or is it violin in Suzuki world? Megan amazed us with her own rendition of "Orange Blossom Special". Megan said she doesn't know if she's playing it right or not because she just made it up on her own from an audio track. Let me tell you – she nailed it! The only thing she had trouble with was how to end it. We laughed so hard with her when she came to the end of what she knew and just looked at us with huge big eyes. Casselin did a hot job on the "Witches Dance" and "Old Joe Clark". She is a good little fiddler and has the ear to follow most of the tunes we threw her way.

~ Jeannette Bondsteel

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Today is the 14th day of September and as I write many of District 4 members are evacuated from their homes due to the wildfires in our valley. Many others have their vehicles packed with necessities for them and family pets, backpacks stacked by the door, and all are prepared to leave if warned to do so, and all are breathing hazardous air.

As gale force winds swept the Rogue Valley the **Alameda Fire** rushed up the crests of the hillsides in Ashland. **Ron** and **Marilyn Bolstad**, Ashland residents, with the family cat evacuated their hillside home as the tempest crested a ridge in the distance. Miraculously the wind shifted and their hilltop neighborhood was spared. They were allowed to return home but spent sleepless nights watching the ridges for the glow of a flame.

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District 4 continued

As the conflagration fueled its way to the communities of Phoenix and Talent, residents fled the flames most with only the clothes they were wearing. The fire burned its way down both sides of Highway 99. Phoenix resident, District 4 chairman, **Scotty Phillips**, grabbed a backpack, his musical instruments, a bass guitar he built himself and fled. The flames pacing his car, flames on both sides he escaped to safety. Days later he was notified his home was safe amid total desolation in his neighborhood. He has not yet been cleared to move back home and is staying with family.

Members in Central Point and Medford, nerves on edge, waited in a level 2 evacuation notice: **Be Set to Go**: and watched as air bombers dropped fire retardant and helicopters aimed their buckets of water at a fire that popped up behind the Costco store just blocks from the Medford Airport and the Jackson County Fairgrounds where hundreds had fled to escaping the fire in their neighborhoods.

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Greetings from District 5 here on the lovely coast.

As **Barbara Scheirman** has handed over the reins of reporting duties to us, we would like to take a moment to thank her for all of her time and skill over the years that she has brought to the group. Thank you Barbara!

On August 27th, District 5 fiddlers had the great honor of playing music at the 100th birthday celebration of U.S. Air Force veteran **Charlie Evans**. Local musicians and community groups turned out for a socially-distanced parade to honor Charlie on his special day. His daughter Mary was on hand at the parade to help Charlie celebrate his 100th, as well as many other family members.

The parade included the South Coast Corvette Club, South Coast Patriot Guard Riders, The Legend Radio van, a classic car club, The North Bend High School drum line, and of course the District 5 Fiddlers, who played "You Are My Sunshine" and "Happy Birthday." A special thank you to our **OOTFA** musicians who did a wonderful job playing. A shout-out of appreciation also goes to local musician **Patty Becker**, who played a trumpet rendition of the Air Force song "Wild Blue

On the other side of Jackson County the Obenchain fire raged consuming acres of property in Eagle Point and was blazing its way to Shady Cove, Butte Falls and Sams Valley. Eagle Point District 4 members **Laura** and **Harvey Deen** with their family pets and seven champion dairy goats fled to the shelter of a friend's farm. Laura is one of our faithful fiddlers. She's been playing for 5 years and learned to play as an adult. She is a certified Dairy Goat Breeder and raising and showing dairy goats has been in the family for generations. She is active with the 4H group in the valley and enjoys working with the youth. Her 7 goats recently swept the awards at the fair receiving 2 Championship awards and 2 Reserve Championships. Laura has also judged 4H goat contest in multiple Southern Oregon and Northern California counties. Days later, escorted by a Sheriff's vehicle, she and Harvey were allowed to visit their home and view the damage. Their home was left untouched amid the burned and ravaged fields and hillsides. More good news. They were forced to leave behind the pigs and chickens, but they were safe and being cared for by a neighbor, a rancher, who would not evacuate because he wouldn't leave his cattle.

Most of those who were forced to leave will not be allowed to return home for many days because of power outages and other problems. Jackson and Josephine County fairgrounds are still filled with evacuees. Much is still uncertain about when the fires will be contained, and all residents of the valley await further updates and all are praying for rain as we continue to endure hazardous air quality. What will our country have to endure next is the question in almost everyone's mind but Oregonians are strong and rise to every challenge with courage.

God bless Oregon, God bless America.

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

Yonder" for Charlie. Last but not least, our own **Kriss Fenton**, who organized Charlie's birthday celebration and parade, did a fantastic job.

Charlie, who is also known as "**The Dancing Cowboy**," has always had a great love for singing and country music. He can often be heard singing along to "You Are My Sunshine," his favorite tune, whenever the fiddlers play at Inland Point Retirement Community. He also loved horseback riding, which led him to become a member of the Coos County Sheriff's Posse. He proudly served his country during WW II. When asked what his secret to a longevity is, in addition to clean living, he said, "Dancing and singing." There you have it, folks! Music really is one of the secrets to a long and fulfilling life.

Al & Nicole Pierce, District 5 Reporters

HOEDOWNER

Tune of the Month

Old French

AKA "Little Old Man,"
"Old French Reel,"
"Rambler's Hornpipe,"
"Reel de St-Tite."

The original provenance is in Québécois repertoire; Reel (usually) or Hornpipe. USA, New England. D Major.

Thanks to Jeannette Bondsteel for this month's TOTM selection

The melody was a popular vehicle for contra dancing in the 1970's, when it seemed to surface simultaneously in New England repertoire and on the West Coast, where it was popularized by mandolin player Kenny Hall and others. Popular belief has it that the "Old French" title derived from a remark by an old Vermont fiddler who, when asked its title, said it was "just an old French tune." Ken Perlman (1979) believed the tune was unknown in Canada and speculated that it was probably a northern New England composition in the Québec style. The apocryphal Vermont fiddler seems to have had it right, for the reel was known in Canada prior to the "folk revival" that fed American contra dancing.

Another version has part A in D major and part B in A Mixolydian https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Old_French

Ila Mae Carmickle of our District 6 leads plays Old French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iowsmnbrkXE>

This version is arranged by our own Chip Cohen and can be found in his wonderful book of tunes Tall Tales and Twin Fiddles Vol II where he has added a nice harmony line. Chip dedicated this tune to the memory of Mark French, with whom he shared many fine adventures. They explored the wilds of the great Northwest together and played music from California to Colorado to Canada. Mark loved a good rollicking tune, and this is one they often played:

<http://www.chipcohenmusic.com/>

Thank you, Chip.

Old French

Traditonal
Arranged by Chip Cohen

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My name is Evelyn Horner. I have been a member of the **Oldtime Fiddler Association** for the past 47 years. I was recently asked by District 6 to write about my time in the Fiddle Association. My journey started in 1973 when I moved to Oak Run, California and met an oldtime fiddler named **Robert Strawn**. I had played the violin since I was 11 years old. I played in grade school and high school. I knew how to play, I just needed a lesson in what to play to become an **Oldtime Fiddler!** The first tune I learned to play by ear was "Red Wing". The rest was history! I soon became a founding member of District 6 in Northern California. My main contribution to the fiddle association was working with children.

I taught class for a **Shasta College** summer program called **College For Kids**. As the years went on, I had 40 Children at one time in three groups. I had the fiddle babes group, (3-5), the beginning group (6 years and up), the intermediate group, and the advanced group. I taught them in groups and individual lessons.

As the groups improved I would organize them into performing groups where they would play, sing, and dance. We even toured the state and started playing at contests all over the west. Our touring group was called **The Fiddle Kids**.

The Fiddle Kids went on tour around the country. The kids would enter and win contests across the country. We played at theme parks including **Marriotts** and **Silver Dollar City** in Branson Missouri. We even played at the **White House** by invitation from former **Senator Nelson** of California.

Our travels and performances spread in the news of the Fiddle Association bringing in many new members.

All my little fiddle kids are all grown up now. Some of them went on to teach and keep the tradition going. A few went on to become famous performers. I hear from them from time to time and continue to watch their careers. A Fiddle Kids reunion was just recently organized by some of its members. I was very proud and overwhelmed to see everyone grown up with their families, but still playing and sharing music.

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

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Jessie Kurtz (jessiefeliz@yahoo.com)

Lisa Ponder (lponder@efn.org)

Chuck Roerich (chuckr8620gmail.com)

Birthdays: Wayne Carter (10/4), Chuck Roerich (10/7), Ila Mae Carmickle (10/8), Lisa Ponder (10/13)

Anniversary: Jim And Teresa Bowers

If anyone wants to have their Birthday or Wedding Anniversary announced in the **Hoedowner** let Shirley Humphreys know!

~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter



Jesse Knudsen with Evelyn Horner of District 6 jamming at a potluck/meeting at Central Grange in 2019

If you would like a sample of the Fiddle Kids performance, look up [YouTube-Fiddle Kids with Evelyn Horner](#).

I have been so lucky to be able to teach, perform, and encourage others to play the fiddle. To this day, I love to play and perform. I can't wait to get back to seeing everyone and playing in person.

Keep On Fiddling And Keep Safe!

~ Evelyn Horner

New OOTFA Members October 2020

Jim Ariail Bend (3)

Chip, Tana and Casselin Clark Bend (3)

See Patti's message on page 4 regarding OOTFA Membership - Happy Halloween!

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We hope that all of our OOTFA members are doing well and staying safe during this very difficult time of multiple "challenges". It is hard to believe that so many people have been suffering during these days and unbelievable that in our wonderful state so much massive destruction and death has occurred because of the fires these last few weeks. It is hard to wrap one's mind around all this. We send out our good wishes, our hearts and our hopes to those who have lost homes, friends and family members. We hope that soon the beautiful sound of playing music together can once again fill us with happiness and peace.



Maggie Dickerson and Joan Harrington twin fiddling at Cherry Park in Troutdale

Donna and Dick Foreman of Estacada have had quite a scary experience during these last few weeks. On September 8th they got a knock on their door and were told to evacuate their house because the fire in their area was very close. They packed what they could and went to Gresham where they stayed for a few days with Rick and Joyce Bergeron and then went to their granddaughters outside of Seattle. On the 18th I talked to Donna and she told me that they would be returning home in a few days. Her story was really amazing and I am only going to be able to recall part of it. They knew nothing about their home and property for a long time. After a week or so their neighbors were able to tell them that there was damage on their property but that their house was saved. Someone had watered it down for a long time and amazingly, the fire had stopped one foot in front of their house! Donna's final comment to me was that the

Red Cross tells us to be prepared for an emergency but we don't really do that and she will now take that advice very seriously! So will I.

I have mentioned this website before: www.fiddlehell.org/schedule It has been a fun venue where one can play with lots of interesting folks including Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. From Thursday Nov. 5th to Sunday November 8th they are having an on-line workshop (similar to our West Coast Centrum Fiddle Tunes). There will be 160 workshops, 35 live concerts, 34 live jams which will involve all these instruments: fiddle, cello, mandolin, guitar, and old-time banjo. There will be a fee. Check out this website for all the information. I think you will know a lot of the musicians who will be teachers and performers.

All the best and stay safe.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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Our Slo-jams are coming along well and Marie still has room for a couple more people, for those interested in learning all of our common jam tunes. Please call ahead or email Marie Bailey if you plan to come, as space is limited. The Online Basic Fiddle Class will be on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. The class will be using "Learn to Play Fiddle" book 1 from www.Ludikermusic.com and the class is open to all ages and abilities. In order to get the monthly link for Zoom for the class, one needs to contact Martha Hughes to get on her class email list. You can email Martha at mh.hughes8@gmail.com to join up, or send any inquiry.

The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center remains closed to groups until January 1, 2021 .

We all look forward to getting together and playing some music again!

October Events:

1st Slo-Jam at Marie's home 1-3 pm
15th Slo-Jam at Marie's home 1-3 pm

~ Gayle Clarity, District 8 Reporter

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The Oldtime Fiddlers played an hour gig

at the Harney County Fair. This year our fair was small but was enjoyed by those who went. **Janet Braymen, Joan Suther, Larry Koskola, Randy Gibson, Loretta Peyrollez, Ben Richardson, Ron Phillips, and Scott Houck** were the musicians in attendance. It is the first time we have seen **Robin and Lynn Gadbury** since the world closed down in March.

The John Day crowd came down for our Friday jam in early September. **Carl Stinnett, Ron Phillips, and Ben Richardson** certainly add spice to our jams. We are distancing and still have room for more, so come if you love to play old timey music.

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This summer, we played at three outdoor gigs, twice at the Canyonville Farmer's Market, and once at the Oak Park retirement home. It was a pleasure to have a couple guests from District 4, **Judy Lyons** and **Judy McGarvey**, join us at the farmer's market on August 26. We miss the various fiddle gatherings that typically happen around the state during the summer/fall and hope they can resume next year.

On Friday evenings in September, OOTFA members and friends gather to play music just before sunset in the parking lot of the **Umpqua Valley Art Center** for a celebration of the migration of the Vaux Swift. The **Umpqua Valley Audubon Society** recently counted about 2,500 birds that circle and dive into the **Clay Place** pottery shed chimney to roost for the night.

District 9 Fiddlers entertain at the 2020 Harney County Fair

We hope that all the fiddlers in the state are safe from these horrible fires. Our hearts go out to all those who have lost their homes. Such a tough time.

A shout out to **Carol Dawson** who has had some health issues this summer. We hope she is feeling better.

We continue to gather on Friday nights in a well-spaced jam in a large room and making music. Call **Joan** or **Randy** to find the meeting place, and the protocol, like no snacks, no card playing, etc. Musicians are welcome if you are both healthy and comfortable.

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.

Musically Yours ~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

physically distant morning jams outdoors are continuing on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 am – Noon. They have been in Jude's driveway during good weather, or at Allison's church (**Winston Assembly of God**) during inclement weather. OOTFA members are welcome. The **District 10 "Google Group"** keeps subscribers informed of our jams, events and breaking news. To subscribe, contact Jude and she'll email you the link. She also hosted a recent workshop on the "Amazing Slowdowner" software.



Jude Stensland of District 10

We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Don Hamlin** (Oct 10), **Jerry Hash** (Oct 16), **Sandy Harter** (Oct 17) and a special shout out to **George Breeze** who turns 95 on Oct 25! If we missed your special day, please let us know. Ann Hodson is recovering nicely from her knee surgery on August 26.

Let's Pick! ~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

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Article II:**

**Purpose - To promote,
preserve and perpetuate
Oldtime Fiddling and
Oldtime Music.**

**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](#) Weiser, Idaho
- [West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshop](#) 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
- October's Tune of the Month [Ila Mae plays Old French!](#)
- [Tune of the Month Archive](#)

Please contact me if you would like to add an appropriate website to the list or have suggestions.

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

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



**Pics from last year at the 2019
Country Music Gathering in Prineville**

- 1. Jack Kerr, Ken Luse & Gayle Clarity
- 2. LeRoy Newport 3. Ken Luse & Jim Kuether
- 4. Jim Hoots 5. Judy McGarvey
- 6. District 3 Event Organizers

