

Tune of the Month - Russell Creek

This is a tune presented by Donna Foreman, District 7, at the recent West Cascades Fiddle Camp. She got the tune from Bob Huffman, also District 7, who turned 94 in August. Bob writes, "Russell Creek runs into Cow Creek near .. Riddle. During the early months of 1939, my dad and I occupied a cabin .. on Russell Creek owned by Oakie Collins, the janitor at Riddle School, who was also a luthier. ... (He made) a fiddle for my dad in return for cutting and piling 28 cords of wood... We spent a couple of months in Oakie's cabin playing music on that fiddle and an old guitar....and then it was "Off to California" for a summer picking fruit. I learned the tune from my dad but not the title, so I called it Russell Creek for want of the original title if it every had one..."

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The musical score for "Russell Creek" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a G chord and a D7 chord. The second staff continues with G and D7 chords. The third staff features a first ending (1. G) and a second ending (2.) leading to an Am chord. The fourth staff includes D7, G, D7, G, and Am chords. The fifth staff starts with a D7 chord and includes first and second endings, with a double bar line and a repeat sign at the end.



District 6 visitors Phoebe (l) and Amaris (r) play "Boil Them Cabbages" at the monthly jam.



Lenny Ferrara and Judy McGarvey (both District 4), entertain visiting students from the Allegeny Private School at District 5's Winchester Bay jam.



District 6 visitors (l-r): Dinah, Adri, Phoebe, Abigail, with mom Janet on bass.