

## Tune of the Month: Larry O'Gaff



This is a traditional Irish jig that Fred Virtue (Coquille) used to play. This tune is a rarity in Oregon; not many Irish jigs show up among U.S. old time fiddlers. Some of the jigs here come down from Canada, others are home-grown in New England or the upper midwest, or come from 19th century quadrille sets in dance books. I've sometimes heard fiddlers dismiss jigs as "Aw that's just an ol' 6/8er." Fred said he learned this one from his Irish immigrant father's harmonica playing. He even remembered a few words his father used to sing to the tune.

**Note:** *On the internet, I "searched" for "Larry O'Gaff fiddle tune", which brought up several videos and recordings of this jig. ~ Karen*

G Major

A G C G (A) (D)  
G C G 1. D G 2. D G  
B G D G  
C G 1. D G 2. D G

