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Summertime Jammin' with Terry McLain

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## OOTFA President's Report

**Here it is the first of September** and COVID-19 is still with us. It seems like the research people may be getting closer to a vaccine to help protect us from the virus. Let's all keep our fingers crossed and do what is necessary, like wearing a mask and physical distancing, to help control and defeat this pandemic. I know none of us want to be responsible for infecting another.

Off the soap box, now, and a reminder that all of our in-person functions and events are on hold until or unless we are allowed otherwise. I know many are getting together in well protected small groups to enjoy a little jamming. Just follow the safety rules.

Our bylaws tell us the state **Board of Directors** will meet quarterly. We missed our spring meeting when the convention was canceled, but held the summer one via **Zoom**. The fall meeting will again be via Zoom at 10:00 AM, September 19, 2020. It was decided at the last (June) board meeting to do our best to keep our meetings on schedule. There is not a lot of business to conduct, but it is important to maintain communication and stay up to date on what has been and what needs to be done to keep everything running smoothly.

We will all miss getting together at **Prineville**. District 3 puts in a lot of time and energy making the fall gathering a success.

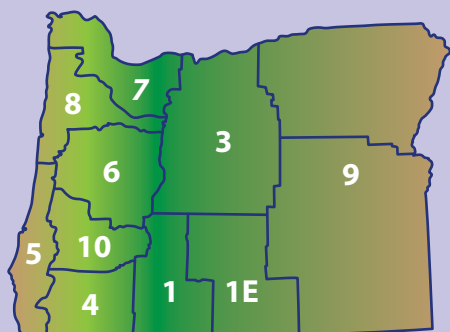
The **Winter Board Meeting** and jam is still scheduled in Lebanon on January 15-16, 2021

The **State Fiddle Contest** is on the schedule for March 20, 2021.

The **2021 Spring Convention**, Board Meeting and state bi-annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 20-22 at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg. That is when we will be able to hold elections and look at amending our bylaws in hopes of providing for future emergencies. Committees are working during this down time to have proposed changes ready in plenty of time for review well before the meeting.

You don't realize how much you play and how many gigs there are until they are all taken away.

Please stay safe and healthy until we meet again. ~Scott



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**Early in my life**, the flu epidemic concerned society. Probably the polio epidemic during my life was societies and my greatest concern. Standing in line one day to get inoculated that left the little scar on my arm after the sore healed left me with no more concern about polio.

Now in our own unique way, we all are experiencing the current virus in many different ways. It would take a book to reveal them all - each one unique to us. But going beyond the fiddlers' personal lives, let me touch on just "fiddling." We are just a small part of society but the virus has presented fiddlers with many concerns. Hopefully, after the crisis has blown over though, we will come back to grow to again become the dynamic group of people that we have been since our founding back in the 1960s. We may very well have lost a few future fiddlers without our monthly jams and many opportunities to play about the community but we will again become the association that we were and continue to share our music. Our officers will appreciate you getting back "on the train" and all of us riding together into our future.

## Greetings, all fellow OOTFA members!

I thought I would give you an update on the financial status of the organization. Just completed my first year as your State Treasurer and unfortunately due to the Coronavirus, it was a relatively easy year as far as keeping financial records. With the State Fiddle Contest, the State Convention, the West Cascades Fiddle Camp and all other camping events being cancelled, I was able to master balancing all the State and District Excel spreadsheets and learning the ins and outs of posting to Quickbooks (a software program I had not used before!) and still maintain my sanity. **Sharon Thompson**, who was your State Treasurer for nine years prior to me has most

generously agreed to assume the role of Annual Reviewer of my records. So last Tuesday, **Patti Luse** and I took a road trip down to Glide and delivered all FY2019-2020 financial records to Sharon, had a wonderful lunch and visit. I am truly hoping that over this next fiscal year, we will be able to resume all our wonderful OOTFA activities that bring us together. In the meantime, if anyone should have questions regarding the reports I have submitted to the Hoedowner, please feel free to email or call me. Y'all take care and stay safe, healthy, and keep playing that wonderful oldtime music!!

## Editor Emeritus by Lew Holt

## Treasurer's Report by Linda Parks

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION			
PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021		ACTUAL GENERAL LEDGER 2020-2021	
INCOME		INCOME	
DUES	12,950.00	DUES	198.50
20% DISTRICTS	4,500.00	20% DISTRICTS	105.07
INTEREST	125.00	INTEREST	-
RESALE INCOME	450.00	RESALE INCOME	16.00
CONVENTION	6,500.00	CONVENTION	-
CONVENTION DONATIONS	2,500.00	CONVENTION DONATIONS	-
RAFFLE	1,000.00	RAFFLE	-
CONTEST	9,000.00	CONTEST	-
JR. HOEDOWNER	400.00	JR. HOEDOWNER	-
DONATIONS	1,000.00	DONATIONS	1,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP	750.00	SCHOLARSHIP	-
AMAZON SMILE	300.00	AMAZON SMILE	-
MISCELLANEOUS	525.00	MISCELLANEOUS	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,319.57</b>
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
ACCOUNTING	1,200.00	ACCOUNTING	-
TRAVEL	3,000.00	TRAVEL	-
INSURANCE	3,400.00	INSURANCE	-
RESALE EXPENSES	250.00	RESALE EXPENSES	-
HOEDOWNER	8,500.00	HOEDOWNER	1,310.81
HOEDOWNER POSTAGE	1,500.00	HOEDOWNER POSTAGE	221.10
STATE MEETING EXPENSE	1,000.00	STATE MEETING EXPENSE	-
OFFICE SUPPLIES	360.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	-
COPY/PRINT	250.00	COPY/PRINT	-
POSTAGE	200.00	POSTAGE	26.60
CONTEST	9,500.00	CONTEST	-
CONVENTION	9,000.00	CONVENTION	-
JR. HOEDOWNER	-	JR. HOEDOWNER	-
DONATIONS	-	DONATIONS	-
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	200.00	SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	-
FILING FEE	150.00	FILING FEE	-
TAXES	165.00	TAXES	-
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	200.00	MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	-
MEMBERSHIP POSTAGE	200.00	MEMBERSHIP POSTAGE	-
PUBLIC RELATIONS	200.00	PUBLIC RELATIONS	-
MISCELLANEOUS	725.00	MISCELLANEOUS	204.75
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,763.26</b>
As of: 8/22/2020		<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> 17,057.47	
State Checking Account	17,057.47	Kielhorn Money Market:	
State Scholarship (inc.in above)	1,897.00	Balance 6-30-2020	8,454.92
General Certificate of Deposit	12,000.00	Grants Awarded	
Contest Certificate of Deposit	4,500.00	Int. Inc. (Jul-Dec)	
Kielhorn Money Market	8,454.92	Current Balance	8,454.92
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>42,012.39</b>		



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### Greetings All from District One,

Last month in District One, we had our monthly meeting at **Wiard Park** here in the Klamath Falls South Suburb area and it was very well attended. Music was played and some district business was attended to as well. Everyone enjoyed being outside and being able to catch up after months of being apart. It was agreed that we would do another park Jam/Meeting in the near future. Wiard Park is a great little park and centrally located in Klamath Falls. It makes a great location that is easy to get to for all our members, plus it has great shade!

District One members, **Sherm and Jacque Taylor** are away and traveling to the Midwest. They recently sold their farm and are traveling while they are waiting for their new house to be built here in Klamath Falls. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them, for safe travels, protection from COVID-19, and a great time! On a grander scale, I think it's amazing that our state leadership has kept business going and the Hoedowner is up and running through all these months of quarantine and lack of business for gigs, contests and such. We'd like to thank you all for doing everything you can for **OOTFA**. We appreciate you! We appreciate the **Hoedowner** and having something to keep us all connected. Hopefully we can all remember our state business requirements at this time and if possible, help in any way you can! Have a blessed September!

September Birthday's: Jonathan Etters, Jake Dreyer, Mike Foster, Patti Northcraft, Dean Oliver, Sherman Taylor, Teresa Hazen, and Phillip Smith.

~Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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**District 1E's beloved Eileen McLain** suffered a massive stroke and passed on August 21st. See the next issue of the Hoedowner for a feature on Eileen.

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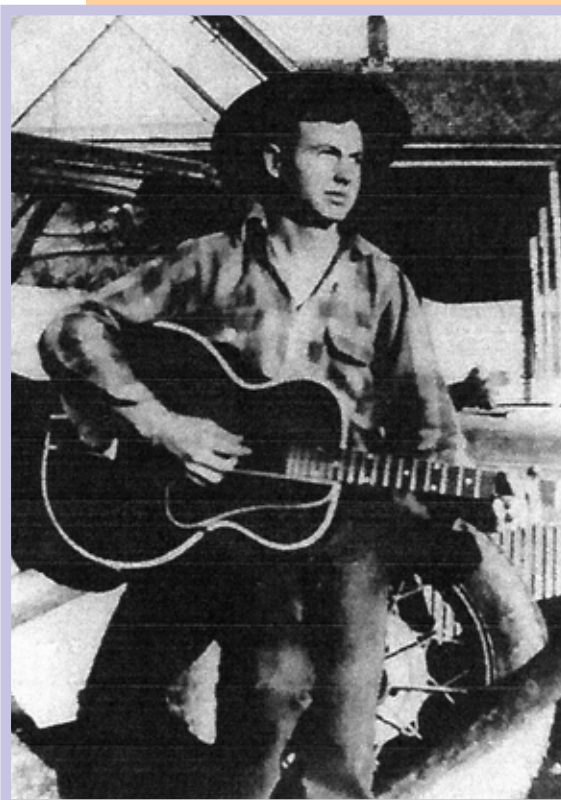
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### Hello Fiddlers and All,

It has been a quiet summer for me musically, as I work in the medical field and have been pretty much self-isolating. However, occasionally I play music under a plum tree in my front yard and the neighbors have all been appreciative. But I do miss the richness playing with others brings. As does **Les Tucker**.

Les is a **National Treasure OOTFA** member who is now 94 years old, and living with his wife, **Peg**, in Sandpoint, Idaho. Les wrote to **Jeannette Bondsteel** recently and re-



**Les Tucker in 1943**

ported about the isolation of being in lockdown in his apartment. *"We had a pretty good band here and played every Wednesday and Thursday...but that has stopped until the virus is safe."* When Les and Peg moved to Idaho a few years ago, he offered **Garitt Bondsteel** his fiddle making equipment, wood, and some instruments. Les was "instrumental" in making Garitt the fine musician and upstanding young man he is today. Les recently sent a letter and picture to Garitt at Boot Camp, stating *"The picture was taken at my high school when I was in 11th grade (1943). The car is my 1930 Model A Ford."* Les is holding a Harmony guitar he bought when he was 14. That guitar is now in the care of the Bondsteels and helping new generations discover music!

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**Other District 3** happenings are a group called “**Jammerize**”. The group was organized by **Brian Douglas**, Chief Advocate to the Council on Aging and has playing for various assisted living facilities before the pandemic hit. They now meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 11:00 to 12:30 at the Council on Aging, at 373 NE Greenwood Avenue in Bend. They play for the workers putting food together for **Meals on Wheels**, and the folks who come to pick up their meals. Keeping socially distant under a shade tent, all musicians and vocalists are welcome!

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**Here we are in September** with the summer quickly slipping into fall. In District 4 we normally would be preparing to resume our schedule of monthly meetings and jams. According to a recent email from **District 4 Chairman, Scotty Philips**, at this time all districts are not preparing to resume their regular schedule until possibly after January. Although nothing is definite, in a recent **Zoom** meeting the board decided to delay election of officers until all members could be present.

Under the current COVID restrictions it's been so difficult to manage anything that resembles a jam but **Judy McGarvey** has currently an ongoing Wednesday afternoon jam at the **Roxy Ann Grange** in Medford. The time is 4:00-5:00 and is limited to 10 musicians, face coverings are required, social distancing is practiced and the music flows. For musicians starved to play with other musicians it's pure BLISS.

At the jam **Harvey Deen**, husband to Fiddler **Laura**, is learning to play the washtub bass that he constructed himself. District 4 also welcomed guitar player, **Kris Jacobson**. Kris has been a member of District 6 and recently moved to Medford and is a welcome addition to our group.

Judy McGarvey is continuing her neighborhood street performance every Thursday morning at 10:30, on her street, Brookdale. She moved the time to mornings due to the too warm temps in the afternoon. All musicians are welcome.

Hope to see everyone soon,

~Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

The **Bondsteels**, **Marlene and Jeff Stevens**, **Janice Railton**, **Joan Coleman** and others spent some time filling the Cascades with music on a family campout. It segued into a small scale Fiddle Camp for some youngsters who came along. One of our newer District 3 members is 10 year old **Megan Nave** of LaPine, who “sure can chase a tune” according to Jeannette. Megan has been studying violin for a few years, but really loves fiddling. Young fiddler **Luke Lundgren** also joined the jams, along with his dad, **Steve Lundgren**, who grew up in the **OOTFA** fiddle contest world as a youngster himself. Luke is taking lessons from **Brendon Booher** and making great progress. Also along were youngsters **Cheyenne and Owen Fredericksen**, and **Damien McKenney**, who learned their first fiddle tune and joined in the jams every evening, trying out new sounds and experiencing the freedom of playing their instruments. Thank you, Jeannette for encouraging young (and old) new players!



**Owen & Cheyenne Fredricksen**

The **2nd Sunday Jam** at Powell Butte was a hit: 10 players and 3 listeners!

Remember that District 3 has a **Lending Library** of instruments and we re-hair bows for folks! Contact Jeannette for more information. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

~Judi Seger, District 3 Reporter

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**Next month, the Hoedowner** will have new reporters for District 5! The writing team of **Al Pierce** (you remember him from July's Personality Profile) and **Nicole Donato** will be taking over the reins. I thank you for the privilege of being your Hoedowner reporter for District 5. It has been such a pleasure to speak to you each month and deliver the news of our great organization. Al and Nicole will be an exciting and refreshing change for us. They sent us this by way of introduction:

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***"Al Pierce and Nicole Donato have been exploring their musical journey together for 16 years. Nicole has dabbled in piano and guitar, as well as composition over the years and currently serves as a 'sounding board' for Al's multiple musical endeavors. On occasion she will vocally accompany him when he plays guitar. Al's most recent project is the acquisition of an octave mandolin, and Nicole is eager to hear him play and experiment with his latest instrument. Nicole enjoys cooking, art, and collecting rocks, and she worked in the Social Service sector for most of her career. Al and Nicole share their home with several fur babies and are enjoying living on the gorgeous Oregon Coast."***

We sure look forward to their column! Please send any news, photos or fun facts to Al and Nicole. Their email is **enkidu444@aol.com** and their phone is **(530) 227-1230**. They do look forward to hearing from you.

Now to the column at hand. I got to thinking that since we cannot exactly look too far ahead, it is fun and also comforting to look back and reminisce about moments we have shared. Here are only just a few of my fond memories from our past year or two.

- Sitting in Bob Shaffer's District 5 sponsored fiddle lessons, listening to Bob's wonderful fiddling as he teaches us new tunes in the oldtime way.
- Going to jams and events and finding Ruth Weyer in the kitchen making sure the coffee is always on and the food is fresh and available. (Shall I mention her ambrosia cake one more time?)
- When Ken Joubert showed up with a gorgeous guitar that he designed and made! The instrument sounds full and rich, too.
- The time during our last stage show of our Fiddle at the Beach event, when Linda Sweatt sang "Lydia, the Tattooed Lady," as her husband, Dana Sweatt sashayed out onto the stage dressed as his interpretation of Lydia, wearing a long, curly wig, a little skirt and an astounding full-body tattoo stockinette suit! The whole effect was quite fetching.

During the same event, Dawn Vonderlin's inspired musical skit to "Along Came Jones," featuring Larry Costa as the notorious Snidely Whiplash and all the melodrama that ensued from her actors who followed the song prompts and hammed it up, royally. Dawn took the top prize for that one, by the way.

- Whenever Verna Lee plays and sings--most particularly we swoon when she performs "Chime Bells" and yodels so prettily!

- Admiring Jolly Hibbits' lovely handmade autoharp and enjoying her happy appreciation she has for her instrument.
- Playing and potlucking at Mapril and Grant Combs's sweet community of Dora. It's exactly like a step back in time and the folks there are so welcoming. We can also enjoy the river where Mapril's fallen maple tree was fished out of the water and a clever friend made Mapril's beautiful fiddle from that tree that she fondly calls "Strad!"
- Any musical offering or skit performed by the very charming and talented sister-brother duo of Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff. They are our heart's delight! It is also very sweet to see their modestly proud mother, Linda Eickhoff looking on or joining the kids as they perform.
- Kriss Fenton's wise leadership as our Chair. Watching her come up with ideas, bringing the flock together and enjoying her heartfelt singing as she plays her big guitar, is very heartening.
- Art Bigelow and Coleen Hodges' devotion to our group with their quiet service and let's not forget Art's yummy lemon bars!
- Pat and Bill Winfrey's heartfelt gospel songs and their gracious willingness to host us for jams and potlucks.
- The vision of Joe Walker strolling the hallways of his mother's care facility, playing his engaging fiddle music.
- Larry Costa's wild banjo tune, "Black Widow Spider"--he makes everything fun!
- Anything Luke VerHagen plays for us on his mandolin--boy, he can play that thing!
- The beautiful singing/playing team of our Larry and Sharon Gallagher--wow!
- Adam Taylor's spirited good old songs and his energy as he gives his all to our appreciative audience.
- Cliff Larson yodeling and playing the plaintive, "Cattle Call." Simply beautiful.

Oh, there are so many moments and wonderful folks I certainly missed more than I listed and recognized here. Suffice it to say, we all carry similar precious OOTFA memories which share a certain similarity. Dig some of them up and share 'em!

And now, I will wish all of you folks well as I curtsy and hand the position of District 5 Reporter into Al and Nicole's competent hands and exit, stage left! Keep the music and friendship flowing, everyone!

~ Barbara Scheirman, District 5 Reporter

## Ben Hill Reel

For those of us who play Irish music, many of us play tunes written by the missionary priest, Father PJ Kelly. Father Kelly spread his tunes around the world and intentionally never obtained any copyright protection. His rationale was that he'd received countless tunes passed down through the ages for no charge, so that he felt his contributions should be available to anyone moved by the music.

Thanks to David Altman for bringing us Tune of the Month for September, 2020!



## Ben Hill Reel

Sheet music for the Ben Hill Reel, featuring four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. Chord progressions are indicated above the notes.

Staff 1: G C G Am C D

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### Chairperson Ernie Connelly:

I hope everyone is staying safe through these challenging times. There is a lot going on in the world and we hope we can survive. Music is the main focus of OOTFA, not only for us but the public. I hope that we all get through 100% with no exposure to contaminants. OOTFA bylaws were not designed or written for total shut down and the leading officers are working through several issues relating to the state and district election process. So please stand by until officers get the bylaws properly addressed. Please stay safe and we will sing and play music just like we used to.

## Back in the Day with District 6 Fiddlers: Wally Bloom

Wally made it clear at age 4 or so that he was a fiddler. Parents Willard and Bertha Bloom would find him curled up on the wood pile behind the kitchen range, asleep, an ash shovel under his chin for a fiddle, and holding a stove poker for a bow.

Born in 1925 in a homesteading family in southern Saskatchewan, Wally was soon playing with his fiddler-father, and guitar-playing mother and sister Lavina for dances in the schoolhouses and the nearby rural communities. He recalls winning a talent contest with teenage cousins playing the popular dance tunes of the day; the music most in demand at local dances. But from his uncle, Alfred Borgerson, Wally learned Norwegian tunes and the reels and jigs for the occasional Square Dance. In those cold Canadian winters, just getting to the dance was an adventure in itself.

As Wally tells it, *"Every Friday night, and that was two winters, if I remember right, Uncle Henry had a team of oxen and he had a four by four foot little house, or caboose, we called it, built on the front of the bobsled, and we carried feed in the back, and wood, and there was a little stove--I believe Dad built it--with about a two-inch stove pipe going up, so we were nice and warm in there, and the lines come through the caboose. It took us three hours, if I remember right. One way it was eight miles. The oxen wouldn't travel over about two and a half miles per hour.*

*Lavina played what we called the Hawaiian guitar, Uncle Henry on the Spanish guitar, and Fred on the drums, I was the only lead. I was eleven, probably. We made a dollar and a half each."*

Like so many fiddlers, work and needs of family preempted Wally's music for many years. But very soon after he arrived in the Willamette Valley in 1967. He attended a fiddle contest in Cottage Grove. It might have been Jimmy Miller who won that year. Inspired, Wally picked up his fiddle again, retrieving old tunes and learning new ones, mostly from Canada's polished, musically-sophisticated recording artists. King Ganum was a favorite, and Con Messer, Andy de Jarlis and Graham Townsend.

Wally joined OOTFA, played in some contests and took up sky-diving. (Yes there's a connection.) His greatest strength was in playing the swing tunes and Canadian Waltzes that set people dancing, rather than in contest sets, and his own compositions reflect his approach to the music, as anybody knows who ever heard him play his "Skydiver's Waltz" or "Skydiver's Jump".

I interviewed Wally, his parents and his sister in 1976, as part of the Oregon Fiddling Project. During the time I knew him, he migrated regularly between managing his parents Union 76 station in Crow and long periods in the area around Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In Crow he lived in an apartment behind the station, and his fiddle cases were always open on the kitchen table. If he wasn't attending to a customer, he was playing his fiddle. He settled in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, in his last years, and passed away December 31, 2011. I can still call up in memory the way he played. "Fire on the Mountain" and "Hey Good Lookin'," and especially the way he played those Canadian waltzes, with such a lift to them.

These name tags are yellow with blue letters, OOTFA logo and your district number. To order please specify pin or magnetic back and send your name, address and district number along with a \$10 check made payable to:

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**Birthday Greetings:** Don Baldwin (9/1), Clarence Horner (9/5), Dorothy Sather (9/14), Sandy Wallrich (9/15)

**Wedding Anniversary:** Shirley & Tony Humphreys (9/21)  
~ Shirley Humphreys, District 6 Reporter



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### We hope everyone is doing well all over the state!

I am sure there is lots of fiddle music being played and that there are lots of creative ways people are getting together on the computer and in person by wearing masks and social distancing. These are such strange times, and I am amazed at how adaptive OOTFA members are in keeping the music flowing.

**Bob Huffman's 100th birthday** was celebrated Saturday, August 15. All the folks celebrating played together under a lovely canopy of trees which provided a lot of shade, which is a good thing, since it was around 100 degrees outside. Happy Birthday dear Bob!! We loved reading the article about you in August's **Hoedowner**; what a fabulous 100 years you have had!

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### In August we had a great jam with Districts 6 and 7 at Yamhill Valley Winery; all masked and spaced.

We have been asked to return with District 7 on September 20th, same rules (masks and spacing) same time, 1:00 to 4:00 pm with a 1/2 hour break at 2:20. Non players must call 503-843-3100 ahead and reserve space on upper deck.

**New rules:** Park in the first lot on the right and go down outside the building between the big silver tanks to the stairs at lower deck. Remember player's: Please call ahead to let your Chair know if you are definitely coming as space is limited. First calls get the space.

On August 14th we played a gig for the **Independence Parks Association Summer** concert series, Friday evening at River View Park. Guests from District 6 were **Starr McMullen, Ken Luse** and **Jerry and Linda Parks**. District 7 members who joined us were **Dave Altman** and **Gary Schuh**.

A number of District 7 and 8 members had a wonderful time playing music at the **Yamhill Valley Vineyards** in August. Thanks to **David Altman** for arranging this. We have been invited to come back and if you would like to come you can just show up on September 20th from 1:00 to 4:00. The address is: 16250 SW Oldsville Road in McMinnville. Phone number: 503-843-3100. You will need to park by the warehouse to avoid disrupting the normal parking for tasting room guests. (Look for the parking sign.) Masks and social distancing are required and you are asked to come in the back way by the tanks on the concrete pad. We will be on the lower deck. If you have any questions you may call or email me.

David Altman has found an interesting site that provides both music and a short recording of a large number of fiddle tunes. This site has been put together by a hammer dulcimer player named **Chris Peterson**. The site doesn't appear to have copyright restrictions. Here is the site: <http://www.cpmusic.com/tradmus.html>.

All the best to everyone and enjoy our usually beautiful September.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

Special District 8 guests were **Joey and Sherry McKenzie**, now Texas residents and touring as the **Western Flyers**. So fun to have you all.

Our Slo-jams are coming along good and I still have room for a couple more people, for those interested in learning all our common jam tunes. Please call ahead or email **Marie Bailey**.

Scholarship applications are now due for the coming year September-August. If you wish to sign up or renew you will need to make a new application. Contact your Chair, Marie.

**All members:** If you have interesting news, pictures, special dates to commemorate or stories to share please let us know. We'd love to include them.

Happy Summer and keep watching your email updates for any further opportunities that may come our way.

**Gayle** will be back as our reporter as soon as she can get her new computer to cooperate. :)

Marie Bailey, Substitute District 8 Reporter

### September Events:

**3 Slo Jam 1-3 p.m. at Marie's home**  
**17 Slo Jam 1-3 p.m. at Marie's home**  
**20 Yamhill Valley Winery 1-4 pm**  
**16250 SW Oldsville Road**

**Call Marie if you plan to come to her jams, as space is limited.**



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**Happy Birthday to Bob Huffman** who turned 100! We heard it was quite a bash!

We visited recently with **Don Williams** and **Robin Williams** who are our housebound musical friends, staying COVID-19 free.

We will be playing at the **Harney County Fair** on Saturday September 12th from noon to 1:00. Set up will commence at 11:30. This will be a tiny fair, but at least it is something.

The good news is that several of us, due to extra time at home, have some amazing gardens!

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.

We are looking for opportunities to play outdoors in the community, of course following the state's guidelines.

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

## District 10 Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area

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**We played outside at Oak Park** on August 6. The residents were inside, listening through the window screens, and making several requests that we honored. We also played at the **Canyonville Farmer's Market** on August 26. Everyone was masked up and kept their distance throughout the shows. Thanks for coming!

The business meeting on Saturday, July 25 was canceled. All inside jams will be canceled until the rate of COVID-19 illness lowers considerably.

Physically distant morning jams outdoors on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 am – Noon are going strong. The practice is paying off, and we sound tighter at gigs. Contact **Jude** to find out where they're happening. **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.

Ann Hodson had surgery on her other knee on August 26. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

This month, we'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Jude Stensland (Sept 11), Doris Stayer (Sept 11), Karen Bennett (Sept 26) and Sharon Pinard (Sept 30). If we missed your special day, please let us know.

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



**District 10 Fiddlin' Around**

### Jude has made some recommendations:

- Please envision a 6 foot bubble around yourself and do your best not to pop that bubble. If you feel you can't maintain that distance, then you need to wear a mask.
- Singers need more like 10-15 feet space according to the public health authorities.
- When you come into the jam, please wait until everyone has made room for you to maintain proper distance. The fact that we are playing outside greatly reduces the chance of transmission, but it only takes one of us being contagious without realizing it for the rest of us to become ill.
- Do not come to the jam if you feel the slightest bit under the weather regardless of what illness or allergy you think it is.
- Always carry a mask and use it in tight quarters.

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**To encourage everyone,  
especially young people,  
to play the fiddle and  
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and Oldtime Music.**

**To Provide regular times  
and places to meet and play  
this kind of music.**

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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](http://www.ootfa.org)**

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



**SOUNDS  
of  
SUMMER**

1. Gayle Clarity and Marie Bailey, with Ken Luse on bass and Ted Hunt on guitar
2. Linda Parks sings a favorite
3. Harvey Deen with his "new" washtub bass
4. Damien McKenney playing a newly-learned fiddle tune
5. Rosalee McLain and Bob Huffman share a laugh at "Bob's Bash", a celebration of his 100th birthday on August 15th