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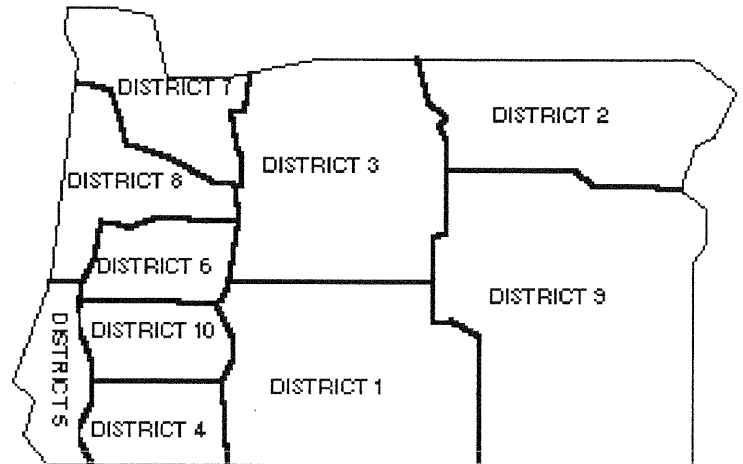
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Coming Events

August

6 Thousand Trails	Pacific City	8
7 Willamalane Sr. Ctr.	Springfield	6
7 Crown Villa RV Park	Bend	3
11-15 Diamond Lake Campout	Diamond Lake	
11 Yamhill County Fair	McMinnville	8
14 Polk County Fair	Rickreall	8
14 Sunday Jam, Sr. Ctr	Bend	3
17 Clackamas Cty Fair	Canby	7
17 Lane Co. Fair	Eugene	6
CANCELLED		
20 Something	Lakeview	1E
20 Grange, Potluck, Meeting, jam	Lookinglass	10
20 Valley of the Rogue Park	Central Point	4
20 Good Earth Dav	Terrebonne	3
21 Elks Club		5
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27 Fiddle Contest-Deatons	Canyonville	10
28-5 Warwick Campout	Williams	
September		
3 Mtng, Potluck, jam, Com. Bldg.	Talent	4
11 Jam, potluck, Senior Ctr.	King City	7
October		
15-17 Thousand Trails	LaPine	OOTFA
18 Jam, Sr. Ctr.		8
25 Cranberry Festival	Bandon	5
October		
2 Mt'ng, p'luck, jam	Jerome Prre	4
23 Jam, potluck, Sr. Ctr.	Estacada	7



Lew Sez

I want to welcome **Chad Terrusa** as our new vice-president. **Chad** plays the fiddle very well, is enthusiastic and has been a very active chairman of District 7. I look forward to working with him. I also want to thank **Joe LeVine** for serving this past year as our vice-president. **Joe** carries a big load as membership chairman. It requires many, many hours of his time. He has volunteered to continue for the coming year. **Margaret Teague** is continuing as our Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. She (and Ruel) are hard workers who are very devoted to OOTFA. We are fortunate to have her as an officer.

Alice and I have had an especially good time this summer. Yes, everything I said about Weiser last month was true. Our show every night from 7-7:30 was well received by the audience. We had many nice compliments. Cont. Page 8

A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote 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 to play this kind of music."

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Chairman - Jo Harris (503) 884-9852
Co-Chair - Al Nelson
Sec/Treas - Harold North

We've been having some hot weather, but it hasn't kept our musicians from getting out and playing up a storm.

We started the month of July by playing for the Merrill Centennial. **Fay and Isom Patterson** has us all over for a barbecue at their home on the 4th. We enjoyed the day and good food. There were some that really liked Isom's home-made ice cream. They know who they are. We also played for the Mormon Celebration and at the Fairgrounds for a nurses benefit.

Faye and Isom Patterson, Sandy Sandusky, Dick and Jo Harris attended the Lakeview campout. Sorry that we didn't get to see **Rosa Lee McLain**. Hope you are feeling better.

August 12th we will play for the Western Bank Barbecue - downtown branch. Be there at noon.

August 13th - Bonanza Park for Bud Brown (Sherri West) Reunion. Come at noon.

August 14 - **Evelyn and Doug Peterson** have invited us for a potluck at their home in Merrill. Time: 1-5. 323 North Jefferson. Coming into Merrill on Front Street, to the Polar Bear, turn left on Jefferson Street.

August 21 at Wiard Park - Oklahoma Picnic. Time: 1-5.

Happy Birthday to: **Don Fleming**, 5th; **Virgie Schome**, 15th; **Harold North**, 15th; **Alice Kent**, 29th, 88 years old; **Jerry Ruddock**, 30th.

Nursing homes: 4th Thursday of the month 5:45-7pm.

This is my last time as reporter. I've enjoyed it for all these many years. **Faye Patterson** and I will be exchanging jobs. I know she will do a good job. Good Luck, Faye.

Jo Harris, Reporting. (503) 884-9852

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448
Co Chairman - Carla Gannon
Co/Sec Treas - Donna Lynch

Hello from 1E. Well, today is the 18th and I am out of time. I will not write about the campout until next month. I don't want to forget anyone. I will say there were friendships built that will last a lifetime.

On the 16th we jammed at Adel. **Shorty and Mary Stone** set the whole night up and it was great. We had just a few locals but this is a bad time of the year for this town. **Bob Hinch** drove all the way to Adel for us. Thanks Bob. We'll be back again. We play in Paisley on the 30th of July and will be doing something on the **20th of August**.

We will also be playing at the fair during **Labor Day** (4 days). You are all invited to play. If your interested please call me. This is our 75th Rodeo and Fair in Lake County.

Joy, Keep up the good work!!!

Mary Ann McLain, Reporter (503) 947-2448

CANYONVILLE CONTEST - AUGUST 27TH

The Pioneer Days 28th Annual Fiddle Contest in Canyonville is Saturday, August 27th. Sign-up begins at 9:00 a.m.; meeting with the judges at noon and Preliminary Contest begins at 12:30 p.m. Finals in the evening at 7:00.

I have requested volunteers to serve as judges. So far, only Leonard Maahs has answered the call. We need two more and since we are going to be gone the first 3 weeks in August, please leave a message (503-839-4501) or drop us a line at P.O. Box 487, Canyonville, OR 97417. Remember, this is YOUR contest. You must provide the judges. Thanks, Leonard, for your prompt response.

Sponsorship has been coming in pretty well and with \$300 from various District #4 sources, the following cash prizes will be awarded:

	Jr.	Jr.	Junior	Senior	Sr.Sr.	Int.	Open
1.	30.00		40.00	50.00	50.00	60.00	75.00
2.	20.00		30.00	40.00	40.00	50.00	60.00
3.	15.00		20.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	50.00
4.	10.00		15.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	40.00
5.	10.00		10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	30.00

Five trophies each will be awarded to top five Pee Wee's and Accompanists. No cash prizes in these categories.

We will need special numbers for the program as usual. Please make these something besides contest tunes so we will have good variety. Banjo, mandolin, harmonica, cello, etc. are very welcome for special numbers, as well.

Camping in self-contained RV's will be allowed at the school beginning Wednesday. Pioneer Days runs from Thursday through Sunday. On FRIDAY, August 26th, the fiddlers are jamming on stage at Pioneer Park for an hour beginning at 7:00 p.m. It looks like the Pioneer Days Committee wants to keep this as an annual Friday activity. If we have enough fiddlers available and interested, we can go to the retirement home for about 30 minutes at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. on Friday as well.

Hope to see lots of fiddlers, accompanists, helpers, and listeners in Canyonville on August 26th & 27th.

Jim and Gynn Deaton

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 3

Chairman - Ken Jordan
Co-Chair - Jack Kerr
Sec/Treas - Billie Lanier

Our August Jam will be the 14th of August at the Bend Senior Center located at the corner of NE 5th and Kearney, across from the bowling alley on NE Greenwood Avenue. Come and have a great time of pickin' and grinnin'.

Our July Jam was very exciting. Our new "young fiddlers" were there. We have four new young ladies in our district. They are: **Hannah Higgins, Kasey Jones, Ella Hursh** and **Beth Youngblood**. These girls are very good and are doing really well. They really want to learn Old Time fiddling and are trying very hard. We are really proud of them. Keep up the good work girls. You have our total support.

We had nearly 50 people in attendance for the jam, 22 of which were musicians. Julia came from Burns and Maynard came down from Madras to play with us. We had a real good time, our other guests were: **Willie and Edna Carter** from Lebanon, and we had a young guitar player from the Medford area, **Carl Miner**. Carl sat in the back and helped out **Bill Spatz** who with **Winona** were here visiting from Branson. Sure was good to see them and have them come for the jam. They as **Tony** is doing real good.

On Friday July 8, we played at Crown Villa RV Park. We had a very good time playing for that too. The weather cooperated and many people sat in the grass and BBQ's their steaks while we played.

July 16th was our High Desert Museum function. We had a beautiful day to play with approximately 15 musicians playing. It was fun playing for a different crowd about every 20 minutes with people coming in and out of the museum. A great time was had by all.

We wish a Happy Birthday to **Jack Kerr** on the 21st. **Vi and Ed Perret** celebrate their 54th anniversary August 3, SALUTE.....

Peggy Kerr, Reporter3

DISTRICT 4

Chairman - Zelma Foote (503) 664-4348
Co-Chair - Don Lindsey
Sec/Treas - Betty Deckard

During the month of August we take a break from playing in the nursing homes and senior centers. Even so, we find ourselves very busy playing for other occasions.

After the Central Point Fourth of July parade, the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers were invited to play in the city park. Over 30 musicians were there and put on a super show. **Zelma Foote** has received numerous phone calls and notes regarding the excellent performance. Thanks Musicians for a job well done.

July 23rd a group of fiddlers played for the Illinois Valley Historical Society.

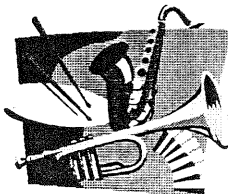
Two of our faithful musicians **Dave and Doreen Winkleman** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. Congratulations.

August 13, 1994 we will be playing at Union Creek camp grounds. Check with **Joe Levine** if you need reservations for camping. **August 20th** we will be playing at the Valley of the Rogue State Park. These are always fun as we have in our audience many people from other states.

Stella Neathammer and **Grace Blair** passed away this past month. Our condolences to both families. For many years **Grace Blair** played the piano for some of the groups that visited the nursing homes.

Thanks for the "I'm a New Member" poem in the July issue. District 4 will work harder to make everyone welcome.

Ethel Holstin, Reporting. (503)



DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

Chairman - Russ Hall (503) 271-3519
Co-Chair - Pat Kraemer
Sec/Treas - Ruth Whaley

The **August 21st** Jam plays from 1-3pm at the Coquille Elks Club in Coquille. Donation.

The **September 25th** Jam plays from 1-? at the school at the **CRANBERRY FESTIVAL** at Bandon.

Even tho **Val Matthews** had suffered a mild stroke (the show must go on), everyone had a great fiddlin' good time over the 4th of July holiday. Thanks **Ned and Val** for your generosity and hospitality. Our prayers are with you, Val.

Fred and Vera Virtue's campout July 7,8,and 9 was a huge success, also. Fiddling and togetherness are a good pair. **Cal and Ruth Montgomery** and daughter, **Carol and husband** from District 6 were welcome additions to the music and good time. District 5 is blessed with great cooks - so, the food was excellent - watching young kids play is always a sight for sore eyes. The weather was perfect and **Vera, Fred, Val, and Ned** have to be the HOSTS with the MOST.

Al Lewis is home recovering from his heart surgery, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Ruth Whaley, Your Reporter (503) 888-4430.



These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Mark Carmickle (503) 683-9514
Co-Chair - Stan Gonshorowski
Sec/Treas - Ray Mitchell
Co-Sec/Treas - Vivian Steele

Summer is in full swing with the scheduling of our Annual Picnic. Sunday, **August 7th** at Willamalane Senior Center, 215 West C St. Springfield. Doors open at 10am. Please bring cold foods ready to serve and a dessert. Thanks to **Jim Lockard** for providing barbecued hot dogs.

We **were** scheduled to play at the Lane County Fair on August 17. But, due to the change in policy by the fair board, all the OOTFA musicians, sound man, etc. would have to pay admission to be able to entertain at the museum. We felt that with the parking to pay for and all of the work that has to be done, plus a lot of retired people are on a fixed incomes that it would be better just to cancel the engagement. This was a freebe, guests of the Lane County Historical Society.

Stan Gonshorowski, Co-Chairman of District 6 wishes to express THANKS to all who help make our organization work but often don't receive a thank you. Thanks to emcee **Lloyd Shriber**, the **Back-Up Musicians** who make us all sound so good, **Kitchen and set up help, Addie Gonshorowski, Mark Carmickle, and Stan Gonshorowski** for making jam arrangements. **Joy Halliwell** for editing, **Judy Clement** for reporting, **Allison Roberts** for arranging jobs and nursing home remembrances, **Helen Tracy** for name tags. To **John Madsen** for doing the sound, **Vivian Steele** for handling finances and **Ray Mitchell** for recording meetings.

Thanks to **Rozanne and Ken Spann** for the wonderful job they did on the jam at the Fairmont Grange in Albany on July 10th. **Rozanne Span** called to thank emcee **Lloyd Shriber, Chuck and Betty Bruneau** for kitchen help, **Stan and Addie Gonshorowski** for coffee and kitchen set-up, and to **Helen Tracy** who organized the raffle. Thanks to all who came to a very successful first-time jam. They are hoping to do it again!

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Myrtle Arnold (503) 284-1208
Co-Chair - Chuck Gates
Sec/Treas - Ida Colby

The campout at **Chad's** place is history now, but we who were there, have a lot of pleasant memories. **Chad and Joni** were the perfect hosts, and we all enjoyed their camp grounds and shade trees. The weatherman cooperated 100%. There was one little incident, however; **Chad** had the pest exterminator control out one day, but it didn't work, not one fiddler left. HA! Thanks also to **Red, Myrtle** and all who made it a successful campout.

Now we will look forward to playing at the Old School -- Arts and Craft Center on **August 6th**, 5 - 6pm. Address 7688 SW Capital Hwy.

On **August 14**, 2:30-3:30 we will play for an ice cream social at the Senior Center in Lake Oswego. Address: 550 "G" Street.

We will play again at the Milwaukie Convalescent Center on **August 15** from 1:30-2:30.

Everyone who can, is asked to play at the Canby Fair in Canby on **August 17**. We will be playing from 11:00-12:30.

August 21 is the day we play at Clatskanie Park from 3-5pm. We urge everyone to help us play at these events.

Our next jam, **September 11**, is at the King City Town Hall Community Center. Address is: 15245 SW 116th Street. From Portland take 99W South to King City, turn right at the Arco Station - go about 100 feet and turn right again. We will have potluck at 12 noon and the program at 1p as usual. Doors open at 10:30a. See ya there.

Dulcie Fast, Reporting. (503) 232-4444

DISTRICT 8

Chairman - Don Simons (503) 623-4010
Co-Chair - Donna Oldham
Sec/Treas - Ruth Jones

Hi from your new reporter, **Alice Holt, Lew** and I will be doing this together. Many thanks to **Johnny Leigh** for his leadership as chairman this past year. And a hearty welcome to our new chairman, **Don Simons, Donna Oldham** and **Ruth Jones** were re-elected. They both do a super job. Thanks ladies, for past and future work.

A number from our district traveled to Weiser. Entering the contest were **Amy and Angela Thomas, Leonard Maahs, Bunky McFee, Lew Standiford and Lew Holt**. No one brought home a trophy, but we're proud of them anyway. We all had fun playing each evening as the host state. **Lew** did a good job of organizing us. Our **OOTFA** float won a third place trophy for Musical Groups in the parade.

A few of us attended the campout at Sandy. Thanks to District 7 for great breakfasts, and a special thanks to **Terrusas** for hosting the campout and sharing their beautiful place with us.

We had a good crowd at the Yachats Smelt Fry jam on July 9th. We played from 11am to 3pm, taking turns to eat and visit. The smelt were delicious! That evening we played at the Sr. Center in Waldport to a very enthusiastic audience. **Don** emceed the Yachats jam, and **Donna** emceed at Waldport. Both demonstrated their able leadership. Many thanks to those from other districts who came to help us!

The July 17th jam at Willamina will have happened by the time you read this. We know all will have a good time.

Congratulations to **Joyce and Bob Crump** who celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 2nd! On a somber note, **Audrey Cope** died on June 17th. We have many fond memories of her. **Vi Jensen** had hip replacement surgery and is home and doing well. **Daisy Simons** has been in and out of the hospital, too. Keep on getting better you two!

August will be a busy month for us. There won't be a regular jam because of other activities. Here are the play dates:

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 9

Chairman - Janet Burgess (503) 573-1323
Co-Chair - Walt Cooper
Sec/Treas - Darlene Austin

Greetings. Hope everyone is warm enough. It's summer and everyone around here is going every which way. **Julia Millison** has been representing District 9 at some of the campouts around the state. She's been to Lakeview and Sandy. I'm sure she'd share what a great time these are if anyone has thought about going but hasn't gotten a round tuit. **Ruel Teague** says he hasn't had any problem finding places to jam either.

Several District 9 folks made the trip to Weiser. It was good to see some of the Ontario folks there.

We have played a couple of times now at the Silver Spur Motel. The invite to play coincides with a tour bus stopover and seems to be a favorite event among the musicians. We've been getting a real good turnout for this event. Money received from this event has been used to pay expenses of the fiddle workshop put on in June.

Speaking of fiddle workshops, many thanks to **Dan Emert** for putting together the fiddle workshop in June. The kids who attended were really hyped up about learning. I had dinner with one fellow following the workshop and he could hardly wait to get home and start practicing.

On a sad note, **Eva Murray** passed away in early July. She is survived by her husband, **John**, a longtime old time fiddler. **John** requests memorials be made to the OOTFA Scholarship fund. **John**, we are thinking of you.

Well, I guess it's time to finish the on-going saga of the Great Horned Owls. Two babies hatched this spring and have been a great source of entertainment at the ranch as they learned to fly and hunt. All were doing well until the end of June when one owl met its untimely demise at the hand of the killer electric pole. (The power company has now wrapped the guilty wires.) Mom, Pop and 1 baby are still hanging around, very well camouflaged in the trees.

Later Days,

Janet Burgess, Reporter (503) 573-1323.

DISTRICT 10

Chairman - Dennis Allen (503) 673-7845
Co-Chair - Lewis Roy
Sec/Treas - Etta Powell

August 20 - District Number 10 will be at Grange Lookingglass. Meeting at 11am, Potluck at noon with Jamming and dancing from 1 - 4pm.

We'll be playing regular rest homes and senior centers. Myrtle Creek Mill Site Park **August 4th** from 6:30-8pm. **August 6** Sutherlin Grange dance 7-11pm.

August 7th, Yoncalla 2 to 3 pm. Henry Winery, **August 20th**, 2:30-5:30. **August 27** Canyonville Contest. Melon Festival, **August 27th**, 4:30-6:30pm.

We want to thank **Earl Holbert** and the Grange for the good job of frying the fish.

We have sever new members: **John Gulart, Debbie Hoffsetter, Dino Kangis, Joan Murray, Lorraine Davis, Lois Ann Huffman, Clyde Huffman, Eugene Schaefer, John Waldron, Bob Troutman, and Ray Pickens**. We wish to extend a hearty welcome to you.

Wish everyone in District 10 a Happy Birthday. **Lanora Waggoner, Sarah Berlier, Jack Clarno, Ellen Smith, Carl Swartzendruber, and Sadie Thompson**.

Happy Anniversary to **Kater and Marie Gates**.

We wish **Thelma Allen** a speedy and complete recovery from her surgery that she had June 11th. Sure do miss you both at the jams.

Jean Hanson, Reporter (503) 672-6929

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District 8 cont...

August 6th (Saturday Evening) we'll play at the Pacific City Thousand Trails. To get there, take Hwy 18 to Lincoln City, go North on 101 to Pacific City turnoff. When you get to the four-way stop in Pacific City, turn left toward the beach, take a right, go over the bridge, then go two miles. It will be on the right side of the road. For more directions, call **Mary Frey**, Thousand Trails 965-6086. Free camping overnight **for musicians only**.

August 11 (Thursday). We will play at the Yamhill County Fair in McMinnville from noon until 3pm.

August 14 (Sunday). We play at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall from 1pm to 5pm. Let's have a good turnout for both of these fairs, as they bring in a good chunk of income to OOTFA. Other district musicians are very welcome. Come and help us! It will be a fun time to play for appreciative audiences.

Looking ahead to September, our regular jam will be on the 18th at the Senior Center in Keizer. The address is: 3664 River Road North. More details next month.

Have fun, enjoy the summer and keep fiddlin'.

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377.

Notes From Your Editor



A couple of quickie notes. You have noticed that I have added phone numbers to your reporters and to your district chairman. Please call one of these people to find out what is happening in your district. All I can do is refer you to these people anyway. Reporters, please add your phone numbers for reference, and also make a calendar of events (even tho they are mentioned in your report). Please include only the events that you would invite other districts to play at.

I am learning how to use a FAX machine. So far, it works on my home phone of (503) 747-9894. I will turn it on only when I'm expecting a FAX as it interferes with my answering machine. I know it will take 2 phone calls, but it sure works slick. Remember, I'm still learning how to use it, please be patient with me.

A. Joy

District 6 cont...

Welcome to our new members: **Arnold Pool, Don and Kathy Schutzman, Robert & Dee Anderson, and Wm. & Robin Stogsdill.**

Chuck Overby's mother recently passed away. We extend our Sympathy. **Joy Halliwell** had to be hospitalized for an ulcer and is out now and feeling much improved. **Julie Abramson** has bursitis and is unable to play her accordian and **Sandy Sanders** has been very ill. We hope you will all soon feel better and be able to be back with us soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wished to: **Frank Chandler, 1st; Joy Halliwell, 1st; Jack Allen, 3rd; Julie Abramson, 4th; Jim Lockard, 7th; Marge Sykes, 7th; Louise Hamilton, 8th; Rosalie Russell, 11th; Ellamae Lenox, 12th; Helene Madsen, 17th; Helen Tracy, 17th; Budd Turner, 17th; Carol Lockard, 21; and Jerry Dupuy, 25th.**

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to: **Oscar and Betty Halverson, 3rd; Budd and Elaine Costa, 17th; Phil and Bertha La Coursiere, 19th; Marge and Jay Sykes, 23rd; Jack and Tiny Allen, 24th; Margorie and Charles Sanford, 24th; and John and Lucille Childers, 28th.**

COBURG GOLDEN YEARS was lots of fun. District 6 was well represented. Saturdays Grand Parade saw our float take first place in the musical category. Thanks to all of you who joined our District to play on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to District 10 for playing on Sunday. We hope to see you all next year at Coburg.

WHAT WE SEE MAINLY DEPENDS UPON WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

Judy Clement, Reporter (503) 345-0691



The Proper way to hold the fiddle

by Evelyn Horner

Holding the fiddle and left hand finger position.

Just a few words on holding the fiddle. I have noticed fiddlers holding their fiddle in various ways from the chest position, hip position to tucking the fiddle high under their chin. My grandfather and grandmother held their fiddle on their chest.

I teach my student to tuck the fiddle under the chin and learn to support the instrument with chin and left shoulder, leaving the left hand free for more important work. Practice, holding the fiddle over the bed. You may want to use a shoulder rest for more support.

Every time you pick up the fiddle, position the left hand thumb in the same place each time - from the nut to the first finger position. This helps your noting.

Learning to keep the palm of the hand free from the neck with fingers arched over the finger board will make noting much easier and more accurate.

Positioning the elbow under the fiddle will also keep your left hand in good position.

When fingering my notes I try to keep my fingers close to the finger board, leaving fingers down whenever possible. When playing with my third-finger, I keep 1st and 2nd fingers in place. I've noticed some fiddlers playing one finger at a time. A fiddler could lose the correct pitch that way. Try lining them all up on the string 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th and practicing going up and down that string with a good pressure until it feels comfortable.

Replacing strings every once in a while is a good rule as they lose their tone and brightness. I have my students wipe down their strings before playing, as rosin build up may alter the tone. You may want to check your bridge for warp. A correctly fitted bridge is a fiddler's friend and makes bowing so much easier.

These are some of the techniques I used with my students. I'm now teaching 8 classes a week for the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. The classes are all free to anyone who wanted to learn the art of fiddling. Ages range from 4 to 70 years - all levels.

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS CONTEST

LEBANON, OR

MAY 13 & 14, 1994 RESULTS

Twin Fiddle Contest

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1 Amy Thomas | Justin Booher |
| 2 Starr McMullen | Casey Willis |
| 3 Lew Standiford | Leonard Maahs |
| 4 Willie Carter | Ruel Teague |
| 5 Leslie Bunde | Angela Thomas |

Open Division

- 1 Casey Willis
- 2 Meriwyn Booher
- 3 Justin Booher
- 4 Bunky McFee

Pee Wee Division

- 1 Mary Julia Wilson
- 2 Amberly Rosen
- 3 Christine Orme
- 4 Alicia Bunde
- 5 Kendra Titensor

Adult

- 1 Starr McMullen
- 2 Eileen Witley
- 3 Mike Booher
- 4 Chad Terrusa
- 5 Bob Bridgman
- 6 Peg Willis
- 7 Alice Holt

Jr. - Jr. Division

- 1 Brendon Booher
- 2 Sean McKinney
- 3 Angela Thomas
- 4 Chase Titensor
- 5 Joy O'Renck
- 6 Ariana Rosen
- 7 Leslie Bunde

Senior

- 1 Lew Standiford
- 2 Don Hanna
- 3 Willie Carter
- 4 Dorothy Cory

Junior Division

- 1 Hanneke Cassel
- 2 Amy Thomas
- 3 Linh Renken
- 4 Beth Hansen
- 5 Carolyn Grezik
- 6 Holly Johnson
- 7 Joe Grezik

Senior - Senior

- 1 Leonard Maahs
- 2 Bob Fast
- 3 Guy Kinman
- 4 Russ Phillips
- 5 Shorty Allen
- 6 Joe Hamm
- 7 Donald Simons
- 8 Jack Smith
- 9 Van Southwood

Young Adult

- 1 Jeanine Orme
- 2 Donna J. Reuter
- 3 Tammy Snelling
- 4 Michelle Murillo
- 5 Andria Grezik

Judges

- 1 Wayne Holmes
- 2 Buck Milligan
- 3 Peter Martin
- 4 Mabel Vogt
- 5 Gary Lee Moore

Open Division

- 1 Casey Willis
- 2 Meriwyn Booher
- 3 Justin Booher
- 4 Bunky McFee

Youngest boy: Sean McKinney

Youngest girl: Alicia Bunde

Oldest fiddlers: Jack Smith

Lew Sez cont.

Thanks to all of you for your support. I just wish that we Oregonians could have brought home a few trophies, but it wasn't our year. I believe **Rudi Booher** brought home the only trophy. We had an excellent time in Burns on the way to Weiser. What a great bunch of people!

We were only home a few days from Weiser and it was time to go to Sandy for the campout at **Terrusa's**. The weather was perfect, nice music circles and good facilities. Thanks to **Chad and Joni** for allowing us to camp at their place. We left the campout to go out to Yachats to the Smelt Fry. (The common question was: do you eat all of the smelt or do you take out the bones? We never did agree as to the right way.) Then in to Waldport that night to play at the Senior Center and to Albany to play in a District 6 jam on Sunday afternoon. Isn't life rough? Now I get a few days to work on the house.

I neglected getting our contest winners into the Hoedowner. I hope it isn't too late (if there is room this month.) **Margaret Teague** reports that we ended in the black - thanks to your generosity. She will have a report at

our quarterly meeting in September in LaPine.

As I have traveled about the state, I have talked with many of you about the Hoedowner coming late. Others and I received ours on July 1st. Others of you didn't receive yours until 9 or 10 days later. I need to be very blunt and say a few things. Your late Hoedowner has nothing to do with the editor, or the publisher. All of the Hoedowners were taken to the Medford Post Office on June 29th. When they are handed over to the Post Office, we loose control of them. I want to request that you please, please do not call the editor or the publisher if your Hoedowner is late. As your spokesman for the OOTFA, late Hoedowners are MY responsibility. Any well-run business or organization cannot and must not have people taking on responsibilities that are the tasks of their leader. Such actions only fragment the organization and present our dirty linen. In other words, "Too many cooks spoil the broth." I will have written to each District Chairman in more detail explaining what I am doing. This is what I want you to do. Your Hoedowner this month will have **FIRST CLASS MAIL** stamped in big letters on the front. Hopefully that will solve most of our problems. I feel very strongly that the

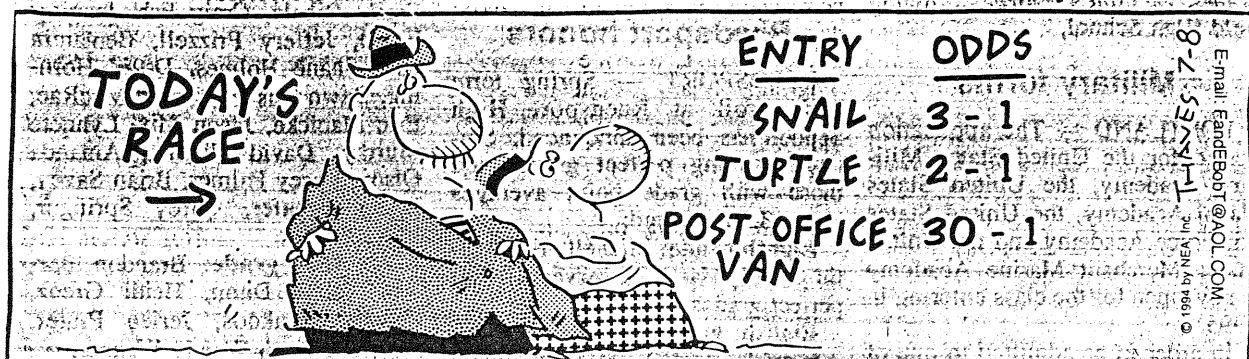
Hoedowner is being treated by many post offices as fourth class mail and delivered at their convenience. I am in dialogue with the District Manager of Customer Services for our region in Portland about our problems with slow delivery. Your Hoedowner will be dated the day that it is mailed in Medford. Use this as a reference. You should have received yours probably in two days after that date. Please don't tell me on August 1 or 2 that you haven't received yours. I can't do anything about your Hoedowner when it is in the mail. But when you do receive yours and if it has taken too long (say more than 4 days), then write me a letter telling me when you received it. A stack of your letters will give me talking power. I need specifics, not emotions. Don't hesitate to contact your postmaster or give him a copy of the letter that you sent to me. Give him specifics, too. Show him the date it was mailed, tell him the date you received it. Let's work to solve this concern in a business-like and professional manner. Work with me.

Summer is definitely here. Hope that all of your are having a good time. We look forward to seeing many of you in August.

Happy Fiddling,
Lew Holt, President

by Bob Thaves

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**THOUSAND TRAILS
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September 15, 16, 17

Those planning to go to 1000 Trails Rally need to get their RV Reservations into me right away. I need to know how many so that I can reserve enough RV spots. It will be difficult to get a reservation after August 15th. RV spots are \$14 per night.

Mark Carmickle (503) 683-9514.

**GREETINGS FROM YOUR STATE
SECRETARY/TREASURER.**

This has been a very busy year at our house. We went to Branson, Mo. last year for Ruel's school reunion. Then moved Paula and the kids back there. Grandpa played guitar for Stacey and her group for 16 days at Mutton Hollow for the warm-up for the Bill Monroe - Ralph Stanley Blue Grass Festival. Lots of fun working with 5 teenagers.

I would like to express my appreciation for all the great help all of you have given this past year. The District Secretary/Treasurers have been prompt with their reports, which is very important. However, I would appreciate your year end reports as soon as possible in order to make a timely Tax Return to IRS. I have already received some.

I will be sending the new secretaries forms to be used for their reports.

I would like to be able to attend more of the State Activities as we really enjoy being with old friends and meeting new ones.

Sincerely, **Margaret Teague**

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