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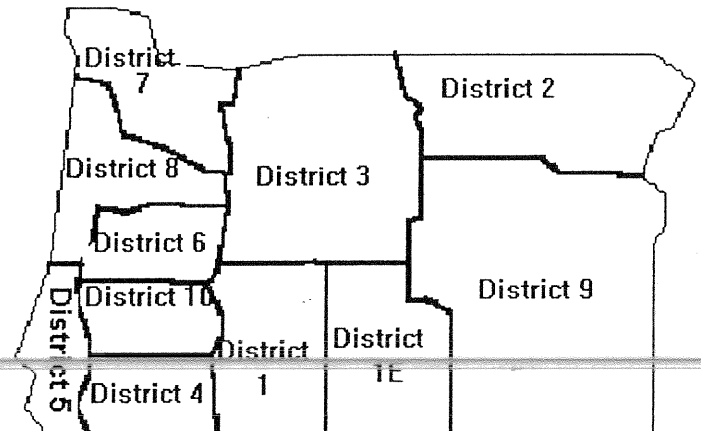
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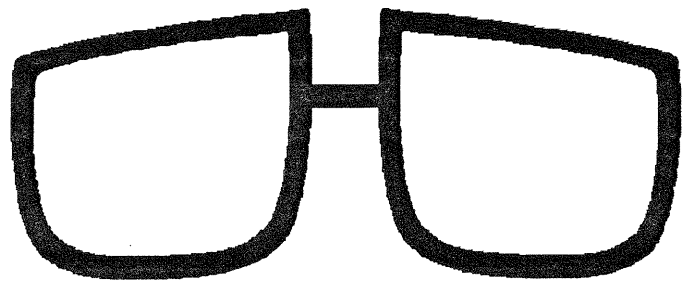
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1	VFW	Roseburg	10
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August			
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September			
23-24	Judges Workshop	Sandy	OOTFA



Lew Sez

Look

inside for Lew Sez



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 (503) 883-2427
Sec/Treas - Harold North

June 11, Potluck at 1pm, Jam at 2pm. Jo Wright & Tingley Lane, Klamath Falls.

A beautiful day for Mother's Day and our May Jam. We had visitors from District 4 and 1E. We've missed **Tommy and Joyce Grissom** for many months since they are snowbirds. So we glad to have you home again and joined us today. We're glad that you brought **Betty Deckhard** to the jam. Please come again. We enjoy you and your music.

Larry McLain, Mary Ann and children from 1E came. What a nice surprise. Good guitar pickin', **Larry. Rayanna** did a beautiful tune on the piano and **Billy** flat-picked for us. You made our day, come again.

We enjoyed **Ray Greene** on the Dobro. Beautiful!

Our district played for a 90th birthday party on April 29th at the Shasta Grange in Klamath Falls. A good time was had by all.

We will play for the Family Health Center on June 4th. Check with our Chairlady for time.

We have one more jam on June 11th before we take two months off. There are many camp-outs and other events through the summer that we will all be going to, so the summer months are busy and fun times.

What a great time we had in Lincoln City. We had seven from our District attend that event. So nice playing with different groups and visiting with friends. The fellowship and music was beautiful. We always come away with a head full of music and a heart full of love for our musical family. You are all great! You inspire me to try harder and to improve my music.

We missed **Chere and Ray Lane** today. They were called away to be with **Chere's** brother, who is having health problems.

We had a good visit from **Tex and Minnie Cox** recently, also with **Paula and Merle Pasley**. Hope you come again, it was fun.

Some of our District members enjoyed the **Booher Family** while they were in Klamath Falls.

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448
Co Chairman - Carla Gannon (503) 947-2351
Co/Sec Treas - Donna Lynch & Lorena McLain

LAKEVIEWS OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

Second Annual Camp-Out

At Juniper RV Park - 10 miles West of Lakeview on Hwy 140

June 30, July 1,2,3,

Contact Mary Ann McLain

PO Box 803, Lakeview, Or 97630 (503) 947-2448

April 30th was small in numbers but we were happy to have **Norman Gumser** back with us after his hospital stay. He has some wonderful recitations backed by **Eric Leffingwell** on the fiddle.

Eric Leffingwell built a hammered dulcimer and played some tunes for us. He also played his wooden shoe fiddle. You ought to see it! Sure sounds good.

Special guests from Klamath Falls were **Jerry and Irene Ruddock**. They traveled 200 mile round trip to play with us. They are a great addition to any group with the Fiddle, Guitar and Banjo. **Jim Lancaster & family** came from Diamond Lake Junction, a 200 mile round trip to play with us.

May 12th we started playing at 5:30 and played until our wonderful cooks hollered "Suppers Ready". We really appreciate all the ones who prepared those good meals. We had a top entertainer from District 4 near Applegate whose name is **Bob Hinch**. He came approximately 400 mile round trip and often comes to play at our jams. He sings old and often comical songs. If you get the privilege to hear him, he'll make you laugh. Other special guests were **George and Shirley McLain** from Olympia, Wa. George is an excellent musician and also has a nice voice. We got to enjoy several instrumentals and vocals. He sings comical and some very pretty songs. We really appreciate all of our visitors and enjoy hearing them perform.

Sandy Sandusky surprised us with a visit from District 1. We love to hear him play fiddle.

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 3

Chairman -- Ken Jordan (503) 389-9746

Co-Chair -- Jack Kerr (503) 447-1318

Sec/Treas -- Billie Lanier (503) 536-6218

Wow, here we are already into June.....Welcome to summer and we do hope it is really summer now. At any rate the flowers sure have been beautiful, so we will assume we have passed Spring now anyway.

The jams for our district are always the second (2nd) Sunday of each month from 1:30 - 4:30 at the Bend Senior Center. In case I put the dates in the Hoedowner wrong, you will know that this is the standard set up for our jams. Now, the June jam will be the 11th at the Bend Senior Center, Corner of NE 5th and Kearney. Going East on NE Greenwood turn left at the Fabric Warehouse on Kearney, the building with the steeple on the right side on the corner is the Senior Center.

We had 32 people listening and 13 musicians for our April jam. We had several visitors from yonder and far including many locals, too. We are always happy to have you here. Thanks for coming. We had a special visit from **Lloyd & Esther Shriber** from Eugene on their way to Idaho. Its always nice to have "special" visits from our fiddlers friends from other districts.

Some of us are looking forward to the Burns Jamboree which always proves to be a fun time of fiddlin' with our "neighbors" from Burns and, of course, with those who stop off on the way to Weiser. We look forward to seeing our friends and enjoy the fine hospitality the town of Burns gives to us. It is always a very fun time of jamming "On stage" and just having great fun providing music.

We have some June birthdays which are: **Lee Hanna**, 9th; **Betty Fullerton**, 25th. We also have some anniversaries which include **Kay and Dave Gutcher**, June 22, 1963 and **Bob and Billie Kitchens**, June 24, 1951. Congratulations.

Happy Fiddlin' and God Bless.....

Some of us went to Lincoln City Contest and we had a great time and a very positive experience. Two of our fiddlers **Don Hanna and Beth Youngblood** placed in the top ten, with **Hollis Real and Sally Jordan** placing in the top 20.

DISTRICT 4

Chairman - Don Lindsey (503) 779-0793

Co-Chair - Clyde Pugh (503) 855-7996

Sec/Treas - Ethel Holstin

It was a nice sunny day for our jam at Jerome Prairie on May 7th, with a good potluck as usual. Twenty Two musicians and singers made a very nice program, also a good crowd of listeners and dancers. We were happy to have as our guests **Irene and Jerry Ruddock** from District 1, **Dennis and Thelma Allen, Bob Hansen and Guy Kinman** from District 10. You all come again.

Tom Barkley was injured when his fifth wheel fell, he ended up with 6 broken ribs and a punctured lung. He spent a week in the hospital but he recuperated enough in two weeks for **Doris & him** to fly to Texas for a short trip. We are all thankful he wasn't injured more. Tom says a big "Thank You" to everyone for the cards, being so concerned and offers of help and he will see us at the next jam. (As this was going to press, we learned of **Tom's** death on Monday, the 15th.) **Tom and Doris** have been faithful members of OOTFA. Our condolences to his family. We will miss him.

We lost a faithful member **Ted Wagner** who died May 1st. Our sympathy to his wife **Annie** and family. They haven't been able to attend for some-time now, but were almost always there when they could.

Our sympathy to **Olive Davis**, her husband, **Raymond** died Saturday May 13th.

We will play at the Rogue River Rooster Crow on Saturday, June 24th in the Senior Center Annex at one o'clock 'til.....?

Saturday, June 3rd at Central Point Grange.

Saturday, July 1st at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford - on Spring St. off Crater Lake Avenue. Turn East.

Saturday, Aug 5th - Picnic in Central Point Park.

Dorene Winkelman, Reporter (503) 664-9268

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

Chairman - Russ Hall (503) 271-3519
Co-Chair - Pat Kraemer (503) 888-3362
Sec/Treas - Ruth Whaley (503) 888-4430

Shorty and Charlotte Dow are holding their Annual Campout at Timbucktu, the Second week-end of June, 10th & 11th. See you there.

Ned and Val Matthews extend an invitation to you all to join them for a Barbecue at their home on July 4th. They will furnish the meats and the rest of the dinner will be potluck. **PLEASE** call **Ned & Val** (503) 888-3736 and let them know if you plan to attend, they need to know ahead of time to order sufficient but not an overabundance of meat. We look forward to enjoying your company and good music.

We have another silent Fiddle in our District. **Wesley Weygandt** passed away and will be missed by all who knew him. We extend our sympathy to his wife, **Esther**.

Happy Birthday to: **Pat Kraemer, Betty Lively, Edith Lewis, Val Matthews, and Shorty Dow.** Have a good one, all of you.

See you at the Campouts and the 4th of July.

Ruth Whaley, your Dedicated Reporter.
(503) 888-4430

DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Mark Carmickle 683-9514
Co-Chair - Stan Gonshorowski
Sec/Treas - Ray Mitchell 342-2816/ Vivian Steele

Quarterly Meeting June 4th

We will hold our Quarterly Meeting at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. The meeting will be at 10am with a potluck at 11:45am. Please remember to bring your place settings, a main dish **and** a salad or dessert. We will be honoring our out-going District 6 Board Members, so please come help say Thank you for all their work this past year. **Betty Hawkins** (746-5579) will have a list of all of the audio tapes (with order of players) that District 6 has made of their jams since September. Please call to reserve a tape. Also remember that Allison Roberts will be collecting small, useful gifts for nursing home residents.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Looking ahead, the **Coburg Golden Years Festival** will feature the **Old-Time Fiddlers** on Saturday (only) from 12:30 to 5:30. We hope to play our best and invite other districts to join us for this fun afternoon. Individuals or groups wishing to participate should let **John Madsen** (747-9977) or **Ray Mitchell** (342-2816) know what time they are available. We cannot all be on stage at once, nor do we want to leave any times uncovered. Please help by letting us know when you would like to play.

The Festival will include many groups this year and most of them feature fiddlers, so plan on coming Friday and staying through until Sunday. Some of the other groups are: **The Leftovers** with **Eric Sprado; Linda Danielson; Kentucky Rose and Fiddlin' Sue, Uncle T and Johnny**. This is only a partial lineup. So come out to hear some fine fiddling and help us show others how much fun Old-time fiddling can be, too!

Ray Mitchell will teach an LCC Continuing Education class this summer on "The History of Appalachian String Band Music", for those with some experience on their instruments who would like to play with others. Each lecture will be followed by playing together. Registration starts June 6th. Classes June 21st to Aug 23rd. Weds. 7-9pm.

ILLNESSES: **Walt Benson** is at home after several days in the hospital. We hope you will soon feel better.

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DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Myrtle Arnold (503)284-1208
Co-Chair - Chuck Gates (503)244-6987
Sec/Treas- Ida Colby (503) 652-0783

We had a very nice crowd at our Jam at Beaverton. Thanks to all our musicians for a good program.

We want to extend a very special thanks to all our fiddlers and back-ups for their effort and endurance when they played for the Garden Farm Nursery's barbecue in Canby. It was a chilly, breezy day and they played for four hours, but it was for a good cause. The proceeds from the barbecue was to go to the Canby Adult Center. By the way, the barbecued chicken was delicious. In appreciation for our performance, the nursery is furnishing a covered wagon for us to use in the Starlight Parade. Thanks to Everyone.

I'm sure most everyone remembers **Loyd Wanzer** from Caldwell, Idaho. He helped instigate the organization of our OOTFA as well as the National Contest in Weiser and has judged our contest a number of times. I'm sorry to report that he passed away May 3rd. We will miss him and extend our sympathy to his family.

Glen Echo has been in the hospital, and we wish her well.

We want to welcome **Betty Weaver** and **Jerry and Marcella Allen** to our organization.

Due to all the summer activities and Fairs, etc., we will not have our regular Jams in June, July and August.

Happy Fiddling,

Dulcie Fast, Reporting (503) 232-4444



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.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404
(503) 688-4085

DISTRICT 8

Chairman -- Don Simons (503) 623-4010
Co-Chair -- Donna Oldham (503) 843-3096
Sec/Treas -- Ruth Jones (503) 843-3638

What a great time we had a Lincoln City at the Elks Lodge!! We had the largest attendance ever. We especially appreciate all of you who stayed over or came for the jam on Sunday. We had 33 signed up to play or sing and the dancers stayed to the end, too. Thanks everyone.

We lost another fiddler. **Bud Beck** died on April 25th. He was a Charter member of OOTFA. **Penny Mead** backed up by **Donna Oldham** and **Norm McGrew**, played several of **Bud's** favorite tunes at the funeral service. **Lee Jones** led the VFW part of the service. Our sympathy and love to Nyleen and the children and grandchildren.

We received the following letter from **Nylene Beck**. "The Bud Beck family would like to thank all the Old Time Fiddlers for all the nice things they did for Bud during his illness. He can now play his music in heaven."

We enjoyed playing at the State Capitol building on May 16th. It's probably impossible to contact everyone, but Lew sure tried. He was on the phone for hours!

District 8 will play in McMinnville on Saturday morning June 10th for the American Cancer Society. It's at the High School 615 East 15th. We start at 10:30 am. This will be a busy weekend because our jam is the next day.

Our regular jam in June will be at the VFW Hall in Willamina. The date is Sunday, June 11th. Open at 10am, meeting at 11am and potluck at noon, jam at 1pm. Y'all come. We thought we'd be in Keizer for this jam, but when Don talked to them, they said the rent would be \$300. Too much for our budget! When we meet at the Willamina VFW, we split the donation with them. There is no additional charge for rent.

Write on your calendar the weekend of July 7-9. This is the Annual Smelt Fry at Yachats. We always have a great time in Yachats and Waldport. Details in the July Hoedowner.

August dates so far are: Thursday the 3rd at Yamhill County Fair and Sunday the 13th at the Polk County Fair. Note: these are the correct dates and different from what your may Hoedowner said.

Alice Holt, Reporter (503) 391-5377

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 9

Chairman -- Janet Burgess (503) 573-1323
Co-Chair -- Walt Cooper (503) 573-3417 ~
Sec/Treas -- Darlene Austin (503) 573-2312

June is bursting out all over and here I am again. It's hard to talk about things that haven't happened yet. But if everyone shows up for our Country Music Jamboree who said they would, we had a heck of a good time. You get two Old Time Fiddle Music players together and everybody has a good time. The music flows and you can't help but get into a good mood. It just gets to you. I'm sure you all know what I mean.

May 14th we held our monthly potluck and jam. It was our last one for the summer. The musicians were: **Walt Cooper, Julia Milleson, Janet Burgess, Joan Suther, Darlene Austin, Edie Koenig, Don Williams, Lloyd Louie and me.**

May 15th we played at the Burns Nursing Home. Those playing were: **Janet Burgess, Julia Milleson, Darlene Austin, Don Williams and me.**

Carl Cross, Reporter (503) 573-7821

DISTRICT 10

Chairman -- Dennis Allen (503) 673-7845
Co-Chair -- Lewis Roy
Sec/Trea -- Etta Powell (503) 836-2601

Our June 11th meeting will be on Sunday at the Winston Community Building at 11am with the potluck at 12 noon. Jamming and Dancing will be from 1-4pm. Please bring your own place settings. Please have pies and cakes cut and ready to serve.

Old-Time Fiddlers, District 10 will air on Radio Station KRNR June 6th at 3:30.

June 10th, District 10 will be playing at Kraus Fruit Stand from 12 to 4pm. Coming east off Garden Valley on the left side Melrose Road. Everyone is welcome.

June Playing dates are Garden Valley Retirement, 3rd; Mercy Care Nursing Home, 13th; Glide Senior Center, 22nd;

Note District 10 Members: We will be jamming and dancing at the VFW in Roseburg on June 3rd from 1-4pm; and again on June 9th from 7 - 10pm.

July dates at the VFW are: Saturday the 1st, 1-4pm. and Friday, the 14th from 7-10pm. Everyone is welcome.

We had new members sign up. **Roberta Snook, Robert and Larry Swan, Harold Dillon, and Velma Benefiel** from Roseburg. Thanks for coming out and listening to us. We really like to see new faces.

We wish Happy June Birthdays to: **Bob Hanson, George Krohn, Marie Gates, Melanie Roy, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen, Norma Clarno, Clyde Huffman and Lester Davis.**

Happy Anniversaries to **Ed and Billie Doolittle, Keith and Marlene Carr, & Dennis and Joyce Pickett.**

Please note a new date for the District 10 meeting and jam. It is June 11th, Sunday.

Your reporter, **Jean Hanson** will be on vacation until August. Please Call **Lewis Roy (503) 679-6305** with any information for the Hoedowner as he will be your temporary reporter.

Jean Hanson, Reporter (503) 672-6929

The **TOP TEN WINNERS**

for the Lincoln City Contest.

Congratulations to:

Penny Mead, 1st; Linh Renken, 2nd; Guy Kinman, 3rd; Leonard Maahs, 4th; Willie Carter, 5th; Wayne Holmes, 6th; Peg Connelly, 7th; Don Hanna, 8th; Elnora Jorren, 9th and Beth Youngblood, 10th.

**SANDY CAMPOUT at the Terrusa's
August 9th - 13th, 1995.**

**45210 SE Coalman, Sandy Or 97055
(503) 668-8900**

There will be a BBQ on the 11th. Hosted by Chad & Joni. You all bring side dishes. Don't miss this great Camp Out.

District 3 Cont.....

Not too bad with two of us being beginners at this sort of thing. (yours truly and Beth of course). **Beth** has a lot of potential though and we are all very proud of her. She and her brother **Bern** and of course, **mom Susan** and **dad Andy** are a wonderful addition to our district. It always thrills us to see these two kids do such a great job of fiddling and being so easy to love helps, too. We are very glad they are a part of "our district". Of course, we are always excited to have some of the "best fiddlers" in our district, but I'm sure we all feel that way. It is my opinion that the whole fiddlers group is outstanding, each one in their own way and I'm very proud to be a part of this fine organization.

So with that I will end this report and just say, keep smilin', keep fiddlin' and don't forget to watch the flowers grow...God Bless...

Sally Jordan - Reporter (503) 389-9746

District 6 Cont.....

CONDOLENCES: Our heartfelt sympathies go out to **Jim Zajac** whose sister died this past month. We have missed you Jim.

Our condolences to the family of **Al Swigert** of Lebanon who passed away. **Rozanne Spann** says he was a top-notch fiddler, had his own radio show and in more recent years had given his time to play at nursing homes.

We were saddened to hear that **Barbara Garcia's** father, **Tom Barkley**, died. Our thoughts are with you, Barbara.

Don & Anna Skaife wish to thank all those who sent cards and attended their 60th wedding anniversary reception.

Tiny Allen has moved to 2811 Bailey Ln. #56, Eugene, Or. 97401 and her number is 345-4441.

June Birthday Wishes: **Chuck Bruneau**, 1st; **Jack Crockett**, 3rd; **Helen Tracy**, 17th; **John Steele**, 19th; **Dale Dickson**, 21st; **Gerald Pruitt**, 25th; **Walt Westberry**, 28th; **Betty Canning**, 30th. Belated birthday wishes to **Douglas Orton**, May 20th.

Anniversary Congratulations: **Jim & Carol Lockard**, 1st; **Gerald & Cheryl Pruitt**, 1st; **Chuck and Betty Bruneau**, 9th; **Pem & John Winqvist**, 13th; **Phil & Bertha LaCoursiere**, 24th; **Donna & Gary Lake**, 30th; **Helen & Wayne Tracy**, 30th.

Judy Clement, Reporter (503) 345-0691 7

District 1E Cont.....

We want to encourage all of our members to make the effort to come to Jams and Business Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Indian Village.

Eric Leffingwell played the dulcimer and then played his wooden shoe fiddle and sang at the same time. Takes talent to do that.

Eleven year old **Michael Harlan** played the fiddle and picked some tunes on the Guitar. He's an enthusiastic young man. Everyone enjoys being with him. Thirteen year old **Bill McLain** also picked some nice tunes on the guitar. He also plays bass part time. These boys are stars in our group until the bashful youngsters take a notion to play.

Larry McLain picks some nice tunes and a real help to beginners as he hollers out the chords for them to play so all can play with the group. Sometimes we don't all have the same beat -- but we're learning and having lots of fun.

May the 19th we will jam at **Doc and Marie Walker's**. We're working on trying to smooth our shows out.

June 3rd. Jam at Juniper RV park. 10 miles west of Lakeview off Hwy 140. It is a nice park and pavilion with full hook-ups for campers.

June 30th. Please send your reservations for the Fiddle Campout, (This will be through July 3rd) at Juniper RV Park. There are full hook-ups, restrooms and showers. Hope you can all join us and have fun.

We hope to see you all at Diamond Lake at **Jerry and Irene Ruddock's** camp-out on July 27 - 30.

Your Friend because of Old-Time Fiddling and remember Smiling will cause another to smile. Love ya all.

Homer McLain, Reporter (503) 947-2903.

District 1 Cont.....

We will play for the Clairmont Nursing Home on May 18th at 2pm on Washburn Way.

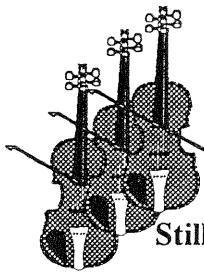
And for the Clairmont Nursing Home on May 22nd at 5:45pm. Plus.....Clairmont Retirement at 7pm on May 22nd.

June Happy Birthday Greetings to: **Al Nelson**, 5th; **Ernie Furrey**, 1st; **Glenna Furrey**, 26th and **Jo Harris**, 19th.

June Anniversaries Greetings to: **Sandy and June Sandusky**, 1st; **Dick and Jo Harris**, 16th.

Happy Fiddlin'

Faye Patterson, Reporter (503)798-5973.



Fiddle Workshop Notes
"How to Play the Fiddle Properly"
 by Wayne Holmes

Continued from May Hoedowner...

Still more things to consider:

IN MY OPINION, MOST TUNES COULD BE IMPROVED BY SLOWING THEM DOWN.

THE PROBLEM OF NOT HITTING THE NOTES "RIGHT ON" BUT GETTING THEM SHARP OR FLAT.

It seems to me, that if one cannot hear whether one is "right On" or sharp or flat, the only way one can correct the problem would be to practice scales in whatever key one wants to play in until you can at least tell by the position of your fingers that you are hitting the notes exactly where they ought to be.

PLAYING ALONE. Practicing alone should be limited, if possible, to exercises and scales. Such things as mentioned above, trying to correct not hitting the notes exactly where they should be. Avoid playing alone, if nothing else, play along with tapes and records. Play with others and play with accompanists as much as possible. Many of the bad timing problems could be avoided if the fiddler could play frequently with accompanists.

~~WHEN YOU GET REAL BRAVE, RECORD YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO YOUR PLAYING.~~ This goes for practice you do at home or when you are at a jam or a show.

REMEMBER THAT PLAYING THE FIDDLE WELL IS NOT EASY. YOU CAN LEARN WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, BUT STILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACTUALLY DO. The longer a person does something in one certain way,

the harder it is to change to doing it in another way. One might come to realize that instead of playing the fiddle weakly and lackadaisically one should play it powerfully and dynamically, but making oneself do it requires tremendous determination and energy.

SET REALISTIC GOALS. Unless you want to be a contest fiddler, set your sights on just seeing how well you can play, with the talent given you, and not attempt to attain super-smooth contest type of playing. This frees you to play just the kind of oldtime music you want to play, not the kind that everyone thinks will win contests.

WHERE ON THE BOW SHOULD ONE PLAY? Use all the bow to play waltzes. Use only the upper half to play hoe-downs and other tunes. I would say a general rule would be: The faster the tune, the more you would restrict the use of the bow to the upper part of the bow. On a tune like "Devil's Dream", for example, you should use only the upper quarter of the bow. The rapid changes from one string to another are more easily done by using only a very small length of the upper part.

TRY TO MAKE ALL ACCENTED NOTES ON A DOWN BOW. Reason: a down bow is easier to accent.

EVERY FIDDLER SHOULD BE ABLE TO TUNE THEIR FIDDLE, AND ALWAYS MAKE SURE IT'S IN TUNE WHEN YOU PLAY IN A GROUP OR INDIVIDUALLY.

LEARN A NEW TUNE EVERY YEAR. IF YOU WANT TO BE BOLD, LEARN TWO!

Editor's note: Thank you Wayne, for sharing your Fiddle notes. I have learned some ideas, too.

OOTFA RALLY AND STATE QUARTERLY MEETING

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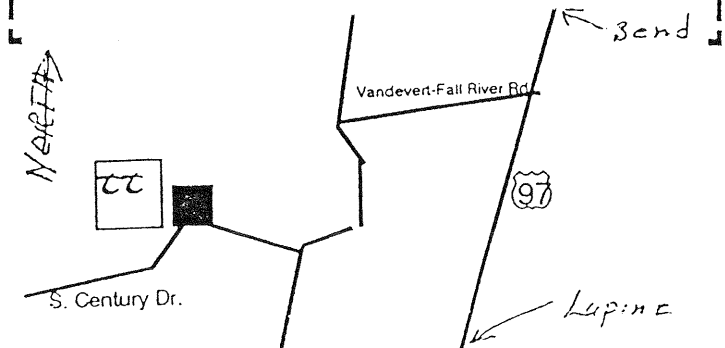
Activities: Jamming during the day around the lodge and camp ground. Old Time Fiddle and Guitar Workshops. A swimming pool is available also hot tub, horse shoes, tennis hiking and fishing. Sign up jams Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Many members have requested that we do a Gospel Show again on Sunday afternoon. Meals available Friday and Saturday mornings, featuring hotcakes, sausages and eggs. Evening meals are To Be Announced. Potluck Saturday afternoon.

Campsites: \$14.00 per day (pre-registration) It is time to get your rental trailer reserved - if that is what you want. 24' - \$34 per nite; 29' - \$39 per nite; 35' - \$45 per nite. Fiddler friends from out-of-state are welcome.

Registration Form
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___ I will need RV Space for ___ days.
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Send registration form with check payable to
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**ATTENTION OOTFA MEMBERSHIP
OLD TIME HOEDOWN WORKSHOP By**

Willie Carter

July 8th & 9th, 1995. 9am - 4pm.

Deadline to reserve a place is June 30th.

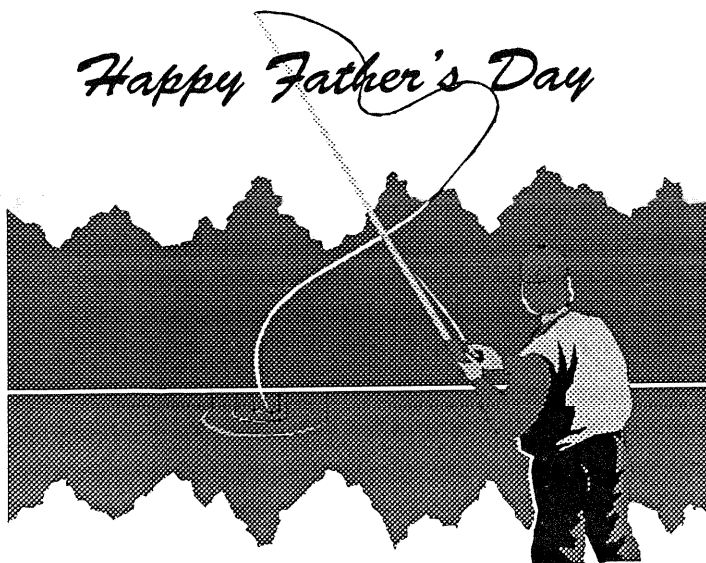
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This Workshop will be held at **Chad Terrusa's** home. Cost is \$25.00, which includes a 2-day workshop, all materials and two lunches. Send Reservations to: **Chad Terrusa, 45210 SE Coalman Rd., Sandy, Oregon 97055. (503) 668-8900.**

Happy Father's Day



**JUDGES WORKSHOP by Wayne Holmes
September 23 & 24, 1995**

Name _____

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Phone Number _____

Cost is \$25 and will lead to Certification as an Oregon Old-Time Fiddle Contest Judge. Reservations are now being taken. Please send to: **Chad Terrusa 45210 SE Coalman, Sandy, Or 97055. (503) 668-8900.**

**"THE FIDDLERS ARE COMING TODAY"
by Beverly Triplett**

She sits all alone in a chair by the wall

And her head nods down on her chest.
She clutches her lap robe with knurled, veined hands

And seems far removed from the rest.

They think that I sleep - and so might not see

That I sit here alone in the gloom.
I hope that they forget they left me out here

And don't take me back to my room.

Although I am tired and need to lie down,

And my back hurts from sitting this way.
I don't want to leave, I just heard the news,

The fiddlers are coming today!

The music they play is sweet to the ear

And they play the dear songs that I know
Red Wing and Maggie and Over the Waves,

Sweet tunes that I learned long ago.

You'd never guess by the look of me now,

I was once slender and young and tall,
And the dashing young men that asked me to dance

Called me the Belle of the Ball.

And the handsomest one would whirl me around
to the strains of a country quadrille.
And we both fell in love as the music played on.

This memory lives in me still.

So, I beg of you, please, don't put me to bed,

I need to stay out here this way.
Let me dance with my Jim, one more beautiful time,

For the Fiddler's are coming today!

Lew Sez:

This is an exciting time to be president of our fiddlers' association. The convention went off almost without a hitch. Your support at Lincoln City was overwhelming. The judges - Bob McKee, Thelma Shephard and Ruel Teague did an excellent job. John and Lucille Childers, Wayne and Helen Tracy and Myrtle Arnold handled the tallying of the judges scores in a professional manner. The emcees Lee Jones, Lloyd Shriber, Sally Jordan, Ken Jordan and Helen Hakansan kept the programs going. The contestants played their hearts out. A year ago we had 16 people sign up for the Sunday jam. This year we had 33 sign up. A year ago we had 148 people sign in for the week end. This year we signed in 230. The whole week end went so well - topped off by temperature in the 70's on Sunday. What more can I say? Thanks to all who entered the contest and congratulations to the winners. (Nobody lost - some just got a higher score than others.) (Yikes, I just remember that I forgot to have the judges play. Do you suppose they will forgive me?)

The fiddle contest is over. I would like have a whole page to write about it. At our last planning meeting the frosting was put on the cake was when Linn Co. Nightwatchers Club handed me a check for \$600 for the contest. Rosalee Russel had told me on the phone that she had something to give me that I would like. I thought, perhaps maybe a donut. But, WOW, a check for \$600. As if that wasn't enough, they returned our \$200 check to them - a total contribution of \$800. At the same meeting District 6 handed me a very generous donation. Sorry their recognition was left off our contest program. You'll notice on the contest program that every district contributed to support the contest. So far we have received \$3300 from 32 contributors. Thanks to all of you very much. Didn't you enjoy our new emcee, Aunt Edith Thompson from Rogue River !! Hope you get a chance to meet her. I dedicated this contest to Sue Pullen and Pete Miller. Sue has worked so hard, taken vacation days and given many, many hours to do the publicity and the tickets and programs. And Pete who has taken many vacation days and volunteered his wages to be our "janitor." He is moving to South Dakota. He will be missed. Bob Huffman was

awarded the Bill Yohey Memorial Trophy for his contribution. A deserving winner. Congratulations to our OPEN Champ Casey Willis from Pendleton and congratulations to Sean McKinney who won the Jr. Jr. Division. Sean came all the way over from Ontario. At a quarterly meeting in LaPine the board of directors authorized Chad and me to check into facilities that might improve our contest. We think we have done that by committing ourselves to have the next year's contest in the Lasells Stewart Center on the OSU campus in Corvallis. The OSU Music Department and the Corvallis Folklore Society are co-sponsors with us. I'll write the details when I have more room.

I want to nominate Norman Nash as my choice for the "most motivated and improved fiddle player in Oregon." I first met Norman last fall at Pacific City when he was just starting to learn fiddle tunes. He has made great strides. Congratulations and keep up the good work Norman.

Another person deserving mention is Isom Patterson. I think that every district and many other organizations have one his "coffee kitties" by their coffee pots. Thanks Isom for all that you do.

The other day a friend called me up and in our conversation he asked me how old I was. I told him that I was 66. He said, "How come you're a life member?" I knew immediately why he was asking because the By-Laws say you have to be 70 to be a life member. Years ago it was voted that past presidents would become life members. So that is why I am a LIFE member. But like all other life members, we all pay our \$15.00 dues to receive the Hoedowner. If you don't know, just ask.

Our governor, John Kitzhaber, declared the week of May 14 - 20 as Oregon Oldtime Fiddler Week. On May 16 a large group of us played in the state capitol. Many people stopped to listen. I wish that I would have known last month so I could have invited all of you to be there. What a great experience!! I was particularly pleased to have Amy and Angela Thomas there fiddling along with Dad on the guitar. Amy and Angela took time off from school so they could play. Thanks. ~

Happy fiddling, Lew Holt, President

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Coming Events

July

1 VFW	Roseburg	10
1 Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4
4 BBQ -Matthews	Coos Bay	5
8 Smelt Fry	Yachatz	8
9 Deschutes Co. Fair	Bend	3
14 VFW	Roseburg	10
15 Com'ity	Winston	10
Bldg.Mtng,P'luck,jam		
15 Coburg Golden Years	Coburg	6
22 Civic Center	Drain	10
22-23 Seneca Celebration	Seneca	9
22-23 Ocean Festival	Winchester	5
	Bay	
27-31 Campout	Diamond Lake	

August

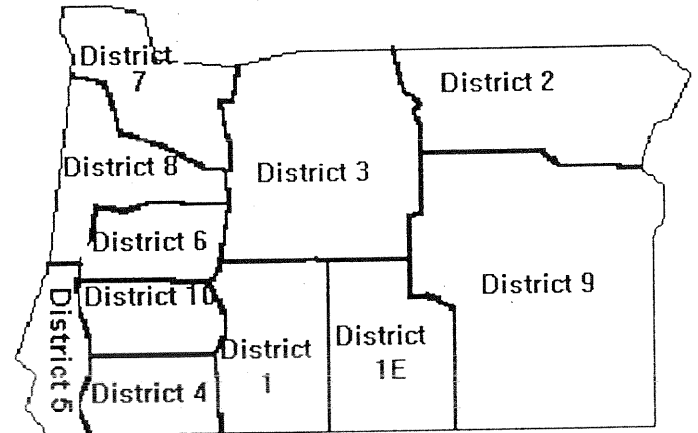
3 Yamhill County Fair	McMinneville	8
5 VFW, Jam,dance	Roseburg	10
5 Picnic at the Park	Central Pt	4
9-13 Sandy Campout at Terrusa's	Sandy	OOTFA
11 VFW,jam,dance	Roseburg	10
13 Polk County Fair	Rickreall	8
16 Canby Fairgrounds	Canby	7
16 Lane Cty Fair Sr. Day	Eugene	4
19 Comm.Bldg, Meeting, p'luck, jam	Winston	10
20 Annual Picnic, Willamalane Sr.	Springfield	6

20 - Sep 4

Warwick Campout	Williams	
26 Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	10

September

2 Mtng. Jam IOOF Hall	Gold Hill	4
10 Senior, Jam	King City	7
23-24 Judges Workshop	Sandy	OOTFA



Lew Sez

By the time you read this, Alice and I will have spent a weekend in Burns enjoying the hospitality of District 9 and then on to Weiser for a week of fiddle music and friends. Life never gets boring - that's for sure. I thanks a lot of people last month for helping at the contest. When I re-read my material, I noticed I had not publicly thanked **Mark Carmickle** for organizing and a very fine Sunday afternoon show. Mark has been a great help for me the last two years - organizing every detail of two "1000 Trails", two Friday night shows at the convention and two Gospel Shows. Mark and his helpers carried out every detail in a very professional manner. I must take a few lines here and thank more contest helpers (didn't have room for everybody last month)--**Faythe Maahs** and her fine crew at the registration tables; **Myrtle Arnold, Peggy Kerr, Joy Halliwell, Howard and Lois Gabel** in the judges room;

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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 - Sandy Sandusky (503) 884-7802
Sec/Treas - Harold North (503) 882-8772

Today was our last Jam until September 10th. We will play for the nursing homes as usual through the summer. It is the 3rd Sunday at 2pm Washburn Way. The 4th Thursday at both Clairmont Houses 5:45-7pm.

We have several summer events to play for...already on the calendar is July 8th Dorris Womans Club at Dorris City Hall from 1 to 3:30pm. August 11th Western Bank 421 South 7th St. 12 noon - 3pm. August 13th is a 50th Wedding Anniversary at Klamath Marsh 2 - 4pm.

Our jam today was small, but the music and potluck was good. We had four visitors from Medford area, **Dave and Dorene Winkelman, Ethyl Holstin and Mildred Kelsey**. They said the drive over was beautiful. So glad you came.

Our District was taped on June 4th for the Children's Network Telethon, it will be aired June 17th at 12 noon until 12 midnight.

Our thanks to **Al Nelson** for serving us this past year as co-chairman. **Sandy Sandusky** will be our new co-chairman. Our chairlady **Jo Harris** and Sec/Treasurer, **Harold North** will remain for this next year. We're glad.

Our thanks to **Lew Holt** for serving us all so well these past two years as state President. Also **Margaret Teague** as sec/treasurer and **Chad Ter-rusa** as vice-pres. You are the glue that held us all together. **Chad, Jack and Myrtle**, we give you our full support as our new state officers. We're so proud to be part of such a great organization. Our best to you all.

I'm sure most Districts are getting packed for High Desert Jamboree and Weiser. The summers are great with so many places to go. Hope to see you all there.

Until next time, take care and God Bless.

Happy Fiddlin'

Faye Patterson, Reporter (503)798-5973.

DISTRICT 1E

Chairman - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448
Co Chairman - Carla Gannon (503) 947-2351
Co/Sec Treas - Donna Lynch & Lorena McLain

Howdy Friends: Our jam at Juniper RV on June 3rd was a nice fun filled jam. **Shorty and Mary Stone** always thrill us. Seeing them come so far to join us and the crowd loves them both. **Peggy Forga** is a very good fiddler and fun to be with and hear play. **Clyde Lynch** and wife, **Donna**, and daughter, **Robin**, who is home from college, was Clyde's mainstay on guitar. Congratulations, Clyde, on your retirement. Clyde sings very well, too.

Larry McLain (guitar) always makes music come alive. **Mary Ann McLain** (Dist. 1E Chairwoman) does a wonderful job. **Billy McLain** played a couple of tunes on his guitar. **Rhayanna McLain** didn't play but we hope she will fiddle one of these days. **Stan Watts**, who is a very good vocalist, came and played guitar. Hope to hear him sing next time. **Charlie Threet** plays guitar and sings some very old songs. Thanks Charlie. **Charlie and Marie Hamilton** sang some harmony on some hymns. **Doc Walker** (guitar and vocal) is a fun person to have around. He did a good job. **Marie Walker** is our M.C. and keeps the jams lively as she tells comical stories between entertainers getting up to play. **Michael Harlan** (a young fiddler and guitarist) is one fine lad and loves to play and hear others play. His mom, Joy, is very thrilled watching and seeing her son improve.

Linda Miller plays guitar, writes some of her own songs and is a real good vocalist. **Beverly Perry**, a new member and wonderful friend to the old time fiddlers, doesn't play but she bought a dulcimer, I understand. We hope to hear her play soon. **Logan Sheridan** sung Ol Slew Foot. He's about 11 or 12 years old and does a good and has fun doing it. His mother, Deenie, and brother, Forres, were in the audience and are faithful members. **Lee Hampton**, our harmonica man, plays good dance tunes. We really appreciate him and **Elaine**, his wife. There were approximately 50 in attendance.

We look forward to June 30th through July 3rd at Juniper RV Park campout. Several from other districts said they will be there. If you miss it, you will have missed a lot of fun and music.

No new dates have been given to me, so we'll let you know next month.

Smilin' lifts your face and makes the girls prettier and the men more handsome. People love to say "Hi" ---so remember to smile.

Your fiddlin' friend,

Homer McLain, Reporter (503) 947-2903

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 3

Chairman -- Ken Jordan (503) 389-9746
Co-Chair -- Jack Kerr (503) 447-1318
Sec/Treas -- Billie Lanier (503) 536-6218

Gosh, we are already into June and summer is almost here. The weather has not proved that yet, but I am sure it will soon.

The Bend Jam for July will not be held at the Senior Center as we are to play at the Deschute's County Fairgrounds for a function called "The Bite of Central Oregon". Please come out there to see us and enjoy all of the local talent and food that will be offered. We are pleased to be a part of this event. That is July 9th.

We have several functions to play for in July so it will be a busy month.

Our June Jam was very fun...we were honored by the presence of **Julia Milleson** from Hines and also **Arlo and Louise Hamilton** from Eugene. It is always great to have you folks visit us and play for our jam...Thanks for coming and please do so again. We had approximately 37 people at our jam with several being musicians.

We were extremely happy to see **Ed and Marie Nelson**. Ed is 3 and a half weeks into recovery from Open Heart surgery. We have been missing them and were so glad to have them here to listen to us again. God bless you both.

We are very glad to hear that **Jack Kerr** is doing better after a trip to the hospital and an overnight stay. We also wish **Ed Perret** well after having suffered a mild stroke. Our best to both of you...for a speedy recovery.

Our birthdays for June are: **Lee Hanna**, 9th; **Betty Fullerton**, 25th. The anniversaries are: **Dave and Kay Gutcher** (1963); and **Billie and Bob Kitchens** (1951). Salute.....

We hope you all have a great summer and a fun time in Burns. Hope to see a lot of you there....Oh, Yea, that's over.....Well, I'm sure we all had a really good time...

Keep fiddlin' and Keep smilin'.

Sally Jordan - Reporter (503) 389-9746

DISTRICT 4

Chairman -- Joe Levine (503) 582-1069
Co-Chair -- Clyde Pugh (503) 855-7996
Sec/Trea -- Ethel Holstin (503) 479-1621

If genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration and the secret to success is by trial and error, I should be ok as your new District 4 reporter. At this writing, I'm doing all of the above! Please forgive me if I mangle names.

June 3rd found us enjoying good food and friends in Central Point at the grange. Sadly we observed a moment of silence for **Tom Barkley, Ted Wagner and Raymond Davis** in their recent passing.

Life being so uncertain, it behooves us to try to be at all of our group functions so we can enjoy one another's music. Frank and I sincerely cherish all of you who humbly typify American culture.

June 9th - Rogue Valley retirement center serenaded by Dale Parren, **Sammy Burton, Frank and Mary Armstrong**, young **Jennifer and Daniel Chase** who gave us his first solo on the mandolin he made! Lastly but not least **Julian (Chris) Christiani**, who lives at this retirement home, joined us with his fiddle. Which goes to prove, keep on having birthdays. You'll live longer.

June 11th - Heritage retirement was favored by **Bud "waltz king" Applegate, Bob Hinch, Mona Givens, Betty Deckard, Dorothy Cory and Vic Flood**.

June 24th - will probably find many of us at the Rogue River Rooster Crow in the Senior Center at 1pm.

June 30th - Madrone Trailer Park will surely enjoy **Dave and Doreen Winkleman, Mona Givens, Paula and Merle Pasley, Tommy Grissom and Clarene Johnson**.

July 1st - after our meeting, we will jam for the Valley of the Rogue Park RVers at 7pm.

July 4th - is Central Point celebration day at their park off Pine Street.

August 5th - Annual picnic at Central Point Park.

August 19th, we'll be strummin', fiddlin', and singin' at the Prospect "Community Day" celebration. Call **Cliff Cooper** for information. (503) 560-3524.

September 2nd - Meeting IOOF Hall, Gold Hill.

October 7th - Rogue River Senior Center, Rogue River.

Zelma Foote was on the sick list. Hope you're feeling better, Zelma!

So long for now, ya'all. May the Good Lord take a likin' to you.

Mary Armstrong, reporter (503) 479-5974

DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 5

Chairman - Al Lewis (503) 396-4156
Co-Chair - Claud Whaley (503) 888-4430
Sec/Treas - Velma Polzin (503) 888-4237

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to make the Azalea Festival in Brookings a success. Besides the members from District 5, we had the **Hansons, Hastys, Guy Kinman, Allens, Velma Benenifiel and Lewis Roy** from District 10.

Farewell to our out-going Chairman, **Russ Hall**, Thank you, Russ.

Farewell to **Pat Kraemer**, as co-chairman. Thank you, Pat.

Greetings and Good Luck to our new Chairman **Al Lewis**. Lets all do our best to help him make our District better than it is.

Welcome to our new Secretary/Treasurer **Velma Polzin**. Thank you for taking on this monumental task. Also welcome to our new Co-Chairman **Claud Whaley**.

The 22nd of July will be a jam at the Grange Hall in Winchester Bay, and the show for the Ocean Festival will be the following day, Sunday.

Due to a change of officers, we do not have a schedule of events to give you at this time. We will notify you by mail or phone of any events that may come up before the next Hoedowner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and GET WELL to **Etta Tucker, Val Matthews'** mother. She has been in the hospital but is home now.

Ruth Whaley, your Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Chairman - Ray Mitchell (503) 342-2816
Co-Chair - John Madsen (503) 747-9977
Sec/Treas - Ruth Montgomery
Co-Sec/Tr - Vivian Steele

Coburg Golden Years Festival will feature the Old Time Fiddlers on Saturday, July 15th, from 12:30 - 5:30. We would like to invite other district members to join us for this fun afternoon. Everyone is invited to come and play, whether you have signed up or not. If you would like to let us know you are coming, please call either **John Madsen (747-9977)** or **Ray Mitchell (342-2816)**. The festival has hired an emcee, plus many other fiddler featured groups for the weekend, so plan on coming on Friday and staying through until Sunday. Look for the **Covered Wagon Old Time Fiddler's** float in the Saturday parade and then look for the Covered Wagon Booth by the stage. Check in here when you arrive to play or just to say Hi.

The Lane County Historical Society has asked that we play for them during the **Lane County Fair on Senior Day, August 16th**. Please come and help us give a good show. This is a wonderful opportunity to play our music for a large appreciative audience. Musicians who arrive **prior to 9am** will get in **free** through the museum door. Seniors arriving **after 9am** will be charged the admission fee of \$1. This has always been a fun event in the past and we hope many of you will come and share your talents with us.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following: **Barbara Garcia** wishes to thank all those who sent cards and expressed their sympathy after the death of her father, **Tom Barkley**. **Allison Roberts** sends her thanks to **Sandy Sanders** for his \$10 cash donation. Also thanks to **Mary Crockett** for the beautiful box of cards, to **Linda Danielson** for cards and to **Ruth Anne Paul** for the jewelry, all to be used as nursing home gifts.

The Board and members of the District 6 Old Time Fiddlers (in thanks to **Roy Lewis** for his contribution of two large District signs) has donated \$100.00 in Roy's name to the State Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to: **Amberly Rosen** who won First Place in the Pee Wee Division and to her sister **Ariana Rosen** who came in 4th in the Jr Jr. Division at the Lincoln City Contest. We hope we will soon be hearing you play again.

Welcome to our newest members! **Zola Blackwell, June Saar and Ruby Gregory**.

July Birthday wishes: **Betty Halverson, 1st; Wanda Davis, 12th; Morgan Kinley, 15th; Don Skaife, 16th; Norma Kramer, 20th; Lynn Anderson, 24; Jenny Prickett, 28th; Esther Schriber, 28th; Cheryl Pruitt, 31st.**

Anniversary Congratulations: **Frank and Velma Overbye, 2nd; Stan & Ellamae Lenox, 4th; Stan & Addie Gonshorowski, 7th; Mark & Ila Mae Carmickle, 29th.**

Judy Clement, Reporter (503) 345-0691.

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DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 7

Chairman - Joy Smith (503) 829-5234
Co-Chair - Dorothy Wehus (503) 266-4144
Sec/Treas - Susy Spencer (503) 524-4563

Here it is July, and time for our new officers to take office. First, I want to thank **Myrtle, Chuck and Ida** for all their effort and work that they have done for our organization. You've done a great job! And we give a special thanks to **Red Arnold** who is always there with our sound equipment and ready to set it up. I'm sure that he would welcome a volunteer to do this job for the coming year. We welcome our new officers! I'm sure they will carry on the good work. Let's all pitch in and help all we can. On the State level, we thank **Lew Holt** for a superb job as our president for the past years. Also thanks to **Margaret and Chad**. We welcome **Chad** as our new state president and **Myrtle** as our new state secretary-treasurer.

The contest is history now and it was a good one. We had a lot of our District 7 members bring home checks, trophies and ribbons. Namely, they are **Joni Terrusa, Frank Moore, Mary Julia Wilson, Jason Barlow, Norman Nash, Bob Heinth, Chad Terrusa, Jack Smith, Esther Snider, Edwin Hjelseth, Chet Haven and Bob Fast**. Congratulations to **Bob Huffman** for winning the **Bill Yohey** trophy.

How many saw our entry in the Starlight Parade Saturday night, on June 3rd. I thought it was very nice. Thanks to all who arranged and participated in this event.

We will be playing at the Multnomah Art Center on July 15th from 3 to 4pm. This is a benefit for Loaves and Fishes. The address is: 7688 S.W. Capital Hwy. There is parking across the street.

Hope to see you at the workshop that will be held at **Chad Terrusa's** place July 8th and 9th. See the June Hoedowner for details. Don't forget to mark August 9-13th. on your calendar and come to the campout at Chad and Joni's. Don't forget the Canby Fair on August 16th. We play from 11am-1pm.

September 10th - Jam at King City Senior Center.

Happy Fiddling

Dulcie Fast, reporting (503)232-4444

DISTRICT 8

Chairman - Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair - Bob Crump (503) 472-3443
Sec/Trea - Faythe Maas (503) 472-7032

Our new district officers (see above) begin their terms on July 1st. Many, many thanks to the outgoing officers, **Don Simons, Donna Oldham and Ruth Jones**. These three served well, and faithfully carried out their duties of office.

Any organization works best when each member does his or her share. District 8 has many good workers who make things run smoothly.

Special thanks and recognition to **Elaine Kihlstadius** for taking care of the kitchen equipment and leading the other kitchen volunteers. She has agreed to continue doing this job. Thanks also, to the regular kitchen helpers who see that we eat on time and leave the kitchen clean. Let's have some new volunteers to help in the kitchen (men are very welcome, too!) We'll be asking when you want to help. It's easy and doesn't take long.

Johnny Leigh has also consented to continue to handle the sound equipment. He deserves a huge thank you! And thanks also to those who always help him carry and set up the speakers, microphones, etc.

On June 7th a small group played for a Masonic Lodge dinner in Sheridan. This increased our treasury by \$70. June 10th we played at the American Cancer Society fund raiser at the high school track in McMinnville. We were glad for the canvas cover to stand under when the spring showers came. Some of our intrepid ladies even took a few laps around the track. We had originally been offered \$100 for this job, but chose to let it go to the cause of fighting cancer in memory of **Bud Beck**.

Our regular jam on June 11th brought out a large group of musicians, dancers and listeners. We especially appreciate the visitors. You added much to the day. At the business meeting Don reminded us to bring IGA labels (the bar code) to **Jean Standiford**. We get 2 cents each of them. Also, **Donna Oldham** wants biographies of all fiddlers. This is for everyone in all the districts. The biography scrapbook is fascinating to read. A lot of us aren't in it yet. Send your bio to Donna and be part of the history of OOTFA.

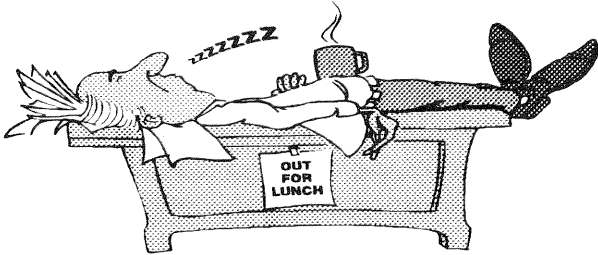
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DISTRICT GREETINGS

DISTRICT 9

Chairman -- Janet Burgess (503) 573-1323
Co-Chair -- Walt Cooper (503) 573-3417
Sec/Treas -- Darlene Austin (503) 573-2312

District Nine news reporter was soooooo busy with the Jamboree that he was just plumb tuckered out. Just forgot. He says "See you next month!"



Carl Cross, Reporter (503) 573-7821



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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SANDY CAMPOUT at the Terrusa's
August 9th - 13th, 1995.
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(503) 668-8900

There will be a BBQ on the 11th. Hosted by Chad & Joni. You all bring side dishes. Don't miss this great Camp Out.

Please call Chad if you are attending the BBQ.

DISTRICT 10

Chairman - Louie Roy (503) 679-6305
Co-Chair - Tom Shepherd (503) 679-5894
Sec/Treas- Etta Powell (503) 836-2601

Greetings from District 10. I'll try to fill the shoes of our excellent reporter, **Jean Hanson**, while she and her husband, **Bob**, take a two month traveling vacation. Have fun both of you and good luck.

At the Lebanon State Fiddle Contest, **Guy Kinnman** brought home a 3rd place trophy and **Chuck Hasty** brought home a 4th place trophy. Congratulations to both of you. Also, I might mention these same two "Leadfoot Kinnman" and "Put the pedal to the metal Hasty" got another citation on their way home from the Azelia Festival at Brookings. What I want to know is: did you get another trophy?

We'll be playing July 4th at KRN Radio at 3:30pm. July 8th at Garden Valley Retirement Center at 11:30am to 1pm. July 11th at Mercy Care 6:30 - 7:30pm. July 27th at the Glide Senior Center 11:30-1:30pm.

Happy July Birthdays to the following members: **Lenora Waggoner**, 4th; **Dan Rust**, 8th; **Sarah Berlier**, 14th.

Happy Anniversary to **Kater and Marie Gates**, 27th.

Our PA and equipment trailer has finally been completed and received a title and registration from the Oregon DMV. **Etta Powell** has the title but the registration will stay with the trailer. Also we have a special plate on the back donated by **Guy Kinman and Dennis Pickett** which reads: Oregon Old Time Fiddler, District 10. We wish to thank the following members for their contribution to the trailer: **Dennis Allen, Fred Young, Fran Roy, Bob and Jean Hanson, Dennis Pickett, Jim Fry, Guy Kinman**, some non-members also contributed **Doug Brewer**, a professional painter and **Oregon Tool and Supplies** gave us a 25 percent discount on all items we purchased from them.

At our June 11th meeting a large group from District #5 attended, **Al and Edith Lewis, Al and Betty Lively, Bud Werley, Uirlta Mason** from California. We enjoyed your company and good music.

LEW SEZ cont.

Jim and Carol Lockard for setting up the trophy table; Sean McMullen, Red Arnold, Stan Gonhorowski, and Ken & Rozanne Spann for their help on the stage; Ernest & Joyce Lovgren for ape sales out front; Ron & Andrea Wyckoff for running the excellent sound equipment (many fine compliments); Jack Curtis for sitting there during the whole week-end to start and stop the tape recorder; Lee Jones for running the on stage jams; Gayne Holmes for getting the judges and running fine judges' meeting; Alice Holt for writing all of the checks and taking care of the "cash". And there were many of you who carried tables and chairs and helped in many other ways. (I mentioned many last month and thanking these this month, I know I have left some out. What can I say - but a big thanks to you all.)

This is my last "Lew Sez" in the Hoedowner. I have enjoyed writing to you the last two years just as I have enjoyed being your president. Many of you have made it a very rewarding experience. I am richer for having worked with you and for your tremendous support. I want to especially thank Chad Terrusa (vice-president), Margaret Teague, secretary/treasurer, Joe Levine (membership), Roy Halliwell (Hoedowner) and Alice Holt (roster). I was fortunate to have worked with a dedicated team. Now, I turn my time and energy to my hobbies, maybe learn a new tune, the grandkids and to working with the many fine people here in District 8.

You have elected a very fine slate of officers for the coming year. I encourage you to turn your allegiance to Chad Terrusa (president), Jack Kerr (Vice-president) and Myrtle Arnold (secretary/treasurer). They deserve your support.

Happy Fiddling,
Lew Holt, "Out-Going" president. OOTFA

Make a note on your calendar
for January 27th 1996
for the
**21st Annual Old Time Fiddle Contest
Festival in Cloverdale, California.**
For more information: (707) 894-9550.

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Our new program chairman for 1995-96 is Jo Barnes.

Playing dates for District 10: **July 1st** - Roseburg VFW Jam and Dance 1-4pm. Everyone Welcome. **July 14th** - Roseburg VFW Jam and Dance 7-10pm. **July 15th** - Winston Community Building Meeting, Potluck, Jam and dance. 11am-4pm. Public Invited. **July 22** - Drain Civic Center 8-10pm. **August 5th** - Roseburg VFW Jam and Dance 1-4pm. All invited. **August 11th** - Roseburg VFW Jam & dance 7-10pm. Everyone invited. **August 19th** - Winston Community Building Meeting, Potluck, Jam & dance, 11am-4pm. Public invited.

We believe we have the oldest active fiddle player in OOTFA. He is Glenn Brown, 88 years old on Jan 18th.

It's never too old to learn to play the fiddle. A former member of this district didn't start playing until she was 85 and at 90 years young she is an excellent fiddler. It's an honor and inspiration to know you, Ida Johnson.

Louie Roy (temporary) Reporter (503)679-6305

District 8 Cont.....

Next event - the Smelt Festival at Yachats. The jam Saturday is at the Yachats school. We will play from 11am until about 3pm. Self-contained RVs can park at Waldport High School Friday night after 4pm. We'll have a jam Saturday night at the Waldport Senior Center starting at 7pm. Camping at Waldport High again Saturday night.

On Thursday August 3rd we'll play for the Yamhill County Fair. On Sunday the 13th of August we'll play for the Polk County Fair. The money for these two fairs goes to the state. Everyone is invited to come and play.

Enjoy Summer!

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Big Thank You to our Fiddler Friends who sent cards and the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association which gave so much pleasure to **Tom Barkley's** life. **Doris Barkley**, and daughters, **Barbara Garcia**, **Becky LeRoy**, **Bonnie Farley**, and **Betty Barkley**.

OREGON'S FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN MUSIC

A tribute to the American fiddle will be the focus of Oregon's Festival of American Music to be held August 20-26 at several venues in Eugene and will feature 5 major concerts as well as lectures, workshops and student performances. Headlining the festival will be fiddler Mark O'Conner. Also appearing will be Texas Swing stalwart, Johnny Gimble and others.

Tickets will range from \$7.50-\$25.50 and will be on sale for discount prices until July 7th at the Hult Center box office 687-5000. For more information, call Oregon's Festival of American Music at (503) 687-6526.

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