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## Calendar of Events

### July

4 Jam, Park	Central Point	4
4 Jam, County Fairgrounds		1E
4 Bullards Park	Bandon	5
6 Jam Dance Comm. Center	Winston	10
12 Smelt Fry	Yachats	8
12 Senior Center	Waldport	8
13 Jam, Senior Center,	Bend	3
13 Jam, American Legion	Lebanon	13
19 Meeting, ptk, jam	Winston	10
19 Jam Valley of Rogue R.V. Park		4
19 Lutheran City Picnic	Mt. Angel	8
20 Potluck, Jam Senior Center	Wilsonville	7
26-27 Ocean Festival	Winchester Ba	5
JULY 30-AUG. 3 CAMPOUT - CHAD TERRUSA'S	Sandy	7
31 Yamhill Co. Fair Jam	McMinnville	8

### JULY 31-AUG. 3. DIAMOND LAKE CAMPOUT

### August

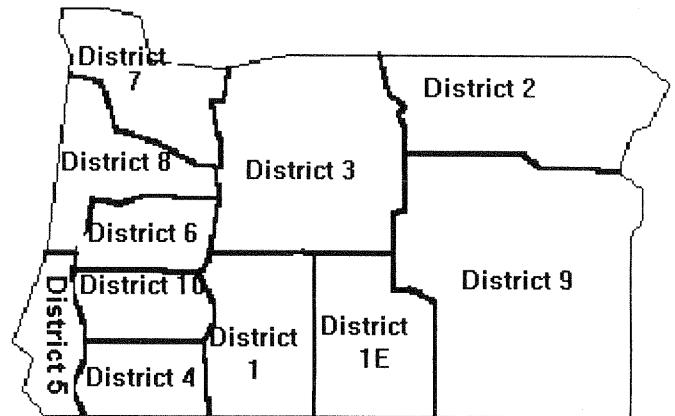
2 Picnic & Jam	Prospect Park	4
2 Jam Boones Ferry Sesquicentennial	Wilsonville	7
7 Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
13 Clackamas Co. Fair		7
14-17 Campout at Stones		1
16-17 Charleston Seafood Festival		5
20 Out door concert	Mt. Angel	8
AUG 22-SEP. 2		
Warwick's Campout	Williams	
23 Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	

### September

7 Jam, Ptk, Town Hall	King City	7
11,12, & 13 Thousand Trails	LaPine	OOTF
13-14 Salmon Festival	Winchester Ba	5
16 Washington Park Zoo		7

### October

11 Newport Elks	Newport	8
28 Program	Salem Sr Ctr	8



## The Prez Sez

We had a very positive and productive State Quarterly meeting June 1 in Winston. There were 137 people who signed the roster. The meeting started at 9 a.m. and all districts were represented. All districts reported they have been busy playing at nursing homes, senior centers and community functions. They also reported they have a busy schedule for the summer months with camp outs, fairs and other playing dates.

Lew reported that it might be necessary to relocate the state fiddle contest from the LaSells Center in Corvallis to another location due to a conflict in scheduling. A motion was made and passed to authorize the president,

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**A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Old-time fiddling and Old-time music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Old-time Fiddling and Old-time Music. To Provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."**

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## District 1

Chairman: **Irene Ruddock** (541) 882-6418  
Co-Chair: **Virgil Schmoe** (541) 884-4051  
Sec/Treas: **Grace Stork** (541) 884-5313

Hello & a Happy Summer of music from District #1. We hope one of these days our weather will finally settle into a regular pattern, instead of rain & cool nights, then 2 or 3 near summer like days, only to start over again.

We had our June jam, 2nd Sunday, at Merrill Civic Center. It was an informative meeting with some definite decisions made as to how the members feel on issues. Then to our delight Homer and Rosa Lee McLain from 1-E arrived in time for our meal and music session. They are leaving for a leisurely trip eastward and south around the U.S. to visit relatives, friends, Nashville and much of that area. We wish them a safe and happy summer. I imagine they will find lots of music playing along their way and were told to take lots of pictures.

Did you read last month that Faye Patterson took third place in the Senior-Senior Division at our state contest? Congratulations Faye - all of us here in District 1 are proud of you.

Happy birthday to Minnie Cox- July 4th and June Sandusky - July 22nd.

Remember - no jams for July and August. Next Jam, 2nd Sunday in September - place will be announced. Nursing homes as usual: Washburn Rehab - Klamath Falls - 3rd Sun. 2 to 3 p.m. Clairmont Retirement Center - K.F. - 4th Thursday 5:45 p.m. and same evening - Clairmont Retirement Home - K.F. - 6:45 p.m.

There are some tentative July playing dates - please contact Irene Ruddock (541) 882-6418 if you want to play and you are not individually called.

Thank you -- District 1 Reporter - Cherie Lane

## District 1E

Chairman: **John (Shorty) Stone** (541) 947-3825  
Co-Chair: **Eric Leffingwell** (541) 947-4982  
Secretary: **Beverly Perry** (541) 947-2334  
Treasurer: **Mary Anne McLain** (541) 947-2448

Our June jam at the Memorial Hall was one that Shorty and I missed due to his bout with bronchitis. Sandy Sandusky from Dist. 1 in Klamath Falls was a welcome guest at that one, and also he helped us play at the Children's Fair at Alturas, CA. on May 17th.

At the June 9 business meeting, jams were scheduled for June 28; a barbecue and jam is planned at Shorty and Mary Stone's home at 934 South F St. In Lakeview. Another barbecue and jam at the same location July 4th after we play for the Food Share program.

Eric Leffingwell's family was saddened by the sudden loss of his wife Alice. Our deepest love and sympathy goes out to all of them.

Shorty and I would like to extend an invitation to a campout August 14 thru 17 at our home in Lakeview. (934 South F St.) We have neighbors who appreciate good music.

A word on music in the age of technology:

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You see so fast events that cast,  
A blue sky or disaster.

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to O.J.'s garish trial.

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human hands?

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fiddle.

God Bless Mary Stone 541-947-3825

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District 3

Chairperson: Sally Jordan (541) 389-9746
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Camping month is finally here! We will be meeting up with some friends here soon to go on a 4 day camp outing. I really enjoy camping now a days since we have our little trailer. It is not fancy in any way, but does the job perfectly. Our tent camping days are long over with. I don't miss sleeping on the ground and waking up in the middle of the night just trying to find that rock that seems to be digging a hole in my back. Constant sweeping out the tent but no matter how much I sweep the dirt, twigs and icky bugs never leave. So you sleep with one eye open hoping that twig 3 ft away from you really doesn't have legs. Awe yes, my favorite - when it rains. Tent springs a leak and you have to use every piece of clothing you have to cover up holes. Sleeping in wet clothing and shivering all night and wishing that the rain would stop so the tent doesn't wash away. Ah, yes, "yesteryear". . . . the good ole days.

At our last jam in the Senior Center there were approximately 67 in attendance. Our next jam at the Senior Center in Bend on 5th & Kearney from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. with be July 13th.

Birthdays: 13 - Peggy Kerr, 21 - Dave Gutchter, 27 - Dorothy Brumbach. Anniversary couple: May and Art Fleming. Best wishes to our Anniversary Couple and Birthday folks.

\*\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE: To all in District 3. . . Each month I make mention of Birthdays and Anniversaries. Since I have been appointed reporter for our district, our district has grown

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District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
Co-Chair: Gene Williams(541) 560-3230
Sec/Treas: Ethel Holstin (541) 479-1621
Mmbrshp chair: Ruth Applegate (541) 582-8032

Good day my friends! When we take the hour or so scenic drive to Prospect we have a lot of animated conversation with our lady friends. We all agree that a big part of the fun going to the "jam" is the laughter we share. Case in point: If you have room in your car, take a friend with you when you attend the "jams." Make someone special, happy!

Because this is an early newsletter, few announcements have come in. I'm sure tho' that all of the regular happy visits to nursing & retirement homes will be taking place. By month's end Rogue River's Rooster Crow "jam" on the 28th will again raise the roof. This will be from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Sr. Center on Broadway. The same afternoon (28th) Jacksonville Historical Soc. has asked District 4 to entertain at the museum from 1 - 4 p.m.

OOTFA VP Jack Kerr and wife Peggy surprised us with a visit to our Prospect jam. We also welcomed Larry and Janet Kintzle, Monty & Margaret Rose, all of our guests favored us with some sweet tunes. Also a new fiddler, Harold Jones, recently jointed OOTFA along with the Kintzles and Roses!

Very good to see Paula Pasley, Vic Flood, and Dave Winkleman back in the fold, all doing their "thing."

Remember: Dist. 4 will jam at Central Point Park July 4th at 1:00 p.m. (Pine St.) after the parade (bring chairs). July 5th, District 4 is invited to Fiock home in Yreka -- catch the "Blue Goose Train" at 9:30 a.m. for a free ride. Bring your own chairs and instruments. Someone will pick you up at the end of the ride and

take you to the Fiock home. Call Don Lindsey for more information.

July 19th Jam 7 - 9 p.m. Valley of Rogue R.V. Park amphitheater (rest stop) off I-5.

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Weiser results: 33 Oregon fiddlers entered and several were in the top five of their divisions. Zach Konowalchuk placed 3rd in Small Fry, Andy Emert piaced 4th in Young Adult, Starr McMullen placed 5th in Adult. We haven't heard the results of the Grand Champion Division, but Rudi Booher was still in the top group when we left. Congratulations to all who entered (You're all winners!) Also, 34 states were represented by 336 contestants.

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### District 5

Chairman: **Elwood Serfass (541) 888-9472**  
Co:Chair: **Russ Hall (541) 271-3519**  
Sec/Treas: **Marianne Burns (541) 888-2655**

District 5 has started the summer season with a large BANG. Winchester Bay's first "Outdoor Recreation Festival" was a huge success. We were well represented and we want to thank all of our fiddler friends from other Districts for joining us in this celebration. Lee Jones, Dist. 8; Norman Nash, Dist. 7; Carl Rathje, Joan Lomax, Dist 6; Larry & Robert Swan, Dist. 10; and Jim Summers, Jim Winslow, & Mary Paszty from Dist. 4; John & Dorothy Whaley Dist. 10. On Sunday we had our State President Louie Roy and Dennis Pickett join us from Dist. 10, also John Clark, Dist 6. Lots of good music was enjoyed for 4 hours on Sat. & Sun, Memorial weekend. We thank all who came to share their good talents with us and hope they can all join us next year for we have been asked to play for three days during this Festival in 1998.

May 30 we played at Bullards Park, near Bandon---the weather? Lousy! After about an hour we hurriedly covered our sound equipment and hit the road! Next Friday, hopefully, will be better weather, WE HOPE!

May 31 found us at SWOCC in Coos Bay performing for Coos-Curry "Relay for Life", a team event to fight cancer. Fourteen members of Dist. 5 proudly participated in this event, including Russ Hall, Elnora Jorren, Cecil & Lucille Davidson, Bob Bridgman, Pat Kraemer, Rosie Johnson, Jim, Laurie Hall & girls, Philip Fry, Ron & Mary Lou Saylor, Fred & Florence Grove, Marianne Burns, and Shorty & Charlotte Dow. Thank you all, we are proud of you.

Our Sympathy to Ruby Morris and family, for the loss of their husband and father Earl Morris this past week.

A get well wish for all who are sick or injured in our organization, we wish you all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Bob Shaffar, 22nd.

A thank you to Elnora Jorren for her contribution to this report, I appreciate your help Elnora.

Your reporter-Ruth Whaley (541)-888-4430

### District 6

Chairman: **Joy Halliwell (541) 747-9894**  
Co-Chair: **Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894**  
Sec/Treas: **Mark Ratzlaff (541) 485-2175**

Here it is July and the year almost half over already. July birthday greetings to Betty Halverson 1, Joy Costello 8, Wanda Davis 12, Don Skaife 16, Linda Harvey 23, Lynn Anderson 24, Jenny Prickett 28, Esther Shriber 28, and Cheryl Pruitt 31. Happy anniversaries to: Stan & Ellamae Lenox 4, Stan & Addie Gonshorowski 7, Bernie & Marie Roberts 18, and Mark & Ila Mae Carmickle 29.

We had our June meeting, potluck and jam on June 7th at the Willamalane Senior Center. It was well attended and there will be a few changes in the forthcoming months this year concerning our jam dates, but we are working on the details. Just watch this space. We'll keep you up on everything as soon as everything is finalized.

During July, we will meet at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon on the 13th. They will furnish lunch, and we'll jam in the afternoon. For Coburg Days (yes, in Coburg) our district has been asked to play for them on Saturday, July 19th. Different groups have formed bands (among the fiddlers ) and each band

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MshipChr: **Jackie Germundson(503) 663-6851**

Surely do hate to write July at the top of this page! Makes me feel like summer is half over and I'm just getting warmed up! This will be my last column and I think I'm just getting warmed up to this as well. And, no, I don't want to do it again, although I have appreciated your kind words of encouragement.

As you can see, it's time for "changing of the guard" and our new officers will begin their duties this month. We look forward to a good year under their leadership. They need our support too. One way, and I hate to mention it again, would be to help transport and care for the sound system. Red is still looking for volunteers.

We have several newsworthy notes about our members this month. We'll start with the good ones.

On Sat., May 31st, Cactus Finley, Bus Boyk, Susie Anderson and Chuck Gates performed for "Circle of Wagons" a fund raising western party and BBQ sponsored and organized by the Oregon Symphony.

On the injured, recuperating and "feeling poorly" list we have Elizabeth Steinmetz, who fell and broke her wrist; Carl Helgerson, who is now back in his own home; and Jack Smith, who hasn't been feeling well of late.

We also learned recently that Stan Gleason lost his wife, GiGi, on April 24 and Cora Daugherty's mother passed away on May 20 in Newberg. She was 91 years old. We extend our sympathy to you all in your loss.

We've heard several positive comments from the folks who went to the High Desert Jamboree in Burns this past week. Sounds like

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## District 8

Chairman: **Elaine Kihlstadius (503) 831-0680**  
Co-Chair: **Lew Holt (503) 391-5377**  
Sec/Treas: **Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033**

We're back from Burns and Weiser. District 8 was well represented at Weiser. The following families were there that I know of. Hope I don't leave anyone out. Appersons, Baileys, Hardins, Holts, Konowalchuks, Standifords and the Thomas family. Several of us entered. Zach Konowalchuk made us proud by winning 3rd place in Small Fry Division. Keep it up Zach!

We lost Harold Cope on May 23rd. There was a graveside service attended by quite a few fiddlers. I have many fond memories of Harold and Audrey (who preceded him in death) from the Vernonia Campout especially. Robert Terry's mother passed away in late May. Our love and sympathy to Robert, Mary and all the family.

Lew and I and Lee and Ruth Jones all had a good visit with Vi Jensen recently. She still plays her fiddle as well as ever. Hope to see you at a jam, Vi.

We will have played at Pacific City Thousand Trails by the time you read this. It's always fun.

The Smelt Fry is coming up. We'll be on the same schedule as other

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### District 9

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Co-Chair: **Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868**  
Sec/Treas: **George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517**

Whew!! What a month! It's been almost too much fun. We all had a blast at the jamboree and hope everyone attending did as well. Every district was represented plus a number of folks from Idaho, Washington and California. Pulling this event together makes me appreciate the folks who work so hard on the state convention and contest all the more.

Thanks to all the OOTFA members who helped make this a success including Esther and Lloyd Shriber, Ken and Sally Jordan, Jake and Allie Swartwood, Connie King, and Jack Walker plus those from district 9 - George, Hilda, Edie, Tracy, Ruel, Margaret, Carl, Walt, Rose, Julia, Lloyd, Julian, Hugh, Darlene, Janet, Jim, Kandi, Nadine, Elizabeth, Don, LaWanda, Jeanine, Gordon, Mary and whoever I might have missed. Here's looking forward to next year.

In the last month we've played for 3 tour groups at a local motel. The group from British Columbia was a lot of fun. They even did a bit of dancing. With folks traveling through we've had several impromptu jams for all the more fun.

Happy fiddlin' Janet Burgess,  
Reporter

#### New members dues for the rest of 1997.

June 1	\$8.75	July 1	\$7.50
Aug. 1	\$6.25	Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 1998		
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 1998		
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 1998		

### District 10

Chairman: **Bob Hanson (541) 672-6929**  
Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522**  
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501**  
Co-Sec: **Leah Shroll (541) 459-5474**

Happy birthday to: Carl Swartzendruber, Lenora Waggoner, Sarah Berlier, Dan Rust, Phylis Larson, Bill Connor, Ellen Smith. Happy Anniversary to Kater and Marie Gates.

July playing dates: 6th a jam and dance from 1 - 4 at the Winston community Building. On the 19th we will have a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and the jam and dance to start at 1:00 and will last until 4:00 - again at the Winston Community Building. Others are still playing music at the nursing homes and senior centers and in August we will be playing at the Douglas County Fair.

We were pleased to have so many of you here from all over the state at the state quarterly meeting at the community building in Winston on June 1. It was good to hear so many fiddlers. We enjoyed you sharing your music with us. Come back and see us anytime.

Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

#### Contest Video tapes available

-- David Waters had video tapes for sale of the convention shows. He spent many hours shooting video of the state contest in Corvallis and now offers them at a reasonable price. If you are interested in purchasing video tapes of the contest, you may contact David Waters at 1818 3rd St. Coos Bay, OR 97420 or call him at (541) 267-6697 for more information. David used "brand new" equipment at the contest and has made some very fine tapes. Give him a call if you are interested in getting the tapes.

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years.

Saturday, July 12th at 11 AM, we'll play at the school in Yachats for the annual Smelt Fry. That same evening at 7 PM we'll play at the Senior Center in Waldport. We're invited to camp in self contained rigs at the school in Waldport on Friday, after 4 PM, and Saturday night.

Saturday July 19th, we will play in Mt. Angel for a Lutheran City Picnic. The time is 1 to 3 PM. Here's how to get to the location: Coming from I-5 take the Woodburn exit - through town to Hwy. 214 and on to Mt. Angel. As you are coming into Mt. Angel there is a cemetery on the left. Turn left on the first road past the cemetery which will be Marquam Rd - go 4 or 5 blocks past the high school, turn right into Humpert Park. Everyone welcome!

The Great Oregon Steam Up at Brooks on July 26 & 27 is still not confirmed.

Thursday, July 31st, we'll play from 1 to 4 PM at the Yamhill Co. Fair in McMinnville. We're expecting Larry & Brenda from Georgia to join us that day. He plays fiddle and she plays bass. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us!

Now we thank Lew Holt, Johnny Leigh and Faythe Maahs who have served as officers of District 8 for the past two years and extend our welcome to the new officers: Chairman: Elaine Kihlstadius, Co-Chair: Lew Holt and Sec/Treas: Donna Janszen.

Enjoy summer. Keep playing music!



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#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

	1997	1998
Mar.	1, 2	Mar. 7, 8
Apr.	5, 6	Apr. 4, 5
May	3, 4	May 2, 3
June	7, 8	June 6, 7
Oct.	4, 5	Oct. 3, 4
Nov.	1, 2	Nov. 7, 8

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### District 6 cont.

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has been assigned a time slot. On August 13th, we plan to play as usual at the Lane County Fair for Senior's Day. A lot of construction and "what-not" has been going on at the fairgrounds during June, but I'm sure all will be finished by fair time.

As this is the end of our fiscal year and new officers are taking over the reins, we want to thank those who have served us so well during the past year and, especially, wish Joy a good year of gallivanting around the country in their new fifth-wheeler. But we sure will miss her when they are gone, and welcome the times they return to our neck of the woods.

Ya'll keep fiddling! Thelma Shephard,  
Reporter District 6

Thelma Sez: Life is what you make of it - some assembly required!

Ace Wehus calls to say that he and others would like to make an audio tape of "ORIGINAL TUNES" that have been written or "made up" by OOTFA members. He would like to record these tunes at the campout at Thousand Trails this September. More details next month.

### District 4 cont.

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Taken from "Life in 1938" Covina, Ca.

Wright: "We were before panty hose and drip dry clothes; before ice-makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets; before Hawaii and Alaska became states. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was something you drank and "pot" was something you cooked in. We got married first - then lived together - how quaint can you be?" (to be continued --)

Dig ya later - Merry Mary Armstrong, reporter,  
District 4

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and I am now presently working off an out dated list. There for, I am requesting everyone's assistance. Please write down on a piece of paper the dates of your anniversary and birthday and mail to: Ernie Slay, 1987 NW 10th St., Redmond, OR 97756-1050. By doing this, it will give me the opportunity to update the existing list and be more accurate. If I have not made mention of someone's birthday/anniversary, I do apologize for it was not done intentionally. I thank you all in advance for taking the time to do this and I look forward to hearing from you.

As the weather continues to turn warmer, keep shaded and drink plenty of water. Stay healthy and till next time. . . . signing off, your reporter: Ernie Slay (541) 923-8861

### District 7 cont.

it's one of the "funest" events of the year!

Our next and upcoming jam is July 20 at the Wilsonville Senior Center. Following that on Aug. 2, from 1 - 3 PM we will be playing for the Boones Ferry Sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration also in Wilsonville, The directions are similar for getting there:

On July 20th, coming from north on I-5, take the Wilsonville exit, turn left on Wilsonville Rd., go through 2 lights. After you pass City Hall there will be a small blue and white sign on the left for the Adult Center. Coming from the south, take the Wilsonville exit and turn right on Wilsonville Rd.

On Aug. 2nd, take Wilsonville Rd to City Hall, turn right on a narrow street to the Boozer property. Go past an old barn and other buildings. There will be a tent or other cover to play under.

Reminders of other upcoming events, include the Clackamas County Fair on Wed, Aug. 13, Washington Park Zoo on Tuesday, Sept. 16 and the Terrusa Campout July 30-Aug. 3.

Hope you have a great summer and thanks for being a good "audience"!  
Marie Smith, reporter (503) 829-5880



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Lew Holt and Starr McMullen, if necessary to select a suitable site for the state fiddle contest for the year 1998.

Another issue that was discussed was the grievance from District 5. There were several members from both sides of the issue who testified and each one was questioned by the executive board to clarify some of their statements. At all times only facts were allowed, no innuendoes or personal vendettas. All who testified did so in a courteous and orderly manner. The meeting closed at 11:30 a.m. We accepted the hospitality and fine potluck from the host district #10. There was an organized jam in the afternoon and a fun time was had by all.

An executive board session was called for 1 p.m. to discuss the pros and cons and to work out a satisfactory solution to the district 5 grievance. We met for 2 hours and 30 minutes in executive session before we agreed on an executive decision. I was instructed - with the assistance of Roger Germundson and Lew Holt to draft a letter to all members of District # 5 letting them know that the executive board is addressing this problem and will continue to monitor it until it is completely resolved. I have had numerous phone calls from interested, dedicated and concerned members of District # 5 asking what the board actually meant by this letter. It means simple this:

1. All districts will operate under the State by-laws and Standing Rules (no exceptions).
2. Any member of OOTFA can attend and participate in any state or district function as long as they conduct themselves in a courteous and orderly manner.
3. No member can be denied these privilege without just and documented cause.
4. All members will belong to the geographical area they reside in and that district number will appear above their name in the roster. This issue was debated, voted on and passed unanimously at the state quarterly meeting in Springfield, Jan. 12, 1997.
5. Last but not least - it will take wisdom, expertise and cooperation of all members (the board cannot do this alone) to bring about this harmony, erase the hard feelings and resolve this matter quickly and efficiently.

## The Hoedowner

**We wish to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed materials and financially to our contest this year.**

1. Norman & May Fiock - Montague, CA
2. Cartwright's Music and Repair - Salem
3. Lewis & Frances Roy - Roseburg
4. N.W. Helicopter Norm McGrew, V.P. - Newberg
5. Guy Kinman - Roseburg
6. David Konowalchuk and family - Newport
7. Pat McMullen - Marysville Oast Const. - Corvallis
8. Lee & Ruth Jones - Sheridan
9. Red & Myrtle Arnold - Portland
10. Lew & Alice Holt - Salem
11. Jack & Peggy Bloom - Bend
12. Don & Kathy Schutzman - Lebanon
13. Bob & Dulcie Fast - Portland
14. Berle & Rose Bennett - Blodgett
15. Alice McDowell - Eugene
16. Wally Bloom - Veneta
17. Bill Fenton - Gaston
18. Joy Costello - Dexter
19. Jim & Gynn Deaton - Canyonville
20. Ace & Dorothy Wehus - Canby
21. Connie & Richard King - Corvallis
22. Betty Wilson - Coos Bay
23. Roger and Jackie Germundson - Troutdale
24. Joan Daniels - Coos Bay
25. Janet Burgess - Hines
26. Chuck & Pat Gates - Tigard
27. Jerry & Irene Ruddock - Klamath Falls
28. Roy Lewis - Winchester Bay
29. John & Helen Hakanson - Milwaukie
30. OOTFA Districts 1-E, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10
31. Southbound Sound - Roseburg
32. Janet Morris - Woodland, CA
33. Consumers Power, Inc. - Philomath
34. Gravagraphics - Warren Beeson - Lebanon
35. Starr McMullen - Corvallis
36. Andy Emert - Tigard
37. Jon Franke - Monroe
38. Nancy Rohn - Corvallis
39. Fred & Kristie Eiguren and family - Jordan Valley
40. Don Lindsey - Medford
41. Teague Motor Company - Burns

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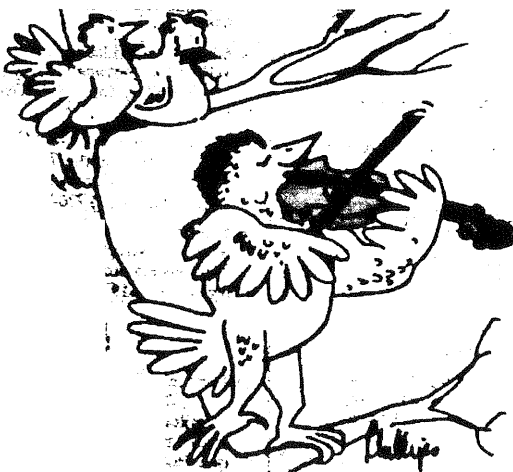
Gynn Deaton writes: JUDGES NEEDED FOR CANYONVILLE CONTEST: Once again, I'm requesting volunteers to act as judges for the Canyonville Contest. This contest is being continued because OOTFA wants it; therefore, it is your contest. I don't mind the preparation work it takes to keep the contest going but I don't have time to beg people to act as Judges; thus the annual plea for three volunteers. Please call or drop me a line if you will serve as a Judge. Jack Walker has consented to act as our Emcee.

Please, you young fiddlers, bring your talent to Canyonville. The past few years have seen trophies go begging because we don't have enough entries in the PEE WEE, JUNIOR-JUNIOR, and JUNIOR Divisions. We only had three kids total last year and that is pathetic.

The contest will take place at the Canyonville Junior High School gym. Self contained RV's will be allowed to park on the lower grounds of the school but the upper grounds will be off limits this summer as the school works to improve the grounds to eventually serve as a community sports field.

Canyonville Pioneer Days, with its myriad of activities, begins with a barbecue on Thursday, August 21st. Come early, Camp, and enjoy the entire bash. Fiddlers will entertain in the park Friday evening and the contest is on Saturday. See you then.

Gynn O. Deaton  
Canyonville Contest Director



*"Why doesn't he just warble like other Birds do?"*

## Bits and Pieces from the editor:

♪ Alice and I had a great time at Burns and Weiser. Consequently I am running a couple of days late this month getting my news to Cheryl. Hopefully she, the printer and the mail man will be able to keep me on schedule.

♪ I have slipped in some of the new officers that I knew about at the top of your district news. Hopefully the reporters will list them for us next month. You will notice that District 7 has a membership chairman. At the last state quarterly meeting it was proposed and accepted that each district assume an active role in processing new members and renewals. Briefly -- send all new membership applications to your district secretary or membership person. He or she will process the application, issue membership cards and notify Alice and me for the roster and Hoedowner. I will try to remind you each month of the change - especially as we approach renewal time of the year.

♪ I received a nice note from Johnny Gimble telling about his Texas Music Camp to be held from July 16 - 19. Of importance to us here in Oregon is that Rudi Booher will be one of the teachers. Johnny speaks very highly of Rudi. If you have questions or want more information, please feel free to call Texas Folklife Resources at (512) 320-0022. Or if you want to attend a good fiddle camp, drop on down, bet they would be glad to see you.

♪ I have received notes from both Irene and Chad about their campouts. If you want more information about the Diamond Lake Campout which is held from July 31 to Aug. 3, please give Irene or Jerry Ruddock and call at (541) 882-6418). Chad wants to remind you how to get to his place: going from west to east through Sandy, turn left on TenEyck Rd - go 3/4 mile, turn right on Coleman, go 3 miles to sign for the fiddler's campout. He also says that the workshop will be held on Friday, Aug. 1st.

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Did you know that in 1991 President Mark Carmickle established the "Bill Yohey Memorial Trophy" to recognize our back up across the state? I thought maybe you might enjoy reading the names of those who have been selected:

- 1991 -- Don and Ruth Loring;
- 1992 -- Dennis and Thelma Allen;
- 1993 -- Ruel Teague;
- 1994 -- Penny Mead;
- 1995 -- Bob Huffman;
- 1996 -- Bob Church; and
- 1997 -- Frank Moore.

Bits of information come to me which I want to share with you. I have mentioned fiddle teachers in Oregon. Here are more names-- **Carla Arnold** is teaching students in Union. **Dan Emert** is teaching students in Pendleton. **Peg Willis** is teaching 23 students in Pendleton and 22 in Heppner. She will, also, be teaching a Suzuki Institute in Walla Walla in June. Isn't that great! Thanks to them and the rest of you who are doing so much.

Congratulations and thank you to all of these winners and to the many others who serve as our back up.

THE CHORDFINDER. . . . . By Warren Colebank

Maiden's Prayer is one of the tunes most often requested by the readers. Buck Ryan's rendition of this tune appeared in the Newsletter last year. It was a disappointment so some of the readers who wanted the 'Bob Wills' version, so here it is! This notation is based on the LP Album US-9962 entitled "The Bob Wills Hall of Fame" which was recorded by Bob Wills in the early 60's.

Mail your requests or remarks to, 639 N Charlotte, Bremerton, WA. 98310

Maiden's Prayer

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