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Calendar of Events

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

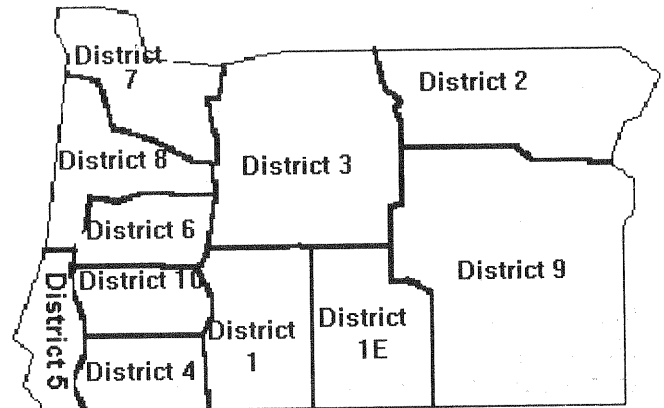
June

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Roger's Rambles

Planning has paid off. We had one of the best contests we have had in recent years. There is much more than just playing music to have a good contest. You start with a chairperson like Starr McMullen, then add Lew Holt for good measure and you have a very good start. Then add six or seven good people in the tally room (including two dedicated timers), 16 ticket sellers, 6 or so runners, a very dedicated MC, many at the registration tables and another 50 volunteers who set up and took down chairs, helped with the sound system and did everything else there was to be done. That's what it takes to have a good contest and believe me, we had every one of those people. Remember last month when I told you about the restaurant

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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

Our reporter took off for Seattle & Idaho, so I was elected to take over for her. It stands against all I stand for but here goes.

Our jam started out on the skimpy side, ended with 17 musicians and a good crowd of listeners. Played for Naomi Voss's grandson's wedding in Lorella. Thanks to Rosalee and Homer McLain from Lakeview for joining us. Also played in Dorris, Cal., in the morning, then made a mad dash back to Klamath Falls just in time to play for the people at Eldorado Hts. Lots of playing for one day.

Faye and Isom Patterson are on their way to Missouri for a family reunion. Have a great time, but look out for the tornadoes. Hope you get to Branson.

To all members that weren't at our May meeting, the owners of the Winema Hotel have asked us to be very careful of the wall paper (in the room we meet in) please do not get the tables and chairs and instruments cases near the walls. They are redoing the floor and have asked us to lift tables and chairs when moving them. Thanks.

Virgil Schmoe is recovering from a dog bite to his left hand. Had 17 stitches. Get well, miss you.

Nursing Homes: 1st Tuesday - 4 pm, Washburn Way Rehab. Klamath Falls. Play 1 hour 4th Thursday evening at 5:45. Clairmont Nursing Home (East of Main St) in Klamath Falls and same evening at 7 pm Clairmont Retirement Home - play 1 hour each.

Happy Birthday June 1st Ernie Furrey. And Happy Anniversaries June 1st - June and Sandy Sandusky, Jo & Dick Harris 16th - 52 years. Dorothy & Harold North 17th. Carolyn & Gary Rarden 24th - 31 years.

New members -- Linda Husain, Linda plays Dulcimer and her husband the guitar. John Lawson - banjo. Glad to have you and hope you

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District 1E

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HELLO from District 1E in Lakeview. As we speak, we are STILL waiting for summer to arrive. We had snow on the ground Mother's Day week-end and we choose to live here??

We had a fine jam May 2nd with Ernie & Lee Penry from Klamath falls attending. We always have a great audience of local folks that attend regularly.

Congratulations to Mike Lynch and Carol Fisher on their recent marriage. We wish them the very best. Bev Perry is up and about from her surgery. Welcome back, Bev! Fyna Manning is a recent new member and we are pleased to have Roger and Karen St. Clair rejoining us.

Our first jam and potluck for June will be the 6th, 6:30 p.m., at the Memorial Hall. The business meeting will be June 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Village. A jam is also scheduled for July 4th at the Memorial Hall, 6:30 p.m. The nursing home play dates are June 9th and 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00. We will be playing for a dance at the Valley Falls Grange, June 27th, from 9:00 p.m. till who

knows when with a midnight dinner. Should be fun!

Well, that's it for now and hope to see you in Burns at the Jamboree.

Bill and Gloria Myers, Reporters, District 1E

Reporters please take note. Alice and I want to leave for Burns on Wednesday, June 17, so the Hoedowner will be sent off to the printer on Tuesday, June 16. Please send me your news as early as possible. If you have a jam on Saturday or Sunday, you could give me a call that evening and I can add it to your news. Thanks everybody.

Lew

District 2

Peg Willis was a last minute judge at the state contest. She did a fine job and we are proud of her. Dan Emert won 4th place in the Open Division and 4th place in Accompanist. Peter Willis placed 4th in Young Adult Division and 2nd in the Accompanists Division. Bern Youngblood placed 3rd in the Jr. Jr. Division. Steff Nelson, Jacie Penner and Beth Youngblood placed 1st, 2nd & 4th in the Junior Division. We had a good turn out of contestants from our area. Others were: Eve Laurance, Elizabeth Wehland, and Lacey Wilson. Way to go!!

Greg Baker wants all of his friends to know that he will teach free fiddle and flatpick guitar workshops, Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26th at the Snake River Heritage Museum Auditorium in Weiser, Idaho. 10:00 - 11:00 AM - Flatpick Guitar Workshops -- and 11:00 - 12:00 noon: Fiddle workshops. All workshops are geared for beginners with one year or less experience. "The public is welcome." Bring instruments, and tape recorders are welcome. Greg says, too, that there will be a benefit for the Snake River Heritage Museum during the National Fiddle Contest Week in Weiser. The "1st Annual Fopas Fiddle Contest" - (Polished contest fiddle tunes and serious performances are strictly prohibited; trick fiddling, show tunes and other gimmicks are encouraged. Wed., June 24th at 7:00 PM at the Heritage Museum Auditorium. Clog & Contradance workshop Thursday the 25th at 8:00 pm at the Heritage Museum Auditorium.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greg at (503) 281-1450

Dear Fiddle Family,

We would like to thank you for the loving kindness and generosity you extended to us after our home burned. Thanks to each and every one. Our love to you all,

Gene & Lola Williams

District 3

Chairman: **Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575**
Co-Chair: **Don Hanna (541) 447-7449**
Sec/Treas: **Rudi Booher (541) 549-4305**

Our Yellow Rose, Sally Jordan and MC, Ken Jordan are departing District 3 Bend and heading towards the coast. They both have made an impact in our District as officers, musicians and dear friends. They were always willing to help others as well as brighten a room with their smiles, laughter and joking around. They will be missed, but we wish them the best. May you both continue to be blessed with good will and fortune and you are always welcome to join in any of District 3's jams. Our love to you both!

Our jam at the Deschutes Fair Ground was once again a success. We had a wonderful audience of 150. Our next jam at the Deschutes County Fair Ground in the Howard Mayfield Bldg. will be on July 12th from 2-4 PM.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO JAM DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE!!!

New Members: Cheri Schmitt (Fiddler) of Bend, Clare & Dorothy Schlosser of Redmond, Candee Edsberg (Fiddler) of Bend, Inasr Seccrest of Bend, Rene & Tim Finnigan of Sunriver, Al Reis of Sunriver, Dave Fullerton (Guitar) of Redmond, Jon Granby (Banjo/Guitar) of Madras, Dale Wright (Bass) of LaPine and Ray

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Dear friends: Thanks to Pic Lydic, Sammy Burton and Chuck Brieman for supporting Highland House Convalescent Home as they Celebrated Oregon Trail. To those of you going to Oak Lane Retirement BB on June 20th -- thank you very much!!

Please keep in mind our jam at the Roxy Ann Grange, Medford, corner of Spring and Valley View. Also, coming in June is the Rogue River Rooster Crow.

There will be no meeting in July instead we will help Central Point celebrate 4th of July at the City Park on Pine Ave. Noonish. Brown bag it or enjoy many the many food concessions.

"Fanfare please!" for Bud and Ruth Applegate - 62 years of wedded bliss. And for Alice and Sammy Burton on their 44th wedding anniversary. And then we have Frank and Mary Armstrong anticipating their 50th (45 years from May 22nd).

Be grateful for big and little blessings, say kind words to one another. Much love. Merry, Mary Armstrong. District 4 Reporter

(Editor's note: Frank Armstrong had brain surgery recently and his home now. Mary told me on the phone that he is getting better every day. She has been very busy but was able to get the news to me. Lew)

District 5

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

The last of May we ended our convalescent and retirement home schedule for the summer because we will be so busy playing in state parks, festivals and contests. And of course there are so many enjoyable camp outs our fiddlers would like to attend!

On June 6 we will be playing at Sunset Bay State park at 7: p.m. in the amphitheater and June 12 at 7:00 p.m. we will be playing in the amphitheater at Bullard's Beach State park. Then on June 19 we will be back at Sunset Bay at 7:00 p.m. So let's have a good turn out and we will provide the campers with lots of great toe tapping music!

On the 4th of July we will be playing at the Salmon Feed in Winchester Bay in front of the Sportsman Cannery from 1 - 4 p.m. We hope to see you there! For further information call Russ Hall at (541) 271-3519.

Among those on the sick list are Helen Serfass who had minor surgery and is slowly recovering and Ron Saylor who has a blocked heart artery. We also understand Fred Virtue has not been feeling well. We pray that these people are all on the mend by the time this paper goes to press.

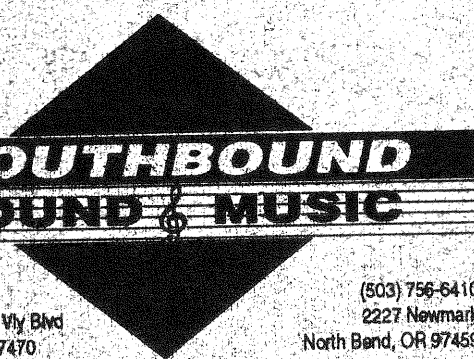
We would like to welcome our new members, Jim and Bev Hill and Gary Brink and family. Bev is a good banjo player and Gary plays the guitar and is a great singer, too! We are so happy to have you join us.

June "Birthday Wishes" go out to Shorty Dow and Val Matthews on the 7th, Rachel Kilfoy and Rick Reavis the 10th, Joan Daniels the 14th and Fred Grove the 25th. Many Happy Returns!!

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Fred and Florence Grove on the 30th.

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Sec/Memb: **Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966**

Well, I'm back from my visit to Arkansas and Missouri (saw the Sons of the Pioneers & the Osmond Family in Branson) and hear that many of you had a great time at the jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge. Sorry there was a mix-up over the May 10th jam in Springfield, but it was canceled because it was Mothers' Day. We tried to announce it everywhere our members might be, but missed a few. Sorry!

Our next jam will REALLY be at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on June 6th. Honest! We'll have a short meeting, then jam. Bring finger foods and don't forget the doors open at 12:30.

I hope you are getting your small bands up and ready for our stint at the Coburg Golden Days, July 19th. We've also added an all-out jam on Saturday night, July 18th, from 6 to 8. Come both days and have a lot of fun and good music. Just another reminder about the Mary Cole Days, August 1st. More on that later. We have also set the time for our playing at the Lane County Fair for August 19th. We will play from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. so y'all come and help us out!

We are saddened to hear of the recent death of Don and Anna Skaife's grandson, then shortly after that Don, himself, passed away. Our love and prayers go out to Anna and her family for their recent losses. Darla Miller recently lost a month old grandson. Our love and sympathy go out to Darla and her family. We learned recently that Andy Menken passed away, too. Also, Jerry White, who in the 1960's was our state champion for two years, passed away this month. Now today's paper lists Frank Overby's passing. Because of these losses,

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District 7

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Co-Chair: **Helen Hakanson(503) 659-7250**
Sec/Treas: **Lila Bills (503) 253-8447**
Mship: **Jackie Germundson (503) 663-6851**

For the Saturday jam at the Elsie Stuhr Center, on June 6th, the doors will open at 11 a. m. There will be a health fair going on at the same time as our jam. The fair will be in the room we usually have our potluck in. Feel free to visit the health fair, but do not use that room for fiddling. Also please do not play beside the front door, instead they've given us two other rooms for jamming.

The OOTF's reserved parking is in the lot to the north side of the facility. There is a door that goes from the parking lot to the room for the potluck and the big room we will use to jam in. You'll find a small kitchen by the potluck room. Please cheerfully abide by the center's requests for cooperation! The reserved health fair parking will be on the south side on the church lot, so be sure to avoid that area.

For your future reference: we've applied to play at the Clackamas County Fair, but haven't heard from them as of 5/12/98. We've not yet found a place for our next monthly jam.

Don't forget the State Summer Fiddle Fest at Mt. Hood Village. The dates will be July 9-12. The location is 15 miles east of Sandy, Oregon.

Thanks to all who helped make our first Newport gathering a big success. The weather was a once in a lifetime event. Our state officers especially put in a lot of overtime for our enjoyment. We had a very strong contingency present from Washington State and also visitors from California. Many of our members from the Burns area made it back to this side of the mountains.

Directions to the Elsie Stuhr Adult Center at 5550 S. W. Hall Blvd. In Beaverton are: coming from the north take Hwy. 26 to 217, turn right on Allen Blvd. left on Hall to 12th St. The Cen-

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**Happy
Father's
Day**

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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

Newport: District 8 was pleased and proud to be a part of the State APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL. We only had one rule "no grouches allowed" and did we have a good time! For two days it was "nothing but fun." Going through the roster back home, we were able to account for nearly 200 members who were there. They came from Burns, Bend, Redmond, Klamath Falls, Portland, Eugene, California, Washington and many places in between. We want to thank a bunch of people for their special work. But we were especially touched by the crew that stayed late Saturday night to help put away all the tables, chairs, sweep the floor, empty the garbage and all that fun stuff -- Bob and Marie Bailey, Gene and Jackie Stepheson, Joan Lomax, Connie King, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Harley and Lila Bills, Fred and Charlotte Hardin, Robert and Mary Terry, Alice and Lew Holt and Don O'Brien. Thanks from District 8 to Mark Carmickle, Lloyd Shriber and Ken Jordan for their emceeing. Thanks to all who took everything in stride. It was a very positive week-end, even with a "few barking dogs," a circus setting up and tearing down, working out the parking,

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District 9

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Sec/Treas: George Sahlberg (541) 573-6517

Howdy! District 9 had a blast at our May Jam. Quite a few folks attended the last jam of the season. We'll be taking a break for the summer months. Monthly jams at the Senior Center will begin again in October. Stay tuned, I'll remind you. Thanks to the many regulars who have been there month after month. Jay and Virginia Coble, Faye Leonard and Freda Tubbs are just a few among the ever faithful.

Several musicians from Burns played for the 2nd Annual Clogging Jamboree in John Day on May 9. Cloggers from Grant County, Kennewick, WA, and Redmond put on quite a show. Buck Potter did a solo clog in honor of his instructor, Judith Beaudet. Buck graduates from high school in a few days and will be going on to college next year. Good luck to you, Buck and nice going on your clogging.

Janet writes via e-mail -- "Saturday Linda Danielson and Joanne Dugaw presented a program in Burns "Where'd you come from, Where'd you go". It was a real treat for me to listen

to some very fine fiddlin'. Linda played tunes she'd learned from Wally Bloom and Stan Gonsorowski as well as others. They are presenting this program through the Oregon Humanities Council."

Dates to remember include June 12th at the Aspens and June 15th at the Nursing Home. Maybe there will be a few early comers for the Jamboree to help out.

Don't forget the Country Music Jamboree June 18, 19, & 20. I'll see you there.

Reporter, Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

**"Behold the
Turtle!**

**He makes
progress only
when he sticks
his neck out!"**

District 10

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Co-Chair: **Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522**
Sec/Treas: **Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501**
Co-Sec: **Elsie Downs (541) 459-2524**

Gene Perry has been on the sick list. We hope that he is much better. Our member Robert Swan has been under the weather for some time now. We wish him a quick recovery. We miss your harmonica, Bob.

Looking into June, June 7th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. On the 13th there will be a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and a jam and dance from 1 to 4 at the Winston Community Building.

Happy June Birthdays to : George Krohn, Dorotha Wyatt, Bob Hanson, Marie Gates, Dennis Allen, Thelma Allen and Elsie Downs. Happy Anniversary wishes to Ed and Billie Doolittle, Keith and Marlis Carr and Dennis and Joyce Pickett.

Reporter: Jean Hanson
(541) 672-6929

District 1 cont.

like us enough to stay.

Keep the date of Aug. 1st in mind. Sat. at 1:30, wedding anniversary, 2809 Montelia St. Get in touch with Irene if you will be there.

June 14th next meeting. Winema Hotel, 1111 Main St. Open at noon for early jamming, business meeting and potluck lunch (no finger foods). Open to public 2 - 4 pm.

Whew, I got it written. Hurry back Cherie, wouldn't want this as a steady job.
Jo Harris District 1

“Happiness is like a kiss - in order to get any good out of it you have to give it to somebody else.”

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this was not our favorite month. We extend to their families our love. They will all be missed. Let's enjoy our music, let's enjoy our family and friends. They are so precious to us all.

Thelma Shephard, Reporter. District 6

Thelma sez: Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

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Our next jam will be held June 13 from 1 -4 p.m. Please bring finger food to be served at noon.

Don't forget the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser June 22 - 28!
Mary Lou Saylor -District 5 Reporter

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(Guitar) & Marguerite Williams of LaPine. We welcome all our new members to our District and will look forward to seeing at the Jams.

REMINDER: To present and new members...If you would like your Birthday or Anniversary mentioned in future issues please submit those dates to:

Ernie Slay, 1987 NW 10th St., Redmond, OR 97756-1050

Birthdays: 9-Lee Hanna, 25-Betty Fullerton, 27-Carla Booher. Anniversary Couple: 22- Dave & Kay Gutcher

Well Folks as Summer is trying to make its move, there are still some chilly nights...so keep warm and take care of yourselves...Till Next time, signing off your

Reporter/Ernie Slay 541-504-1065.

Roger's Rambles cont.

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across the parking lot? Wasn't that food the best!! And they loved our fiddle music. Of course it also takes some dedicated fiddlers who have practiced many hours to come to the contest and play their hearts out. We had those, too, from Pee Wee to Sr. Sr. And did they play well!!

Cactus Finley was awarded the Bill Yohey Memorial Trophy as a most valuable back up player. Congratulations Cactus. Eighty Five year old Buck Milligan received a trophy for being the oldest fiddler at the contest. Seven year old Sophie Wilson was our youngest girl fiddler and eight year old Jacob French was our youngest boy fiddler.

Many, many thanks to Ken Cartwright who owns and operates Cartwright's Music and Repair shop in Salem for putting together an excellent sound system for our contest. Ken lugged in a large pick-up load of sound equipment Friday morning and sat there from noon on Friday to late Saturday night. It was dedication to the extreme. Thanks Ken from all of us.

Sunday morning found us at the American Legion in Salem for our quarterly meeting. We discussed whether or not we should have the quarterly meetings at the same time as the contest. A large majority of members present felt we should continue the Quarterly meeting at the time of the contest. Thanks to all of you who came so far. And a thanks to district 8 for being the host district.

The contest dominated this month but we can't forget the good time we had at Newport at the end of April. Thanks to all of you for

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ter is on the right. From the South I-5 to 217, left on Allen, to Hall, turn right to 12th. The Center is still on the right. The floor is great for dancing, so bring those dancin' slippers. [Remember parking is on the north side of the center for the month of June only.

Pat Gates, reporter, District 7

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your kind words about being there. I received a letter from the fair office people saying that we were the best group of people they have ever had. The staff was so generous to insure that we had everything we needed and that we enjoyed being there. I want to thank District 8 for being our host district to keep everything running and for their sound system. And thanks to Shorty Dow for donating a fiddle which was raffled off that week end for the contest fund. It brought in \$174 !!

Just a short time before we were in Newport, the home of Gene and Lola Williams was practically destroyed by a fire. Their loss touched us all. Saturday morning a container was put out for contributions for the Williams'. That evening we were able to go give the Williams just a few dollars short of a thousand dollars. It all came from the hearts and generosity of the fiddle family. Now we want to offer you the opportunity to contribute to the Williams to help them rebuild. If you care to make a contribution, please make your check out to OOTFA and mail it to Lew Holt. I have asked Lew to handle this expression of our concern and friendship for the Williams. Isn't it great to be a member of this "fiddle family!!"

Don't forget the High Desert jamboree in Burns June 18, 19, 20. Also be reminded of our state jam at Mt. Hood Village July 9, 10, & 11. Remember we are being paid \$500 for the gig so we hope to have a good attendance. We will have a Sunday morning Gospel show so review a few good old time gospel tunes. I'm very proud to be a part of such a great musical organization. God Bless you all. Roger



Your Name
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These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The name tags with pins are \$7.00 and those with a magnetic back are \$8.00 mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

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Notes from the editor:

President Roger has asked me to start compiling a history of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. I have written to several people across the state who might be able to help with the project by supplying information about how their district was formed and/or who some of the early people were. If I did not write to you and you are able to supply information about the formation of your district or some of its early history, please contact me. I have already heard from several of you so I am off to a good start. Roger wants to have the material ready for the year 2000 - which isn't too far off when there is a lot to collect. What do you have to share?

This is a part of a letter I sent to a Fiddle List on the computer. There are about 600 people from all over the world on this list. I wanted them to know what we do in Oregon so I sent the following letter:

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association rented the Lincoln County Fairgrounds for the week end for an APRIL FIDDLE FESTIVAL. The members wanted a chance to get together on the coast and have a good time. The first evening we were let into the fair building out of the chilly night air. About 25 of us sat in a circle and jammed until late in the evening. (10:30 is late at our age).

The next morning a group of us went to see Keiko - just as exciting as it is on the evening TV news. Others walked on the beach, had clam chowder or toured the bay front.

We took up a collection to rent the hall Thursday afternoon and jammed inside where it was warmer. Since so many had arrived - many more than we had anticipated - we had a sign up jam that evening. We jammed all together on the stage for a half hour and then each musician played two tunes.

All day Friday fiddlers jammed through out the large fair building and we had a big show that evening with 58 signed up. We only had time for one tune each.

Saturday morning we had a picking contest - mostly for fun to entertain us and for the few that were there from the community. (Russ Phillips took first and Donna Oldham was second) That afternoon we had a two hour gospel show. That night we had seven bands that had been organized. Each band played for 26 minutes. The area in front of the stage was clear for dancing. That makes fiddling a lot more fun.

About ten days ago (before Newport) Gene and his wife who live in southern Oregon left their home and went to a meeting eight miles away. Somebody ran into the meeting to get an emergency worker saying that a log cabin was burning up on "Skookum Lane." Yes, that was Gene and Lola's. They hurried home and could see flames shooting from the upstairs windows. Gene went into the burning cabin in spite of the

firemen and saved one fiddle and some guns. This tragedy touched us and Saturday night our state president presented right at \$1000 to Gene and Lola to use as they see fit as they rebuild their log cabin and lives. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. We had set out a plastic milk jug that morning and the money poured into it all day. After we are able to tell others about their loss, we want to give other members across the state an opportunity to contribute. It shows how strong our "fiddle family" is here in Oregon.

One more little story. Saturday night after the "on stage jam" and just before the dance bands started, Alice and Norm twin fiddled "The Star Spangled Banner" as we so often play before we start our shows. Not only did they do well but by the time they got to the middle of the tune, 200 voices were singing along as they played. What a beautiful experience it was in a far off little corner of America to hear the beauty of the fiddles and to hear people express themselves with the words to this great tune. . . . just from their hearts. Thanks for listening.

Here is another letter I wrote to the Fiddle List. I thought maybe you might enjoy it: Greetings friends, I couldn't help but think of the fiddle list this afternoon. A group of us - three fiddles, two guitars and a bass - played our usual hour in the social room to actually an enthusiastic group in a nursing home. Nothing out of the ordinary - just the usual group but then a lady came in and asked if we would go come to room 19 to play for her sister-in-law's mother. The old lady had been an active piano player and had enjoyed music for many years but had suffered a bad stroke last Monday. I was told that they can't get her to swallow and that they really don't think she will live long.

When we finished we went down to room 19 where the lady's daughter and a friend were sitting by the old lady's bed. She was propped up in bed - her eyes were closed, the left side of her face drooped, the IV tubes dripped and there was really not much happening. We were told that she always liked to play Tennessee Waltz, Sweet Georgia Brown and would we end with Faded Love. That was easy - we could do that.

We started with Tennessee Waltz. The old lady's eyes opened and she looked far away. Her breathing became deeper. I couldn't but help wondering "where she was in her thoughts." All the time we played, she was attentive in her own way. We could see her thinking about something. The wheels were turning. She was unable to speak. Was she at the piano playing along with us? We hope that we touched her in some way with our music and gave her a brief moment of pleasure.

When we finished the three tunes, we were asked if we wouldn't play Amazing Grace before we left. I have never heard any of our tunes played with such depth, emotional involvement and commitment as those tunes were today. There was a depth and feeling in our tunes that I had never heard before and can't really find the words to describe. Today I wondered if we could play and have tears in our eyes at the same time. We can and we did. (The lady lived only a few days. We hope that our music added a bit of pleasure to her life.)

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST WINNERS 1998

Chemeketa Community College
May 15 and 16, 1998

ACCOMPANISTS (Most times accompanying contestants)

1. Frank Moore (Newberg)
2. Peter Willis (Pendleton)
3. Andy Emert (Portland)
4. Dan Emert (Pendleton)
5. Ben Booher (Yoncalla)

TWIN FIDDLE No age limit.

1. Meriwyn Booher - Amy Thomas (Yoncalla/Salem)
2. Starr McMullen - Andy Emert (Corvallis/Portland)
3. Eileen Witle - Donna Reuter (West Linn/Hood River)
4. Beth Youngblood - Eve Laurance (LaGrande/LaGrande)
5. Andy Shelton - Jessica Slothower (Corvallis/Corvallis)

PEE WEE 8 years and younger

1. Jacob French (Sisters)
2. Sophie Wilson (Beaverton)
3. Logan Merriam (Hood River)
4. Jacque Mellow (Hood River)
5. Robbie Armer (Bend)

JUNIOR JUNIOR 9 years through 12

1. Mary Julia Wilson (Beaverton)
2. Amberly Rosen (Eugene)
3. Bern Youngblood (LaGrande)
4. Zach Konowalchuk (Newport)
5. Ruthie Lawrence (LaGrande)
6. Johnny Bullock (LaGrande)

JUNIOR 13 years through 17

1. Steff Nelson (Pendleton)
2. Jackie Penner (Pendleton)
3. Eve Laurance (LaGrande)
4. Beth Youngblood (LaGrande)
5. Andy Shelton (Corvallis)

YOUNG ADULT

18 years through 36

1. Jeanine Orme (Beaverton)
2. Erin McMullen (Corvallis)
3. Steve Kenyon (Lebanon)
4. Peter Willis (Pendleton)
5. Carla Booher (Sisters)

ADULT

37 years through 59

1. Donna Reuter (Hood River)
2. Eileen Witle (West Linn)
3. Bob Heinith (Portland)
4. Chad Terrusa (Sandy)
5. Clyde Pugh (Gold Hill)

SENIOR

60 years through 69

1. Ila Mae Carmickle (Eugene)
2. Donna Foreman (Estacada)
3. Lew Holt (Salem)
4. Alice Holt (Salem)
5. Irene Ruddock (Klamath Falls)

SENIOR-SENIOR

70 years or older

1. PaPa Spain (Portland)
2. Gene Williams (Prospect)
3. Wayne Holmes (Gresham)
4. John Waddingham (Portland)
5. Ruel Teague (Burns)

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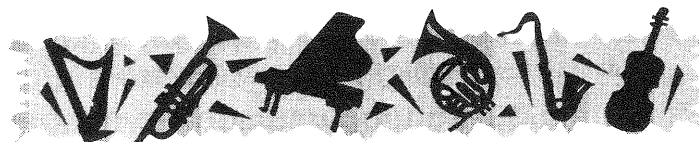
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Oldest Fiddler: Buck Milligan 85 (Springfield)

Youngest Girl Fiddler: Sophie Wilson 7 (Beaverton)

Youngest Boy Fiddler: Jacob French 8 (Sisters)



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a couple of showers, etc.

Lee W. (young Lee) and Mindy Jones of Salem announce the birth of a daughter Calista Maye 8'12" 20 inches long, born at 11:22 AM 14 May 1998 at Salem Hospital. Leroy (Lee) and Ruth Jones are the proud Greatgrandparents.

We were proud to have the state contest in our district this year. We hoped that everything would go well and it did. Chemeketa Community College is great facility. And The Blue Moon restaurant, right next door was great. We were so pleased to have one our members, Ken Cartwright, do such a fantastic job with the sound system. District 8 winners in the contest were: Open, Amy Thomas 3rd. Jr-Jr, Zach Konowalchuk 4th, Senior, Lew Holt 3rd, Alice Holt 4th. Sr-Sr, Lew Standiford 7th, Dale Johnson 10th. There were 18 Sr-Srs ! Others from District 8 who competed were, Tillie McFee, Stan Kilbourn, Miles Johnson, Paul Briskey and Marge Apperson.

Wasn't Sunday after the contest a lot of fun!! It started off so slowly but in a short time we had the Kaisers there from Coburg, The Germundsons, the Arnolds, the Bills, Esther Snider, Wayne Holmes from Portland. Alan Ede and Doug Orton from Corvallis. Irene and Jerry Ruddock from Klamath Falls. The Carmickles from Eugene. Lee Cushman from Trail. And of course the regulars from District 8 but we must note Barbara Bartholomew - although she lives in our district, was 100 miles from home. It was more like a party than a jam. Thanks to all who

came. It was fun having you there.

Our next get together is on June 21st at the Senior Center in McMinnville. The hall will be open at 10 AM, a potluck at noon and a jam to follow. Remember - Here's how to get to the Senior Center. if you are traveling through McMinnville north on the main highway -- after you have gone through the business district and start to go out of town, there will be a McDonald's on the left (north side of the highway), right there you turn right (south) onto McDaniel St. and the Senior Center is a couple of blocks on the left. (East) Please come listen, dance and play music with us.

The Smelt Fry at Yachats hasn't been confirmed yet, but we will probably be there on the 11th of July. We'll let you know for sure next month. On the 18th of July we will play as we did last year in the Humpert Park in Mt. Angel. Please mark you calendars. The Polk Co. Fair is a question mark at this time for August 15th. That is a Saturday. On September 5th we are invited to have a jam in Newport. They liked us there - details later this summer but there is parking for Rvs.

Because of being at Newport, the contest and other events, we have signed up " a lot" of new members. Please make them feel welcome. And to all of our new members, please introduce yourself so we will all know who you are.

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

Country Music Jamboree: I thought some folks might be interested in a few details concerning the Jamboree. You really don't need to know much, Janet writes, just show up and have a great time. "However," Janet continues, "I will share a few tidbits. The dates are June 18, 19, and 20th at the Harney County Fairgrounds. Watch for signs as you come into town. Road construction is a happening through Burns and Hines so you might want to take the Lottery Lane turn off if coming into town from the west. Parking is available at the Fairgrounds for \$10/night with hookups and \$7 for dry camping. Showers are available. The buildings will be open 8 am to midnight. Mornings are unscheduled except for guitar and fiddle workshops at 10 am each day. Afternoon and evening shows will be held and include a band scramble Friday afternoon, a gospel show on Saturday afternoon and Dance bands on Friday night. Of course this is subject to change on a whim. There is no registration fee but you can count on us passing the hat to cover the costs. Concessions will be available at the fairgrounds. Harney County nights can be cool even in June so toss in an extra blanket and don't forget your jacket. Be prepared to have a great time and play your fingers to the bone! The High Desert Fiddlers thank you all for helping make this Jamboree so much fun. Janet Burgess

Irene Ruddock writes about Jerry and her Diamond Lake Campout

Parking: the smaller motor homes and campers may park by the activity center. The larger ones may park at the Hill Top shop free of charge. Cabins 47 & 48 can be used by anyone wanting showers, etc. Bring your own towels. Anyone wanting more info may call the Ruddocks at 541-882-6418 or if they are on the road, their cell number is 541-891-8111. There are campsites available with hook-ups but the individuals must make their own reservations. Motel rooms and a restaurant are available.

Irene sends the following schedule:
PROGRAM AGENDA - MEET AT THE DIAMOND LAKE LODGE Cabins 47 & 48

THURS: July 30th -- informal jamming at cabins 47 & 48 **COFFEE POT ON EVERY DAY**

FRIDAY: July 31st -- Breakfast -- 8:00 - 10:00 - at cabins 47 & 48 if the weather permits or in the **LODGE ACTIVITY CENTER**. **POTLUCK** at 1:00 for all who wish to participate.

CONTEST: Would like to try a **PIE PRIZE GROUP FIDDLING CONTEST 3 GROUPS**. Jam for the public 7:00 - ? **LODGE ACTIVITY CENTER**.

SATURDAY: Aug. 1st -- Breakfast at cabins 47 & 48. **FREE** time jamming Same as above. **POTLUCK** 1:00 for all who wish to participate. Free time jamming **SAME AS ABOVE**. **JAM** for public 7:00 in the **LODGE ACTIVITY CENTER**. Ice cream social after evening playing for fiddlers.

SUN. Aug. 2nd -- Breakfast - same as above for those who wish. **GOSPEL MUSIC HOUR** 10:30 - **LODGE ACTIVITY CENTER**. **POTLUCK**. **FREE** time jamming the rest of the day.

MON. Aug. 3rd -- may jam until noon or at the hill top shop parking area. Must be out of cabins by noon.

CANYONVILLE CONTEST AUGUST 29th

Once again the Canyonville Contest must be held in the Canyonville Junior High Gym. The Community Center I told you about earlier is still being renovated for the handicapped so is not a possibility for use. There is free parking on the school grounds for self-contained RVs so come on down early in the week.

I'm happy to announce that Jack Walker will be our Emcee again. What I need from OOTFA today are judges. Please call or write if you can serve as a Judge. Remember, this contest is being continued because OOTFA wants it. When OOTFA no longer wants the Canyonville Contest, that is the day I retire. Pioneer Days committee definitely wants to continue it but they will have another Director when OOTFA gives me the word that it no longer wants it. I know that it is impossible for me to have a contest without your support and since there are several better paying contests around, I can understand if this little one is not that important anymore.

Thanks to Bob and LoRay Hannah for their generous donation of \$100 to the contest. And to OOTFA District #4 for sending me \$150. These contributors have been my mainstays for several years now and I am so grateful. If there are others who wish to help, please do so as early as possible so I can plan the prize money to offer.

This is Canyonville's 32nd Pioneer Days celebration and the fiddle contest has been a part of it for each of those 32 years. Thursday, the 27th is the barbecue and the opening of the midway and a variety of activities. Friday, the fiddlers will entertain in the park (after entertaining at the Forest Glen Retirement Home earlier) and Saturday, the contest. Please come to Canyonville all you fiddlers, from the Pee Wee's to the Senior-Seniors. Our prizes aren't the greatest but everyone seems to have a lot of fun. See you.

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HAPPY Birthday!

June

- 1st Ernie Furrey
- 7th Shorty Dow
- 7th Val Matthews
- 9th Lee Hanna
- 10th Rachel Kilfoy
- 10th Rick Reavis
- 14th Joan Daniels
- 25th Betty Fullerton
- 25th Fred Grove
- 27th Carla Booher
- George Krohn
- Dorotha Wyatt
- Bob Hanson
- Marie Gates
- Dennis Allen
- Thelma Allen
- Elsie Downs



HEALTH CARE

Helen Serfass who had minor surgery and is slowly recovering

Ron Saylor who has a blocked heart artery.

Fred Virtue has not been feeling well.

Gene Perry has been on the sick list.

Robert Swan has been under the weather for some time now.

O. O. T. F. A.
Membership --
new members only.

June 1-7 months @ \$1.25 = \$8.75
 July 1--6 months @ \$1.25 = \$7.50
 Aug. 1-5 months @ \$1.25 = \$6.25
 Sep. 1-4 months @ \$1.25 = \$5.00
 Oct. 1--3 months @ \$1.25 = \$3.75
 + \$15 for 99
 Nov. 1-2 months @ \$1.25 = \$2.50
 + \$15 for 99
 Dec. 1-1 months @ \$1.25 = \$1.25
 + \$15 for 99

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June

- 1st June and Sandy Sandusky
- 16th Jo & Dick Harris - 52 years.
- 17th Dorothy & Harold North
- 22nd Dave & Kay Gutcher
- 24th Carolyn & Gary Rarden-31 years.
- 30th Fred and Florence Grove
- Bud and Ruth Applegate - 62 years
- Alice and Sammy Burton - 44 years
- Frank and Mary Armstrong - 45 years
- Ed and Billie Doolittle
- Keith and Marlis Carr
- Dennis and Joyce Pickett

The Hoedowner

Calendar of Events Continued

Please mark the following dates and places
on your calendars:

June 18, 19,20 **Country Music Jamboree
in Burns**

July 9,10,11,&12 **State Summer Festival
at Welches near Mt. Hood**

Aug. 1 **Willamette Valley Fiddle
Contest in Corvallis**

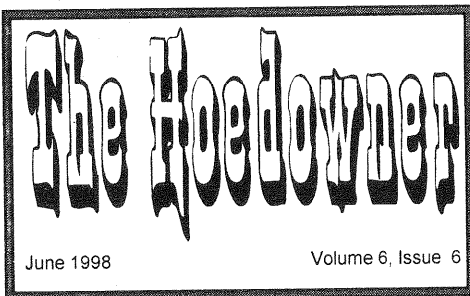
Aug. 29 **Pioneer Days Fiddle Contest
in Canyonville**

Sep. 17-19 **LaPine Campout/quarterly
meeting**

1	Mid-Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
14,15	Oregon Trail Days Contest	La- Grande	
15	Polk Co. Fair??	Rickreall	8
19	Lane Co. Fair	Eugene	6
19	Mt. Angel Outdoor		8
15 to Labor Day	Martha's Campout		
29	Canyonville Contest		

September

17,18,19 LaPine Campout



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