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Calendar of Events

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

September

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| 5 | I.O.O.F. Hall | Gold Hill | 4 |
| 5 | National Guard Armory | Newport | 8 |
| 6 | Winston Com. Bldg | Winston | 10 |
| 6 | Willamalane | Springfield | 6 |
| 11 | Bullards Beach St. Park | Bandon | 5 |
| 12 | Driftwood Hall | North Bend | 5 |
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| 13 | Winima Hotel | Klamath Falls | 1 |
| 13 | Deschutes Co. Fair-grounds | Redmond | 3 |
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| 19 | Winston Com. Bldg | Winston | 10 |
| 25 | Bullards Beach St. Park | Bandon | 5 |

October

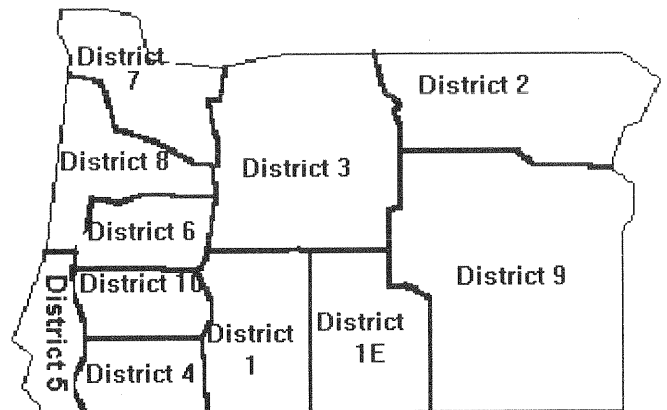
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| 3 | Sr Center | Rogue River | 4 |
| 3 | LST Sailors Reunion | Reedsport | 5 |
| 4 | Senior Center | Burns | 9 |
| 4 | Winston Com. Bldg | Winston | 10 |
| 10 | Newport Elks | | 8 |
| 11 | Estacada | | 7 |
| 17 | Winston Com. Bldg | Winston | 10 |
| 18 | Elks Lodge | Sweet Home | 6 |

November

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| 7 | Talent Community Center | Talent | 4 |
| 7 | Elsie Stuhr Center | Beaverton | 7 |

December

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| 13 | Christmas | Gresham | 7 |
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Roger's Rambles

It's hard to believe that we are gearing up for our last statewide jam of the year at LaPine, Sep. 17th thru the 19th. What happened to this summer?

Well I have to admit that I have never played so much music as I have this year, and enjoyed every minute of it.

We have tried to have workshops at every gathering and starting with Burns, we've had "Tunes at Two" where someone has taught a tune of choice to any fiddler wanting to learn it. These have been well attended and seemed to be welcomed and lots of fun. We will continue these in the coming months and we have people lined up for LaPine to teach guitar, beginning fiddle and a tune session.

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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."

District 1

Chairman: Ray Lane (541)882-1595
Co-Chair: Sandy Sandusky (541) 884-7802
Sec/Treas: Grace Stork (541) 884-5313

Hello, is your summer flying by too fast? If so, hopefully all of you are enjoying each and every moment filled with music and lots of fun times.

As of Sept 13, '98 District 1 will resume its monthly jams at the old Winima Hotel at 1111 Main St. in Klamath Falls. Doors open at noon (for early jamming) with a business meeting and lunch of finger foods to follow. The regular jam, open to the public for listening and dancing is from 2:00 to 4 p. m.

Our nursing homes times to play are: 1st Tuesday at 3 p.m. - Washburn Way Rehab in Klamath Falls - play 1 hours. 4th Thursday evening at 5:45 p. m. at Clairmont nursing home (east end of Main St.) and at 7 p.m. at Clairmont Retirement (1 block above the nursing home.) Play 1 hour each, same evening. And as an extra, District 1 has been asked to play Sept. 3 at Klamath View Retirement Center, 2175 N. Eldarado Blvd in Klamath Falls. Please come about 4:15 p.m. to play some before their meal. Fiddlers and spouses are asked to eat a free BBQ rib meal with the residents at 5 p.m., then probably play a short time after the meal. They do serve a nice meal, as we've eaten there before.

There is a possibility of playing at Diamond Lake Junction for the 2,000 + bicyclers about Sept. 15 or 16. Will know more later on - for information on this and other dates, please call Ray Lane at 541- 882-1595.

Happy Birthdays in Sept. are wished to Grace Stork 6th, Sandy Sandusky 22nd and Dick Harris 26th. Also Ray and I have a 51st anniversary Sept. 4.

Thank you to all who braved the heat and came to play for the Bill Jones's 50th anniversary and family reunion. The Jones family said they were very pleased to hear their requested songs

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District 1E

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Sec.: Beverly Perry (541) 947-2334
Treas: Shorty Stone (541) 947-3825
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Well, summer arrived with a vengeance in the high country of Oregon. It's been in the VERY high 90's for almost a month. You'll hear no complaints from most folks as we all know how close that corner is where Old Man Winter lays in waiting!!

We had a great time at the Silver Lake Campout. Twenty seven local folks stopped by to listen and one family traveling through from Colorado also stopped in for a little while. Some of our fellow OOTFA members from other districts came by for a day or the whole weekend. It was great to see them. We want to welcome four new families who joined us that weekend. Bob Elliott, Fort Rock; Woody Webb, Jim Johnston and Jon Murray all of Silver Lake spent much of the weekend with us playing music and decided to become members.

The group played for a dance at the Valley Falls Grange the 15th and had fun even though the turnout was pretty small. Virgil Schmoe from Klamath Falls joined us. Thanks, Virgil!

We are looking forward to having a jam/barbecue at our place the 22nd. Should be fun providing the mosquitoes and other critters don't carry us away!

District 1E will have center stage Sunday afternoon at the Labor Day-Lake County Fair. We always have a good time and lots of old friends stop by to listen and play along. Then on Monday we will have a float in the parade and entertain parade goers through downtown Lakeview.

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Doug Orton reports that the jams are still being held Tuesday afternoon in Corvallis. Please give Doug a call if you want more information (541) 758-8562.

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District 2

We are proud of our contestants who entered the Mid-Willamette Valley Contest in Corvallis -- ACCOMPANIST 1. Pete Willis - Pendleton; JUNIOR (13-17) 1. Steff Nelson - Pendleton; and ADULT (18-59) 1. Jacie Penner - Pendleton





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District 3

Chairman: Ed Nelson (541) 389-9575
Co-Chair: LeRoy Sims (541) 536-3656
Sec/Treas: Betty Fullerton (541) 382-4583

(via fax) Several of our musicians played for two hours at the Crook Co. Fair. It was exceptionally hot on the stage under the tent causing extreme heat problems for our musicians. They deserve a lot of credit for playing so wonderfully under such adverse conditions.

Ed and I had the opportunity to attend the Diamond Lake Campout hosted by Jerry and Irene Ruddock from district 1. It was very enjoyable and worthy of marking your next year's calendars for July 29 - Aug. 2, 1999. All the homemade pies Irene made were divine.

Those of us who have had the privilege of knowing Bob and Billie Kitchens know that we are each a better person for that friendship. Bob and Billie gave so much unconditional love to our district. On Aug. 19th Billie moved to so. Cal. to be near her daughters and her sister. Billie is dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Bob and Earlene Erwin's annual bar-b-que was combined with their 50th anniversary party given by their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren and what a party it was! The feast of food was spectacular. The cake was a beauty and it tasted as good as it looked. It was made and decorated by a friend, Debbie Booth. The best man Karl Landers, who was there 50 years

ago, said the marriage would never last. Karl was affectionately served crow ala carte when Bob did some announcing. There was a lot of food, fun, laughter and music. Ruth Montgomery was there from District 6 and played the bass which gave Hollis Real the opportunity to play his fiddle. It was great. We don't get to hear enough of Hollis playing his fiddle. He is a master at playing true oldtime fiddling. Thanks Ruth. Thank you Hollis. It was a treat.

Bob Story played guitar and sang "Look At

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Alice will be bringing the last of the rosters to Thousand Trails so if you haven't gotten yours for this year, they will be available for a dollar until we run out. She will also bring membership material for the districts. It won't be long until we get serious about membership for 1999.

District 4

Chairman: Don Lindsey (541) 779-0793
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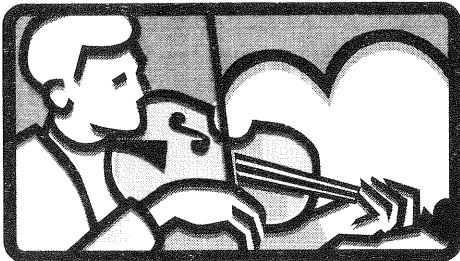
Hi! Amigos y Amigos! We will resume our regular meetings this coming September at Gold Hill I.O.O.F. Hall. July was our day to help Central Point celebrate the 4th of July and August was our picnic at Prospect. We didn't get a chance to go to the picnic and I understand everyone enjoyed it. Frank's children surprised him with a birthday party and it was a chore to side track him!

Anyway dearies, like the candy cane that was half eaten, this newsletter will be short and sweet. In spite of all this heat, I send my biggest smile and slap on the back for going out and making music for all to enjoy.

Continue to remember our ailing friends and pray for their recovery and comfort.

Until we meet again, Aloha.

Merry, Mary Armstrong



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District 5

Chairman: Fred Grove (541) 267-4467
Co-Chair: Phil Fry (541) 888-2004
Sec/Treas: Marianne Burns(541) 888-2655

August was beautiful here on the southern Oregon coast and now September has arrived with more hot weather! The kids are heading back to school and our fiddlers are still busy playing at all kinds of affairs.

We would like to thank all of the people who helped us at all of our shows during the month of July. Among our guests were Pat and Bill Thompson from District 4, Jo Barnes, Paul Lakey, Guy Kinman, Bob Hanson, Chuck Hasty and Dennis Pickett from District 10 and Wally Bloom from District 6. We also wish to give a "Big Hand" to their families who came to give them their support. We enjoyed them all and it is always so nice to have them come and lend us their musical abilities!

Helen Serfass has been very ill and spent over a week in the Bay Area Hospital. She is now home where she is recovering and her sister, Marianne Burns is also back home where she is recovering from a stroke. Both of these ladies would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, visits, cards and flowers but especially for their many prayers. There is nothing like the

power of prayer!

Also, among our ill are Vera and Fred Virtue. They are nearly house bound now and only get out occasionally to go to the doctors. They would like to have their many friends come and visit them. They would also welcome cards and letters. You may call them at 541-396-3051. Their address is: HC 83 Box 3660 Coquille, Or 97423-9748. They would really appreciate hearing from you.

My husband and I are proud to announce the birth of our 5th great grandchild who made his grand entrance Aug. 3. Our precious little Bryson Steven is a real "KEEPER."

It will rush me to get next month's Hoedowner to the publisher/editor on time but I will wait until I get back from LaPine to get it to her. If the reporters could get their news to me early in the week, (Sept. 14,15, or 16) I can get it into the computer before I go to LaPine. If you can't, please make sure it is here when I get back on the 20th. I will need to get it out that evening.

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District 6

Chairman: Joe Moyle (541) 343-5894
Co-Chair: Betty Hawkins (541) 746-5579
Treas: Ralph Hatleberg (541) 345-1421
Sec/Memb: Ruth Kennedy (541) 746-9966

Well, I heard everyone had a great time at the Elks Lodge in Sweet Home, but I'm sorry I couldn't be there. (My family always has their big reunion on that week-end every year.) However, the turn-out was smaller than usual. come on, folks, that's a great place and we will be going back there on October 18th. Remember they serve a great breakfast (all you can eat for \$3.00) until 11:00, so we will not have a potluck, and start the jam earlier than usual.

A group of players did a great job entertaining at Marcola for the Mary Cole Days, and many special thanks to all of them. I heard a certain "Don" did a special job on a float during the parade. Thanks, Don, as well as the rest of you.

By the time I mail this off to Lew, we have not played for the Lane County Fair, yet, but I know we "had" a wonderful time there, August 19th.

Many small groups of our players are busy with their usual nursing homes, etc., and with extra functions throughout the summer months. A small group played at Dallas for a benefit raffle, and an-

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District 7

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

Summer is starting to wind down with cooler nights for better sleeping. We are again starting to see our regular jam schedules take shape.

This summer various member of District 7 have played at Wilsonville Memorial Park, Clackamas County Fair, the Dr. John McLaughlin House, The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, the Nike World Games, various retirement centers, nursing homes, and numerous smaller jams. August 19th was the Clackamas County Fair at Canby. The weather was perfect and the turn out made it a happy time for all. Thanks everybody for helping to put on another fine show and thanks to Cactus Finley for being our emcee. The grounds were nice and clean, the food and displays well done and we had a great time. And we must say congratulations to Jeffery Moenke from Oregon City who took first place in the Novice - 12 and under division at the contest in Corvallis. Way to go!

District 7's first formal jam of the fall will be on Sunday September 13th at King City. To get to the King City Town Hall from Portland, take

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Greg Baker has a couple of paid ads in this month's Hoedowner but I want to mention that Greg has workshops scheduled for Sep. 26/27 and Oct. 24/25. Beginning Flatpick Guitar Workshop and Beginning Fiddle Workshop are \$15 for 3 consecutive Sunday classes. If you have any questions about Greg's workshops, dates or places, please give him a call. He would be glad to give you more information.

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District 8

Chairman: Lew Holt (503) 391-5377
Co-Chair: Fred Hardin (503) 623 - 5812
Sec/Treas: Donna Janszen (503) 585-3033

We started out the month of August when many of us went to the Mid-Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis. Congratulations to those who put it on. We look forward to next year.

Remember a couple of months back when all the reporters were writing about the rain and cold. We didn't think that on the 13th when we played for the Polk County Fair where it was almost 100 degrees on the stage. Actually the morale was high and there was a great bunch of people on the stage playing their hearts out for over 2 and a half hours. The breeze would blow, the concession stands weren't too far away and everybody stepped in to do their part. Thanks to all of you who put forth so much effort - especially to Lee Jones and George Taevs who stood up there most of the time backing us up. Lew sezs he is really proud of district 8 and the support from everybody. Good to see you Don Simons and have you play a tune.

After the fair we had a day off and then Saturday -- to the Salem Area Senior Center where we played for pie and ice-cream. . . and the many dancers. We were well received and received many compliments and thanks for being there. They want us back and we are willing. Thanks to all who came to help - to Chuck and Pat Gates and Bill Fenton from District 7. We enjoyed having Jean Cobb for the first time. Jean sang a couple nice tunes. We hope she won't stay away so long next time.

Wasn't it fun in Mt. Angel again this year!! We are well received by the people at the St. Benedictine Nursing Home and the community. Wish they could all be that fun. We especially want to thank all of you from District 7 who shared their talent, time and friendship with us that evening.

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District 9

Chairman: Ruel Teague (541) 573-2868
Co-Chair:
Sec/Treas:

Howdy! Hope everyone is keeping cool these days. It has been a hot month!

Several folks played for a group of 300 cyclists passing through Burns in early August. A special guest at the Aspens this month was a visiting music teacher from Japan. Yoshie Kaneko brought a lot of enthusiasm with her as well as Leonard and Edie Nechocea who managed to do a bit of dancing. Ben Ryder joined in the jam and we all had a terrific time.

September's Aspen appearance is being rescheduled because of a conflict with fair weekend. Stay tuned. Julia will let the musicians know the date we'll be there. Instead, plan on helping put a float together that night for Saturday's parade. Anyone who's available to work on the float should get in contact with Ruel to volunteer.

Travelers through our area include Judy and Bruce McGarvey from District 4.

A small impromptu jam one evening was quite enjoyable and gave me a great excuse to be

late with my Hoedowner report.

Julie Milleson has been traveling around the state to various fiddle functions including the Corvallis Contest, the Diamond Lake Campout and the LaGrande Fiddle Contest.

I attended a Hammered Dulcimer workshop in Leavenworth, Wa this month.

The opportunity to attend workshops from 3 of the top players in the Northwest plus jamming with 10 to 15 other dulcimetrists made the weekend the highlight of my summer. Wow. I'm still reeling from all the energy.

Don't forget the nursing home on Sep-

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Ace calls to say that he has a new video out of Oregon Fiddlers playing @ \$15.00 - \$10 goes to the contest fund/OOTFA. It is 1 hr 27 minutes. It is Oregon fiddlers playing their own tunes. He has a new audio tape, too. Contact Ace if you are interested - you can probably see him at Canyonville and LaPine.

District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes (541) 459-4522
Co-Chair: Chuck Hasty (541) 673-2067
Sec/Treas: Gynn Deaton (541) 839-4501
Co-Sec: Fred Young and Claire Eaton

Greetings everybody from District 10. Another busy summer is just about behind us and I now we look to the future dates. September playing dates! On the 6th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. On the 19th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, and jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

October playing dates: on October 4th we will have a jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building. Oct. 17th we will have a meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon and jam and dance from 1 to 4 in the Winston Community Building.

August 2nd we had many guests that stopped in and shared their talent in music. Vic and Neva Flood from District 4 were here as were Ned and Val Matthews and Del and Clara Thomas from District 5. We had out of state guests -- Tom Shepherd's sisters Helen Maechtle and Joyce Smith from Crystal Falls, Mi. Thanks to every-

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you " to Bob and Earlene as they danced. It was a perfect ending to a perfect celebration.

How about our jams! Another terrific turn out. There were even more people attending than last month. It was an honor to have 90-year-young Jack Smith join us with his two sons. Jack is from Lake Oswego, District 7 and delighted us with his fiddle playing. Ernie Penry joined us from Klamath Falls, District 1 playing guitar and sang. Come again gentlemen. Another successful and fun jam. thanks everybody. also, let's not forget to thank all the musicians wives who contribute greatly in so many ways to make our jams what they are. We are blessed.

A special hello to Cliff and Ada Harris who have been long time members. Ada recently had reconstructive knee surgery and is doing well. Our best wishes to Ada for complete healing. Cliff is such a talented fiddler with always a twinkle in his eyes and fine fiddle playing. They have contributed so much to our district and we miss them at our jams.

Lee Hannah also had reconstructive knee surgery and just a few days later she was at our jam bouncing around. She looks terrific and thankfully is doing great. We pray for her speedy recovery to continue.

Welcome new members Arthur Miller and Mary Castberg from Prineville and Ray Fillmore from Bend.

September anniversary celebrations are: 1st - Ches and Betty Fullerton, 3rd - Jack and Peggy Kerr, 13th - Hollis and Carol Real. September HAPPY BIRTHDAYS are: 4th - Norma Jean Slay, 6th - Ed Nelson, 9th - Ernie Slay, 12th - Art Fleming, 13th - Don Hanks, 14th - Bob Erwin, 18th - Mary

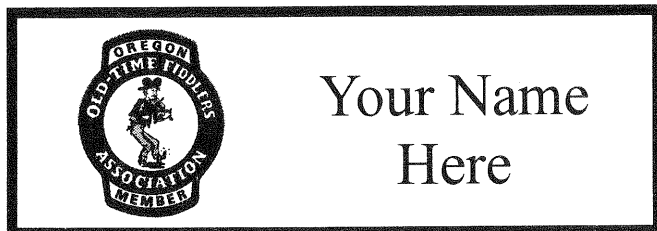
Ruth Brown, 24th - Hollis Real, 25th - George Brumbach.

Our next jam is Sunday, September 13th, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds, Redmond in the Howard Mayfield Building. Don't forget Thousand Trails at Sunriver, September 17, 18 and 19 and name tag/membership card. Come and enjoy.

Marie M. Nelson, Reporter District 3

P.S. Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a "gift". that's why it's called the present.

Late word was received that Fred Virtue of Coquille past away on Aug. 20th. Fred was one of the real "old time fiddlers" of Oregon. He will be remembered by many as some one who enjoyed sharing his music and camp grounds with his friends. He and his music will be missed.



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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Roger's Rambles cont.

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Be sure to call Mark Carmichle for reservations at Thousand Trails at LaPine, especially if you are a "non-RVer."

Everyone I have talked to, is going to be playing or has been playing at county fairs. This time of the year there seems to be a great demand for fiddle music, and boy can we ever supply it.

Jackie and I took a break from music, and went to Prineville, Oregon camping with seven, yes, seven of our grandchildren (no parents) for eight days and nights of camping, eating, boating and lots and lots of water skiing. We had a great time with the kids. We both felt drained the first few days back home. I know it wasn't "old age," so it must have been the water!!!

We will have our quarterly meeting at LaPine, on Saturday, Sep. 19th at 10 a.m. We only have district accounting procedures to review, so I expect a short meeting, with more time to play music.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOUSAND TRAILS: From Bend: Take Hwy 97 about 16 miles south to the Vandever/Fall River Road exit at milepost #155 (the first exit Sunriver). Drive west one mile to South Century Drive, turn left and travel one mile to TT sign and turn right. Preserve is about 1/3 mile on the Right. From LaPine: Take Hwy 97 about 12 miles north to the Vandever/Fall River road, exit at milepost 155 and follow the directions above.

Our state treasurer, Myrtle Arnold, would like to meet with as many district treasurers as possible at LaPine so she can explain the new computer forms. The year 2000 is just around the corner and we want to be ready for it.

God bless you all. . . . Roger Germundson, State President OOTFA

As a post script. . . The Oregonian's Jann Mitchell high-lighted one of District 7's fine musicians in her August 8, 1998 issue of "Popping The Question". Fran Gustafsson, who plays a mighty fine accordion, shared her story of meeting and marrying her sweetheart on June 7th, 1941. It is a very sweet story. This reporter has a copy and will bring it to LaPine to share.

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Next business meeting will be Sept. 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Village. Stop the press !! We just got word that we are playing at fairgrounds on Sept. 25th for the Tall Town Scholar Ship Fund. We will start at 6:00 p.m. So please mark your calendars and plan on being there.

Will sign off for now and may see some of you folks at LaPine. Enjoy the rest of the summer and God Bless!!

Bill & Gloria Myers, Reporters

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other small group played for a luncheon at RSVP.

The last Sunday of August we played as usual at the American Legion Lodge in Lebanon. They have always been wonderful to us throughout the many years. The District 6 performance on Sunday, August 30 at the Coberg Antique Fair was well received. (anticipating events a bit!)

I hope you get this in time to remind you again about our jam at Willamalane Senior Center, Sunday, September 6th. Potluck, as usual, then our regular jam. See you there.

Charlie Sanford died recently. We'll remember him wherever some plays "Sanford's Waltz."

Thelma Shephard, Reporter Thelma sez: Remember, it's not as important how LONG you live, it's what you do while you are here?

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tember 14. First Sunday of the month Jams will begin in October.

Janet Burgess, reporter district 9

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Notes from the editor:

Time out for a story (a part of the aging process). A year ago last May I bought an old fiddle at an auction in Seattle. It intrigued me. It was old -- that was easy to tell, kind of "beat up" and the best part was that it has a medieval village in-laid on the back. Also, a nice one piece back and one piece top. No, it is not one of those "great expensive fiddles" like John Settle use to have -- just nice. On one of our hottest days I went to the cool basement and took the old fiddle down from the hanger and started to restore it. It came a part into several pieces that are all in place on the work bench.

I brought the back up stairs to show Alice and pointed out to her where it says, "Repaired by E. M. Wescott, Hampton, Iowa, 1884. She pointed to the other end and asked, "What does it say down here?" I hadn't noticed. A hand written note says, "Made by Eugene M. Wescott, Sumner, Iowa, 1876. Age 19 yrs. Born in Crawfords Co., Pa 1857" Wow!

No, it isn't the oldest fiddle around but nevertheless, it is fun to sit there at the work bench and try to speculate about the young builder who was born before the Civil War, what motivated him, where did he get his skills, and -- who else might have owned the fiddle over the years, what tunes it has played, what barns it has played in, or whose living rooms or what stages. Whose closet has it been tucked away in or whose bed has it been under. The silent old fiddle holds its secrets and will only let me speculate.

Now it is up to me to restore the old fiddle and add another chapter to the its story. Hopefully I will enjoy playing it and that it will again bring joy to me and others. My handwritten note will be tucked away inside the end of the fiddle for someone else to read someday -- maybe a hundred years from now and for them to speculate as I have done.

THOUSAND TRAILS UPDATE Mark Carmickle called to have all of you reminded about our campout at Thousand Trails. Mark reports that the trailers and yurts are all rented but plenty of room for RV's. You are encouraged to preregister by September 5th. It makes it a bit easier to get through the gate. Make your check out to Thousand Trails for \$16 each night. Those with CB's -

channel 3 is the channel for Thousand Trails. There are several fiddle and guitar workshops planned for Friday for those interested. (Editors note: We are fortunate that Mark and Ila Mae are willing to work on the campout. They do an excellent job!!)

I mentioned the other month that I was looking for a fax machine. Ginny Hollon here in Salem donated one and it seems to be working fine. At least it worked for our state president and for district 1-E. So if you have a fax for Alice or me, our fax number is (503) 391-1534. It is on 24 hours a day. (Except when we are on the computer as Marie discovered.)

Helen Tracy is getting lonely she reports. Name sales are lagging - could be that most everybody has a name tag already. . . . If you don't have a name tag, please send her a note and a check so she won't be lonely. She says, "If anyone needs a name tag for Thousand Trails, if they get their orders in promptly, I'll be able to get them made in time and mailed - otherwise I can bring them with me the 17th. She and Wayne are taking a vacation after Thousand Trails so will be gone until Oct. 4th so "get your name tag order to her."

I haven't heard how the contest turned out in LaGrande. Perhaps I will have the results next month.

Lew Holt, Editor



**Membership --
new members only.**

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| 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 |

District 5 cont.

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At our last August show at Bullards State Park we had a great turn out. We had 248 people in the audience. Two men from the audience joined our musicians on the stage. One man played fiddle and the other one sang and played the guitar. It is always nice to have people we have never met before come and bring their instruments and join in on the fun.

Our next shows will be at 7 p.m. at Bullards Park on Sept. 11 and Sept. 25. We will have a meeting and jam at the Drift Wood Hall in North Bend on Sept. 12. The meeting time is 11 a.m. We will eat at noon and our jam will follow from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring finger food. Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to October 3rd, please mark your calendars for a jam at the Reedsport Community Building where we will play for a reunion of the LST sailors. We will play from 4 to 6 p.m.

We wish Florence Grove a very "Happy Birthday" on Sept. 7 and we send "Anniversary Congratulations" to Helen and Elwood Serfass on Sept. 11 and Abby and Keith Shaffar on Sept. 28.

Have a wonderful Labor Day Week-end and please "Drive Safely."

Mary Lou Saylor -District 5 Reporter

District 7 cont.

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Highway 99W (Pacific Highway) exit number 294 from I-5, continue on 99W through Tigard, turn right at the King City Arco traffic light, turn right again at the first stop sign, the Town Hall will be on your immediate left. From I-5 south, also take the Tigard exit, #294.

Senior Day At The Zoo is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Senior type folks will play from 9:00-9:30 at the entrance, and from 9:30-10 on a covered stage. You could need #30 sunscreen or an overcoat and umbrella so come dressed for the occasion and live it up! The MAX Line should be up and running by that time. Rumor has it that there will be a parking fee. (8/18/98-word is that there may not be a parking charge after all.) Well car pooling might be another way to go if you aren't quite ready to try the exciting new transportation possibility offered by our public transportation system. Or on the other hand, it would be a great chance to give it a try! Whichever way, we look forward to seeing you there.

...AND FOR UPCOMING JAMS. . .On Sunday, October 11 we'll find our group at Estacada. It will be the usual jam, brownbag, and show. November is Saturday the 7th at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton and December 15th will find us in Gresham for our usual holiday get together,

So mark those calendars and come out swinging. . .and swaying to the music of life!

Pat Gates, District 7 reporter

District 1 cont.

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played. Also, Irene and Jerry Ruddock want to say a big "Thank You" to those who came to their Diamond Lake gathering. Especially thanks to all who helped cook, clean up and do whatever necessary to have a "Happy Campout."

So - until next month when there will be more music going on (we hope). Stay well all.

'till next time

Cherie Lane, reporter District 1

District 10 cont.

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one. Remember, all of you are welcome to join us. Sorry, forgot to mention last month that Wayne and Helen Tracy were here on July 18th from District 6.

We send our sympathy to Kater Gates and family. His sister Elma Germashouser passed away. Our prayers are with you.

Marlene Sheperd has been under the weather. We all wish you the best Marlene.

Happy Birthday to Jessie Brown, James Bonebright, Claire Eaton, and Tracy Smith. Anniversary wishes to Lewis and Frances Roy and Jack and Norma Clarno.

Reporter: Jean Hanson (541) 672-6929

Louie Roy adds the following fair information: District #10 wants to take this opportunity to thank Lester and Louise Standiford from Olivehurst, CA; Lewis and Jean Standiford from Dallas, OR; Norman and Kathy Nash from Portland, OR; Steve Bennett from Eugene, OR; Don Lindsey from Medford, OR; Gene and Lola Williams from Prospect, OR; Victor and Neva Flood from Medford, OR; and Bill and Pat Thompson from Gold Hill, OR; for helping district #10 out at the Douglas County Fair for 5 days. Their music and perseverance in the 100 degree+ heat was greatly appreciated. Thank you. Norm Nash, Lew Standiford and Les Standiford for 4 days got to experience the life of a sheepherder and a sheepherder-ess. They even threw their alarm clocks away and were awakened every morning at 5 A.M. by the crowing of the roosters, the baaing of sheep and the mooing of cows. Louie Ray (thanks Louie):

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY
FIDDLE CONTEST**

The first annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest was held on Saturday, August 1, 1998 at the Benton County Fair. It was a beautiful day and fiddlers had a great time jamming and enjoying the other fair activities. There was an enthusiastic audience, many of whom expressed the desire to have this become an annual event at the fair. We hope to have the contest Weiser certified for next year. Contestants came from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Novice Divisions, for both 12 and under and 13 and up, were held for those who had never before competed in a contest. Results of the contest were:

ACCOMPANIST

1. Pete Willis - Pendleton
2. Frank Moore - Newberg
3. Harv Harvey - Sweet Home

NOVICE - 12 and under

1. Jeffery Moenke - Oregon City
2. Gina Hoppe - Eugene
3. Jamie Frey-Frankenfield - Corvallis
4. Chris Rorrer - Corvallis
5. Julie Rorrer - Corvallis

NOVICE - 13 and up

1. Megumi Joy Stohs - Clackamas
2. Joan Extrom - Philomath
3. Steven Sohyou - Corvallis
4. Casey Marks-Fife - Eugene

12 and Under

1. Alex Duncan - Jerome, Idaho
2. Amberly Rosen * - Eugene
3. Martin Stevens * - Battle Ground,

WA

4. Zak Konowalchuk - Newport
 5. Louis Prah - Corvallis
- *Tie-breaker

JUNIOR (13-17)

1. Steff Nelson - Pendleton
2. Tyler Vance - White Salmon, Wa
3. Ariana Rosen - Eugene
4. Justin Vance - White Salmon, Wa
5. Chad Marks-Fife - Eugene
6. Andy Shelton - Corvallis
7. Miles Johnson - Toledo
8. Paul Briskey - Corvallis

SENIOR(60+)

1. Willie Carter - Lebanon
2. Alice Holt - Salem
3. Lew Holt - Salem
4. Bill Fenton - Gaston
5. Winston Grant - Eddyville

ADULT (18-59)

1. Jacie Penner - Pendleton
2. Norma Wilson - Corvallis
3. Bob Heinith - Portland
4. Doug Orton - Corvallis
5. Dory Eldon - Corvallis
6. Connie King - Corvallis

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Rudi Boohr - Sisters
2. Amy Thomas - Salem
3. Donna Reuter - Hood River
4. Erin McMullen - Corvallis

JUDGES

- Starr McMullen - Corvallis
 Carol Anne Wheeler - Sherwood
 Eileen Witler - West Linn

(Thanks Starr McMullen for the results.)

District 8 cont.

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And then the frosting on the cake was when many of us all went out for dinner afterwards. Our music left its mark that evening in Mt. Angel. Along with the Clackamas County Fair, we certainly got some fiddle playing in during that memorable day.

We start September off with a jam at the Armory in Newport on Sept. 5th - starting at 12:00. This is a busy time of the year but to do our best, we need your help. There will be RV parking in the Armory parking lot so come on over. We really, really need you. The Armory is on the east side of Hwy 101 just a bit north of the bridge.

Our next jam for the month will be at the Capital Manor in West Salem at 7:00 on Sept. 15th. The Capital Manor is the tall building you see on the south end of West Salem. From the south, take the West Salem exit go under and back to the Manor. From Salem take one of the exits - go through West Salem to the south end and into the Manor parking area. . This is a short one - we usually play for about an hour so don't

be late.

The \$\$\$ signs have been good to us this summer. We have been paid for the county fair, collection at Keizer, a nice check from the Trail Ride, Mt. Angel and the Capital Manor. (And the Elks in Oct.) They all add up. We need to have a meeting but our jams just don't lend themselves too well, yet.

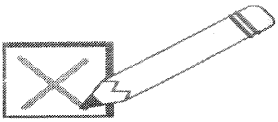
On Oct. 10th we will be in Newport again at the Elks - as we have done for two years. We especially want to remind those from other districts to bring their RVs and come on over and join us for the jam that evening. (We get a discount on our meal.) And you can make it home for your Sunday afternoon jam.

We have some new "great grandparents" this month. Robert and Mary Terry are proud of their new little great grand daughter.

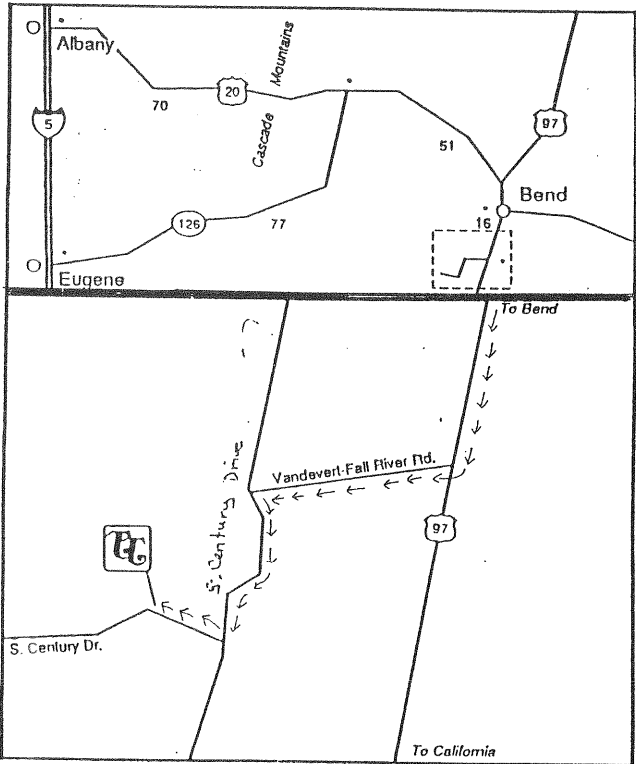
Come on, Leonard Maahs, get that knee going again. We are missing you at our jams. We think about you and want you to "get well soon."

Alice Holt, reporter (503) 391-5377

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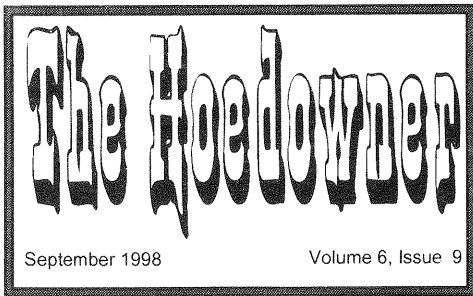
Please mark the following dates 

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



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Bend: Take Hwy 97 about 16 miles south to the Vandevent/Fall River Road exit at Milepost #155 (the first exit Sunriver). Drive west one mile to South Century Drive, turn left and travel one mile to TT sign and turn right. Preserve is about 1/4-mile on the right.
 From LaPine: Take Hwy 97 about 12 miles north to the Vandevent/Fall River Road, exit at Milepost 155 and follow the directions above.



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