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Greetings to all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers

Once again, remember our theme for 1999/2000: "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be for promoting, performing, preserving and perpetuating Old Time Fiddling and Old Time Music."

All Oregon Old Time Fiddlers should know what their President has been up to for the past several weeks. He was elected last March and came into office July 1st on the "wings" of several ambitious promises and goals. One important promise is that before his term of office expires June 30th, 2000, he will have visited every district in our state, so let's see what his track record is so far. In June, he fiddled at Burns Country Music Jamboree, District 9; spent a week at Weiser, Idaho National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest; jammed at Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, District 3; fiddled every Friday night at Guthrie Park, lo-

cated about 5 miles south of Dallas; jammed with District 8 on numerous occasions, and played fiddle at Dallas Retirement Village and Polk County Fair at Rickreall on the same day; spent three days at Mt. Hood Village with District 7; camped three days at Diamond Lake at our fiddlers' campout, spearheaded by Jerry and Irene Ruddock; fiddled with District 10 members at Douglas County Fair in Roseburg; served as Emcee at Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, District 6; (More about fairs and other events—see below) and by the time you read this article your President will also have played fiddle at Lake County Fairgrounds, Lakewiew, Sept. 4, and 5, District 1-E; and jammed with District 1 Klamath Falls. That's not too bad for the last 90 days, huh! That leaves Districts 2, 4, and 5, so get ready, because your President is on the way and he will by there. August 7th, your President served as Emcee at Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest, Benton

County Fairgrounds, at Corvallis, under the able and competent leadership of Starr McMullen. Contestants from California, Washington, Idaho, and of course, Oregon were there to compete for more than \$2,000 prize money. One judge was imported from Idaho and two were from Oregon. People said our contest was one of the most popular of all events at Benton County Fair, and Starr McMullen deserves our highest commendation and appreciation for promoting Old Time Fiddling in that manner. It was an all-day event featuring about 45 contestants including pee-wee, junior-junior, junior, adult, and senior divisions. August 12th, 28 fiddlers and back-up players assembled at Rickreall to entertain at Polk County Fair, District 8. Other OOTFA members from Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, and one from out of state came to help and WHAT A SHOW THEY PUT ON FOR TWO OURS!! August 13th, at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, your President played fiddle with several

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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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Greetings from Stormy, Wet, District 1. These sudden hail and rain storms aren't nice for the picnics and outdoor music playing but we make the best of it and usually find a place indoors for the gatherings.

The Aug. 8 jam at the Winema was smaller in numbers with other activities going on, but the ones who did come seemed to enjoy the afternoon of music. A couple who were on vacation from Bothel, WA. saw our poster and stopped in - Audrey Fells and Ray Cason, Audrey plays fiddle and entertained with several tunes. Hope they come by again. Sept. Birthday wishes go to race Stork 6th, Sandy Sandusky 2nd and Dick Harris 26th. Anniversary wishes for Ray and Cherie Lane

4th and Bud and Francis Hugh 25th.

Sad news - Virgil Schmoie suffered a broken jaw (in three places) last Tuesday while working on his truck, one of those freak things that caused him to get the worst end of the deal. We wish you a quick recovery, Virgil. Many thanks to the Ruddocks for a good time from all who attended the Diamond Lake Campout.

Sept. playing dates for District 1 - Surprise Valley Fairgrounds, Cedarville, CA, Sept. 11. We'll play from 10:00 A.M. to 1 P.M. This is a paying job and we are to eat there. (Surprise Valley Electric Co-op annual meeting.) Jam, Sept 12 from 1 to 4 at the Winema Inn 1111 Man St. in Klamath Falls. Sept. 25th - Volcanic Scenic Highway Dedication at a park next to the ball field at Ft. Klamath. It's an afternoon celebration, fiddlers tentatively play at 4 p.m. (will know if there's a

time change 2 weeks ahead of playing date). Will eat there and play approximately 1 hour. Sept 30 Klamath Vu Retirement Home, 2175 N. Eldorado Ave. in Klamath Falls (Grey Building). Be there at 3 p.m. - eat and play awhile for residents. Nursing homes - Washburn Day Rehab on Washburn Way in Klamath Falls - 1st Tuesday of each month. Play from 3:00 to 4:00. Clairmont (at East end of Main St. Klamath Falls) 4th Thursday each month. Play 1:00 at Nursing home, then we go 1 block above to Clairmont Retirement home and play another hour - the same day. Hope to see everyone at the Thousand Trails at LaPine this month.

Cherie Lane - Reporter District 1

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The camp out and jam at Silver Lake was a great success. Saturday evening about 50 people were in attendance when later in the evening 15 to 20 people from Portland, McMinnville Sweet Home, Eugene attended. All had a good time. District 1 visited also with the Pattersons, Standifords,

Lancasters, and Lanes who helped with the music. Thanks for your support.

Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley entertained us with song, yodeling and guitar music. We have two new families from Christmas Valley who joined the organization. Welcome.

Bev Perry is home from Alaska but has been off on more short trips. Mary Cathcart, as of this writing is home and doing better. Continue to get well and better Mary.

Aug. 7 was the monthly jam. There were several visitors. Donna Crossman was in from

Adel. She played and sang. Good to have you back. The monthly drawings for dinners for two are drawn every first jam of the month. This is one way to get people to come to the jams. Everyone is still busy with summer jobs. Coming events in Sept. are Saturday, the 4th there is a jam at the Memorial Hall at 6:30 p.m. potluck then jam afterwards. Sunday the 5th we play at the fairgrounds. Monday the 6th is the Labor Day parade. All are welcome to attend and have a good time. Time is short so will stop. Myrie Shepard,
District 1E reporter

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Due to unknown new insurance & health dept. regulations, the Sept. brunch has been canceled, however, the grand tour will be as scheduled at 11:30 a.m. with Mark Ellis, Marketing Director. The jam this month will be held in the North Sister Bldg. We will have Eberhard's concession facility there with muffins, drinks, snacks & several flavors of ice cream.

Two more fairgrounds

facts: (1) Almost 200 toilets on the site—with women's to men's ratio of almost 2:1. (2) The two walkways entering & leaving the grounds are the same width as the travel lanes of a city street—about 24 feet wide. Also, did you know that Deschutes County is the fastest growing county in Oregon, is the 42nd fastest growing county in the United States and that Bend is getting a 4 year college? Yes, it's all true!

Thanks to all musicians for playing at the fair this year. The audience so enjoyed your performances. What a beautiful day for our jam. Don Hanna was

able to be with us and has been recuperating nicely after his knee surgery. Our guests were Penny Mead & Barry Bloom, Dist. 7; Julia Milleson, Dist. 9; Ernie Penry, Dist. 1. Thank you all for joining us.

Welcome new members Darcy, Lucille, Aulden, Leonard & Kokel Pitman of Redmond, Jan Townsend & Ron Jones of La Pine.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our jam on the 19th. Marie M. Nelson, Reporter

P.S. Not everyone can be a shining example, but we can at least twinkle a little.

Dates to Remember



Sep. 16, 17 & 18 OOTFA Campout – LaPine
 Sep. 18 State Quarterly meeting at LaPine



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We had our annual picnic at Lake Creek and by jove we heard some 50 die-hards. Had a great time! As they began eating, it began rain with a vengeance! Even tho' they quickly moved the picnic to a nearby barn, their meal became somewhat water-logged and diluted. But all this didn't "dampen" their fun, I'm told! Go District 4!! You party animals! You are what I'd call true "young at hearts." Heaven knows you all

deserve a break. Serenading Jackson fair goers, Rivers at Valley of Rogue Park, Apple-gate Museum in Sunny Valley, Council for the Blind in Grants Pass, Highland House, Central Point parade and city celebra-tion July 3rd. All this and the regular senior and nursing home gigs, indeed, a very busy schedule and more to come! Thank you all for your untiring efforts. Thanks also to the Fiock family for their open invitation to OOTFA at their yearly BBQ. Remember our Sept 4 jam at Gold Hill at the IOOF Hall. Bring a friend. Within weeks of each other, we've had to bid a sad farewell to good friends and members of OOTFA. Jim Stev-ens, Richard Simmons and

Charles Parren we'll miss you. To Ruth Stevens, Onita Sim-mons and Virginia Parren and families District 4 extends their most sincere condolences.

Love, Merry Mary (subbing for Judy McGarvey)

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What an unusual sum-mer - or has it arrived yet? All I know is that school is about to start and we have had very few hot, sunny days here on the coast. Maybe September will bring some warmer weather!

District 5 is pleased to have Sheila Anderson and Phil Fry back from their trip to Alaska and Sheila has graciously ac-cepted the office of Sec/Treas/ membership once again. Thank you very much Sheila, we really appreciate YOU! Our chairman, Fred Grove, and his wife have been busy remodeling their house. You just couldn't retire could you Fred? (ha - ha)

We would like to con-gratulate Helen and Elwood Serfass on the birth of their second great grandchild. Little Alex William Forste arrived at 9:05 p.m. August 12 and weighed in at 6 lbs 9 oz. (August 12 is a good day as our little great grand daughter was born on the same date 6 years ago and it was, also, my dad's birthday.)

Our next meeting will be at The Greenacres Grange on Sept. 18 at noon. A jam and dance will follow from 1 to 4. The snack bar will be open. Visitors are always welcome so please load your instruments into the "old fliver" and come and join us!

On the sick list has been my husband, Ron, who recently had day surgery. We thank God for his blessings because Ron's biopsy came out clear.

Sept. birthday wishes go out to Florence Grove on the 7th, Ken Jordan on the 15th

and Clara Thomas on the 18th. We wish a happy anniversary to Helen and Elwood Serfass on the 11th, Sally and Ken Jordan on the 15th and Abbie and Keith Shaffar on the 28th.

May you have a happy and safe Labor Day week end and please remember to drive safely though school zones as our precious children and grand-children will all be back in school. Reporter - Mary Lou Saylor (541) 396-3238

Membership for the rest of the year:

Sept. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 + \$15.00
Nov. 1	\$2.50 + \$15.00
Dec. 1	\$1.25 + \$15.00

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COMING!! Saturday, Sept. 11th. Meeting 10 a.m. Chairman Mark asks that as many of our members as possible attend, to discuss important issues to be raised. Come-participate. Bring cold potluck & personal settings to eat at 11:45 a.m. - jam/dance, start 1:00. Willamalane Senior Center - Springfield, Sunday, Sept. 12, jam/dance starting about 11:00 a.m., American Legion-Main St., Lebanon. Lunch will be served-ALWAYS A GREAT JAM.

Remember the OOTFA campout - LaPine, Sept. 16, 17, & 18. Chairman Mark can answer any questions -call him. Want to be known at LaPine (etc.) by your name? Badge seller extraordinary, Helen Tracy (541-688-4085) suggests you order an OOTFA badge. The person who buys badge 999 will receive it as a prize-no charge.

Finished July with a fine, annual Mary Cole Celebration in Marcola. An excellent community turnout - good food; fine audience in the firehouse which was reserved for listening to great fiddle music provided by 20 Dist. Sixers. The early-day parade fiddlers' float carried Joe Moyle, Earl Knudsen, Don Peeler and Fiddle Float Queen Martha Greene, who kept folks' attention by tossing handfuls of candy-Martha supplied all six pounds! Too bad: at Marcola, Phil mislaid his favorite tuner. Contact this reporter for any info to help recover Phil's tuner. Dist. 6 "North Edgers" entertained AARP folks at Albany Senior Center; Villa Cascade Nursing Home in Lebanon; annual Linn-Benton Sen-

ior Picnic, Corvallis, where participation of Carol Larson, daughter of Ruth Montgomery was enjoyed. Harv Harvey-even with a stiff, pain-filled left wing can always be counted upon to back fiddlers.

Elks Lodge- Sweet Home jam on Aug. 15th: Had good Elks food and hospitality. Lloyd & Esther Shriber did their usual fine job of announcing. Lloyd used the number-draw system for performance line-up. Chairman Mark would like us to know that because of the concern and leadership of Lane County Fairground Manager, Mike Gleason, OOTFA was again welcome to perform at the fair at the Senior Pie Social-Aug. 18. For the first time in over 15 years, the fiddlers will be paid for their performance. In the future, the fiddlers will be part of the Lane County Fair rather than the Pioneer Museum. Manager Gleason deserves a lot of credit for his effort. We are real pleased that this has happened

WANTED: 50th -- 60th Wedding Anniversary announcements (contact Reporter) Thank you, Sept. 11 - Willamalane Senior Center Sept. 12 - American Legion in Lebanon OCT. 3rd, Sunday - Jam. Willamalane Senior Center - Springfield OCT. 17th, Sunday - Morning Star Grange - Millersburg (north of Albany) WIL-LAMETTE VALLEY FIDDLE CONTEST RESULTS - Dist. 6 (positions 1st thru 5th) Pee Wee Div. (8 and under) 1st Alex Hargreaves, Corvallis; 4th Chris Rorer, Corvallis; 5th Julie Rorer, Corvallis Junior - Junior (9 - 12) 4th Louis Pahl, Corvallis; 5th Jamie Frey-Frankenfield, Corvallis Junior (13 - 17) 1st Andy Shelton, Corvallis; 2nd Ariana Rosen, Eugene; 5th Stephanie Anderson, Monroe Adult (18-59) 3rd Steven Kenyon, Lebanon Senior (60+) 1st Ila Mae Carmickle, Eugene; 5th Willie Carter, Lebanon Championship (Anyone) 2nd Megan Fleming, Corvallis This contest was

WONDERFUL SUCCESSFUL--an event for competing.unifying - old friends and new.young and old(er) 3 years to 76 years. Musicians from as far away as Washington, Idaho and California-and, of course. Dist. 6 and throughout Oregon. fun and tight nerves and \$2,000.00 in cash prizes. Major Fundraiser was Dorry Eldon, Dist. 6 fiddler. Present were FINE guitar accompanists-the folks who make music just that much SUPERIOR! Organizer Starr McMullen plans another contest for 2000 A.D. The volunteers that assisted are most appreciated. Second Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest .and once again, Julia Milleson from distant Hines contributed. work-wise AND fun-wise. OOTFA Prez. Fred Hardin was a super M.C.!! And, PREZ FRED filled in a break or two with some great Western Swing tunes along with Willie Carter, Bob Hanson and Les Tucker. Nancy Rohn, Dist. 6, stringed instrument sales & service pro, once again contributed a fiddle for raffle. Brenda Shelton-Champ Andy's mother, Dist. 6, won the drawing. Newsbreak: sister Kristi will use it. Edna Carter, a very determined fund-raiser, manned the fiddle raffle table all contest day, until she sold at least 100 tickets! Janet Throop, Corvallis violin teacher, sponsored the PEE WEE Division. Ace & Dorothy Wehus arrived at the contest bright and early with his outstanding VCR equipment-only it was zapped by power surges that put Ace out of video commission-our loss,too bad.but Ace assures us everything will be back in shape. RAIN was no problem-more spirit than water abounded. When the finals site was found to have no covered audience seating. Pat McMullen took the initiative to move the giant tent. With help from audience volunteers and some fairgrounds staff, the "impossible" was accomplished. Thanks, Pat!!
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Sunday, Sept. 12 jam King City Town Hall Center Tuesday, Sept. 21 play at the zoo Friday, Sept. 24th Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Thursday, Sept. 30 Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Sunday, Oct. 17 Molalla Senior Center

Folks, here you have it... OUR UPCOMING JAMS: For our Sunday, September 12 jam we will be at the King City Town Hall Center. Its located just off of Pacific Highway. To get to the King City Town Hall from Portland, take 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. Remember doors open at 11:00, then a short business meeting at 11:30. Have some ideas/information for updating our sound system. We'll have our potluck as usual. We often have a great turnout at our first

jam of the fall season. It can be quite hot at that time of year, so dress accordingly.

Playing opportunities: Molalla Jam... Sunday, Oct. 17th, doors open at 11:00. The Molalla Senior Center is located at 305 Kennel Av. Coming south on I-205 take Exit 10, Hwy 213 south to Molalla. Coming in on Molalla Ave. Make a right turn on Heintz and left on Kennel. If you are coming in on Hwy. 211 make a left on Kennel. The Center sits behind the City Park off Molalla Ave. Tuesday Sept. 21 play at the zoo in SW Portland, for Safari/Senior Day. 9:20-10:00 a.m. We have a new location this year so go to Gate A, and from here be directed to the Elephant Plaza. Remember to dress for this occasion, as it can be too hot, too cold, too rainy- or most any other "TOO" at this time of year. Friday Sept. 24th from 9-11 a.m. at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center located at 1726 SE Washington Street in Oregon City. We are hired by Azumano Agency for this event. Thursday, Sept. 30 we'll be back at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center from 10:15-1:30 p.m. (same direction, same site on the same grounds as the 24th). PGE is hiring us for that day. These are great gigs, so be sure to come and join in the fun

on both of these days! Special thanks to the many musician and listeners who went out to our special summer events. You make a real difference for us. We do make good contacts at these events and gain new members and new places to play. And happily, we have a great time.

Dorothy Bloomquist is staying at Golden Age Care Center on 1506 Division Oregon City, 97045. She is doing better the last few day. She is sending us some special advice play Chinese Breakdown with verve in the manner she plays it for others.

Clackamas County Fair was great We had extra playing time. The weather was perfect. Twenty fine musicians joined in for a hot time celebrating the past and the present in Canby. Watch for the date next year so you can be sure to put the event on your playing calendar. We had some out-of-district folks who helped entertain. Thanks Dale and Loita Colebank, along with Gene Stephenson, all from the Woodburn area. The Wehus folks have brought in a considerable amount of money from the ever-better videos that Ace has been making and selling for the furthering of the OOTFA and to bring this music to school-age children. Thanks very much, you two!

The summer may not yet wane but autumn is in the air. Rain and clouds may touch our sky, happily, we Oregonians do not ask "why" instead just express "oh, my." Soon grab both umbrella and sunscreen, then we're ready for about any weather mother nature may bring. Enjoy at least 51% of each day! Pat Gates, Reporter District 7

WORKSHOPS

Bring your instruments! Bring your tape recorders! Here's the workshop lineup for the Thousand Trails Campout at LaPine. All workshops are Friday September 17th.

- 10 AM - Guitar - Les Tucker - learn some chord progressions
- 11 AM - Fiddle - Donna Foreman - how to play harmony
- 1 PM - Bass - George Taevs - everything your wanted to know about playing bass
- 2 PM - Fiddle - Tunes at Two - Alice Holt - learn Country Waltz

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The small, century old United Methodist Church in Falls City rang with fiddle music on July 24th. Church members are restoring the historic building.

Much has been done since last year when we played there. We were treated to an outdoor picnic before we played. Many thanks to those from District 6 who came to play. You all add much to our programs! A small group of district 8 member with help from district 7, played an outdoor concert on the lawn by the Woodburn Public Library. Anne Seaman is a reference librarian there. She plays a great fiddle as well as mandolin. It was a beautiful summer evening and there were 250 people sitting on the lawn while we played. Oh yes, district 8 received a nice contribution for the music.

We were saddened to hear that Norma Medack passed away July 25th. She was an associate member who made generous donations to our OOTFA contest. It was good to see her and Clarence on July 10th when we played for the Lutheran Picnic in Mt. Angel. We send our condolences to the family. Walter "Slim" Schultz, passed away in July. He and his wife, Ora had lived in Anacortes for several years, but were active members of district 8 before they moved. Slim played fiddle,

guitar and bass and he and Ora sang together. Lee Jones, Roland Apperson and Lew & Alice did parade duty in the West Salem on July 31st. Four people, 4 folding chairs, 5 instruments and a sound system fill a Toyota pickup to capacity! Our driver and the group marching behind us said our music kept them going.

The August 3rd outdoor concert at the Benedictine Nursing Center was a huge success. Dinner afterward was fun too. Again "thanks" to all who came from other districts to help us.

Several District 8 members competed at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis. See contest results elsewhere in this issue.

It's summer, that means Fair time. We had 23 on the sign up sheet for the Polk County Fair. Good to have the Hasleys from Florence. Darrin, age 11, sang and played his guitar. He can fiddle too! Starr McMullen from District 6 played fiddle and guitar. Good to see Chuck and Anne Williams from Vancouver. And Bill Fenton from Dist. 7. What a wonderful surprise to have Lew and Jean Standiford there. Our loss is Dist. 1's gain. And of course, THANKS to all our regulars who support us so faithfully. This includes our associate members from Dist. 7 - Ernie and Joyce Lovgren, Elizabeth Steinmetz and Becky Torland. Even if I didn't mention your name, we appreciate you! Looking in the crystal ball - Sep. 14th we'll be at the Capital Manor in West Salem. The program starts at 7:00. The Manor is the tall building you see

from the highway on the south end of West Salem. We play for an hour for a large crowd of seniors.

October 2nd we are invited to play at the opening of the Polk County History Museum at the fairgrounds at Rickreall. We will be playing background music during the afternoon. This is one of those events that's not too well defined yet, so "stay loose" and come on over and help us out. (Call Lew for specifics.)

We are working on the schedule for Newport in October - we have played there for the Elks for several years. November 21st we'll be at the McMinnville Sr Center for our Thanksgiving dinner and on December 19th we'll be at Willamina FFW Hall for our Christmas Dinner.

We are "running behind" on our meetings since we have been playing at places that do not offer a good place or time for a meeting. We will have one November 21 at 11:00 just prior to our Thanksgiving dinner.

Speaking of meetings, we will be having an election for new officers in February. It isn't too early to be thinking about who you want. Our present chairman and co-chairman will not be eligible for another year. Talk it over with your friends and come up with willing candidates. Thanks.

Thought for the month: When you give hope to another person you have also increased your own self worth. That's two warm fuzzies for the price of one.

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Howdy. Well the county fair is just around the corner which means the first frost of the fall is due any day now. The fiddlers will be playing on the one and only stage on Thursday September 9 from 2- 4 PM and from 7-8 PM. Friday we are scheduled for 7 - 9 PM. Everyone come on out and entertain the fair goers. And of course the parade is Saturday morning. Your local calling committee will fill you in on details for putting a float together. In other words, Julia will let you know the finer details. Looks like you can take in the ro-

deo this year without interruptions. Have a good time at the fair.

Congratulations to Helen King and Chris O'Clair on their marriage August 21. Helen has moved to Spokane where she and Chris will set up house-keeping. Best wishes to you both. The fiddlers managed to surprise the young couple with a shower at Helen's home earlier that week. And of course we managed to play a few tunes as well.

Folks are still taking advantage of the summer to do some traveling. Julia Milleson attended the Diamond Lake Campout, Corvallis Fiddle Contest, Corvallis Fiddle Contest, District 3 Jam and La-Grande Fiddle Contest. Ruel Teague fiddled in the La Grande Contest. Janet Burgess stopped by Diamond Lake and

participated in a campout/workshop in Washington with the NW Hammered Dulcimer Society (26 hammered dulcimers. WOW!) Gordon Black showed off some fancy dobro licks at the nursing home in July. He says he hasn't had time to practice but it sounds like he learned something back in Maryland.

The Aspens will have to be rescheduled due to the fair in September. The nursing home is closing it's doors so we probably won't be there this month either. Mark your calendar for October 3 Potluck & Jam Burns Senior Center. Stay tuned. The grapevine will fill you in.

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Greetings everybody from District 10. Sunday, September 5th our Jam has been cancelled. This is Labor Day week end and many of our musicians are busy that week end. Our attendance has been down because so many of our members are on vacation. Because of the camp out and state meeting at 1000 Trails at LaPine, we will cancel our meeting, potluck and jam on September 18th. On September 25th we will have a meeting at 11:00, a potluck at noon and the

we'll jam from 1 to 4.

September birthdays: Jessie Brown, James Bonebright, Claire Eaton and Tracy Smith. Anniversary greetings for Lewis and Frances Roy.

We'll have a jam on Oct. 3 from 1 to 4. On the 16th we'll have a meeting at 11, potluck at noon, and jam from 1 to 4. Nov. 7 we'll jam from 1 - 4. Nov. 20th a meeting at 11, potluck at noon and then jam from 1 - 4. Winston Community Building)

We were very pleased to welcome Gene and Lola Williams, Hollis and Carol Real and Fred Hardin as our honored guests. They helped us at the Douglas Co. Fair. All of our jams were very successful. Thanks again. And a big thanks from Chuck to everybody who helped out at the fair. Chuck

wants to especially thank Bob Hansen for his work with the sound equipment. Our "hats off to you, Bob" for all your work - especially 10 times during the fair. "Thanks again, Buddy."

Jean Hanson,
District 10 reporter



Notes from the Editor

First a couple thank you notes I received-

Diamond Lake Campout: Thank you for all who came and made the Diamond Lake campout a great success. And an extra special thanks for all who pitched in and helped. The music was great and Jerry and I really enjoyed all of the music and visiting with the people. Thanks again!!!! Jerry and Irene Ruddock

...I want to thank everyone who took time out, while attending the Burns Jamboree, to sign and write notes on the get-well card for me. The thought was most appreciated. It really helped to cheer me up when my spirits were on the low side. I especially want to thank my friend, Alice McDowell, for having the card signed and mailed to me. It is nice to know that people care. Bob and I are so glad we joined the Old Time Fiddlers - don't know why we waited so long. We enjoy the jams and contests and the friendly atmosphere. We hope to be out dancing and enjoying the good music before the summer is over. Thank you all so much. Signed: LoRay Hannah (and "Nurse" Bob Hannah) Doesn't that tell what we are all about!! LoRay had a kidney removed on July 19th while many of us were at Burns. We all extend our best to her.

Some changes have been made to our web site. My son changed it so "his Dad" could add the new material each month so we should be up to date. I asked him to add a page for links and another page for me to write "anything I wanted."

Last year the membership authorized Pres. Roger to proceed with a "History of the OOTFA." At that time Roger asked me to put the history together. I am working on the project with help from members "all over the state." I have had some very good contributions from Districts 3, 4, 5

and 7. And I have some nice contacts with most of the other districts. I mainly want to know "how did your district get started?" Maybe "who were the first officers?" "Who were others at that time?" Etc. I want to make a report at 1000 Trails camp out so if you can help, I would appreciate it. This will all be put in to a booklet and made available to the membership as we go into the year 2000. Donna Oldham, OOTFA Historian, has loaned me early editions of the Hoedowner, and Ruth Loring gave me almost a full set. I am able to glean some history and interesting "reminiscing" from them. Included, also, will be the history of the Canyonville Contest and of Martha Warwick's camp out. I think you are going to enjoy it. I am inviting "you old timers" to drop me a note and give me your early memories of your district. . . . or any early "fiddle stories." You know someday - somebody is going to say, "Lew, why didn't you", or "you should have written," or "you left my name out," etc. You know what I am going to say? "Why didn't you write me and tell me - as I asked in the September 1st Hoedowner." Gotchal

E-mail addresses - ever so often I send an e-mail letter to all of those of you whose addresses I have. If you have not received my "mass mailings," please drop me an e-mail and give me your address and I will put you on the list. You might be missing something. . . . Lewholt@aol.com

Remember last fall when I wrote about the fiddle that when I opened it that I found the name of the builder, where he lived and where he was born? It was built in 1876 and was in the family for 60 years but it was sold or lost during the depression and has been out of the family for over 60 years. The story has a happy ending. I wrote to the grandson in Fairbanks, Alaska and asked him if he would like to have his grandfather's violin. He wrote that he would. So now the grandfather's violin is back in the family. It is a very happy family.

Mark Carnickie wants to remind you

that he may have one trailer left at 1000 Trails for the Sept. campout. If you need information, please give Mark a call. If you haven't made your reservation yet, you need to call Mark right away. 541-683-9514. Directions to 1000 Trails. From Bend; Take Hwy 97 about 16 miles south to the Vandever/Fall River Road exit at milepost #155. Drive west one mile to South Century Drive, turn left and travel one mile to TT sign and turn right. From LaPine take Hwy 97 about 12 miles north to the Vandever/Fall River road and exit at mile post #155 and follow the directions above

I found a recent tribute to Edith Thompson which was written by a friend in California. I will post it in our web site. If you want a copy, drop me a note and I will mail you one. It is a bit long for our Hoedowner.

REPORTERS: Next month I will be at 1000 Trails until the 19th - so if you have your news here waiting for me when I get home, I can get it to Cheryl on the 20th as I am suppose to do. If it is all here, it doesn't take very long. But if some of you have your news and can get it to me by the 15th, I can do it before I go to LaPine. Thanks, gang. I hope everybody else appreciates your work as much as I do.

The post office didn't do well for us last month. The Hoedowners were mailed on time but many were delayed "along the line." You might let Alice and me know if you have a problem but "best of all," let your postmaster know. Ours took 3 days to get to Salem from Medford. Others about the state took longer. Please let us know if you have a change of address. We get several Hoedowners back each month because people have moved and did not notify us. Sometimes we can contact you by phone and find out your new address but it is much simpler if let us know. Alice sends the new addresses to Cheryl on the 20th so changes after that don't come out until the following month.

"Fred Sed" cont...

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County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, your President played fiddle with several District 10 members and District 3, and what two one-hour crowd-pleasers we put on for fairgoers. For more details of the Contest, and all OOTFA county fair playing engagements, see my monthly newsletter.

Thousand Trails Campout is fast approaching with lightening speed. Mark your calendars now!!! Sept. 16, 17, and 18 are the dates. We have some very important business to attend to and some exciting reports to make to our membership at our quarterly meeting, so be sure to be there. Our meeting will start at 10:00 on Saturday, the 18th. Your President is looking forward and planning with expectant anticipation.

The next day following our 1000 Trails Campout and quarterly meeting, Sunday, Sept. 19th, District 3 invites everyone to come to Deschutes County Fairgrounds at Redmond. Fair management personnel will lead us on a tour of all their state-of-the-art fairgrounds facilities. Your President thinks every member of District 3 deserves an unrestrained pat on the back and an enthusiastic "thank you" for arranging this tour for us and inviting everybody to jam with them. District 3 jam session begins at 1:30 PM, and everyone is invited to participate, so keep your instru-

ments tuned because we need all our players and singers to help us have a party we won't soon forget. Plan now to attend this exciting event! Overnight dry camping is available at \$10 per camper. Based upon numerous comments made to your President, in all his travels over the past few weeks, by people who have heard Old Time Fiddlers perform at many different events, in his observations, your President can make the following statement with a high degree of reliability and validity: "We have an unusually extraordinary amount of varied talents in Old Time Fiddlers." The characteristics most noteworthy about those talents is that they come from the hearts of our musicians and singers. Those talents come from hearts filled with dedication and commitment to promoting and perpetuating our music. Just for the love of our music, sometimes traveling hundreds of miles, we play and sing out of our heart, and that's what people sense when they hear us. My advice to everyone is: "Keep on doing what we're doing, and keep on having fun doing it, because if we have fun, people who hear us will have fun too." Thank you for reading my comments and look for more next month.

Fred Hardin, President Oregon
Old Time Fiddlers Association

The Hardware

Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow

Yesterday I met a stranger...Today this stranger is my friend. Had I not taken the time to say hello, or return a smile, or shake a hand, or listen, I would not have known this person.

Yesterday would have turned into today and our chance of meeting would be gone. Yesterday I hugged someone very dear to me.

Today they are gone...and tomorrow will not bring them back. Wouldn't it

be nice if we all knew tomorrow would be here? But this is not to be, so take the time TODAY to give a hug, a smile, an "I love you."

JUST FOR TODAY, ... smile at a stranger; listen to someone's heart;

learn something new,
then teach it to someone; tell someone you're thinking of them; hug a loved one; don't hold a grudge; don't be afraid to say "I'm sorry"; look a child in the eye and tell them how great they are. Don't kill that spider in your house, he's just lost so show him the way out; look beyond the face of a person into their heart; make a promise, and keep it; call someone, for no other reason than to just say "hi"; show kindness to an animal; stand up for what you believe in; smell the rain, feel the breeze, listen to the wind; use all your senses to their fullest; cherish all your TODAYs.

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Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest winners, August 7, 1999

Pee Wee Division (8 and Under)

1. Alex Hargreaves, Corvallis, OR
2. Hayden von Duncan, Boise, ID
3. Clara Baker, Portland, OR
4. Chris Rorrer, Corvallis, OR
5. Julie Rorrer, Corvallis, OR

Junior-Junior Division (12 and under)

1. Alex Duncan, Boise, ID
2. Brian Dearing, Boise, ID
3. Marshall Baker, Portland, OR
4. Louis Prahl, Corvallis, OR
5. Jamie Frey-Frankenfield, Corvallis, OR

Junior Division (13-17)

1. Andy Shelton, Corvallis, OR
2. Ariana Rosen, Eugene, OR
3. Angie Thomas, Salem, OR
4. Paul Briskey, Monmouth, OR
5. Stephanie Anderson, Monroe, OR

Adult (18-59)

1. Josh Ford, Palo Cedro, CA
2. Jaclyn Penner, Pendleton, OR
3. Steven Kenyon, Lebanon, OR
4. Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA
5. Eileen Witler, West Linn, OR
6. Greg Baker, Portland, OR
7. Dorry Eldon, Corvallis, OR
8. Doug Orton, Corvallis, OR
9. Connie King, Corvallis, OR
10. Nathan Dearing, Boise, ID

Senior (60+)

1. Ila Mae Carmickle, Eugene, OR
2. Les Tucker, McMinnville, OR
3. Dale Johnson, Mt. Angel, OR
4. Alice Holt, Salem, OR
5. Willie Carter, Lebanon, OR
6. Lew Holt, Salem, OR
7. Kenneth Brank, Winlock, WA
8. Bill Fenton, Gaston, OR
9. Barbara Bartholomew, Toledo, OR

Championship (anyone)

1. Danita Hartz, Meridian, ID
 2. Megan Fleming, Corvallis, OR
 3. Jessica Ford, Palo Cedro, CA
 4. Amy Thomas, Salem, OR
 5. Andy Emert, Portland, OR
- Novice (first contest ever)
1. Roy Rowland, Monmouth, OR
 2. Dale Duncan, Boise, ID

Accompanist

1. Andy Emert, Portland, OR
2. Frank Moore, St. Helens, OR
3. Fred Ford, Palo Cedro, CA

	Beg. Bal	Income	Expenses	Loss	Profit	CD	End. Bal	CD
State Gen. Account	\$5109.72	\$29632.12	\$31170.28	-\$1538.16	\$1538.16	\$5000.00	\$8571.56	\$10000.00
District 1E	Not Avail.							
1	\$963.52	\$2392.80	\$1738.11		\$654.69		\$1618.21	
2	Inactive							
3	\$1042.07	\$4818.90	\$5155.63	-\$336.73			\$705.34	
4	\$1217.36	\$4174.25	\$4199.70	-\$25.45			\$1191.91	
5	\$200.00	\$3502.53	\$2178.71		\$1323.82		\$1523.82	
6	\$1244.73	\$2439.31	\$2663.83	-\$224.52			\$1020.21	
7	\$2087.81	\$2299.30	\$1920.13		\$379.17		\$2466.98	
8	\$1438.30	\$2047.19	\$1980.85		\$66.34		\$1504.64	
9	\$645.67	\$913.33	\$1034.55	-\$121.22			\$524.45	
10	\$1155.77	\$3823.67	\$3631.66		\$192.01		\$1347.78	

Calendar

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

September

4	IOOF Hall	Gold Hill	4
4-6	Fair Time		1E
9-10	Harney County Fair	Burns	9
11	Willamalane Sen. Center	Springfield	6
11	Cedarville, CA		1
12	Winema Inn	Klamath Falls	1
12	American Legion	Lebanon	6
12	Town Hall Center	King City	7
14	Capital Manor	West Salem	8
16,17 & 18	LaPine Campout		OOTFA
18	Quarterly meeting		OOTFA
18	Green Acres	Coos Bay	5
19	Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds	Redmond	3
21	Zoo	Portland	7
24	Interpretive Center	Oregon City	7
25	Winston Community Building		10
25	Ft. Klamath		1
30	Interpretive Center	Oregon City	7

October

2	Community Ctr.	Rogue River	4
2	Polk Co. Museum	Rickreall	8
3	Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield	6
3	Senior Center	Burns	9
3	Winston Community Building		10
16	Winston Community Building		10
17	Morning Star Grange ...	Millersburg	6
17	Senior Center	Molalla	7

November

6	Community Center	Rogue River	4
7	Winston Community Building		10
13	Willamalane Sen. Ctr. ..	Springfield	6
20	Winston Community Building		10
21	Senior Center	McMinnville	8

December

5	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
18	Roxy Ann Grange	Medford	4



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