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

Oct.

5 Jam Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E  
 5 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4  
 5 Elsie Stuhr Senior Center Beaverton 7  
 6 VFW Redmond 3  
 6 Elks Sweet Home 6  
 12 Community Center Winston 10  
 13 Senior Center Burns 9  
 19 Senior Center Coos Bay 5  
 19 Jam Manzaneta 7/8  
 20 Grange Crow 6  
 20 Grange Hall McMinnville 8

Nov

2 Rogue River Com Ctr, Rogue River 4  
 10 Senior Center Molalla 7  
 17 Jam VFW Willamina 8

Dec

7 Roxy Ann Grange Medford 4

District 1

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Gosh, can you believe it's Oct. all ready? Where does the year go? Glad the heat has gone tho, and it's nice and cool now, even got a light sprinkle yesterday here!! Well, I survived another trip to the South side of CA. where folks are in such a big hurry to get everywhere, and SO rude, no one takes the time to wave or smile as they pass each other at 98 MPH!! But, Dad is recovering from a serious back surgery, and his wife is recuperating from heart failure, and all I can do is be home and pray, call, and hope they can stay on the mend. I missed out on lots of playing while I was gone, and the only news I can pass on to you is from what I hear tell from folks who were at them, so I will just pass all the news on, and get on with getting things back in order around here.

Our jam on 9/8 was another great one, attended by Gary and Vi Epperly, Otto and Mrs. Christensen, and Chris Lang from Woodburn. 9/14 we played at the Farmer's Market here in town.

1000 trails brought back lots of good comments, from Mr. Fiock and Faye, they said it was great, getting bigger and bigger ever year!

The 21st we will play at the Farmer's Festival in Merrill, at around 3, then about 6:00 head out to Middland Rd. for the Annual hayride.

Hopefully we don't have anyone under the weather, or on the injured list this month, if so, we all hope that you're on the mend soon, and back to your music as soon as possible. And that goes for anyone in the state who might be feeling badly too.

This month we have a few Happy Birthday folks to sing to, the 10th is Ethen Martin, the 15th is Carrie Rarden, and then on the 16th is that MR. Smiley himself, Isom Patterson, Happy birthday to you all!

And that about does it for this month's report, since I don't plan to be gone again soon, next month I'll have lots of news to put in here, and if you have anything for me to mention, just get a hold of me and I'll sure get in print. Take care, and watch for the little goblins and ghosties coming soon to your neighborhood, and don't be out stealing their candy!!

Sherry O, Dist 1

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District 1E

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Co-Chairman: Larry McLain

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Sep. 1 we played at the Lake County Fair. From our district we had Clyde Lynch, Perry Forga, Shorty and Mary Stone, Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Larry McLain, Terry McLain, Myrle Shepard and Gloria Myers. From District 1 we had Jim and Jan Lancaster. In the parade we used Larry's old truck and trailer for our float. The driver was Dennis Sheridan and candy thrower was Rhayanna McLain. Musicians were Homer and Rosa Lee McLain, Shorty Stone, Larry McLain, Terry McLain, Allen Bell and Randy Gibson. Thank you for all you help.

Sep. 7 we went south to Cedarville, CA and played for the SVE annual meeting. Those there were Shorty and Mary Stone, Clyde Lynch, Perry Forga, Allen Bell, Larry, Terry, Sharilyn, Eileen, Homer and Rosa Lee McLain. Thank you again for your support.

The state quarterly meeting was held at Thousand Trails in LaPine on Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>. It was great to be with so many talented musicians. The letter and suggestions regarding changes at the State Contest, after intense discussion, was denied by the Executive Board. Allen Bell was in hot demand with his guitar and mandolin and appeared on the stage many times during the Friday night show. Thanks Allen, Julie and Anna for supporting our district. Also, Homer, Rosa Lee, Terry and Sharilyn McLain.

Several of our members are traveling again this month. Take care and hope to see you at our upcoming activities.

Oct. 5 – regular monthly jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview. Potluck at 6:30 with the music to start at 7:00.

Oct. 1, 15 and 29 we'll play at the nursing home.

Oct. 14 – Business meeting at the Indian Village in Lakeview at 7:00 p.m. all members are welcome and encouraged to attend the business meeting.

Myrle Shepard, Reporter District 1E

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District 3

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September 11th was well remembered by the Americans this year. Hope everyone put up their American Flags. Our hearts and prayers go out to all who lost their lives that day.

Library Jam will restart again on the second Tuesday of every month starting October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th.

October 6th there will be a meeting to follow the VFW show in Redmond. We encourage all musicians and members to come. Can't wait until we hear some Good Old Time Fiddle music with our families and friends. See Ya! There. There will be a meeting to follow our November 2nd VFW Show so don't forget, mark your calendars.

We had 24 members from District # 3 who attended and helped out with Thousand Trails in LaPine. Bob Ervin was in charge of Thousand Trails and did a great job. Thanks Bob! We would like to thank all who helped out with Thousand Trails. Musicians complimented that this was the best sound system yet!.... thanks to Joe Marstall. Also, Marie Nelson and Rick Brumbach who had the challenge of operating it. Yeah! Norma Jean Slay our past announcer at the VFW sang with the gospel show. We do miss her!. Thank you Leroy for your support and doing a great job at teaching banjo classes. We had a new member sign up at Thousand Trails for District 3, her name is Sonny Page, she really likes music.

Dale Anderson had surgery recently and is recovering well. Welcome back Dale. Let's keep in our prayers for Bob and Earlene's Grandson who is in the hospital with a head injury. May God Bless and hope he recovers soon.

Ellen Jakab Reporter District # 3

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#### District 4

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Our post-vacation September jam was greeted by lovely cool weather, sunny smokeless (at last!) skies, and many musicians and friends. Since this was our first meeting since July, it was good to see and greet friends and acquaintances. A special thanks goes to Pat Manion for his good work with all the many gigs and complications that accompanied our summer playing. Thanks, Pat, for a job well done! Visitors included Norm Fiock from Montague, Dick McCown from Grants Pass, G. W. Johnston from Rogue River, and Ernie (almost a regular) Penry from Klamath Falls.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Letha Kopsis who sang at many a jam, and the recent death of Doyle Lacey, a Life Member who played a mean banjo and guitar. We just got word, too, of the death of Martha Warwick. She was a long time member of District 4, and the "grand old lady" of the Canyonville Contest, and the "Warwick Campout". Our sympathy goes out to the families. Our hope is that our losses here will make for sweet music in heaven.

Don Lindsey suggested that we really need to update our sound system. Lighter and more efficient equipment (especially monitors) is now available. Dwight and George will check out powered monitors, and we will try some on a trial basis next month. Our equipment is old and very heavy. However, we were told it can be sold, as some folks are now interested in them as a "collector's item", or antique.

Lola will not be at the next meeting, so any bills and or payments should be given to her before the end of September, and Pat and Joan will be gone the last part of September. If you need money (legitimate requests only!!), ask soon!

Playing for the Historical Society at Hanley Farms was a real success. We got 4 new members, and father and daughter, Jon and Lindsey Gasik, played! What with the milkable cow, life size logs for making a "fort", roasting corn (yummy!), and tiny dancers, it was a very stimulating day!

The Jacksonville Arts and Crafts Fair was a success in spite of drawbacks with space and location, rain, and mixed messages. But, the crowd loved the fiddlers, and were generous with their contributions. We had fun playing at park in Merlin, (replacing a gospel quartet from Idaho who couldn't make it), with a good barbecue and many enthusiastic folks in the audience! There was a good turnout of musicians and others at Stewart State Park in August. Those who participated were invited to a BBQ to thank them. Our Grower's Market gigs are now over - always a good showcase for our great musicians, and a delight for the market crowd. Our winter schedule is a little lighter than summer, but we are still booked for many "regular" gigs as well as other requests. Pat will pick and choose so that we will not have play times too close together or too often. Ah, fame!

About a dozen of us attended the Thousand Trails weekend. Wow, the music never stopped! It's so much fun to see the folks from the "other parts" of the state.

A thought to ponder: Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down!  
Respectfully submitted, Judy McGarvey, District 4

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#### District 5

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Fall is in the air and the leaves are turning colors and falling to the ground. What a beautiful time of year!

District 5 was well represented recently at the Klamath River Campout. Our members attending were Pat Kraemer, Rose Johnson, Phil & Sheila Fry and Larry & Sharon Gallagher. They would like to express their thanks to Faye and Isom Patterson and the rest of District 1 for a wonderful weekend. A special thanks to Norm Fiock and his crew for supplying the delicious meat and standing over a hot grill in 90 some degree weather. It was a real treat for those that attended.

Del Thomas has taken another bad fall and badly banged and bruised himself. He said he doesn't even like those colors "black and blue". Better watch your step Del because we don't like the colors on you either! Ha! Ha! To top everything off, Del was rushed to Bay Area Hospital for gall bladder surgery. He is now in a care center where he is recuperating. He would appreciate visitors, phone calls and cards. They may be sent to him c/o St. Catherine's, 3959, Sheridan Ave. North Bend OR 97459. His room # is 159. We miss you Del and are praying for a speedy recovery.

We recently lost our dear friend, guitar player and singer Bill Tennant. He will always be remembered for singing his renditions of " Oh Lord its Hard to be Humble" and "Out Behind the Barn". He almost always closed our sessions with one of his favorite hymns. I can see him now looking down on us and hear him strumming his guitar and singing, " Amazing Grace". He is " Gone but not forgotten".

A few of our fiddlers played at the Odd Fellows Campground at Florence on September 9th. It was a performance that was greatly appreciated by all of the campers. We would like to thank all of you who played and we would especially like to thank Joy Smith from District 7. She joined us with her bass fiddle. You were great Joy and we really appreciated your talent.

We are proud to say we have another new member and we would like to welcome Rick Cook who lives in Port Orford. It is great to have you as our new member.

Our playing dates for October are as follows: October 2nd Ocean View.....1:30-2:30, Heritage Place (main Lobby).....3-4, October 9th...Ocean Crest.....1:30-2:30, October 16th....

Oerding Manor....1-2, Myrtle Point Care Center.....2:45-3:45, October 23rd ....Inland Point.....11-12, Life Care..... 1:30-2:30.

Our Jam Session will be held at the Coos Bay Activity Center on October 19th from 1-4 p.m. Prior to the Jam we will have a meeting at 11 a.m. to discuss our holiday dinners. We would like everyone to be there to voice his or her opinions. The meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon from noon to 1 p.m.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Dan Hasley October 3rd, Helen Serfass on the 4th, Byron Marks on the 8th, Andy Hofer, Mira and Tara Kidwell on the 9th, Karen Weiner on the 14th, Mr. Ned Matthews (private joke between Ned and myself - I told you Ned I would print it as you said - Ha! Ha!) On the 21st, Dan Pullis and Bill Wilkinson on the 23rd and yours truly Mary Lou Sayler on the 25th.

Anniversaries for October are Oren and Barbara Pruitt on the 23rd and Shorty and Charlotte Dow on Halloween. May you all have many many more happy years together.

I will be flying to Kansas City on October 3rd to visit one of my daughters and her family. I will be gone for a month and I have asked Kathy Nash to write the news for the November issue. She has graciously accepted. Thank you very much Kathy for accepting this prestigious job (Ha! Ha!). Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise I will be back to do the December issue.

Happy Halloween to ya all! Drive safely and watch out for all the " Little Goblins" that will be out "Trick or Treating".

Mary Lou Sayler Reporter-Dist. 5

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#### District 6

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We had a good turn-out for Thousand Trails, and a very lively meeting. Special thanks to Mark Carmickle: this was his last year as "wagon master". Helen Tracy reported that she has generated over \$10,000 in income through the sale of name tags and other sales since she started her sales program: good going, Helen!

The Morning Star grange jam, on September 22, was, as always, excellent, both the music and the company.

Red Herndon held a second of what promises to be a series of really good jams at the Jasper Grange on September 29. Many thanks to Red for shifting his jam from September 22 to September 29 to accommodate the Morningstar jam!

There will be a jam at the Sweet Home Elks on Sunday, October 6. This will be the usual breakfast-plus-music jam. Breakfast (served until 11:00 a.m.) is \$3.00, and the music goes on until everyone is tired. This jam is usually well-attended and good fun.

The October district jam will be held at the Crow grange on Sunday, October 20; potluck at noon, following by a jam. See you all there!

An invited group of District Sixers will play in the lobby of the Hult Center for the Thursday Lunch program on Thursday, November 7 at noon. Although this is not a jam, it would be nice if other District Sixers lent support from the audience. We have made this appearance once before: it exposes the Fiddlers to a much wider audience than it usually gets, and was well received. Don't get your panties in a bunch if you weren't invited to play, but do show up to lend support!

The Thanksgiving jam will held at Crow Grange on Sunday, November 17. There will be a meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a potluck and jam.

Also upcoming is the annual Lebanon Elks jam in early December, the exact date to be announced in next month's Hoedowner. We need a volunteer to take over Santa Claus duties from Mark Carmickle, who assumed this role for so many years past. Thanks, Mark! The District will pick up the costume rental cost and foot the candy cane bill. Contact Mark Ratzlaff if interested.

Health Notes: Hard to believe, but here it is: Joy Costello has completed a five-day course of chemotherapy for leukemia, is home now and is feeling much better! Joy is cautiously optimistic, and sends thanks for all the cards, calls, and prayers. We hope to see her soon. Since trouble never travels alone, we also have to report that Earl Knudson hasn't felt well but the last report that he is on the go and back playing music again. All the best to you, Earl! A special "get well" goes out to District 10's Dennis Allen, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Happy birthday to: Ila Mae Carmickle, 10/8; Jack Walker, 10/9; Frieda Chandler, 10/26; and Ruth Loring, 10/30. Happy anniversary to: John and Vivian Steele, 10/16/48.

Joe Moyle Reporter District 6

(Joy called me after I received Joe's news to say that she is home and wants to again especially thank the many of you for your cards, letters, prayers and good wishes. They have meant much to her. By the time you read this, she will have consulted more doctors to better plan her course of action. She reported that Earl was doing fine. Lew)

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#### District 7

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I'm just back from my first Quarterly Meeting at La Pine. It was everything I'd heard about and lots more. There was so much good music it seemed like it never ended. And meeting folks from all over was wonderful. We musicians are really lucky because we can do something fun that makes everyone smile and feel happy.

District 7 players and listeners have been very busy. Among other things was a terrific porch jam at Andy and Terry Jorgensens'. We started the season at King City Town Hall with a very enthusiastic audience. The crowd at the Zoo sure enjoyed our music. Things might be starting to slow down a little so we can catch a breath or two, just before the holiday season starts to pick up.

We have three new households in our membership: Millie Culver is an associate; Jim and Dorothy Harding play guitar, bass, banjo, and vocals; Marie Rivers and Donna Loehr are associates. All three households are in Portland. Welcome to the Old-Time Fiddlers! Our friend Elizabeth Steinmetz is recovering well from a minor surgical procedure.

Wednesday, October 2 beginning about 11:30 a.m., Hattie Kielhorn will host a House Jam at her lovely home at 16405 SE Royer Road in Damascus. We'll play until about 5 p.m. then go home. The house is all on one level, there's no stairs, so it's wheelchair accessible. Bring some food. From Portland, take I-205 south to the Estacada cutoff - 12A. At the Y where you turn to go to Carver, just keep going straight ahead. Damascus is several miles further on. Royer Road turns south off highway 212 in Damascus. Go right on Royer 1.25 miles. Hers is a big house with a three-car garage, on the right side.

Thursday, October 3 from 1 - 3 let's all go play at the Giving Campaign Event at the Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital at 10180 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. If we show up at 12 noon they

will even feed us lunch. To get there enter the main entrance to the hospital complex off of SE Sunnyside Road. You will be looking straight at the building. Go to a stop sign and turn right, then left. This will take you around to the back side of the hospital to the South Entrance. Park and enter the South Entrance and go straight down the hall. The event is down this hall to the left. There should be folks at the door to direct us if necessary.

Saturday, October 5 is our regular District 7 jam at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton. This is a SATURDAY!! The Center is at 5550 SW Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. The jam will be from 10:30-11:00 until 4:00 p.m. Let's have a short meeting at 12:15 to discuss the possibilities for our December Jam. We no longer have the kitchen that was available at the old Gresham Senior Center for the potluck. Bring some ideas.

Friday, October 11 from 12:30 - 1:30 let's have a jam at Providence Laurelhurst Elderplace at 4540 NE Glisan. Remember the parking is difficult and the temperature of the room is very warm. The clients sure do enjoy us tho'.

Saturday, October 12 the Estacada Community Center wants us to play for their volunteer recognition luncheon from 3 - 5 p.m. Go to Estacada on Highway 224, at the first light, turn right at the Boots and Spurs Restaurant, then right again, then left and down straight into the Community Center's parking lot.

Saturday, Oct. 19, we're scheduled for our annual performance at the Pine Grove Community House at 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita from 1 - 4. They really enjoyed our music there last year, hootin' and hollerin' and dancin' all around! I'm putting out lots more publicity this year so we should have a much bigger crowd. Manzanita is 13 miles south of Cannon Beach and 24 miles north of Tillamook on the North Oregon Coast. I'm hosting a Log Jam at my house at 146 Merton Lane in Manzanita starting about noon on Thursday the 17th and ending sometime after the Saturday performance. I'll start a "Stone Soup" Thursday morning and we'll can keep adding to it. Everyone come when you can! Call Linda at 503-235-1671 for more information. This jam is put on with District 8.

Saturday, Oct. 26 the West Gresham Grade School at 330 W. Powell Blvd. needs fiddlers to play from 1 - 3 as part of their Wild West Carnival. This is a fund-raiser for the school. Since it is a Wild West theme, let's wear our boots and hats and look the part.

Sunday Nov. 10 will be District 7's jam at the Molalla Senior Center at 315 Kennel Avenue in Molalla. The public jam will be from 1 - 4.

Anyone from any District is welcome to join us at any of our play dates. If you are in the area and feel a need to rosin a bow or pick a guitar, please come!

Never underestimate the power of the music!

Linda Easley, Chairman, District 7

Later Linda writes: Becky Torland called a few minutes ago to tell me that John Waddingham died. He had been in hospice lately and passed away there. John came and played with us at the Multnomah County Fair. He and Bus Boyk really got wound up in some duets. Those old-timers had a ball. He was able to join us again at the Gladstone Chautauqua in August. He really got the crowd fired up with "Zorba the Greek". Folks were clapping and hooting. It was great. John died on Sep. 19 surrounded by his loving family. He was a terrific fiddler and an accomplished artist. We will miss him. The last time John played his fiddle he practiced with a 15-year old neighbor girl who plays in Portland Youth Philharmonic. They worked on Ashokan Farewell to play together at a Labor Day celebration. He wasn't able to attend but she did. Services will be held on Saturday Oct. 5 in Raleigh Hills. More information will be forthcoming. Remembrances can go to the Visiting Nurses Association or Hopewell House Hospice.

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#### District 8

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Summer is officially over, but it still feels like it some days. Fall is in the air though. The little rain we had was even welcome. Summer has been a busy time for fiddlers with many activities for us to participate in.

My apologies for not getting the information about playing at the Falls City United Methodist Church in the last Hoedowner. We played in the historic old church on Sunday, September 8th. We had a good crowd of musicians AND a packed house for an audience. The church is renovating the building and our program was a benefit to raise money for them. They took in over \$400 that day.

The state campout at Thousand Trails near LaPine was well attended by District 8 members. The weather was beautiful, though chilly at night. The evening sign-up jams had over 70 players. Drawing Bingo numbers to determine our order of play makes signing up an unknown adventure. No one wants to be last, but everyone agrees that it's fair. Thanks to Mark Carmickle who has chaired this campout for the past 12 years and to Bob Ervin who learned the ropes this year. And how about those Red Hat Ladies? That was fun!

Les and Peggy Tucker have headed south and east for the winter. We'll miss them, but wish them well in their travels. Late word is that they are headed back to McMinnville after hearing of Bob Crump's hospitalization from another stroke. We don't have details yet, but Bob had a stroke that affected his left side. We're all wishing you well, Bob.

Lee Jones, Carol Ann Wheeler and her parents Bob and Irene Ledbetter, visited Leonard Maahs recently at the care home. Leonard, Carol Ann and Lee played some tunes together. Others members also visit and play music with Leonard.

Jim and Jo Hockenull have had a joint art show at Linfield College this month in McMinnville. Jo has her paintings, and Jim his sculptures. Talented people!

Don Simons called to say that he had heard that Esther Anderson passed away recently in California. She and her husband were active in our district at one time.

Saturday, October 19th there will be a jam in Manzanita. Manzanita is in District 8, but this will be a joint jam with District 7 members. See District 7 news for more information. Or call Linda if you have questions. If you're coming to Linda's Log (Cabin) Jam, bring something for the Stone Soup. Any vegetable or ingredient that goes in or with soup.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** There has been a change of plans for the Sunday, October 20th Jam. The Church that meets at the McMinnville Senior Center now uses the main auditorium until 12:30 every Sunday. Rather than canceling the jam, we'll have it at the McMinnville Grange. We'll have a short business meeting at 11 AM. Among other things we need to plan our Holiday Dinner. It will be November 17th at Willamina. Also, shall we have one Holiday Dinner in November and then a regular potluck in December? Directions to the Grange: At the traffic light on the south end of town – coming from the north, turn right on to the Old Sheridan Road. The grange is located at 1721 S.W. Old Sheridan Rd. You can't miss it. Coming from the south on 99W – at the stop light at the intersection of 99W and the highway from the coast, go through the light onto Old Sheridan Rd. Or from Sheridan turn left at the first light on the south end of town. Have I confused you?

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." --Will Rogers

Alice Holt Reporter district 8

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#### District 9

Chairman: George Sahlberg 541-573-6517

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District 9 has had a very busy summer and played 3 days for the Grant County Fair in John Day as well as 3 days at our own Harney County Fair. Both floats won second place ribbons. We

really appreciated all those who came and helped out in John Day-----Jerry and Irene Ruddock did double duty as they came and helped with the Motorcycle Rally as well. We also did another Experience Oregon Tour .

Janet Brayman took a break from the fire lines to join Joan Suther for the talent show at the State Fair. Great experience. Better luck next time.

Many thanks to those players who kept the home play dates while Ruel and Margaret Teague, Ann Shlupe and Julia Milleson were on the contest circuit. Ruel got a first, 2 seconds and a 3rd in twin fiddling with Ivan McDaniel. Way to go!!!

During the Fair a group played at the Apple Peddler Restaurant and the manager Lincoln Reese sat in and played a few guitar licks with us. Look for him to be at some of our monthly Sunday jams at the Senior Center which begin October 13th. we have a potluck from 1:00 until 2:00 and music and dancing from 2:00 until 4:00. Come and join us. Julia Milleson

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#### District 10

Chairman: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

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Membership: Jo Barnes 541 459 4522

Greeting from District 10. At the regular meeting of District 10 on Sep. 14 Bob Hanson resigned as Chairman of District 10. Don Dilbeck has agreed to take care of the PA system which is a big job and at this time I want to thank him for his generous offer.

We are still playing at Nursing homes and Senior centers. On Sep 28 we played for the Odd Fellows Lodge in Myrtle Creek. At the Sep. 14 meeting it was voted on and passed to have only 4 meeting a year starting with the October 12 meeting and of course these meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday. Other meeting months will be on the 2nd Saturday January 2003 --- April 2003---and July 2003 and then October 2003. On these months meeting will be at 11AM --- Potluck at noon---Jamming and dancing 1 to 4 PM. On the following months November, December, February , March, May, June, August, September the Winston Community Building will be open at Noon with Jamming and Dancing from 1 to 4 PM. There will be finger food and coffee at these. Jams.

Dennis Allen had a massive heart attack and had a 4 way by-pass at Sacred Heart Hospital and at the present time he is receiving Rehab at the Rosehaven Nursing Home and is expected to be returning home soon. Ed Doolittle is still under the weather. One thing a reporter hates to write, but Kater Gates a long time member of the OOTFA passed away and we extend our prayers and condolence to his wife Marie and all the other members in his family.

Birthdays for the month of October are Carolyn Lee, Don Dilbeck, Jim Smith, Dick Shroll and Opal Rust .Anniversaries for October are George and Peggy Krohn. In the news letter in September I failed to thank Gene Williams for helping us out at the fair. "Thanks A lot Gene". At our next regular meeting October 12 the membership will have to decide if they want a Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas dinner.

Reporter Louie Roy 541 679 6305

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ED SED: What a time we all had at Thousand Trails. Lots of jamming, friends greeting friends, good food and the programs were outstanding. The Saturday night program was one of the best. Seventy plus signed up to play. We also had a great crowd of guests. The weather was perfect, with no rain to force everyone inside. Outside jamming is always a favorite and we were very fortunate that the weather agreed.

A big thank you to each and every volunteer for their time and efforts in making the weekend one of the best. It could not have happened without your help. I want to thank Mark

Carmickle for 12 years of coordinating Thousand Trails. Congratulations and thank you Bob Ervin for accepting this new position. I have asked Starr and Lew to continue to chair the state contest at the Chemeketa Community College in Salem next May.

With Don Hanna's permission, I am including excerpts from a recent article in the Bend Bulletin. It relates to my question of what old time fiddling "is" or "is not" to you.

Purist keeps old-time fiddling alive. Today, the tradition of that sweet, distinct sound is being carried on by old-time fiddlers like Don Hanna of Powell Butte. Hanna, who picked up the fiddle in high school, said that the tradition of this kind of music is primarily oral. Though there is written music, he believes the best fiddlers play by ear. "I've seen written music, but it wouldn't be the way I would want to play it because that's not how I learned it," he said.

He's won awards for his fiddling and just released a solo CD called "Fiddling Hanna." That's all great, he says, but he's more concerned with the fact he feels real, old-time fiddle music is dying out. When it comes to judging old-time fiddling from any perspective, Hanna admits to be a bit of a purist.

The true old-time fiddlers are literally a dying breed and in the past 10 or 15 years another style of playing has infiltrated the fiddling circles. "It's called progressive (fiddling), but you can't find the melody," he said. "If you take a tune and put a little too much into it, then it's not danceable and very seldom recognizable as to what the tune was."

Others consider it the traditional art of fiddling that's found new ways to fit into contemporary life, but to Hanna and other staunch old-time fiddlers, it's simply a sign of the times.

Now that Thousand Trails and summer is behind us, we can all look forward to getting together again for more playing and fun. Until next time.

Ed

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From the editor:

You have a gaggle of geese, a flock of pigeons but what do you call 24 women dressed up with red hats and purple clothes? History was made at 1000 Trails this year when from the back of the hall came 24 women dressed in their finest purple outfits. To the stage they went to exhibit their attire and talent. Linda Easley in her eloquent stage voice read the poem that begins "When I am old, I shall wear purple and a red hat." It will be hard to keep them down on the farm.

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Jack Walker and family would like to thank the OOTFA members for their response to a financial needs request to assist a family with travel expenses. Their son who is 4 years old and has been diagnosed with Leukemia is faces with up to 150 trips to Portland over the next three years. They live north of Eugene. Thanks, also, to the OOTFA board for allowing this request to be made. The total amount collect at 1000 Trails was \$135.

A special thanks to Ace Wehus for his donation of 8 CDs and DVDs of OOTFA events for Gabriel's benefit. Ace was diagnosed with Leukemia 17 years ago and given a few months to live. He is still going strong. Thanks Ace.

Sincerely, Jack L. Walker

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Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144. Drop him a note or give him a call if you are interested in any of his fine videos. He not only has videos but has branched out into DVDs and CDs of many of our performances. If you missed the shows at TT or would like to see the ladies in purple, or just want to relive the week end, check with him. Ace complete his project of sending video tapes to every college, high school, middle school, elementary school and school library in Oregon. Who could have imagined that he could have ever completed such a project. He has a star in his crown for sure.

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Long time fiddle member Martha Warwick passed away Wed., Sept. 18. Those of us who have known Martha over the years appreciated her as a friend and certainly as a believer in fiddling. She demonstrated her friendship by opening her home and campground to anybody and everybody for over 30 years. She was very proud of having a campout at her place for so many years. Of course she could not have done this with out her husband, Red. That is a story in itself.

Martha was active in the OOTFA before there was a district 4. The HISTORY OF OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLING tells of her commitment to fiddling. She and Willie might be in North Bend on the coast or at Pendleton in Eastern Oregon and every place in between. I believe she told me that she emceed and ran many of the Southern Oregon jams for something like 12 years.

Martha helped out at the Canyonville contest for many years. The last couple of years her health did not allow her to participate.

We have many happy memories of Martha -- as well as the videos so we can still see her giving us instructions on the stage before the show each night at the campout. "No papers in the fire." "Watch your dog." "We'll peel apples in the morning." "We're going to town Thursday." She was especially proud when her grandson, Travis, played his fiddle. Yeah, and we'll miss the apple cobbler that we enjoyed many nights during the break in the program.

Our sympathy is extended to her family.

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Membership prorated for new members: OOTFA

Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2003
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2003

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August 22, 2002 THANK YOU! On behalf of the CHVA (Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association) we would like to thank all the Old Time Fiddlers at Diamond Lake that stayed there and put on a great show for us on Sunday evening. Because of the uncertainty the fires were causing, we were not sure if the old cars on the CHVA National Tour would be able to stay at Diamond Lake as planed. Even with only a half day notice, Irene and Jerry Ruddock, Gene and Lola Williams, Dale and Loita Colebank and other fiddlers with sore fingers from a long weekend of playing and vocal cords made raw from all the smoke and ash in the air, put on a wonderful program for us. You brought back many memories for some because I know that some used to play and the rest of us just enjoyed the good music. Thank you for helping us show the people on the tour from across the United States that Oregon is a very special state and we have very special people in it making music.

Sincerely, Art and Charlotte Bigelow, District 4

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At Thousand Trails I was given \$620 in donations for our fiddle contest. For many years Jack Bloom has met me with a smile, a hand shake and then hands me a check for a donation to the contest. This has become an annual event. It has allowed me to get to know Jack. Then later Norman Fiock from Montague, California walks up behind me and slips me a check. With the check for \$500 is a note that reads, "Lew, This donation is in memory of May." Wally Bloom slipped me a nice donation. Lola from district 4 handed me a nice check in memory of Letha Kopsas. Added to our list this month are the donations of the people that we sell CDs for – Gayle Clarity, Charlie Gibson, Andy Shelton, Swing Time and Howard Marshall from Missouri. Thanks to you all.

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MEMBERSHIP: Already Myrtle Arnold has received a number of membership renewals for next year. No, they aren't too early – just right. Why don't you pay your dues "RIGHT NOW." The December 1 issue may very well be your last issue unless you are paid by December 15<sup>th</sup> or so.

Either send a check to Myrtle for \$15 or better yet give/or mail your district membership chairperson your \$15. If you do it now, it won't hurt as much as it does just before Christmas – and Myrtle can get a lot of her work done before the Christmas mail and rush. How about it everybody!!

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Did you know that the Diamond Lake camp out will begin on July 31<sup>st</sup> next year? That 1000 Trails will be Sep. 11 – 12 – 13 next year? That this was our 12<sup>th</sup> year at 1000 Trails. That we have almost a 1000 family members in our association?

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Reflecting on the contest in Canyonville, I can't help but think about a few things – it was great to see and hear Ed Nelson, President OOTFA, enter his first contest and play quite well – as attested by the judges. Then there was the new fiddle that Willie Warwick had that was made by Michael Klein. What a fine instrument!! And one proud Willie. When we were cleaning up, we were very pleased to have Frank Moore stay to help carry tables. He had driven down that morning from the Portland area and had backed up many contestants all day but when the party was over, he stayed to help. Thanks Frank. Kenny Brank from Washington was there. Kenny is the only living charter member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers. Forty two contestants – a great turn out. The show we did on the stage down town was about as good a show as you could see anywhere in Oregon. I thought the special tunes that Margaret Brank played after the contest were very well done – and very enjoyable to listen to. It is always nice to hear Don Hanna playing "Supper Time." How many of us old guys can relate to our youth and our mother in that song? It was both exciting and a pleasure to have Amanda and Ben Schaeffer come down from John Day to play in the contest – thanks to their grandparents. And Ruel and Margaret Teague came from Burns. It was kind of interesting to be camping and have the town siren go off not too far away and see the volunteer fireman driving in and taking off on the fire trucks. Thanks for volunteer firemen.

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Wednesday evening was a special time at 1000 Trails. The group was small, we sat around in a song circle and took turns playing. It was nice to hear Wally Bloom playing. I especially enjoyed him playing "Rusty's Waltz." A tune, evidently written by Rusty Modrell. And then Bus Boyk and his rendition of "3 O'clock in the Morning" was beautiful. Alice and Bob Crump played Roxanna together. It was great to hear and see Bob playing. We have audio tapes of Bob playing years ago – a very fine fiddler but a year or two after retirement, a stroke affected his left side. He has over come many obstacles – even picking up the fiddle to play a tune.

But I must add to my note that just before I sent the Hoedowner to the printer, I received a phone call that Bob has had another stroke which has affected his good side. He is in the hospital in McMinnville. Our love and prayers go to Bob and Joyce.

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I'll leave you with this bit of advice that I was told at 1000 Trails this year – if you are a fiddle player, guitar player, mandolin player. . . Always pet a dog with your right hand. You never know when the dog might bite your fretting hand.

Lew

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WINNERS OF THE 36TH ANNUAL OLDDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST HELD IN CANYONVILLE, OREGON ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH:

PEE WEE:

1st Darin Smith, Potter Valley, CA

2nd Alyssa Cannon, Roseburg, OR

JUNIOR/JUNIOR:

1st Michael McMahan, Eugene, OR

2nd Travis Warwick, Williams, OR

- 3rd Ashli Worthington, Idaho
- 4th Keith Fullbright, Roseburg, OR
- 5th Shannon Werlinger, Roseburg, OR

JUNIOR:

- 1st Garrett Openshaw, Redding, CA
- 2nd Laura Smith, Potter Valley, CA
- 3rd Ben Schaefer, Canyon City, OR
- 4th Hillary Johnson, Redding, CA
- 5th Margaret Glaspy, Red Bluff, CA

SENIOR:

- 1st Homer McLain, Lakeview, OR
- 2nd Judy McGarvey, Medford, OR
- 3rd Alice Holt, Salem, OR
- 4th Ivan McDaniel, John Day, OR
- 5th Alma Reitan, Anderson, CA

SENIOR/SENIOR:

- 1st Willie Carter, Lebanon, OR
- 2nd Ruel Teague, Burns, OR
- 3rd Wayne Holmes, Portland, OR
- 4th Anne Huber, Redding, CA
- 5th Chuck Hasty, Roseburg, OR

INTERMEDIATE:

- 1st Amanda Kobel, Winston, OR
- 2nd Elizabeth Johnson, Redding, OR
- 3rd Esther Snider, Portland, OR
- 4th Ed Nelson, Bend, OR
- 5th Mike Broome, Grants Pass, OR

OPEN:

- 1st Willie Warwick, Williams, OR
- 2nd Eileen Witler, West Linn, OR
- 3rd Zack Konowalchuk, Newport, OR
- 4th Margaret Brank, Winlock, WA
- 5th Nicki Carlisle, Shingle Town, CA

ACCOMPANISTS:

- 1st Frank Moore, Portland, OR
- 2nd Darren Reitan, Anderson, CA
- 3rd Bob Hanson, Roseburg, OR
- 4th Joyce Pickett, Winston, OR
- 5th Dennis Pickett, Winston, OR