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State Calendar

July

30 Old Time Fiddle Contest Union County Fairgrounds, LaGrande

August

1 Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest Corvallis
6 - 9 Diamond Lake Campout.
12-15 OOTFA Fiddle Camp Thousand Trails
20-23 Winchester Bay Campout Winchester Bay

September

17-19 Merrill Campout Merrill

District 1

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July

4 Breakfast at Northcrafts, 9 a.m., followed by the parade float at 11 a.m., after which we play at the Macken Ranch (John will lead us there).
5 Gospel music and meeting Malin Park 2 p.m.
7 Plum Ridge 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
7 Crystal Terrace 1 - 2 p.m.
12 Senior dance and jam Shasta Community Center 12 - 4 p.m.
16 Shasta View Care Center 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
16 Linkville House 3 - 4 p.m.
16 Main Street Jewellers 6 p.m.
18 100 Year Anniversary Malin Park 12 p.m.
25 Farmer's Market 9th and Main 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Well, I failed to mention this last month, so here goes: Fay and Isom Patterson celebrated their 70th year of marriage in May. They were married May 27, 1939. That is quite a milestone. I sure want to apologize for overlooking that bit of information. I think I can speak for all OOTFA members:

CONGRATULATIONS! If I remember correctly, Fay and Isom were instrumental in forming the first OOTFA. That was long before I joined, so hope that bit of information is correct.

District officers for the next year will be: chairman, John Northcraft; cochairman, Marlon Jannuzzi; secretary and treasurer, Bud Ullman, and the Hoedowner reporter will be The News yours truly, Johnny Rodgers.

We have three new members, John Northcraft informs me. They are: Jerry Ross from Macdoel, California,; Dean Oliver of Chiloquin, Oregon; And Stella Kallianis from Keno, Oregon. I hope the spelling is correct and locations.

I have no birthdays listed for month of July

Anniversaries: Mike and Lynn Foster

Johnny Rodgers, District 1 Reporter

District 1E

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Vice-Chair: Jim Fitzpatrick :(541)947-5566
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July

13 Business Meeting	Lake County Senior Center	7 p.m.
19 New Pine Creek Fireman's BBQ		1 p.m.
25 Paisley Mosquito Festival		tentative

August

1 Monthly Jam

Hello, one and all,

I'll keep this short. We won't be having a jam on the 4th of July - too many other activities going on, I guess. Next jam will be Aug 1, and next business meeting will be July 13, in the Lake County Senior Center at 7 p.m., sharp. Be there or be square, daddyo.

The only bright spot on the horizon for district 1E is the annual New Pine Creek Fireman's BBQ on July 19 this year. We play from 1 o'clock until the crowd thins out. Usually we have members of District 1 come over from the Klamath Falls area to help us out, and hopefully you'll continue to do so. We really appreciate your help with this one. Wouldn't be nearly as fun without you.

We have a "tentative" play date on the 25th of July at the world famous Paisley Mosquito Festival. Call Rosa Lee McLain @ 541-947-2903 or Larry McLain @ 541-947-2448 a little closer to the date, and they should have more information by then. We usually set up and play outside the school around 11:30 and play for the folks eating under the trees. Again, we'll play (if we get the gig that is!) until the crowd disperses.

We'd like to wish happy birthday to Rosa Lee McLain on the 23rd of June and Shorty Stone on the 29th of June. Perry Forga will gain a year on the 9th of July, Doug McLain's birthdate is the 12th of July and Donna Lynch on the 29th. Donna just recently lost her husband Clyde and the fiddlers from 1E played for his funeral on the 18th. We'll sure miss Clyde and his wonderful sense of humor. Hope he's now "ridin' down the canyon" and "walkin' the dog"

I'll leave you with a probably not very politically correct (what me worry?) question and answer this month. Q: What do god and Obama have in common? A: No birth certificate!

See you next month, same time, same station. Unless of course my joke gets me fired.

Eileen McLain, District 1E Reporter.

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Reporter: Ron Odegard

July

5 Pine Forest Grange, Bend 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Our last show was June 7. Good music and good dancing. We had three visitors, Betty Chapman from District 1-E, Katherine Allen from District 7 and Chris Lang from District 8. Thanks for coming ladies. Your music was a great addition. We also had new members, Skip and Lynda Paznokas joining us. They are from Pullman, Washington. They will be moving to the Bend area soon and will be joining our district. Hope we will be seeing them soon taking part in our jams.

Our new officers are: □Chairman Ron Odegard; Vice Chairman, Fred Dulley; and Secretary/Treasurer; Earlene Ervin. Our new Hoedowner Reporter will be Ron Odegard. Thanks to each one of you.

May God bless those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to all this month.

Joyce Wallace, District 3 Reporter

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August

1 Jam and Potluck Riverside Park, Grant's Pass

September

5 Jam and Potluck Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

October

3 Jam and Potluck Eagle Point Grange

Fruitdale Grange was the setting for our June meeting and jam. The schedules for June and July were passed out. If you missed getting one, it's on our website or you can call one of the officers. We really need musicians for Grants Pass gigs this summer. We received a nice thank you for playing for the dinner at St. Vincent De Paul for the needy and homeless – over 200 people served. We have three new members: Ron (Marilyn) Bolstad - guitar, Sally Martin - beginning fiddle, and Sara Mathews - beginning fiddle. Welcome folks! Joe Corder (wife Delsa plays the piano) has been very sick, but is recovering slowly. Stan Rogge has been battling serious health problems – our thoughts and prayers go out to him and Dorothy -- and they welcome phone calls. Our new high school guitar player lost a fight with a cat on his bicycle and broke his (right) thumb. Wishing you all well!

Scholarships for musicians are available. Contact a district officer for an application. Our relationship with Trillium Community Health plan is progressing very favorably. A donation to the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest was approved.

What a treat to have Bob Hanson, Guy Kinman, and Hal Thompson from Roseburg visit this month! One listener commented on the “great concert” at the end of the circle jam as they played our requests.

It was fun to have Hal Weiner visit and help us out at the Boys' and Girls' Club Benefit Art Show in Grants Pass while Karen went to a workshop here. We also managed a jam to share our banjo jokes with him (they never stop!)

The “5 O'Clock Jammers” played for the “Four Score and More” celebration for the oldsters (and others) at the church where we practice. Folks loved the old gospel songs and hymns, and sang along with gusto. Many nice comments. What fun folks had learning the Virginia Reel when we played for the Jacksonville Sesquicentennial in the old U.S. Hotel ballroom! All ages participated and there were smiles all around.

Almost got caught in the thunderstorm when we played in Vogel Park in downtown Medford as part of the "Taste of History" celebration, but we played on as the signs were blowing down all around us!

Looking forward to seeing folks from all over the state this summer – lots going on!

And – "I don't suffer from insanity -- I enjoy every minute of it!"

Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

District 5

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July

16 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.

18 Jam NACO, Florence 7-9 p.m.

? Jam at home of Pat and Ruth Weyer--date and time TBA

21 Jam Sunset Bay Park 6:30-8 p.m.

24 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.

28 Jam Coos County Fair, Myrtle Point TBA

August

8 Jam Dora Community Center Open House 1:00 p.m.

14 Jam Sunset Bay Park 6:30-8 p.m.

20-23 Winchester Bay Campout

28 Jam Bullards Park, Bandon 6:30-8 p.m.

What a great Jam in Brookings on the last Saturday in May! What an enthusiastic bunch of people all having a good time playing, singing and dancing. There were about 30 musicians in all for the circle jam and 15 or 16 members for the stage performance with lots of singing and several dancers out on the floor. There was a good-sized audience attending the performance and hoping it would be repeated soon. Tentative plans are to do this again in October. Those of you who didn't go in May should plan to do so then. You missed a good time!

The winning ticket for the raffle for two nights at the Edgewater Inn in Coos Bay was won by Ken Hooten when the ticket was drawn at the Brookings jam. Hope you enjoy your stay there, Ken.

Guest musicians attending the May Jam in Winchester Bay included Lewis Roy, a past state president of OOTFA, from Roseburg, Hal Thompson from Glide and Mike Greydon from Reedsport. We enjoyed your music and singing, guys.

We have several new members who have recently joined the District 5 group. These include Verna Lee from Coos Bay, Ann Bogner from Brookings, and Timothy Palmer and Norman Floyd from Reedsport. We welcome all of you and hope to see you often.

Several of our members are gone this week attending the jamboree and meeting in Burns and then will be going on to the national contest and meeting in Weiser, Idaho, next week.

Our next big event will be the Winchester Bay Campout, August 20-23. I trust you have all been working on your acts following the theme of "Ocean or Sea". That provides a wide area of choice and we expect to see some spectacular results. If everyone who said, last year, that they will be back this year, comes, we should have another large crowd. The coast is a popular place to visit in August. And they like us!

It is said one out of four people in this country is unbalanced. Think of your three closest friends. If they seem okay, then you're the one.

Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Reporter: Oral Robbins, 541-343-4005

July

11	Jam and Potluck	Crow Grange	10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
25	Mary Cole Days Jam	Firehouse, Marcola	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

August

8	Jam and Potluck	Long Tom Grange	10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
20	Senior Day	Lane County Fair	2 - 4 p.m.

Hi,

I'm filling in for Oral Robbins while he is under the weather. Hope he is back on his feet soon. The meeting on June 13th went well. We established a Scholarship Standing Committee and are developing funding. Several dedicated donations have been received. We are also looking into setting up a guitar workshop. If you are interested, please let one of the officers know. If enough people are interested, we will develop one.

Ila Mae's fiddle classes are going well. New people are still showing up for the beginning class, and the intermediate class is well attended. It was a real treat to have Les Tucker at the last class.

Our next jam and potluck will be on July 11 at Crow Grange from 10:30 - 4 p.m. The address is 85994 Territorial Road, Veneta, OR 97487. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget the two Friday night non-amplified jams. The first Friday of the month is at Central Grange

and the second Friday is at Crow Grange. They are both from 7:30-10:30 p.m, and are finger-food potlucks.

We are sending get well wishes to Zane Coffin. He fell while pruning a tree and broke his right hip and arm and his left knee. He is doing real well, but will be laid up for a while.

Birthdays for July: Emily Moyle 7/11, Sal Fiducia 7/26, Esther Shriber 7/28 and Jerry Parks 7/31.

Anniversaries; Bernie and Marie Roberts 7/18 and Mark and Ila Mae Carmickle 7/29.

If we haven't mentioned your birthdays or anniversaries and you would like them noted, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

Darla Knudsen, Acting District 6 Reporter

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July

1	L. O. Adult Center	Lake Oswego	11:30 a.m.
3	Deerfield Village	Milwaukie	2 p.m.
14	Clackamas Heritage Partners	Oregon City	6:30-7:30 p.m.
21	Normandy Woods	Beaverton	6:00 p.m.
24	Tanner Springs	West Linn	3:30 p.m.
25	District 7 Picnic	Oregon City	
25	Happy Trail Riding Center	West Linn	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
27	Bella Vista Park	Gresham	6-8 p.m.

Aug

15	Annual Bawb Bash	Sandy	12 p.m.
19	Clackamas County Fair	Canby	2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 1 we're invited to The Lake Oswego Adult Center to play for an early 4th of July party at 11:30 a.m.. The Center is at 505 SW G Street. They love us there so let's give them another really good show.

Friday, July 3 we're invited to play at 2:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Assisted Living at 5770 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie (507-653-4064). This is a small venue but they just love us here.

Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Let's play for the Clackamas Heritage Partners as we celebrate an evening on the Green - Abernethy Green - at the Wagons at 1726 Washington Street in Oregon City. Fiddlers were a big part of the pioneer heritage so let's show them how it was done! Come help celebrate Oregon's 150th Birthday!

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. we're hired to play at Normandy Woods at 14825 SW Farmington Road in Beaverton. We've never been here before so let's give them a really good show! (Carmen Files 503-643-6561)

Friday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m. they want us to play at Tanner Springs Assisted Living. That's at 23000 Horizon Drive in West Linn. Take I-205 south to Exit 6 - 10th Street. Keep going right at the light and go up S. Salamo Road. After 1.4 miles turn left onto S. Day Road. The first left is Horizon Drive which ends at the place. Drive down to the left and park in the back. Come up the rose-lined walk and in the back door. We perform off to the right in the dining room.

Saturday, July 25 MARK THE CALENDAR! We'll have our third annual District 7 PICNIC at Paul and Gayl Ratigan's again out in Oregon City. Bring instruments, some grub and a chair and we'll meet under the big trees in the back yard. The address is 14918 S Glen Oak Road in Oregon City. All members are invited.

Saturday, July 25 ALSO! We're invited to play at the Happy Trail Riding Center at 20560 Fernview Road in West Linn from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone 503-675-3005. This place provides horseback experience for disabled and handicapped riders. The directions to the stable are: Take the Stafford Road exit off of I-205 (3?), turn north toward Lake Oswego and continue for approximately two miles to a roundabout. Take an immediate right onto Rosemont Road. Stay on Rosemont for approximately 1.5 miles to Fernview Road. Turn right and go to the end of the road at the Happy Trail Riding Center.

Monday, July 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. We are needed to play for a neighborhood party at Bella Vista Park 401 NW Bella Vista Drive in Gresham. From Powell, turn north onto Towle Street and at the first stop sign, turn left onto 4th which goes to the park. It's between Powell and Division.

Saturday, August 15 let's celebrate Bob Huffman's 89th Birthday at the Annual Bawb Bash at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's lovely home out of Sandy. Go six miles past the last light in Sandy. The Candy Farm will be on the right, then four tenths of a mile, turn left onto Cherryville. Got one mile and turn left onto Baty Road. Then one mile farther on, turn right into their driveway. he posted address is 50995 SE Baty Road. The party starts at noon, bring a chair and some food to share. Their phone is 668-3917. Email: atjorgensen@gotsky.com

Wednesday, August 19. We get to entertain at the Clackamas County Fair again!! Let's give them a really good show! Probably 2 - 4 p.m., just like before. It's at the Fairgrounds in Canby just off 99E at the north end of town.

Gail Foster, District 7 Reporter

District 8

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July

4 Fundraiser Breakfast Wilhamena
24 Pacific Shores Agate Beach

August

4 Pioneer Park Stayton 6 - 8 p.m.
6 Polk County Fair Rickreall
8 Saturday Market Salem 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thanks to our slate of officers for agreeing to serve another term, and being elected to do so by the membership. You're all doing a great job!

I'm glad to report that our friend Ken Cartwright is recovering well from gall bladder surgery complicated by a case of pneumonia. He was smiling in a photo in the Santiam Memorial Hospital brochure. Glad you're feeling better, Ken!

Peggy Tucker, Christine Lang and Marie Cunningham are all having some ongoing health issues. We wish you all speedy recovery.

Happy news for the Willis family. Peter and Karen Willis have a son born June 14th. He joins big brother Solomon. Congratulations to them and Grandparents Peg and Jim Willis.

Small groups played this month at Capital Manor, Monmouth Senior Center, Dallas Retirement Village and Cascade Park in Woodburn.

The district coffers have increased several hundred dollars from gigs this month!

Many thanks to Fred and Charlotte Hardin for hosting the district 8 picnic. We enjoyed having some out of district folks there too. Joe and Emily Moyle, Darla and Jesse Knudsen and Alan Ede all from district 6. From district 7 were, Chuck and Pat Gates, Ella Opdal and Norton Johnson, and Bob Huffman. Too many of our own district members to name. Food was plentiful and delicious. Music came from the living room and the garage turned music room.

We'll be playing at Pacific City Thousand Trails and Aurora for their Strawberry Festival the last weekend of June. Should be fun!

Playing dates coming up soon:

July 4th, play for a fund raiser breakfast near Willamina. Come to eat, then play at nine o'clock. In Willamina, take Main St. west a couple miles out of town, turn left on Tindle Creek Road. Park on the grass by the school.

July 24th, Friday evening, play at Pacific Shores Motor Coach Park at Agate Beach north of Newport. If you want to camp there, you must call Marie Bailey so she can get you on the reservation list.

August 4th, Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Pioneer Park on Marion Street in Stayton. Thanks to Ken Cartwright and Dale Emery for getting this gig. Sponsored by KENC community radio, Stayton Parks and Recreation department, and the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. Bring a chair. Ken's

station, can be heard in the Stayton area at 1620 AM or listen online at KENC.com.

August 8th, Saturday Market in Salem from 10 - 2. We played twice last summer and were very well received, and very well paid. It's in the parking lot just a block in front/north of the Capitol building.

Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9

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July

4	Jam and Fireworks	Ennenberg's	evening
10	Gig	Aspens	7 p.m.
11	Birthday Party	Senior Center	2 - 4 p.m.
20	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 p.m.

As I sit here on Sunday , June 14, preparing an early report , we are already looking forward to our restaurant gigs which begin this evening. We have visiting musicians already here to play. We have added the new Country Seasons Cafe to our schedule this year as well as our old standbys: Apple Peddler, Glory Days Pizza, Meat Hook, Elkhorn Cafe, and Ye Olde Castle. There is a show planned at the Ranch Art Gallery on Wednesday, the 17th, plus the merchants have set up another sidewalk event for Thursday, the 18th. Hope you all got to participate in one or more of these events before the Jamboree.

At our jam at the Aspens on June 12, Ron Jahns brought his mandolin and joined us. Also a young girl, LaVelle Johnson, sang a song for us. She also plays the fiddle, but had injured her hand. She does hope to have her hand well enough for the Jamboree workshops. Ron Jahns is also planning an art exhibit of his paintings and a book signing of his "Kids on the Ranch" on Friday, June 26. Dennis and Dona Townsend will be playing music for this event and Dona will also have some of her paintings on display.

We've been busy. We also played another outdoor show at King's Variety, Saturday, the 13th. We had just gotten our sound equipment back in the trailer when a cloud burst occurred. Later that same day, Ruel Teaque, Walt Cooper and Julia Milleson played at the dedication ceremony for the new community center in downtown Burns. Former Senator Bob Smith, whose folks previously owned the building, borrowed a harmonica and joined us on a few songs.

Janet Braymen has made up a playing schedule for everyone in order to keep all the dates straight. It's a huge help. Thanks Janet.

Mickey and Joe Enneberg will host a jam on Saturday, July 4, at their place near the golf course. This gives us a ringside seat for the fireworks. There will be no jam on Friday, July 3.

There is a birthday party scheduled for Saturday, July 11, at the Senior Center. Fiddlers will play from

2 until 4 p.m. Aspens will be July 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Ashley Manor, Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Hope you all have a great July 4.

Julia Milleson, District 9 Reporter

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July

2 Gig and Barbecue Callahan Court 12 p.m.
11 Jam and Potluck Riversdale Grange 12 p.m.
23 Gig Myrtle Creek Park 5:30 - 7 p.m.

First of all, a special thank you goes to Don Maddox, Judy McGarvey, and Lennie Ferrara for coming up from District 4 to help out at a gig in Myrtle Creek, May 16th. They were a big help. Thanks again

At our meeting in June, we decided to cancel all the nursing homes for the summer, but we have two gigs we will be playing for: Callahan Court, July 2nd for their BBQ at noon, and Myrtle Creek in the park July 23rd (Thurs.) from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.. We WILL be having our regular jams every month.--

We had a very nice potluck, lots of good food, thanks to all the good cooks that brought the food. And, to the cleaner-uppers.--

The jam went great, we had many players plus two guests, Bill Ganey from Grants Pass, and Lois Eagleton, a new fiddler from Tyee.--Chuck Hastey played, and it was so nice seeing Margie Hastey out and about. She sure looks good, but is taking it easy.

We need more fiddlers, so some of us are getting together to learn more on the fiddle, so we can play on stage. If any of you play an acoustic instrument, or sing, come join us -- we won't bite, and will be glad to have you.

Our next potluck (noon) and jam (1 p.m.) will be July 11th at the Riversdale Grange in Roseburg off Garden Valley.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Congratulations!

Bruce Werlinger (Shannon's dad) has been ill, and we all wish him and his family the best -- and to anyone else under the weather, get well soon.

See ya'll July 11th.

Joyce Pickett District 10 Reporter

Greetings From Your New President:

First, let me thanks all of you who gave support to my hard-fought campaign. Wow! What a fight! To my opponents: better luck next time. --- hee hee.

As I mentally review the list of wonderful folks with whom I will be serving, I have to say I am extremely fortunate. And, thank you all for your commitment to continue on.

I have no particular desire to change anything other than that which we collectively decide needs to change. We will than act as needed through procedures established in our charter.

Things do have a way of changing, though, and without our particular individual input, they just evolve through refinement and artistic input.

Hal, in his last article, made mention of the banjo as an old traditional folk instrument. As such, it is probably one of the New World's earliest contribution of instruments. It is a descendent of African culture created by the slaves of the Caribbean and the American colonies. It came into our culture through the interaction slaves and white sharecroppers. What started as a crude homemade instrument has, like a butterfly from a cocoon, emerged as a thing of beauty and artistry. They can also be quite expensive. For instance, a Deering Gold Star model goes for \$4646; SS Star model for \$8742.

Probably a safe investment if you are interested -- I can't imagine anyone wanting to steal one !!!

'Nuff said! See you all !!!

Jack

From the Editor Emeritus:

Perhaps you noticed that the web site, Oregonoldtimefiddling.org, was down a few days early in June. I guess that is what happens when I don't pay the rent. A couple of phone calls and my VISA got it up and running again. (I renewed our domain name for 5 years – that will make me 85 next time – any takers? Besides that problem I had my computer in the shop a couple of times. But hopefully all is well – cross my fingers. And fortunately I had everything backed up on an external hard drive.

I want to put a plug in for the fiddle contest at Corvallis on August 1 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Starr McMullen and her helpers have put the contest on for many years now. It has the “county fair” atmosphere with Ferris wheels, cows, hot dogs, many displays, etc., and then the fiddle contest off to the side under the oak trees. The novice division is for the contestants who have never entered a contest before. Here is a good opportunity for those of you who might be nervous and who want to enter your first contest.

There are many fun opportunities yet this summer -- the Diamond Lake Campout, Bob's fiddle camp, the Booher's workshop, Winchester Bay, County Fairs. . . . no such thing as being bored.

I have enjoyed working with Isaaiah's and Gabriel's mother this month getting material for the Junior Hoedowner. Isaaiah and Gabriel impressed us very much as 8 and 10 year olds winning the twin fiddle contest. And Isaaiah winning the PEE WEE division. I had hoped to use one of Isaaiah's favorite tunes, Spaghetti Rag but it didn't work out – perhaps next month. These two and other young fiddlers will be interesting to watch as they get even better. We are proud of them.

Lew

From the Editor:

Summer is upon us, and with it all of the numerous festivals, fairs, etc. I am off to Burns tomorrow for the High Desert Jamboree. I attended last year for the first time, and really enjoyed it. I expect no less this year.

Coming up on August 20 is senior day at the Lane County Fair in Eugene. We will perform, as we always do, and welcome visitors from other districts.

There being no rest for the wicked, I then immediately depart for Winchester Bay and the District 5 campout there, always enjoyable, and on the coast, too. From there, I drop down to Brookings to stay a few days with my good friend (from high school days) Carl Rovainen, and then on to the Humboldt County Fair (in California) for another gig featuring District 5ers from the Brookings area. There certainly is nothing boring about summer in Oregon, or life with the Fiddlers!

Oral Robbins, here in District 6, is selling one of his Martins. This a D 18, with case. It has excellent tone projection, and is great both as a lead and backup instrument. Oral is asking \$1700. Interested? Call Oral at 541.343.4005.

Joe

New Members to Welcome:

Elece Pease, Caldwell, ID	Sue Craig, Eugene
Richard Pankey, Wolf Creek	Ann Bogner, Brookings
Jim Hoots, Philomath	Dave & Debbie Morris, Philomath
Ernie Connelly, Eugene	Ron & Marilyn Bolstad, Ashland
Evelyn & Larry Bellant, Springfield	Sara & Patrick Mathews, Gold Hill
Richard & Juanita Poelstra, Winston	Sally & Douglas Martin, Grants Pass
Tim & Connie Palmer, Reedsport	Skip & Lynda Paznokas, Pullman, WA
Verna Lee, Coos Bay	

Lisa Ponder, Eugene

Marcella & Dennis Easley, Estacada

Mark Ratzlaff, OOTFA State Membership
