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## From Your President

Good news and bad. Good first. The cleanup at the convention was great; no fee was assessed for that function --- so a thank you is due to all.

Bad news. Someone -- we think it was space 1A -- decided that they did not like the bright lights in the parking area. Instead of reaching into the box and turning off the switch, they disconnected the light wiring at the junction box. We were charged fifty dollars for the reconnect. It would be nice if the person or persons responsible ask where the switch is next year; it would be even nicer if he or she reimbursed the fiddlers for the reconnect charge.

More good news. Silver Lake was the usual yearly treat. Hal Weiner got what seems to be heading toward his annual award for the best hat song. The bucket was very becoming.

We now have enough "TEDDY BEARS" to start a political movement. "TEDDY BEARS", for-----?????. Thank you District 1E; you are awesome.

See you all in Burns.

~ Larry

# From the Editor =

Darla Knudsen writes: "Come and join us for a very exciting line-up of classes and workshops at the Third Annual West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops. We will be at the Westridge Middle School in Westfir, Oregon. The classes and workshops will be held from July 22 thru July 25. We are offering full classes for five levels of fiddle, plus banjo, guitar, mandolin and upright bass. We will also offer twelve workshops in specialty areas in fiddle, guitar, mandolin and banjo. The tuition for the camp is \$70 for youths ages 6-18 and under, and \$100 for ages 19 and over. The tuition includes dry camping fees for camping on the school grounds. WCFCW has several full-tuition youth scholarships available. Please check out our website www.fiddlecamp.org for further information. We hope to see you there. Darla Knudsen, WCFCW Chair jkdkjc@q.com 541-998-2064"

There are, by the way, 47 registered students at the West Cascades Fiddle Camp as of this writing; the deadline for submission of applications is June 30.

The NEW rosters are hot off the press. They are \$2 each and will be available at the quarterly meetings in Burns in June and Merrill in September. If you are unable to attend, a roster can be mailed to you by sending \$3.75 to Patti Luse, 979 Ascot Drive, Eugene, OR 97401. Make checks payable to OOTFA. A sheet of the additions and corrections Patti has received since the publication of the Roster on April 1 will be included.

We have been contacted by the organizers of the tenth annual O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat, which will be held October 25-27 in Waxahachie, Texas. There are lots of learning opportunities. More information can be found on the web at www. oflahertyretreat.org.

We apologize for the photo caption in the May issue which misidentified District 5's Bryan lbach as Brain lbach, although that may also be true.

~ Joe

#### From the Editor Emeritus =

I just searched http://www.ootfa.org to see when the first Junior Hoedowner was added to the Hoedowner. The first issue was March, 2007. There has been a lot of water under the bridge since then – something like 76 issues to create. I have met a lot of interesting people corresponding usually with mothers to get stories about their "Junior Fiddler." I hope you enjoy reading about our future fiddlers. Who knows what they will be doing 50 – 60 – 70 years from now. Hopefully the fiddle and fiddling will stay with them all of their lives. Along with the piano, perhaps. The fiddle has so many ways of expressing itself for an individual. There is no one way. I had better watch what I write, but I don't think the same thing can be said for the "tuba, French horn, etc."

I am repeating myself but I want to again encourage you to take a minute, look at the OOTFA archives, at <a href="www.ootfa.org">www.ootfa.org</a> (Thanks Dave Basden.) It is interesting to glance back over the years to see what was happening "back then." The other evening I spent some time on Dina's web looking at all of the pictures. It is amazing the see her collection of pictures and especially to reminisce about those old timers who are no longer with us except in our memory and pictures. Check it out: <a href="http://home.comcast.net/%7Edina.shaylor/lew\_chronicle/fiddlers-pict/a-musicians-index.html">http://home.comcast.net/%7Edina.shaylor/lew\_chronicle/fiddlers-pict/a-musicians-index.html</a> And while you are there, check out more of her web. It will bring back many memories. (Thanks Dina Shaylor.)

~ Lew

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We are all saddened by the recent passing of Bill Selles' wife Maxine. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill at this difficult time.

Several from our district attended the Silver Lake Campout; they all said they had a wonderful time. Many friends were seen and lots of music was played. Sorry Jake and I missed it. Thanks District 1E; everyone said you did a good job.

Sunday May 5th, District 1 fiddlers were part of the Klamath Coral Spring Concert. The music was older western music. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and our group was well received by the community.

Irene Ruddock was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her commitment and dedication as a fiddle teacher, at the convention in Rickreall. We are all proud of her.

We are finally getting some spring weather. Everyone has lots to do, planting gardens, and cleaning up after the winter cold. I think we are all ready for this nice warm weather.

This will be Patti and my last report for the Hoedowner. We are handing our duties to our new reporter John Rogers.

It has been an enjoyable and exciting, but sometimes a little stressful, when we look at the article deadline. We always thought wow where did this month go, time passes so fast.

Patti will continue to work in the kitchen, keeping things organized.

I will be assisting Sheila Fry as a co-chairman. We want to thank everyone for all their input.

Happy Birthday to Marie Kliewer

Anniversaries this month are Ben & Fran Coker, Al & Helen Meyers. Let us know if we missed anyone.

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. Enjoy your friends and all the music. The moment may be temporary but the memories are forever

# June

30 Giq

2	Jam	Meeting & Pot Luck	12 - 4 p.m.
4	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
4	Gig	Quail Park	12:30 -1:30 p.m.
8	Gig	Farmer's Market	10:15 a.m1:15 p.m
9	Gig	Shasta Hall Dance	1 - 4 p.m.
20	Gig	Shasta View Care Center	1 -2 p.m.
20	Gig	Linkville House	2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Practice every Saturday unless something else is scheduled. Call or contact Irene Ruddock for any questions regarding practice.

Linkville House, special party

2 - 4 p.m.

Reminder: nursing home gigs are canceled for July, August, and September.

For updated schedule information call either Sheila Fry or John Northcraft.



Jamming at District 1E's Silver Lake Jam in the early hours of May 4.

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WHERE WERE YOU?

If you missed the gathering in Silver Lake

You missed a great time.

NEW FRIENDS OLD FRIENDS!! MUSIC O MY.

All this was made possible because of the love and labor and dedication of our members. Thank you doesn't seem enough recognition. Hope to see you all next year!!!!

We had our monthly business meeting May 13; had a nice turn out. Our next jam will be June first.

Perry, Jerry, and Don played for the Red Cross on May 7th; it went real well.

Well, I guess I will say: 'til next time, hope all stay well...

#### ~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

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Greetings from Sunny Central Oregon. We have been getting some nice weather with a week in the 80's and a beautiful one for for Mother's Day. Since I was at the state convention and in for back surgery this month I missed the last two VFW Jams which according to my sources came off with good turnouts from the public.

The May 12th Jam was a little sparse for District 3 musicians with only 12 members turning out but they played their hearts out for the well-attended Mother's Day crowd and enjoyed the afternoon.

District 3 members Jack Kerr, Roland and Laura White attended the state convention in Rickreall this year. Both Jack and Roland were invited to perform for the Friday night concert for the public and also assembled a dance band for the post banquet dance.

Short on District 3 members, Jack and Roland had a few other OOTFA members join them on stage. A big thanks to Hal Thompson, Les Tucker, Jim Kuether, & Jerry Parks for making District 3 look good. We missed Carolyn Marstall who was scheduled to come but became ill and could not attend. She is feeling better now and came to the last couple of jams.

Good news for our District 3 members as Chairman Roland White applied for and received a District 3 Keilhorn Grant from the OOTFA State Executive Board for \$1800 to pay for our new sound system. Currently our finances are doing well as we usually make enough to pay our rent fee for VFW on the Sunday jams.

For any members who would like to attend an awesome fiddle camp, the West Cascade Fiddle Camp and Workshops is now taking registrations. As of this week, the camp had 47 pre- registered students. The camp has scholarships for kids and remember if you're an adult we also have financial help for the adults in District 3. Please call Chairman Roland for information on adult scholarship applications; they must be approved by the scholarship committee prior to the event.

The camp is scheduled for July 22-25 near Oak Ridge. You can find all the information you need at www.fiddlecamp.org.

June

Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1 - 3:30 p.m.
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\*PLEASE NOTE: two jams per month on the second and fourth Sundays through October at Redmond VFW Hall • 1836 SW Veterans Way, Redmond

We only had one member, Jack Kerr, attend the Silver Lake Campout but the reports are coming in that it was another good one. Thanks to the McLain family and all their helpers; they continue to put on a great weekend of fun and music.

We need a call to action for our district to help out with our commitment to provide the public with regular music. Currently we need more backup helpers for the sound system and a replacement for Don Hendrix on the publicity job. Please call me if you're ready to serve our organization.

We have reports that Peggy Hudson, Dale Anderson and Tommy Tucker are recovering well from their recent knee surgeries. We all wish Ron Odegard the best with his upcoming hospital visit in June. Thank you all for your good wishes concerning my just completed back surgery; I'm feeling better already.

Please send any news for anniversaries, birthdays and illness so we can keep our members informed and send them good wishes.

Send news to the new e-mail address for Roland White: roland@fiddlplay.com

#### ~ Roland White, District 3 reporter



District 4's fiddle class final program for friends and family.

#### District 4

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Spring has been beautiful down here this year, and we're enjoying the flowers and all. We played Saturday, May 11, for the Vintage Fair at Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point, in lieu of our regular jam. There was a good crowd for the fair, and we had lots of our musicians, as well as visitors Larry Costa and Hal Thompson. But . . . it was HOT (90 +)! Not my kind of weather!

July's picnic at Riversedge Park is a "bring your own". Cold drinks will be provided.

We finished our six months of fiddle classes with a closing program for friends and families. We are now are doing a "slow jam" (like we learned at Fiddle Camp) at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, just before the regular "5 O'Clock Jammers" at – you guessed it – 5-6 p.m. It's been well attended the two times we've had it, with about eight kids and several adults. It seems to be a popular addition. We'll see how it goes through the summer. Everyone is invited to join in to learn or help out – it's a lot of fun!

Vi Brown, a Life Member for many years, is celebrating her 95th birthday; the Fiddlers will play to make the day special on May 18 (her birthday was the 14th). Happy birthday, Vi! We also will be playing for Buncom Day (yes, there is a historical town of Buncom, but mostly uninhabited) on June 25.

June 1

Jam Fruitdale Grange 11:30 a.m.

July

5 Jam, Picnic Riversedge Park, Shady Cove

August

No jam or meeting.

Scholarship monies will still be available per request – ask an officer for an application.

We're happy to have Peggy Hudson back in our area. She and Judy Lyons are both recovering from ambulation problems, and are planning to start coming back to functions now that Judy can drive again. Welcome, you two!

If you feel like celebrating, don't forget that June 8 is National Donut Day – I can go for that!

Is this anyone we know? -- Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot momma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur. Be careful.'"

### ~ Judy McGarvey , District 4 Reporter

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We have a short performance schedule this month. Because of the conflict in dates with the Country Music Jamboree and state quarterly meeting in Burns there will be no jam in Winchester Bay in June. Nor will there be any programs at Sunset Beach State Park this month; they will be added later in the summer along with other venues.

Those from our district attending the Silver Lake Campout in May included Sharon and Larry Gallagher, Hal Weiner and Ruth and Pat Weyer. They report having had an enjoyable time, good weather with no snow this year and a larger crowd than usual in attendance.

Hope all you musicians have found a song containing a person's name, either a man's or a woman's, to fit the theme for the Winchester Bay Campout in August. If you haven't it's time to get with it and start practicing. We are looking forward to

June

Gig

Bullard's State Park

6:30 - 8 p.m.

27 Gig

Bullard's State Park

6:30 - 8 p.m.

seeing all of you from throughout the state and beyond. For you gourmets, remember we have the best seafood anywhere in our little cafes and restaurants. You can even go out and catch your own if you want and can find the time.

Russ Hall was the featured performer at the April jam. He played several beautiful fiddle tunes which were much enjoyed by the audience. Also enjoyed by the audience was the song Verna Lee wrote and sang in honor of John MacRae's birthday. Such talent!

Guests attending our jam included, from District 10, Jean and Bob Hanson and Hal Thompson. Visiting with them was Donna d'Ablaing and William Dorsey who live in Georgia but are temporarily in the Roseburg area where she is taking care of her elderly mother.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter



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# Meet C.J. Neary!

By his Mom, Tamara Neary

At first glance, you would never know that this blond haired, blue eyed boy, who just turned seven, is Oregon's pee wee fiddle champ.

This past year has been full of accomplishments for him. After attending Mark O'Connors fiddle camp in 2012, C.J. was introduced to the fiddle and was instantly hooked! He saw a girl on YouTube playing in a contest and said "I want to do that, when is the next contest?" We researched it and saw that the Western Open Old Time Fiddle Contest 2012 was in California just a few months away so we signed him up; C.J. ended up coming in first.

This gave him the courage to try out for the Central Oregon Youth Orchestra and was given a place in the first violin section. In March 2013 the Oregon State Old Time Fiddle competition took place and C.J. was excited to play "Tom and Jerry" his newest favorite tune; he won first place and became more excited than ever for Weiser.

Even though fiddling is C.J.'s favorite type of music to play, he also loves classical music. He is learning Mozart's Concerto Number 4 in D major and will try out for a classical competition taking place in May.

C.J. is a very unique kid. He has brought music into our lives since learning to play two years ago and is obsessed with it. He has pushed his dad to learn a little more guitar and his mom has even picked up a banjolele to strum. He sets goals for himself and strives to reach them.

I sat down with him at dinner and asked a few questions.

**Mom:** What do you want to be when you get older? **C.J.:** A musician that plays a lot of instruments- banjo, guitar, piano, violin, mandolin, bass, harpsichord, trumpet and sax. Also I will play all different types of music.

Mom: Do you like to practice?

**C.J.:** Yes, it is fun to do. Sometimes I get frustrated but I know I'm getting better when that happens.

**Mom:** Do you feel like you have any unique gifts with music? **C.J.:** Yes. I see colors when I hear music, and I can improvise. I compose music and if someone tells me a scale I have never played before, I can usually play it.

Mom: Why did you pick the fiddle?

**C.J.:** Because it is complicated but it is also beautiful and I love the way it flows

Mom: Who inspires you?

**C.J.:** Mark O'Connor, Alex Hargreaves, Darol Anger, Jimmy Page, Buddy Guy, Hilary Hahn

**Mom:** How does music make you feel? **C.J.:** It makes me feel free, strong and happy



C.J. Neary

# Fiddle Tips by Eileen Walter -- Staying in Tune

Here's something you can do to help you play in tune: use a chromatic tuner to help you practice and correct any intonation issues.

When you get ready to work on a tune, it's helpful to know the key and to play that scale before you start. Even better – play the scale with your tuner on and check each note. This will help train your ear and your fingers.

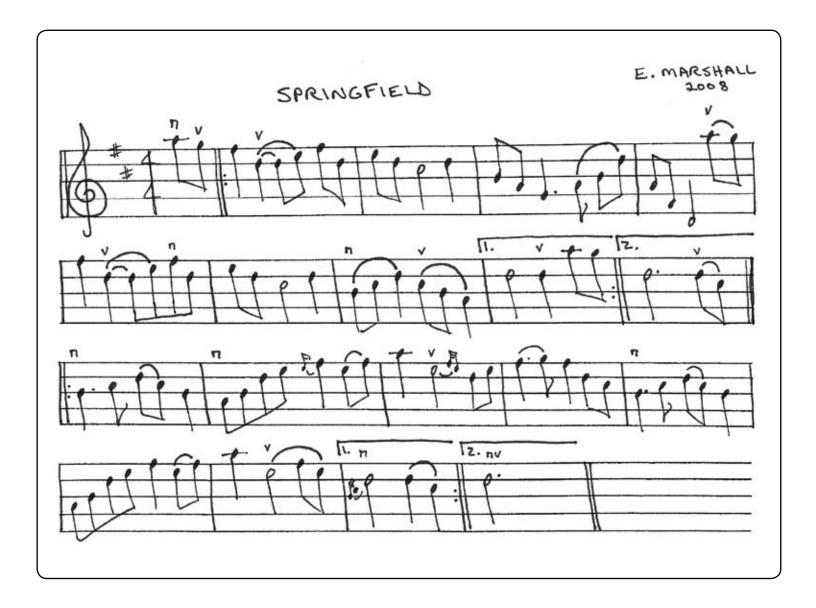
When you're working on a tune, do random intonation checks by stopping on a note here and there and checking with the tuner.

The tuner will provide valuable information. Maybe you're tending to play a little sharp or a little flat. Or maybe there's one finger that's not landing in exactly the right place. If one of these things is happening regularly, and that's what your ear is accustomed to hearing, it may become comfortable to you and you may think you're playing in tune when you aren't.

Using the tuner is one of the best things you can do to improve your fiddling – right up there with the metronome.

# Tune of the Month -- Springfield

A very nice "old time" tune by a contemporary musician, Erin Marshall. This tune, and several others, are downloadable for free from her website, hickoryjack.com.



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The moon and you appear to be So near and yet so far from me. And here I am on a night in JUNE Reaching for the moon and you.

Irving Berlin

Many here in District 6 are really looking forward to going to Burns. Gathering with friends from across the state and making music together has got to be one of the greatest gifts that we have. This last month, we gathered in Silver Lake; there were nine District 6 members present. Two of them were inductees into the "Teddy Bear" club: Jerry and Linda Parks. We had tons of fun playing into the wee hours. Can't wait until next year!

Meanwhile, back in Eugene, our Friday night jams are cookin'! At the Santa Clara Grange, we had quite a nice circle jam; Annie Carter played a nice tune, "Lily Dale," on her banjo. At the Eugene Hotel, Darlene Fiducia and her family contributed a lot of our music, along with over twenty other musicians. Joe Grivel and Fred Wilson entertained us with "Never On Sunday," on fiddle and accordian. We had somewhere around twenty-five people in the audience. Great time. Also, Leah Canaday's daughter brought cupcakes to celebrate Tenaya Cooley's birthday. Tenaya sure was surprised and excited.

At the Crow jam, we had nine fiddlers, along with mandolins, banjos and guitars. Nina Hoffman lead us in her beautiful rendition of "Man of Constant Sorrow." David and Clair Ellicker-Vagsberg danced the polska and Amy Burrow forgot the lyrics to "Cluck Ol' Hen." Amy's going to have to practice singing that song while she tends her goats. We love to hear her cluck and crow that song out.

Hey, don't forget we have a district meeting at the Santa Clara Grange on June 8th, along with our potluck and jam. In case you haven't heard, Peggy Mulder, one of our bass players, has recently had a medical procedure and is now doing great. She's doing so well, in fact, that she played a gig the next day! If you see her, give her a

#### June

7-9:30 p.m. Eugene Hotel Jam 8 Monthly Jam 10:30-3 p.m. Santa Clara Grange 14 Jam Crow Grange 7-9:30 p.m. 21 7-9:00 p.m. Yapoah Terrace Jam 28 Santa Clara Grange 7-9:30 p.m. Jam

big hug for being such a trooper for our OOTFA family. We hope that Lloyd Shriber is recuperating from his fall; we all wish Esther and Lloyd the best. Just to let everyone know: Phyllis and Zane Coffin have just celebrated their 62nd anniversary. Congrats to you two kids.

June Birthdays: Ken Luse 6/6, Lena Stubbs 6/6, Bob Strelow 6/10, John Steel 6/19, Linda Parks 6/28, Betty Canning 6/30.

June Anniversary: Gary and Candy Davis

What's the difference between a fiddle playing in "D" and a locksmith? A locksmith knows how to change keys and can get paid for it!

#### ~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



District 6's John Gent and Sandy and Mlke Wallrich take a break on Highway 58 returning from the Silver Lake jam after a truck wreck closed the highway.



District 6 performs at the Hult in Eugene on May 2

#### District 7

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Hello from sunny Estacada! Well, for a while, anyhow. Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful spring weather we are having and anticipating a lot of fun summer jamming and workshops. I am especially looking forward to seeing many of you at the various events scheduled throughout the state. Wishing a belated Mother's Day to all you mothers, and Happy Father's Day to all you fathers! Also Happy Birthday to all you June babies.

Just a reminder that Donna Foreman's classes are over for the summer. The tentative start up date is September...more to come! Thanks so much, Donna for you hard work and diligence; and for sharing your talent with us. You are greatly appreciated!

Welcome new members to the Old Time Fiddlers family: Amanda Johnson; and Donna Dunai, who plays fiddle and guitar. We look forward to getting to know you, and invite you to participate in as many OOTFA activities as you can.

June's playing schedule includes:

Saturday, June 7 Estacada Senior Center, 200 SW Club House Drive, Estacada. Doors open 11 a.m. Sign up playing from 1 – 3:30 PM. This is our last monthly jam until September.

Wednesday, June 12 Pacifica Senior Living, 1808 SE 182nd Ave., Portland. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We play during their lunch hour.

Saturday, June 22 Oregon City Public Library, 606 John Adams Street, Oregon City 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. We are playing for their 100 year celebration.

Saturday, June 29 Holiday Retirement Center, 3141 NE 148th, Portland. 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We play for their happy hour.

Watch your emails for additional jams during the month.

~ Marcella Easly, District 7 Reporter

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In late April we played at Oak Grove Grange for the Blossom Festival. Old car enthusiasts stopped there for one of the check ins and some refreshments. The following week we played three one hour sets at the Ag Fest at the state fairgrounds. Lots of fun to entertain families in attendance. Good to have our young fiddlers there.

With the blessing of District 7 we played for a Mother's Tea in Forest Grove on May 3rd. It's in their district, but they couldn't take it. It was a beautiful day for a drive, and the ladies (and gentlemen) appreciated the music.

Fifteen musicians played at the Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill in Salem on May 11th. Their website has many interesting photos and information. www.willametteheritage.org/ A visit to the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. The five-acre campus is home to fourteen historic structures that present the stories and richness of Oregon's past.

The event was the annual Sheep to Shawl they put on each spring. We, and the audience, were pleased to have three of our young fiddlers join us. Erin Halgrimson, Joel and Josh Bennett all played. We were scheduled to play on the front porch of the church, but the sun was getting a little too warm. We circled our chairs in a shady spot and played for an hour and a half. Truman Price was performing just before us. He suggested that we start early, as he was playing with another group in another location on the grounds. Truman's wife Suzi has been learning fiddle, so she

<b>June</b> 8 23	Jam Gig	District 8 picnic Strawberry Social	Colebank's - Woodburn Aurora Colony
<b>July</b> 11	Gig	Marion County Fair	State Fairgrounds
12 13	Gig Gig	Aumsville City Park Horse event,	Willamette Mission Park
August 8	Gia	Polk County Fair	Rickreall

stayed and played with us. You must do that again, Suzi. Since our audience was mainly walking past and stopping to listen for a while, we didn't use a sound system and just took turns leading tunes.

Our big day for June will be Saturday the 8th. It's the annual district picnic! We'll gather at Dale and Loita Colebanks' home at about 11 o'clock. It's pot luck, so bring your favorite picnic food to share, your eating ware and a chair if you can, and of course your instruments. Friends from District 7 and 6, or any other district, are welcome.

Colebanks' address is: 4785 S ELLIOTT PRAIRIE RD To get there: From 99E turn east onto Young St/OR-214. Continue to follow OR-214 2.2 miles. Turn slight left onto Elliott Prairie Rd NE. 1.8 miles. It will be on the left. 0.7 miles. Your destination is just past S Orchard Lane. (If you reach S. Morcom St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far).

Or from I-5 you can -Continue to follow OR-214 1.7 miles
Stay straight to go onto Molalla Rd/OR-211. 3.7 miles
Turn right onto S Meridian Rd 1.1 miles.
S Meridian Rd is 0.6 miles past S Killins Loop
If you reach Yoder Rd you've gone about 0.9 miles too far
Turn right onto S Elliott Prairie Rd 0.6 miles.
S Elliott Prairie Rd is 0.5 miles past S Schneider Rd.
(If you reach S Newman Rd you've gone about 0.3 miles too far).
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Sunday, June 23rd we'll be playing for the Strawberry Social in Aurora. As in other years, it's in the yard of the museum. This is always well attended. There is always a good audience and the strawberry shortcake is delicious. Can't beat Oregon strawberries in June!

On July 11 we'll be playing at the Marion County Fair at the State Fairgrounds. Play time is 1 p.m.

July 12th we're scheduled to play in Aumsville at the park starting at 6 p.m. This will be the third year to entertain there. Lots of fun

July 13th we'll be playing at Willamette Mission Park north of Salem.

This is a new venue for us. It's a benefit ride for a vet based horse rescue program. Bonnie, who invited us says, "I have heard your group before and you are awesome"! Let's not let her down. More details on all these in later issues.

The end of this month marks the end of our current officers' terms. Thanks to you who have served with loyalty. And thanks to the incoming officers who take over the helm on July 1st.

Save the earth, it's the only planet with chocolate!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9 =

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Howdy,

First order of business is to invite everyone to the Country Music Jamboree in Burns on June 13, 14, and 15. Folks are welcome to arrive early. We'll get out and play around town with those who do arrive early. The High Desert Fiddlers will treat you right and District 9 will be helping out as well. Check out the website www.highdesertfiddlers.com for details or give Janet a call at 541-573-4383. There's plenty of RV parking/camping available for a fee. The event is fueled by donations, we pass the hat and thank you very much.

The rescheduled jam in April to the third Sunday had a nice crowd and a handful of musicians. Betty Chapman visited from District 1E and pleased the crowd with her yodeling. Election of officers to take over in July finds Ruel Teague as Chairman, Janet Braymen as Vice Chairperson, and Darlene Wingfield as Secretary/Treasurer. Many thanks go to George Sahlberg for serving many years as secretary/treasurer.

Speaking of George, he has had heart surgery and spent several weeks in the hospital in Bend. Hopefully by the time this

report comes out, he will be home. The latest report is good and George is on the mend. Don Williams has been out of commission with a knee surgery. Hope to see him back on his feet soon.

The May jam held on Mother's Day had a good turn out and visiting musicians to boot. Phil Drain dropped in to play bass and talk about a banjo he is learning to play. Pat Reed was in town for the weekend and joined Janet and Ruel at the Aspens for the Friday night jam as well as the Sunday jam. Pat plays mandolin, guitar and sings bluegrass tunes. It's been over ten years since he moved to Boise so was great to have him back for the weekend. We will adjourn for the summer and resume the second Sunday jams in October.

In June, The Aspens are invited to the Country Music Jamboree. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 17th at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. Second Sunday jams will resume in October.

#### ~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

# District 10

Chairperson: Don Hamlin, 541-673-5689 Co-Chair: Carol Ridley, 541-680-2881 Secretary: Clair Eaton, 541-784-3974 Treasurer: Gynn Deaton, 541-839-4501 Membership: Barbara Sullivan, 541-673-8981 1257 S.E. Washington, Roseburg OR 97470 Reporter: Joyce Pickett, 541-643-2995

We were gone during the April jam, but according to my "associates", it went very well. All the back-up was up on stage, and the mic's were on the floor for the fiddlers and singers. According to a picture that Joe Ross sent, it looked like a good set-up. There were some visitors: Charlie Boyer; Margaret and Breffni Keene from dist. 4. Thanks for coming, Also, we have a new member, Edith Turner from Yoncalla.

We played at Rosehaven nursing home April 8th. Larry and Bonnie Costa from District 5 were in town, so Larry joined in with us playing a banjo and singing. Thank you Larry, we enjoyed it, so did the patients.

June

22 Jam

Sutherlin Grange

1-4 p.m.

Chuck and Margie Hastey seem to be doing very well in their new home. He turned 96 years young in April. Happy Birthday Chuck. Also to all that had birthdays and anniversarys, don't have a list. And, hope all that's under the weather will be up and around soon.

Our next jam will be June 22nd, 1 to 4 at the Sutherlin Grange, 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin. Finger foods would be appreciated for the ones taking a break, and the audience.

Hope to see you all there, I believe there's some that I haven't met yet; bring your instruments and or voices.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter



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# State Calendar

June 13-15	Country Music Jamboree, Burns
July 22-25	West Cascades Fiddle Camp, Oakridge
August 3	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest
August 15-18	Winchester Bay Jam
September 19-21	Merrill Quarterly Jam and Semi-Annual Meeting

# **New Members to Welcome!**

Donna Dunaif, Portland Ruby Edwards and Cecil Bailey, Butte Falls Katie Fluegeman, Roseburg Carl Granich, Coos Bay Anita Hayden, Yachats Ron & Sally Jackson, Prineville

Amanda Johnson and Douglas Hybertson,

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David Larsell, Blachly Larry Mullins, Salem Adam Sully, Silverton Edith Turner, Yoncalla

- Patti Luse, OOTFA State Membership