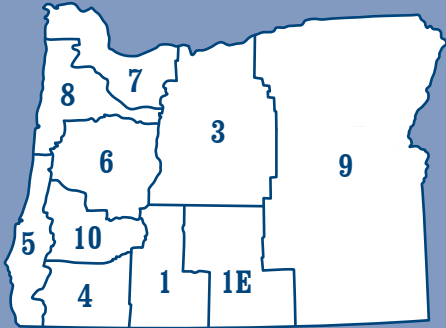


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From Your President

By the time this is read, Thanksgiving will be a memory. Here is a wish that it is a good and long memory shared with friends and family.

Tomorrow District 5 has its annual Thanksgiving pot luck with turkey and all the trimmings. It is always a festive occasion that includes extended family, full stomachs and good music.

As we enter the close of the year with its multiple holidays, gatherings and festivities, I feel privileged to wish each of you the best ever season and and peace and joy in the coming year.

I hope to see you at the meeting In Sutherlin on January 25 to start a new year of music and fun.

~ Larry

From the Editor

With the end of the year approaching, it is time to think of renewing your membership in OOTFA for 2014. The two-track dues system is new: \$25 if you want to continue receiving the Hoedowner in the mail, but \$20 if you want to receive the Hoedowner by email, or download a pdf from the OOTFA website. Call me old-fashioned, but I still want the printed version....

You may have noticed that we have printed quite few photos lately. That is because we have been receiving lots of them. Keep them coming, but be sure they are high resolution, and that the people in photos -- and the event -- are identified.

I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Marge Apperson, at age 97. She was a short, a firecracker, and an excellent fiddler. She and her husband, Hap, knew every tune in their battered copy of the Fiddler's Fakebook, and would play one at the drop of a hat.

All the best for the Christmas season, and the New Year!

~ Joe

The January state jam/board meeting will be held in Sutherlin, Saturday, January 25th at the Sutherlin Community Center, 150 South Willamette, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The board meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., with potluck at 12 noon. The jam, open to the public, will begin at 1 p.m.

Directions: take exit 136 from I-5. Travel east on Central (the main street) approximately ½ mile. The community center is on the SE corner of Willamette and Central. The one-floor building is on the grounds of the city park, and can be identified by the train engine nearby. There is ample, paved parking.

Put it on your calendar!! Plan on attending with your instruments, a potluck dish, and bring many smiles and hugs to greet old friends you haven't seen since September. Be prepared to have a good time!!

Plates, silverware, and beverages will be supplied.

From the Editor Emeritus

I was saddened when I heard about the passing of Isom Patterson. I considered him one of my best fiddle friends. We became very close, sharing our music and other interests. Recently I played an old cassette tape from Winchester Bay, July 27, 1986. I especially enjoyed it because it reminded me of friends that are no longer with us. Al Lively was the master of ceremonies. It starts with Gene Gosney playing Boil 'dem Cabbages Down, Over the Waves. Dave Pinkerton playing ? and Waltzing in Old San Antone. Vi Jensen playing Oh So Many Years, Death Valley Waltz. John Allen playing Wabash Cannon Ball and Great Speckled Bird. Charlie Jensen playing Alex and Marie's Two Step. Dale McCoy playing Manitoba's Golden Boy and Waverly Two Step. Wally Bloom – side one ran out.

Side two. Walt Benson sang Silver Haired Daddy of Mine. Russell Hall played Why Should I Cry my Eyes Over You and That's Why I Keep Loving You. Paul Lakey played Kentucky Waltz, Pick me up on Your way Down. Glen Brown played Take These Chains from my Heart and Fraulein. John Settle played Lone Star Rag and Waltz Across Texas. Jack Walker sang When My Blue Moon turns to Gold. Alice Holt played Just Because and 4th of July Waltz. Hollis Real played ? Waltz and Isle of Capri. End of tape. In the background I could hear "Sooie" - remember Paul Williams and Tommy Griffins in the background, too. Do you remember any of those names? Of those listed, only three to my knowledge, John Allan, Jack Walker and Russ Hall, are still with us. Most of those listed were very dear and close

friends. I am glad that I have many fond memories and their music to remember them by. (Did you notice that in 1986 each fiddler played two tunes and the vocalists sang one song.)

Here is a story I would like to share are with you – a true story that meant so much to me that evening when I wrote it and still does. I may have shared this note with you some time in the past but it tells a story of the influence of our fiddle music so I want to share it with you this month: Some time back. . . .in Estacada at one of our jams, I introduced myself to a member out in the hall I didn't know. As we visited I asked him how he had heard about the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. He told me that he played the guitar and that he had played it for many years for his father as he played the fiddle but that his father had died eight years ago. He went on to tell me that just a while back that he walked into a senior center and heard that "old time fiddle music" "the kind that Dad used to play." He shared with me that he was so overwhelmed by it that he retreated to the "men's room" and wept. He knew that he had to be a part of it so he joined so he could be around the music that reminded him so much of his father. What a great tribute to the man I met that day and to our fiddle music. A man crying doesn't sound like a happy story but tears can be shed for many reasons. He thought of his father and the fiddle music he played. I enjoyed him telling me his story as I am enjoying telling you about him.

~ Lew

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December

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| 1 | Shasta Community Center meeting, Christmas dinner, and jam.
Ham & turkey will be furnished. Cherie Lane will be in charge of what food items to bring. No Gifts. | |
| 3 | Gig | Plum Ridge Care Center 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| 3 | Gig | Quail Run nursing home 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Gig | Shasta Center Senior dance 1 - 3:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Gig | Shasta View nursing home 1 - 2 p.m. |
| 19 | Gig | Linkville House nursing home 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. |

Well this year is about over, we have had a good year lots of special events, on top of the regular things. We have had several guests come over to help us with the Farmers' Market thru the summer months. The weather was good for every one of them, best I remember.

We are still doing some experimenting with the little sound system; we will make a decision next year on newer or larger systems.



Isom Patterson.

This is the month to pay your membership dues, (don't forget); \$20, or \$25.00 if you get the Hoedowner mailed to you.

Now comes the hard part, we lost a long-time member, Isom Patterson, aged 94, on November 9. He and Fay were outstanding OOTFA members for so many years. Fay told me they had been members for 30 years, also that they had been married for 74 years. I remember he was always good to help me learn the chords to songs as I was just learning old time fiddle tunes. I watched his chord changes always. Most of you know his first finger, left hand had been cut off some, but that didn't slow him down a bit. He always had a funny pair of glasses that he would put on that would crack you up. We will miss him very much.

December birthdays: Irene Ruddock, Tim Dabil, Marlon Jannuzzi, Melvin Woodard. Best wishes to all.

December anniversaries; Phil and Sheila Fry, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Jake and Aline Swartwood, Carol and Phil Fulbright. Have a good one.

Merry Christmas everyone.

~ Johnny Rogers, District 1 Reporter

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Hello everyone, hope you all are ok....

Well another month has gone by -- boy, they are going fast!!!

First of all we would like to thank Jack Kerr for coming down from Prineville to play music with us old timers....We had our jam on November 2, and we did have a nice turn out -- not only playing, but more people came out to listen. It was really nice.

We had our business meeting on November 11, had a good turn out. We changed the start time on our monthly jam days from 6 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month.

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Good news to all members as the VFW opened the Hall on time for the November 10th jam. We had a good turnout of 16 musicians that played for a decent crowd. Many of us were concerned that the public wouldn't show up with the unfortunate previous cancellations but a nice crowd did show up.

We were pleased that Bob Hansen from District 10 came up to visit his good friend Hollis Real; he played along with the rest of the group for the entire afternoon. Thanks Bob for the good tunes and visit!

A brief meeting was held to discuss the 2014 schedule. Members discussed keeping the jams on schedule as previously done for the entire year or taking a break and starting in March with the monthly jams.

Many felt the that with the winter weather and low turn-out of musicians, a break would be welcome, while others wanted to keep the jams going for the whole year.

Members discussed playing for senior centers and rest homes with smaller groups from Bend, Prineville and Redmond taking the charge for playing for the public during the break in monthly jams.

There will be a vote for what the 2014 Schedule will be at the Christmas party on Dec 7th.

We are all looking forward to a great meal, some music and fun so hope you all come. We have the main food items covered, so bring your side dish, dessert or salad with your eating utensils and good spirits.

We are all saddened at the recent passing of our good friend and former district leader Ron Odegard and send heartfelt condolences to Anne and the Odegard family. Ron will be missed as he kept District 3 going when no others would step up to be officers and always was a great ambassador for OOTFA.

~ Roland White, District 3 Reporter

December

6 Gig

Winter Fair

6 p.m.

We will be playing at the Winter Fair on December 6 at 6 p.m. We will have great singers joining us. Hope you all come and listen; you'll enjoy it.

Well, I am gonna stop for now until next month...

God Bless 'til then,

~ Laura Light, District 1E Reporter

December

7 Xmas Party and Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 12 - 4 p.m.

8 Jam VFW Hall, Redmond 1 - 3 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: LAST JAM OF 2013 on Dec 8th 1-3 p.m. VFW HALL • Redmond. There will be a brief meeting at the Christmas Party on Dec 7th to decide if we will take a break from monthly jams from January to March 2014.*



Hollis Real (District 3) and Bob Hanson (District 10) play a tune at the District 3 monthly jam.



Visiting Norwegian fiddler Einar Eimhjellen (left) with District 6's David and Claire Elliker-Vagsberg.

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The jam at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass was on a typical fall day of rain and sun, the snacks were great, and the music very enjoyable with about 20 musicians on the sign-up list.

We had a good turnout of musicians at Pioneer Village in Jacksonville, and the residents danced up a storm. A good time was had by all!

Our chairman Avi is open to and working on suggestions to improve our attendance and interest. Any innovative or tried and true suggestions are being considered. What do you want from your organization, and what are you willing to do keep us strong?

It's good to have Judy Lyons, Libby DeWees, and Peggy Hudson joining us again for some gigs. We always need all you good musicians to put on a good show!

Delsa Corder fractured her back and has been tied close to her bed for a couple months. We have sure missed her good piano playing! She's doing better, but still not out and about. We wish her good vibes to get well soon!

Don Evans, "spoon man" is finally back home after a couple stays in the hospital. He is still home and getting better. We miss him. His wife is also very ill.

Don Maddox received an award in Modesto CA for the work the Maddoxes did when the family band was based there.

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Here it is almost Christmas again and, as usual, I'm not ready! Saw Santa peeking around the corner to see who was being naughty or nice the other day, so think he must be ready. Time to get our acts together!

Please note that the two gigs at the end of the month will be on Monday, the 23rd, rather than Wednesday, which is Christmas day.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. They should all be paid by the first of January.

The featured performer for the month of November is Adam Taylor, from the Brookings area. You may remember him singing the humorous song about "five pounds of 'possum" at our jam and campout at Winchester Bay in August. He retired after working 30 years as a psychiatric technician and moved to

December

7 Jam, Holiday Potluck Roxy Ann Grange, Medford

January

4 Jam, Snacks Eagle Point Grange

February

1 Jam, Snacks Fruitdale Grange

Unfortunately the trip took its toll and Don got sick and is at home now recovering nicely after a couple days in the hospital.

We can all send healing energy to all these folks. Hey Folks, get well soon!

Judy Lyon's son Stimp passed away unexpectedly in Massachusetts. Peggy Hudson's sister died suddenly with a massive stroke. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to these families. We were also saddened to hear of Isom Patterson's death. Many of us have played with and enjoyed his music with the Klamath Falls group. I remember when he gave me a HUGE potato – we had three meals out of it! He will be missed.

We've had a good turnout of musicians for our nursing/retirement/senior gigs – and the residents have really appreciated the music. Keep coming – we need all musicians. Check the website "calendar" or call an officer if you need a schedule or more info.

Lots of stuff upcoming with the holiday season. Our December monthly jam will feature "joyous music of the season", so come and join in! We're looking forward to the January quarterly meeting in Sutherlin to see and play with those of you we only see a few times a year. What fun!

In closing: I lost my mind – I'm pretty sure the kids took it!

~Judy McGarvey, District 4 Reporter

December

4	Gig	Oerdings, Coquille	1 - 2 p.m.
4	Gig	Myrtle Point Care Center	3 - 4 p.m.
11	Gig	Baycrest, North Bend	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
11	Gig	Evergreen Court, North Bend	3 - 4 p.m.
18	Gig	Heritage Place, Bandon	1 - 2:30 p.m.
21	Monthly Jam	Winchester Bay	1 - 4 p.m.
23	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
23	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

the Oregon coast with his wife. He played trumpet in his high school band and then was a bugler for four years while in the Air Force. While attending Cal Poly he played flute with the San Luis Obispo Symphony, but had always been interested in acoustic string music, especially folk music, and wanted to play the guitar. Then, in 2008, Rudy Spence, another OOTFA member from Brookings, convinced him to try it and showed him a D chord. That lit the fuse! Now he plays in various venues but OOTFA functions are his favorites. Just ask him and he will tell you he is "living the dream".

Our best wishes go out to Mapril Combs who will be undergoing brain surgery to remove a tumor tomorrow, November 15, in Portland. You are in our prayers and our thoughts, Mapril, and hope you will have a quick recovery and be back with us soon. We shall miss your fiddling until you are able to return.

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About Erin Hallgrimson, by her Mother, Brenda Hallgrimson

Erin Hallgrimson is 14 years old; she began playing the fiddle when she was 10. She wanted to learn to play old-time fiddle music. Erin described it as "fun music" when she first started, and she still feels the same way. Her older sisters also play and sing together and she is learning to harmonize with them all.

Marie Bailey has been Erin's teacher, and has inspired her, encouraged her, and challenged her in her playing. Marie has been a true blessing in Erin's life and it has been fun to see her grow and enjoy playing music, and taking on new challenges. Marie has taught her to love the music, and has always kept her interested and has made music fun.

Erin is homeschooled, and is very involved with 4-H. She is in a cooking group, which cooks foods from other countries through the year. She raises hogs for the county fair. This year she received the County Swine Award and took first in her market hog class, a goal she has worked hard for over the years.

This past year has been a memorable year for Erin. On her 13th birthday Erin's sisters had given her a mandolin. She has been busy learning how to play it. Erin has been involved with the Chick Rose Kids Project. This past year she

became a junior instructor and taught other children to play a few fiddle songs. At the end of the festival the kids would then perform on stage. Some of the children had never played an instrument until that weekend. She had told me that it has been a challenge to teach, but she does like being part of the group.



Erin Hallgrimson

Erin has gone out busking, playing by herself and also with her cousin Josie Slaven. She and her sisters had their first 'paying gig' at the historic Butteville Store in September. She said she was a bit nervous, but enjoyed playing both of her instruments and singing with her sisters. One of her most precious moments was meeting bluegrass star Charlie Daniels; he autographed her fiddle, hat, shirt, and picture.

The last four years playing with the OOTFA has been a blessing. Erin has kept me going, and she is always looking forward to the many OOTFA gigs and jams. Her favorite event is the yearly convention. She enjoys all the jams, and being able to play with different musicians. Thank you to all in

OOTFA who have taken the time to play, teach, encourage, and befriend Erin these past four years. You have given more to her than you will ever truly know.

Fiddle Tips -- Planning Ahead, by Eileen Walter

There are many times a fiddler needs to plan ahead with the use of the bow; here's an exercise which addresses one of the issues that arises from time to time: to plan ahead so you won't run out of bow space:

Alternate the first and second fingers on any string, playing five quick notes with separate bow strokes (beginning with a "down-bow" stroke, followed by a "slur" of another five quick notes all in one "up-bow" stroke, as follows:

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Slur the notes in parentheses.

Keep repeating this pattern, and use a metronome set to a tempo that's comfortable for you. You'll find yourself improving by using long enough bow strokes on the separate notes so you have enough available bow space to play the slurred notes.

Happy Holiday Season, Eileen

Tune of the Month -- Valsen hans Andreas

The Norwegian folk fiddler and tune book publisher Einar Einhjellen recently visited Eugene. He brought with him was this lovely waltz, "Valsen hans Andreas," which is scored for one, or two, fiddles.

2 Feler
(fiddles) "in G"

"Valsen hans Andreas" (Andreas's Waltz)

Written down by Asbjørn Sunde, arranged by Einar Eimhjellen, Naustdal, Norway. Renotated, rearranged and comments by David Elliker-Vågsberg. October 2013

The musical score is written for two fiddles (Fele) and a second fiddle (F.2). It is in the key of G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The piece is divided into two systems. The first system covers measures 1 through 17, and the second system covers measures 18 through 34. Chords G, D7, and C are indicated below the staves. A key signature of one sharp (F#) is shown at the beginning. Measure numbers 6, 12, 18, 24, and 30 are marked. A box labeled 'A' is above the first staff, and a box labeled 'B' is above the 18th staff. First and second endings are indicated with '1' and '2' above the notes.

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Another who has had recent medical problems is Verna Lee who had a heart attack with subsequent insertion of a stent about a month ago and has since had two more stents inserted. She is back playing her guitar and singing and says she feels fine but is limited in the weight she can lift while she is recuperating. Glad you're doing so well, Verna.

Visiting members at the October jam included Marlene and John Renfro from District 4, Beverly Schriver from District 4, Carol from District 10 and Hal Thompson from District 10. Always nice to have visiting musicians and hope you will be back soon.

Dan Pullis was pleasantly surprised when a crowd of OOTFA members and friends gathered at the home of Ruth and Pat Weyer to celebrate his 94th birthday recently. There was a great potluck dinner with two beautiful birthday cakes and many

other goodies followed with a very enjoyable jam in Pat's huge shop. That shop would put most ladies' kitchens to shame with its meticulous neatness and organization, with everything in its allotted space. Dan says that was the best birthday party he has ever had! Hope you will be celebrating many more, Dan.

We are all anticipating our annual "holiday" dinner, which combines the celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas, before our November monthly jam; it will be over by the time you are read this. There will be the traditional turkey and dressing, ham, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie and all the accompaniments and maybe some not-so traditional dishes. All will be delicious, I'm sure.

May you all have the happiest of Thanksgivings.

~ Mary A. Weist, District 5 Reporter

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Another Christmas is waiting for us right around the corner, and it seems that Thanksgiving was just yesterday. Our Thanksgiving district jam was great. We had 65 people there and tons of food. We'd love to thank all the ladies that helped in the kitchen and decorating: Phyllis Coffin, Patti Luse, Annie Carter, Suzanne McPherson and Leah Canaday. Also, special thanks go to Emily Moyle, the Great Gravy Maker. And, thanks to Darla Knudsen, Annie Carter, Patti Luse and Joe Moyle for providing the turkey and ham. It sure was great seeing Willie and Edna Carter. We of course, made lots of good music, too!

Remember, the December monthly jam (Xmas jam) this year, is being moved to a new location in Lebanon: the American Legion Hall, at 480 South Main Street, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th. Both the December and May Lebanon jams will be held at the American Legion Hall; we will no longer be playing at the Moose lodge. The Lebanon jam will no longer come with a free meal; the Legion ladies will be selling sandwiches and the like to help defray the cost of the event -- bring some spare change.

The January monthly jam will be held January 11 at the Santa Clara grange.

Our Friday night jams have been so much fun. This last month, at Ya-Po-Ah Terrace, we had a small but fun group. Nina Hoffman played the bass as she sang a song - great job too! At the Santa Clara jam, we had six fiddlers, five guitars, three mandolins, two banjos -- and a partridge in a pear tree! At the Eugene Hotel, we had quite a crowd and a great audience. One fiddler, 15 year old Shannon Stein, played a few fantastic tunes: "Bluegrass in the Backwoods," "Quadrille De L'Oncle Tibe," and "Leaving JP." Such an accomplished fiddler -- and so young. Crow was a small group of musicians, but lots of fun.

The first of the season's barn dances was held at Spencer Creek Grange November 16. There was a good turn-out of both musicians and dancers, with many little kids. The barn dances are held monthly, on the third Saturday, through April, at the grange.

December

6	Friday Night Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 9:30 p.m.
7	Christmas Jam	American Legion Hall, Lebanon	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
13	Friday Night Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 9:30 p.m.
20	Friday Night Jam	Yapoah Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
21	Barn Dance	Spencer Creek Grange	7-10 p.m.
27	Friday Night Jam	Santa Clara Grange	7 - 9:30 p.m.

December birthdays: Thelma Steele 12/1, Doug Wise 12/6, Mark Carmickle 12/6, Brian Neal 12/12, Marlene Chatoian 12/14, Dolores Talbert 12/15, Carolyn Brown 12/17, Kayla Ping 12/19, Della White 12/24, Richard Marino 12/27.

December anniversaries: Dave and Lena Stubbs 12/11, Joanne and Gerald Clark 12/29, Doug and Cindy Wise 12/17, Art and Jan Choate 12/27.

Q: How do you tell the difference between a fiddler and a dog?

A: The dog knows when to stop scratching.

Merry Christmas to All!!

~ Sandy Wallrich, District 6 Reporter



District 6 players at the season's first barn dance.

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Merry Christmas to all! Where did the year go?! I love this time of year, and especially enjoy playing Christmas songs. District 7 has fun Christmas events planned for audiences who enthusiastically join in when we play for them.

Donna Foreman's classes continue at the church in Gresham on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The class is growing and we are having so much fun! If you have a free Monday, come join us!

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Many thanks to Elaine Connors for volunteering to be treasurer AND do our district membership! IMPORTANT REMINDER: Now is the time to send in your renewal for the coming year. See Elaine's address at the top.

Dues for next year are \$25 if you get the printed Hoedowner by mail, and \$20 if you get the e-mail version of the Hoedowner. Prices are per family.

District 8 had a super good potluck at the Woodburn Grange on November 16th. The meal was followed by a fun program. We started with each fiddler playing a jam tune, then to the sign up program of 20 musicians. Each of us played twice. Good to have Donna and Dick Foreman join us. Dave Altman played and sang Temperance Reel. Hilarious!

We were saddened to learn that Marge Apperson passed away recently. She was 97. She and Hap had been OOTFA members for many years. Our condolences to Hap, son Roland and other family members.

Chairman Linda reminded us to be thinking of officers for next year. We need a chairman and co-chairman. Suggestions? Volunteers? Let Linda know.

Hope to see you at our December Jam in Dallas. The Community Center- Senior Center is on Jefferson St. in Dallas. The program starts at 1 p.m. We can probably get in about noon.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

December

1 Xmas Jam Estacada Senior Center 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1 is our annual Christmas jam at the Estacada Senior Center. Dinner is provided at noon for \$10.00 a person (it is delicious)! Doors open at 11 a.m., and sign up playing is from 1 – 3:30 p.m.

There will be more opportunities as the month evolves, so be sure to check out your email!

~ Marcella Easley, District 7 Reporter

December

21 Jam Dallas Senior Center 12 p.m.



District 6's Les Tucker playing a competition piece for the Senior-Senior Division Finals of the 2013 Western Open Fiddle Competition



District 6 at the Christmas Tree Farm (l-r): Amy Burrow and Sandy Wallrich.

District 9

Chair: Ruel Teague
Co-Chair: Janet Braymen
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Happy Winter!

News Flash! Mark your calendar for December 15 at 1 p.m. for the holiday potluck and jam. The Fiddlers will provide the turkey cooked by Marianne Andrews. Potatoes, dressing and cranberry sauce have been assigned to folks. Everyone else should bring potluck to supplement the meal. The second Sunday jam and potluck has been moved to the third Sunday of December to allow the musicians who do double duty with the Chamber Music Society to be available to play for you. We'll be back on track in January.

November's jam was quite enjoyable with new folks in attendance to listen. We had a full complement of musicians with everyone getting three tunes in. Ian Dawson showed off his new tune of the week, Jingle Bells. It's impressive how quickly he picks up tunes. Ruel Teague was still in town and was able to participate in the jam. Margaret Teague has been feeling a bit under the weather so we hope she feels better soon.

Don Williams has several new harmonicas and has found new tunes coming out of them. Walt Cooper crooned a couple of songs complete with harmony by Joan Suther.

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The October jam was great, lots of awesome music, and more fiddlers this time that we hadn't seen for a while. John and Marlene Renfro from District 4 were there. Nice seeing them again.

Our next jam will be December 28th at the Sutherlin Grange 851 S. Comstock, Sutherlin, from 12 to 3 p.m.; there will be finger food.

JANUARY 25th we WILL NOT be at the Sutherlin grange, INSTEAD, we will be at the Community Center on Willamette St. in Sutherlin. State board meeting about 10:30 a.m., potluck about noon, and public jam at 1 p.m..

Hope anyone out there that's down and not feeling well will be up and around soon.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all that had them. Hope you all celebrated and had a good time.

About that time of year again -- you might be thinking about 2014 dues.

See ya'll at the December jam.

~ Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

December

13	Gig	Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	Xmas Potluck and Jam		1 - 4 p.m.
16	Gig	Ashley Manor	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Visiting surgeon, Paul Arrington from Hawaii was in town for two weeks along with his wife, Cyd. They played tunes on the ukulele. Paul played an instrument he had built from Harney County juniper and Cyd played a borrowed 1915 ukulele belonging to Robin Gadbury.

What a great surprise it was to arrive at the Aspens in November and find Bob and Jean Hanson waiting for us. They'd been over to Idaho visiting Vince and Doreen Bingham and stopped in Burns on the way home.

Darlene Wingfield has resigned as secretary/treasurer and George Sahlberg has been appointed to fill in. George knows the system very well and with his improved health was willing to take the books back. Thanks to Darlene for taking on the job for a few months.

In December, The Aspens will be on the 13th from 7-9 p.m. Ashley Manor is Monday, the 16th at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The Holiday Potluck and Jam is December 15 with potluck at 1 p.m. and music and dancing from 2 - 4 p.m.

~ Janet Braymen, District 9 Reporter

December

28	Jam	Sutherlin Grange	12 - 3 p.m.
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January

25	State Meeting and Jam	Sutherlin Community Center	10 a.m - 4 p.m.
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At the District 10 jam (l-r): Joyce Pickett, Hal Thompson (obscured), Whitey Kelm, John Renfro (obscured), Gene Hodson, Guy Kinman, Lois Eagleton, Don Hamlin, Micah Hogan and Bob Hanson.



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State Calendar

State Quarterly Jam	Sutherlin Community Center	January 25
State Fiddle Contest	Chemeketa College, Salem	March 22
State Convention	Rickreall	April 10-12
West Cascades Fiddle Camp	Westfir	July 21-24

New Members to Welcome!

Roxanne Arnot, Coquille
Ole Butter, Klamath Falls
Jenny, Josh, Leo and Isaac Humphrey, Eugene

John Inland and Janet Jinker, Myrtle Point
James and Lisa Marie Ryder, Eagle Point
Linda and Dana Sweatt, North Bend

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