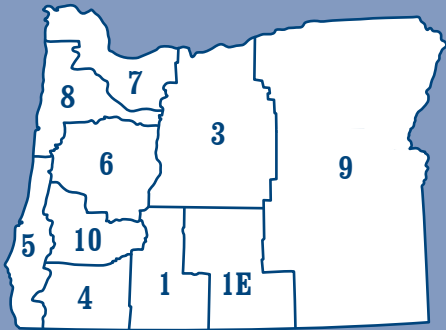


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From Your President

Greetings. I would like to give a big shout-out to the folks in District 1 for hosting the September quarterly meeting and campout. For many years, they have provided Merrill as the venue for the fall event, and their hospitality is second to none. This year's programs featured the latest crop of young, enthusiastic fiddlers--most with less than a year of playing under their belts. Mentored by Phil & Sheila Fry, Faye Patterson, Mervin Woodard, Noranne Sparks, and Irene & Jerry Ruddock, the young fiddlers were very impressive for their first concert appearances.

On a sad note, however, Ali Swartwood of District 1 has officially announced that they will no longer be able to host the event. Unfortunately, the annual gathering will be cancelled for lack of volunteers. Often, the load becomes heavier as time unfolds, when only a few are serving in their districts.

Now that I have given you the sad news on losing Merrill as a location, I can now give you the glad news that District 3 has volunteered and has voted as a district to hold the fall quarterly meeting in Central Oregon at the Crook Co. Fairgrounds, in conjunction with the OOTFA Central Oregon Country Music Gathering. Following up on that, the remaining district chairpersons have voted unanimously to approve the new location.

Throughout my term, I have promoted the adage that many hands make easy work. Although I see a lot of spontaneous volunteering at the OOTFA events, it is behind the scenes where it matters the most. Now is the time to jump in and let your fellow leaders and members know that you want to make a bigger commitment to ensure our organization continues to thrive.

I have to give a big shout-out to VP, Jim Kuether, for organizing a committee and helping establish our statewide scholarship fund that is available to all members and districts for fiddle and musical workshops, lessons or classes.

A volunteer is needed to become a Grants Coordinator who would work at the statewide level and with the districts to assist and generate ideas for Kielhorn grants. Call me for more information if you can help us out with this project.

Our Internet Web Committee has completed a list of recommendations that have been approved by the board for an expanded committee to continue working on a better web presence for OOTFA. So, this is a call for volunteers to join a long-term project to bring our web identity into focus over the coming years and to make it easier for members and the public to find us, know what we do and what we are about.

Our newly formed Publicity Committee led by Marcella Easley (District 7) is teaming up with Dick Dery (District 8) on a big idea for our membership that involves making a request for volunteers. So I will leave you with this inspiring thought on service: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Gandhi

Have a Fun but Spooky Halloween,

~ Roland, State President



The city of Merrill made the OOTFA folks welcome!

Publicity Committee

Hello from the OOTFA Publicity committee! We are planning to partner with OPB (Oregon Public Broadcasting) to feature our association in a couple of directions in the near future. We are recruiting volunteers to work on developing a documentary about our organization as well as old time music in general. To this end, we need your very good videos, ideas and volunteers to be interviewed – or general assistance with this project.

And, we are going to request OPB to allow us to take pledges in their studio at a future fundraising event. They usually ask for

about 15 people for this, and it is a lot of fun – as well as great publicity for us!

If you are interested in helping with either or both projects, please let Roland or me know. Thank you for your support!

~**Marcella Easley**

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From the Editor

Here are a few more bios of our "National Treasures", our 80+ members:

- Bill Adney is a new member to OOTFA. He enjoys woodworking and has worked as a medical engineer. He says he is thankful to have found a group to share the music he enjoys and with whom he can build friendships.
- Homer Meeds plays guitar and sings beautifully and says he has been interested in music for 80 years. His wife, Loretta Meeds, is a faithful member of District 4, helping out whenever she can with whatever needs to be done.

- Pat Weyer has been a member for 9 years. He enjoys working with people, wood working, and storytelling. He states, "Music is what feelings sound like, dancing is what feelings look like. Music is God's gift to humanity."

Correction from the October Hoedowner: The caption for the photo of District 6 at the Spencer Creek Grange should read: Darlene Fiducia, Tony Humphreys, Shirley Humphreys, Darla Knudsen.

~ **Karen**

Editor Emeritus: Memories of Stan Gonshorowski, friend and fiddler

I'd like to tell another story of a great friend and fiddler: Stan Gonshorowski. We learned of his death back in 1997, I had thought of him several times as I worked on a plumbing project in the basement. I decided I would give him a call after lunch, but just before noon, the phone rang. Alice answered it and came to tell me the news that Stan had died that morning from a brain aneurism. It hurt . . . badly. I thought of the things I was planning to tell him on the phone - about my new small fiddles and the Hardanger fiddle I had bought recently.

On the day of his funeral, we drove down to the Catholic church in Eugene. As we were parking, we saw many of our fiddle friends from over the state. Smiles were hard to come by but there were many hugs . . . longer than usual, more sincere and more loving. In the church, two hundred people sat in silence and sorrow. Up front, Curly, Mark, Ila Mae, Gary, Slim, Frank, Vivian, Carl, Harry and Arlo gathered with their instruments. They played the hymns Stan would have loved. No words could express our feelings for Stan as did their music. The beauty of the fiddles, the plunk of the banjo, the mournful wailing of the harmonica, the sharp notes of the mandolin and the thump of the bass and guitars all blended together to help us remember Stan and celebrate his life. Tears came shamelessly. After the service, we gathered in the social hall for a lunch. It was only natural that there would be music, so out came the instruments and we began to jam. I don't believe there was a dry eye when Stan's wife, Addie, took out her fiddle and played, "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?"

Stan was born in a Polish family of musicians in 1919. He lived in Minnesota and North Dakota while growing up and took up the fiddle around 7. He and I would joke about who had the most fiddles. He might have a fiddle for sale for \$200; but he'd come up to me and whisper, "Lew, if you want it, you can have it for \$100." He wanted me to have that fiddle! He was also a faithful worker, setting up the sound for me at many state conventions and contests. We were a team and enjoyed working together. He often said in his midwestern Polish accent, "You're a good buddy, . . . you know that, don't cha."

Not only was Stan a unique fiddler, he gave of himself to others. Many beginning fiddlers got their start at the weekly sessions Stan led at the senior center. When his students finally got up the nerve to go on stage, Stan proudly stood behind them to encourage and support them. You can't buy a tape or CD of Stan's music, but he left his mark on many of us. His fame is within the hearts of those of us who knew him and enjoyed his music. There will never be another friend and fiddler like Stan. He was one of kind.

~ **Lew**



Stan Gonshorowski (1919-1997)

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Well, the mornings are fall weather but the afternoons in Klamath Falls are summer. We want to send out a big THANK YOU to the ones that held classes at Merrill: Paula Sanders, Donna Foreman, and Jerry Parks. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AT MERRILL!

Yesterday we had a great time at our monthly dance. We had the most people that we have had in a long time. We had a lot of applause for the music we played. A special thanks goes to Sherman Taylor for helping get the announcements of our dances in the newspaper. We will now be back to the regular schedule for the care centers and will not be lacking for places to go and play. Our Junior Fiddle groups keep growing. Jerry Ruddock has started guitar classes and has had lots of interest in it.

Our "Meet the Members of District 1" this month are Lois and Les Tucker. Les says, "The first music I remember was when I was about 3 years old. My folks would go to the dance in a one-room schoolhouse. A fiddle, banjo and guitar made the music. There was no radio, TV or electricity in those days." Les took violin lessons when he was 9. He says, "My teacher knew I wanted to fiddle but the teacher couldn't teach what was in my head from the early years." So Les played in the school orchestra through his junior year and then quit since he didn't want to play for his own graduation. Later, Les didn't have time to play music. "With work, my favorite Uncle Sam, and my family, I didn't touch my fiddle for 25 years," says Les. When they heard and saw the fiddlers play at the Tule Lake Butte Valley Fair, Les thought to himself he could do that. "So, I picked up the fiddle and could clear the room faster than you have ever seen." When Les could put the bow and strings together pretty good, he told Lois that she had to learn to accompany him on the guitar. Lois says, "With the help of Anne Johnson, Clyde Lynch and Lee Eddy, I learned. Les told me if

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We had a small but enthusiastic bunch who went to Merrill: Larry, Mary Ann, Lexi, Terry, Sharilyn and Barrett. Barrett dedicated and played, "Boil the Cabbage" for his special friend, Darla Knudsen. Lexi was also entertaining with her traveling puppet show.

Deer season is about over, but once again the young hunters showed some of us old timers how to do it. Barrett Amacker (10) put the sneak on a buck and shot him at 10 yards with his bow.

We don't have any extra events planned for November.

Rosa Lee went to Nova Scotia with her niece, Janice McLain Roderick. She is Homer's brother's daughter. They went to

November Events

8	Meeting / Dance	TBA	12:15 - 3:00 p.m.
17	Gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	Gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
19	Gig	Brookdale	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
26	Gig	Quail Park	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
26	Gig	Linkville Care	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays: Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for dates and times (541-882-6418).

I would accompany him in a contest he would get me a better guitar. We played at the OOTFA contest in Bend. Later he had to buy an E string and it became the most expensive E string ever, since he bought me a D18 Martin guitar along with it." Lois still plays that guitar. Lois and Les Tucker say they want to thank all the fiddlers for encouraging each other in any instrument they choose.

November Birthdays are: Terry Eters, Kay Godwin

November Anniversaries: Johnny and Darleth Rodgers, Lois and Les Tucker

Let us know if we are missing anyone.

Hope you all have a great fall, and Happy Thanksgiving

~ Noranne Sparks, District 1 Reporter



On stage at Merrill: Dean Oliver (bass), Jerry Parks (guitar), Sheila & Phil Fry (on fiddles), Frank Ayres (guitar)

November Events

7	Jam	Senior Center	2:00 p.m.
9	Business Meeting	Senior Center	7:00 p.m.

enjoy the beautiful scenery and the Celtic Festival. They made it clear to the airport last year, but there was a problem with Rosa Lee's passport and they wouldn't let her board the plane. I'm glad they had better luck this time.

I'm looking for advice on what kind of a movie camera would be best for recording our musicians. A lot of you have expertise that I don't.

Birthdays: Alissa Steward Nov. 1

Pray for rain. It's still 80 degrees here and no rain in sight.

~ Keith W. Steward, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3:

Welcome to autumn and the still warm days here, with cooler days hopefully approaching.

Our last jam/dance was a foot stomping, boot scooping good time. The community center at Powell Butte was full with music from musicians. There were also lots of dancers to join in and get the floor a hopping. Thanks all who came to support us.

We would like to thank District 1 for all the fun times at their campout. It is a joy to see in Merrill all who love to play and dance. We will truly miss your dedication for the campouts over the years. Thank you for taking the time and the effort to put the event together. We will miss it.

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA.org Check Us Out!

The calendar clearly says it's fall, but here in the Rogue Valley it's a beautiful Indian summer...cool star-filled nights with the sharp smell of oak logs burning in a fireplace. Days of endless blue skies dominated by a warm yellow sun.....we are enjoying this for we know the fog is coming relentlessly across the Pacific to sock us in soon, but not today! D 4 has been busy. We've played for harvest festivals and church services to pay our "rent" along with our usual assisted living gigs and a few new ones too. We are happy to have Judy McGarvey back playing with us after she joined the ever-growing club of bionic joint replacements. She says her new hip is great. She can now touch her toes and put on socks.

Recently our very own Don Maddox (the last surviving member of the "Maddox Brothers and Rose") was invited to play with the



The Junior Fiddlers of District 1 on stage at Merrill: Dana Scott, Rebecca Hazen, Nishika Irish, Gracie Kliewer, Johnathan Etters, Hannah Scott, Alanna Kliewer

November Events

8 Jam/Dance Powell Butte Community Center 1 - 4 p.m.

It has been a busy year for our district with jams and campouts, keeping events going all over our area. We are already planning for next year's events.

Please start getting your membership dues in for 2016. That way you can get the Hoedowner and your name in the roster. Keep the year full of fun and memories along the way. May God bless those who are sick or who have lost loved ones. May God bless those serving our country. May they all come home soon.

Happy anniversary and birthdays to all who are celebrating this month.

~ Rhea Bigelow, District 3 Reporter

November Events

7 Jam Eagle Point Grange 11:30 meeting, 1-4 p.m. open to public

Marty Stuart Band at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville. Some of our members were able to attend and reported "Don stole the show!" He performed four tunes and received four standing ovations. After his big night of "entertaining", he came back to Medford and played with us amateurs and entertained the folks at Waterford Retirement on Sunday afternoon.

November's jam will be held at Eagle Point Grange, November 7, in Eagle Point. The meeting and snacks will be at 11:30. The open-to-the-public jam is 1- 4 p.m. We will be playing that evening at the Belles and Beaus Holiday Ball in Old Town Jacksonville. If you plan to play for this gig please check with Judy McGarvey as there is a dress code and other information. In December our jam is on December 5, at Eastwood Baptist Church in Medford. This will also be a snacks-only meeting, as our holiday feast will be in January, when we're in Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass.

Keep the music in your heart and stay well!
See y'all soon.

"Painters create their paintings on canvas, but musicians paint their pictures on silence." Leopold Stokowski

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

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Matthew Mathias, age 6, is no stranger to fiddle music. His older brothers and sister have been playing for a year. With all the playing, singing, and humming of old time tunes, it did not take long for Matthew to pick up a few fiddle tunes once he started in September. Matthew's favorite tune is "Little Liza Jane." He enjoys sitting around and "air-jamming" with the older kids. Surprisingly, to an audience member, Matthew looks like he knows all the songs because he's so familiar with them. Along with fiddling, Matthew enjoys swimming, playing with friends, and exploring the outdoors.

Fiddle Tips - Learning a new, unfamiliar tune from written music by Donna Foreman

1. Once I find the music notation for a tune that has an interesting title, I try to imagine or hum the melody by following the notes that are written without playing.
2. Are there patterns of notes that are repeated? Usually there are at least 2 or 3 measures that are the same, often in the last measures of the A and the B part.
3. Think about the timing of the notes.
4. Next, try playing and see how close you came to how you thought the melody would sound just by looking at the music. It gets easier the more often you try.
5. Break it down into small sections, 3 or 4 measures at a time. If there is a trouble spot work on that one alone (not the whole tune from the beginning) slowly and deliberately, and then the measure that leads into it. Then work backwards to the beginning. Often its not the notes but the direction of the bow that throws you off.
6. So now I think I have learned the tune but its not quite what I want. It's just notes from the paper. It's time to listen, listen, listen. Find recordings of others playing your tune. Listen for the similarities and the differences from what is on the paper. When you find the version you really like, repeat and listen over and over while you are busy doing "whatever else". Keep the fiddle out so you can pick it up and play little bits of the tune. Don't be shy about moving about, even dancing a little in time to the beat.
7. It won't be long before you find you are picking up some of the bowings, accents, even a change of a note here and there that make the tune your own.
8. For those who learn by ear, the key is the same, find someone who might know the tune, help you over a tricky spot, (every tune has one), then listen, listen, listen.



Donna Foreman

~Donna Foreman, District 7

Tune of the Month : Calgary Schottische

I think I learned this tune from the fiddling of Vi Jensen, but I'm not sure. From the sound, it's classic Scandinavian. From the title, we know it's been routed through Canada. A different tune, usually called "McEachern's Breakdown" appeared in the April 2009 issue of Evergreen Fiddler (Washington Old Time Fiddlers' Association), as played by Oregon fiddler Charlie Johnson back in the 1970s, under the title of "Calgary Schottische." But I have not been able to find this tune anywhere except, at this point, in my memory. I wonder if anybody else among the OOTFA membership has any clues?--

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

Calgary Schottische *transc. + arr. L. Danielson*

Watch for contest information in the December, January, February, and March Hoedowners – and mark your calendar for March 19, the state fiddle contest!
Thanks, Eileen

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As we moved from summer to the fall schedule, it felt as if we were switching from a roller coaster to a carousel, as summer brought numerous and varied venues while the months from Sept. to May bring a slower and more consistent pace.

When we played in Dora for the Corn Feed, we received accolades from Margie Knowlton's family. Mapril Combs, who knew Margie well, describes it like this: "Margie Knowlton's memorial bench was located at the place where she always parked her wheelchair at the Corn Feed so she could listen to the fiddlers. It's a great tribute to us and our music. She had told her family some time back that when she died, she wanted a bench so others could sit there and listen."

The children from Allegany got back into the swing of music by playing at one of the local pumpkin patches recently. Woodland Hood said, "we played at the pumpkin patch last Saturday and have been invited to come every weekend. The person in charge was so pleased with the music and told us the sound was "perfect for the pumpkin patch feeling". The McGarvey's (Dist 4) began the monthly trip from Medford on Oct. 1 so that Judy could continue helping the children polish the old tunes and develop skills for the new ones.

On Oct. 3, we had a new and wonderful experience as we met at the Friendship Hall in Pistol River. According to Larry Ball, the community was so named because a Spanish pistol was found

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If Ila Mae's fiddle classes are any barometer for the upcoming indoor fiddling season, the weather will be mighty fine! There were 20 students at the October Intermediate class and about 15 at the Basic class, indicating that players are fired up and ready to jam. Can you think of a better way to while away the hours as the light wanes and the temperature cools than making music with our OOTFA compadres?

The jams at Central and Crow Granges have also been well-attended. Thanks to Jim Kuether for making the northbound trek from Sutherlin to round out the fiddle section at Central. And let's extend a warm welcome to Kris Jacobson, from the greater Veneta metro-area, who strives to build a repertoire of tunes on guitar to backup those of us who are of other instrumental persuasions.

A very cool and promising new jam has been initiated at the Alpine Community Center. The first gathering was on Tuesday,

November Events

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 p.m.
18	Gig	Westwind Court, Bandon	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
21	Holiday Dinner and Jam	Winchester Bay	TBA
23	Gig	Memory Care, Empire	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (Monday)
23	Gig	Hearthside, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

at the mouth of the nearby river. The jam was well attended by musicians, and we had a good audience. It was nice seeing and playing with those from the southern part of the district. The music ranged from gospel to country. One of the highlights was the raffle of a nice guitar that was donated by Larry Ball. Seth Lee, a teenager, was all smiles as he went on stage to receive it. Visitors to our Pistol River jam were Francis and Barbara Stephenson from District 10.

On November 21, our usual Saturday for the Winchester Bay jam, we will celebrate by having a holiday dinner in addition to music. It is open to members and their families. When the planning is complete you will receive detailed information as to the starting time and food that you can bring to supplement the dinner.

Melissa Green, Geraldine Mathias and Ruth Weyer have all had surgery in the last month. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We are glad to have new members, Carole Mayedo and Phyllis Cadle from Redwood City, CA. and John Campbell and Sharon Sauter from Brookings join our group in October.

"The i-pod completely changed the way people approach music." Karl Lagerfeld

~ Susan Joubert, Reporter

November Events

6	Jam	Eugene Hotel	7 - 10 p.m.
7	Intermed. Fiddle	River Road Annex	1-4 p.m.
9	Beginning Fiddle	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1-4 p.m.
13	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
14	Jam & Thanksgiving	Potluck Central Grange	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
20	Jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 10 p.m.
27	Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 - 10 p.m.
Tues. nights	Jam	Alpine Comm. Center	7 p.m.

10/6, and it included District 6 members John Gent, Evelyn Horner, Sandy and Mike Wallrich, Jim and Gabi Ford, and yours truly, in harmony with some very talented locals. It will be held on subsequent Tuesdays at 7pm. Email John Gent for details.

There was discussion at the last business meeting about the possibility of establishing a jam closer to the Eugene core to accommodate musicians from Springfield, Pleasant Hill and Coburg. Joe Canaday succeeded in securing a vote of the Grange Masters to host a monthly jam at Willakenzie Grange on the fourth Friday of the month, beginning November 27. Like the other jams, it will begin at 7p.m. The grange can be found at 3055 Willakenzie Rd., Eugene. If you are traveling from the north, it will be a left turn off of Coburg Rd. at the intersection where you see a DQ and Walgreen's. From the south, it's a right. The Grange is a short distance east from the intersection. Help us build this jam!

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Heartfelt thanks to John Gent, Nina Hoffman, Donna and Dale Wynn, Wes Hardin and Jim McMillan for helping me to pull off a 95th Birthday Flash Mob for my dear friend, Ann, who lives at Solvang Retirement Village. I have never witnessed purer joy than that on Ann's face as she registered that the music was in her honor. That's why we share the gift of music, am I right?

Best Birthday Wishes to: Marie Roberts, Peggy Mulder, John Gent, Darlene Fiducia, Jim Hoots, Vickie Clark, Benjamin Cooley and Roseann Spann, who also gets to celebrate an anniversary with Ken.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

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November Events

6 Group Jam	Parkview Christian Retirement Center	1825 NE 108th Ave. Portland
2:30-3:30 p.m.		
15 Circle Jam	Estacada Public Library	Estacada 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
27 Jam	Tanner Springs Assisted Living	West Linn 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
29 NW Jam	600 NE 8th Street, Gresham	11:00 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30-3:00

District 7 fiddlers have some great jams coming up. There is a new one at Parkview Christian Retirement Center on Nov. 6, and we will be playing for about 40 people. We will again have our informal circle jam on the 15th at the Estacada Library and then on Dec. 6th we will have our annual Christmas jam at the Estacada Community Center—be sure and save the date. A lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by playing from 1:00-3:00. We look forward to having a good turn-out as always.

In September we had a wonderful evening playing at the Summerplace Retirement Community. Summerplace is a large 55 and older community of houses and apartments in outer northeast Portland. They have always been very welcoming to us, and this time was no exception. We were asked to play after

Here are some clarifications on a couple of motions that were made, discussed and approved by vote at District 6's last meeting:

- 1) To welcome all OOTFA members, with appropriate instruments, to play at any and all OOTFA jams, and made to feel welcome, no matter what their style, skill level or instrument may be.
- 2) A two or more member advocacy committee will be appointed by the board to represent concerns from the membership to the Board.

~ Sandy Wallrich

their potluck supper, and everyone seemed ready for a good concert. We had a great turnout of about 18 fiddlers, guitarists and a bass but when we tried to set up on the stage we couldn't all fit, so we just moved to the floor and began our jam. Some fiddlers took turns in front of the microphones, but we all played together and there was a lot of toe tapping and foot stomping going on. The crowd was large and friendly, and they made us feel very welcome. We all had a great time and look forward to returning to Summerplace next year.

I hope you all have been enjoying some beautiful fall weather and doing a lot of fiddling or playing other musical instruments! Take care.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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November Events - TBA

I hope the ghosts, ghouls and goblins didn't get you! Halloween has become another big event in this country. It's fun to see the little ones trick or treating.

The Salem area fiddlers played for the Buckaroo Ball on October 3rd. Based on how many Buckaroo Ball bandanas I have, this was our 5th year. We played outside as the paying attendees lined up to go in. Nearby were two enormous, but very gentle long horned steers. Later we gathered at our reserved table to enjoy the tasty food available. No pay, just a bandana scarf and food, but the proceeds go to support children's activities.

We will have played at the Falls City United Methodist Church on October 17th and for a Salvation Army charity event on October 24th.

Les Tucker, and Lew and Alice Holt enjoyed playing at District 7's jam at Harding Grange near Estacada. It was a nice day for a drive

through the countryside. Mount Hood posed for photos. Always nice when it's clear enough to see our mountain!

Lew is working on locations for jams in November and December. He will let members know if you don't see these in the calendar.

Now would be a good time to pay your dues for next year. Our membership person is Elaine Connors. Her address is at the top of the news.

I'm writing this on October 12, traditionally Columbus Day, but there is a movement to call it Indigenous People's Day. Here's an appropriate quote: "May you walk through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life."---Apache Blessing

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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Our fall opening of our 2nd Sunday potluck and jam was a success. It was wonderful to see Don and LaWanda Williams out, as well as Rose Johnson. Old friends are great to see. There were enough musicians, and everyone was able to play four songs each. Join us November 8th.

Marie Bailey of District 8 joined us for a Friday night jam with her fiddle. It was a great session as well as a good visit. Thanks for coming, Marie.

Ruel and Margaret Teague had their 68th wedding anniversary this October, so send them your congratulations!

We had a fun session at the Aspens. They had state placemats, and so we played Mississippi Sawyer, Tennessee Waltz and

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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About fifty attended our September 26 fourth Saturday jam. We always appreciate guests and the energy they bring. We're building the crowd by getting word out to media about upcoming jams and public shows.

In October, our district played gigs at the Winston VFW and Roseburg Junior Academy. The former was a dance, and the latter was at a school as part of their "Oregon Trail Day" celebration. We play monthly at several assisted living facilities. Until a Program Director is found to coordinate activities and players, please contact Colleen Hanks if you'd like to play at any of our regular shows.

In November, we have many birthdays to celebrate including those for Jon Tilley on Nov 1, Irena Lane on Nov 9, Fred Young on Nov 18, and Jim Kuether on Nov 27. Happy Birthday to one and all! On Nov 27, Bob and Jean Hanson celebrate their 65th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary Bob and Jean! Francis Stephenson is recovering from successful cataract surgery. We wish him well.

Hal Thompson's new CD includes Chris Booher's musical excellence with keyboard, fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Milo Deering played pedal steel. Hal made his first record in 1940 as a result of winning a talent contest. Now, having performed for 75+ years, he decided it was time to make his first CD, appropriately called "Hal Thompson, 75 Years Later." Hal's song selection, with classic country, pop, and old-time gospel, includes Faded Love, If I Ever See Utah Again, I Left My Heart in San Francisco, In the Garden, I Wish I Was 18 Again, The Nearness of You, South of the Border, Funny How Time Slips Away, San Antonio Rose, It Had to Be You, Softly and Tenderly, Dreams of a Dreamer. It can be obtained from CD Baby, Roseburg Fred Meyers, or from Hal at PO Box 117, Glide, Or. 97443.

November Events

6	Jam	Friday night jam	
8	Jam	2nd Sunday potluck & jam	1:00 p.m. (potluck) 2:00 p.m. (jam)
13	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
20	Jam	Friday night jam	
23	Gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
27	Jam	Friday night jam	

Polka, Georgian Moon, Iowa Waltz, Waltz Across Texas, etc. It's nice to have a little ad hoc theme sometimes.

Joan Suther and Janet Braymen enjoyed playing with the Grant County Jammers in John Day.

Our Friday night jams have been very fun and we want you to know you are welcome to join us. Remember to call one of the officers to discover whose house to go to.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

November Events

28	Jam	Sutherlin Grange Hall	12 - 3 p.m.
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At our jams, we have a table for music-related items and instruments for sale, exchange or rent. A donation by the seller back to District 10 and OOTFA is encouraged.

District 10 will again host the January State Jam and Board Meeting. It will be on Saturday, January 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For early arrivals, an impromptu jam will be Friday night after the hall is set up and the decorating is done.

Keep on pickin and grinnin!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Jamming together: Jim Kuether, Jerry Parks, Hal Thompson



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State Calendar

January Board Meeting

Time and place to be announced

New Members to Welcome!

Cynthia Stone, Gerry & Sean Canning
Linda Hill
Susan Knapp
Phyllis Cadle & Carole Mayedo

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Bandon
Medford
Redwood City, California

James McCarren
Marlin & Rachel Rasdal
John Campbell & Sharon Sauter

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