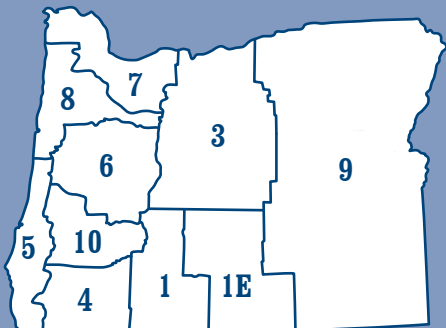


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## From Your President

I would be remiss if I didn't say I had a great time in Burns/Weiser this year. Burns because it's always a hoot and Weiser because it's Weiser! As you know this was "our year" to be host state. Along with that came privileges such as playing on stage representing Oregon each night and also getting to roam around the innards of the whole contest scene for free. Myself I was privileged to help Judge certified contestants the first three days with a couple heavy hitters in the state, Eileen Walters and Donna Reuter. What wonderful talent was shown on stage there. Now I realize some of the contestants were practically born with a fiddle in hand and it showed with our own C.J. Neary winning at age 10, the "swing fiddle age 17 & under" category. However, I also realize that for what ever reason, most of us will never be on that stage competing. But I know of several that could be and would win too. But Weiser is but only one piece of the pie that makes up OOTFA. Please realize that each one of us, whether we are newbies or advanced in our music, are contributing so much to our communities as we play for our shut in's or play in other venues. And I don't think we would be doing this if we didn't enjoy what we're doing. There is also another piece of the pie that we don't like to see, and that is the passing of so many of our membership. It would seem that this year is one of those years. One of the things I see in times like these is the tremendous outpouring of love and sympathy for those of us left behind. Our membership is indeed a compassionate body of people who care for one another.

Until next time, keep "fiddling" and see you at Winchester Bay!

~ Jim

## From the Acting Editor

Being the editor for one month I will take the privilege of sharing the following note with you. Kelly Wadsworth from District 10 writes:

I hope this story will warm hearts in a difficult time. We have lost another musician, Jerry Ruddock from District 1, and the circumstances around that event are worth sharing. I live in Roseburg. For my church my assignment was to provide music for an evening 'hoedown'. I contacted District One and through Irene Ruddock and Jerry, several wonderful musicians and new friends arrived at our camp to play music with my son and me.

Jerry was playing guitar. Part way through the evening, he was tired and wanted to rest so he was assisted to his car and the rest of us kept playing. When it was time for the musicians to leave, Jerry and Irene drove out first through the crowd . . . they were cheering and clapping and giving a very warm farewell.

The next morning, I learned that Jerry had passed away after he arrived home with Irene. The image immediately flooded my mind of the young people who cheered him amidst the dust and dirt. I thought of how he was doing what he loved right up until the last day. I am so grateful that I had a chance to meet him, to play music with him, and that our young people appreciated his talents and gave him such a farewell. Condolences to all in District One, and thank you for sharing Jerry with us. Kelly Wadsworth, District 10

~ Lew



Jerry Ruddock 2006

## From the Editor Emeritus (I would like to share this bit of history with you.)

Southern Division Report January 1972 (Before District 5 was formed.)

First the jam session at North Bend. It was another big success. We had fifteen fiddlers; Cliff Buker, Dick Frankland, Sue Walker, Mary Walker, Jim Rose, Jim Morris, Russ Hall, Billy Warwick, Carl Van Hooser, Sherman Wilson, Fred Virtue, Buck Aulman, Cecil Davidson, Bud Ryan, and Don Gish. As back-ups we had: Bessie Buker, piano; Earl Aulman, Wilma Ryan Steve Hall, Ken Ryan, Pete Oden, Jim Clark, Billy Warwick, all on guitar, also Jim Morris

on guitar. As extra solos we had George Cabal on mandolin and also soloing on mandolin was Pete Oden. The I.W.A Local 3-261, donated their beautiful new hall for our jam session. Russ Hall and his wife were responsible for all the wonderful help we had. We want to thank all of those that helped to make this another successful Jam Session. I hope I have mentioned all those who helped. Martha Warwick

~ Lew

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### August Events

13	Gig	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
14	Jam	Shasta Grange	1 - 3 p.m.

Practice on Saturday's 1-4 p.m. Luther Square, check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418. Farmer's Market set-up is at 11a.m. on the morning of the gig, any extra help setting up and taking down is MUCH appreciated!

Greetings All from District One,

Our hearts are broken and hurting here again in District 1. Our very good guitar player and friend, Jerry Ruddock has passed away. Jerry will be sorely missed, of course for his wonderful guitar playing and musical abilities, but also for his quiet leadership. He was helpful to young and old alike and was always easy to be around and play music with. He was especially great with all the Junior Fiddlers and I know they will miss him always! Jerry's last day was spent doing what he loved most...playing music and helping children. He and his wife Irene, along with other District 1 members helped play a gig near Chiloquin, Or. They played old time music for 160 kids, ages 12-17 plus an additional 40 or more adults. It was a special day of playing had for all, and quite poignant as Jerry was playing a guitar that day that was specially made and given to him by Phillip Fry; another one of our newly departed OOTFA members from District 1. As the end of the day drew near and the District 1 members were set to leave the gig...all the children and adults each formed

two lines on either side of the vehicles getting ready to leave. As Jerry and Irene pulled away first, all the children and adults began clapping and waving; it was as if they were attending a parade and they were The Grand Marshals. Little did anyone know that Jerry would later pass away but what a fitting tribute to a very special man! In other district news, our nursing home gigs have been cancelled for the summer. Our August Farmer's Market will be on the 13th followed the very next day by our monthly meeting/jam. We hope to see you all there!

August Birthday's are: Karen Ayres, Jenny Dreyer, Carol Fulbright, Ann Larson, Vienna Larson, and Helen Meyers. No August Anniversaries. Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter



District 1 picnic -- District 1 news A great time was had by all.



Jerry Ruddock at anniversary party

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District 1E had a busy end of June and all but one weekend in July! We played in Alturas for the Friends of the Library Fundraiser in Alturas and that was so much fun! Sheila Fry & Mike Foster from District 1 came over to help us out with that gig and we had a special guest from Medford, Crystal Reeves, a fabulous fiddle player and excellent improviser, to round out the group. The weather was great and the crowd seemed to sincerely appreciate our music. We were thanked profusely and we all had a great time. This event is held the last weekend in June on a private ranch. The owners of the property, a retired research librarian and a retired history teacher open their ranch to the public the last Saturday in June to help raise money for the local library. They have traveled all over the country to collect antiques to outfit the little outbuildings that resemble what the area looked like in the 1800's. They have gone to great pains to provide the historical background for each of the buildings (apothecary, general store, minor's cabin, barber shop, blacksmith, etc. There is a RR train that loops around the entire village and a pond with paddleboats that people can ride on though he limits the train tickets to 300. Landscaping is beautifully done and there is plenty of shade for the BBQ set up near the performance space. If you are in the area the last weekend in June next year, it is an event well worth attending. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Cambria and Barrett attended the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser and they had a wonderful time. Barrett rode on the float in the parade and said he "thought his fingers were going to fall off!" Cambria wanted to thank the OTF's who participated and helped to make the event so special and wishes to extend her thanks to everyone who made Barrett feel so comfortable.

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Howdy from District 3,

Our 2nd Sunday Jam/Dance for July was excellent, 21 musicians and 45 guests. The music was very good and thanks to our dancers for all their support and help, we couldn't do it without them. We did decide to change the hours of the jam to 1 – 3 p.m. All agreed as Sunday afternoon/evening is usually a family day.

July 9th was a surprise birthday party for Mary & Mel Gifford at the Powell Butte Community Center. Members Barbara Higgins, Fran Rapport, Glen Churchfield, Jeanette Bondsteel, Jack Kerr, Ed Fritz, Garitt Bondsteel, and Ted Schoenberg were joined by family members Breht Napoli & Jeff Violet for an afternoon of music & dancing.

Quite a few of us went to Burns for their jamboree, nice to give them support and we had several people from Burns and John Day that will be coming over to our gathering in September.

### August Events

1	Business Meeting	Sr. Center
4, 11, 18, & 25	Jam	Rosa Lee's
6	First Saturday Jam	Sr. Center

### September Events

3	Lake Co. Roundup	Fairgrounds in Lakeview 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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We just played for the Logger's Picnic this past Saturday (July 9th). Again, Mike Foster came over to help us out that day and another friend of ours, Don Thomas sat in, too. We started playing at 11 that morning and played all day with time out for the BBQ. This gathering was an opportunity for all the loggers in our community to get together and spend a day of camaraderie and hear some good live music in the process. By the time the Sept. Hoedowner come out we will have played for the car show in Lakeview and the Mosquito Festival out in Paisley. We look forward to those two events. August 6th we have another "First Saturday Jam" at the Sr. Center and hopefully, will have some folks from out of town who might wish to come join us.

The last day of August starts the activities around our Lake County Roundup. The OTF's will play at the Lake County Fair and Round Up on Saturday, September 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information about this opportunity to play with District 1E, contact Terry or Larry McLain. Considering the size of our town and the small group of musicians who make up District 1E, we've had a July full of musical opportunities! We hope your summer has been as much fun.

We're looking forward to Prineville and the last big gathering before the weather starts to cool down and we batten down the hatches for winter. Hope to see you all again in September.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

### August Events

14	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	1 - 3 p.m.
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A real treat and the highlight of the weekend was when an onstage bass solo played by Ken Luse was announced. It took a few minutes for us to realize that he was playing the chords to "America the Beautiful". At that point all stood and starting singing. We sang it thru twice and gave Ken a big hand. Thanks, Ken

Plans for our gathering are really coming together. We encourage all who will be using hotels to get their reservations in quickly. Our hotels in Prineville are filling up quickly. Also we are looking for and hoping for more volunteers to help out. Members to help with set/clean up, working reception, parking, etc. No heavy work involved. If you are planning to camp, it's time to get those reservations in also, the form is on the website or if you need a paper copy contact Kim or Jeanette, both emails are at the top of the article. On another note we are very grateful to Facebook for their community grant to help with the gathering.

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We would like to welcome Margaret Keene and Breffni Whelan to our district. They have moved to Madras and transferred from District 4 to us. Another welcome to a new member who played with us and joined yesterday Jeff Violet of Bend, OR. We are very happy to have them with us.

Website- [centraloregonfiddlers.com](http://centraloregonfiddlers.com)

Enjoy this nice July weather...next month might not be so comfortable.

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters



District 3: Birthday gig. A good time was had by all.

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Arriving in Weiser I was impressed with the little town's welcoming spirit. All the main streets were sporting a large replica of a fiddle, each decorated differently. Local stores, restaurants, businesses and even private homes displayed signs welcoming the musicians. Little town, big deal! District 4 was represented with Cathy and Tom Frutche, Judy and Bruce McGarvey and me. There were over 25 members and family from Oregon. In the evening Judy McGarvey and Patti Luse organized the on stage jam for the Oregon members opened the program each night with old time music. Each day there were individual competitions to watch, work shops to attend or visiting and at the different care centers in town.

The week culminated with a parade through town and a float filled with joyous musicians. and it was aired by the Boise, Idaho television station. It was fun and I'm happy I drove the many miles to be able to report it to you. Our monthly jam was held at the Phoenix Grange. Announcements were we will not have a jam in August but check the calendar for times and places for the many

monthly play dates. Our monthly gig at the Crater Lake R. V. Park was fun filled as usual. If you haven't already made it to one of these the last one of this summer is August 13 at 7:00.

The Britt children's festival was a lot of fun for all the kids. They danced and clapped to the music. Shania Deen and her Grandmother Laura. First year fiddle students have been attending some of the gigs lately and we're happy to see them come play with us. Remember there is no jam in August. Our September jam will be at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on Saturday September 3. The meeting will start at 11:30. Bring snacks to share.

"A few can touch the magic strings, and noisy fame is proud to win them. Alas for those that never sing, but die with all their music in them." Oliver Wendell Holmes

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



Les Tucker - Joyce & Rick Bergeron Nice picture from the convention



Bob Huffman District 7 You are invited to the "Bawb Bash."

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## Fiddle Tips by Lew Holt:

Living under the premise "Use the talents you possess – for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except for the best," a Henry Van Dyke quotation, has meaning for all fiddlers. This is to say that you should not hang back and just let the best players play, but, rather, everybody join in playing the best that you can.

It can be difficult sometimes for a player to play knowing that he or she is not the best fiddler or even near the best fiddler. To be on stage a good fiddler does not need a repertoire of fancy tunes. It is more important, perhaps, for a fiddler to know a few tunes well rather than a list of tunes not played well. Consider your backup; don't play a difficult tune in a strange key or with strange chords that will make your backup and you both look bad. We have all heard a common tune such as Faded Love played many times. Such a tune played well pleases our listeners more than some fancy tune not played well.

Much can be written about how to hold the bow, how to bow the tune, tuning your fiddle, develop these and other such skills but, also, very important is for you to go to the stage knowing your tune, play it your best and you will truly be "an old time fiddler." On the stage is not the place to learn or practice a tune, rather, learn your tune, maybe practice with backup and be confident before you go on the stage. Leaving the stage knowing that you played your tune well at your level is both rewarding and encouraging.

Making an error on the stage doesn't make the world come to an end. If you know your tune well, most of the time after making an error you can just keep on going. On rare occasions you may need to start over. If so, the world doesn't come to an end. The sweat and the palpitating heart will be history as you gain confidence. So – go for it – have fun.

~Lew



Wally Case, Darlene Bryant, Alice Holt at Strawberry Festival



Guy Kinman -- Happy 99th birthday



Colleen Hanks -- District 10  
A loyal district 10 member



Fred Hardin -- Strawberry Festival District 8  
A beautiful afternoon and a lot of strawberries.

As played by Earl Willis,  
Mineola, MO & Springfield, OR.

The musical score is written for guitar in 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef contains chords and other markings. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score includes various chords (F, Bb, C7, F#d7, Gm7, A7, Bb), trills (tr), triplets (3), and a sharp sign (#).

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There is an empty spot in our hearts and in our group as we are all missing Pat Weyer and Fred Grove. They were both men of gentleness, integrity, dedicated to OTF and great musicians. Pat's memorial service was attended by people from many locations, and the words of honor flowed endlessly. Our monthly jam which was held on July 16th honored them both. I will report on it in the September Hoedowner.

Our group had a new and interesting experience when, in June, they played at Rite Aid Pharmacy in North Bend. Wouldn't you like to be a customer in a store where great old time music was filling the air? You would probably return often hoping to catch it again. Thanks to Pat Casey for putting the gig together for our district.

Our time at the state parks on Friday nights have been going well. It is always fun to entertain, not only those who hail from Oregon, but also the many visitors from other parts of our country as well as those from other countries. It is a great opportunity to explain who the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers are, what we do, and it allows us to encourage them to join, if interested, in their perspective areas. The dampness of our coast and the wind often cause a chill for the musicians, but

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First impressions of the National Oldtime Fiddle Contest and Festival were favorable! Seventy players represented Oregon as the host state, twenty-four from our district. Thanks to Les Tucker (District 8), Jerry Parks, Starr McMullen, C.J. Nealy (District 3) and Tenaya Cooley (District 6) for offering up Oregon's best contest performances.

And then there were the off-the-main-stage performances: picture Natalie Guptill with Lisa Ponder strutting and squawking chicken-like, as they played their rendition of Cluck Old Hen for the Late-night Twin Fiddle Contest, for which judges encouraged bribes. And imagine Tenaya and her gal pal as they lay hip-to-hip on a makeshift blanket stage while they sawed out Blackberry Blossom! T'was great fun for fiddlers and listeners, alike.

Weiser embraces the annual festival. It's the talk of the town in the coffee shops and festival-related publications are found in all businesses. The town-folk were warm and accommodating, turning out enthusiastically for the performances. Oregon players opened each night's festivities with a show, entertained at local elder care homes and performed on a float in the grand parade. It was gratifying to observe the grins, whoops and hollers along the route as people appreciated traditional music.

### August Events

12 Gig	Bullards State Park, Bandon	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
18 - 21 Gig/performance/jams	Winchester Bay Camp Out	
26 Bullards State Park, Bandon		6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

they still don their smiles and give an enjoyable performance. On June 24th there were 192 people in the audience. On July 8th they played in the yurt, protecting us from the rain.

The highlight of our year will take place August 18-21 in Winchester Bay, which is located about 3 miles South of Reedsport. Many from around the state bring their R. V's; others opt for local motels. The car show is also scheduled for that weekend. We guarantee you lots of jamming, evening performances and a gospel hour on Sunday morning. In addition we hold a song contest with the theme of Cowboy/Girl. Hope you are already practicing! There will be a dinner Thursday evening for OTF members. And Pat Casey will provide a hot dog lunch on Friday and Saturday, as long as the food holds out. You know district 5, always lots of cookies and Ruth's cinnamon rolls in the a.m. (That alone is worth being there).

We appreciate Adam Taylor who has been playing with us more often than usual. Adam hails from the Brookings but lately has been spending time in Bandon.

See you all at the camp out!

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

### August Events

6	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Road Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
8	Beginning Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran Church	1 - 4 p.m.
12	Jam	Crow Grange	7 - 9 p.m.
19	Jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
26	Jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 - 9 p.m.

*Note: the district is in dire need of a new Performance Coordinator to arrange gigs!! Please contact Tony Humphries if you are willing to help or have suggestions.*

OOTFA welcomes to our organization Peg Price, a fine fiddler from the East Coast, currently touring the states and attending fiddle camps, festivals and jams along her way. By the time you read this, she will have been to her first West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops. We are thrilled to have her join us and she is worth getting to know.

Kudos to Tony Humphries for conducting his inaugural District 6 Quarterly Meeting, with Roberts Rules of Order Coach, Darla Knudsen, encouraging him along the way. New business on the agenda included the continued pursuit of a jam site toward the northern end of the district. The search is tabled until Fall, when Jim Ford will begin an earnest quest with the help of others in the northern reaches.

We are reminded that audiences during our performances come out to enjoy familiar old-time tunes. Professionalism is important, so be prepared to provide tunes in advance to the performance coordinator so that a set list can be created. Be sure to include the key and have tunes honed to performance level. Committing them to memory is really helpful. A District 6 suggested tune list is in the works and will likely be available by or before the next business meeting on October 8, at Central Grange.

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## District 6 (Continued from previous page)

Let's take to heart the words of our esteemed OOTFA President, Jim Kuether: "Share the experience." He encourages us all to reach out to people who may have an inclination to take up an instrument. Age and experience are irrelevant; there may be someone who has always wanted to make music, but never had time, and their may be youngsters who are inspired by listening to our music. Bring them in to share the experience!

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I hope all of you are enjoying your summer activities. My husband and I have been enjoying several slow walks each day which are doctor's orders for both of us. Recently we each had an operation (mine was minor and my husband's was bypass surgery), but we are both doing well and thankful for all our good medical care. We are looking forward to some great fiddling events this month and the first one is our annual BAWB's Bash on the 13th. It will be held again at Terry and Andy Jorgensen's. Bring something to eat, a chair, and your musical instrument, and we will play outside in the Jorgensen's lovely front yard. If you have any questions or need directions, call 503-668-3917.

Another event is the Clackamas County Fair in Canby on August 17th. We encourage everyone to come out for this. It is a major event for us and we would like to see as many people there as possible. Please contact Ron Zabudsky for a parking pass.

Last month District 7 members played at some fun venues. One of them was at the King City Senior Center where we hadn't played for three years. It was a lively afternoon where 15 musicians were

Happy birthday wishes to Louis Hamilton, David Eliker-Vagsberg, Joe Canaday, Bertie Gilbert, Addison Talbot, Adrianna Roberts and Bernie Roberts.

To those who are addressing health concerns for selves or loved ones, we send healing vibrations your way.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

### August Events

13	Bob Huffman's 96th Birthday Bash	50995 SE Baty Rd Sandy, OR	12 p.m.
17	Gig Clackamas County Fair	694 NE 4th Ave. Canby, OR	2 - 4 p.m.
28	NW Jam 600 NE 8th St. Gresham, OR	Doors open at 11 a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	

joined by, National Fiddle Champion, Carol Ann Wheeler and fiddler Jim Toussaint who also sang a rousing "Whiskey Before Breakfast" which was a real treat. We were very well received and look forward to going there again next year. Also another interesting event was in Manzanita at the North Tillamook Library. We played there last year and were invited back again. We were very welcomed there too, especially since we came all the way from the Portland area to entertain them. Thanks to all who traveled there. I know you had a great day at the beach.

Another event on June 28th was in Scappoose at the Brookdale-Rose Valley assisted living center. This was a new place for us to play and the folks there really loved our music. Several comments overheard were: "I haven't heard that song in years," and "This is the best music I have ever heard in this place!" There was a lot of toe tapping, hand clapping, and fun was had by all. Have a wonderful August.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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When the district news went in for July, we had nothing scheduled. Boy, did that ever change! An assisted living complex in Woodburn invited a group of us to play for them. Next the manager of Mountain View Park in Newburg asked when we could play there again. We set the date, July 23rd. We've always been well received there with a friendly, fun group of mostly seniors. Finally we were asked to entertain in Mt. Angel near the end of July. They requested a very small group because of the lack of space.

August is fair time. Come and join us at the Polk County Fair in Rickreall. We'll be playing from 11 am to 12:30 pm. This is your chance to eat some fair food, see the exhibits, and have a good time. Your instrument should get you in the fairgrounds.

A new venue for us will be on Sunday August 14th at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in McMinnville. The address is 11275 SW Durham Lane. We play from 2 to 4. Free parking is available across Durham Lane from the Heritage Center. From there free transportation will be available to where you play. Your instrument

### August Events

11	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall
14	Yamhill Valley Heritage	McMinnville
21	Reception for Fred and Lynn	Keizer Sr. Center

is your ticket for free entrance. Sounds like an interesting gig. Thanks Frank Dummer for setting this up for us.

We have been invited to play for two hours from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Dallas Old Timers Picnic in the Dallas City Park on Sunday, August 7. We will be playing under the trees in the shade. Directions – cross the bridge coming into town, turn right at the next street – going by the old high school. Keep going until you come to the city park. Probably to the left to a gathering. If you need specifics, as you drive to the park, straight ahead to the Class of 47 reunion for specific directions. Hope to see many of you there the day after the contest in Corvallis.

Hearty Congratulations are in order for Lynn Gossett and Fred Hardin who will be married this month. They invite all OOTFA members to a reception at the Keizer-Salem Senior Center. The address is 930 Plymouth Drive NE, Keizer. No gifts please, just come and enjoy the party. Because Roth's Catering Service must provide enough food and service for everyone planning to attend,

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it is necessary to give Roth's an exact count, so all attendees must either sign an attendance sheet in person at K/SAS, OR CALL 503-390-7441 and ASK THAT his/her NAME BE ADDED to the list of attendees. If signing attendees plan to bring husbands, wives, friends and/or guests, just state the number who plan to attend. DEADLINE SIGN-UP DATE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016.

Some in our district will be traveling to the coast for the annual District 5 campout at Winchester Bay. Think of a cowboy song to play and/or sing, and join the fun. It's at the grange hall. Be sure to read District 5 news for more information.

Quote from the internet: Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and life to everything. — Plato

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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**Secretary/Treasurer:** George Sahlberg

**Reporter:** Marianne Andrews, marianneandrews@gmail.com

Ahh, the wonderful days of summer!!! As a result, not much group news. Because of the community events calendar in the Burns Times Herald two totally disparate folks joined us at our Friday night jam—Dick Irvin from Arizona and Alenda Bradshaw from Montana. Isn't it wonderful how music pulls us together? Thanks to the BTH!

Local members, please pay attention to details about playing at the Harney County Fair.

## District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

**Chair:** Jerry Hash, 541-817-3161, olsmoothe3400@aol.com

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Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on June 25 had about 50 attend even though many were still at Weiser. Several of our district members attended the Pat Weyer and Fred Grove celebration on July 16. West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops on July 18-21 were excellent with about 200 attending.

Many of us will be attending the Winchester Bay Fiddling on the Beach campout/jam on August 18-21. OOTFA members are also invited to the Eagleview Music Family Reunion campout/jam on August 27-29 at Eagleview Group Campground (11 miles west of Sutherlin). Ten bands (mostly bluegrass) will perform during the weekend, and OOTFA's show will be from about 2:30 – 4:30 pm on Sunday Aug 28. The campground gate opens at 2pm Saturday, and we must leave by 11am on Monday.

Our new District 10 Chair Jerry Hash shares his thoughts about old-time music: "Oldtime fiddlers bring together a talented group of people of all walks of life who enjoying playing and creating a special



Frank Dummer - Dayton - planned the jam in McMinnville



Phil Ringle - Strawberry Festival -- District 8 Always willing to do his share.

### August Events

5	Jam	Friday Night Jam Top of Form	
12	Gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15	Gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
19	Jam	Friday Night Jam	
26	Jam	Friday Night Jam	

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Prineville. The Friday night jams will continue all summer. Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians. Sunday potluck and jams will resume the second Sunday in October.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### August Events

5	Gig	Sutherlin Music in the Park	6 - 8 p.m.
10	Gig	Rosehaven	10 a.m.
15	Gig	Callahan Court	2:30 p.m.

style of music and sounds that are pleasant to listen to. Even though my wife and I do not play an instrument we do enjoy the music."

Hal Thompson adds, "Being a Lifetime member of OOTFA gives me the pleasure and honor the duty of sharing whatever God-given talent I may have with those who enjoy old-time fiddle and classic country music."

Birthdays this month include Barbara Stephenson (Aug 1), Gynn Deaton (Aug 7), Jim Leininger (Aug 12), Hal Thompson (Aug 13), and a special shout-out to Guy Kinman who turns "99" on Aug 23. Happy Birthday to All! The only anniversary this month that I'm aware of is Kathy and mine (34th) on Aug 7. I hope I don't forget.

Everyone had fun at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Id. Congratulations to all the winners. There are many great photos on Facebook. We sure appreciate who made the drive to represent Oregon as the host state. Welcome back home! Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

August 6	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest--Corvallis
August 18-21	Winchester Bay Campout--Winchester Bay
September 8-10	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering--Prineville

## New Members to Welcome!

Steve and Karen Bennett  
Abigail Carroll  
Francis & Janis Kuchler  
Peg Price

Terrebonne  
Eugene Baker City  
Medford  
Green Cove Springs, Florida

Angela Rosemeyer  
Justin Smith  
PJ Vanasten  
Jeff and Julie Whitton

Baker City  
Medford  
Hines  
Prineville

## THE FANTASTIC OOTFA ATTENDANCE AT WEISER.

There were nearly 70 members of Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers' who, the third week of June, descended on Weiser Idaho for the yearly National Fiddle Contest. What fun we had and the exposure was wonderful. We registered several during the week. We performed on stage each evening, entertained residents of care facilities and played on the Fiddle Contest float.

~ Patti Luse & Judy McGarvey thank you all for attending