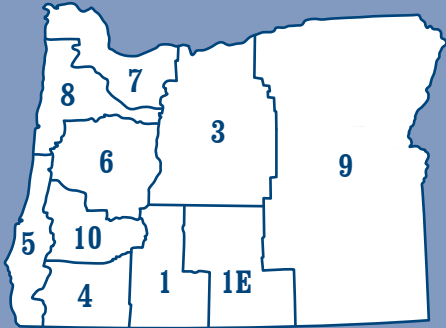


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## From Your President

Here we are as I write this, it is the middle of August. Hard to believe we are over half way through 2016. Is everyone having a good year playing music and learning new tunes? I hope so, but I also know there are some who struggle with the challenges of life. Hopefully these are only temporary bumps in the road. In OOTFA, we too face all the troubles and "bumps" that all people do. But we perhaps have an advantage because of our joyous music to help, if not "detour" for a while.

As your President, I get help in terms of suggestions and concerns about how our organization is or should be running. And rest assured, I welcome all constructive input. Our board of directors (the chairs of each district) are the first place to deposit your concerns and suggestions so they can be brought to our quarterly meetings for consideration. One way to know an organization is staying healthy is from the feedback of its members.

Kudos to all the finalists in the Willamette Valley Contest. Seeing their musicianship is another way to judge the health of our organization. It is natural to worry about our numbers when we see so many leaving our group through old age or sickness, but if we concentrate on spreading our music and inviting, every time we play or perform, I'm convinced that old time fiddle music will not only survive but flourish. I admire all the talent that exists in this organization. I also appreciate the patience everyone shows to help the ones just new to this music or to their instrument. Be a mentor; we all gain that way!

~ Jim

## From the Editor

A big thank you to Joe Moyle and Lew Holt for taking over for me during my absence. I truly appreciate all the team work that goes into putting out the Hoedowner. What a great group of people I get to work with! Hopefully, I'll see some of you in Prineville.

Earlier this summer, my husband and I sadly left our instruments behind and (happily) flew to Sweden to reconnect with Steve's family which lost contact with our side (the immigrant branch) 90 years ago. We were welcomed warmly into a loving and generous family. Next, we flew to Turkey to spend time with our son and daughter-in-law and to experience life as they do--in a very different culture. We were warmly welcomed there as well, by everyday people who still seemed excited to find that we were from "America."

Just a couple weeks after we left Turkey, we traveled to Northern California for our son's wedding. It was outside on a beautiful afternoon. My other son, Miles, and I played a twin fiddle arrangement of Jay Unger's tune, "Lover's Waltz". It worked out way better than I imagined, and many people told us it was their point of emotion during the ceremony. It meant the world to me. Thanks to all of you who have helped me over the years gain the skills and confidence to even attempt such a thing.

~ Karen

Thanks to Joe Ross and Nina Kiriki Hoffman for their help with photos of fiddle camp!

## From the Editor Emeritus

(5/29/97) (Charley and Vi Jensen Monmouth, Oregon)

Today was another one of those special days that I have written about several times in the past. But first, let me go back in time. A year and a half ago one of our special guitar players went for a walk before daylight on a November Fall morning -which he did almost every morning. In the

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darkness of the morning, Charlie stepped off the curb into the path of a turning car. Someone called an ambulance. He was rushed to a hospital in Salem 15 miles away where he died. Nobody knew who he was. Charlie had not carried any identification.

Vi got up as usual at daylight and made coffee to have ready for him when he returned, as she did every morning. When he was late returning, she called the police station, but the person who answered couldn't help her. Charlie hadn't returned by 10 o'clock, and Vi was at her wit's end. In her panic, she decided to go looking for him. She saw a group of her neighbors talking to a policeman who had a photograph of an accident victim. The neighbors had recognized him. When Vi went over to them, the policeman told her that Charlie had been killed.

Vi is in her mid to upper 80's. After the funeral she completely withdrew, refusing any visitors and not wanting to ever play her fiddle again. Many of us called her and offered to visit but she always turned us down. Finally we quit calling. Yesterday she called here at the house and said that she was sorry for not being able to visit with us and that she would like to see Alice and me again. What a tremendous phone call! I told her that we would be over tomorrow. Today we went over to visit her. Vi was sitting in the front room by the big window watching for us to drive up.

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Greetings All from District One,

Wow, it's so hard to believe that summer is winding down already! It's September!! I got to thinking about summer almost being over and it's got me all nostalgic and reminiscing about District One's year so far. We have endured and suffered a lot of loss recently. We are a small bunch of musicians but a family nonetheless; and I thought it the perfect time to write a shout-out to all the people who have given their time and talents so generously to helping our chapter thrive. I want to first thank all the "behind the scenes" type of people...these are the type of people who quietly go about helping, often times with a lack of appreciation that all of us would say they deserve, such as the ladies in the kitchen who prepare, set up, and clean up the food for the meeting/jam, as well as our dedicated sound man, THANK YOU! To the helpful people who help set up and take down chairs and haul equipment around, THANK YOU! To the listeners who come and cheer us on, and clap, and dance, and make us feel happy to make YOU happy, THANK YOU! To the musicians who come and play, how I love hearing you all play, THANK YOU! To the teachers of the bunch, for dedicating your time and talents to our youth, your generosity and selflessness are unmatched...THANK YOU! And to all our

After a brief visit, she asked us to play her fiddles which she had brought out before we arrived. We played several of the old familiar tunes that Vi had played for so many years. We watched to see what her reaction would be. She left and went into the bedroom. Alice and I looked at each other. Shortly she returned with her favorite fiddle. She didn't think she could remember any tunes but when we started playing one of her favorites, she raised the fiddle to her shoulder and started playing along with us. Finally she asked us to play "Diggy Diggy Ly" with her. She had remembered one of her favorite tunes. We played for perhaps 45 minutes. She smiled and laughed along with us - enjoying the tunes that she had missed for a year and a half. Alice and I felt like a million dollars.

She spoke of how lonely she has been. We asked her if we could come back and bring others to play, too, and she smiled and said that we could. We must and will do that soon. She served each of us a dish of ice cream and just before we left, she paid her dues for OOTFA and bought a roster of the members. She wants to read about the fiddlers again. We gave her our hugs and words of encouragement and bid her goodbye. Hopefully through fiddle music, we have opened the door for opportunities of happiness for Vi. We are going to try anyway.

~ Lew

## September Events

3	Gig	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
11	Meeting/Jam	Shasta Grange	1 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
22	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

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

officers, present and past, who are filling roles to further OOTFA and to ensure sustainability, it's not always an easy job, we THANK YOU! I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU on behalf of Irene Ruddock to the many of you who called, wrote letters or sent cards after Jerry's passing. She was most grateful and appreciative! In other district news, the Junior Fiddlers had their year-end BBQ at the Sparks' house in Keno. It was a lovely evening filled with laughter and music!

September birthdays are: Jake Dreyer, Johnathan Eppers, Mike Foster, Richard Knapp, Patti Northcraft, Dean Oliver, Sherman Taylor, Phillip Smith, Allison Prock, and Teresa Hazen. Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

Correction for the August Hoedown: The photo of Jerry and Irene Ruddock was actually taken at the "Pioneer Trek", just prior to Jerry's leaving the event and receiving an ovation from all the families attending.



Fiddle Friendship: Jenny Dreyer and Sheila Fry (District 1)



Fun times at the District 1 Farmer's Market



Joe Ross and his guitar class at Fiddle Camp

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District 1E held its business meeting on August 1. Sharilyn reported that the annual audit was completed and submitted to the State. She gave an accounting of the money in our treasury and added that the musicians who gathered to play for the "Take Back E Street and Car Show" event received a whopping \$34.69 in spare change after counting up what was graciously tossed into an open guitar case. We finally made some money!! We wish to thank **Mike Foster** for coming over from District 1 to help us out that day. One little girl came up while we were playing and asked Rosa Lee if "we took change," and then tossed in one of her hard earned quarters.

The following weekend was the Mosquito Festival in Paisley. **Johnny and Darleth Rodgers** traveled from District 1 to join Larry and Rosa Lee McLain. They played for an appreciative audience and we'd also like to extend our thanks to them for traveling all that way and giving of their time and talent to the effort.

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Howdy from District 3,

Our August Jam/Dance was on the 14th so as to get this report in on time....we'll report on the event in the next Hoedowner.

Several of our members, Vivian and Tommy Tucker, John Schultz and Judy and Oliver Robinett played a gig at a Saturday night potluck and service at the Powell Butte Church. They did all gospel songs and everyone enjoyed the music. The church invited the group back so there will be a Gospel Music Gig on October 1. There is a potluck at 6 p.m.



Young fiddlers perform at Fiddle Camp!



Yoshe and Avi Zohar (District 4) played some hot licks at Fiddle Camp!

### September Events

3	Lake Country Fairgrounds on Hwy 140 W., Lakeview	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
8	Jam Rosa Lee's	
12	*Business Meeting (moved to second Monday due to Labor Day Holiday)	
15	Jam Rosa Lee's	
22	Jam Rosa Lee's	
29	Jam Rosa Lee's	

Our "First Saturday Jam" was held on the 6th of August. **Jake and Aline Swartwood**, along with **Edna Jenkins** attended from District 1 to join the McLains, our friend Don Thomas and myself this past weekend. We were a small but enthusiastic group and I particularly enjoyed pestering everyone with my Dobro playing. I hope I live long enough to learn how to play that beast.

We were all concerned when we learned that **Joyce Kuether** suffered a heart attack this past week and were so relieved when we heard that she not only survived but has been moved from ICU and is recovering from the ordeal. We send our good wishes for a speedy recovery to her. Our thoughts are with both Joyce and Jim. These unexpected events are stressful for the families and worrisome for their friends.

Birthdays in September include: **Larry and Terry McLain**, 8 and **Sharilyn McLain** 14.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

### September Events

8,9,10	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering	12 - 10 p.m.
11	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	1 - 3 p.m.

and music from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy.

We have been very busy getting ready for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering this month. **A new event on our schedule will be on Friday night. This is advance information so all can plan ahead. We are excited about it and think it will be a lot of fun so get ready for --- Friday Night Favorite Artist In Costume Sign up performances – pick your favorite artist and dress in costume, We will have the audience guess who you are by your music and dress. Go Crazy and Have Fun!!**

Thanks to Merrill for all their hard work over the years hosting this meeting event. We are not in need of baskets or items for raffle for our gathering this year. We will have an instrument raffle and a drawing for door prizes.

It should be mentioned that hotels here are very full due to the construction crews that are in town, if you are planning on staying at a hotel, do call right away and get those reservations in. Also the sooner you can get the RV and Dry camping reservations in the better. The form is available on our website and I will send all the district chairs a copy that hopefully they can make available for those who still need one.

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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It's sad to realize that summer is almost over. But it won't leave us without wonderful memories to carry us through the Oregon fall and winter while we snuggle down in our easy chairs and wait for spring to return. Here at District 4, we've had a busy summer and have managed to cover our gigs while many of our members are on well deserved extended vacations.

Fiddle Camp was attended by many from District 4. Joining in the fun were: Tom and Cathy Frutchey and Cathy's sisters, Pem, Bonnie and Judy. Melinda and Gene Grant came and brought grandson, Kameron. Laura and Harvey Deen and granddaughter Shania. Avi and Yoshe Zohar and Judy and Bruce McGarvey were there also. Judy taught an enthusiastic class of beginning youth. Each morning began with a camp meeting, and an entertaining and informative skit by Patti Luse and Linda Parks. After that, we went to class, and we had workshops every afternoon. Each night there was either a concert by the instructors, a slow jam, or dancing lessons. Thanks to all those who made the camp possible. It was well organized. We really enjoyed it and appreciate all the board members who worked so hard to make it a great experience. We are already looking forward to next year.

Back at home we returned to our schedule of gigs. On a really warm Saturday we played for a block party sponsored by the Eastwood Baptist Church with music coordinated by Barbara Davis. Even with the heat there was a large turnout of people who came to enjoy the food, music, fellowship and raffles prizes. That evening we played our last performance of this year at the Crater R.V. Park in Prospect. We were so happy to have musicians from District 1 join us. Irene Ruddock came and played her fiddle with us, as well as Frank and Karen Ayers. Frank plays the Dobro and has a lovely singing voice. His wife, Karen, plays the bass fiddle but opted to join the audience and enjoy the music and bonfire. Also visiting were Fac and Ruth Dean from Twin Falls, Idaho. Fac played the harmonica for us, and Ruth played the autoharp. They are

### September Events

3 meeting / jam Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass 11:30 a.m. (meeting) 1 p.m. (jam)

visiting Laura and Harvey Deen and granddaughter, Shania. Thanks to all of them for coming and come again soon.

Pam Lee and her husband who run the park have become good friends and part of our summers. They have already asked us to save three Saturday nights for next year.

Our September monthly jam will be held at Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass on Saturday, September 3. The meeting will start at 11:30, and jam begins at 1 p.m. Bring snacks to share. See y'all soon.

"You have enemies? Good! That means that sometime in your lifetime you've stood up for something you believe in!" Winston Churchill

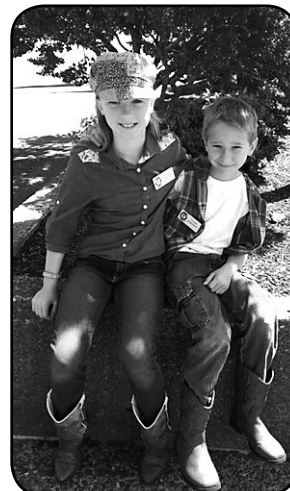
~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter



District 4 performs at Eastwood Baptist Church: Judy McGarvey on fiddle, Ron Bolstad on guitar, Orville Hoglen at the mike, and Len Guthrie on banjo.



District 5 performs at Bullard's Beach: Verna, Dawn, Larry, and Linda (with her two children)



Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff (District 5)



Sally Glines and Hal Thompson (District 5) playing at the memorial for Fred and Pat



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## Junior Fiddler: Alanna Kliewer District 1

Alanna is ten years old and started playing fiddle in the fall of 2014. Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Mervin Woodard, and Noranne Sparks had started a class for junior fiddlers and Alanna's mom heard about it. Alanna and her sister started playing at the same time. She thought it sounded fun but also found out it is a lot of work. She is the only one I have seen that props her elbow on her knee and plays her fiddle. She finds holding up her fiddle up for a long time is hard. Alanna has that special talent of listening to a song and picking it up by hearing.



Alanna Kliewer, District 1

She enjoys playing for an audience at family gatherings, care centers, and farmer's markets. She performed at Merrill and in April for the Sons of Norway. Alanna is home-schooled by her mother and dad by using what is called the Bob Jones University DVD. Alanna's other interests are; soccer, volleyball, reading and drawing. She is a farm girl and just recently had a birthday. She got an archery set, so we will see where that leads her. We all enjoy jamming with Alanna as she always has a sparkle in her eye and a smile on her face.

## Fiddle Tips by Evelyn Horner (District 6)

*Evelyn Horner has sent us some of her fiddle tips that were published in the "National Old Time Fiddler" back in 1993. Here is the first:*

### Holding the fiddle and left hand finger position:

Just a few words on holding the fiddle. I have noticed fiddlers holding their fiddle in various ways from the chest position, hip position to tucking the fiddle high under the chin. My grandfather and grandmother held their fiddles on their chests.

I teach my students to tuck the fiddle under the chin and learn to support the instrument with chin and left shoulder, leaving the left hand free for more important work. Practice holding the fiddle over the bed. You may want to use a shoulder rest for more support.

Every time you pick up the fiddle, position the left hand thumb in the same place each time--from the nut to the first finger position. This helps keep your notes on pitch. Learning to keep the palm of the hand free from the neck with fingers arched over the finger board will make finding notes much easier and more accurate. Positioning the elbow under the fiddle will also keep your left hand in good position.

When fingering my notes, I try to keep my fingers close to the finger board, leaving fingers down whenever possible. When playing with my third finger, I keep 1st and 2nd fingers in place. I've noticed some fiddlers playing one finger at a time. A fiddler could loose the correct pitch that way. Try lining them all up on the string 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and practicing going up and down the string with a good pressure until it feels comfortable.

Replacing strings every once in a while is a good idea as they loose their tone and brightness. I have my students wipe down their strings before playing, as rosin buildup may alter the tone. You may want to check your bridge for warp. A correctly fitted bridge is a fiddler's friend and makes bowing so much easier.

~ Evelyn



Evelyn Horner, District 6



## Tune of the Month: Wake Up Susan

I used to hear this tune played a lot among Oregon's fiddlers. I have no idea who I may have learned it from. It is widely popular all over the country. Especially worth mentioning is Missouri, which contributed many of the pioneering settlers in Oregon, and to the later immigration during the Depression and up through World War II, including some of our best fiddlers of a generation ago. The first half of the tune is almost identical to some versions of the Scottish reel, "The Mason's Apron." The second half is pure old time fiddling.

~ Linda Danielson



Linda Danielson

### Wake Up Susan

trad., arr. L. Danielson



Young fiddlers on stage at Fiddle Camp



Bass player Gene Hodson and guitarist Francis Stephenson back up fiddlers at the "Music Off Central" Gospel Show in Sutherlin.

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It has been a very busy summer for our district as we are always getting called to play at one more location. That is what we are all about!

A number of people from other districts joined us on July 16th for our memorial jam honoring the lives and music careers of Pat Weyer and Fred Grove. We had a ham and turkey dinner with trimmings. We basked in the conversation and reminisced about the times we had spent together. Verna Lee opened the performance with "Taps", a song that always touches the soul. Both Pat and Fred served in the Navy. Russ Hall shared a medley of patriotic/spiritual songs including "God Bless America", "His Truth is Marching On", and "America the Beautiful". Thanks to all those who shared this precious time with us. A special note of thanks to Sharon Thompson (District 10) who managed the kitchen beautifully. What a blessing she was. It is very much a part of her DNA! Mapril played the "No C Polka", a signature tune for Pat Weyer, and Dick Bowman sang "Shackles and Chains", which you can't hear without thinking of Fred. Dawn Vonderlin, our chairwoman, made two very nice posters featuring an array of wonderful pictures of Pat and Fred.

We had an organizational get-together in Bandon to help us fine-tune responsibilities for the camp out. There were 12 of us present which allowed us to finalize a few concerns. We have a great team of people who are willing to step in and do the myriad number of jobs necessary to keep us going. Pat and Ruth Weyer have, for many years, been the leaders who have kept us on target. They have been dedicated role models for the rest of us. Posters for our camp out, which were made by Dawn, were displayed throughout the towns in our district prior to the camp-out. Gayle Triplett has taken over the job of

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You and your children may recall the tale of "Frederic, The Mouse", by Leo Lionni. Frederic was the dreamer of his rodent tribe and was considered a slacker as others toiled day and night to gather corn, nuts, wheat and straw to sustain them through lean winter months. Only Frederic sat gazing at the meadow, day after day. His tribe reproached him for not contributing to the winter stores.

But Frederic was gathering colors: sun rays to counter winter grays and words to amuse the tribe during dreary doldrums when they were cold and discouraged. And, at the end, he was applauded for his contribution to their tribe's supplies.

And so it was for the musicians at this year's fiddle camp in Westfir. We gathered the many-colored threads of the music and reaped the lyrics of the songs, along with the stories that inspired them.

## September Events

10 gig Art and Brew Fest Gold Beach 12 - 1:30 p.m.

transporting the sound system, which is a big job. All of us are grateful and thank her very much.

We had 7 members attend fiddle camp and from all reports it was spectacular. Henry Hood was overheard telling Gideon Mathias, "I can't wait 'til fiddle camp next year." John Bealey told our group, "It was better than last year!" If you have ever been there, you know that statement packs a wallop because every year has been excellent. There are not enough words to express our wholehearted thanks to the committee who works tirelessly through the year to make this camp a success.

The last time we played at Bullards State Park in July, we played outside in the picnic area. On July 23, some of our group had the honor of playing for Mary McLeod's 90th birthday party! What a thrill that was, as people of her age enjoy old time music so much. Saturday, the 6th of August, took us to downtown Coos Bay to celebrate the train festival. This fest celebrated 100 years of having the train tracks in Coos Bay. The musicians took advantage of the opportunity to play a few TRAIN songs. The Eickhoff family played "The Long Black Train". "Freight Train" was played by Linda Sweatt and "Wabash Cannonball" by Dick Bowman, and Jolly Hibbits played a song about engine 143 sometimes called the "FFV" or "Fast Flying Vestibule." With a number of the musicians wearing clothes that fit the railroad theme, they could have easily passed for train engineers. One couple in the audience took advantage of the fun music and waltzed in the street!

We will have a district meeting at our jam on October 15 in Winchester Bay. More information will be in the October Hoedowner.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

## September Events

2	jam	Eugene Hotel	7 p.m. - 9-ish
3	Intermediate Fiddle Class with Ila Mae River Rd. Annex,		1 - 4 p.m.
5	Basic Fiddle Class with Ila Mae (Labor Day) Bethesda Lutheran,		1 - 4 p.m.
9	jam	Crow Grange	7 p.m. until bedtime
16	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 p.m. - 9-ish
17	Monthly Jam	Central Grange	12 - 4 p.m.
23	jam	Willakenzie Grange	7 p.m. - 9-ish

We store these to share with others during the dreariness of winter months; we shall be sustained and feed others with joy.

We all came away with kernels of memories and learning, gifts we can share with our district communities. Thanks to all who participated and who contributed time and donations. Cheers to all of you that make this camp happen and, judging from the reviews, we will be offering another fine event next year. We do take your evaluations to heart.

One special addition this year was Linda Danielson in her role as Fiddle Clinician. She maintained a clinic wherein fiddlers could stop in for patient, expert assistance with aspects that needed a tune-up: bowing, intonation, nailing down a tune, you name it.

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## District 6 (Continued from previous page)

Patti Luse and Linda Parks have earned a reputation and expectation for wacky skits during the morning information meetings. Kudos to them for their creativity in making mundane reminders a hoot!

Our September Monthly Jam will be held on the 3rd Saturday due to the Bi-Annual State Meeting in Prineville on September 10.

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Hello from District 7! We have had a great summer so far with lots of opportunities for playing our wonderful old time music at many venues. We had good turnouts at all of our jams and were very happy to provide entertainment for a lot of people.

Bob Huffman's BAWB's BASH was wonderful, and as usual it was heartwarming to celebrate Bob's birthday—he's 96 this year! He is an inspiration for all of us. He comes to many of District 7 gigs and jams and always provides lovely guitar music and brings lots of cheerfulness and good humor wherever he goes.

Another gathering was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham where we played for the Senior Luncheon Group. They meet quite often and always invite the fiddlers for a nice lunch and then we play all the "old" tunes and also take requests. They are all very thankful for our entertainment.

Another gig that happens once per month is at the memory care facility where Jackie Germundson lives. We meet there each month to celebrate the residents' birthdays. We play in a lovely, bright room with lots of cheerful paintings on the wall and balloons and streamers everywhere. We play one hour guided by Roger

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On July 23, District 8 members gathered at the Mountain View Mobile Park to play for the residents. This is the third time we've been there. The room is on the small side, so the audience is near. They enjoyed the music, singing along with happy smiles on their faces. It's fun for us to have that close contact. Christine Lang came and played, even though she'd been in the hospital a few days earlier. What a trooper!

Some District 8 members played at the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest in Corvallis on August 6th. Felicia Guptill came in 2nd in the PeeWee Division. Les Tucker won 1st place in the Senior Division. Lew Holt placed 5th in Senior Division. It's an open contest with entries from Washington, Idaho, Montana and Texas as well as Oregon. Lots of fun seeing and hearing friends far and wide.

Dallas has held an Old Timers Reunion for many years. This was the first year the fiddlers were invited to play. A good crowd was

Therefore, we hope to see you at Central Grange on September 17 from 12-4 p.m.

Birthday hugs to Don Baldwin, Bill Gilbert, Dorothy Sather, Sandy Wallrich, Arlo Hamilton and Darla Miller.

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

### September Events

- 11 Marjorie Stewart Community Center 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd. Sherwood  
Doors open at 12 and signup playing from 1 - 3 p.m.
- 25 NW Jam 600 NE 8th, Gresham OR

Germundson who sings, plays the fiddle, and introduces all the tunes—what a talent!

A couple of other gatherings were the Clackamas County Fair which turned out to be the great venue it always is. We had a good turnout and everyone had fun playing for the fair participants. Also a number of District 7 members went to the Winchester Bay Campout this year. Apparently the seafood down there is irresistible and I hope to be able to get there next year myself and sample some.

Lastly, I would like to remind District 7 members (and others) that we are again going to have the Estacada Library Jam on the 3rd Sunday of the month. There will be a few changes to keep in mind. We will meet on Sept. 18 from 1:30 to 3:30; in October we cannot use the library and we are trying to find another place-- you will be notified about that; we will also meet at the Estacada Library on November 20th and December 18th.

Have a wonderful September! I think it is one of our most beautiful months in the year.

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### September Events

- 17 gig Willamette Historical Center Mission Mill, Salem 12 - 4:30 p.m.

gathered around the picnic shelter, so we set up under one of the tarp covers. Dick Dery's battery operated sound system provided plenty of amplification for us. Two hours of playing seemed to fly by. One of the event organizers told me she thought it was so neat the way we interacted with each other. Sometimes playing as individuals, sometimes in a small group, sometimes all of us. Chris Lang joined us again. Can't keep a good woman down! We all enjoyed Amelie's rendition of "The Frozen Logger". Nice to have Fred Davis from Dist. 7 join us and also Pam from California who visits each summer.

Polk County Fair is a favorite place to play. We had a great group of musicians and a good audience as well. Starr McMullen joined us, as she has done for several years. Pam Merriweather from California also played with us. River Clark, one of our scholarship students kept people's toes tapping with his tunes.

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A first for us was playing for the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in McMinnville on August 14. Eleven of us played and sang from 2 to 4 PM. The venue was very interesting with lots of displays of farming equipment and demonstrations. Horses and mules powering equipment showed how farming was in the past. The center treated us to a free sandwich or salad lunch and free root beer floats. Really nice on a hot afternoon. It looks like we'll be

invited to play next year too. Thanks to Frank Dummer for making the arrangements.

On September 17, we're playing at Mission Mill - Willamette Heritage Center. The event is from 12 - 4:30 p.m. Check your e-mail a few days before to get more specific information.

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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### September Events

2	jam	Friday Night Jam	
16	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m. (Changed from the norm due to Fair and Prineville)
19	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
23	jam	Friday Night Jam	
30	jam	Friday Night Jam	

Greetings! Back to the routine! Fiddlers are playing for the Class of 66, plus or minus 5 years as I type. If you are in that category, enjoy!

District 9 OOTFA will not be playing at the Harney County Fair this year.

Our long time sound system manager and musician friend, Walt Cooper, broke his hip and is now in a nursing facility in Payette, Idaho.

The Friday night jams will continue the rest of the summer. Note below that on September 9 the jam is cancelled. 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.

We are sorry to hear Jerry Ruddick passed away. He was instrumental in getting District 9 OOTFA started. Our condolences to family and friends.

Musically Yours,

Joan Suther will be giving a vocal workshop at the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering and State OOTFA meeting in Prineville. The dates are September 8-10 for all who want to attend!

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

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

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### September Events

1	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
14	gig	Rosehaven	10 a.m.
17	gig	Oakland Living History Day	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
18	gig	Winston-Dillard Melon Festival, Riverbend Park, Winston	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
19	gig	Callahan Court	2:30 p.m.
24	meeting/jam	Sutherlin Monthly Jam	11 a.m. meeting; 12 - 3 p.m. jam
26	gig	Callahan Village	3:30 p.m.
29	gig	Riverview Terrace	4 p.m.

Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on July 23 had about 40 attend. Later that day, I saw several OOTFA members at the Booher Family Summer Concert in Scotts Valley. What a treat that was to see four generations of the talented Booher Family, as well as to try some of Dolores' delicious apple pie a la mode.

Sharon Thompson shares her thoughts about old-time music: "Even though I am not a musician, the organization's efforts to entertain and keep the old time music alive, not only for the public, but also for those who are in nursing homes and assisted living, is commendable and enjoyable. Promoting and making available the opportunity for young and old to take part in music is fun and personally rewarding. The camaradery of the membership statewide is beyond belief. We are definitely a 'family' who cares for each other. It's an honor to belong to such an organization."

Many of us attended the Winchester Bay Fiddling on the Beach campout/jam on August 18-21. Our August 27 District 10 jam was preceded by an 11 a.m. members meeting. OOTFA also performed at the Eagleview Music Family Reunion campout/jam on August 28.

In early August, Joyce Kuether suffered a heart attack. As of mid-August, she is out of ICU and on her road to recovery. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts. She and her family thank you.

On Sept 17, Oakland turns the hands of time back to the 1800s. Meet costumed characters. Watch the blacksmith pound out tools. See ladies spin their wool or piece together a quilt. Let kids enjoy hands-on activities. Check out the covered wagon and chuck wagon. Learn more about Native Americans. See old-time fiddlers in action. We'll try to dress in vintage clothes or hats. A few miles from town, at Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park, a Civil War Reenactment open to the public will also be Sept 17-18. On Sunday Sept 18, we play for two hours at the Winston Melon Festival.

On September 5, Louie and Fran Roy will celebrate their 70th anniversary. Happy Anniversary! Birthdays this month include Clare Eaton's on the 22nd. Happy Birthday, Clare!

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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September 8-10 Central Oregon Country Music Gathering--Prineville

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