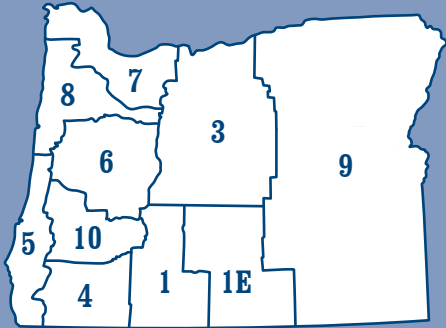


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From Your President

Everyone says "I can't believe it's "this day or this month or this year already"! When I got back from the wonderful, exciting, fulfilling, (or whatever adjective you want to add for this year's Prineville meeting and music fest), I said, "I can't believe it's time to put out another OOTFA President's report."

District 3 created a great event for all of us, and the weather cooperated. Since they moved the event to September, the days were wonderfully temperate. Temperatures in the middle to upper 70's in the daytime and lower 40's at night made camping a breeze. Many people made the extreme 200-300 mile trek to enhance the music and camaraderie. District 3 came up with some creative ideas, one of which was to have participants dress up as the artist they admire while playing a tune the artist was famous for. Then the audience would guess who that artist might be.

Our quarterly board and general meetings also took place at the Prineville gathering. As we are a 501(c3) corporation, we are required to hold business meetings four times per year. Board meetings include the executive officers along with all district chairmen or representatives. In general board meetings, all members get to vote on any proposed changes in the bylaws or standing rules of the organization. This year's general meeting did not produce any tomato throwing or fistfights, so I can assume all went reasonably well!! By the way, if you have never attended an Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Campout, you are not experiencing the total fiddle experience--no matter how often you play or attend your local district functions.

Until we meet again on the road to harmony, stay well, be well, and do well.

~ Jim

From the Editor

This was my first time at an event on the East side, and I enjoyed the weather and the friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Thanks to all who helped organize it!

I'm going back into my files to cover a few more of our National Treasures (the members of 80+ years):

- Joe Canaday (District 6). Joe has been with OOTFA for 15 years. He has enjoyed music all his life, and his dad was a fiddler. Joe used to enjoy photography and dark room work. He worked as a timber faller and a builder of houses.
- Leah Canaday (District 6). Leah has also been with OOTFA for 15 years. She enjoys homemaking and cooking. She used to do wedding photography and dark room photography. Now, she loves being a grand parent.
- Gynn Deaton has been with the fiddlers and has organized the Canyonville Fiddle Contest for 40 years. She has done CPA work for the fiddlers "almost forever". Both Gynn's and her husband (Jim's) grandfathers played fiddle, so they grew up loving the music. Gynn loves to do needlework and write.

After our deadline for Hoedowner reports, we heard about the tragedy that befell our friends, the McLain family. Speaking for everyone in this musical family of ours...our thoughts and prayers are with the family and all our friends in District 1E right now.

~ Karen

From the Editor Emeritus

Many of us have busy schedules but when something like a quarterly meeting is on the calendar, we often adjust our schedule and our pocket book so we can be there. There are many reasons why we leave our homes for four days, ask a neighbor to check our mail, get up early, drive up over the mountains across miles of central Oregon and finally end up at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville as we did in September.

When we pull into the fairgrounds it only takes a second to know why we go to the trouble. As soon as we park and open the door, we hear fiddles being played; often recognizing who is playing before we see who is pulling a bow across the strings. Later we spot Jack Kerr, an old timer and long time friend. Later, in comes Ed Nelson another long time friend going back to many years ago when he was state president of OOTFA as was Jack Kerr. There is always Hollis Real a friend going back to North Bend to the early 1980s when he and Carol were neighbors down the hill. Remembering how his wife, Carol, would prepare a most delicious meal and insist that Alice and I stay for dinner. We see Roger Germundson, another state president and a wonderful host. And of course, we see Larry Gallagher—past state president and his wife, Sharon. It is always a pleasure to greet Rosa Lee McLain, an old time friend, who was there with her friendly

smile and hug. We camped in Homer's and her backyard at the Potato Festival in Merrill for several years back around 1984. Homer took us on great tours such as the nearby Japanese Internment Camp and a small German POW camp and a long drive to the hot springs in northern Nevada. Equally as important are the more recent friends and the many new friends.

This is to name just a few but remembering those who were not there – Pat Weyer, Bob Hanson, Fred Groves, Pat Manion, Jerry Ruddock, Margaret Teague and I can hear you saying, "But, Lew, you left out. . . ." I realize that sometimes it isn't wise to mention names for the fear of leaving out people but I have gambled hoping to name a few anyway.

Driving back home Sunday, I couldn't help but think about the many new friends I met, as well as the many other friends from over the years that I haven't mentioned. Yep, friends are just as important as a good fiddle tune. Thanks to District 3 for the wonderful opportunity to both hear and play music and for the opportunity to be with the many fine people who were there.

~ Lew

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October Events

8	gig	Farmer's Market	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
9	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	1 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Potato Festival, Merrill Or.	10 a.m.-??
18	gig	Pelican Point	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
20	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
20	gig	Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
27	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	3 - 4 p.m.
27	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 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,

October ALREADY!!! Wow, this fall is just flying by here in District 1, and we've had some very lovely end of summer days with cooler nights...we are holding on to summer as long as we can! It didn't make my previous submissions, but I would like to add that we have had some very nice monthly jams this summer, especially in August and September. The August Jam & Dance was one of the best attended in many months with over 25 attendees, including



District 1 Secretary, Mary Knapp (center) with two out of town guests enjoying the local jam and dance.

visitors from Minnesota. The music was quite lively throughout our session and still going strong when closing time arrived. Overall, it was very well attended and nice to have out-of-town guests come and jam with us! It was a good day for music in Klamath Falls. September was no exception, the jam was well attended and we were blessed to have company from District 4. We had 2 couples come "over the hill" to play: Bruce & Judy McGarvey and Lennie & Carol Ferrara. Everyone played and had a great time! Isn't there just something about playing with friends and guests that really makes a jam special? It's nice to bond together over something we are all passionate about...Old Time Music!! Thanks for coming, District 4, we very much enjoyed your company!

In other district news...we have a gig coming up for the Potato Festival in Merrill on October 15th. Those able to make it should arrive at 10 a.m. We will play 'til we can't play no more! A free BBQ lunch is provided for those who participate; any and all are welcome...the more the merrier! Also, we have one final Farmer's Market to wrap up before our summer market schedule is complete for the year. The final market will be October 8th, 11:30-1:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

October's birthdays are: Ann Bonser, Bob Dorsey, Howard Priddy, Noranne Sparks.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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Wow! What a great time in Prineville and what a lovely facility, too. When I mentioned that I hoped I had enough energy to write a timely article for the newsletter when we got home, Rosa Lee suggested that I just write, "Went to Prineville. Had too much fun. More next month." That sure did sum it up! Lots of room to spread out for jams, beautifully maintained grounds, and such a well organized event. So much work goes into producing these gatherings, and it starts months in advance. The team that organized our last meeting of the year did a bang-up job and we thank them for their efforts and showing us such a wonderful time.

I attended two of the workshops that were offered. Phil Drain, the man responsible for sound at the Burns Country Music Jamboree each year and who did such an extraordinary job at the Prineville gathering, presented a wonderful workshop focused on how microphones work and how best to take advantage of their capacities. His presentation was informative and well illustrated in the handout he passed out and I hope he will add a second companion workshop on how to set up a sound system sometime in the future. I understand so much more about mic's now, thanks to his presentation.

Joan Suther presented a workshop to introduce harmony singing to those who wanted to learn or who love to sing harmony. She explained how to find the harmony notes and the participants had the opportunity to practice the skill. There were several other workshops focusing on fiddling, banjo, and instrument repairs,

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Welcome back to our editor, Karen Johnson and thanks to her "stand ins" the last couple of months.

We were sorry to have had to cancel our 2nd Sunday event in September, but with the Gathering it was just a little bit too much. We are looking forward to the jam/dance on Oct 9th and hope to see all there.

A welcome goes out to the Humphrey family (Lilly Beth, Paul, John, Lillian, Issac, Joseph and Evan) who transferred to our district, also to new member, Connie Flower.

And now, for the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering.... we are calling it a win! All of us in District 3 are so glad that so many members came to join us. We had a fantastic time. The weather was good, and the facility worked perfectly. Our planning committee worked the last 4-6 months on making sure that we had things in place, and were ready to welcome our guests. We certainly are glad you all came, and we are looking forward to the 3rd annual!

October Events

1	jam	First Saturday Jam	Senior Center
6	jam	Rosa Lee's	
13	jam	Rosa Lee's	
16	Trash pick up along Highway 140		
20	jam	Rosa Lee's	
27	jam	Rosa Lee's	

all of which I'm sure were equally interesting, well presented and valuable. So many opportunities, so little time!

Terry, Larry, Doug, Rhayanna and Rosa Lee McLain along with Barrett Amaker played at our fair over Labor Day weekend and were joined by Sheila Fry, Frank & Karen Ayres, Fran and Ben Coker, all from District 1. Don Thomas, a Lakeview member who isn't able to travel out of town, joined them and another friend from the community participated, as well.

Our business meeting was postponed a week due to the Labor Day holiday so was held the evening I wrote this article. Included from that meeting are the dates of our next jams, above. We are thrilled to learn Janet Braymen, a District 9 member, has accepted a position here in Lakeview and promises to attend our Thursday night jams. We may luck out and see her at a few of our monthly "First Saturday Jams," too. We'll be sharing her with District 9 and are excited to have her join us as frequently as her new job allows. Welcome to our district, Janet!

October 16th is the date for our annual trash pick-up along Highway 140. If any of you would like to come over and help us clean up the roadside in the name of the "Old Time Fiddlers," we'll supply the trash bags! BYOG (bring your own gloves)! We'll start around 9 or 10 a.m. Call for further information. We'd sure appreciate the help.

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

October Events

9	2nd Sunday Jam/Dance	Powell Butte Community Ctr.	1 - 3 p.m.
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We were fortunate to have 4 instruments for raffle and the donors and winners of the Saturday raffle are:

Ed Fritz classical guitar	13 year old Bella Thomas of Prineville
Jack Kerr Fiddler	9 year old Lousiane Potvin-Chouinard of Prineville
Gerry Oaks Dulcimer	Barbara Higgins of Prineville
Sunday Guitars Johnson	Judy Robinette of Madras
Colebank Guitar	Brenda Rose of Powell Butte

The new event (Favorite Artist in Costume) was a success; thanks to all those who participated. Everyone seemed to get in the spirit and enjoy it. Who can forget Dolly Parton and "Halene"? Maybe next year we can combine it with a "best costume" contest. The workshops were very well received; thank you to all of our instructors. Jamming was going on both day and night. We have a lot of talented as well a nice people in this organization. We also thank our faithful following of dancers that come to all our jam/dances.

Our hard working volunteers and committee made the Central Oregon Country Music Gathering a success, and thanks go out to each and every one!

~ Pat Borden and Kim Martin, District 3 Reporters

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District 4 Website: www.OOTFA4.org Check Us Out!

This day in District 4, with heavy hearts, we said goodbye to a wonderful person who was not only known and loved in our group but throughout the state for his willingness to help preserve the old time music. He was a musician of many talents, a kind and patient teacher, a talented dancer and a wonderful friend. Patrick Manion is at his well deserved rest. His memorial highlighted his service to our country in the Air Force. Upon hearing the news broadcasts of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he hitchhiked to the nearest enlistment station and joined. Achieving the honor of being in the top one percent of his inductees he earned his Chief Master Sergeant's rank early on. Pat served in World War II, Korea and some of the Vietnam conflict.

Upon retiring from active duty he devoted 23 years to the Central Point School System, teaching Social Studies. As a youth Pat had his own band who played for many of the high school dances in his hometown in in Arizona, where he mostly played banjo and guitar. In 1994, after he and Joan attended many dances here in the Rogue Valley, he decided to dust off his musical instruments and started playing his fiddle and guitar at the OOTFA jams and also did a term as chairman of District 4. Having such a love for music, he and Joan opened their home to those of us who had played as children and wanted to pick it up again but needed help, and one student who had never even held a musical instrument but had a deep yearning to play the fiddle. He taught guitar, fiddle,

October Events

1 jam/meeting Phoenix Grange in Phoenix, OR meeting 11:30

mandolin, banjo and even gave encouragement to a guitar player with the desire to sing the old tunes. He did this all for free, you just had to promise to practice.

Four of his students played for the memorial today. Cathy Frutchey and Lenny Ferrara on fiddle and Nikita Wilkinson and Ron Bolstead on guitar. They opened with Pat's theme song from his band years, "Sierra Swing". After the memorial, Pat was again honored with a full military funeral service, taps and the presenting of the flag to Joan. On a beautiful late summer day on a hilltop overlooking the valleys and mountains Pat loved, we said good bye to our dear friend.

Recently our singing Oklahoma cowboy, Lem Guthrie, had a very serious stroke and was transported to hospital in Portland but has now returned to Medford and is at Avemere on Stevens St. His son, Duane, has asked for us to visit Lem. He thinks this is helpful for his rehabilitation as Lem seems to be recognizing voices. We need to keep the family in our thoughts.

The October monthly jam will be at Phoenix Grange in Phoenix the first day of October. Meeting starts at 11:30. Bring snacks to share. "Thanks and praise for all our days 'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky. As we go, this we know, God is nigh." From "Taps".

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

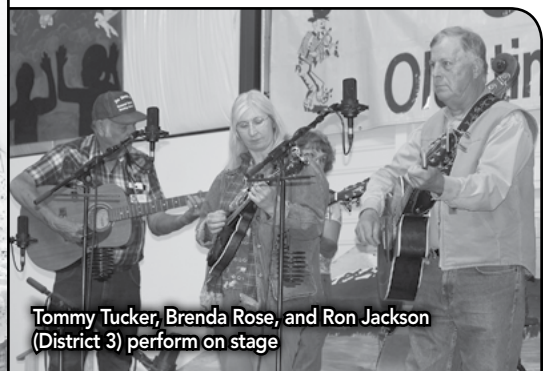
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The District 3 team.



Louisianne Potvin-Chouinard, after winning a fiddle donated by Jack Kerr



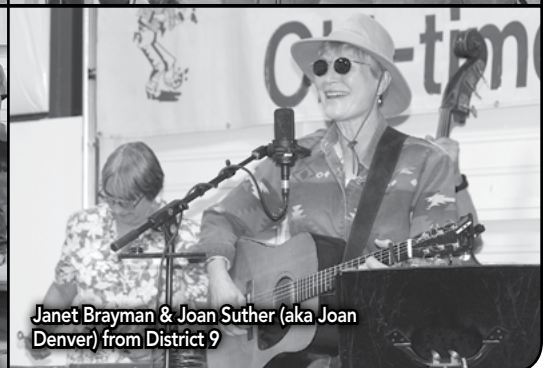
Tommy Tucker, Brenda Rose, and Ron Jackson (District 3) perform on stage



Jack Kerr, Ken Luse, and Gayle Clarity



Performers from around the state



Janet Brayman & Joan Suther (aka Joan Denver) from District 9

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Junior Fiddler: Noelle Stasak, District 5



Noelle Stasak is 8 years old and has been hearing fiddle tunes since she was born as she listened to her older siblings play. At 1 ½ she attended her first fiddle camp (as a guest, not a student), and a few years later, when she was 5, she began to play fiddle. One of her favorite tunes is Tennessee Waltz. Noelle also enjoys playing outside with the neighbor's ponies, bike riding, rollerblading, drawing, sewing, crafts, cooking with Mama, and having tea parties. Her future plans involve playing the fiddle and contest fiddling.

Fiddle Tips by Evelyn Horner (District 6)

Evelyn Horner has brought fiddle instruction to young and old. She taught classes at Shasta Jr. College in American Fiddle, has toured the White House with her students and played for President Reagan. For nine years, she taught fiddle for the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. She's in the hall of fame for Western Swing, and if that's not enough...she loves to quilt and can her own home-grown veggies and fruits. We are lucky to have her with us!

Tips on Jamming for Beginners:

Jamming, I think, is the best part of playing fiddle. Besides playing with old friends and meeting new ones, it's a great place to learn.

When I first started playing, I would jam until 5 A.M. Contests seemed to be my favorite place. I only knew a few tunes, but by 5 A.M., I could play a few more. Jamming is so much fun that many fiddlers arrive at the contests two days early just to do more jamming.

If you can play 3 tunes, you can have fun in a jam. First have your tunes ready. I have my students write down all the tunes they play with the key. Keep this list in your fiddle case. Bring along a small tape recorder to record new tunes and variations of tunes you may want to practice on at home. Walk around and check out the jams going on. Find the one that fits your style. Make sure your fiddle is in tune. Play along with the jam, playing long or short notes in harmony, if you don't know the tune. After a while, if they haven't played your tunes, ask if they know them. In most cases, they will jump on it and you'll be on your way. If the first jam doesn't work for you, don't give up. Find another or grab a fiddler and a guitar player and start your own jam. Play your tunes and in most cases a few wandering fiddlers will join in.

Jamming in a sit down circle can be fun too. Usually the fiddlers will take turns on tunes to play going around the circle. Everybody will start playing the tune a few times, then variations may be introduced by solo fiddlers, then everyone together will end the tune and on to the next.

I feel it's always polite to ask the group if they know the tunes you introduce. I've seen many jams break up if a fiddler keeps playing their own tunes nobody knows so they can solo. When you start out your tune, make sure you give out the key for the group and count off, so everyone will come in at the same time. The fiddler that starts the tune will also end it. I look at the other players midway on the last A or B part and raise my foot up for a signal. Everyone seems to know the tune will end on the last phrase.

All the fiddlers I know (and I know quite a few) are warm friendly people who are there to play music just like you. Jump in and don't be shy. It's more fun to play and learn than to watch.

~ Evelyn



Evelyn Horner, District 6

Tune of the Month October, 2016: Paddy on the Handcar

This version is published in "Roses in Winter: A Celebration of Fiddlers in Washington State," edited by Stuart Williams and Brid Nowlan. Forty years ago, Stuart and I were learning this tune together, from Wes Brunson of Milwaukie. As I recall, he came to Oregon from North Dakota. A favorite throughout Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the northern U.S., this tune is part of a large and varied family of tunes, most of which were titled "Paddy on the Turnpike." "Handcar" in the title of this one pretty clearly connects this version to the U.S. and the Irish immigrants working on the railroad.



Linda Danielson

~ Linda Danielson

Paddy on the Handcar

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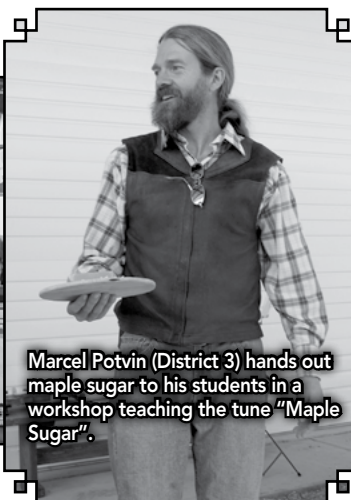
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Central Oregon Country Music Gathering in Prineville



The gathering begins!



Marcel Potvin (District 3) hands out maple sugar to his students in a workshop teaching the tune "Maple Sugar".



Terry McLain, LeRoy Newport, Larry McLain

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If you have ever attended our campout, you know that Larry Costa is the king of trophies, as he works all year gathering items to make his trophies, labeling them, and handing them out to honor various musicians. So I have dubbed him Mr. Trophy Man and decided he gets the trophy for the best slogan on his T shirt. This shirt, which sports a canoe and a few paddlers bears the words "Paddle Faster, I Hear Banjos". Of course this only has meaning because Larry plays the banjo. The question is: does one paddle faster to get closer or farther away?

With that lead-in I want you to know that our Winchester Bay campout this year was, as always, wonderful. Gayle Triplett, our vice chair, and a member for only a year executed a tremendous amount of responsibility with grace, dignity and quick decision making. Lots of effort is made by many when an event of this magnitude is successful. Thursday evening, about 60 members enjoyed taco bar, salads, and ice cream sundaes. Ruth Weyer, Colleen Hodges, Sharon Gallagher headed up the kitchen duty. Others decorated the hall in the nautical theme. Pat Casey prepared hot dogs Friday and Saturday for lunch. Cookies, cinnamon rolls, nut breads and coffee were available throughout the days.

The ages of the musicians ranged from Bob Huffman 96 to Tyler Eichkoff 8 1/2. With those two playing, we are in good hands. Luke VerHagen presented a workshop on "getting to know your fret board". Phyllis Coffin organized a sing-along. A group of senior citizens from Evergreen Court, a local retirement center, came in the middle of the day to hear music. The musicians close by rallied quickly to give them more than an hours worth of entertainment. Pat Fraser organized a group from varying

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It warmed my heart during the first week of school when I asked my elementary music students which instrument they would want to play, given a choice. Many yelled, "Fiddle!" (Others said acoustic guitar.)

The student body was exposed to the joys of making music and sharing it with their families and friends during a four-day instructional workshop at Territorial Elementary School in Junction City, after a Lane County Arts Council grant funded Kelly Thibodeaux as an artist-in-residence last year. Kelly says, "All I'm doing is opening the door wide so they can experience the joy of creativity." Immediate sound success is the aim. After students acquire basic bowing rhythms, they're hooked and having fun.

October Events

5	gig	Myrtle Point Care Center, Myrtle Point	3 - 4 p.m.
12	gig	Baycrest, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
12	gig	Evergreen Court, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.
15	meeting/gig/jam	Winchester Bay, 11a.m.-noon (meeting finger food), 1 - 3 p.m. on stage, 3 - 4 p.m. circle jam	
19	gig	Pacific View, Bandon	2 - 3 p.m.
26	gig	Memory Care, Coos Bay	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
26	gig	Avamere, Coos Bay	3 - 4 p.m.

districts to play at Winchester Bay R. V. resort. Chuck Roehrich, a product of this years fiddle camp, who had been playing stand-up bass for 3 weeks performed in front of a large crowd. Judy McGarvey and Katherine Allen encouraged the audience to stand up and do the chicken dance! Sally Glines, one of our younger musicians and John McCrea performed together. The winners of the Friday night themed contest were Linda Sweatt for best song, Judy McGarvey for best costume, and the funniest song award was captured by Rachel and Tyler Eickhoff

On Sept 10th we had two events! Some joined musicians in Gold Beach as they played for the "Brew and Arts Festival" which was held at the fairgrounds and featured a wide variety of events. They played for an appreciative audience under a blue sky with lots of sunshine. This was our first invitation to this fund raising event for the local school's art and music programs. We were pleased to be a part of this important fund-raiser. The sponsors even made a generous donation to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers!

We also played at the Dora Corn Feed, which is an annual event. Mapril and Grant Combs, residents of Dora and members of our district, provide the corn from their garden, for this wonderful yearly get-together. It comes with a tremendous pot luck, a pie contest, and lot of visiting. Ten members from District 5 attended the Corn Feed, five of whom played music after dinner. There were also some regular "groupies" who try to hear us play whenever possible. Since the local corn wasn't ripe in time this year, Ruth Weyer and Mapril Combs made the trip to Roseburg to buy it.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

October Events

1	Intermediate Fiddle Class with Ila Mae,	1 - 4 p.m.	River Rd. Annex
3	Basic Fiddle Class with Ila Mae,	1 - 4 p.m.	Bethesda Lutheran Church
6	jam	Old-world Deli	downtown Corvallis
7	performance jam	Eugene Hotel	7 p.m. - 9-ish
8	quarterly business meeting, potluck & jam,	Central Grange,	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
14	jam	Elmira Grange	7 p.m. - 9-ish
21	jam, YaPoAh Terrace (non-OOTFA, but come enjoy the enthusiastic audience)	7 - 9 p.m.	
28	jam	Willakenzie Grange,	7 p.m. - 9-ish

Kelly strives to teach them how to make a pleasing sound and reliable rhythm, introducing them to basic Cajun two-step and waltz tunes.

Students shared that Kelly was always really helpful and that they especially liked inventing their own stories and song and performing them in a recital with Kelly accompanying on guitar. The experience has students and their parents seeking teachers and mentors who will expand on their child's introduction to fiddling. Kelly, of Oakridge, specializes in Cajun-style, which can be quickly accessible to youngsters. He has a careful of child-sized fiddles, most of which he has acquired through online shopping.

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He receives few from donations. Many have been customized with special colors and artistic designs, which kids across the state love.

Kelly has also participated in West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops. His Cajun workshops are always a big hit and garner rave reviews from players of all ages. Next year's camp is already on the books for July 17-20, 2017. Y'all come! Once students savor the glow of musical success and the joys of sharing with others, they want more. And, of course, OOTFA welcomes players of all ages and skill levels to join in the rewards of jamming and performing.

And speaking of jamming and performing, as we migrate back home from vacations, festivals and campouts, we return to the monthly rhythms of our District 6 Calendar. Pay special attention to the new jam that starts this month at Old-world Deli in downtown Corvallis on the 6th. Check it out and see when you can take part:

"The fiddle is magic because it makes people MOVE."
Kelly Thibodeaux

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

District 7 (Portland, Northern Coast Area)

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Greetings to everyone! I hope that you enjoyed our lovely September weather and now look forward to a cool October. District 7 fiddlers had five different events to attend in September and most were well attended. Roger Germundson really enjoyed the Central Oregon Music Gathering at Prineville and said there were about 100 people who attended but that he was the only District 7 member there. He said it was a wonderful occasion with an outstanding facility. There were excellent workshops, jams every afternoon, and a great dance with 6 band sets. He hopes that more members from District 7 attend next year because it was such a lovely experience. Marcella Easley enjoyed attending the Marjorie

October Events

9 jam Harding Grange, Estacada, OR, 12 - 3 p.m., sign-up playing 1 - 3 p.m.
30 jam NW Jam, 600 NE 8th St. Gresham OR, Doors open at 11. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Steward Community Center event and was happy to see some new players there. We look forward to meeting there again next year and continuing to play for the folks in Sherwood.

The October event at Estacada Library is still cancelled unless a different venue can be found. (We will meet in November and December.) If we find a place to meet it will be on October 16th and you will receive an email about where to go.

Have a wonderful fall and keep on fiddlin'

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

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Fall seems to have arrived. I'm not alone in wondering how summer went so fast. Could it be age? Nah!

Aumsville's annual Corn Festival brought out a great group of musicians. The stage was packed with 26 musicians, but we managed just fine. Glad to have Starr McMullen join us from Corvallis, and Judy McGarvey and Judy Lyons both from District 4 made the trip north to join us too. Fred Davis from District 7 also came to play back-up guitar. Of course our own district turned out in force. Thanks so much, all of you! We followed a group of young string players who are learning fiddle tunes as well as classical. A talented young cellist stayed on and played with us. He was very welcome and is interested in playing with us again. We each were given a nice cloth tote bag filled with corn. Thanks Jim Wallace for arranging the gig.

The meeting and campout at Prineville was a fun filled long weekend from beginning to end. Those attending from District 8 were: Dick and Pat Dery, Karen and Steve Johnson, Gayle Clarity, Jim Wallace, Lew and Alice Holt. The District 3 folks made us all feel welcome. Lots of jamming and visiting kept us busy. Several members have posted photos on the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers facebook page. Thanks, it's fun to re-experience bits of the weekend through the photos.

October Events

15 gig United Methodist Church, Falls City 1 - 3 p.m.
29 gig Fairgrounds, Rickreall playing begins at 3:30 p.m.

On October 1st, some of us "old timers" will be attending Cohleen Finley's 99th birthday party in Beaverton. Her husband, Cactus, played guitar and sang with District 7 for many years.

We are invited to play at the United Methodist Church in Falls City on Saturday, October 15th. We've done this for several years and always enjoy it. The church members have a potluck at noon which we are invited to join. Playing time is 1 -3 p.m. The church is on the main street through town--a white building with a bell tower.

October 29th young fiddlers will be playing for the Polk County Folklife program at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall starting 3:30. More information to follow. Adult members are encouraged to attend to support our young people.

Something to think about with upcoming elections: the difference between a conviction and a prejudice is that you can explain a conviction without getting angry. ---Butler

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter

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Hooray! Our Sunday Potluck and Jam of the fall season will start October 16th at 1 p.m. The music jam will start at 2 p.m. and we will play until 4 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

The Central Oregon Country Music Gathering was attended by Karin, Irwin and Randy Gibson, Joan Suther and Janet Brayman. They had a great time. The John Day folks, Ron Phillips and Karl Stinnett played as well. Joan said that 20 people came to her Vocal Workshop and that it was well received. She said when she dressed up like John Denver, everyone guessed right away who she was impersonating.

District 10 (Roseburg, Canyonville, Sutherlin Area)

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Our fourth Saturday Sutherlin jam on Sept 24 had a good turnout, plenty of refreshments, and we celebrated Clare Eaton's birthday and Louie and Fran Roy's 70th anniversary! Several of us attended the Prineville Country Music Jamboree at the Crook County Fairgrounds. There was a lot of good music and smooth dancing.

Our September jam was preceded by members meeting. Key decisions will be reported in the next Hoedowner.

On Sept 17, Oakland, Or. turned back the hands of time back to the 1800's. We dressed in vintage clothes or hats and performed for an hour. On September 18, we were the closing act for two hours at the Winston-Dillard Melon Festival. Between our two sets was a frozen T-shirt contest. Six teenage kids were given a frozen block of ice containing a T-shirt. The first to thaw out their shirt and put it on won \$25.

The other day, someone asked me about the music we play, and why we play it. We should all reflect on that and come up with our own answer. Ever since my teens, I've simply liked the way it sounds. I like its energy and enthusiasm. I'm still discovering new gems in the enduring, timeless treasure trove of traditional music. Songs that really send chills up my spine are authentic and come from the backwoods.

The OOTFA Board of Directors and District 10 invite you to put this January 2017 date on your calendar for the **January State Jam/Board Meeting**. Specifics will be forthcoming. **Saturday January 14th in Glide, Oregon.** Glide is 17 miles east of Roseburg from I-5 on US 138. Jamming will be available for the early birds on Friday evening, the 13th. The new venue is combined all in one area. Camping and Lodging is available. Questions? Call Sharon Thompson 541 430 5898.

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter

October Events

7	jam	Friday Night Jam	
14	gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
16	Sunday potluck & jam	Senior Center, Burns	1 - 4 p.m.
17	gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.

We would like to send our condolences to the McClain family of Lakeview in the loss of Douglas McClain.

Be certain to call one of the officers for the home or facility that the jams are to be held in. They always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular musicians.

Happy Columbus Day! Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

October Events

12	gig	Rosehaven (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
17	gig	Callahan Court (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
22	jam	Monthly Jam (4th Sat)	12 - 3 p.m.
24	gig	Callahan Village (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.

November Events

3	gig	Bridgewood Rivers	1:30 p.m.
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Besides our fiddle tunes, I hear ballads, gospel, folk, classic country, Celtic, western and bluegrass at our jams. Thus, it's a very plentiful and diverse heritage with a lot of history. Some of us were raised on it. We enjoy it as a fun, unplugged experience with friends. I'm also a little nostalgic, and the music brings back good memories of the past. It builds a bridge from then to now. Challenge yourself to find some new discoveries of your own in that bottomless well.

Joyce Kuether is out of the rehab facility and still recovering from her August heart attack. She, Jim and her family thank you for your prayers and thoughts.

In October, we celebrate birthdays for Don Hamlin (Oct 10), Jerry Hash (Oct 16), Sandy Harter (Oct 17) and George Breeze (Oct 25). Happy Birthday!

Let's pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



Guy Kinman (District 10) with his 99th Birthday cake!



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January State Jam/ Board Meeting

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July 17-20, 2017

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A MESSAGE FROM PATTI LUSE, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As we enter the last quarter of 2016, here is a "State of Membership" report given at the State Meeting in Prineville in September. The overall membership numbers show about a 9% decrease over 2015. Of the 10 Districts, only 4 had an increase in the number of households in their District.

So NOW is the time to Register for 2017 and to encourage former members whose registration has lapsed AND new members to join for 2017 and help us stop the downward trend. We know what fun we have making music for ourselves and others. Hand or mail your dues to your District Membership Chair (contact information is listed in the District Report in this publication.) The Dues remain the same as last year so for the **2017 Annual Household Membership** which runs from January 1 - December 31:

- \$20.00 - You will receive "The Hoedowner" directly from the printer in a PDF format.
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