

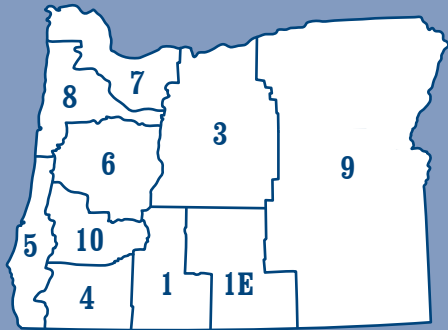
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## From Your President

The lazy days of summer are upon us. We have waited patiently for the winter rain and snow to abate and warmer weather to take over. And it's just around the corner. Hopefully, we will tune up our rigs if needed, and get out there to do some pickin' and grinning! Lots of people need our music and joyous, melodious notes to bring back those memories of tunes from yesteryear. Why not start by coming out to one of OOTFA's four quarterly campouts? Silver Lake this year was a riot, and Burns is going to be wonderful too. It is also our Quarterly Board Meeting. Check the state calendar in the Hoedowner for specific dates and events. By the way, if you have any questions or concerns about anything related to our music or the organization, contact you're district chair or any of our state officers, and we will be glad to get you answers. A big **THANK YOU** to all who made this year's convention a great chance to play, meet new/old friends, learn new tunes, and hopefully relax a bit too. Also congrats to those who received recognition with awards for all their hard work and dedication in making OOTFA such a great organization. Looking forward to next month's activities.

Come join in the fun!

~ Jim

## New Members to Welcome!

Caleb, Melinda and Autumn Blaha  
Eleanor Cook  
Robert Downie  
Dave and Sandy Griffith  
Bill Keevil  
Rose Maness  
Harry and LeAnna Robins  
Maren and Emmanuel Schumacher  
Nicki VanNoort  
James & Lois Wyss

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Chiloquin  
Silver Lake  
Klamath Falls  
Brookings  
Tillamook



## Silver Lake Photos



Ruel Teague (District 9)



Les Tucker--train engineer (District 8)

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## From the Editor:

Music and good times filled the fire hall at Silver Lake with jams, contests, and hours of sharing tunes. Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to make it possible. It was a wonderful gathering of music lovers.

~ Karen

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## From the Editor Emeritus

In Estacada at one of our jams, out in the hall I introduced myself to a member I didn't know. I asked him how he heard about the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association. He told me that he played the guitar and had played for many years with his father who played the fiddle, but that his father had died 8 years ago. He went on to tell me that just a while back he walked into a senior center and heard that "old time fiddle music" "the kind that Dad used to play." He was so overwhelmed by it that he retreated to the "men's room" and wept. He knew that he had to become a part of it, and he joined so he could be around the music that reminded him so much of his father. A man crying doesn't sound like a happy story, but tears can be shed for many reasons. He thought of his father -- a great tribute for his father and his fiddle playing.

~ Lew

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### June Events

11	meeting/jam	Shasta Grange	12:15 - 3 p.m.
15	gig	Plum Ridge	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
15	gig	Pacifica/Brookdale	1 - 2 p.m.
21	gig	Bureau of Reclamation	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
22	gig	Quail Park (Bistro)	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
22	gig	Rogue River Place	1 - 2 p.m.

Practice on Saturdays 1- 4 p.m. at Luther Square. Check with Irene Ruddock for date and times 541-882-6418.

Greetings All from District One,

Well, June is here but where is summer? I'm writing my article on this windy, chilly night while wearing my warmest jacket! Brrrr. I sure wish the warmer weather would come and stay awhile; I'm tired of winter! From what I hear, Silver Lake was another one to remember, and even boasted one day of nice warm weather before that ole junky weather came back in again! District 1 was well represented with Irene Ruddock, Laura, Joyce, Edna Jenkins, Mike Foster, Dean Oliver, and Ms. Sheila Fry all making the trip out to the desert. Many fine fiddlers and back-up artists not only made the trip but shared some very fine fiddle music all around. My 92 year old grandpa, who lives a hop skip and a jump over in Fort Rock, had heard from a neighbor who came to listen to the music that it was "real fine". High praise indeed!! I also have it on authority that there were 9 new Teddy Bear pins earned this year...way to go Rookies! I hope to earn one someday too! In other District 1 news...we have a gig coming up on the 21st of June at

the Bureau of Reclamation. We will be set up in the parking lot, fingers crossed for warm weather but bring a jacket, hat, gloves, and umbrella just to be safe, Ha! With summer fast approaching, make sure to check out all the other upcoming events being scheduled all around our great state...there are many opportunities to meet and greet new folks and play fine tunes together. ☺

June Birthdays: Debra Eppers and Marie Kliewer.

June Anniversaries: Ben and Fran Coker, Allen and Helen Meyers, Del and Noranne Sparks, and Sherman and Jacque Taylor.

Let me know if I missed anyone!

~ Jenny Dreyer, District 1 Reporter

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### June Events

1	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
8	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
22	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.
24	gig	Friends of the Library Fundraiser	Alturas, CA
29	jam	Rosa Lee's house	5 p.m.

For those who weren't able to join us out at Silver Lake this year, my condolences. Oh my, did we have a good time! Old friends and new ones gathered to jam day and night. There were several people who stayed up until 3 a.m. to dance with the bear and walk away with the coveted little brown fella. Friday night I finally got my bear along with Janet Brayman, all 5 members of the Marchon family, and Rose Witnauer. The following night, Mike Witnauer earned his bear.

**Paula Sanders was presented with the Homer McLain Award** for her tireless work promoting old time fiddle music with the youth in her community. The Homer McLain Award recognizes

people who work behind the scenes and go about the business of supporting Old Time Fiddle Music without a lot of fanfare but who nevertheless contribute to perpetuating the music and the organization. Congratulations Paula!

Once again, the Friday night Hat Contest provided some wonderful entertainment with 3 winners and a couple contestants who received "honorable mentions." Rick Bergeron won with his "Wok'n the Dog" hat and well played song of the same title; Les Tucker with his performance of "Freight Train Blues" while dressed in his engineer outfit, and Janette Bondsteel and her twin Janet and grandson Garitt, with their pirate theme, all took

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## District 1E (continued from page 2)

home big box prizes. On Saturday night, Can Bands were drawn randomly and each group had to come up with a song and name for their group, figure out an arrangement in a matter of minutes, and then perform for the audience.

Once again **Sharilyn McLain** did a beautiful job organizing the food and running the kitchen with the help of several people. She also served as Master of Ceremonies during the nightly shows. Sharilyn starts preparing for this event well in advance, shopping for prizes, ordering supplies and then devoting an entire week to the baking of cookies, cupcakes, and anything else that can be prepared ahead of time, while making sure all the kitchen supplies necessary for grilling, cooking and perking are in good order. She manages to do this after putting in a full day's work at our local dentist's office and her efforts don't go unnoticed. Sharylin had some faithful and fabulous helpers this year; Jerry Light, Cambria Amacker, Mary Ann McLain, Edna Jenkins, Coleen Hodges, Sharon Thompson, Sheila Fry, Ruth Weyer, and Darleth Rodgers. Barrett Amacker and Lexie Bryant both helped out cooking hotdogs. On behalf of everyone who attended this year, I offer a huge "Thank You" to Sharylin and all of the kitchen helpers who made sure no one went hungry, that the food lines went smoothly, and everyone was satisfied. Thanks too, to all who went to the extra trouble of providing pot luck goodies for us to enjoy.

There were some notable absentees at this year's Silver Lake Campout and we all missed John Renfro's great guitar picking while catching up on the news with wife, Marlene; Evelyn Horner's wonderful fiddle playing and Larry Gallagher's tasteful guitar arrangements along with his wife, Sharon, and her beautiful singing. We hope John is feeling better soon and we hold out hope we'll see him at the Burns gathering this month. Sharon Gallagher has a brand new knee so we're keeping our

fingers crossed that Larry and Sharon will join us at the Country Jamboree, too. And, with luck, Evelyn will turn up to grace us with her well-crafted fiddle playing. Carolyn Marstall was among the MIAs this year and I understand she was fighting a bout with pneumonia so we send our good wishes for a speedy recovery to her. Cathy Frutchev was to undergo major surgery in May so we hold her in our thoughts and look forward to the day she can join us again. Sylvia Chapman cracked her kneecap up at Rickreall and was unable to come to Silver Lake this year. With luck, she'll make it to Burns. Sherm Taylor suffered a stroke prior to our gathering but is reportedly doing well now. And, last but not least, Phyllis Coffin was MIA this year because her husband has been in ill health. I mention these people because they are "regulars" to this gathering and wouldn't miss it under normal circumstances. We value their friendship and music and hope next year they will be able to bless us once again with their presence.

As a reminder, District 1E will not be hosting another "First Saturday Jam" until October. We will be playing in Alturas on June 24th for the annual fund raiser for Friends of the Library and usually play a slot from around noon until 2 or 3 p.m. "Rope for Hope," is on our gig schedule, July 15th, in Denio, NV, and we'll be playing "Take Back E Street," (aka: the Lakeview Car Show) on July 22nd. We welcome anyone who'd like to join us. Check with Terry McLain for more specific times and details if you're interested.

Hope to see you all at the Burns Country Jamboree in the middle of this month! 'Til then, keep on pickin', sawing strummin' and pluckin'!

~ Nancy Yialouris, District 1E Reporter

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Howdy from District 3,

We started out today with Brad Gray leading "God Bless America" and had a good turnout for our Mother's Day Jam/Dance and Potluck despite the weather. In Central Oregon we often get several warm, sunny days and then...back to fall with clouds and rain. The Mother's Day potluck was delicious. Thanks to Vivian for her excellent ham and to all who brought side dishes and desserts. We hosted about 50 guests and 20 musicians. At our June 11 jam/dance we will be voting on officers for the 2017-2018 board positions, please get your nominations in to Jeanette Bondsteel no later than June 1. It is very important that all district members attend the June meeting to vote. Our new sound equipment is here; we are working on getting it set properly. Dancers, guests and musicians all enjoyed the music. Thanks again to OOTFA for helping us.

Quite a few of us are planning on attending the High Desert Fiddlers Jamboree in Burns this month. It's always a good time and nice to see and play music with the Burns district.

### June Events

11	2nd Sunday jam/dance	Powell Butte CC	1 - 3:30 p.m.
11	Musicians jam/workshops	Powell Butte CC	4 - 5:30 p.m.

Our Prineville event, **Central Oregon Country Music Gathering** will be here before we know it. It is an OOTFA state board meeting as well as a membership meeting. The dates are **September 7-9**, and will be again at the Crook Co Fairgrounds.

See you next month!

~ Kim Martin and Pat Borden District 3 Reporters



Garitt & Jeannette Bondsteel (District 3) and Janice Railton as pirates

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Spring has been very fickle here in our valley. First she tantalized us with sun and 80 degrees, then she turned her back to us and let winter blow back in for an encore of cold, rain and snow for our mountains. The day of our jam we braved the gray skies and chilly winds to perform for 3 hours at the Heritage Days in Eagle Point. Our performance was a donation to help raise money to rebuild the old Butte Creek Mill. We had an excellent turnout of musicians who were almost all troopers to the last tune, and we were so happy to have Colleen Hanks (District 10) join our fun.



District 4 performs Oregon Trail program at Central Point school

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OOTFA members from Districts 4 and 10 attended our event that took place in Brookings the weekend of April 21-22. The atmosphere was welcoming, fun and relaxing. A lot of jamming took place on Friday and there were plenty of goodies to munch on. Thank you Pat Foht for your effort to make the Friday music time very enjoyable. The members of the Chetco Grange were celebrating the 150th anniversary of American granges, and we appreciate them for making a free lunch available to the musicians. A raffle, which always adds a spark of excitement, was part of Saturday's festivities. Many people helped plan, set up and take down equipment as well as tidy up after the music faded. Two young ones stole the show. Thanks to Sally and Silas for joining in and showing the world that old time music is not just for the old! Michael Marvis and Cheryl Simons provided sound equipment which ensured that the music played would be heard by our audiences. Smiles abounded at this event, a "win-win"--for the one who smiles and those who see it.

There was also a gig in Florence where 4 of our members played during the dinner hour at the Shorewood Retirement

### June Events

10 jam	McGee Bridge 100Years Celebration	11 - 1 p.m.
10 jam	Crater R.V. Park, Prospect, Or.	7 - 9 p.m.

The fourth grade classes at Jewett Elementary in Central Point have been studying the history of the Oregon Trail. Judy McGarvey has written a wonderful program about the songs from the Oregon Trail. and we have performed it for the libraries around our district. One of the teachers asked us to come to the school and present it for the students. It was so well received. At the end of the program we had 96 fourth graders and 3 teachers dancing the Virginia Reel. Twice we tried to end the session but they begged "one more time please!" even as their busses we lining up to take them home.

The latest update on Cathy Futchey's progress is that she did very well during her surgery and is still in Pennsylvania with Tom. She is back on a normal diet and is exercising daily by taking long walks. Sylvia Chapman also has had her shoulder surgery and the surgeon did find more damage than he had expected. She is recovering and receiving physical therapy at Royal Gardens in Grants Pass. We really need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our June monthly jam will be our performance at the 100th celebration of the McGee Bridge in the Applegate Valley, on June 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. This is a "bring your own lunch" day. Also that evening from 7-9 p.m. we will be playing at the Crater lake R.V Park in Prospect. Hope to see you there!

~ Judy Lyons, District 4 Reporter

### June Events

Before proceeding with news, I want you to know that since we are changing from playing at the care centers to performing at the state parks during the summer, the June schedule is not ready. Please watch for a memo at the end of May which will give you details of the June events for our district.

Center. This is a monthly event where the audience is very appreciative as they listen to traditional and old time music. So many great songs to enjoy!

Our yearly **Winchester Bay Campout**, which is always well attended from members and friends from around the state, will be held **August 17-20**. There are a few camp grounds, should you plan to bring an RV and also a couple of motels. Here are a few choices: Winchester Bay R. V. resort (541- 271-0287), Salmon Harbor Marina (541-271-3407), and Winchester Bay Inn, (541-271-4871). Thursday evening there will be a dinner provided for OOTFA members. We will have on-stage performances every evening and the music concludes with a gospel hour on Sunday morning. Each day there will be numerous groups jamming, providing multiple opportunities to hone your skills or learn from others. The air in this part of the state is cool and refreshing; we look forward to welcoming you. If you have any questions please contact one of our officers.

~ Susan Joubert, District 5 Reporter

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## Junior Fiddler: Lorelei Hein (District 7)



Lorelei Hein is 8 years old and lives in Sherwood, Oregon. She's a second grader at Edy Ridge Elementary. She began playing fiddle when she was 5 years old. She lived in Vancouver, WA at the time and took lessons there from Aaron Carter. Lorelei has one sister and two brothers, but none of the other kids have taken up the fiddle, yet. Lorelei is as passionate about ART, as she is

about MUSIC. She LOVES art and has already taken several classes to learn how to paint. She sees herself growing up to become an artist and a musician!

Her inspiration to pick up the fiddle was Lindsey Sterling, a hip-hop dancer and fiddler. Lorelei saw some of her YouTube videos and wanted to play the fiddle just like Lindsey.

Lorelei recently won the Small Fry Division at the Oregon State Fiddle Contest, and is representing our state at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho in June. She's thinking about playing: "49 Cats in a Rain Barrel", "Chancellor's Waltz", and "Dill Pickle Rag", but that decision is not final.

Lorelei can be seen playing on the web at: "Lorelei, Fiddle, YouTube".

## Tune of the Month for April 2017: Miss McLeod's Reel

### Miss McLeod's



## Fiddle Tips: Story of an Antique Manuscript by Pat Foht (District 5)

Pat Foht plays both the fiddle and the flute. She has a BA in Music from San Jose State University and studied viola as her minor. Pat's first instrument was the violin which she played in her school orchestra until the age of ten. Then she joined band playing the flute. Many of the fiddle tunes are also played regularly and performed by flutists as the range of the two instruments are very similar. She has now switched mostly to fiddle, but continues to play violin in the Curry Del-Norte Orchestra on the south coast.



Recently, I purchased (through a music antiquarian's bookshop) a hand-written book of fiddle tunes from the early days of Americana fiddling. Its origin is attributed to "Hagar, and Co. 1819", but that is the watermark for the manuscript paper. Someone took great care to handwrite out these little gems and I have to be very careful with its fragile state. It is all handwritten in sepia tone ink. The top of the book was gone, but the book still had much to offer so I bought it regardless of condition. It contains 149 songs of Scottish, Irish, and English tunes for violin, bagpipes, Flageolet, or fife. James Temple and John Rutherford are thought to be the scribes because these names are written inside in pencil.



In my research of the fiddle tunes inside my little book, I happened to see this great one: "Miss McLeod's Reel". The tune loops and continues in the AABB style but is adjusted as the caller wishes to extend the dance. Most versions played in America end on the tonic (the note that represents the "key" of the scale), but the versions from the Isles often end on the second of the scale to allow it to loop endlessly.

My research into "Miss McLeod" takes it across into the Irish tunes from the 1740's. It has numerous names and variations as these tunes were passed orally before everyone had access to printed music. I have found it also in Fraser's Book of Tunes from Scotland and numerous modern day fiddle tune books. Often called "The Virginia Reel", the apparent first version to be PRINTED was in "Gow's Strathspey Reels of 1809".

The reel is played fast as an accompaniment to square dances and is called out by a caller. It is usually found in the key of A or G. This little tune made its way to Upstate New York and was said to be a common song played by Henry Ford's champion fiddler, Mellie Dunham from Maine. In the 1930's, dancing was a popular form of recreation and socializing throughout rural America, and the popularity of the dance tradition probably kept many fiddle tunes alive.

You can hear many versions of this lively fiddle tune in the website: The Session.



Larry & Rosa Lee McLain jam with cousin, Janis Rodrick

### Silver Lake Photos



Michelle and Alexandra Marchon (District 6) harmonize while swinging!



Ed, Rick, and Joyce Bergeron, Donna and Dick Foreman (District 7) at the new Silver Lake Cafe and Bar



Jerome Marchon (District 6) backs up jammers on his bass



Sharilyn McLain presents the Homer McLain award to Paula Sanders (District 6)

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### June Events

1	jam	Old-world Deli, Corvallis	7 - 9-ish p.m.
2	jam	OOTFA Eugene Hotel	7 - 9 p.m.
3	Intermediate Fiddle Class	River Rd. Annex	1 - 4 p.m.
5	Basic Fiddle Class	Bethesda Lutheran	1 - 4 p.m.
9	jam	Elmira Grange	7 - 9-ish p.m.
10	jam	OOTFA Central Grange	11-3 p.m.
16	jam	YaPoAh Terrace	7 - 9 p.m.
19-24		National Fiddle Contest at Weiser	
23		Willakenzie Grange Jam	7 - 9 p.m.

Wipers on. Wipers off. Sunglasses off. Sunglasses on. Such has been the merry month of May. With June looming, maybe we can enjoy drier days and outdoor play.

I hope that will be the case for an old-fashioned "barn-raising" at Junction City's Territorial Elementary on 5/23. The student body will ring the rafters of their newly-constructed covered play structure with songs and dances. Students will be singing and scootin' boots to tunes cranked out by Tenaya Cooley and her dad, Bruce, Evelyn Horner, Jesse Knudsen, Ernie Connelly, Allan Stults and Amy Burrow. Brandon Olszewski will call dances.



Zane and Phyllis Coffin celebrating their 65th Anniversary with OOTFA music.

At our monthly jam, we feted the 65th anniversary of Phyllis and Zane Coffin. Phyllis described their elopement and shared photos of their lives. It was wonderful to have their family there to see what honored members they are of District 6, and to hear Phyllis croon the song, "Dream".

We welcome back to Oregon Peg Price, whose roots are in Connecticut, but whose branches extend far and wide as she connects with fiddlers across the United States playing at fiddle camps, festivals and jams. She attended the Silver Lake Campout, will be in Burns, Weiser, and West Cascades Fiddle Camp. Take time to get acquainted with this fiddling ambassador.

**Speaking of West Cascades Fiddle Camp and Workshops**, this is District 6's seventh year of offering excellent instruction, joyful jamming and opportunities to network within the music community. We encourage players of all ages and experience levels to join us from **July 17 through the 20th**. Register on our website or contact Chairman Jerry Parks for details: fiddlecratcher67@gmail.com or call 541-905-2312.

Mark Carmickle is on the mend, so it's likely that Ila Mae will be able to teach Intermediate and Basic Fiddle Classes in June. Thanks to Shirley Nemke and Amy Burrow for covering for Ila Mae while she ensured Mark's care.

Happy birthday to Ken Luse, Lena Stubbs. Bob Strelow, John Steele and Linda Parks and congratulations to Lisa P. and Chuck Roerich on their anniversary!

~ Amy Burrow, District 6 Reporter

## West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops July 17-20 in Westfir (near Oakridge)

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Full scholarships available for youth.  
Free dry camping on site, RVs with hookups nearby  
Motels available in Oakridge or Westfir.  
Food service available on site.

Register by July 30. Attendance is limited (we fill up).

**See more online at: [fiddlecamp.org](http://fiddlecamp.org)**

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Greetings from District 7.

We have a new venue this month at Marcella Easley's community center. It is across the street from her home and it sounds like a great place for us to jam together. Bring your favorite dish for a potluck at 1:30 p.m. After we eat we can play for a couple of hours or as long as we want. Invite your family and friends. Parking is available on the street.

A number of District 7 members attended the Silver Lake Campout this year. We had a lot of fun as usual. Once again there was a hat contest, the "Canned Band" concert, the teddy bear pin "late night", and all the jamming one could possibly want. The McLain family outdid themselves again. Something new this year was the opening of the Silver Lake Cafe and Bar.

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Please note that from May through August is sign-up time for applying for scholarship assistance. District 8 has funds to help. For more information, contact Marie Bailey at bambaily36@yahoo.com or 503-835-7185.

Long-time life member, Ruth Jones passed away at the age of 95. Her husband Lee, had played fiddle and guitar, and was editor of the Hoedowner for several years. Both Ruth and Lee were very active members of District 8. Lew and I attended the lovely service in Sheridan and had good visits with their son, Scott, and grandchildren, Kim and Lee.

Dick Dery spoke recently at a Lions Club meeting in Monmouth, telling them about OOTFA. Jim Wallace and Lew Holt joined Dick to play a few tunes for them. A large group of fiddlers played at the Ag Fest in Salem this year. We appreciated being on the large stage without the "percussion" of little hammers building birdhouses as has happened other years. We really appreciated having Amber Blaha, and 4 young Guptil kids play for the audience. They were Dylan, Felicia, Natalie, and Hayley.

The Salem area group played at Marian Estates, a senior living facility. We played from a balcony overlooking the dining room. Most of us stayed and enjoyed the shrimp special dinner. We earned \$75 for District 8.

Mission Mill is always a fun place to play. at the Sheep to Shawl event, you can see sheep shearing, spinning yarn, and knitting. Sheep to shawl, get it? Lots of other activities too. Our "rain stage" was just inside the main entrance. It was good to have to have River Clark and his younger brother, Julian. You don't have to be old to be an Old Time Fiddler.

### June Events

- 4 group jam Marcella's Community Center 15568 SE Colbalt Loop Damascus, OR 1 - 5 p.m.
- 9 gig Cherry Park Plaza, 1323 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale 3 - 4 p.m.
- 25 NW Jam 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham Doors open at 11a.m. Sign-up playing 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The owner, Maria Leckenby, came back to open this lovely and much needed cafe. She and her crew were swamped with customers on their opening day when we were there. If you have never been to the Silver Lake campout this is one more reason to attend next year.

We would like to extend our condolences to Bob Huffman and his family at the passing of his daughter, Bonnie Olson. She died during surgery in May and will be greatly missed.

We have a new member this month, Carolyn Cobera, who lives in Forest Grove and plays the fiddle. Welcome to OOTFA, Carolyn.

Enjoy the beginning of summer!

~ Elaine Schmidt, District 7 Reporter

### June Events

- 10 jam/picnic 364 SE Davis Ct., Dallas (see directions below) 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 20th was our second time playing at the American Legion in McMinnville. Thanks to Marie Bailey for making the arrangements.

Our **District 8 potluck picnic** will be at Lynn & Fred Hardin's home in Dallas on **Saturday, June 10th**. The address is: 364 SE Davis Ct., Dallas. Coming into Dallas from the east you will be on Ellendale. Here are the directions from Mapquest. From Ellendale, turn left onto SE Uglow St, in about 1/4 mile turn right onto SE Hankel St., take the 2nd left onto SE Davis St., take the 1st left onto SE Davis Court. It's a cul-de-sac. 364 SE Davis Court is on the left. Bring food for the potluck, your instruments, AND please bring a chair if possible. Jamming, visiting and dining will be enjoyed by all.

We have new members to our district. Craig Boekenoogan, Lisa and John Schachter, Diane Wilke, and Dennis Will, all of Salem. Bonnie, Eli and Joshua Garner of Independence. Glen and Heather Riba of McMinnville. Welcome to all!

Happy travels to those going to Burns for the Jamboree and Weiser for the National Old Time Fiddle Contest!

~ Alice Holt, District 8 Reporter



Colton, Julian, Jim Wallace, Ted Hunt, Truman Price, Alice Holt, Lew Holt, Darlene Bryant, Fred Hardin.



## District 9 (Burns - John Day Area)

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The music was fun in our May potluck and jam, and I received a recipe for rhubarb cake from Pauline Glick (her great-great grandmother's). We had 12 musicians--all whom you have met before--Don G., Joan, Randy G., Marianne, Robin, Larry, Billy, Chris, Ian, Gene, Janet and Don W.(who brought his harmonica this time). This was our last Sunday jam until October. We had Irwin and Karen Gibson's whole family contingent, dancing couples and kids. Can't say it was crowded, but it sure was great to have 4 couples on the floor. Long-time Burns residents Leo and Barbara Raymond came for the fun. I also met Dennis Jennerjohn, Jana Youngblood's son who has moved back to Burns, adding to the dancers.

The current slate of officers were unanimously re-elected. Thanks for serving.

Cliff Dawson, Ian's Grandpa, passed away, and we would like to offer our condolences to his wife Carol and Theresa and Ron, and

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

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We elected new officers on April 22. For that jam, we had several guests including Judy McGarvey and Judy Lyons (District 4) and Irene Ruddock (District 1). They added bounce to the jam. Prior to our May 27 jam, we had a nice get-together to honor Mae Rowan, Sandy Harter's mom.

District 10 needs a new Program Director to organize our small gig events. Sharon Thompson would like a break after doing it for many years. New chairperson Colleen Hanks says, "We'll pay you twice what we pay her." Sympathy cards were signed and sent to families in remembrance of Louis Roy and Mae Rowan. West Cascades Fiddle Camp on July 17-20 has added banjo to the program. More info is at fiddlecamp.org.

Jim Kuether reported on the State Membership meeting. He's forming a committee to plan next year's convention. Some changes need to be made, especially to the Friday night show. Give Jim your ideas for next year's convention. He and a few others from District 1 will be at the Burns High Desert Jamboree/State Board Meeting on June 15-18. Then, keep your fingers crossed for Jim as he competes in the Senior-Senior division at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser on June 19-24.

Joe Ross has found some red vests that patches can be sewn on, once we get them. Chip Cohen is offering to put on a fiddle workshop in Sutherlin. Let District 10 know if you have an

### June Events

2 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
9 gig	The Aspens	7 - 9 p.m.
15-17	Country Music Jamboree	Harney County Fairgrounds
19 gig	Ashley Manor	6 - 7 p.m.
23 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.
30 jam	Friday Jam	7 p.m.

Ian and all his loved ones. He will be missed.

COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE!!!!!!!!!!!! June 15- 17 is HERE!!!! We are looking forward to your visit. Youth Fiddle Workshop, Diddley Bow making workshop, Banjo, Fiddle, Bass and more, all here in Burns, Oregon. There are plenty of RV hook-ups (\$15) and dry camps (\$10). We have new cooks this year--Juniper Cookhouse. Early Birds are welcome. Check in at the Fairgrounds for the location of the early bird jams. See you soon!

Remember you can find the Friday jams by calling one of the officers, or getting an e-mail from Don Greenfield. We always welcome newcomers, card players, clappers and especially the regular and extraordinary musicians.

Musically Yours,

~ Marianne Andrews, District 9 Reporter

### June Events

14 gig	Rosehaven, Roseburg (2nd Wed)	10 a.m.
19 gig	Callahan Court, Roseburg (3rd Monday)	2:30 p.m.
24	meeting/jam Sutherlin Grange Hall (4th Sat)	11 a.m. meeting, 12 - 3 jam
26 gig	Callahan Village, Roseburg (4th Monday)	3:30 p.m.
29 gig	Garden Valley Retirement, Roseburg	2 - 3 p.m.
29 gig	Riverview Terrace, Roseburg	4 - 5 p.m.

interest. A sample of his music is here: <https://myspace.com/chipdrhorsehaircohen/music/songs>

Our featured district member this month is bass-player Gene Hodson who was born in Modesto, Ca. He then moved to the San Francisco Bay area where he lived most of his life. There he started the "Country Fever Band" with the same members for 25 years. Gene, and his sister Ann, moved to Sutherlin in August 2005. His bluegrass interest started with the Colliding Rivers Band in November 2005. Since 2010, he's played bass for Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band with OOTFA members Liz Crain, Francis Stephenson and Joe Ross. A few years ago, he also joined Mountain Creek String Band with OOTFA members Karen Pohl, Jim Kuether, and Bill Kline.



Gene Hodson (District 10)

Birthdays this month include Ann Hodson (June 15) and Sharon Thompson (June 23). Happy Birthday, Ann and Sharon!

Let's Pick!

~ Joe Ross, District 10 Reporter



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## State Calendar

June 15-17	Country Music Jamboree Campout	Burns (see District 9 report)
June 16	OOTFA Quarterly Board Meeting	Burns 2 p.m.
June 19-24	National Oldtime Fiddler's Contest	Weiser, ID
July 17-20	West Cascades Fiddle Camp & Workshops	Westfir (see District 6 report)
August 5	Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest	Corvallis
Aug 17-20	Winchester Bay Camp-out	(see District 5 report)
September 7-9	Central Oregon Country Music Gathering (The Bi-Annual OOTFA Membership Meeting will be held)	Prineville (see District 3 report)

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