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 CALENDAR (Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

June

2 Senior Center Cave Junction 4
 3 Memorial Hall Lakeview 1E
 3 Rec Hall Klamath Falls 1
 3 VFW Hall Redmond 3
 3 Crow Grange Crow 6
 3 Community Center Estacada 7
 8-9 Wallowa County Contest, Enterprise BMOTFA
 10 OSU Extension Bldg Klamath Falls 1
 10 Picnic at Colebank's 8
 14-16 High Dessert Fiddle Festival Burns
 16 State Quarterly Meeting Burns
 18-23 National Fiddle Contest Weiser, Idaho
 30 1000 Trails Pacific City 8

July

14 Smelt Fry Yachats 5
 19, 20, 21 Mt. Hood Campout OOTFA/7

Aug

4 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis
 4 Picnic Stewart State Park 4
 2-5 Diamond Lake Campout
 18 Oregon Trail Days Fiddle Contest LaGrande BMOTFA
 25 Contest Canyonville
 26 Warwick Campout Williams

Sep

1 Community Center Prospect 4
 13 - 15 1000 Trails Bend/LaPine

District 1

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June 3, Sunday jam - meeting and potluck, music playing afterward. Doors open at 12 noon. Villa West Rec Hall, 2241 Greensprings Dr., Klamath Falls. June 10, Sunday jam - OSU Extension Bldg, lower level. 1-4 PM. Bring finger foods please. Nursing homes: 4th Thursday - Clairmont at east end of Main St. K. Falls at 1 PM, then at 2:15 PM we play at Clairmont Retirement Home, one block above and behind the nursing home. We play for one hour at each place.

Hi Everyone - I have to say spring flowers and warm weather finally found its way to our south spot of the state. Along with lots of wind blowing dust so hard. Today is raining and that's the BEST news of all. We welcome rain, as NO irrigation water is allowed for any of us this season from our lakes. It seems the Sucker Fish have top priority.

Hopefully our ill members are all on the mend. Most cold and flu bugs are finally leaving us. Sandy says he's getting OK again and Lee Penry felt well enough after her back surgery, to come to our Jam awhile. About half of our members are gone to family reunions, weddings and soon to the State Contest. So our Mother's Day Jam was a little shy on musicians, but new people came to listen and all enjoyed a lively afternoon. In May a few members played twice at the fairgrounds for the Forest Service Packing Clinic and at the Community College for their Wild Bird Seminar, learning day. June is looking to be a busy time with jams, Burns and

Happy Birthday wishes go to Ernie Furrey (1st), Jean Standiford (2nd), and Daphne Settle (6th). Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes to Sandy and June Sandusky (1st), Dick and Jo Harris (16th), and Gary and Carolyn Rarden (24th).

Congratulations to Irene Ruddock for winning 6th place at the state contest.

Anyone traveling through this way - please stop and join either or both of our Jams, or just stop by and say Hi.

'Til next time, Keep the music ringing
Cherie Lane, District 1 reporter

District 1E

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June 3rd, 1 p.m. jam at the Memorial Hall. Bring finger food. June 2nd, Bill McLain will graduate from high school. Congratulations and best wishes for years to come.

May 5th the monthly jam was well attended. Plenty to eat and lots of good music. The Southern Lake County members attended the Sliver Lake Fire Hall Bar-BQ on May 12. All reported having a good time. Thanks to the following for coming from other districts to help play and sing -- Jim and Jan Lancaster and Lloyd Jenson from 1, Tom Hays, Vance Bonner, Maynard Thompson from 3 and Julia Milleson from 9. Also, thanks to all other members and friends that performed.

Best wishes and get better soon to Sandy Sandusky and Bob Elliott. I heard that they were down but not out. Keep on the uphill climb and back to playing music soon.

On May 19th OOTFA played at the Children's Fair in Alturas. I'll give you a report on how it was attended next month but I know all will enjoy themselves for they are enjoy playing and singing when and where they can. Some have stated they would rather plan that work but no work, no play.

May 14 was the monthly meeting at Indian Village. Several have been traveling this month. The group has played 3 times this month at the Long Term Care for the Elderly. June 11 is the next meeting at the Indian Village. Hope to see more of you there.

June 10 will be a work day on the trailer at Bill and Gloria Myers' home. Must keep the equipment under cover. it will be nice when done; so many hands make work lighter.

July 28th we will be at the Mosquito Festival at Asley. Plan to attend and be in the parade and play in the park.

It is raining at the time of this writing. Never know what it will be.

Keep up the good job Woody Webb for working with the group at the North end of the county. Sounds like this will be a busy summer.

I'll let you know more next month. Keep up the good work playing and having a good time. Bye bye for now.

Myrle Shepard District 1E reporter

District 2 I would liked to have listed the participants from District 2 but I am 24 hours late with the Hoedowner but at the end I have listed all of the contestants and their home towns so you would see the coverage across the state. Most of the District 2 people are both members of OOTFA and the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association. The greatest participation came from NE part of our state. I am impressed.

District 3

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Our show was held on 1st Sunday of May, and we had a good slate of musicians and listeners. Our chairman, Bob Ervin, and his wife Earlene made little flowers to be pinned on each lady for a Mother's Day remembrance.

New members Michael & Karen Doolan and son, Cody of Bend. Cody is a new fiddle player and fiddled for us. Keep up the good work.

We had visitors, Chris Lang of Woodburn, who fiddled. Karen Wiser of Corvallis sang.

It was good to have Bernice Hanson with us. She and her husband Don, were the ones who got district #3 off the ground and going, back in 1979.

Mark your calendar for June 3 when we'll be at the VFW Hall in Redmond.

Music is such an important part of our lives. "Without music, life is a journey through a desert. " Another bit of wisdom: "you don't get harmony when everybody sings the same notes. "

Lee Hanna, Reporter District #3

District 4

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Another great jam, and this time at Prospect Community Center. We had beautiful weather, and good attendance. There was a delicious cake to thank Gene for his good work as chairman for the last couple years. We'll miss you at the helm, Gene, but you are turning it over to good folks, so you can move on. Maybe we'll get to hear that great fiddling a little more! We have some scholarship money available. It was suggested that we could possibly bring in someone to do a workshop to help us learn whatever. . . We will discuss this at later meetings, so bring your suggestions. Visitors included Dale and Loita Colebank from Woodburn, Ken and Maxine Reeves from Modesto (visiting their dad), and Sandy Fossom from WA with Betty Johnson and Onita. New members who signed up at the jam are Carol Henderson, Richard and Evelyn Hardy, Lee Stevenson, Jim and Ida Hinks, Aeli Webb.

Mary Armstrong was very ill and in the hospital, but is now home, and says thanks all for the cards and prayers. Janet Spellman has also been ill, and we are hoping she's doing better. We miss you ladies!

Our next meeting in Cave Junction has no kitchen so bring picnic stuff and disposables that need no refrigeration or cooking. The Fiock's are getting ready to celebrate their 55th anniversary! Way to go, Norm and May!

We will be playing at Hanley Farms on July 7 & 8 (12-3 pm). Let Gene or Paul know if you are available for these dates.

We had a nice thank you note from Spring Point for grand opening in grand style, and from Oak Lane in GP for our playing there. Bob Dow has kept us busy organizing the playing in GP for grand openings of Spring Point and Spring Village.

When our sound system crashed at Phoenix Grange, it was repaired at no cost by Harvey's TV & VCR. Many thanx!

What a great time we had at the State Contest. Pat Manion came home with a nice ribbon for 7th place in the senior-senior division, and Judy McGarvey got a second place trophy for the senior division, and a 7th place ribbon (with Donna Foreman) for twin fiddle. Scott Phillips did a great job behind the scenes getting contestants and others on and off the stage in a timely manner. Good job and thanks, Scott. Scott loved it all, though -- said he had a prime spot "in the catbird seat".

We're all looking forward to seeing many of you good folks at Burns, Weiser, Diamond Lake, and many places in-between. Keep fiddlin! But be sure to mark your calendar for the following places and dates: June 2 Cave Junction Sr. Center. Cave Junction, Aug 4 Picnic, Stewart State Park, and Sep 1 Prospect Community Center.

And remember: Hearing is a gift: listening is an art. I wonder: If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?

Judy McGarvey, Reporter, District 4

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Sure will be sorry to see the month of May go. It has been so beautiful here on the coast with all the wild rhododendrons in bloom. June is creeping up on us however, so here is what's happening.

June 15th we play at Bullards Beach State Park. The jam is canceled on the 16th at Green Acres because the State quarterly meeting will be held on that date in Burns. If you have never gone to the Burns Jamboree, you are missing a great time. June 23rd, at 6:30 we play at NACO just South of Florence on South Jetty road. In July dates to keep in mind are Bullard Beach on the 27th and Ada Grange on the 28th. Also we have been asked to help district 8 play for the Yachats Smelt Fry on the 14th.

Anniversaries for June are Dan & Anne Hasley June 18th, Ken & Carol Hoston the 25th and Fred & Florence Grove the 30th. Congratulations to you all !

Happy Birthday to Jim Little June 3rd, Pat Kramer June 5th, Val Matthews the 7th, Shorty Dow the 7th, Rick Reaves the 10th, Johnny Davis the 11th, Norm Nash the 13th, Joan Daniels the 14th and Fred Grove the 25th. If you have a birthday and are not listed here, it is because we don't have that information....let us know.

Welcome to John and Julia (Judy) Johnson from Westlake our newest members. Also Mary Dobyms joined last month and did not get welcomed here. We are so glad you're part of our "family."

Marge Wilkinson and Anne Hasley both had some surgery recently and we are happy to report that they are both up (more than they should be) and around again.

We are glad that Cecil and Lucille are back from their trip; hope they had a good time and have lots of pictures to share.

Good luck to all the contestants at the Oregon State fiddle contest held at the time of this writing. Norm Nash was the only contestant from this district and he came in third place in the senior category. Congratulations Norm! Lew Holt and Starr McMullen work very hard on this contest and did a wonderful job again this year.

At this time, we are still having practice/jams at Siuslaw High School on Friday nights from 6:30 to 9:00. Call to be sure each week cuz folks will be vacationing etc. Also, after school is out, we may move to the Community Center, Laurelwood Hall on Maple Street.

Take care, Kathy Nash, reporter District 5

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The May jam was held at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon, as is done every six months. Attendance was light, however, although the quality of the music was excellent, given that some of our best musicians, such as Willie Carter and Dale Colebank (from District 8) were there. The next Moose jam will be on Sunday, December 2.

Turnout for the "Carriage Me Back" jam, held the same weekend in Brownsville, with jams on both Saturday and Sunday, was disappointing. Incoming chairman Alan Ede, Ruth and Cal Montgomery, Ruth and Andy Kennedy, and Harv Harvey, among others, made a valiant effort to put on a good show. Hopefully we can do better next year in both Lebanon and Brownsville

The June (Sunday, June 3) monthly jam will be held at the Crow Grange. It will be pot luck. There will be a meeting at 10 a.m. to mark the official transfer of authority to the incoming chairman, Alan Ede, and crew. If you need directions, give one of the officers a call.

We are still looking for someone to take care of the District Six sound system. There is some monetary compensation involved. Contact Chairman Mark if you have any questions or if you would take on this

Happy Birthday to: Bob Strelow 6/10 and John Steele 6/19. Anniversary congrats to: Floyd and Norma Frazier 6/13; and Clarence and Lorraine Larson 6/30 .

.Joe Moyle, reporter district 6

District 7

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Last "Monthly Jam" of the season: June 3 - Estacada Community Center. Stay tuned for the September Jam!

Our May Jam was at the Forest Grove Senior Center on a beautiful Sunday just like we wanted for our drive out to our most far-out jam (distance-wise). Yes, we've had so many beautiful days its almost impossible to count! The weather was also perfect for the Plow Horse Pull at Rock Creek Campus, the State Contest in Salem, and The Tile Flat event as well.

Upcoming: June 15th - Milwaukee Festival Daze playing will be in the downtown Milwaukie area. The streets will be blocked off, and as of today we are not sure how "talent" is being accommodated in that regard. Helen Hakanson, Ida Colby, the Arnolds, Germundsons and the Gates duo should have some idea about those issues in the next week. So call with questions by the first week in June.

June 16th -150th anniversary of St. John's Episcopalian Church - 12-2 p.m. downtown Milwaukie at 2036 SE Jefferson, streets blocked off for this event as well... stay tuned!

July 12 - Oxbow Park (an evening play date) Aug. 3 - Gladstone Chautauqua: a morning and afternoon a far as we know now. More about this gig in the next newsletter.

Our June 3rd jam is again in Estacada at the Senior Center at 200 Clubhouse Rd. Coming from 1-205, take 211 to Estacada. Go to the stoplight and turn right, then turn right at the next street. It's on the right side of street. The facility there is quite nice and the folks are very excited about us coming! It is the weekend of Portland's Rose Festival 'Starlight Parade' so the weather might be hot, cold, wet or dry, but more than likely a combo there of...

Late breaking news from District 7 and the State Contest: Donna Foreman again won 1st in the Sr Division, Papa Spain was 1st and Wayne Holmes 4th in a very strong Sr-Sr Division. Jeanine Orme of the Young Adult Division placed 2nd. In Adult Division, Eileen Witley 1st, Bob Heinith 3rd, Donna Reuter 4th, and Sandra Kuziemski 6th. In the Open Division, Gary Schuh placed 2nd, and Andy Emert 3rd. Marshal Baker placed 3rd, and Brandon McMahon 4th in Jr. Jr. Division. Daniel Forster placed 7th in Jr. Division. Travis Ezell placed 6th in Pee Wee Division. The young people's divisions were full of amazing talent! Hope all those families are committed to attending monthly jams in their areas as well as the contests as that is really where the perpetuation of "old time" music comes in!

A little bird who'd actually read the bylaws says that part of the role as winners (1st-3rd? 5th? whatever) are encouraged to attend as many jams during the year as possible to share their skills and no doubt encourage others to learn to play. (not a verbatim quote, but the gist of it, at least)

Oh yes, one other facet about this: even if you never intend to "ENTER" anything in your entire musical life... the stage jams on both Friday and Saturday are great fun. So-- as soon as we hear the date for the contest next spring, be sure to get it on your calendar and tell a few of your friends. Contestants and audience are both needed!!!!

The Portland area sure appreciates District 1 loaning Irene and Jerry Ruddock to us for much of the month of May! Pleasant folks who offered pleasant music to pleasant gigs;-)!

Your reporter, Pat Gates

District 8

Chairman: Dale Colebank 503-634-2747

Hello from District 8. Our April jam at Oak Grove Grange was a good one. We had a good turnout of musicians from our own district (including some of our new fiddlers) as well as visitors from north and south. Also a good sized audience who had a toe tapping good time.

A small group of us played a volunteer gig at Bethel School in east Salem for the school's 75th anniversary. Two of Bob & Marie Church's grandchildren attend there. It was fun to watch current and former students visit and share stories. Our music, by the 3 Appersons, 2 Holts, Lee Jones and Bob Church, was well received too.

May 5th was Lew's 50 anniversary of graduating from Western Oregon University (then Oregon College of Education). Chuck and Pat Gate are also grads, 1961 & 1962. The four of us played for the alumni luncheon. Again, a fun day with an appreciative audience.

May 11th was our day to play in the Capitol building. Thanks to Jerry & Irene Ruddock, dist. 1, Earl Knudsen, dist. 6, and a bunch of dist. 7 folks, as well our own district regulars. The audience there changes as people stop by on their way to meetings etc. It's a fun way to publicize the upcoming fiddle contest at Chemeketa.

May 12 a group of us gathered at the 1000 Trails campground near Pacific City and played for a very enthusiastic audience. I know of no other place to play that has the view of the ocean as the lodge at 1000 Trails. Now for more "frosting on the cake," we are invited back on June 30. So bring your RV, your fiddle, or guitar or mandolin or banjo or harmonica -- come help us out.

We are proud to be the host district for the Oregon State Fiddle Championships contest. Lew and Starr have been working hard to make it a good contest. There are a gazillion details to take care of. Many, many thanks to Lew and Starr, and also all the many workers who keep things running smoothly. And a big THANK YOU to all the individuals and the Districts who made generous monetary contributions. Results of the contest should be in this issue.

The BIG NEWS for June is our District 8 picnic. It will be Sunday June 10th. Dale and Loita Colebank are hosting the picnic at their log cabin in the country. It will be potluck, so bring food, eating ware and of course your instruments. Bring main dishes, salads and desserts. Maybe one large dish of one of these, or else two dishes. The district will furnish coffee. We hope to have visitors too, so y'all come!

Directions to Colebanks: Coming up or down I-5, take the Woodburn exit -- continue east crossing 99E on 211 towards Molalla. Go 3.7 miles to the blinking light, turn right onto Meridian, go 1.0 miles S. Elliott Prairie Rd, turn right .6 miles to the Colebanks. We hope to see you there -- and want to especially invite many of you from other districts.

It is nice to have Les and Peggy Tucker back up in Oregon with us again. We enjoyed Les's music and back up at the contest.

We were well represented at the contest this year. We're proud of our 1st place winners Zach Konowalchuk 1st in Jr Jr and Amy Thomas who won 1st in Young Adult and 1st in Twin Fiddle with Andy Shelton. Others from District 8 who entered were: Chris Lang, Dale Colebank, Alice Holt, Lew Holt and Levi, McKenzie and Alexa McFee. You can see how these folks placed in the total scores elsewhere in this issue.

There was a very nice write up in the Salem Statesman-Journal prior to the contest about the McFee children and their "fiddling inspiration" which came from their grandfather, Bunky McFee. The article brought many of our audience to the contest.

Alice Holt, Reporter, District 8

District 9

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February 4 Jam Senior Center Burns District 9

Howdy,

The lilacs are in bloom, the birds are singing and it's time for another Hoedowner report. Some of you may remember the great horned owls living in my yard a few years ago. I've since moved but the owls are still nesting in the milk crate in the poplar tree. This year 3 owlets have come out of the nest. They sure are cute!

The jams in John Day and Burns had great turnouts in May. It's such fun to jam with new people and

Julia Milleson attended the State Contest in Salem. She played in the jams and helped out at the ticket table. She was a good district 9 representative. Joy and Ken Halliwell made a surprise visit to Burns recently resulting in an impromptu jam session.

The group played in the parking lot of a local motel in May for a tour group in addition to the usual haunts of the Aspens and Ashley Manor. June dates are the 8th for the Aspens and the 18th for Ashley Manor. The phone committee will let you know if anything changes.

Mark your calendars for the Lion's Club Fly-in June 2 at 7 am, Pioneer Day June 9 (tentative), a family gathering on June 23 (details forthcoming), and the Sentry Parking lot about July 4 (date approximate).

Don't miss the Country Music Jamboree June 14, 15, and 16. The Quarterly State Meeting will be held on Saturday morning during the Jamboree. If you've never had the opportunity to attend a state meeting, this is a good time. The district officer's are the official spokespersons at these meetings so if you have any issues or good tidings, pass them on the district chair.

Mark your calendars for: June 14, 15, 16 Country Music Jamboree Burns, June 17 Jam: Senior Center in John Day

Janet Braymen, Reporter

District 10

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Hello from District 10.

The May 12th meeting had a small attendance, probably due to it being Mother's Day weekend. Chairman Louis Roy was away, so Jo Barnes officiated. Jo announced that a much needed filing cabinet was donated to our district by Dorine Marcum. Her father was Jim Rose who was a member of OOTFA. We thank Dorine for donating this and it will be put to good use.

District 10 is looking forward to a number of public appearances this summer including Myrtle Creek, Drain, Scottsburg, Umpqua, Winston, and, of course, the Douglas County Fair. In addition we have numerous engagements to play at several care facilities in the Roseburg area. It was suggested and discussed in the meeting that we contact local radio stations, newspapers, and television to let the public know by way of community news announcements of the dates and places where we will be playing so that the public can come and enjoy the music.

Visitors attending our jam were Nancy Nugent and Johnny Davis from District 5. It was nice to see them along with Opal Rust and Whitie Kelm. Walt and Val Aulman visited us from Albany along with Earl Adams. Glad to see them also. We had two people come to the jam to join OOTFA. A big welcome to Jim and Charlotte Weaver from Myrtle Creek. Jim plays guitar and sings and Charlotte sings.

Our June birthdays include George Krohn (6th), Marie Gates (11th), Bob Hanson(12th), Dennis Allen (21st), Thelma Allen (25th). Happy Birthday to all! June Anniversaries include Ed and Billie Doolittle (2nd) and Dennis and Joyce Pickett (23rd). Happy Anniversary to you!

Jean Hanson has been the reporter for District 10 for many years, six or more I believe. She has decided to "retire" from this position and has passed the "notebook and pen" to Lavonne Knapp. We Jean for her dedication to District 10 and for doing such an excellent job for so long. Her work is greatly appreciated by all. Thanks a million, Jean.

June meeting is on June 2nd. We meet at 11:00, followed by a potluck and the jam starts at 1:00 at the Winston Community Building. Come and join us for a good time!

Reporter: Lavonne Knapp, District 10

Sally Sez: Hi folks.. It's another beautiful day in the neighborhood. What a terrific week-end. Ken and I made it up to Salem for the contest and what a contest that was. A TERRIFIC JOB BY LEW AND STARR and all the crew who worked so faithfully. I am sure that Lew, Starr and Irene appreciate all of you and your help as much as I do. That's what it takes. GREAT VOLUNTEERS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR

them do terrific, (I'm inclined to burn my fiddle now. Try as I might, I think it will be another 20 years before I can play like those folks). And those little ones....Peg Willis does a terrific job of teaching these kids and I commend them greatly for getting them down here to play in the contest. That's a long way from Pendleton; you all deserve a big PAT ON THE BACK. And what about those Judges? Talk about terrific players. Well maybe someday (in my dreams). Thanks again to all of them.

And Tony Ludiker. What can I say about Tony. A man of many great talents and one being -- keeping the contestants in suspense about who has taken first place. Thanks for your great job of emceeing. Can't forget nearly the most important person of all who keeps us all sounding GREAT; Ken Cartwright....THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU KEN. You did make us sound so good...Kudos many times over Ken. (Ken plays a mean mandolin too). And, if you ever get to Salem you certainly should try to eat at the Blue Moon Café. Can't say enough about Brian and the crew that kept us all fed and happy. Very good food and great service, happy and fast.

Well, I can't say another word about the contest, except if you missed it you really missed it. It was a dandy. Hope to see all of you there next year.. Well don't forget to buy a tape from Ace and you will have it preserved in your home way into the future. Take care folks and keep fiddlin. My goal is to learn a new tune; I have added inspiration; Keep smilin', what a wonderful way to get wrinkles....Sally

From the editor:

June 8-9 – 32nd Annual Willowa County Old Time Fiddlers Contest, Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise.
Contact Charles Trump, 541-886-7885, or e-mail, chastrump@yahoo.com, or check us out at
www.fiddlerscontest.org.

Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider and others have made a very fine CD of old time fiddle music. The proceeds are being dedicated to Pat Gates from District 7 who is experiencing cancer and the battle that goes to beat it. For this reason all profits from the sale of this CD will be shared equally between the American Cancer Society and OOTFA. You are encouraged to buy one (or more) for the fine music and to bolster the causes for which the sales serve. If you want an audio cassette tape, they are available, too. If the CDs or audio tapes aren't available in your district, you may order directly from Lew -- \$15 plus \$2.00 for postage. The audio tapes are \$10 plus \$2.00. I know you will enjoy the music as well as your purchase will serve a good cause.

High Desert Jamboree Burns – June 14 - 16
State Quarterly Meeting - June 16 Burns
Weiser – the third full week in June – June 18 - 23
Mt. Hood Campout - July 19 – 22
Willamette Valley Contest – Aug. 4 Corvallis
Diamond Lake Campout –Aug. 2 - 5
August 25 Canyonville Contest
Warwick Campout Aug 26 -- through Labor Day
1000 Trails – Sep. 15 - 17

Ace made excellent videos of the Thursday night and Friday night shows at the convention. He is offering copies of each one @ \$15 which includes postage. Ace has sent OOTFA Fiddle Jam videos to all the colleges in Oregon, all the secondary schools and to most city libraries. From your purchases last month, Ace has been able to send out a "whole stack" of videos to elementary schools. Contact Ace for more information.

Ace Wehus Thursday night video -- \$15.00
1024 S. Elm Court Friday night video -- \$15.00
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Update on videos. Ace has a video of most of the Friday afternoon show at the contest. Then he started again at 8:00 Saturday morning and quit about 10:00 that night -- videoing every bit of the contest on Saturday. Please contact Ace if you would like to buy a video. Remember -- each video you buy -- sends two videos to elementary schools in Oregon.

May 6, 2001

Dear Honorable Editor,

Let me express my appreciation for the wonderful hospitality extended to me by you and Alice, Linda Easley, and other OOTFA members during my recent visit to Portland to visit my father, Charles Marshall. Linda was exceptionally generous in visiting Dad and in organizing the memorable jam session at his rest home in Portland. Ace's video will allow me to always remember each of you at the jam session.

My visit reminded me of the many historic connections between Missouri and Oregon, and I thoroughly enjoyed having a chance to play a few fiddle tunes with you all. Margot and I are very impressed by the high degree of organization and professionalism so evident in your state fiddlers association. The quality of the OOTFA far outstrips any state association we are aware of. Keep up the good work.

Thanks again and best regards,
Howard (Rusty) Marshall

NEW MEMBERS FOR JUNE HOEDOWNER

Balmer, William & Jo (8)
Barlow, Doug /Cheryl Hillsboro (7)
Bell Allen / Julie Lakeview (1E)
Cater, Scott /Kathryn Woodburn (8)
Christiansen, Otto /LaDonna Silverton (8)
Doolan, Michael / Karen Bend (3)
Holland Doug / Kelly Heppner (2)
Johnson, John / Julia Westlake (5)
Lang, Fred & Marg (6)
Maley, Jordan / Mary Condon (2)
Snyder, Richard / Gail Cottage Grove (6)
Sparkowich, Steve & Crystal (8)
And others who signed up at the contest.

Clawhammer Banjo Workshops & 1 on 1 coaching at Stevenson and Toledo Bluegrass Festivals, Fri/ Sat 7-27 & 8-10-01. Questions call George 503-257-6795

REPORTERS: June is the month that complicates things. Alice and I will probably be leaving for Burns on June 13th. So I need your news by the 11th of June, please and thank you. I will, also, need your new officers.

If you missed getting one of Andy Shelton's CD's, "Fiddle Tracks", at the Oregon State Fiddle Contest, or weren't able to go and would still like one, you can mail \$16.50 (includes postage) to Andy Shelton at 3498 NW Deer Run St., Corvallis, OR. 97330. Andy is the Oregon State Jr. Champion for the 2nd year in a row. He has a great variety of Fiddle tunes on his CD you won't want to miss, recorded at Chris Booher's recording Studio. (Editor's note: He has a wonderful selection of tunes.)

I learned years ago that it is dangerous to make out a "thank you" list because I will invariably forget somebody and be in the dog house. But I must try.

There are many secret workers that aren't "out front" that make a contest run smoothly. Sally has mentioned some of them -- so, I'll not write of them but you probably didn't know that Howard and Lois Gabel sat in the judges' room Friday evening and all day Saturday and late into the evening timing each contestant. The Gabels have done this job for many years. And where they after the contest Saturday night, yep, they were in the gym folding chairs and putting things away. There were many others folding chairs, too, but Another well kept secret is Starr's daughter, Erin. She was the one that got the right form, ran to the copy machine, posted them, and was on a run (literally) all day and until after the contest was over. I can not thank her enough. These "getting old" legs could never do what she does.

Then there are Loita Colebank and Joy Costello who spent hours in the registration room. Kathy Nash and her crew at the ticket table (the Lovgrens. Julia Milleson. Lee Jones. Charlotte Hardin. Ken and Sally. Jean

Riggins sat beside Ken at the sound table all Friday evening and all day Saturday and evening making audio tapes of the contest. Don O'Brien came down from Oregon City on Thursday so he could run the cable to the judges' room. He took it down late Saturday night. Don also furnished the display rack for the trophies and helped any place he could. Dick Derry, Chuck and Pat Gates, Rich Samsom and Scott Phillips found and got the contestants on stage on time. Another "secret worker" was Joe Hamm who tracked down every "accompanist" and kept a record of how many times each was on the stage. "And our winner was" Frank Moore!! Thanks to Frank and all of the other faithful back up.

It is a pleasure to be able to say "Ken, would you get a jam going at 1:00?" and then go about my business and to know that Ken Jordan would get the job done. Thanks Ken. Of course he sweeps floors and is handy in many other ways, too. Thanks to all who folded and stacked 500 chairs, swept the floor, put tables away, and put everything back in its place. Our goal was to have the building so then when people came to work Monday morning, they could never tell they we had been there. I think we did it. I want to thank the contestants for helping to keep the warm up room clean. We sure appreciated it late Saturday night.

I must mention Peg Willis. Through her effort our contest has taken on a whole new atmosphere. I can remember years ago when there would be maybe two in the Pee Wee division and that they might have trouble playing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." But Peg's kids and the other young fiddlers play amazingly well. Contestants literally came from all over Oregon to enter the contest. Would you believe that we had 15 teams or 30 people enter the Twin Fiddle Division!! As Willie Warwick said, "That is more contestants than we had in the whole contest years ago!" We all must compliment Jacie Penner for being our new "State Champion fiddler." Congratulations Jacie.

A couple of little stories. Pat Manion and Joan arrived home on Wednesday after a 3000 mile trip, reorganized on Thursday and came to the contest on Friday. Thanks Pat and Joan for your dedication. Eighty nine year old Earl Knudsen and Joy Costello contribute financially to our contest but they don't stop there. They both were there Thursday night to help set up chairs and then to very end Saturday night folding chairs and sweeping the floors.

I must thank all of you who were Thursday night to set up chairs, clean off the stage and other chores.

There were a total of 36 contestants in the Pee Wee, Jr. Jr. and Junior divisions. Something must be happening. And 34 who were 19 or older. That should add up to 69 contestants -- but there were, also, 2 young ladies who only entered the Twin fiddle division so that make 38 young people and a total of 72 contestants. "Wow," as Sally says. Nobody has thanked the many back up people. We could not have a contest with out them. I wish we had room for the biographies that Starr had in the program of the judges. You would be impressed.

Perhaps, "last but not least," Sally and Irene were scurrying like mad to get the checks made out after the final rounds so they could be handed to the winners. There is a lot going on "behind the curtain/scene" -- I hope I have called some of these great people to your attention.

Another Tapioca update -- Since the last Hoedowner report: \$138 American Cancer Society, \$138 OOTFA Contest Donation, and \$139 to Esther Snider to repay the cost for producing the CDs. (And there is money yet to be deposited from the contest.)

Country Music Jamboree, June 14, 15, 16, Harney County Fairgrounds, Burns, Oregon. RV Parking \$7 to \$10. Music, Food, Dancing, & fun, Fun, FUN! Workshops: fiddle, beginning guitar, hammered dulcimer -- 2 stages, Gospel Show, Dance Bands, Sign-up jams No admission.....we'll pass the hat! Information: Teague Motors 541-573-2863 or Janet 541-573-1323 or hammerin@OregonVOS.net

Myrtle Arnold, our membership chairman, wants to remind the district membership chairmen to start prorating the membership for the remainder of the year. July 1 \$7.50, Aug. 1 \$6.25, Sep. \$5.00, Oct. 1 \$3.75 and Nov. 1 \$2.50 plus \$15 2002. Dec. 1 \$1.25 plus \$15 for 2002.

Fred Young wants to thank those who sent cards to him after his recent surgery. Fred had been in the VA hospital for a week and at the time I received a note, he was in the VA Rehab Center in Roseburg. (Received it too late for last month's Hoedowner.) Fred is happy to report that he is feeling fine.

Oregon Trail Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest t will be held in LaGrande on Aug. 18. For more information and a pre-registration form. call the LaGrande/Union County Visitors Bureau 1-800-848-9969 or 963-8588. or

We have gone on a "CD overload" which is very good news. Our members have their music for us to enjoy and preserved for future generations. I personally have CDs for "Tapioca," "Swing Time," Howard Marshall's "Missouri Fiddling," and a sleeper in a CD that a newly discovered member and fiddler, Charlie Gibson, from the Woodburn area has out. In other words, "I have them for sale." A percentage of each sales goes to the OOTFA.

The cloth patches for the back of vests or jackets have arrived and are available for \$6.00. (\$7.00 by mail). District officers are invited to take home a supply when we meet at Burns for the state meeting.

Thanks to Papa Spain and "Mr. Anonymous" for the generous contributions to the contest.

Lew Holt, Editor

OOTFA Championship fiddle contest May 18, 19, 2001

Chemeketa CC Salem, Oregon

Pee Wee Division

- 1 Amanda Tullis Pendleton
- 2 Kodria Haddock Pilot Rock
- 3 Lauren Anne Harshman Pendleton
- 4 Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
- 5 Miya Saito-Beckman Bend
- 6 Travis Ezell Portland
- 7 Sarah Kendrick Heppner
- 8 Levi McFee Salem

Junior - Junior Division

- 1 Zach Konowalchuk Newport
- 2 Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
- 3 Marshall Baker Portland
- 4 Brandon McMahon Vernonia
- 5 Kara Clay lone
- 6 Kate Kendrick Heppner
- 7 Seth Morgan Heppner
- 8 Blaine Maley Condon
- 9 Eric Jepson Heppner
- 10 Brynna Rest Echo
- 11 Amanda Kobel Winston
- 12 Hillary Harshman Pendleton
- 13 Alex Carlson lone
- 14 Russell Pattee Condon
- 15 Travis Warwick Williams
- 16 MacKenzie McFee Salem

Junior Division

- 1 Andy Shelton Corvallis
- 2 Ariana Rosen Eugene
- 3 Amberly Rosen Eugene
- 4 Beth Youngblood LaGrande
- 5 Bern Youngblood LaGrande
- 6 Paul Briskey Monmouth
- 7 Daniel Forster Gaston
- 8 Morgan Miller Terrebonne
- 9 Teresa Plybon Winston
- 10 Aaron Standley LaGrande

Young Adult Division

- 1 Amy Thomas Salem
- 2 Jeanine Orme Beaverton
- 3 Lacey Kay Wilson Imbler

Adult Division

- 1 Eileen Witle West Linn
- 2 William Warwick Williams
- 3 Bob Heinith Portland
- 4 Donna Reuter Hood River
- 5 Peg Willis Pendleton
- 6 Sandra Kuziemski Estacada

Senior Division

- 1 Donna Foreman Estacada
- 2 Judy McGarvey Medford
- 3 Norm Nash Florence
- 4 Alice Holt Salem
- 5 Christine Lang Woodburn
- 6 Jerre Jackson Myrtle Creek

Sr- Sr Division

- 1 Papa Spain Portland
- 2 Willie Carter Lebanon
- 3 Chuck Hasty Roseburg
- 4 Wayne Holmes Portland
- 5 Dennis Pickett Winston
- 6 Irene Ruddock Klamath Falls
- 7 Pat Manion Medford
- 8 Dennis Allen Roseburg
- 9 Dale Colebank Woodburn
- 10 Lew Holt Salem
- 11 Earl Knudsen Dexter

Open Division

- 1 Jacie Penner Pendleton
- 2 Gary Schuh Portland
- 3 Andy Emert Portland
- 4 Starr McMullen Corvallis

Twin Fiddle Division

- 1 Andy Shelton Corvallis
- Amy Thomas Salem
- 2 Amberly Rosen Eugene
- Arianna Rosen Eugene
- 3 Bern Youngblood LaGrande
- Beth Youngblood LaGrande
- 4 Andy Emert Portland
- Starr McMullen Corvallis
- 5 Donna Reuter Hood River
- Gary Schuh Portland
- 6 Alexa McFee Salem
- Mesha Park Corvallis
- 7 Donna Foreman Estacada
- Judy McGarvey Medford
- 8 Jacie Penner Pendleton
- Seth Morgan Heppner
- 9 Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
- Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
- 10 Charlie Gibson Canby
- Charmin Wainscott Canby
- 11 Lauren Ann Harshman Pendleton
- Amanda Tullis Pendleton
- 12 Willie Carter Lebanon

Youngest Girl - Tatiana Hargreaves (6)

Youngest Boy - Levi McFee (7)

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Kate Kendrick Heppner

Myrtle Arnold Portland

Linda Easley Portland