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

Sep.

6 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 6 Methodist Church Falls City 8
 6 Elsie Stuhr Center Beaverton 7
 7 King City Town Hall King City 7
 7 Villa West Mobile Estates Klamath Falls 1
 11-13 Thousand Trails LaPine 3/state
 13 State quarterly meeting Thousand Trails
 13 Community Building Winston 10
 20-21 Covered Bridge Festival Stayton 8

Oct.

4 Fruitdale Grange Grants Pass 4
 4-5 Community Center Neskowin 8
 18 Community Building Manzaneta 7/8
 19 VFW Willamina 8
 19 Grange Crow 6

Nov.

1 Rogue River Community Center 4
 15 Senior Center McMinnville 8
 22 Grange Crow 6

Dec.

7 Moose Lebanon 6
 20 Senior Center McMinnville 8

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Feb.

7 Contest Gaston

District 1

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Howdy Everyone –

Our September schedule is looking pretty full (that's a good thing). There's the Farmer's Market (9th Street between Main and Klamath) on the 6th & 20th . Our regular monthly meeting at Villa West Mobile Estates will be on the 7th, and the Jam & Dance on the 14th at Shasta Grange. On the 16th, we're scheduled to play at the Baldwin Hotel (Main St. downtown) from 4 - 6pm. And on the 18th, we'll be at the Klamath Museum at 6:30 pm.

We lost another of our very dear friends in late July – Norm Fiock of Montague, CA. It was such a shock as we'd just enjoyed hearing him perform at our June meeting, and having him do another great barbecue for the July 4th campout. Our condolences to his family and fellow

fiddlers. The District 1 membership has agreed to send a donation to the Montague Fire Hall in Norm's honor.

At the August meeting, we also agreed to send a donation to Hospice in memory of Bud Hughes. And please keep Homer MacLain of Lakeview in your thoughts and prayers during his struggle with a brain tumor.

It's always hard to say goodbye to something we've been doing for well over 35 years – but the time has finally come to stop. At the August meeting, we agreed to discontinue our monthly sessions at the Clairmont Retirement Center!

One special vote that should help preserve the Old Time Fiddlers, was the agreement to sponsor teenager Anna Hampton. We will pay for her fiddle lessons with member Jon Blasius. Anna then has to attend all her lessons and show steady improvement. This way, we'll have a young person helping to bridge the generation gap!

The August Jam and Dance had many more dancers than musicians! We welcomed a guest, Steven Currie, who'd been in Klamath Falls for six months and finally found us that day! He plays guitar, grew up in Minnesota in a musical family, and really loves our type of music! Hot diggety – maybe another new member ??!

September Birthday song to: Grace Stork – 6th, Don Fitzgerald – 22nd, and Dick Harris on the 26th. Wedding Anniversaries are: Ray and Cherie Lane – 56 years on the 4th! Congrats you two.

On a personal note – I've been practicing my Bass, and the rumors indicate I'm not doing too bad. I certainly love it, and hope to be performing at a gig near you soon. Thank goodness I drive a station wagon!

Remember: No matter where you go – there you are! From your friendly District 1 field reporter – Fran Coker.

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District 1E

Chairman: Shorty Stone

Co-Chairman: Alan Bell

Treasurer/Sec: Sharilyn McLain

Membership: Bev Perry

Howdy Fiddle Folks,

Since I "missed" the last deadline, this will contain some old news, so please bear with me- I'll get it out of the way first.

District 1E fiddlers helped to raise funds for the fire dept. at the New Pine Creek BBQ on July 20th and played for the Mosquito Festival in Paisley on the 26th. Despite the heat, there was a good turnout at each event and a very appreciative audience at both!

We played at the long term care facility on the 5th of August-always fun to play for the ones who have such wonderful memories entwined with the oldtime songs!

Senior Center performance dates were August 11th and 22nd. If we play there a couple of times a month they let us use the center for our monthly business meeting. It's a win-win situation for the fiddlers.

August 2nd was our jam night and was not very well attended due to the fact that most of the McLain family was in Bend, on a hospital vigil with Homer . As most of you may have heard, Homer has been in and out of hospital with a brain tumor. He's doing much better now, as the radiation treatments are helping, and of course he still has that wonderful "Homer" attitude. Amazing what your prayers can do.

On a sadder note, we mourn the passing last month of Lee Hampton, long-time

1E member and accomplished harmonica player. We'll miss his smiling face and good humor. Also, our sympathies went to Perry and Bernice Forga on the passing of Perry's sister.

Well, the Lake County Roundup and Fair will have us pretty busy this year. On August 30th, at the Lake County fairgrounds, from 8 a.m. 'til 9 a.m.(yes that's a.m.) we are doing a first time ever breakfast concert to benefit a scholarship fund for Lake County students. .The very next day, we return to the fairgrounds to play on the outdoor stage from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. I'll have to take my Geritol for that one! We've also got an entry in the

Roundup Parade on the 1st of Sept. at 10 a. m. Gee whiz, a long holiday weekend full of fiddlin'. Who could ask for anything more?

The next gig in the works is a fundraiser benefit concert for the United Way with a tentative date of Sept. 27th. No jam is scheduled for September Birthdays for September are: Larry McLain 8th Terry McLain 8th of course! Charlie Threet 12th Sharilyn McLain 14th.

Well, dear hearts and gentle people, I think that about covers it. Just enough space to squeeze in one tiny joke. Q: How can you tell if the stage is level?

A: That's when the fiddler dribbles out of BOTH sides of his mouth!.....Eileen McLain, reporter for District 1E

District 3

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Since District 3 missed the last months Hoedowner. I thought I'd give you a little update. We had 270 people at the VFW and it turned out well. We had visitors, Winston Grant who plays the fiddle from District 8 and Ty Knudson from North Bend who plays the fiddle. We thank you both for coming.

Our VFW show on August 3rd was another great turnout. The next VFW show is September 7th @ 1:30 to 4:00 pm in Redmond. We encourage all members to show for the meeting to follow. Library Jams in Redmond are Pending.

We thank all Visitors; Bill Chapman and his wife Betty who plays the guitar from District 1E. Vern who plays Bass and Lilla Campbell from District 5.

Gary who plays the guitar and mandolin, etc.... and his wife Vi Epperly

from District 6. Amy O'Connors who was a past member played a great fiddle.

New Members to District 3, welcome are Dave who plays the fiddle and wife Kay Gutcher. Mike Hyman who plays the banjo and sings.

Events with District 3; The July 26th and 27th Crooked River Ranch cook out was great!!!! District 3 musicians played August 2nd on the Eberhard stage at the Deschutes Co. Fair ground. The Smith and Kalebaugh families played a wonderful show. The audience was great!!! A few dancers too!!!

On August 15th Prineville District 3 had a theme of "Life after Five show" It turned out real good, great backup and fiddle players.

Thousand Trails is on September 11, 12, 13 at the South of Bend and North of LaPine. Hope everyone registered before August 15th deadline with Bob Ervin. See Ya'll there.

Carolyn Marstall entered the Canyonville Pioneer Days Contest on Saturday, August 23rd. You go girl !!!! :o)

For the ones that don't know Homer McLain was diagnosed with cancer of the brain a few weeks ago. He is doing fine for now and in great spirits and always has a smile on his face. But guess what it doesn't stop Homer from playing his fiddle. He feels weak and tired at times. Homer and Rosa Lee will be staying at a campsite behind St. Charles Hospital until September 26th and that is if all goes well. Rosa Lee is doing fine and we well need to give them allot of support and love. We will keep him in our prayers.

Sure was nice to see Peggy Kerr she is doing great!!! She looks good and has great spirits. Her lab levels are improving and we are very happy about that. Our prayers go out to you Peggy and Jack with lots of love and support. Fast recovery for you both and May God Bless.

District 3 would like to celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries with lots of Old Time Music. Hope all is having a great summer playing, singing and dancing to Old Time Fiddle Music.

Ellen Jakab, District 3 Reporter

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Mildred Kelsey, Publicity

Summer is certainly upon us, and the members of District 4 have been going hither and yon, and sometimes returning to good old southern Oregon. Instead of taking a vacation, it seems we are busier than ever, with gigs all over both counties. Ruthie and Grumpy Kimmel and Mary Armstrong are doing a great job organizing the Grants Pass performances. Sam Stelle had been doing a great job of getting us bookings, too. Keeps us out of the Bingo parlors!

The August picnic at Lake Creek threatened rain, but never fell until all were packed up. A good time was had by all, with good music and good food at the lovely grounds, surrounded by beautiful flowers and trees.

We regret to note the passing of Norm Fiock from Montague. He hosted the barbecue at the Hornbrook campout, and was always ready to play his lovely "Blue Darlin'" on his fiddle. A truly nice guy who will be missed by all of us. Life member Onita Simmons died in July. We also learned of the death of "Dusty" Yancy, another old time fiddler from Grants Pass. Our sympathy goes out to all their families and friends.

A number of us attended the great Diamond Lake campout. As usual there was great music, good fellowship, and oodles of good food! Our thanks to Jerry and Irene Ruddock for their gracious hosting of this annual event. If you haven't been there, plan to go next year. It's sure fun!

Mary English, with her mom and dad, Nancy and Marv, went to the Booher fiddle camp in August. They all said they had a great time and learned a lot. Mary will be competing in her first contest ever at Canyonville. With dad Marv accompanying, and mom Nancy encouraging from the sidelines, what could be better? Judy McGarvey also attended the same fiddle camp – very humbling when the best player in the class is 11! We all have new tunes to work on, and a motivation to improve – and we had a great time!

The "5 o'clock Jammers", the beginning fiddle group that Judy M. organized has played at two churches, a church picnic, and has a request to play at the church family camp. They are really sounding great, and learning so many new tunes. They add a lot to our monthly jams!

We're looking forward to the campout at Thousand Trails, as several members of our district plan to attend. If my memory serves me well, there is constant jamming and socializing in a lovely setting. Hope to see you there!

Jam Schedule;

September 6: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass--October 4: Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass
(yes, that's right -- twice in a row)--Nov 1 Rogue River Community Center

How 'bout this? – A friend is someone who knows your song and sings it to you when you forget.

Judy McGarvey, Reporter District 4

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The memorial service for Del Thomas on July 19 was well attended. Clara would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness.

This has been a busy month for our fiddlers. A dedicated group of Cecil Davidson, Shorty Dow, Fred Grove, Johnny Davis, Oren Pruitt, Loren Osborne, Jerry Barrows and Sid Earls played to an appreciative audience at Bullard Beach on July 25th. A standing room only audience listened to over 20 musicians entertain them for several hours at NACO on July 26th.

On July 22nd a small group played a hoedown for the Girl Scout camp in Florence. Imagine a room full of 40 energetic young girls singing and dancing non-stop for an hour!. We wish that some of their energy would rub off on us!

While playing lots of music, between made to order breakfasts, and pot luck lunch and dinner, Hal and Karen Weiner, Larry and Sharon Gallagher and Holly and Alex Sylvester had a great time at the 22nd annual Diamond Lake campout on July 31-August 4th. Thanks to Irene and Jerry Ruddock for being such gracious hosts.

Our potluck and jam session on August 16th had 14 musicians. We were pleased to have Carol Reeves, who was visiting from New Mexico, join us in the jam. Carol is the daughter of Oren and Barbara Pruitt. I was also good to have Steve Daniels from Florence play with us for the day.

Nursing home play dates for September include 9/3 - Ocean View, 9/10- Inland Point & Ocean Crest, 9/12 - Bay Crest Village, 9/17- Oerding Manor. & Myrtle Point Care Center and 9/23 -Life Care.

If any of you have a request for fiddlers to play please contact Larry Gallagher, who has agreed be our new program scheduler.

Birthday candles get blown out for Florence Grove on September 7th, Ken Jordan 14th, Clara Thomas 18th, Richard Rehfeld 26th. and Oren Pruitt 28th. Happy Birthday to all!

Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to Jim & Bev Hill on September 13th, Ken & Sally Jordan 15th, Ed & Darlyne Foerster 17th, and Keith & Abbie Shaffar 28th.

While Ken and Sally Jordan celebrate their 34th anniversary in Las Vegas, Larry Gallagher will assume Ken's duties at 1000 Trails and at our next Jam on September 20th.

Our next district jam will be on September 20th at the Coos Bay Senior Center. Potluck will be at noon and our jam will start at 1:00 pm. We invite all districts to join us.

Hal Weiner District 5 Reporter

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Well, summer has flown by! August saw the District playing at the Lane Fair for Senior Day. Joe reports: Thirty-three musicians (by one\ count) turned out for the annual Lane County Fair jam, including some new faces we hope to see more of. There was the customary standing audience of fifty or sixty people; the allotted time passed in a flash. Of great help was the willing assistance of many hands who made the sound system and chair setup seem effortless. The second set (new this year) was from two to three p.m. at the BiMart Activity stage, for which a substantial number of musicians, perhaps fifteen or so, stayed on. It, too, went well, and while not many people sat on the sunny grass in front the stage in the mid-day heat, many listeners could be seen standing the shade on the nearby street. All in all, the whole thing went very well; kudos to all who helped.

A small group of Fiddlers played a one-hour set at the Mary Cole Days in late July. The crowd was small but appreciative, and good-naturedly endured several jokes inflicted upon them by Joe--fortunately the music was better than the jokes! Thanks to musicians Judy Eads, Dick Jones, Larry Matson, Joe Moyle, Wayne Perry, and Mark Ratzlaff.

We have no District jams scheduled for September, but we encourage folks to attend the State meeting at Thousand Trails, Sept 11-13. In October we will hold a potluck and jam on Sunday, Oct 19 at the Crow Grange, including a District meeting.

We bid a fond farewell to long-time locals Curly and Allison Roberts, who have moved to Salem to be close to their son. Both have been very active members of our District for many years, and they leave behind many friends who are grateful for their service to the District. Best of luck to them both in their new home, and our loss is District 8's gain!

Just a reminder that the District owns several instructional videos and cassettes which are available for loan to members wanting to improve their fiddling skills. See Mark Ratzlaff if you are interested.

Mark Carmickle is recovering nicely from hip-replacement surgery, and as of this writing is up and about on crutches.

The jam celebrating the life of Jim Bottoms on July 27th was a rousing success, with 200 people in attendance, a rich potluck, and many musicians--all in all, a fine way to remember Jim Bottoms and his mastery of the guitar.

FYI: Red Herndon invites everyone to another of his famous jams at Jasper Grange on Sunday, September 21 from 10:30 to 3 PM. He also plans another for Walterville Grange on October 5th, starting at 10 AM, food provided by the Grange ladies.

September birthdays: Ruth Kennedy 9/5; Earl Knudsen 9/5; Addie Gonshorowski 9/13; Dave Boyd 9/27; Arlo Hamilton 9/28; Darla Miller 9/30. September anniversaries: Lloyd and Esther Shriber 9/10/48 ; Bob and Dee Dee Kaiser 9/18/48 .

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District 7 has six new family memberships. Guy and Pauline Booth are from Oregon City. Scott Corbett, Joyce Berney and their kids Colin, Rebecca, and Evon. Rebecca is a fiddler. They live in Portland. Alletha Dorgan lives in Milwaukie. Clay and Veronica Murphy live in Oregon City. Roy Rockhill lives in West Linn. Anita Weber lives in Gresham. Let's make our newcomers feel welcome as our paths cross on the music road.

On June 28 a group of us played for fund-raiser at the BEAT Riding Center in Banks. They provide a horseback experience for disadvantaged and physically challenged children. We've received a nice thank you from them: "Dear Old Time Fiddlers, Thank you so much for taking time to join our event! Your performance was spectacular! We hope you can join us next year. Thanks again, your friends at B.E.A.T."

The Mt. Hood Jamboree was a lot of fun. Thanks go to Gayl Ratigan, Jim Hockenhill for their terrific workshops; to Jim Kuether, Roger Germundson and Paul Ratigan for all the work with the sound system, to Ace Wehus for all the videotaping, to Joyce Lovgren and Peg Tucker for their work at the registration table and to everyone else whose names I don't know who helped out. The musicians sure had a lot of fun playing together. The audience seemed to enjoy it also. Jackie Germundson and I thank everyone for putting up with our birthday nonsense. It's sure is a lot of fun for us. Thank you everyone.

Please check again to see if you accidentally picked up Dick Foreman's fiddle bow at the Mt. Hood Campout. It is a wooden bow with the word WINKLER stamped on the side. Please help return it to him if you can. He sure would like to have it back again.

We played to a great crowd at the Clackamas County Fair. We had twenty-one musicians sharing the stage, having a terrific time. Our players for the afternoon were Del Anderson, Red and Myrtle Arnold, Harley and Lila Bills, Bus Boyk, Dale Colebank, Linda Easley, Chuck and Pat Gates, Roger and Jackie Germundson, John and Helen Hakanson, Joe Hamm, Lew and Alice Holt, Tony Moore, Rusty O'Regan, Russ Phillips and Gayl Ratigan. Everyone had fun and some of us even rode the Tilt-A-Whirl Ride afterwards.

At our jam at King City on the 7th, we need to have a meeting of the membership. We'll start at twelve noon. Please be there. There are several things that need to be discussed.

Several of us were playing a new venue recently - an adult daycare - when we were allowed to witness a minor musical miracle. An Alzheimer's woman, a very slight little woman dressed in white was being pulled around in a sort of waltz as we played, when she suddenly stopped and looked at us with full intelligence in her eyes and began to sing. Somehow the music opened a path to her past and for a few moments she was singing the "beautiful Tennessee Waltz" with all its meaning and memories. Never underestimate the power of the music.

For Your Information: David Kerr's Violin Shop has moved to 4451 SE 28th Avenue in Portland. The new location is at the corner of SE 28th and Holgate Boulevard. There is no left turn off of Holgate onto 28th at this intersection, so plan your drive accordingly.

We have lots of opportunities coming up to have fun playing our music for folks. Come to as many of our dates as you can.

Saturday September 6 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. we'll play at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton for their Hamburger Feed Fundraiser. It's at 5550 SW Hall Blvd. Beaverton. It's west on Highway 26 from Portland, south on Hwy 217, right on SW Allen, right onto SW Hall Boulevard to 12th street. The center is on the right.

Sunday September 7 begins our monthly jam schedule at the King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11:00 and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. There will be a meeting of the District 7 membership at 12 noon. Please be there.

Wednesday September 10 in the afternoon, we'll play for the 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Alzheimer's Support Group at Trinity Episcopal Church at 147 NW 19th in Portland.

Tuesday September 16 from 10:00 to 10:30 in the morning. They want us to play at the Senior Safari at the Oregon Zoo. We get in free, we get to play our music, then we get to go to the zoo. How could it be any better? Go west on Highway 26 from Portland, through the tunnel and follow the signs.

Friday September 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 we'll play at the Baptist Retirement Home at 1825 NE 108 in Portland. It's three blocks north of Halsey Street.

Saturday September 20 we need lots of fiddlers to jam at an outdoor wedding reception at Champoeg State Park from 1 - 4 p.m. It's at the Oak Grove Day Use Area s 1, 2, and 3. Does anyone know a tango?

Saturday September 27 is the Annual Philip Foster Farm Apple Squeeze. They need musicians starting at 2:00 p.m. It's at 29912 SE Highway 211, Eagle Creek OR. Head for Estacada and turn left at the Chevron Station onto Hwy 211. The Farm is the first place on the right.

Saturday October 18 is the Super Jam at the Pine Grove Community Hall in Manzanita on the North Oregon Coast. We'll play from 1 to 4. More details to come.

Tuesday October 21 We are invited to play at the Powell Valley Assisted Living Home from 3 to 4. It's at 4001 SE 182nd Avenue in Gresham. It's between Division and Powell. Use their parking lot.

Thursday October 30 we need to play at Providence Laurelhurst, the daycare for the frail elderly. We'll play from 12:30 to 1:30. It's at 4540 NE Glisan Street in Portland, enter from the south side of the building. On-street parking can be difficult but it's worth it. This gig is a lot of fun. Linda Easley for District 7

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It's almost time for school to start. Where did the summer go? But there are lots more fiddling opportunities coming up.

We can add another one to our list of interesting places we have played -- an airplane hanger at the Independence Airport. Pilots from several different states had flown in to commemorate the Oregon Trail. These people have flown the routes of several historic trails. We played for a dinner of Buffalo Stew, Fry Bread, and Apple Cobbler, foods eaten by the pioneers. After dinner we moved to another hanger and played for dancing. We put out our donation can and were pleased when folks added something to it. We were doubly pleased later when we counted the money. There were several 20s, 10s and 5s along with only 12 one dollar bills. A total

of \$132 for the district. Pat and Chuck Gates from district 7 and Rozanne and Ken Spann from district 6 added much to the program. Dennis's singing impressed them too.

Loita Colebank was in Washington state visiting and helping out with her ill brother who passed away while she was there. Our condolences to the Loita and family.

Jackie Stevenson's car was broadsided recently. She only had bruises, but the van was totaled.

Dale Colebank says the barn that was destroyed by fire will be replaced. Insurance money will cover the construction. We'll be talking about buying a new trailer for District 8, to replace the one destroyed in the fire. Most of the equipment was spared.

Good news for our district is that Allison and Curly Roberts will soon be living in Salem. District 6's lose is our gain. Curly is a harmonica player. Both have been active members in District 6, and in California Old Time Fiddlers before that.

We played for an SKP's Campout at Brooks. SKP is Escapee. Joy Smith (dist 7) is a member of the group. Thanks Joy, for suggesting the fiddlers as entertainment! We took in around \$100 in donations. Lew and I had the pleasure of talking to some people from North Bend where we used to live.

The Polk County Fair was well attended, We really thank our neighboring district members who came. Another \$250 for the district. Wish we could work out a mutually agreeable plan for the fiddlers to get in without paying whenever they arrive. Maybe next year!

Tuesday evening, August 19th was a perfect time for fiddle music on the lawn at the Benedictine Nursing Home in Mt. Angel. Several from District 7 joined us, and we were pleased to have Anne and Henry Huber from Redding there too. They have attended other years too. Many of the residents sang along with our songs. Town folk bring their folding chairs and listen too. After we played the fun continued as 23 of us ate dinner at the Mt. Angel Brewery Restaurant.

Some of us will be going to Canyonville for the contest and to the Warwick Campout. And I suspect a lot of us will be at Thousand Trails near LaPine.

September's District 8 play dates are: Saturday, September 6 at the United Methodist Church in Falls City. Come and join them for a potluck picnic at about noon. We'll play after lunch. Falls City is west of Dallas. Get out your map, find Dallas, go through town and follow the signs to Falls City. You can't miss the Methodist church in Falls City. Lew spent much of his youth just three miles down the Luckiamute River from Falls City so this is kind of like "going back home."

We will play, starting at 11 AM, both Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, in Stayton for the Covered Bridge Festival. The festivities will be at the park where the Covered Bridge was relocated several years ago. Go most of the way through Stayton and the park is to the east. There should be signs in downtown Stayton to direct you to the park and the covered bridge. We only play for an hour and others follow us so don't be late.

Saturday and Sunday, October 4th & 5th, we will play for the Neskowin Valley Harvest Festival. We will be playing at 11 each day. The community is excited about us being there. There will be free camping. More details next month.

Saturday, October 18th come to Manzanita to play at the Pine Grove Hall. It's on the main street in Manzanita. Come on over to the coast and join us.

And the next day, October 19th we'll have a regular jam at the Willamina VFW Hall. We'll have a short business meeting about 11:00.

See, I told you there were more fiddling opportunities!

Alice Holt, reporter District 8

District 9

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'tis the season.....for fires that is....and Janet Brayman is in Montana so I'll be jotting down some of our activities. We did see Janet briefly at the Mt. Hood campout and she took some lunch breaks from the Diamond Lake fire camp and enjoyed the hospitality of Jerry and Irene Ruddock who have hosted the Diamond Lake campout for over 20 years. Be sure to add this one to your calendar next year if you have never attended. Lots of friends, food, and fun. This year Evelyn Horner of California taught a workshop instructing fiddlers how to back up a singer. For the show Fred Hardin sang "Faded Love" so the back-up fiddlers could show off!! Those not attending the campout played for a bus tour on August 1st.

Ruel Teague, Julia Milleson, Lisa Otley of Princeton and Ann Schlupe of Vale played three days at the Grant County Fair in John Day and were helped out by Hollis Real, Gary Epperly, Otto Christiansen, Maynard Thompson and nine of the John Day area players.

Plans are underway for our own County Fair on Sept. 3 thru 6. Any help with decorating the float would be appreciated. Give Julia a call for the time and place.

Those not going to Thousand Trails will be playing at the Aspens on Friday the 12th at 7:00. Ashley Manor will follow on Monday the 15th at 6:30.

Julia Milleson Reporting for District 9

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Greetings from district 10, and my apologies for not submitting our news letter timely last month. District 10 played at the Douglas County Fair August 5 through August 8, we had beautiful weather and good crowds. Shorty and Charlotte Dow joined us for one of the days. We are always happy to have other OOTFA members join us.

The birthdays missed in August were Rusty Lillard, Marge Hasty and Guy Kingman. Our birthdays for September are Ruby Lillard, Rose Cluver, Clair Eaton and Tracy Smith. Harold and Rose Cluver are celebrating their anniversary this month

Those of us that are under the weather are Lenora Waggoner is confined to her home. Ed Doolittle is still in Rosehaven Nursing Home, Roseburg.

The Canyonville Contest is coming up August 23. Many hope to attend.

Our next meeting will be a JAM only with finger foods and drinks, at the Winston Community Center, September 13.

Reporter: Doris Dilbeck 541-672-6266 (doris042049@msn.com)

ED SED: We had another wonderful campout at Mt. Hood. Hats off to all the flat picking contestants who were such good sports and endured the "unorthodox" judging and still lived to tell about it. A lot of fun and laughs were had by all. A big thank you to Roger, Jackie, Linda and all of Dist. 7 for such a good time.

We recently had the pleasure being the guests of Phil & Sheila Fry at the Booher Family Fiddle Camp Friday night show and what a show it was. Three and one half hours of some of the best fiddling and entertainment a person could ever ask for. Tricia Ferguson was Phil's teacher and announced that she "found a real treasure in Phil Fry and puts Johnny Cash to shame." He sang a superb rendition of Ghost Riders in the Sky.

Our busy summer months are starting to wind down and we have just a few more days before the Thousand Trails Campout Sept. 11-13. Lets all enjoy the music, jamming and visiting with each other at our last campout of 2003. The quarterly meeting will be at 10 am on Sat. The Contest Review Committee and the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee will also have their meetings with place & times to be posted.

We are sorry to hear the passing of Norm Fiock. He was very generous to the OOTFA and a treasured long time family friend.

Please don't forget that the deadline for all OOTFA membership renewals is Dec. 31st of each year. You will not receive a Hoedowner if your membership is not renewed by then.

Until next time, keep fiddling,

Ed

From the editor: From the editor: Please disregard my fax number -- it is not operating right now.

When we were on our trip, we checked our mail most every night -- if the town had access to AOL. I was especially saddened when we received the word that Norman Fiock has passed away. I first met Norm years ago at a contest in Lebanon. He told me that he had been contributing to "another contest" but that he wasn't given any acknowledgement for his contribution and wondered about contributing to Oregon's contest. I very seldom write of the value of a person's contribution to the contest. We appreciate \$5.00, we appreciate any amount. But I do want to mention that because Norm came to enjoy our fiddle association and all of us who were friends of his, that I figure that he must have donated some where around \$5000 to our contest over the years. He liked our contest and he liked what we do. He told me that many times. He went beyond the call of duty with contributions but he often opened his home for barbecues and took many of us for rides on the steam train. One year Alice and I camped in his back yard. I took an hour video that year -- it is one of my all time favorite videos.

Dick Foreman lost his bow at the Mt. Hood Campout and at the time the Hoedowner was going to press, he hadn't found it. If you find a bow tucked away in your case that says WINKLER, I bet a penny it is his and he sure would like to get it back. If you can help, please give Dick or Donna a call at 503-630-3577

Lew: Any chance you could advertise in the next Hoe Downer that I am looking for a reasonably-priced standup bass for myself. I would appreciate any leads. Joetta 503-623-9015

New members for Sept. Hoedowner

1. Anita Weber---Gresham
2. Clay & Veronica Murphy---Oregon City
3. Alletha Dorgan---Milwaukie
4. Roy Rockhill---West Linn
5. Guy & Pauline Booth--- Oregon City
6. Stephen & Colleen Jordan---Lincoln City
7. Joyce Berney & Scott Corbett---Portland
8. Yvonne & Anne Hobbs---Klamath Falls

9. Jerry & Diane Willingham---Boise, Idaho
10. Suzanne Peterson---Eugene
11. Patricia Smith---Wilsonville
12. Tom & Vivian Tucker---Mt. Vernon
13. Wayne & Valerie Bandon---Ashland
14. Bill & Diana Chesney---Montague, Calif.
15. David & Kay Gutcher---Bend
16. Mike Hyman---Bend
17. Bob Wobbe---Medford

Myrtle Arnold has asked me to remind the membership chairmen to use the following prorated dues for the rest of this year:

Sep. 1	\$5.00
Oct. 1	\$3.75 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Nov. 1	\$2.50 plus \$15.00 for 2004
Dec. 1	\$1.25 plus \$15.00 for 2004

The Lady is Eighty Happy Birthday, Ruth Montgomery

You are invited to an open-house potluck in honor of the occasion at the Veneta Community Center (next to city swimming pool) on Saturday, Sep. 20 from 12-4 pm. Bring your instrument and best wishes. No gifts please. Any questions, call: Carol Larson 541-998-8900, Della Swift 541-998-3755, or Char Young 541-895-3543.

Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest 2003

Aug 7, 2003

Dear Lew:

Here are the WVFC results. I would like to thank everyone for coming and helping make this year's contest a success. In particular, thanks to the judges: Margaret Brank, Gary Schuh, and John Perfect, the score keepers: Leslie Darland and Suzi Maresh, and the emcee: Erin McMullen. Also, thanks to our sponsors --- especially District 8 which made a generous contribution to the contest fund and Nancy Rohn Violin shop which donated our raffle fiddle.

Novice Division:(never played in a contest before):

1. Hanna King (Connie King's granddaughter!), Corvallis Oregon

PeeWee

1. Tatiana Hargreaves, Corvallis Oregon
2. Taz Thenell, Corvallis Oregon
3. Aisha Abdoul, Corvallis Oregon

Senior

1. Les Tucker, Woodburn Oregon
2. Lew Holt, Salem Oregon
3. Willie Carter, Lebanon Oregon
4. Kenneth Brank, Winlock Washington
5. Winston Grant, Eddyville Oregon

Adult:

1. Eileen Witle, West Linn Oregon
2. Robin Silver, Corvallis Oregon
3. Doug Orton, Albany Oregon
4. Morgan Matteson, Pendleton Oregon

5. Mark Phillips, Philomath Oregon

Junior-Junior

1. Alex Hargreaves, Corvallis Oregon

2. Dustin Horn, Post Falls Idaho

3. Matthew Witler, La Crescenta California

4. Ethan Johnson, Corvallis Oregon

5. Grace Rotwein, Trinidad California

Junior

1. Marshall Baker, Portland Oregon

2. Callie Carpenter, Chehalis Washington

3. Lexi Garrity, Chehalis Washington

4. Christy Tanner, Lebanon Oregon

Championship

1. Jacie Sites, Idaho Falls Idaho

2. Donna Reuter, Hood River Oregon

3. Amy Booher, Salem Oregon

4. Joe Sites, Idaho Falls Idaho

5. Angela Thomas, Salem Oregon

Accompanist

1. Frank Moore, St. Helens Oregon

2. Jeff Lincoln, Meridian Idaho

3. Les Tucker, Woodburn Oregon

4. Joe Sites, Idaho Falls Idaho

5. David Hargreaves, Corvallis Oregon

Judges: John Perfect, Middleton Idaho

Gary Schuh, Portland Oregon

Margaret Brank, Winlock Washington

Starr

Jerry & I wish to thank all who came to Diamond Lake and helped make it a great and wonderful time. The music, food and visiting with everyone was just great. We wish to say a very special thank you to Homer and Rosalee for coming, it was so good to see them and we wish you well Homer.

Love your friends Jerry & Irene

1000 Trails Up Date

Hi: Well, the time is fast approaching when we once again will have our annual outing at "Thousand Trails" in the Central Oregon, LaPine area. What a time we have there. I can just hear it now, all the music from the fiddlers, guitars, banjos, mandolins, and the other instruments and singers reverberating of the tall majestic yellow pine trees of the area and drifting out across the open meadows along the Little Deschutes River. When it comes to making music the birds will have nothing on us

Also, we are fortunate in that we have been able to secure a group of well known entertainers who will be in the Central Oregon area at this time. They have agreed to stop by and do a specialty act for us. This will be on Saturday night. You won't want to miss this.

Also, we have various work shops. These are conducted by well qualified individuals. So take advantage of these, I am sure they will be helpful. Times and places will be posted.

We have a large number of reservations made for camp-sites at Thousand Trails. However, if you missed the deadline to make a reservation you still have two options open. You could get a motel at LaPine and drive in each day or there are two Forest Service campgrounds, continue on

past the entrance to Thousand Trails for about 3 miles till you come to the Deschutes River. There is a forest service camp-ground on each side of the road there.

For directions on how to get to Thousand Trails: If you are traveling north on highway 97 when you come to the Fall-River Vandervent road sign turn left. If traveling South turn right at this sign, cross the railroad tracks and follow the fiddlers signs

Of course we will have our regular quarterly board meeting at 10:00 Saturday morning.

If you love Old-time fiddling and Old-time music and visiting with old friends and making new friends and having a fantastic fun filled week-end, this is the place to be.

I hope to see you all there.

Wagon Master, Bob Ervin

A little story from Lew. Last month I mentioned that Alice and I were taking a trip. We left Salem on July 16 and headed to Stoughton, Wisconsin. Our purpose for going was to attend the Amerikappleik, a gathering of Norwegian fiddlers. I had been invited to give an hour lecture "Marvin Helland and the Helland Dynasty of Fiddlemakers." Sounds pretty sophisticated, huh? Marvin's father was a well known Hardanger fiddle maker before he died at 39 following appendicitis surgery. Marvin and I became good friends just after Christmas in 1998. Two days later he carried a box up from the basement that contained family records. From the contents of that box is coming a book on the Hellands. Sadly Marvin died last January at 85 but I am continuing to work on the book. We attended a Hardanger fiddle concert in Stoughton on the 22nd and then headed for Northfield, Minnesota where Alice and I attended lectures, workshops and concerts until Sunday noon -- when we headed home. We were gone 16 days and drove 4400 miles -- all because of fiddling. Not so strange.

Contact Ace for videos. Ace Wehus 1024 S. Elm Court Canby, OR 97013 503-266-4144.

LeRoy Sims -- new CD, the price is \$15 plus \$2 shipping. LeRoy & Shirley Sims, 831 Village Circle, Chino Valley, AZ. 86323. Or you can buy them from Lew Holt at 1000 Trails -- along with many other videos.

Fiddletown Community Club P. O. Box 236 Fiddletown, CA 95629 (209) 296-0918

The Fiddletown Community Club in association with the Fiddletown Preservation Society will be proudly presenting the 11th annual Fiddlers' Jam Saturday September 20 from 10AM until 6PM on the main street in Fiddletown. This is a FREE, fun, family friendly event that will include music, food, vendors and of course Fiddlers. For directions, information on becoming a vendor, or participating in the jam, please call (209) 296-0918, or check our website at www.fiddletown.net

I received a copy of this book recently and think that it is worth sharing this information with you.

TIPBOOK VIOLIN & VIOLA - The Tipbooks offer in-depth but easy-to-read information on selection, play-testing, maintenance, and tuning of the instrument, for players in any style and at any level.

The first chapters of each Tipbook introduce the instrument to the beginner, explaining what each part does, describing what's involved in learning to play, indicating instrument prices, and offering suggestions on where to buy or rent.

The core chapters of the book address advanced players too. They focus on selecting and play-testing, and maintaining and tuning the instrument. The chapter 'A Good Violin,' for example, covers the influence and characteristics of wood, finish, body size, neck, the bridge, the soundpost, pegs and fine tuners, the tailpiece, and related subjects. There are similar chapters on

strings, bows, and fittings, mutes, and cases. Tuning and maintenance are covered in separate chapters.

Additionally, short chapters examine the instrument's history and family, manufacturing processes, and the main brand names. A combined glossary/index turns the book into a handy reference. Tipbook Violin & Viola contains over 60 clear illustrations and diagrams.

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Distribution, prices, contact The US edition of the Tipbook Series is distributed by Hal Leonard. Tipbook Violin & Viola sells for \$ 9.95. The series is available at music and book stores. For additional information please contact The Tipbook Company at info@tipbook.com.

Sulima is a friend of Gail Foster. She attended the Mt. Hood Campout - her first exposure to the fiddlin' community. Since she is a professional poet she has come up with this "take" on the experience.

CELEBRATION

Around the mountain in July
Come sounds like music from on high.
Old-time fiddlers, country song,
Cajun, Bluegrass, Sing-A-Long.

Bows dancing on the sunlit strings
Light up the courtyard. Music swings
Along the paths and on the air,
Excitement's building everywhere.

O Brother, Where Art Thou?
Sweet Sister draw near.
The past and the future
Are gathering here.

With geetar and bass, harmonicas too,
Among dobro and dulcimer, what about you?
The triangle could be a newcomer's start,
Simple and solid for those faint of heart.

Now no one's a stranger
There's no one alone,
Drawn together by music
The family comes home.

O Brother, Where Art Thou?
Sweet sister draw near.
The past and the future
Have now gathered here.

So play and sing and hug and smile
The party's on for quite awhile.
With breaks for food, naps here and there,
It's better than a country fair.

And when it's done and time to go
There is no sadness for we know
That next year to this same location
We'll come again with motivation

To wear out a bow, to weary our feet,
To gather in sounds of harmony sweet,
That lets the world know real life is still dear
As the past and the future again gather here.

Sulima Malzin
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Please note: I may be doing some traveling in October that could delay the November 1st Hoedowner. I don't know for sure yet. But -- reporters -- go ahead and get your news to me at the regular time. But if your Hoedowner is a bit late, please just grin and bear it. Lew

It is time to put this baby to bed so we can get up early in the morning and head for Canyonville. Hope I saw you there.

Lew