



# Rosin Dust

August 2017

Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers Association  
Connecting fiddlers - young and young at heart

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am going to try to condense six days of fun, fiddling, singing, eating and visiting at Emigrant Springs (on top of the Blue Mountains) so that it fits in the space that is allotted me.

We had our 4th Langford family reunion at Emigrant Springs, our 18th great grandchild (boy) was born on the 7th, named him Benjamin Whitfield Phillips - how about that, Bill Meyers? We rented the community building on top and the area around it and enjoyed 3 days - July 1, 2, 3, and left out of there by 8 am on the 4th. We had 25 that camped and 6 drove in each day (20 adults, 11 great grandchildren, 17 that didn't get to come). We had a great time.

On July 4th BMOTFA members started coming in. We had moved on down to the day camp, Hedgepeths were there with their BBQ and we had hot dogs and chips. There were 9 RV's. Later we built a fire and had Angels on Horseback (S'Mores).

Jamming went on all day and evening at Les and Evelene's trailer and behind the Hedgepeth's camper. What good music comes from the BMOTFA.

Wednesday, Colleen and I had to go home and wash clothes, mow the lawn, water flowers and garden and make three store stops. At 5:00 p.m. we all went to the Meacham Café for Taco Wednesday. 27 of us went along with 5 camp hosts. Dick Peterson wanted to pay the bill, so we let him. Thanks, Dick, that was very nice of you. Again we had Angels on Horseback at the fire pit and visited for a while.

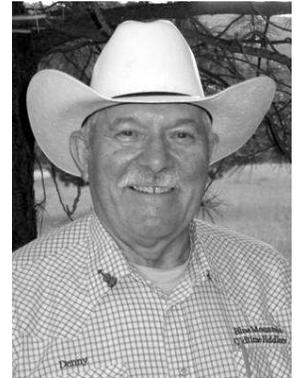
Thursday we were on our own for all meals and had our 1st fiddle show in the community building. We had 22 play with a fair crowd.

Friday found us eating George "Ice Cream" Neer's homemade ice cream. It was our choice of banana, strawberry, chocolate and huckleberry.

Can't get any better than that. Thanks, George, for sharing your talent with us. We went back to the community building for our 2nd show with 21 entertainers.

Saturday we had our pot luck. Kevin and Magoo had smoked tri tip which was very, very good. Forty-four people attended and all the great pot luck dishes everyone shared made a feast for royalty. We went up to the community building for the 3rd show. We had 23 entertainers present great music for all who attended. We had people from all over the US.

Each evening at the beginning of the show our Public Relations man, Jack Raymond, picked a veteran to help him lead the Pledge of Allegiance. What a great way to start the shows. Thanks, Jack. Jack and Mary Jane and Dick Peterson and Wendy Williamson started the group dancing. We had our Ranger Ceremony before the Saturday show and honored the Rangers and Camp Hosts with a small token of appreciation from the BMOTFA. They really go out of their way to make us comfortable. We thank them for their hospitality.



The new Emigrant Springs Manager, Iris, was there. She will be a good manager. She is a good sport.

Those that entertained at Emigrant Springs: Joan Gray, Hermiston; Mark Ludwick, Umatilla; Les and Evelene Haynes, Fruitland, ID; Jerry Myers, Midville, ID; Bill Meyers, Hermiston; Kevin and Michelle (Magoo) Hedgepeth, Hermiston; Vickie Hagey, Cove; Denny Langford, Union; Jo Shay, Walla Walla, WA; Arlie and Linda Lyle, Melba, ID; Kent and Carolyn Craig, Weiser, ID; Emily Krager, White Salmon, WA; Larry and Sandi Richerson; Joseph; June Reynolds, Sherwood; Steve and Janet Haddock, Pilot Rock; Alyn and Jody Domschot, La Grande; Tom and Kristy Vickroy, Walla Walla, WA; Roy Lindskog, Hermiston; Hal Spady, Caldwell, ID; Dave and Margie Vaughn, La Grande. The icing on the cake for the Friday and Saturday shows were the dancing dolls presented by Jan Post, Pendleton, Margie Vaughn, La Grande, and Tammy Croghan, Elgin. Hymns were sung by Mark Ludwick, Arlie and Linda Lyle, and Kevin and Magoo Hedgepeth. Backups only were Carolyn Vickroy, Walla Walla, WA; Joan Myers, Midville, ID; Kelly McFarley, Walla Walla, WA; Sharon Stippich, Weiser, ID,

For breakfast on Sunday morning thirty eight of us enjoyed eating with 2 rangers and 5 camp hosts. We had fried potatoes cooked by Tom Vickroy and his daughter Kristy and Magoo scrambled eggs. We had melons, the rest of the tri-tip and Colleen's biscuits and gravy, cake, donuts, and cookies, coffee and juice. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault.

I commend our camp directors, Kevin and Magoo Hedgepeth and all who were there. Everyone pitched in and helped without being asked. It was overheard that this year's camp was the best it has ever been. When you entered our camp and looked down the park way it was clean and neat and music could be heard all around us. Thanks, everyone, for making this happen. If you were not there, we are sorry you missed all of the above. We had a great time and hope you put this campout first preference on next year's list and plan to come in 2018.

Thank you for your support,

"Carry on"

President Denny Langford

## UMATILLA COUNTY

Summer is half over and fair season is on the horizon. Grand kids are working with their pigs so they can handle them in the show ring

Mark Ludwick attended a music camp at Moses Lake, Washington.

We all had a good time at Emigrant Springs. We also would like to thank our Idaho friends for their presence and support.

"I like just the weigh you are now.

There are more overweight people in America than average people so overweight people are now average which means you have now met your New Year's resolution." Jay Leno

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report on it." Will Rogers

Keep the rosin on the causin'

Umatilla County Director

Bill and Lorre Meyers



## WALLOWA COUNTY

Happy August, everyone! August... really? I think we all waited so long for summer to get here that it seems to be flying by fast! Right now Joseph is in full swing of summer craziness! The rodeo starts tomorrow and the town is already abustle with visitors (great for people watching)! Okay, so things are a little nuts around here, but it does help us to appreciate those long, peaceful winters!

Reflecting back on the June 10th Fiddle Show in Joseph, when I listed all of the musicians that participated, I failed to mention John Raines from Wallowa, (a wonderful guitar player, not to be overlooked)! My apologies, John, and thank you for coming!

Larry and I were able to go to the Emigrant Springs campout for just one day, but we certainly had a good time! We were having thunderstorms here in Joseph, and our dog, Roper, is dreadfully afraid, so being the good dog parents that we are, we chose to come home and console him! Thanks to everyone at the campout for making our short stay so enjoyable. Hopefully, we can stay longer next year (Roper may just have to buck up and deal with it)!



I stopped in at the opening night of Fiddle Tunes Camp in Wallowa, where Carla Arnold graciously let me take the microphone for a few minutes to talk about BMOTFA. I talked a bit about who we are and what we are about. I also talked about the shows, hoping to make new students feel welcome and unintimidated. I emphasized that the shows are not contests; all levels are welcome. I left fifty of our new handouts (thank you, Kevin) so people would have something to take home with them. Hopefully, I was able to capture a few people's attention and convince them to join us and come play a few tunes at a show. We shall see!

There are so many music events taking place in Wallowa County right now, that I am not even going to attempt to list them all. I will take a moment to mention that Homemade Jam Band will be playing at the La Grande Farmers Market on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00AM to noon. Most all other events are listed in either the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce website:

<http://www.wallowacountychamber.com/> or the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance website : <https://wvmusicalliance.org/>.

I hope you're all having a glorious summer filled with good music, good food, and good friends! Be sure to keep those strings warmed up! You don't want them to get lazy!

Wallowa County Director,  
Sandi and Larry Richerson

## GRANT COUNTY

Greetings from Grant County,

It's almost time for our Grant County Fair. This year our theme is, "Red White and Blue This Fair Is for You." The fair runs from August the 9th thru the 12th. We will be playing each day starting around 10 am until the evening hour each day except Saturday. On Saturday we will start about noon, right after the parade. Everyone is welcome so do come and enjoy our fair and play a lot of good old fiddle music. Camping space is available (dry camping only) please call for your space at [541 575 1900](tel:5415751900).

It has been a couple of busy months during June and July. Ron Phillips and I have had a lot of fun playing in different places. We had a great time in Burns at the Oregon Old Time Fiddler's Jamboree. My



son John sang with us there, that made it extra special for me. My daughter and granddaughter have moved back home from Texas, and are singing with us at our music at Valley View. I'm enjoying every minute of it. Guy Johnson and his family come when their busy life will let them. We look forward to them coming; it's not near often enough.

That's all from Grant County. We hope to see ya-all at the fair.

Grant County Director  
Carl Stinnett



*We encourage dancing at all our shows....*

Picture by Vickie Hagey, subject is Michelle Hedgepeth and groom.

Hello everyone

I wanted to thank the BMOT fiddlers

For sending me to fiddle camp.

I had a great time and learned a lot.

Carla continues to bring new instructors

Full of great new songs and information.

New people also continue to come to this camp.

Again a big thank you to the group for sending me

For the second time.

With great appreciation

Sherry Cadwell 😊😊😊

## UNION COUNTY

Hello all,

Gosh, at 4:00am I woke up thinking I've not written my piece for the newsletter...

So here we go... How many of you are having a super busy summer? Me, Me, Me! So now that we have that out of the way, I would like to share about the

Emigrant Springs Campout. If you were not there you missed an awesome relaxing time. The parking lot was full, so that means we had a great turnout. I've never been with a more



supportive, upbeat group of people. You need to give yourselves a great round of applause. The whole time I was there I kept thinking that with all the eating, playing, napping that this gal was going to have to go on a diet when she got home? But surprise, that did not happen!

Thank you to all who attended.

August 19, 2017 will bring us back to the Elgin Fire Department. This has always been a good show so show up early for their dinner (5:00pm) and social hour and then let the tunes begin at 6:00pm. I will not be able to attend this year as our Campout with the hubby is scheduled for the same time. I will miss you all and be thinking of you.

For now I've got to get this off to the airwaves.

Hope all is well in your neck of the woods.

Union County Director

Vickie Hagey

## MORROW COUNTY

As the saying goes, time sure flies when you are having fun. I don't know where it all goes.

Has been too hot to do anything recently. I haven't been playing music, I am ashamed to say. . It seems like the most we get done is go to the doctors and by the time we get home I am all in.

There are a few things coming up. The fair in Heppner is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, we play from 10am to 12 noon. The Grant County Fair in John Day is the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of August. I just don't seem to have the go to take in John Day. I would really like to.

I stopped in and had pizza with Bill and Barb West the other day. They are about like us, keeping in the shade.

Wheat harvest is about in full swing now, with the lower North Country about done.

I made a trip to Hermiston to get a hearing aid fixed, then another to go get it. Then I made another trip to get parts for grandma's cook stove. Gotta have that so we can eat.

Hound dog and I go for a trip down the road every morning before it gets too hot. She is setting here looking at me right now wanting to go! So I guess with all this news that would be good.

Play another tune for me.



Morrow County Director

Bob and Judy Stevens

Jack Benny said "I don't deserve this award but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."



**BAKER COUNTY  
DIRECTOR**

**Bob Hunt**

## BMOTFA Shows 2017

### August

9-12 Grant County Shows,  
19 Elgin Firehouse Show at 6pm, Supper at 5pm

### September

2 Sumpter jam and show. Show at 1:00pm and jamming afterwards.  
15 Cove Sportsman Club Show at 6:00pm  
16 Rockwall Grange in Elgin. Show at 6:00pm  
23 Baker City show at Settler's Park. Show at 5pm. Spaghetti feed at 4:00pm.  
30 Nyssa Show at Nyssa Senior Center. Show at 6pm. Supper at 5pm.



We are unsure what Denny is doing...

All are welcome to join Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddle Association for the preservation of traditional music. Please send your membership dues of \$10.00 (for the whole household) to B.M.O.T.F.A. 966 East Bryan, Union, OR 97883. Make the check out to B.M.O.T.F.A.

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