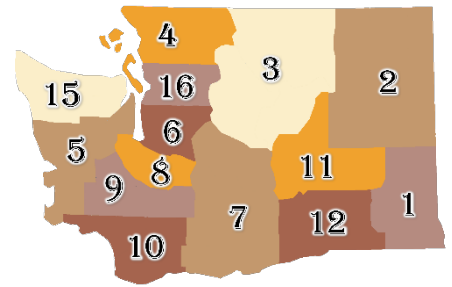




# Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Preserving an American Tradition



## Evergreen Fiddler – August 2024

### Come Back Alive

8/1/2024 – Author: Kitty Steetle, Josh Larios

#### Come Back Alive (Fiddle tuned AEA#c)

*Greg Canote*

$\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are the fiddle part, and the last two are the bass part. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. Chord markings (A, E, D) are placed above the notes. The fiddle part includes a triplet in the first measure of the second line. The bass part includes plus signs (+) indicating pizzicato.

I grew up listening to the Canote brothers, Greg and Jere, on the radio as the core of the house band for Sandy Bradley’s Potluck, a weekly radio variety show similar to A Prairie Home Companion with a more local flavor. When people talk about a pacific northwest style of fiddling or old-time music, I know that a lot of them mean the historical styles that Vivian and Phil Williams researched and played, but for me it will always be the Canotes.

This month’s tune is a composition of Greg’s, and while it is possible to play a version of it in standard tuning in the key of G, this is meant to be played in the key of A in “Calico” tuning, with the two low strings tuned up a whole step to A and E and the high string tuned down two and a half steps to C#. Calico tuning has a very distinctive sound, and if you’ve never tried re-tuning your instrument and playing in it, you’re really missing out. I can’t describe it any better than the liner notes for the Canotes’ album “Calico Pie” do:

You know it when you hear it—that characteristic ringing “Calico” sound: the insistent whine of the C# unison on the high strings, the left-hand pizzicato in endless combinations, the rhythmic sweep of the bow dipping down to the low strings.

It's an 'open' tuning in the full sense of the word—the notes make an arpeggiated chord like a bugle. You can play Reveille or Taps without laying a finger on a string!

The name of the tuning comes from the tune of the same name. We also like to think of a calico cat with three colors, analogous with the three notes of the chord.

Greg tells me that part of the reason he wrote this and other calico tunes was so there would be more to play in that tuning. Happily, there are many more fine calico tunes in circulation today than there were twenty years ago—I suspect in large part thanks to Greg and Jere playing and teaching them at camps and festivals—so get yourself over to Slippery-Hill (<https://www.slippery-hill.com/taxonomy/fiddle-tuning/aeac>) and see what else catches your fancy!

About this transcription: the notes with a "+" above them are meant to be plucked with the fingers of your left hand while playing the low drone with your bow. I find that the ring finger usually works best for me, but experiment to find what works for you. I've included which drone notes I think I'm playing when I play this tune, but in many cases the open string either above or below will work. Again, experiment to see what sounds good to you! And watch out for the one time in the middle of the last line where you do finger the drone string.

The title of this tune comes from a family story told about Jere's wife Julie's son from her first marriage: Her son loved fish, and when he was young and they went past the fish stall at Pike Place Market they would often get a bag of smelt. One night, Julie heard some splashing in the upstairs bathroom, went up, and found him in the tub with a smelt, swimming it around in the water, entreating it to "come back alive, come back alive!"

There was recently a documentary film made about the Canote brothers, and as of this writing you can watch it for free at <https://thecanotetwins.com/>.

If you're not ready to try alternate tunings, here is a version in G in standard tuning. I really encourage you to try alternate tunings if you haven't before, though — they open up all sorts of possibilities.

<https://youtu.be/B4cbE5DZ7yl> Video with AEac Tuning

<https://youtu.be/eGjgt8fjk3o> Video with Standard Tuning

<https://youtu.be/Vax2Esn6aYo> Video with GDGB Tuning

—Josh

## Come Back Alive (Standard tuning)

*Greg Canote*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 2/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat sign, followed by a G chord. The second staff continues the melody with D and G chords, ending with a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff starts with a G chord and ends with a D chord. The fourth staff begins with a G chord, followed by a C chord, and ends with a G chord. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat sign.

# Fiddle Camp 2024: A Week to Remember!

8/1/2024 – Author: Corrine Agnew

Fiddle Camp 2024 is officially in the books, and what a week it was! This year, we ventured to a new location, the Expo Center in Cashmere, and it turned out to be the perfect spot for our annual gathering. The overall consensus? The venue was fantastic!

## Perfect Venue, Perfect Setup

One of the highlights was the convenience of having the camping area just across the street from all the action. No more long treks to get from your tent to class! The air conditioning in the main building was a blessing, especially as the week progressed. Although we started with cooler weather on Monday, by Friday, we were pushing the high 90s. That cool indoor air was a lifesaver!

## Terrific Attendance

We had a great turnout this year, with over 160 registered students with an almost perfect 50/50 split of adults and youth, and around 250 participants in total. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable, and it was wonderful to see so many people come together to play, dance, jam, and celebrate old-time fiddling.



## Food, Friends, and Fun

Our food trucks were a hit, with rave reviews all around. Whether you were grabbing breakfast, lunch, or dinner, having those options on-site made it easy to stay fueled for all the activities. The shaded area near the vendors was a perfect spot to enjoy a meal and catch up with friends.

## Classes and Cool Vibes

Classes went smoothly, although we did have a few locations without air conditioning (We're already looking into ways to improve that for next year). It was wonderful to offer a new structure in Fiddle classes, supplemented with classes in mandolin, guitar, banjo, bass, and piano! Despite the heat, the learning and jamming was stellar, with everyone eager to soak up new tunes and techniques.

## Evening Events: A Musical Celebration

The evenings were filled with music and dancing! We had two nights of dancing with an open dance band, which kept everyone on their feet. The Band Scramble was a huge success, with seven on-the-spot bands putting on some fantastic performances. And who could forget the Hoedown Showdown? It was a true test of endurance and skill, with participants playing a whopping 120 songs before a winner was crowned.



## Looking Ahead

We're still working on finalizing the financials, but we're excited to announce that a generous anonymous donation of \$5,000 gave us a tremendous boost. The blanket auction also brought in nearly \$500, and the many smaller donations from our community make a big difference. Thanks to this collective generosity and your unwavering support, we're in a strong position as we begin planning for next year. Mark your calendars now for July 28 – August 1!

Here's to another amazing Fiddle Camp! We're already counting down the days until we can do it all again

## District 2, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties

8/1/2024 – Author: Kyle Peterson

No August Report

## District 4, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties

8/1/2024 – Author: Fred Robbins

Dear Fiddlers,

I hope this message finds you well! We've had a wonderful summer filled with music, community, and some truly memorable moments. Here's a recap of our busy July and a look ahead at what's coming in August.

### July 2024 Recap

July was a packed month for the Old Time Fiddlers, with **nine play-outs and two jams** that kept us all on our toes. Each event was a testament to our shared love for music and the joy it brings to others. Here are a few highlights:

- **S/W Senior Center & Lynden Senior Center Play-outs:** These events were very well-received, with heartfelt performances by Forrest, Mici, Jim, Ben, Denise, Bill, Wood, and Greg. Special thanks to David Stewart for his excellent work on sound adjustments, and to Judy Koetje for reminding us to sing a patriotic song—well done, everyone!
- **Lynden Senior Center:** Diana and Rohxann, all the way from Darrington, joined us, showing incredible dedication by traveling nearly 100 miles. Despite a mix-up on my part (apologies, Rohxann!), the music was fantastic, thanks to Jim, Mici, Dwight, Graham, Barry, and David.
- **Mira Vista Nursing Home, S/W Senior Center, & La Conner Retirement Inn:** Our performances here were nothing short of spectacular. We had 72 in the audience at La Conner, which is our largest crowd to date! Special guest Russell from England also joined us on guitar and vocals, adding an international flair to our music.
- **Country Meadows Play-out:** Gary, Dwight, Rich, Greg, Forrest, Jim, Ben, Danny, and Steve delivered fantastic tunes, with Danny playing harmonica and singing throughout the set. 30 residents enjoyed a lively session, with Danny shining on harmonica and vocals. A special shoutout to Nancy and Judi for their continuous support and cheerleading. Mark your calendars for Danny's 95th birthday celebration on September 21st at 6414 N Fruitdale Rd, Sedro Woolley—potluck starts at 1:00 PM!
- **Mountain Glen Play-out:** This event saw 35 attendees enjoying the tunes, with Rich leading the charge on guitar and vocals. His new songs were a hit with the audience, who appreciated our efforts.

A huge thank you to everyone who has been part of these events, whether performing, organizing, or supporting. Your efforts bring so much joy to our audiences, and it's noticed and appreciated by all.



**August Calendar Updates:** As we move into August, please note the following events on our calendar:

- **August 1st (Thursday):** 11:30 AM at S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, S/W
- **August 2nd (Friday):** 2:30 PM at Life Care, M/V, 2120 E. Division
- **August 9th (Friday):** Canceled due to Skagit Valley Fair
- **August 13th (Tuesday):** 2:30 PM at Mira Vista, 300 South 18th St, Mount Vernon
- **August 14th (Wednesday):** 11:30 AM at S/W Senior Center, 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- **August 16th (Friday):** 3:00 PM at La Conner Retd. Inn, 204 N 1st St, La Conner
- **August 22nd (Thursday):** 3:00 PM at Mtn. Glen, 1810 E Division, MV (Allow time to park)
- **August 23rd (Friday):** 6:30 – 9:00 PM at Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr. Jam, 1401 Cleveland Ave.
- **August 27th (Tuesday):** 2:00 PM at Country Meadow Village, 1501 Collins Rd, S/W
- **August 30th (Friday):** 3:00 PM at Creekside Retd., 400 Gilkey Rd, Burlington

### Volunteer Opportunities

We're always looking for volunteers to help with setting up and organizing our events. If you're able to lend a hand, please reach out to me. Every little bit helps to make our gatherings more enjoyable and successful for everyone.

### Photo Album Project

A special thank you to Jay Morrison, our dedicated camera and photo fellow. Jay has been working diligently on updating our photo album and even set up a digital display for us to view. We're looking for someone to assist Jay with labeling photos and getting them into our albums. If you're interested, please let us know—this is an important project that helps us preserve our precious memories.

### Reminders & Announcements

**Monthly Jam:** Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave. All are welcome!

**Quote of the Month:** "Then she took up the bow and began to play. The tone was warm and deep, storied with layers of age." – Fiddler's Green, A.S. Peterson

### Final Thoughts

As we continue to share our music with the community, I'm reminded of the immense talent and dedication within our group. Thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work, your passion, and your willingness to come together in the spirit of old-time fiddling.

Wishing you all a month filled with music, joy, and fellowship!

Warm regards,

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Calendar: Fred Robbins



## District 5 Report (Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties)

8/1/2024 – Author: Sandra OKelly

Greetings friends! In addition to marveling at the Super Moon, hope you're having a Super Summer. Heading into our Labor Day weekend Campout, we'll be looking forward to seeing friends we might have missed at Fiddle Camp, Centralia, Fiddle Tunes and other events. We've continued to **jam every Tuesday 1- 4 pm** this summer. 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Silverdale Mall next to Dick's Sporting Goods and 2nd and 4th (and any 5th) Tuesdays in Belfair at the Barn through the end of September. In the covered barn you need to dress appropriately for any temperature variation. The Barn is located at 600 NE Roessel Rd, Belfair at the Salmon Center, a nice place for a hike at the end of the Hood Canal. Stop by.



I suspect we'll be learning new tunes that folks have picked up this summer. Always fun to hear and learn new tunes although when we get around to those older tunes we played way back when, it is sometimes like returning to visit an old friend. Enjoyable. I was out of town visiting family for Fiddle Camp, but I hear that the new location went well. We sponsored 8 youth with our scholarship fund. Looking forward to next year already. Kay is doing a great job of reaching out to local schools and finding youth interested in fiddle tunes.

We always enjoy playing at Farmers Markets and watching the folks stroll by and sometimes stop with a few in time steps to the music, especially the little ones. Olalla Americana Festival turned out nice and cool and we've encouraged some passers by to come join us. Keep trying to grow our numbers!

Playouts:

- August 17- Olalla Americana Festival booth for WOTFA
- August 22- Bremerton Farmers Market
- September 6- Canterbury
- September 7-Port Orchard Farmers Market
- September 19-Liberty Shores
- September 26-Retsil Veterans Home
- September 28-September 28- Poulsbo Farmers Market
- October 9- Willows
- October 23-Country Meadows
- October 30-Crista Shores
- Contacts for scheduling or attending playouts: Sharon Habener [habs\\_@msn.com](mailto:habs_@msn.com) or Kay McCarthy [kaycmccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:kaycmccarthy@gmail.com)

Hope you get to join us at our Campout August 30-Sept 1. We will have a poker jam, potluck with hamburgers on Saturday night and play for the square dancers. Gospel hour Sunday morning after breakfast. Did I mention jamming in the morning, afternoon and late at night? Always a good time. Check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/>

We resume our monthly business meetings in September at the Kitsap Square Dance Association (KSDA) at 6800 W Belfair Valley Rd the third Saturday of every month from 11-3. We've started having a **music stand free hour from 11-noon**, take a quick finger food break while we conduct business and then resume jamming until 3 pm (written music allowed). Playing without written music has been good practice for listening and getting brave enough to find those muscle memory pathways that give confidence and fun in experimenting in a safe space. Do drop in!

Our next business meeting at KSDA, **October 19th**, will be a workshop of Irish tunes. Free to WOTFA members. Tania Opland and Mike Freeman have agreed to provide some fun for us. Tania has joined a couple of our jams and we enjoy her skill and look forward to the workshop. Check them out <https://opland-freeman.com/>

Keep playing and enjoying each other-it's a gift! Next time.

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## District 6 Report (King County)

8/1/2024 - Author: Jenny Swanson

It's been an interesting couple of months since I wrote the District 6 report. June was a month that had 2 events and the weather was pretty undecided about whether it was going to be summer or not. There was quite a bit of rain, but then July came along and said decisively that it would at last be summer for sure!

We had a wonderfully fun jam on June 1st this year. There were more than 20 people who attended. These included musicians and friends of theirs. Also, a couple from the Federal Way Historical society came to arrange to have us play for them at the end of June. Thanks to everyone who came and made it the best jam we've had in years! Here are a few pictures.



On June 29th, we did play for the Federal Way Historical society. We had quite a good turn out of musicians for this one. It was really fun to play together. Jan Barber brought 3 friends to play and they added greatly to the music. Also, Julie and Adam Kimball played with us. That made 2 banjos with those two groups. We also had two fiddlers, Bella and Roy, plus a ukulele, a harmonica, and quite a few guitars. All in all, it was a nice 2 hour session. Thanks to all for volunteering their time for this program. Pictures below.



Even though it seems like a long time until the fall, I am personally looking forward to our first meeting/ jam. Hopefully we will have a good turnout and can hear about all the fun things we each did this summer. Meanwhile, Bella and Cici Smith will have attended the workshop in July. We hope they had a good time and also learned a lot!

Here are the District 6 dates for the fall (details on WOTFA.org under the calendar):

- September 7th is our meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm.

- September 28th is our circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm.
- October 5th is our meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm.
- October 26th is our circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm. (All events are held at the DesMoines Masonic Hall)

Take care and I'll see you in September.

(for questions and comments, contact me at [timbutkoe@yahoo.com](mailto:timbutkoe@yahoo.com))

Jenny Swanson

## District 8 Report (Pierce County)

8/1/2024 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Awesome August!

There are many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County! Come and see! Bring an instrument! Bring a friend!

WOTFA summer workshop/camp is over. The new venue Cashmere Fair Grounds was a success. There were 85 adults, and 80 youngsters, 2 contra dances, a band scramble, and a hoedown showdown. I think it was very comfortable, and good news, they will have us back again, same place, same week. May a note on your calendars now!

### Ongoing Jams

- 3rd Sundays 2PM District 8 Meeting and Jam. Next meeting will be September 15 at 2PM at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC). We'll have a short meeting followed by longer circle jam at 10205 44th Ave E, Tacoma 98446. Behind the school where there's plenty of parking. Bring a friend and an instrument. Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome.
- **Mondays! 1:30PM-3:30 Open jam** at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. It's easy to find, easy to park.  
Note: the Puyallup Senior Center is closed on Federal holidays.
- Mondays 5:30-7:30PM 1st and 3rd Mondays **Dance Band** practice at MCCC above. You should definitely try this! We are working on a dance to be held in October at the MCCC above. contact Barbara [bmacleanp@comcast.net](mailto:bmacleanp@comcast.net)
- 1st Fridays 3:30PM-6:00 Gig Harbor Circle Jam. For current location, contact Matt 202.631.34147
- "Live Music Friday!" **NOTE: This one is on hold!** If you are interested in a slower jam setting let Barbara know. At the Golden Rose Mobile Park community center in Puyallup, 6220 107th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98372.

Mark your calendars for these Playouts!!

- 3rd Thursdays 11:00 Luncheon at Mid County Community Center above. Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones see below: in March, June, September, December
- Sep 12 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron [ronduncan596@gmail.com](mailto:ronduncan596@gmail.com)
- Sep 17 2:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Assisted Living on the (L) Contact Carol [ccgav@msn.com](mailto:ccgav@msn.com)
- Sep 19 2:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Independent Living on the (R) Contact Carol above.

Upcoming Events Click on the hyperlinks And add to your calendars.

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sun. 3:00-6PM now at Fircrest Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Drive, Fircrest. 3PM a workshop for new dancers. You really should try this! Check their calendar. <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- Aug 10-15 21st Centralia Campout <https://www.centraliacampout.com/>
- Oct 11-13 2nd Seattle OLDGROWTH Old Time Music Festival <https://oldgrowtholdtime.org/>



- Oct 21 6-8pm District 8 Old Time Music and Dance Party – Mid County Community Center
- Oct 26 Madrona Old Time Music Festival at Key Peninsula Civic Center <https://www.madronafest.com/>

Interested in a nice stand up 3/4 bass fiddle with soft case? Contact Dennis D 253 209 7181c or 253 904 8881.

## District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

8/1/2024 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone: Happy Summer 2024! For the month of August we have lots of fun things going on in District 9:

Our regular monthly playdate will be on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH FROM 4:00PM-5:00PM AT Colonial Stillwater Estates, located at 2700 Colonial Drive in Centralia, just off Cooks Hill Rd. We will be playing in the residence building in the music parlor which is just inside the main doors and to the left. The August playlist will be listed below

Our only other playdate in August is at the SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH FROM 11:00AM-12:00PM on the Community Stage, which is right in the middle of the Fairgrounds. If you are planning on playing with us at the fair please let me know so I can get you a gate pass. We'll be using the same playlist that will be used at Colonial Stillwater playdate. Please be ready to go at 10:45 for the sound check.

And don't forget about the Mt St Helens Bluegrass Festival taking place the weekend of August 9th at the High Scholl in Toledo. It's put on by the Washington Bluegrass Association and is very fun. Lots of jamming, open mic, workshops and shows and a band scramble. [www.washingtonbluegrass.com](http://www.washingtonbluegrass.com)

Also, the Centralia Campout will be happening from August 10-18 just East of I-5 in Centralia, along the Chehalis River. Very laid back and tons of jamming as well as pop-up events like potlucks and dances. [www.centraliacampout.com](http://www.centraliacampout.com)

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: Our regular 1st Friday open acoustic jam will be starting up on Friday, September 6th at 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, located at 436 Coal Creek Rd in Chehalis, just off I-5 exit 79

AND!! Our September Colonial Stillwater Estates playdate will be on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th at 1:00pm so we can play for the Annual BBQ at Colonial. We'll be playing outside under the archway at the entrance to the Residence building.

HERE IS THE AUGUST 2024 PLAYLIST:

1. Turkey In The Straw-G
2. Southwind Irish Waltz-G
3. Home On The Range-G
4. Girl I Left Behind Me-G
5. Centralia Waltz-G
6. Lofotingen-G
7. Sweet By & By-G
8. Redwing-G
9. Tennessee Waltz-G
10. Cripple Creek-A
11. Amazing Grace-G
12. Boil The Cabbage-A
13. Victory In Jesus-G
14. Soldiers Joy-D
15. Ashokan Farewell-D
16. Liberty-D
17. Are You Washed-D
18. Swallowtail Jig-Em
19. Arkansas Traveler-D
20. Woodchoppers Reel-D

If you need more information or have questions on anything please don't hesitate to call or text me (Christie) at 360-791-5185

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JAM INFO: First Friday of every month 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Rd, Chehalis

## District 10 Report (Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wakiukum Counties)

8/1/2024 – Denice Carter

District 10 is happy to be hosting the Washington State Fiddle Championships at the Clark County Fair again for 2024!



We held a fundraiser garage sale to help boost the prize money and excited we were able to generate over \$500.



We are still looking for sponsors and volunteers for anyone in the area who would like to participate in this annual event we hope to make a tradition in the Fiddle world!



Please reach out if you'd like to help us make it another fabulous event!

## District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

8/1/2024 – Charlie Root

No August Report

## District 12 Report (Benton, Franklin, & Walla Walla Counties)

8/1/2024 – Joe Gunter

No August Report

## District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

8/1/2024 – Rita Hubbard

No August Report

## District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

8/1/2024 – Author: Dianne Gooch

No August Report

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The following Districts are No longer active. Members of these counties are welcome to continue to participate in any and all WOTFA events and activities. If you have a jam, playout or even in any of these districts - feel free to simply coordinate with the State Officers

District 1 (Asotin, Columbia, Garfield & Whitman Counties)

District 3 (Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan Counties)

District 7 (Kittitas, Yakima, & Klickitat Counties)