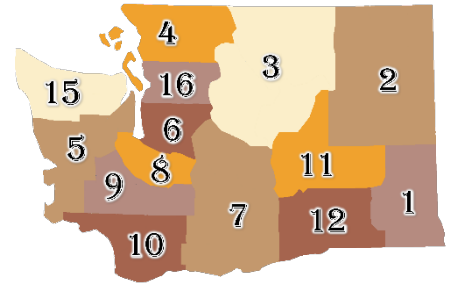




# Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

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## Evergreen Fiddler – September 2024

### Sailing Over England

9/1/2024 – Author: Kitty Steetle, Josh Larios

#### Sailing over England

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Discography: <https://www.slippery-hill.com/recording/sailing-over-england>

<https://youtu.be/bI2pqAarDzI>

Notes: From the playing of Lee Triplett (1897–1981, Clay County, W.Va.)

As interpreted by Adam Hurt and Rachel Eddy at Clifftop , 2014

I believe I first heard this tune a few years ago, played by Rachel Eddy and Adam Hurt in a recording of a 2014 jam at the Clifftop festival on YouTube. Because I haven't been to many in-person jams since the start of the pandemic, I've been getting most of my new tunes from YouTube or [Slippery Hill](https://www.slippery-hill.com/), both of which contain more than a lifetime's worth of tunes.

This one comes from the playing of Lee Triplett (1897–1981), of Clay County, West Virginia. You can hear him playing it at <https://www.slippery-hill.com/content/sailing-over-england>, where it sounds like he's playing it with the high part first, in the opposite order of how I learned it. That's also how the Canotes taught it in their stringband class in 2010, a

recording of which you can find at <https://stringband.mossyroof.com/>, so the Rachel Eddy & Adam Hurt version seems to be the odd one out. I like just that little extra bit of syncopation in this version, though.

I do wonder what the title refers to. Hot air balloons? Zeppelins? And which England? There's a town in Arkansas named England, apparently.

I'm trying something new this month and linking to a transcription of this tune in Michael Eskin's [ABC Tools](#), where you can play the tune in a web browser, looping and adjusting the speed as you like using the "Tune Trainer" feature: <https://baz.link/sailingoverengland> Let me know in the comments if you find this feature useful, and if so I'll try to make sure to add it for future tunes, and maybe go back and add it to previous ones.

—Josh

<https://youtu.be/bl2pqAarDzl> Sailing Over England - Recorded at Clifftop in August 2024

[https://youtu.be/kbJ\\_AUiXTdc](https://youtu.be/kbJ_AUiXTdc) Sailing Over England - Recorded by Walt Koken

<https://youtu.be/4mUnC6rbs3s> Sailing Over England - Recorded by Paul Kirk

<https://youtu.be/h-YS2OTgwZ8> Sailing Over England - Recorded by Josh Larios (with on-screen backup chords)

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

9/1/2024 – Author: Kyle Peterson

No September Report

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

9/1/2024 – Author: Fred Robbins

### ello Busy Fiddlers!

Thank you all for your wonderful participation this past month. Your music is so appreciated by everyone at our performances!

- At **Mira Vista**, we had Forrest, Mici, Jim, Gary, Greg, and Steve.
- The **S/W Senior Center** saw Ben, Jim, Mici, Rich, Greg, Steve, and Forrest.
- At **La Conner Retirement Inn**, we were joined by Ben, Mici, Jim, Forrest, Rich, Dennis, Chrystal, Denise, Gary, and Greg.

A special shout-out to Judi and Nancy for always helping with setup and packing! Your support means so much to all of us. Our performances have been well-attended, and the joy in our music is obvious.

**Sara Jane's 90th Birthday Gathering** in Burlington was a delightful event with fun conversations, delicious cakes, and plenty of birthday wishes. It was a blessed day, indeed!

Our strength lies in the variety of music we play and the musicians who rotate in and out, bringing fresh sounds and perspectives to each performance. September will bring some changes as folks leave and others return, keeping our audiences excited for more!

**Big thanks** to everyone who helps set up, fold up, and bring goodies for the group! At **Mountain Glen**, we had Dwight, Greg, Mici, Jim, Ben, Rich, Gary, Forrest, Vern, and Denise. Ben's bass made a brief but memorable appearance, even though the room was a little too tight! We're working to ensure Ben and his bass have a proper place next time.

At **M/V Senior Center**, despite the rainy evening, musicians dodged raindrops and brought the house down with tunes, both old and new. Many thanks to Ben for getting "Glory, Glory, Glory Somebody Touched Me" under our belts.

**Labor Day blessings!** Twenty-five residents at **Country Meadows** enjoyed a fantastic play-out with Dwight, Rich, Greg, Jim, Mici, Ben, Nancy, and Danny, who started and finished the set beautifully with “Red Wing” on his harmonica. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for **September 21st**—Danny’s 95th Birthday Potluck at 6414 N Fruitdale Rd in Sedro Woolley! Music starts at 11 a.m., and we’ll eat at 1 p.m.

We also welcomed **Gayle Clarity** from the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers at **Creekside**. Gayle’s been a longtime Fiddler and has an amazing ability to play by ear. We’re thrilled to have her join us and look forward to more fellowship as she settles into the area.

Lastly, a quick note: October is member renewal month and election time! We need to fill leadership positions like Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you’re interested in helping out, now’s the time!

### September Calendar

- **Sept. 5** – S/W Senior Center, 11:30 AM
- **Sept. 6** – Life Care, 2:30 PM
- **Sept. 12** – Mountain Glen, 3:00 PM
- **Sept. 13** – Mt. Vernon Sr. Center Jam, 6:30-9:00 PM
- **Sept. 17** – Mira Vista, 2:30 PM
- **Sept. 19** – S/W Senior Center, 11:30 AM
- **Sept. 20** – La Conner Retirement Inn, 3:00 PM
- **Sept. 21** – Danny’s 95th Birthday Potluck, 11 AM
- **Sept. 23** – Creekside, 3:00 PM
- **Sept. 24** – Country Meadow Village, 2:00 PM
- **Sept. 27** – Mt. Vernon Sr. Center Jam, 6:30-9:00 PM

Thank you all for your contributions, whether playing, helping, or supporting. Your efforts make each event special! Wishing you all a September filled with music, joy, and fellowship!

### Fred Robbins

#### Reminders:

- **Monthly Jam:** Every 2nd and 4th Friday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, All are welcome! @ M/V Sr. Ctr. 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon.

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Calendar: Fred Robbins

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

9/1/2024 – Author: Sandra Okelly

No September Report

## District 6 Report (King County)

9/1/2024 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Wow! It’s already September. I can’t believe it. We’ve had a good summer in District 6 with our regular playdates and we are looking forward to getting together Sept. 7th for our meeting/jam. It will be great to see everyone and play

music together in a larger group. I, for one, am looking forward to lunch and catching up with what everyone has been doing this summer.

The Smith family attended fiddle camp this year. Bella took level four classes and enjoyed the challenge. She played with the band for the square dance. Cici was in level one and pulled together as many jams as possible with people of all ages. You can see her in the picture with 2 adults. I'm sure that Cici and Bella enjoyed playing with people from other districts and the those people probably enjoyed them as much as we do in District 6! All in all, it sounds like they had a wonderful time and learned a lot. I've included the pictures Shawna (their mom) took at the camp. They are below.



The district 6 dates for the fall are as follows: (These events are held at the Des Moines Masonic Hall. Details and more information are listed on WOTFA.org on the calendar under each date. Just click on the event to find out all about it.)

- Sat, September 7th meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm
- Sat, September 28th circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm
- Sat, October 5th meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm
- Sat, October 26th circle jam from 1 pm to 4 pm
- Sat, November 2nd meeting/jam from 11 am to 4 pm
- Sat, December 7th Christmas Party from 11 am to 4 pm

Take care and keep up the music. Any questions or comments, please email me at [timbuktoe@yahoo.com](mailto:timbuktoe@yahoo.com)

See you in October.

Jenny Swanson

## District 8 Report (Pierce County)

9/1/2024 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Salubrious September!

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

Whew, fall is upon us.

**Heads up!!! District 8 will be hosting a contradance at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC) on Monday October 21 at 6-8PM. You should plan to drop in and have a look. Should be fun!**

There is a flyer on the WOTFA web page too.

<https://wotfa.org/event/old-time-music-and-dance-party/>

Also, plan to attend the October 26 Madrona Old Time Music Festival listed below. <https://www.madronafest.com/>

#### 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
- 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
- Sep 17 2:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Assisted Living on the (L) Contact Carol 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/>
- 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)

9/1/2024 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone:

For the month of September we will be resuming our regular 1st Friday meeting and jam on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th from 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church.

The church is located at 436 Coal Creek Rd in Chehalis. To find the church take I-5 to exit 79, then head EAST. Take a LEFT on N. National Ave and go 1/3 mile, then take a RIGHT on Coal Creek Road and go 1.1 miles. The church will be on your Right. We will be in the kitchen building for the jam until renovations on the church are finished.

There will be coffee and tea and some snacks but it won't be a potluck.

The very next day is our only playdate for the month, on Saturday, September 7th from 1:00pm-2:00pm at Colonial Stillwater Estates, located at 2700 Colonial Drive in Centralia, just off Cooks Hill Rd. We will be playing for the annual BBQ Fundraiser which will be outside, close to the main entrance. If the weather is hot we will be playing under the big covered entrance for shade.

Here is the September playlist:

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| 1. Soldiers Joy-D                 | 8. Midnight On The Water-D  | 15. Nearer My God To Thee-G |
| 2. Black Velvet Waltz-D           | 9. St. Anne's Reel-D        | 16. Ora Lee-G               |
| 3. Manitoba's Golden Boy-D        | 10. Sleeping Giant 2-Step-D | 17. My Cape Breton Home-G   |
| 4. Faded Love-D                   | 11. Edelweiss-G             | 18. Happyland Schottische-G |
| 5. Eighth Of January-D            | 12. Garry Owen-G            | 19. Softly & Tenderly-G     |
| 6. Shall We Gather At The River-D | 13. Lorena-G                | 20. Cajun Fiddle-A          |
| 7. Mississippi Sawyer-D           | 14. Kesh Jig-G              |                             |

That's it for September! Please call or text me (Christie) at 360-791-5185 if you have any questions or need more information.

CHAIRPERSON: Christie Easter 360-791-5185. [mrwillys@aol.com](mailto:mrwillys@aol.com)

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)

9/1/2024 – Denice Carter

District 10 is proud to report that the Washington State Fiddle Championships was a huge success! We had a healthy turn out especially in the youth divisions! Due to this strong turnout, at times it was tricky keeping the schedule on track but we made it work. Our Championship division attracted a number of national champions and provided an exciting and powerful final rounds and round robin. The whole contest was livestreamed all weekend and can be viewed anytime at <https://youtube.com/@wastatefiddlechampionships4432?si=Kzk8Gh5E6RxdobaA> We had some difficulties the morning of the first day but was able to correct it by the afternoon session. We are already gearing up to do it again next year!

A big thank you to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to raise funds and execute this contest. Would never have happened without you! Also, our wonderful community member sponsors who helped raise funds and directly donated. District 9 stepped up early on and WOTFA GENEROUSLY contributed!

Results are posted at

<https://www.facebook.com/100064754030313/posts/934594835375642/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

Congrats to Jacie Sites! Along with treating us to her phenomenal fiddle skills in the final rounds she won the Kennedy raffle for the wonderful violin they donated. See her reaction here :

<https://www.facebook.com/100064754030313/posts/934776868690772/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

If you'd like to be involved with this wonderful fiddling event contact Denice Carter:

[Fidlmom1@gmail.com](mailto:Fidlmom1@gmail.com) or text to 303 859 4268

Thank you all! Happy Fiddling!



## District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

9/1/2024 – Charlie Root

District 11 held their August meeting and jam on August 18. We had a good turnout of musicians and a good audience. We have had several visiting musicians at our jams the last few months, so we may see some growth in our future. We added an additional playout to our monthly schedule. We are now playing at Monroe House on the third Monday at 1:45.

We now have more playouts than we did before the covid.

On July 11th, we played at the Quincy Senior Center for their dinner program. It's a monthly dinner in which they invite someone or some group for the evening's entertainment. Most of our members attended, and we were well received. They also did a hat pass which was very helpful to our bank account. We have been asked to perform again next year, but we haven't got the date set up yet.

At this time, we only have one other play date other than our monthly schedule, we will be playing at the Moses Lake Christian Church on December 13th for their senior adult group. It won't be long before we'll be bringing out our Christmas music again.

Time is really flying by.

As an informational note, the George Washington Bluegrass Festival will be held from September 16-22. It's held at the George, Washington park and community center. It's free to the public and there is some dry camping available. There are a few electric hook-ups for \$25.00 for the week. Several of our members are involved in the festival, so maybe we'll see some of you there.

Monthly meeting: 3rd Sunday at 1:30PM, jam 2:00-4:00. Moses Lake Senior Center, 608 E. 3rd Ave. Moses Lake.

### Playouts

- 2nd Tues. 1:00 PM Othello Care 495 N 13th Ave. Othello
- 2nd Tues. 2:30 PM Coventry House Assisted Living, 430 N. 2nd Ave. Othello
- 2nd Wed 10:00 AM Pioneer Village, 816 Sharon Ave. Moses Lake
- 2nd Wed. 1:30 PM Avamere, 8425 Aspi Blvd.NE, Moses Lake
- 3rd Mon. 1:45 PM Monroe House, 1405 S. Monroe St. Moses Lake
- 3rd Tues. 10:00 AM McKay Healthcare & Rehab Center, Soap Lake
- 3rd Thurs. 10:00 AM Brookdale Hearthstone, 905 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake
- 4th Tues. 10:30 AM The Cambridge, 301 H Street SW, Quincy
- 4th Thurs. 10:00 AM Summerwood, 830 NW Sunburst Ct. Moses Lake

Charlie Root

District 11

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

9/1/2024 – Joe Gunter

No September Report

## District 15 Report (Jefferson & Clallam Counties)

9/1/2024 – Rita Hubbard

The time has come. We will be fiddling this Saturday at St. Lukes. Hope to see you there.

Open Jam and a really brief meeting at noon.

Saturday, September 14 from 10AM to 2PM  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church 525 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Sequim

**Open Jam**

September 28 from 11AM to 3PM  
Tri Area Community Center  
10 West Valley Road  
Chimacum

## District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

9/1/2024 – Author: Dianne Gooch

No September 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)