

THE HOEDOWNER

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS

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The President's Message:

We have the first report on our coming convention in this letter. It is scheduled for the third weekend in March. Now is the time for the members to come forth with their ideas and suggestions so they can be worked into the plans. Wayne Holmes is the one to contact along with the officers. Do we want a show, banquet and dance or something quite different? Let us know what you think.

Bill Yohey

From the Vice President:

Fall has arrived and with it we now look back on the season of fiddling contests just past. It was a gratifying season because more fiddlers became active, entered more contests and became members of our association. More and more people are beginning to take note of what the fiddlers associations all over the nation are doing. I'm sure that many of you, as with me, met a lot of very nice people during the season. That alone is worthwhile. As we think of what took place this season, we tend to forget some of the things we had to go thru, the sacrifices we made, and the expenses for travel. Now that dried up sandwich we took along, so we might shave our costs a bit, wasn't so bad after all. That leaky tent we slept in, the flat tire we had; sleeping in the seat of the car because we were too late to get a motel room, are now looked back on as a big joke and fond remembrance. The warm handshake, the fiddling we heard, and the joy of being in the midst of what was going on make our hearts thrill with what we, as an association, have accomplished. With this in mind, we must face the less active part of the year by playing in local groups, entertaining for the handicapped, and just plain learning more tunes. We shall all be better fiddlers come spring and a brand new fiddling season. So let's keep the rosin handy and be ready for a greater time next year.

Marshall Jackson

Jam Session Scio Sept. 13

The September jam session held at Scio brought a good crowd of fiddling enthusiasts, as well as fiddlers themselves who numbered 27, and who included the following:

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| Walt Larsen | Fred Hildebrandt | Bill Weber | Shorty Allen |
| Pop Powers | Ray Abby | Charlie Johnson | Bill Yohey |
| Ray Mack | Winston Luntrell | Valdemar Nelson | Guy Kyler |
| Tony Descombez | Warren Grey | Walt Whitson | Fred Virtue |
| Marshall Jackson | Dutch George | Archie Bovey | Sally White |
| Gordon Gilbert | Andy Nelton | Wayne Holmes | Dan Guyer |
| Bill Rund | Dallas Hilton | Cliff Euker | |

Accompanying the fiddlers were: Bass fiddler, Ed Gorham; Guitars, Marshall Jackson, Winston Luntrell, and Don and Ruth Loring; Piano, Nell Turner, Eva Caldwell, Bernie Harlan, and Ed Turner. Nell Turner also favored us with a piano solo on the program. M.C. was Cliff Euker. The usual good foods were brought by the ladies for the noon dinner, and dancing was enjoyed after the program.

Verneda Weber

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Redmond Show Sept. 19

A group of musicians gathered in Redmond to help celebrate the Potato Festival. Fiddlers were Vivian Skeans and Allen Rice of Boise, Idaho, Bob Hawes and Tom Buckle of Bend, Bill Weber and Vlademar Nelson, Portland, Jerry White, Eugene, Bill Yohey, McMinnville, Don Gish, Yakima and Rusty Modrell of Terrebonne. Accompanists, Don and Ruth Loring, Albany, Jim Thomas, Toppenish, Washington, Marshall Jackson, Cresham, Vic Brown, Redmond and Leon Crouch of Bend were there to add to the show. Larry Modrell was the capable L.C. Most of this group were on hand to ride in the parade and put in an appearance at the BBQ dinner. Saturday afternoon a segment for a t.v. commercial was taped. If you hear "Bile Down the Cabbage" coming from your t.v. be sure to look carefully. It might be someone you know. Sunday morning we were all guests of Bill and Dess Jenkins and Rusty and Vi Modrell for sausage and sourdough biscuits. Thanks, Folks!

Coming Events:

Jam Session Oct. 11, 1970 Independence, Oregon

The monthly Jam Session and Potluck Dinner will be held at the City Hall in Independence on Monmouth St. Don't forget your table service along with your food and your fiddles. If you know anyone who would enjoy it bring them along. That's October 11 about 11 A.M.

Convention:

Here is a progress report from the chairman of the 1971 Convention Committee: Many locations have been contacted and many more will be looked at and investigated. So far, I have not been satisfied with the prices offered. Our president and Vice President are working on this with me. I am sure we will have just what we want for our '71 convention.

News from Our Members:

Wayne Holmes

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gilbert, Andy Neilton and Archie Bovee play at the three nursing homes in Silverton and also at the Senior Citizens meetings. We have a jam session together often and invite members to Silverton anytime.

Archie Bovee

The Senior Citizens Club of McMinnville was host to the Cresham Seniors on Sept. 8th. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd and the following fiddlers were there for a part of the entertainment: Bill Weber, Eva Caldwell, Clarence Greenlund, Charlie Johnson, Marshall Jackson, Ed Corham, Bill Wilson and Smokey Joe Mumpfleet. They sure rolled out the red carpet for the fiddlers and we had a fine time.

On Sept. 10th the small amateur orchestra, of which I am a member, entertained the fellowship club of the First Baptist Church in Portland. The musicians were Charles Johnson, Eva Caldwell, Andy Lurry, Mary Jane McMurny, Clair Doonee, and Art Sartwell. We play out quite a lot with this little group and intend to keep it up as much as possible.

Charles Johnson

A group of musicians entertained at the Edgefield Manor at Troutdale recently: Fred Hildebrandt, Marshall Jackson, George Cieloha, Charlie Johnson, Eva Caldwell, George Jenkerson, Bill Wilson, Harold and Millie Shiveley, Bill and Verneda Weber, Frank Warner and Ed Corham.

Verneda Weber

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Pop Powers, Wayne Holmes, and Jake McCullough played a program of oldtime fiddling for the River Road parks Dept. Barbeque and entertainment Aug. 29th. We were very well received and appreciated by the crowd.

Wayne Holmes

News from the National Oldtime Fiddlers Organization:

Here is a copy of the motion passed at the National Convention on June 17th, 1970 concerning dues:

1) Each state fiddlers association that wishes to belong to the National Oldtime Fiddlers Association shall pay 50¢ for each resident member of record. This entitles each State member to a National Oldtime Fiddlers Association membership card.

2) Any member of a state affiliated with the National may pay \$1.00 additional to the State which will be forwarded to the National for the National Newsletter and National notices.

3) Any individual living in a state or province which does not belong to the National may join the National by paying a direct \$5.00 fee to the National Oldtime Fiddlers Association Secretary (At this time: Joyce Bonar, N. 820 Ravalli Drive, Veradale, Washington, 99037).

That's it for this month. Please send in your news. I can't print it unless you tell me what has happened or is coming up. Until next month.....Edna Yohey