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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

August will be the last month this year that we will have an extra Jam Session. Details of this additional meeting in Coquille will be in this Hoedowner, along with information about our regular meeting in Lincoln City on the 15th. These extra get together sessions in the southern part of the state have been quite well received and we have added many members to our group. I hope that we will have several meetings in the southern part of the state every year from now on. While on the subject of meetings I want to let everyone know that we are going to try having at least one of our regular jam sessions on a Saturday this fall or winter, to see how it works out. There are some advantages to having a jam session on a Saturday, the principal one being that you can stay later, and in fact, we could have one in the afternoon and evening if we wanted to. Of course during the summer the Saturday meetings might conflict with a contest, so we can't try it then.

Also scheduled this month are several fiddle shows. Our Association has been asked to provide fiddle entertainment for the County Fair at Canby both on Friday, Aug. 13, and Saturday, the 14th. We are also going to play at the Steam Festival at Brooks on Sat. Aug. 21. The fiddlers and accompanists who play at these events will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers treasury, because they have pledged to give substantial contributions to our group for furnishing our good oldtime music. Don't forget the fiddle show at Rickreall on Friday night Aug. 20. We won't get any money for this but it is an obligation we must take care of, as it is in exchange for the use of the Fair building for our convention last March.

I want to extend my personal thanks, and as president, the thanks of the entire Oregon Fiddlers Association to the following fiddlers and accompanists who so generously gave of their time and talent by playing at the American Legion Hall in Sheridan for the "Phil Sheridan Days" celebration: Fred Virtue, Bill Yohey, Sue Walker, Don Haynes, Ludwig Gimm, Del Anderson, Joe Humfleet, Clarence Greenlund, Ron Gimm, Valdemar Nelson and Charlie Johnson and Ed Gorham. This show was held just a few days before the National contest at Weiser, and we didn't get a chance to acknowledge these fine folks until now.

Verneda Weber, who has a real talent for writing, has agreed to accept the responsibility of writing and assembling the history of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association. My thanks to her for taking on this task.

Many thanks are also due Charlie Stovall and his helpers who provided the buffet dinner and assorted liquids to go with it after the Far West contest at Cottage Grove. Real thoughtful of you Cottage Grove folks to do this for the fiddlers, and we want you to know that we appreciate it.

I hope to see all of you at Lincoln City on the 15th, and as many as can possibly make it to Coquille on the 29th. A WORD OF EXPLANATION: Some people have asked why Billy Warwick won the Junior Division at Cottage Grove when he picked the strings on his last tune. The reason is that the last appearance of the Juniors in the evening was simply to give the audience a chance to hear them play. The judges did not score that round.

WAYNE HOLMES

OUR NEXT REGULAR JAM SESSION Aug 15, NORTH LINCOLN GRANGE HALL

Our next regular Jam Session and pot luck will be in the North Lincoln Grange hall in Lincoln City. To get there turn away from the ocean at the mobile service station off of Hwy 101 in the old town of Delake, go down that road about 4 or 5 blocks and the Grange hall is to your left. We have had a couple of jam sessions there in the past and it is easy to find. Don't forget your favorite dish and your own table service.

AN EXTRA JAM SESSION COQUILLE AUG. 29

The jam session and pot luck will be at the Junior Auditorium in the Coquille Community Building on Aug. 29. To get there coming from Myrtle Point, turn left at Second St. (by the City Hall), continue on Second St., it ends at the Building. Coming from Coos Bay, turn right at Second (sign says 42S and truck Rt.) Some parking in front and to the left of the building. We hope to have a good turn out. We will see all at Canyonville and then the Jam Session.

GEROLDINE VIRTUE

COMING EVENTS

Canby-----Fiddle Show-----Aug. 13 & 14
 Lincoln City-----Jam Session-----Aug. 15
 Rickreall-----Fiddle Show-----Aug. 20
 Brooks-----Fiddle Show-----Aug. 21
 Canyonville-----Contest-----Aug. 28
 Coquille-----Jam Session-----Aug. 29

CANBY CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 FIDDLE SHOW

Play from 2 to 3 p.m. and again at 7 to 7:45 p.m.

CANBY CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR SATURDAY AUGUST 14 FIDDLE SHOW

Play from 2 to 3 p.m. and again at 7 to 7:45 P.M.

RICKREALL POLK COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS FRIDAY AUG. 20th

From 7 p.m. till as long as they want. Probably an hour show, but maybe two. Remember this is an obligation we made last March for the use of the Polk County Fair Grounds Building for our Convention

BROOKS STEAM FESTIVAL SATURDAY AUG. 21

Play from 6 to 7 p.m.

WOODBURN

A good time was had by all at the jam session and pot luck in woodburn on July 11. After a fine meal, we had a very fine show which included: Fiddles: Cliff Buker, Don Haynes, Del Anderson, Walther Marvin, Fred Hildebrandt, Wayne Holmes, Jim Famsey, Linda Danielson, Matt Willing, Tina Willing, Shorty Allen, Jim Morris, Bill Wilson, Charlie Johnson, W.P. Larson and his brother Bill who was visiting from South Dakota. Specials: W. Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. Chase, and Ron Gimm. Accompanists: Shorty Allen, Don Haynes, Jim Morris, Ed Turner, Ron Gimm, Ed Gorham, Mrs. Bill Larson, Donald Toomb and Terry Shepard.

NEWPORT Contest results

SENIORS: 1st Charlie Johnson, 2nd Cliff Buker, 3rd Tony Descombaz, 4th Valdemar Nelson, 5th Richard Frankland. OPEN: 1st Bill Yohey, 2nd Jerry White, 3rd Dale Johnson, 4th Kenny Brank, 5th Bud Ryan. JUDGES: Don Loring, Ed Gorham, and Ron Gimm.

HOOD RIVER

On an outdoor platform, in front of the Grand Stands at Hood River Fair Grounds, the Fiddlers played to a large audience who responded with enthusiastic applause. The weather varied, with a few weeping drops of rain scattered in the smiling sunshine which sometimes smiled to warmly on the fiddlers. Results of the contest were: SENIORS: 1st Bill Weber, 2nd Wes Brunson, 3rd Bill Flint, 4th John Madden. OPEN: 1st Aaron Lowe, 2nd Sheila Wright, 3rd Fred Hildebrandt, 4th George Jenkerson, 5th Ray Wright. JUDGES: Wally Ralston, Don Haynes, and Ivan McDaniels.

MARSHALL JACKSON

THE DALLES Contest results

SENIORS: Joe Panczerwski, Charlie Johnson, Bill Weber, and Cliff Buker.
 OPENS: Don Gish, Duane Stephens, Joe Panczerwski, Neil Johnston.
 JUDGES: Monte Stephens, Bill Yohey, and Vivian Williams.

FAR WEST CONTEST AT COTTAGE GROVE

Over the past several years folks have come to expect the Far west Oldtime Fiddle Contest to be a well run show attracting some of the best fiddlers in the west, and this year's contest met their expectations. The quality of the fiddling was very high throughout the contest. The capable Master of Ceremonies was Skip Hathaway, who did another fine job as he did last year. The results of the contest were: SENIORS: 1st Charlie Johnson, 2nd Cliff Buker, 3rd Bob Hewes,. JUNIORS: 1st Billy Warwick, 2nd Loretta Brank, 3rd Sue Walker,. OPEN: 1st Rusty Modrell, 2nd Eddie Johnson, 3rd Jerry White, 4th Charles Griffen, 5th Fred Hildebrandt. The judges were Allan McDonald, Bill Yohey, and Wayne Holmes.

THE DAVE HITE MEMORIAL

Wilma Ryan became the first to be awarded the Dave Hite Memorial Trophy. This trophy will be given each year to the "most popular second", and honors the memory of Dave Hite who was a well known, well liked accompanist for many years, and who died just two weeks before last year's contest. In addition to the trophy which is the winner's to keep, the Dave Hite family will keep in their home a plaque which will have the name of each years winner engraved upon it. Congratulations to you Wilma, on your well deserved award.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM WILMA RYAN

I would like to express my gratitude to all the nice people who made it possible for me to receive the beautiful trophy at Cottage Grove, in honor of a fine man, Dave Hite, many many thanks. It was one of the nicest things that ever happen to me.

WILMA RYAN

HELPFUL HINTS DEPT.

Wayne Holmes, President of the Fiddlers Assoc., suggested that I should write a few tips on fiddle bows, care, etc.

Fiddle bows are made of many different kinds of wood, the best being "Per-nambuco, from a tree that grows in Brazil. The best horse hair comes from Siberia and should be unbleached for best performance.

The stick should be kept clean from rosin, music stores usually carry in stock rosin cleaner, it is a liquid. Tension on the hair varies with the player, however after every use of the bow the tension on the hair should be loosened. The stick will then keep pretty straight and resilient for better playing. Price on bows vary greatly, anywhere from a few dollars to \$300.00 and \$350.00.

If in need to have the fiddle bow repaired, find a good mechanic that knows how to rehair bows properly.

VALDEMAR NELSON

FROM THE EDITOR

Our President felt that I owed an explanation to the membership why we didn't go to the bulk mailing system as was mentioned in the Hoedowner a few months ago. My wife, our secretary checked into the matter with the Post Office and as it turned out there was quite a bit of red tape to go through to get a bulk mailing permit. My wife got some papers from the Post Office to be filled out and after looking it over, I could only understand about half of it and I felt we would just about have to have a lawyer to fill the forms out completely and then we would have to have an affidavit from the Federal Government showing that we are a non-profit organization and tax exempt. So we felt that with the expense of hiring a lawyer and having papers notarized and the fact that it would take 4 to 6 months to get the permit, it would not be worth it. If there are any questions about this matter please contact us and we will try to answer them.

RON GIMM

CONTESTS

CANYONVILLE, OREGON

Most of you have probably noted that a contest is to be held in Canyonville on August 28th starting at 2:00 P.M. in Pioneer Park. Sign up time begins at 1:00 P.M. I want to give you some details of this contest which we hope will be very successful. The success depends on fiddler participation of course.

First I want to mention that a Junior Contest (up to 18 years of age) will be held preliminary to the open contest. There is no entry fee and a Trophy will be awarded for 1st place, and nice ribbons for 2nd and 3rd places. This Junior contest is being held at the urging of our President, Wayne Holmes, so don't let him down.

The open contest requires an entry fee of \$5.00. Prizes will be cash (\$50, \$25, and \$15) for the first three places and ribbons for 4th, 5th, and 6th places. Mr. Cliff Buker of Waldport, Mr. Don Haynes of Forest Grove, and Mr. Robert Hawes of Bend have graciously consented to judge our contests. There is one contest rule change, tunes do not have to be 50 years old, they can be any age as long as they are played in old time fiddling style.

This contest is held each year as one of the features of Canyonville's Pioneer Days Celebration. It is one of the most important and popular features since oldtime fiddling is truly a pioneer art that still lives. Come down and help us celebrate. There is fun for all the family all three days August 27th, 28th, and 29th. Canyonville also has a beautiful camping park, Station Park with trailer hookups and gas facilities so that the campers will know there is a nice place to stay. We also have three motels.

GYNN DEATON

Fiddle contest chairman
Canyonville, Oregon

EUGENE

A group of fiddlers and accompanists from the Eugene area provided some good fiddle entertainment for the people at the Applegate Trail Days celebration in Veneta Saturday, July 31. We played a show at 1 p.m. and again at 6 to an appreciative audience. Fiddlers were Obie St. Clair, Ben Moore, Linda Danielson and Wayne Holmes. Jake McCullough and Ray Dunlap backed us up on guitars. The directors of this event gave the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association a check for \$75.00 for the good oldtime fiddling we furnished for their show.

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