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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Coming up is the big event of the year for fiddlers and fiddler followers: The National Oldtime Fiddle Contest at Weiser, Idaho. This year the four day activities will begin June 21 and culminate in the grand finale Saturday June 24. This year should provide another great National Contest, and I urge all oldtime fiddle fans to attend if you have never done so. Those who have been there need no urging to go back, I have no official confirmation, but have been told that the judges this year will be Herman Johnson of Oklahoma, Joe Panczerwski, Wash., Jana Grief, Calif., Gene Wilhite, Indiana and Harry Hanson of Nebraska. Some of the changes in the National Contest this year include the addition of a division called Junior Juniors for under 12, and the change in age for Seniors from 70 and over to 65 and over.

There was some mighty fine fiddling heard over at Pendleton last May 20, when our State Oldtime Fiddle Contest was held. Bill Yohey emerged victorius, and now holds two top titles: Northwest Regional Champion and Oregon State Champion. See story herein on the contest for complete details. Our next Jam Session is scheduled for Sweet Home June 11. There are complete details about that in this Hoedowner also. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

WAYNE HOLMES

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE UNWORTHY VICE-PRES.

The Southern Division was established to encourage participation in the southern part of the State. One Jam Session a month was insufficient due to the size of our State and the vast number of miles many people had to travel to attend.

In my opinion the Southern Division has increased our membership, participation and strength of the State Organization as well as brought many hours of enjoyment to many people who otherwise would have been deprived of Old Time Fiddling.

It has been brought to my attention that people are drawing boundaries between the Northern division and the Southern division. We don't want to see this happen. We want everyone to go where they can, as often as they can. Whether we live north or south, we are all Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. members and are working for a common goal. That goal is to preserve and encourage Old Time Fiddling and above all to have a good time doing it.

EARL AULMAN

## EDITORS NOTE:

I feel that a word of explanation is in order about the heading for our Vice-Pres. article. Earl asked me to head this article in this way, but I feel he is wrong on one of the words. I think he is very worthy of the office and has been doing a fine job so far.

RON

SWEET HOME JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK JUNE 11

Our next Jam Session and Potluck dinner will be in the town of Sweet Home on June 11. The hall will be open at 10:30 A.M. for jamming and the potluck will be at 12 noon, with the show to start at about 1:00 P.M. Again a reminder FOOD, INSTRUMENTS, FRIENDS, AND YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE. Remember it takes Fiddlers, Accompanists and most of all listeners to make a successful Jam Session so lets all plan on making this one. DIRECTIONS TO GET TO SWEET HOME: If you are coming from the south Via I-5 take the Halsey-Brownsville Exit and follow Hi-way 228, 17 miles to Sweet Home. From the North on I-5 take the Lebanon Exit and follow Hi-way 20, 27 miles thru Lebanon to Sweet Home. From Corvallis, follow Hi-way 34 to Lebanon, then take Hi-way 20 to Sweet Home. The Jam Session will be held in the I.W.A. Hall at 933 Main St. which is located on the right hand side of the street just a few blocks past the intersection of Hi-ways 228 and 20. Arrangments were made by George Stout.

ST. HELENS

A small but enthusiastic crowd assembled on Mothers Day, May 14 at the Columbia County Fair Grounds west of St. Helens to hear some of their favorite fiddlers play some of the good Oldtime tunes. Most of the fiddlers happened to be from Portland, which was represented by no less than 11 fiddlers; Fred Hildebrandt, Bill Wilson, George Jenkerson, Virgil Hascall, (making his first appearance before an audience) Charles Johnson, Bill Weber, Melvin Yadon, Mura Collins, George Cieloha, Jim Ramsey, and Valdemar Nelson. Six fiddlers came to join the fun from Washington; Kenny Brank, Bill Bell, Don Poindexter, John Young, Loretta Brank and Cathy Smithwick. Other Fiddlers there were: Don Toomb, Tony Descombaz, Bill Yohey, Marshall Jackson, E. P. Wittke, Clarence Davis, Dale Johnson and Wayne Holmes. John Dougherty played a couple of tunes on his mandolin, Fred Hildebrandt and Wayne Holmes played some twin fiddle numbers and Ed Marken pleased the crowd with some lively tunes on his accordion.

WAYNE HOLMES

DRAIN

George Stout did a fine job of being the M.C. for the Drain Jam Session held on May 14th. Special thanks should go to Floyd & Marie Harmon for making the arrangements and all the work they did. Fiddlers were: George Cabal, Shorty Allen, James Rose, Floy Harmon, Buck Aulman, George Sanders, Fred Virtue, Sherman Wilson, Ed Cavett, Carl Tonole, Jim Morris and Warren Baker. Guitars: Marv Jeffcoat, Jim Morris and Chuck Bowen. Piano: Shorty Allen and Marie Gates. Mandolin: George Cabal. Specials: George Cabal on Mandolin and his friend on guitar (sorry we did'nt get his name, but we thank him very much) Carl Tonole on Mandolin, Shorty Allen on the piano. Another special, The Killjoys from Elkton, Warren Baker on the fiddle Marie Gates on piano, Marv Jeffcoat on guitar. Hope we got everyone and if we missed anyone, please accept our apologies.

GEROLDINE VIRTUE

We'd like to thank all the folks who made the Drain Jam Session a success. A special thanks to George Stout for the fine job of M.C. and to Ray Walker. Also Jim Morris and to all the guitar players. Thanks again to everyone

FLOYD &amp; MARIE HARMON

BEAVERTON

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. would like to send our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Arlene Gray. Her Husband Warren passed away on May 12. He was 79 years of age.

NEWS FROM THE TRAVELER

Portland, Boise, Chicago, Nashville, Memphis, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oroville and back to Portland. This was my route taken with Loyd Wanzer to the \$1,000 invitational fiddle contest held in Nashville, Tenn.

I wasn't in the top 5 and can honestly tell you I don't know where I placed in the 18 fiddlers. Others in the Northwest were invited but Loyd and I were the only ones present. I called Dick Barrett, the National Champion and he gave me the results as he knew most of the finalists. They were: 1st Vern Solomen; 2nd Dick Barrett; 3rd Larry Franklin; 4th Lewis Franklin; and 5th a boy from Kentucky. The first 4 fiddlers were all from Texas.

We listened to some fine artists and fiddlers for 3 days, we also visited some recording studios and trade magazine editors.

Our freinds Bill Mitchell, Cyril Stennett and Sam Bush were entered. They plan on being in Weiser to the National Contest.

Loyd and I returned to Oroville, Calif, where we met Don Gish to judge the California State Contest. Virg Evans, the flying fiddler is the new Champion. This contest was run pretty smooth by Bill Cummings, a good fiddler and there State President. He has some fine ideas on how to run a remote judging contest. He announced the fiddlers number and the 3 tunes they were playing.

Don Gish, Lyle Powell, Mt. Home, Idaho and myself will be headed for Sun Valley Idaho June 11, We'll meet Loyd Wanzer on that date to play for Idaho Bankers Convention and then on to Jackson Hole Wyoming for the Utah Bankers Convention.

I'll get in some needed practice for the National Contest in Weiser June 19. After my performance at the State Contest I believe I can stand a lot of it. Anyone wishing to learn the fiddle tune "Jubolo" can come to Cottage Grove July 15 where I'll attempt to play it again. See ya in Weiser.

BILL YOHEY

PENDLETON

The 1972 Oregon State Fiddle Contest was held in Pendleton, on Saturday, May 20. There were 3 entries in the Jr. Division: Billy Warwick placed 1st; Gary Hamlin 2nd; and Gary Claughton 3rd. In the Senior Division there were six fiddlers entered. Cliff Buker 1st; Bill Weber 2nd; Valdamar Nelson 3rd; Earl Cramer 4th; and Charlie Johnson 5th. In the Intermediate Division there were thirteen entered. Ivan McDaniel 1st; Jim Morris 2nd; Charlie Trump 3rd; Clay Claughton 4th; and Elmo Dutrick 5th. There were thirteen in the Open Division. Bill Yohey 1st; Don Gish 2nd; Rusty Modrell 3rd; Carolyn Lindsey 4th; and Wayne Holmes 5th.

We had our usual compliment of excellent accompanists. Not only do the fiddlers thank them, but each of the "Fiddle followers" thank them for being so faithful.

The judges were Joe Pancerzewski of Enumclaw, Wash.; Dwayne Stephens of Winchester, Idaho; and Boyce Stuckey of Bremerton, Wash. Thank you judges for a job well done. The M.C. Was Buford Kinnison who kept the program moving and lively with a witty comment now and then. Once again the Thomas' brightened an Oregon show. Little Doug and Cynthia were at there best.

The evening performance opened to a full house. All the fiddlers appeared on stage to open with their usual jam session. The judges followed the jam session, each showing his skill to the enthusiastic audience with a tune of his choice. Don Gish and Rusty Modrell played the Weiser Waltz as only they can play it. Don brought the Orange Blossom Special down the track shooing all the animals off the track as only such a good engineer can do. The crowd loved it.

We had a real age spread in our fiddlers, from Earl Cramer who was 86 down to Doug Thomas who was 8. There were visitors from Calif., Idaho, and Washington. My how the news of fiddling has spread in the last ten years. Just think where we can go in the next ten years. Thanks Ivan McDaniel and all his wonderful crew who made our '72 State Contest such a success.

MARTHA WARWICK

KLAMATH FALLS

About 400 spectators enjoyed an afternoon of fiddle music at the Klamath County fairgrounds Sunday May 7. KLAD's Texas-born DJ, singer entertainer, Welden Rogers, MC'd the affair with a few singing numbers of his own.

Don Gish from Beaver Marsh, former Northwest fiddle champion, and Rusty Modrell from Prineville played a few twin fiddle numbers.

Among the other fiddlers entertaining during the afternoon were: Robert Hawes, Bill Nobel, Billy Warwick, Van Southwood, Charles Thurman, L.D. Daniel, Hugh Samples, Rocky Dudley, Homer McLain, Wade Faulkner, Jack McCasland, Phil Simmons Cliff Tunnell and Roy Rath. Among the seconds including guitars, banjo, and bass fiddles were Linna Hathaway, Doris Clark, Terry Sandusky, Cliff Tunnell, Jack McCasland, Phil Simmons Gary & Pat Cronin, and there were a few others whom we failed to get the names of. Leonard MacDonald played a harmonica solo. Following the exhibition numbers by each of the fiddlers, the whole group did request numbers from the audience.

Other Old Time Fiddle activities will be held throughout the summer including participation in the horse and buggy days over the 4th of July.

JUNE SANDUSKY

GOLDENDALE, WASH.

The City of Goldendale Wash. is having a Centennial Celebration and they are featuring Old Time Fiddling on July 8th and 9th, with Jam Sessions, Square dancing, dining, ect. The fairgrounds will be open to fiddlers and family campers and trailers free of charge, with rest room facilities and electrical outlets available under the grandstand. There will be a free Buffet supper on the 8th and 9th. This invitation has been sent from the Mayor of the City of Goldendale and was sent to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. For more information get in touch with H. Gardner Rowley, Mayor, P.O. Box 100 Goldendale, WA 98620.

COMING EVENTS

June 11-----	Jam Session-----	Sweet Home
June 21,22,23,24-----	National Contest-----	Weiser, Idaho
July 8 & 9-----	Fiddling fun-----	Goldendale, Wash.
July 15-----	Contest-----	Cottage Grove
July 21 & 22-----	Contest-----	Enterprise
July 22-----	Contest-----	The Dalles
Aug. 11 & 12-----	Contest-----	Marysville Wash.
Aug. 18-----	Fiddle Show-----	Canby
Aug. 19-----	Fiddle Show-----	Rickreall
Aug. 19-----	Contest-----	Myrtle Point
Aug. 26-----	Contest-----	Canyonville
Aug. 27-31 & Sept. 1-4-----	Campout at Warwick Ranch-----	Williams
Sept. 30-----	Contest-----	Madera, Calif.

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