

THE HOWDOWNER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

July was a busy month, but August promises to be even busier, with our regular Jam Session the 13th, two shows at County Fairs the following week-end, and a fiddle contest the 19th and the 26th.

The two shows we are putting on at Canby and Rickreall are the result of the fine efforts of many fiddlers and accompanists who did such a good job last year that the Fair Boards just had to have us back. You'll find details about the shows and up-coming contests in this Hoedowner.

I want to thank Gene Freese and his committee in Cottage Grove on behalf of our entire organization for the very fine buffet and the assorted drinks that they provided for our association after the contest in Cottage Grove. Every year the folks at Cottage Grove go out of their way to be nice to us. We appreciate it.

There will be two contests in August in Oregon, one at Myrtle Point and one at Canyonville. Earl and Judy Aulman have done a superb job in setting up the Myrtle Point contest. No first time contest has ever been better organized. I particularly like their plan to let ties remain ties, and not taking time to play them off. Other provisions of this first effort could be copied to good advantage by long established contests.

The contest in Canyonville keeps getting better every year, principally due to the efforts of Gynn Deaton, and this year will undoubtedly be no exception. This year, for the first time, it will be held indoors.

Still needed are people to serve on the convention committee to plan for "73" and the contest committee, to try to find ways to make contests better. So far only a half dozen people have volunteered on each of these committees. Don't be bashful, come see me in Lincoln City Aug. 13 about serving on one of them.

WAYNE HOLMES

LINCOLN CITY JAM SESSION & POTLUCK SUN, AUG, 13

Our next jam session and potluck will be in Lincoln City at the same hall that we had our jam sessions before, The North Lincoln Grange. The Hall will be open at 10:30 A.M. and the potluck will be served at around noon, with the show to start at around 1:00 P.M. Don't forget to bring your own table service and of course your favorite dish.

To get to the North Lincoln Grange, turn off Hi-way 101 at East Devils Lake road (large blue highway sign) coming from either North or South, and go East about three city blocks. Turn South on Oar St, one block and the Grange Hall is on the left. East Devils Lake Road is not numbered, but it is between South 11th and South 14th. Arrangements were made by Dick Frankland.

TO THE HOWDOWNER

Concerning the Judgeing school, I think the members of the Assco. would like to know who the qualified instructor who knows old time fiddling and how to judge a contest is. Also who will examine and evaluate the scores of the persons attending and how will it be determined who qualifies to become a member of the federation of Old Time Fiddling Judges.

KENNETH BRANK

AUGUST CONTESTS

MARYSVILLE, WASH. AUG. 11 and 12

An Old Time Fiddlers contest is to be held in Marysville Wash. Aug. 11th and 12th 1972. Open to everyone. Limited division for those who have never won third place or better. General Division open to all, and Senior, Ladies, and Junior Division. \$75.00 first prize plus trophy in General Division. \$50.00 first prize plus trophy in Senior and Ladies division and \$25.00 first prize for the Junior Division. Also cash awards and trophy's in every division to 5th place, and ribbon awards to 10th place. Contest starts at 1:00 P.M. sharp Aug. 11. For more information please write to Mr. James Roundy of 1203 Cedar St, Marysville, Wash. 98270.

ELMER COFFEY

MYRTLE POINT CONTEST AUG. 19th & 20th.

There will be an Old Time Fiddlers Contest at the Coos County Fair in Myrtle Point on Aug. 19th and 20th. There is NO entry fee, and all fiddlers are welcome. Registration will be at the Fair Board Office until Noon Aug. 19th. There will be a meeting between the judges and the contestants at 12:30 P.M. in the midway prior to the preliminary round. The judges are Pop Powers, Bob Hawes, and Ron Gimm. The preliminaries will be at 1:30 P.M. Sat. Aug. 19th, and the finals will be at 12 noon on Sunday Aug. 20th. You may enter one of the following divisions.

OPEN DIVISION: Open to any fiddler.

1st Prize	\$75.00	plus	trophy
2nd	"	50.00	" "
3rd	"	35.00	" "
4th	"	20.00	" "
5th	"	10.00	" "

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: open to any fiddler who has not placed in any contest.

1st Prize	\$45.00	plus	trophy
2nd	"	30.00	" "
3rd	"	20.00	" "
4th	"	10.00	" "
5th	"	5.00	" "

SENIOR DIVISION: open to any fiddler 60 years old or older. Monies and trophies are the same as in the intermediate division.

A total of \$410.00 prize money and 15 Trophies.

As you can see, the only people making money on this contest are the contestants. The Fair Board expects this and are already talking about next year so we hope this 1972 contest can truly be the "First Annual Coos County Fair Oldtime Fiddle Contest" with bigger and better things to come. We don't care if we get the best or the worst, the youngest or the oldest, the fanciest or the prettiest fiddlers. We just want interested fiddlers to enter the take home our prize money and trophies.

See you at the Coos County Fair, Myrtle Point, Aug. 19th.

EARL AND JUDY AULMAN

P.S. To pre-register Write to: Fiddle Contest, Coos County Fair Board, P.O. Box 332, Myrtle Point, OR 97458

CANYONVILLE CONTESTAUGUST 26

The PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sat. Aug. 26, 1972 in Canyonville, Oregon. The contest will be held at a new site this year, the gymnasium of the Junior High School which is located on Main St. in the middle of town. Signs will be posted for directions.

We will begin signing up fiddlers at 11: A.M. at the gym. The entry fee is \$5.00 for the Open Contest and nothing for the Junior Contest. The Junior Contest will begin at 2:00 P.M. and the Open Contest will follow immediately after the winners of the Junior Contest are presented their trophies. Three trophies will be awarded the Juniors.

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CANYONVILLE CONTEST (cont.)

Five nice trophies as well as \$50.00 for 1st; \$25.00 for 2nd; and \$15.00 for 3rd will be awarded in the Open Contest. Wayne Holmes is going to M.C. our contest this year which should add to the enjoyment. I have no "Official" Yes's to date but I have asked Don Gish, Ron Gimm, and Guy Spurlock to be our Judges.

The Welcome Mat is out and we expect all you fiddlers who are going to the Warwick Camp-out on the 27th to stop by LCanyonville long enough to enter the contest. We want everyone to bring their families and enjoy all of Pioneer Days if possible. A lot of new events are planned and a good time should be had by all. Thursday, Aug. 24th features a barbecue and stage show as the kick-off event. Pioneer Days runs through Sunday night with different entertainment every day. you-all come.

GYNN DEATON
Chairman of Fiddle Contest
Canyonville, Oregon

KLAMATH FALLS

An old-fashioned 4th of July, entitled Horse & Buggy Days, was enjoyed in Klamath Falls. The fiddlers were very much involved, being asked to play on the evening of the 3rd at the mall of the new shopping center and again on the 4th. There was a parade on the morning of the 4th and the fiddlers decorated the bed of a Model A truck and played all the way down Main St. The parade was about an hour long, the biggest in the history of Klamath Falls. Our float won the musical trophy. After the parade, we set up the truck beside the bandstand at the Vet's Memorial Park where there was a carnival and entertainment all afternoon and evening. The fiddlers played off and on in between other acts. There was a huge crowd around the bandstand all the time. We were fortunate in having Don Gish & Billy Warwick there to help out our local fiddlers.

JUNE SANDUSKY

FOREST GROVE RESULTS

Billy and I came to Cottage Grove Sat. Morning. The usual welcome awaited us and all the fiddlers. Jay Belt of Fresno Calif., Walter Giles of Oroville, Calif., and Tim Rued, of Glendale Calif. were the judges. The winners were: OPEN: 1st Dick Barrett, 2nd Don Gish, 3rd Rusty Modrell, 4th Bill Yohey, and 5th Eddie Johnson. SENIORS: 1st Charlie Johnson, 2nd Bill Weber, and 3rd Cliff Buker. JUNIORS: 1st Billy Warwick, 2nd Bret Barrett, and 3rd Elaine Evans.

There was a bit of excitement to mark this contest. Bill Yohey and Rusty Modrell tied twice and had to play off 2 times. Needless to say a tired bunch of fiddlers and followers migrated to Corvallis for the jam session on Sunday.

Thank you Cottage Grove, and the Freezes who ran the contest and all their helpers, the fiddlers shall return next year.

One more thing, Ruth Loring won the Dave Hite award for best liked accompanist it was the first trophy of her life and she was ecstatic and so were all her loving friends. Well deserved Ruth.

MARTHA WARWICK

CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS & COMMENTS

The Cottage Grove Contest Chairman has agreed to rearrange the prize money at next years contest. He assured me there would be 8 places paid in the open division and 5 in the senior category and continue the Junior division. This particular contest did not bring more contestants because of the \$250.00 1st prize. We hope all the fiddlers will continue to support this grand contest. If Mr. Stovall continues in good health he will have something to do with the festival next year.

The weekend of July 15th proved there can be two successful contests the same date. The Dalles and Enterprise both had good attendance. We thank Loretta Blank and the Thomas family from Yakima for helping on the show There will be a Junior contest at The Dalles contest next year.

BILL YOHEY

THE DALLES CONTEST RESULTS

OPEN DIVISION: 1st Benny Thomasson; 2nd Bill Yohey; 3rd Don Gish; 4th Duane Stephens; and 5th Patsy Buckley.

SENIOR DIVISION: 1st George Jenkerson; 2nd Monte Stephens; and 3rd John Norton.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assoc. would like to extend their condolences to the Harold Allen Family of Valley Falls, Kansas. Harold's father passed away on the 18th of July. His name was Seth Allen, a real Old Time Fiddler.

BILL YOHEY

CHIEF JOSEPH CONTEST RESULTS

The Marshall Jackson's and the Fred Hildebrandts drove to the Fiddlers Contest in Joseph, Oregon July 21st & 22nd. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the beautiful country there. The three judges were Dallas Geff, Charlie Johnson, and Fred Hildebrandt. The winners were.

SENIORS: 1st Leon Stephens; 2nd Valdemar Nelson; and 3rd Ben Haynes.

INTERMEDIATES: 1st Jon Buckley; 2nd Marshall Jackson; 3rd Don Norton; 4th Earl Moore; and 5th Don Foster.

OPENS: 1st Loyd Wanzer; 2nd Connie Bonar; 3rd Pete Haynes; 4th Rusty Medrell; and 5th Aaron Lowe.

We enjoyed doing this.

ELLEN HILDEBRANDT.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE WARWICK CAMP-OUT

All fiddlers, their seconds and the immediate families are invited. We have facilities for tents, trailers and campers. Be sure to bring your own camp gear, including any camp chairs you have. We'll have a camp fire in evenings and a nice barbecue on Labor Day. The meat will be furnished, the rest of the food, potluck. The creek makes a good cooler for drinks, Melons etc. Just come and have fun. Good swimming too, don't forget your suits. Anyone who wants to may follow us home from Canyonville after the contest.

Coming from the North, Take the 1st freeway exit into Grants Pass, follow Hwy. 238 out of Grants Pass to Williams. Go past the Williams store, turn left at the school, follow East Fork Rd. almost 3 miles to 2861 (on mail box) then follow signs.

Coming from Calif. on I-5, turn off I-5 at Phoenix, follow signs to Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, Provolt, then Williams, go Past Williams store, turn left at the school on East Fork Rd. Follow East Fork Rd. to 2861 then follow signs. Telephone is 846-6376. Ya-all come.

MARTHA WARWICK.

FOR THE HOEDOWNER

As part of the week long campout ending labor day, the Warwick family will provide facilities for copying tapes. Though I will be there only on the last two days, the following tapes will be at the ranch during the entire campout.

1. The 5 Champions Fiddle Show, produced last March for our annual convention, and part of the dance. Length 4½ Hrs.
2. Top twenty at Weiser, 1972. Length 6 hrs.
3. Stringband Bluegrass and other entertainment at Weiser, 1972. Length 3 hrs.
4. The entire Weiser Contest, 1972 except the Jr. Jrs. Length 34 hrs.

These tapes are mono, 4 track, 3 3/4 IPS on 7 inch reels. Bring patch cords with a RCA plug on one end for connecting to another recorder or to our 12 jack box, and best bring an extension cord just in case.

RAY WALKER

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 11 & 12-----Contest-----Marysville, Calif.
 Aug. 13-----Jam Session-----Lincoln City
 Aug. 18-----Fiddle Show-----Canby
 Aug. 19-----Fiddle Show-----Rickreall
 Aug. 19 & 20-----Contest-----Myrtle Point
 Aug. 26-----Contest-----Canyonville
 Aug. 27-31 & Sept. 1-4-----Camp out at Warwick Ranch-----Williams
 Sept. 16-----Contest-----Sisters
 Sept. 30-----Contest-----Madera, Calif.

FIDDLE SHOWS FOR AUGUST.

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc. will be providing fiddle shows at two big county fairs in August. Details as to time and place follow:

Clackamas County Fair, Canby Oregon Friday Aug. 18. We are to play on stage from 3 to 4 P.M. and again in the basement of the Main Pavilion from 5 to 6 P.M. and on stage again from 7:30 to as long as we want to play. For this 3 hrs. or more of entertainment our treasury will receive \$275. from the Clackamas County Fair Board. I will have admission tickets for this event available at our next jam session, Aug. 13, in Lincoln City.

Polk County Fair, Rickreall, Oregon Saturday Aug. 19, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Our group will put on one two hour show on the outdoor stage where we performed last year. The Polk County Fair Board has agreed to donate \$250. to our group for this one two hour show. This shows that oldtime fiddling is beginning to achieve the recognition it deserves, thanks to all the good fiddlers who played last year who caused the Fair Boards to want us back again. Tickets won't be necessary at Rickreall. Just tell them at the gate that you are with the Oldtime Fiddlers. Attendance at this event may prevent you from going to the contest at Myrtle Point, but I want to urge all our top fiddlers to plan to play in our show at Rickreall. We are finally getting good money for providing entertainment, so let's make sure it's the best we are capable of providing. If we do, we'll be asked back year year.

In addition to these two shows a small group of fiddlers and Accomp. will be entertaining the folks at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis on Friday, Aug. 11. This is an invitational show, and everyone who is to play has been contacted, but if you want to come and listen, the fiddle show will be from 6 to 8:30 P.M.

WAYNE HOLMES

COQUILLE

On July 22, a show and street dance was held in Coquille. It was sponsored by the Coquille Retail Trades Committee, who donated \$100. to the Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.. The P.A. was loaned by Sears, and the electricity was donated by J.C. Penny Co. Jim Stout and Randy Cutler donated their time and effort to set it up. The following was kind enough to play. FIDDLERS: Dave Pinkerton, Buck Aulman, Ivan Shuck, Wayne Holmes, and Fred Virtue. GUITARS: Earl Aulman and Roy Ziegler. BANJO: Marion Enlow; BASS FIDDLE: Jack McCasland. MANDOLIN George Cabal.

At this time I would like to say a personal "THANK YOU" to each and everyone that made this a success. I think it was fun.

GEROLDINE VIRTUE

LOST & FOUND DEPT.

Someone mistakenly took Dave Quinlan's bow at a recent jam session and left theirs in its place. The one that was left is marked ROTH GLASSER. Dave would like you to have it back if it is yours, and he'd like to have his own bow back.

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc. won third place award in the Weiser Sat. Parade. The Chamber of Comm. sent us a big red ribbon, which I gave to Minnie Bennett, our historian, at our last jam session in Corvallis, to keep for a memento of our participation in the festival in Weiser in 1972.

WAYNE HOLMES.