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## COMING EVENTS

May 4-----	Pendleton Contest-----	Pendleton, Oregon
May 11-----	Oregon Contest-----	Roseburg, Oregon
May 19-----	District 6 Jam Session-----	Eugene, Oregon
May 26-----	District 4 Jam Session-----	Canyonville, Oregon
May 31-----	Whiteaker School-----	Eugene, Oregon
June 1-----	62 Days Contest-----	Canyon City, Oregon
June 2-----	Jam Session, Buell Grange-----	Buell, Oregon
June 18-22-----	National Contest-----	Weiser, Idaho
July 20-----	Far West Fiddle Contest-----	Cottage Grove, Oregon
July 27-----	North Douglas County Fair Contest-----	Drain, Oregon
Aug. 25-Sept. 2-----	Campout--Williams Ranch-----	Williams, Oregon

## TO THE O.O.T.F.A. MEMBERS

First of all: I would like to make known to those of you who do not know that you had one of Oregon's best sound Engineers on the job on the Friday Night Show. Our son, Jim Stout, also Show Chairman and M.C. has had a number of years experience in the Armed Forces Network, with all the best equipment that Uncle Sam could provide in sound equipment. T.V., Tape recordings, program directing and many other aspects of the entertainment field during a four year tour of Europe, so we can lay no trouble at his door. The fact is that no fiddler can play a good tune on his fiddle with two "A" strings and "2" G strings regardless of how hard he might try to tune his instrument to the correct key.

You must know that the equipment was first class, but this is not all that is needed for good results. Some of it was mismatched and after trying for hours, we finally got it to working beautifully. At 6:00 P.M. the time for show rehearsal, we turned the equipment on and found that part of it was not operating properly, so we fixed it as best we could.

I want to thank Linda Danielson for her introduction of some very good plans for next year's Convention. We have gone over these plans together and believe it will make it easier for the Convention Committee.

This is what I really wanted to do this year, but I did not have the help and support, it left too much work to do for the few that had to do it.

I want to thank those who worked so hard this '74 Convention. We feel that a great job was done by all.

I would hope, that although the general consensus of opinion seems to be that this year's Convention was the best, yet I know that next year's will be better and I will be available to assist in any capacity.

Sincerely,

George Stout  
Chairman of Convention '74

Report District 8

A benefit Show was played by the Fiddlers and Special numbers for the Booster's Club of Woodburn. Lots of good music was enjoyed by all. We are very grateful for those who came and entertained, that is what helps to make any Show a big success.

Our Fiddlers were Gladys Braskett, Erle Beckett, Hilbert Lardy, Danny Legore, Frank Williams, Clarence Davis, Wes Brunson, Fred Hildebrandt, Shorty Allen, Penny Mead, Valdemar Nelson, Bob Fast, Bill Wilson, George Jenkerson, Marshall Jackson, Bill Weber, Leonard Moas, Clarence Greenland, Chet Haven, Bill Yohey.

Guitar Accompanists were Stan Gleason, Bob Hughs, Marshall Jackson, Ray Scissons and Clarice Scissons. Piano Accompanists were June Secor, Minnie Bennett, Gladys Braskett. John Daugherty on the Mandolin. Penny Mead on the Bass. Shorty Allen on the Accordion.

We enjoyed putting on this Show and hope that we will be allowed to assist other Benefits in the future. The show was held at North Marion High School. A Pot Luck Dinner was served at noon. Our Specials were as follows: Fred Hildebrandt, Gladys Braskett, Penny Mead; playing Harmony on the Fiddle, John Daugherty on the Mandolin, Dave Robinson on the Harmonica, Marvin and Lorraine singing and playing Accordion, Bill Yohey on the Banjo, Marshall Jackson the Mandolin and Shorty Allen on the Accordion.

June Secor

Sunnyside Grange

A JAM Session was held at Sunnyside Grange Mar 19th, 1974 two miles east of 82nd on Sunnyside Road at Portland, Oregon. Hall opened at 10:00 A.M. Pot Luck at noon and regular program starting at noon.

April 12th, 1974 a number of Fiddlers played for the Senior Citizens at the Camlu Apts. at Gresham, Oregon. Fiddlers were Chet Haven, Mura Collins, Gladys Brasket, Harold Shively, Clarence Davis, Penny Mead, Valdemar Nelson, Bill Wilson and Fred Hildebrandt. Accompanists on Guitar were; Frank Warner, Jim Brasket, Stan Gleason, Penny and Ed Mead on Bass. Piano; Millie Shively.

Several Fiddlers also entertained at Jantzen Beach for Payless Store; Charley Johnson, Gladys Brasket, Chet Haven, Fred Hildebrandt. Accompanists on Guitar were Jim Brasket, Frank Warner and Penny Mead on Bass.

Beaverton Mall in Beaverton, Oregon were entertained by some of the Fiddlers, those being Wayne Walter, Bob Fast, Mura Collins, Frank Williams and Wes Brunson. Accompanists on Guitar were Mike Walter, Walt Hardy, Stan Gleason. More entertainment was furnished by the Fiddlers the 6th of April at Payless Store in Gresham, Oregon. Those Fiddling were George Jenkerson, Bill Wilson, Valdemar Nelson, Harold Shively, Marshall Jackson, Bill Weber. Frank Kerwran, Bert Chamberlain and John Dougherty assisting in Guitar and Mandolin.

April 19th, Fiddlers played for the Senior Citizens at Selwood, Oregon. Fiddlers were Harold Shively, Wes Brunson, Chet Haven, Penny Mead, Bob Fast, Mura Collins, Gladys Brasket, Fred Hildebrandt. Seconds were Millie Shively. Piano, Frank Warner, Stan Gleason, Jim Brasket, Guitar and Penny Mead on Bass.

Fred Hildebrandt

Want to let you know the Washington State Convention was attended by Wayne Walters and Bill Yohey and their wives. The Convention was held at Yakima, Washington. They took an active part in the show. I am happy some of our Fiddlers were able to attend.

Fred Hildebrandt



To The Hoedowner

Jim and Elaine Morris, formerly of Wilbur, Oregon, now live in Anchorage, Alaska. Jim is one of our better Fiddlers, and he and Elaine would appreciate very much hearing from anyone who cares to write to them. Their address is Mr. & Mrs. James Morris, 5002 Roger Dr. Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

District 8 Reports

Sunday, April 7, was a beautiful sun shiney day, made to order for our Jam session at McMinnville Grange. Many fine Fiddlers turned out to entertain. Ray Mack, Cliff Buker, Erle Beckette, Fred Hildebrandt, Shorty Allen, Penny Mead, Marshall Jackson, Leonard Maas, Wes Brunson, Joe Hamm, George Jenkerson, Bob Fast, Carl VanHooser, Valdemar Nelson, Dave Quenland, Bob Hawes, Clarence Greenland, Art Mosgrove. Accompanists on Guitar were; Bob Hughes, Ray Scissons, Elroy Olson, George Jenkerson, Piano Accompanists were Minnie Bennett, Nel Turner, Verna Blaine, June Secor and Bessie Buker. Special numbers were performed by Ray Mack, trick Fiddling; Jeanette Robinson, Accordion; Dave Robinson and Walley Weaver, Harmonica; Ray Mack, Shorty Allen, Cliff Buker and Fred Hildebrandt playing Harmony Duet on Fiddle. John Dougherty, Mandolin; Carlton Smith, Harmonica.

Doors opened at 10:00, Jamming and visiting till noon. A delicious Pot Luck served by our Fiddlers wives. Our Program starting at 1:00 and lasting the remainder of the afternoon. Dancing was enjoyed by the crowd at the close of the program.

We want to encourage you to come and enjoy the fun with us. Check the Hoedowner for future Dates and Places.

June Secor

Editor's Message

Norma Peterson asked that her correct address be published; 948 N.E. 87th, Portland, Oregon 97220.

We are happy to report several new Members that were registered at the District 8 Jam Session by our very good worker and Chairman, Carlton Smith. New members are appreciated and welcomed into our Organization.

District 5 Reports

A country Fiddle, a singing Mandolin, a perfumed Guitar, this was the opening scene of the Coos Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting, held in Coquille Courthouse basement on March 28th.

The folks playing were Country Royalty. Their appearance was a beautiful Trio. Their music like Crackerjacks and their hearts of gold to present this joy to local Stewards of the land.

King of the Fiddle was Bud Ryan, after being on crutches for a month, he leaned back on the small table, the old tunes just rolled out real easy like. When he played "Dill Pickle Rag", the pickle juice, jar and lid just burst out, Umm - good. I had never heard it played so well. Mandolin King, Dave Pinkerton did a splendid job of picking, the Guitar Queen, none other than pretty Wilma Ryan. Dave and Bud swapped Instruments and played several tunes. Dave's tune "Up Jumped the Devil" was really super.

Thanks for Pleasin', Pickin' and Playin'.

Admirer, Jim Wilson

### Contest Reminder

The Oregon State Fiddling Contest, May 11, 1974, will be held at Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon.

Doors open for registration: 8-11 A.M.

Preliminary round: 11 A.M.

Starting time for evening session: 7:30 P.M.

Admission: \$1.00 daytime session, \$1.50 evening session, \$2.25 all day.

50¢ children under 12.

EVERYONE pays admission EXCEPT Fiddlers who play and their families, Accompanists who register to play and their families, contest workers and their families.

For further information refer back to April Issue of the Hoe Downer.

### District 1 Reports

Our Fiddlers are kept busy in this part of the State playing for benefits and entertainments. March 9th we held a benefit for Kim Mattson, a young boy with cancer and the building was packed. Much thanks goes to Don Gish, L.D. Daniels, Charlie Sandusky, Bill Noble, Cliff Tunnell, Rockey Dudly, Terry McLain, Irven Johnson and Pat Reed, Teresa Reed and Melvin Bowman who Fiddled the evening away for the enjoyment of dancers and listeners. Many thanks to the Accompanists Lina Hathaway, Doris Clark, Delberta Daniel, Pat Cronin, Clyde Lynch, Larry McLain and Anne Johnson.

We express our gratitude to those willing workers who sold Pie and Cake donated by Members and Friends. We appreciate all of you. We netted \$253.00.

Six couples went to the State Conventions at Eugene for a very nice weekend and several helped for the dance.

Most of the Fiddlers played for a 4 H Swine Club Benefit and Box Social at Lorella, Oregon March 30 and all had a nice time.

April 7th we held our State Jamboree and Fiddle Show at Mills School Auditorium in Klamath Falls. We had a large crowd, some coming as far away as District 4. Fiddlers playing were Jim Hoots, Al Delorme, Roy Summers, Hank Wobbie, Hugh Samples, Jack McCasland, Jonas Cox and Billy Warwick from District 4, Bill Noble, Rocky Dudley, Don Gish, Homer McLain, Charles Francis, L.D. Daniel, Charlie Sandusky, Irven Johnson, Terry McLain, Pat Reed and Steve Hughes from District 1.

Specials played by Leonard McDonald, Harmonica, Vick Flood, singing and playing Guitar, the Daniel Family, L.D. on the Fiddle, wife Delberta on the Gut Bucket, daughter Lina on Guitar and Grandson Brian with his tiny Fiddle, making a nice group for a special number.

Accompanists were Doris Clark, Banjo, Leana Walker, Lina Hathaway, Vick Flood, Cliff Tunnell, Tommy Grisson, Tex Looper, Fred Samples, Larry McLain, Pat Cronin, Frank Brown, Ann Johnson on Guitars. Charlie Francis on Gitarone and base. Lu Wells and Forrest Samples on Piano. Richard Jameson and his wife Marie playing Guitar, banjo and Uke. Jack McCasland on the base. We have gained a new Fiddler Steve Hughes, he played on our Show.

### Special Report

Bowden Music Co. 527 Main St. in Klamath Falls, Oregon will display and sell any Old Time Fiddler Records made by the Association Members. This is a service, without charge to help promote Oldtime Fiddling. They ask that no producer send more than twelve records at a time. Anyone interested can write or call the above Music Co. Telephone 882-7237. Bowdens handles Roth Violins and have a good supply of Violin parts and Equipments.

May 18th, Oldtime Fiddlers will play for an Annual Barbecue and dance at College of Sisquois in Weed, California beginning at 5:00 P.M.



Message from Editor - Delores DeRyke - American Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.  
Press Release of March 5, 1973

With the Bicentennial approaching, our attention is especially drawn to the traditional old time fiddling and related traditional music arts and skills, which are so much a part of our American Heritage. This is a living of the traditional style fiddlers.

We are trying to establish the method of defining and determining what is truly authentic traditional old time folk fiddling and preserve it actively. We are anxious to find those persons who are interested in helping preserve the true traditional folk fiddling arts and skills. We need active workers, as well as those able to give moral and financial support. And we need fiddlers especially those willing to work to perform the true folk traditional fiddling style.

Modern fiddling styles are okay in their places, but they are not inherited traditional fiddling and should not be considered as such. Mistakenly, these modern style fiddlers often call themselves "Old Time Fiddlers", but in reality could not fiddle a danceable tune whether it be a waltz, jig, reel, hornpipe, schottische or whatever you asked for, if their very lives depended upon it. If we are going to preserve our traditional fiddling heritage in America, we are going to have to get busy. We cannot wait for someone else to do it. The government is not getting tangible results in this area of heritage preservation.

If you desire to help, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for further information to: Miss Delores "Fiddling De" DeRyke,  
 President, Amer. Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc.  
 6141 Morrill Avenue, Lincoln, Neb. 68507

Contest Reminder:

The PENDLETON CONTEST is March 4, 1974 at the theatre. (Name of the theatre was not mentioned. Sorry!) There will be 5 divisions: First open, Second open, Intermediate, Junior and Senior.

Convention at Washington D.C.

The National Park Service will present a Fiddler's Convention as part of the Eighth Annual Festival of American Folklife. The contest will be held on July 6, 1974 beginning at 2:00 P.M. There is no charge for registration and fiddlers may sign up in advance, or on the day of the contest. The Festival takes place on the National Mall in Washington D.C. and is a celebration of the grass roots traditions of our nation. The fiddlers' contest began in 1972 and has grown to become one of the most popular events at the Festival. The following prizes will be awarded for the best old time fiddling:

Best old time fiddler	1st prize	\$500.00
	2nd prize	250.00
	3rd prize	100.00
Most unique old time tune		50.00
Most unique old time style		50.00
Best traditional style, original tune		50.00

If you have any questions please call Peggy Martin, person to person collect at (202) 628-4422 or write: Fiddlers' Convention, Division of Performing Arts  
 Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560

Tapes of the Eugene Convention Show

Cassette, C-90, one only, \$6.25. Open Reel, 7" 1800 - \$9.00

These can be ordered from: The Fiddle Tune Tape Library  
 360 Howard Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97404

President's Message

As I write this from my hospital bed I'm grateful to all my fiddlin friends for the phone calls, visits and cards I have received. Am feeling better and will be home soon.

Please let me explain about the state contest in Roseburg, May 11th. I, along with a majority, voted at the convention to restrict our state contest to Oregonians only. I have been an advocate of an intermediate division since I first played in a contest. However - All Districts were asked to try and find a sponsor, a place and a program for a state contest. District #4 was the only one to come up with anything. By the time of the convention, all advertising, plans, etc. were made and approved by the president and vice president then in office. When Martha phoned me at a later date, she was really in a delemma. I took everything into consideration and gave her my approval to proceed with the program as outlined and previously approved. It will set our intermediate behind a year, but if I know the Oregon Fiddlers the way I think I do, they will all give Martha and her committee full support and make our contest a complete success.

There will be a Board meeting at the contest. This is Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chairman, Co-chairman and Secretary of each district. If your district has not elected their Chairmen, please have all acting chairmen attend.

Wayne Walter

District 1 Reports

District 1 Oldtime Fiddlers has set a tentative date of June 6th or 7th to sponsor a fiddle show and Jamboree at Burns, Ore. Anyone interested in old time music is urged to come early for a day of fun and entertainment, as we are trying to get more people interested in this kind of thing and maybe locate some new fiddlers. Final date time will be published in the next Hoedowner. All District Chairmen are asked to spread the word as this is a new area.

Ann Johnson

1st prize	500.00
2nd prize	250.00
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4th prize	50.00
5th prize	50.00
6th prize	50.00

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