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## COMING EVENTS

July 3	Contest	Clatskanie Grade School	Clatskanie, Oregon
July 4	Show	Fairgrounds	Bend, Oregon
July 4	Contest	Yreka Fairgrounds	Yreka, California
July 4	Show	Salem Fairgrounds	Salem, Oregon
July 11	Jam Session & Board Meet	Elks Lodge	Cottage Grove, Ore.
July 16-17	Wallowa County Contest	Enterprise High School	Enterprise, Oregon
July 24	2 Hour Show	Logging Festival	Estacada, Oregon
? July 31	Contest	High School	Drain, Oregon
? Aug. 7	8:30 PM-Summer Festival	Washington Park	Portland, Oregon
Aug. 8	Jam Session	N. Howell Grange Dist.8	Near Woodburn, Ore
Aug. 13-14	6-8 PM Friday	Benton County Fairground	Corvallis, Oregon
	? 2:30-5:00 PM Saturday		
Aug. 20	-2:00-4:00PM-7:00-9:00PM	Clackamas Co.Fairgrounds	Canby, Oregon
Aug. 21	? 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Polk County Fairgrounds	Rickreall, Oregon
Aug. 28	Contest	High School Gym	Canyonville, Ore.
Aug. 29-Sep 6	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Oregon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message comes to you second hand from Wayne Walter in Weiser, Idaho. Jim said they all got there safely and are looking forward to a great contest. Their host, Josh Miller is down but not incapacitated, limping around with a broken leg. Wonder how he is going to run around in that clown outfit in the parade this year?

There will be a board meeting before the jam session in Cottage Grove. Time will be 10:30 AM. Place will be the Elks Lodge. Be sure and be there or have a representative from your district there.

Jim Secor

The top five in Weiser this year is: 1st-Dick Barrett, 2nd-John Francis, 3rd-Jim Pritchard, 4th-Jr. Dougherty, 5th-Connie Bonar. We hope to have the complete results for you in the next Hoedowner.

## DISTRICT 1

Saturday night, June 12th, we had our monthly meeting and potluck get-together. Lots of good fiddling and specials and lots of good food. L.D. Daniels was awarded a plaque for an outstanding job as Chairman of District 1 for 1975. Our thanks for a job well done.

On Sunday, June 6th, District 1 fiddlers had the pleasure of attending a surprise party for Irvin and Annie Johnson of Merrill for their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The celebration was hosted by their two daughters and families. Everyone had a great time and it was a real joy to be there and honor this fine couple. We had potluck, fiddling and specials by the Johnson's grandchildren. Our best wishes to you both.

Sunday afternoon, June 13th, we played for two nursing homes. It seems to bring a lot of cheer to the patients and we are always ready to donate time for this activity.

Due to a conflict of dates and activities our next meeting will be July 17th, Saturday night. Potluck & get-together at 7 PM at Merrill Rec Center. Lee Eddy, Rep.

CLATSKANIE CONTEST - JULY 3, 1976

The contest will be held at the Clatskanie Grade School Gym. Registration will be from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Rev. Cecil W. Stanley will emcee. Judges will be: Bill Yohey, Marshall Jackson and Wayne Walter. Preliminaries will begin at 1:30 PM, finals will be at 7:00 PM. There will be a Junior contest, entry fee - \$1.00. Ages 18 and younger. The Senior's entry fee will be \$3.00 - 60 years and older. Open entry fee is \$5.00 and any fiddler may enter except Juniors. Intermediate contest entry fee is \$4.00 and is limited to those fiddlers who have not placed in the top 20 at Weiser, Idaho and those who have not placed in the top 5 in any state or regional contest. One category only can be entered. Volunteers for special entertainment during the contest are greatly appreciated. Please write or call or let us know the day of the contest during registration time. Rev. Cecil W. Stanley, Box 676, Clatskanie, Oregon 97016

Parking for trailers and campers on school grounds with washrooms available at no cost for contestants and their families.

DRAIN CONTEST - Sat. JULY 31st

The Drain Contest will be held at the High School in Drain. Registration will be at 10:30AM to 12:00 Noon. Emcee will be Wayne Holmes. Judges will be Jim Hoots, Bud Ryan and Jim Morris. Entry fee will be Juniors \$1.00; Seniors \$2.00; Intermediate \$3.00; Open \$4.00. Preliminaries: 1:00 PM Finals: 7:00 PM Only one division may be entered. Out-of-state contestants welcome. If there is a large turnout of fiddlers they may be asked to only play their first two tunes for the preliminaries. Finalist will play three tunes. It would be appreciated if all contestants would give their three tunes when registering. Fiddler's spouse and accompanist and their spouse get in free, but please drop by the registration table and get a name tag. Thank you. See you at the contest. Weekend camping and jamming at the Eldon Powell residence.  
Etta Powell - Contest Chairman

SISKIYOU COUNTY OLD-TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST

KSYC Radio is holding their second annual Siskiyou County Old-Time Fiddlers Contest at the Yreka Fairgrounds on July 4th at 6:00PM. Trophy awards will be given to the first three places and participant awards will be given to all fiddlers and back-up musicians. The contest will be held at the grandstand area and we have a guarantee from KSYC to have a much better PA system this year. Judging will be by audience applause. Hope to see all of you there. Howard Jones - Dist. 4 Reporter-Yreka, Cal.

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

I want to thank all of the fiddlers and accompanists who came to Yreka and helped to entertain at our various Bicentennial events in this area. Saturday night, May 22 we played from 9 to 11 PM for dancing at the Yreka Greenhorn Grange. It was the Granges' annual anniversary party and strawberry feed. Saturday, May 29, Marvin Wright of Wright Way Mobile Homes, celebrated their second anniversary. We played for the public from 1 PM to 6:30 and at 7 PM Marvin and his wife Ruth held a jam session for the players and their families with an excellent buffet dinner. The party ended about 9:30 and a good time was had by all. Sunday, May 30 we played at the fairgrounds and had a large and appreciative audience to play to. Without the help of the Oregon players, our events would not have been a success. Thanks again.

Howard Jones

DISTRICT 6

Districts 4 and 6 are having a joint potluck and jam session at the Elks Club in Cottage Grove July 11. There is to be a show at the Salem Fairgrounds July 4th, 12 noon to 6:30 PM. Fiddlers wishing to play, call John Larson, 363-2211 Ext. 346, Salem. District 6 fiddlers call Jim O'Bryant or Marge O'Bryant, 935-1560.

Jim O'Bryant has been invited to Washington D.C. to demonstrate Horse Logging. If all goes as planned, Jim & Marge and their horses will leave near the end of July.

David Boy, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Fred's Fiddlers played at Portland State University for the arts and crafts show Saturday, June 12. Thanks to all who came. On Sunday June 13, we had a potluck and

jam session for the Gresham Senior Citizens. We had a great turnout with 30 fiddlers and 10 accompanists.

Saturday July 31 at 2:00 PM we have been asked to play for the West Linn Fair. All players please come to Willamette Park in West Linn, across the bridge from Oregon City.

On August 21 at 12:00 noon, any fiddlers that would like to play for the Aurora BiCentennial Days are asked to come to the hall in Aurora.

Reporter, Fred Hildebrandt

### CONTEST NEWS

Sorry, we forgot to mention the winners of the Accompanist Division at the State Contest in Bend. They are; 1st June Secor; 2nd Jim Hoots; 3rd Stan Gleason.

Several of us were lucky and got to attend the contest at Coquille and I'm sure we all enjoyed it very much. We certainly appreciated the hospitality of the Bud Ryan's and the Fred Virtue's. We were camped all over at both their places. There was lots of jamming and fun by all. Also we watched a very interesting demonstration by Fred Virtue on how he makes his straw line hooks that are used in logging. In fact, he fired up his forge and made a few for us.

### COQUILLE CONTEST RESULTS

#### OPEN

1. Johnnae McDonald
2. Guy Kinman
3. Bill Yohey
4. Jim Herd
5. Jim Morris

#### INTERMEDIATE

1. Dave Pinkerton
2. Bob Fast
3. Jack Smith
4. Earl Willis
5. Van Southwood

Judges were Jim Hoots, Bud Ryan and Fred Virtue.

Dulcie Fast

### DISTRICT 8

The June 6th jam session at Buell Grange had a capacity crowd with lots of fiddlers, accompanists and lots of specials. A good program with Carlton Smith as emcee. We took in several new members. Thanks to all the musicians who attended.

Several fiddlers from our area rode in the Phil Sheridan Day's Parade on June 19. They pleased the crowd with their old time music.

There will be a jam session at the N. Howell Grange on Aug. 8, about half way between Salem and Silverton on Hwy 213. This is a new area, so everyone please come. Hall open at 10:00 AM, Potluck at noon and the program will start at 1:00 PM.

Bea Smith, Reporter

OUR FIDDLER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1976

JIM MORRIS

Jim was born in Casper, Wyoming on July 25, 1918. His wife Elaine (recently deceased) was born in Roseburg, Oregon. Having both lost their previous mates they have nine children, all married, and 40 grandchildren.

In Denver, Colo., 1932, Jim's father brought home a Strainer fiddle. It was all in pieces so they got some glue and put it together. He had paid \$1.50 for it but, as Jim says, "A dollar and a half was a lot of money for us in those days." Jim's father played mandolin and would sit for hours playing, mostly old Irish tunes. He had friends who also played, so they would go from house to house for jam sessions. That is how Jim first learned to play the fiddle. He also plays guitar and mandolin.

After Jim's father died in 1935, he laid the fiddle aside and seldom played it, he was too busy making a living. The war then came along and that put a complete stop to all his music for quite some time.

After moving to Montana, Jim worked as a heavy equipment operator for Flour Corporation, one of the largest contractors in the world. He also worked as a carpenter for about 25 years.

Jim moved to Oregon in 1964. In 1971 while working in Roseburg, he was injured and hasn't been able to work since.

Jim didn't really get interested in playing the fiddle again until he and Elaine heard about the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers. They attended a jam session in Roseburg and joined the organization in 1971. Since then he has played at a lot of jam sessions, rest homes, senior citizen halls, various lodges and churches and has "enjoyed every moment of it."

Jim says he "lucked out at a few contests" and has won a dozen trophies. He is very proud of those trophies because when he looks at them, they bring back the fond memories of the many good fiddlers he has heard and the many good friends he has met since he joined the organization.

Jim says, "I thank the Lord for my fiddle, for my good wife's encouragement in picking it up again and for all the great people we met as a result."

Jim is a very fine fiddler with a true old-time style. As a fiddler he ranks high in the organization and is a welcome participant wherever he goes.

Minnie Bennett, Historian

TO THE HOEDGOWNER:

HEY THERE, YOU FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS! DON'T LET ME RUN SHORT OF BIOGRAPHIES, PLEASE!!!

Send me your "case" histories! It would be quite an undertaking for me to run around interviewing each one of you. Well now! Come to think about it - that might be a lot of fun, so be warned! If you don't get busy, you might just wake up one morning and find me camped on your doorstep, pen in hand!

Minnie Bennett

DON'T FORGET OUR FAIRS IN AUGUST - WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!!!!!!