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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1982

DISTRICT

Aug 29	Sep 6th				
		Campout	Warwicks	Williams	
Sept	4	Benefit Jam	Green Acres Grange	Coos Bay	5
	5	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Ctr	Bend	3
	11	Harvest Festival		Talent	4
	12	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Rogue River	4
	12	Festival & Contest	Skinnners Butte	Eugene	6
	19	Jam Session	Shasta Grange		1
	19	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Ctr	Salem	8
25 - 27		Festival	Cranberry Festival	Bandon	5
	26	Jam Session	Grade School	Bandon	5
Oct	3	Jam Session	Elsie Sthur Sr Ctr	BEAVERTON	7
	10	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Lowell	6
	16	Show BMOTFA	Grange Hall	Lexington	
	23	Show	Lincoln Cty Fair Grnds	NEWPORT	8
Nov	5	Contest	Western Open	Redding, Ca	
Dec	12	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6

Ed Note: Notice correction in location of Dist 7 Jam on Oct 3, The error was mine, not the reporter's.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members: After finally finding the Grange Hall at Scio, Oregon, a board of directors meeting was held on July 31, followed by a nice show which was MC'd by Dave Robinson. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting:

1. The forming of another District in Eastern Oregon. At this writing, Rusty Knight of Burns has signed enough members to legally form another district in that area. Boundaries will be affixed and the District legally established at the next State Meeting.
2. A proposal to have another campout in the Northern section of the state was discussed.
3. There was a discussion in favor of changing the by-laws regarding the presence of both Chairman and Co-Chairman at Board of Directors meetings.

4. Lebanon, Oregon will be the site of the next State Contest on May 18, 1983. The Moose Lodge and American Legion will Co-sponsor this event at no cost to the OOFTA. The Association reserved the right to hire judges, MC, PA System and to register all the fiddlers and accompanists. All Monies will be turned over to the Co-sponsors.

5. I will meet with the Fair Board in Roseburg, Oregon concerning the convention date in March of 1983.

6. FIDDLERS TAKE NOTE. Just a reminder. Our By-laws state that you must be a resident of the State of Oregon for six (6) months prior to entering the State Contest. It also states that you must be a member of OOFTA for six (6) months before you can enter the State Contest. This means you must pay your dues by November 18, 1982 if you are a new member. Technically, this could also mean that old members could not let your membership expire at the end of December, but should renew early.

A parson phoned the local Board of Health and asked that a dead mule be removed from the highway near the church. The clerk who took the call took the opportunity to exercise his wit and said "I thought you ministers always took care of the dead." "Oh Yes we do!" replied the minister, "but we always contact the relatives first."

DISTRICT 1

District 1 Fiddlers are keeping busy playing at occasions like Bonanza Big Springs Park Barbeque, Cafes such as North's Chuck Wagon, Siry's at Midland, Sambo's, and apartments and nursing homes. Some house parties are going on, and some are getting practice for the contest at Canyonville on August 28th.

Vacations and illnesses have caused a scarcity of players for these things. We see Minnie and Elma back on deck again and appreciate their quick recovery. Faye Arnold is home now but is slowly coming along. God Bless her and her faithful husband who is so considerately and faithfully taking care of her. Hope to see her out again soon. Remember them in prayer folks, Please.

I hear Frank Boyd had a little eye surgery and Ray Lane has been under the weather with bursitis. We miss you, Ray, and hope to see you out again soon. We are glad to hear Frank is going again. God speed to both of you.

The August Picnic was held at Bonanza Big Springs Park and sounds like a good time was had by all attending. Irv had a bug so we didn't get to go, but know they fiddled up a storm. Maybe that's where the clouds came from. Huh?? Anyway, we missed being there.

NEXT meeting at Shasta Grange, Sept 19th at same time as usual. Hope to see everyone back on schedule. God bless all till next time.

ANNE JOHNSON - REPORTER

DISTRICT 1E

District 1E now has enough members to become a district. At last count we had 33 members and plan to keep recruiting. At our August 8th Jam we held elections. Those elected were:

Chairman - Rusty Knight, Co-Chairman - Ruel Teague, Sec-Treasurer - Pat Scott, Reporter - Joan Knight.

Instead of a jam in September we voted to enter a float in the Harney County Fair Parade. It will be a wagon decorated, and we hope pulled by a team of horses. The fiddlers will play during the entire parade route. Tune up time for the parade is 8:00 A.M. Saturday Sept 11th in Burns.

(President's note) Above officers will be acting officers until such time as the district is formally established.

JOAN KNIGHT - REPORTER

DISTRICT 4

TALENT HARVEST FESTIVAL on Sept 11 in Talent, Oregon. Parade begins at 9:00 AM. After the parade Jonas and Margie Cox again extend to ALL FIDDLERS and their families, a lunch at their home. This has become a yearly event with Jonas & Margie who give the lunch as a big "Thank You" to their Old Time Fiddle Friends. Margie and Jonas are famous for GOOD COOKING. Come and eat lunch and practice fiddling under the trees at their home between the parade and jam session that begins between 1:00 and 1:30.

Jonas and Margie Cox, 232 Gibson St., Talent Oregon Phone 535-4319

Sept 12, Jam Session, Rogue River, Oregon at the Grange Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM. BRING POTLUCK. Open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Notes from the Talent, Oregon Jam Session held Aug 15th include welcoming back Hugh Samples who was recently hospitalized. 19 fiddlers and 4 specials were enjoyed by all. Six year old Tony Spatz from Alfalfa, Oregon (near Bend) won the hearts of all the old timers. Dorothy Corey and Bill Chaney from Fort Dix, Calif were also visitors.

Nolan and Elizabeth Grissom are proud grandparents of Natalie and Amanda Ohle from Livermore, Calif. Natalie is 12 and Amanda is 10 and can they ever play those fiddles!! Uncle Tommy Grissom plays the guitar for them. Natalie has won three first place fiddle contests and Amanda has won two trophies and one ribbon already! Natalie has only played for 2½ years and Amanda for only 1½ years. Of special interest, Lee Eddy (formerly of Medford and Klamath Falls) who now lives in Pleasanton, Calif. plays the guitar for the girls when they practice. These girls have a great future and we enjoyed them so much!

Our fiddler, 13 year old Sheri West of Central Point was recently featured in the Medford Mail Tribune. Tommy Grissom plays guitar for her and she is making quite a name for herself already. She recently won third place in Carson City. She is hoping for Grand Ole Opry in Nashville or Hee Haw. Keep up the good work, Sheri.... We're all rooting for you....

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

There was no letup in August for fiddlers in District 5. Chairman Al Lively, held his first District 5 business meeting on August 7 at the Green Acres Grange near Coos Bay. After a potluck and the business meeting, the fiddlers and back-up played for a good group of dancers.

The next weekend found the fiddlers on the midway at the Coos County Fair at Myrtle Point. A fine crowd of Senior Citizens turned out on Friday and the fiddlers played for another crowd Saturday Afternoon. The following weekend we had a good time at the Sixes Grange down in Curry County.

The only bad part of the month was on the 10th when Murrel and Daveda Walton lost their motor home in which they lived. Murrel lost his fine 12 string guitar, his fiddle, his mandolin, and all of those things that come about over the many years of marriage and the raising of a family. We were pleased that no one was injured.

September promises to be a busy month for the fiddlers. We want Saturday, September 4, to be a big night. We will be at Green Acres Grange about 9 miles south of Coos Bay for a potluck at 6:00 PM with fiddling to follow. The evening is special because all of the proceeds will go to Murrel and Daveda to help however it will. We hope that a lot of you will turn out.

Saturday, September 25, will find a large turn out of fiddlers for the Cranberry Festival in Bandon. The day will begin with the parade that morning. The fiddlers will have their own float. After the parade we are to go to the city park for the barbeque where we will also play. That evening we will gather at the VFW Hall for an evening of fiddling. The next day, Sunday, the 26th, we will have a big District 5 Jam at the Grade School. We want fiddlers from all over to turn out to help make this the big jam of the year on the coast.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

"We wish to thank all the Fiddlers of District 5 for the wonderful help you all gave us when our home burned on the 10th of this month." (Signed) Murrel and Daveda Walton.

DISTRICT 6

Fiddlers will gather for a District Six Jam session on September 26 at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon. From the Freeway, the building is on the main street through town, at the north end of the business district. The program will begin at 1:00 PM. The Legion will serve lunch at noon to musicians and spouses, so there's no potluck. Come early and jam.

The district had no August jam on account of the numerous county fair shows. But between the fairs and Applegate Trail Days, we made up for the lack. On July 31, the fiddlers played a two-hour show at Applegate Trail Days, and many of the same people showed up the next day for the contest. Winners in the fiddle division were Jerry Carter - first; Everett Bennett - second; and Thelma Berg - third. In the group division, winners were the Carter family - first; John Clark and family - second; and Stan Gonshorowski and Everett Bennett - third. The appreciative audience made the event a pleasure for the musicians.

For the first time, a fiddle, banjo, guitar, and mandolin contest will be held as part of the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department's Harvest Fair and Folk

Festival, September 12, at Skinner's Butte Park in Eugene. Because of time limits, only the first forty contestants to register will compete. Registration forms may be obtained from most Eugene area music stores, especially the Balladeer, on the third floor of the Fifth Street Public Market, and the MacKenzie River Music Store, 525 E. 13th. Merchandise prizes will be awarded. Sept 4, is the deadline for registration, but since time is so short, registration will be accepted by phone as well as by mail through September 4. For information or to register by phone, call McKenzie River Music, 343-9482 during the day, or Jack Aldrich, 485-8418 in the evening. The tentative time for the contest is noon to three P.M., but check the time when you pick up the registration form.

District Six has already set dates for two more jam sessions. Maybe such long notice will make it handy for some of you folks from other districts to join us. We love it when you do. October 10 we'll be at the Grange Hall in Lowell; December 12 we'll be back in Lebanon, this time at the Moose Lodge.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Our Fiddlers Picnic July 24 was real nice. We had 28 fiddlers and quite a few accompanists. There were about 50 people or more who attended. We missed June and Jim Secor and Bill and Edna Yohey who usually do us the honor of attending. Carole Ann Wheeler came late, after most people had left, but she and I had a nice time jamming by ourselves. I enjoyed that. I'd like to thank Helen Hakanson for the nice job she did on the beef roast. People seemed to really enjoy the change. Thanks to all the ladies for all the other flavorful food they prepared.

Our jam at Warner Grange was pretty good. We had a good time with 28 fiddlers, but was disappointed in the small audience, and I'm sorry about the coffee, I don't know what went wrong with it. Better job next time.

Our next jam is at the Elsie Sthur Senior Citizen Center, Beaverton, Ore, October 3, Sunday, 5550 SW Hall Blvd. 2 blocks North of Allen. Potluck at noon, and play at 1:00 o'clock.

Thanks to everyone who made it out to help us with the Canby Fair. It was real nice. Had a lovely new stage and the show went on very well. Nice audience, and the musicians all played their best. Also thank you Ed for your fine job as Master of Ceremonies. See you at next jam.

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Scio Grange asked us (Dave and Jeanette Robinson) to thank all the Fiddlers and musicians for the wonderful program at Scio Grange Hall on July 31st.

We had a beautiful day (after a sprinkling of rain) for our District 8 picnic at Stuart Grenfil Park. Lots of good food and relaxed fun for everybody.

Our next jam Sept 19th at Salem Senior Citizen Center, 1055 Exion St N.E. Salem, Ore. Potluck 12 o'clock noon, bring own service. Warming oven only. Oct 23, Newport Oregon. 100th Birthday Centennial has engaged District 8 for a

float they will furnish as well as a sizeable donation for our services. There will also be a District jam session beginning at 2:00 PM. More on this next month.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

EDITOR'S NOTES

With apologies to Linda, I must correct an omission in the calendar on the first page.

Sept 26 Jam Session Amer Legion Hall Lebanon 6

MY GET UP AND GO HAS GOT UP AND WENT

How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my get up and go has got up and went.

But in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
When I think of where my get up has been

Old age is golden, so I've heard it said,
But some times I wonder as I get into bed.

With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on a table until I wake up.

Ere closing my eyes, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels up right over my head.

When I grew older my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I'm old my slippers are black
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

The reason I know my youth is all spent,
My get up and go has got up and went

Since I have retired from life's competition,
I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up in the morning, dust of my wits
Pick up the paper and read the obits.

If mine is missing, I know I'm not dead,
So eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

Violin and Guitar Makers Journal - 1960