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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1982

DISTRICT

Oct	3	Jam Session	Elsie Sthur Sr Ctr	Beaverton	7
	3	Jam Session	Senior Center	Bend	3
	10	Jam & State Mtg	Grange Hall	Lowell	6
	10	Jam Session	IOOF Hall	Gold Hill	4
	16	BMOTFA Show	Grange Hall	Lexington	
	17	Jam Session	Senior Center	John Day	1E
	17	Jam Session	Community Center	Lakeview	1
	23	Parade, Show & Jam	Fairgrounds	Newport	8
Nov	5 & 6	Contest	Western Open	Redding Ca	
	14	Jam Session	Senior Center	Clackamas	7
	14	Jam & Thanksgiving	Grange Hall	Woodburn	8
	20	Jam Session	North Forks Grange	Florence	5
Dec	12	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Lebanon	6
	12	Jam & Xmas Dinner	Grange Hall	McMinnville	8

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Notice to District Officers: There will be a State Board of Directors meeting at the District 6 Jam at Lowell on Oct 10 1982 at 11 AM. One of the items on the agenda will be the forming of a new district. I hope that each District can be represented by at least one Officer at this important meeting. See District 6 news section for directions.

SUFFERIN SI SAYS

If you will look on your calendar you will see that Sunday October 24th is United Nations Day and also Mother-in-Laws Day. Do you suppose that has anything to do with the fact that nothing is scheduled for the Fiddlers on that day?????

DISTRICT 1

Members of District #1 are a busy bunch most of the time with their own affairs and the fiddle business too. There are small groups fiddling at cafes, nursing homes, retirement homes and at their own homes, whenever the fancy strikes. We have the same fine people all over the state as we find when attending the campouts and fairs. Its wonderful to meet and visit with other

fiddlers and musicians, as Irven and I have found out from going to the campout at Warwicks. Its a most fun time when we play with all kinds of fiddlers and sit and eat with them. I personally get so fond of all of them that it's like leaving your family when we depart. I especially enjoyed playing with Sherri West, she definitely is on her way to the big time, somewhere. Its a joy to listen to and watch little ones like John and Eileen Melnichuck's smallest one, and little Tony Spatz!! And the fellowship is just grand at the evening get-togethers. Thank you again, Red and Martha and God bless you both.

We were saddened to come back and find that Faye Arnold had gone to be with the Lord, though I'm sure she's at peace. Our hearts go out to Martin and we are thinking of you. Thanks to everyone for the last few years of fun and friendship that we have experienced. Its really a great organization.

Everyone please keep me posted to your going's on, as the President wants to know and it makes great news.

At the Fair at Tulelake the winners were: Bill Arbuckle, best fiddler; Bill Arbuckle, most entertaining fiddler; Homer McLain, second; Theresa Higbee, best young fiddler. It was a real good show and everyone did a great job. Stay with it guys and gals! It was a cold and windy day and the mike didn't work but the fiddling was good anyway. It was very close for them in the voting. The group known as the Sagebrush Strings did very well in the Wrangler Contest and about froze to death to boot.

The jam Sept 19 at Klamath Falls was pretty well attended. The musicians all seemed to enjoy making music after a good pot luck. You people who didn't make it, missed some fun and good fellowship. Out next jam well be Oct 17 at Lakeview Oregon community center. Hope everyone can make it.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 1E

We have been very busy this month. We entered our float in the Sept 11th Parade and in spite of the cold weather it was lots of fun. Everyone pitched in to do the decorating. Six fiddlers and four rhythm players rode the float. In the afternoon we played in the park for the public. We had fiddlers from John Day, Seneca, Drewsey, Portland and of course, Burns.

Susie Smith has entered two contests, at Baker and Canyonville and won second place in the intermediate at both contests. We are really proud of her.

Our thanks to all members of 1E for making our part in the Harney County Fair Week a big success.

Our next jam will be October 17th at the Senior Center in John Day. Doors open at 10 AM, Potluck at noon and show at 1 PM.

JOAN KNIGHT - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

Our September jam session was held at the Powell Butte School. This was an emergency decision, but on October 3, we will be back at the Bend Senior Center.

We had nine fiddlers at the September jam. This included a visitor from Prineville, Brix Preas. We hope to have him more often.

We were happy to see Marge Nimmo back fiddling after a long convalescence. Stay well Marge.

We had a good summer and trust all our fiddlin' friends have had one also.

ALICE W. SUTLEY - Sub Reporter.

DISTRICT 4

October 10 - Jam Session -- Gold Hill, Oregon I.O.O.F. Hall -- POTLUCK--
Open to the public at 1:00 PM.

A warm and appreciative thank you to Jonas and Margie Cox for all the good cooking and labor of love they gave to serve Fiddlers lunch at the Talent Harvest Festival. The Festival was a great success! The parade was good and lots of fiddlers participated.

A good time was had at the Rogue River Jam Session on Sept 12th.

Our condolences to the family of our Fiddler, Ivan C Shuck. His sudden passing has stunned us all! An avid musician, Ivan played in several local bands, including Elsie Alexander's Orchestra, Senior Citizens Orchestra, Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, and his own group, Ivan Shuck Group. Ivan loved to play jigs and fast numbers. He was always so friendly and full of encouragement to others. A sincere thank you to all who have donated a memorial in his name to Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association., c/o Carvil Rost, 11823 Perry Road, Central Point, Oregon 97502.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Greetings from District #5. September has been a great month for us. The routine of the fall has settled in on us after Labor Day and the kids are back in school. The warm fall days that we are famous for along the coast are giving us pleasure.

We really appreciated the turn out of the many fiddlers and back-up on September 3rd at the Green Acres Grange. The evening was dedicated to Murrel and Daveda Walton. The Green Acres Grange donated all of the money collected in the kitchen that evening and a good fist full was collected from the musicians and dancers to help the Waltons after their unfortunate fire this summer. The evening shows us what neighbors and friends can really do when called upon. Thanks to everybody.

The little get-together that we had at the Grange in Winchester Bay was another fine evening. Any and all of you are invited to join us next month on October 8th when we get-together at the Grange again for dancing and music.

The 16th of October will find us fiddling for the people at the Grange at McKinley which is out of Myrtle Point. Then the next Saturday on the 23rd will be at the Sixes Grange down the coast on Highway 101. Come on down and join us.

A good old fashioned jam for District #5 will be held at the North Forks Grange out of Florence at 7:30 on Saturday, November 20. The potluck will begin

at 6:00. To reach the Grange - turn East at the light in Florence and go approximately one mile to the North Fork Road. Signs will point North to the Grange. It is pretty close to six miles to the Grange. We want to invite our fiddling friends from all over, to join us.

Since I must write this before the Cranberry Festival at Bandon on the 25th and 26th of September, I can only hope that the weather was good for the parade and barbecue. We should have a good evening at the VFW on Saturday and a big jam on Sunday afternoon at the Ocean Crest Elementary School.

I must add a note of tragedy. Carl and Minnie Dean were in a bad automobile accident yesterday (Sept 19). I visited Minnie this afternoon for a few minutes. We had a brief but fine conversation. I was unable to visit Carl, and was told that he was in intensive care. His condition is serious. We don't know yet what this means. Our hearts go out to Carl and Minnie.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

P.S. (Received by telephone, Sept 24th) Since writing and mailing my report, I was able to visit Carl in the hospital and he was able to sit up and was playing a little on his mandolin. So looks as if he is going to be OK.

Lew.

DISTRICT 6

Although there was no regular meeting during August, many of our members were busy at various fairs and functions around the state. They played for the Applegate Trail Days, various rest homes around the Eugene area and for the Elmira Grange (the last Friday in every Month). Among those attending the Warwick Campout were Linda Danielson, Thelma Berg, Walt Westberry, Jim and June Secor, David and Poco Boyd and Wayne Holmes. Members also attended the Canyonville Contest and Scio Fiddle Show, as well as visiting other district's jams.

Linda Danielson has been on a thirteen-town tour in Oregon this summer as the musician (playing several instruments) and narrator of a stage documentary, "Change the Way It Is!" based on interviews from the book, Hillbilly Woman by Kathy Kahn. The script was adapted by Randi Douglas-Young. Actress Jane Van Boskirk played ten different roles. The show was supported by the Oregon Committee for the Humanities and sponsored by the Eugene Folklore Society. The final performance will be at 2:00 PM, Oct 24, at the Eugene Performing Arts Center. Admission will be free (donations accepted).

The Eugene Parks and Recreation Dept. sponsored a Harvest Fair Festival and Contest Sept 12th. Winners in the contest were: Advanced Fiddle Joey McKenzie, first; Eric Sprado, second; Carol Ann Wheeler, third; Beginning Fiddle, Barbara Ernst, first; Advanced Guitar, Joey McKenzie, first; "Catfish", second; Terry Ludiker, third; Advanced Mandolin, Joey McKenzie, first; Beginning Mandolin, Carol Ann Wheeler, first. There were no entrants in the Banjo contest.

No news yet about our September meeting at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon Sept 26, as it will be held after this news goes to press for the Hoe-downer. We are expecting a good turnout at their regular luncheon for the senior citizens there as usual.

Our October meeting will be October 10, at the Lowell Grange Hall. To reach it, go east on Hwy 58, turn left across the causeway and covered bridge into Lowell. Turn left at Main St. (unmarked, but the first main intersection in town) then right onto Moss St. (one long block down Main) and go one block. The Grange Hall is at Moss and Second and on the right side. There will be no potluck, but lunch foods will be sold by the Lowell Grange members. The hall will be open for jamming at 10:00 AM, so come early and have fun.

THELMA BERG - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Here we are almost through with September and ready for a good fun jam session. We are looking forward to seeing you all out Beaverton Way, Oct 3rd at Elsie Sthur Senior Citizen Center 5550 SW Hall Blvd. It is a lovely center and we have had several good jams there.

Our November jam will be at the Clackamas Senior Citizen Center on Rusk Rd, Nov 14th. Directions will be in October paper. Our Christmas party will be December 12 at the Clackamas Community College. All three of these jams have pot luck and our usual jamming at 1:00 o'clock. By planning this far ahead, hopefully, will help us all keep our dates on our calendar straight and plan our activities in advance.

We would like to congratulate Kathy "Eades" Ross and Joe Ross on their recent marriage August 7th. We do wish them happiness. Kathy and Joe moved from our district and are down in Medford area. Do not have their new address.

A big thank you to Ron and Yvonne Windsor from all of us who made it to their jam in their lovely home. It did rain, but we went to their basement, built a fire in the fireplace and played up a storm. I personally had one of the most enjoyable times I've had in a spell.

See you at the next jam.

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Our next show will be at Newport Saturday October 23rd. Camping is available at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport. Self Contained campers only. Those that want to play on the float, gather at Payless Parking Lot Saturday at 11:00 AM. Then at Waterfront Beer Garden on Herbert Street from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. We didn't know this was a beer garden until after they paid us a sizeable sum. Then at the Fairgrounds we play from 8 to 9:30 PM. The Fairgrounds are located one block north of Route 20 on eastside of the city, behind the High School. This is for Newport's 100th Centennial Birthday. Lets give them a real good 100th Birthday show. Needless to say, although it is a District 8 show, it is a long show and we could use any help we can get from the other districts too.

Our jam for November will be at Woodburn Grange Hall on Nov 14th. This will be our Thanksgiving dinner and ham will be furnished by the District.

Our Christmas dinner and party will be at McMinnville Grange Hall on December 12th.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

Pat was a faithful family man worked hard to provide for his family, but since he couldn't read or write, everything came the hard way. Finally some slick-talking insurance salesman got to him and sold him a whole slug of insurance. Shortly thereafter, he fell into the river and drowned. After the funeral, a friend was consoling the widow and said, "Pat was such a fine man. He was so good to work and provide for his family, even after he is gone. I think that was remarkable, since he never learned to read or write. And the widow replied, " Yes, I thank the Lord for him neighbor, and I also thank the Lord that he never learned to swim either."

Editor's Notes

Just a note of interest concerning the Western Open Contest in Redding Calif, Nov 5th and 6th. Every one of the judges are past national Champions in some category at Weiser. They are Herman Johnson - Oklahoma, Junior Daugherty - New Mexico, Coy Daley - California, Carol Ann Wheeler - Oregon, and Bill Yohey - Oregon. There will also be a Flat Pick contest and the judges for this event are the three top winners in that category at Weiser this year. They are Joey McKenzie, Wild Bill Lyle, and Lee Burchette. There will also be a twin fiddle contest, but I don't know the judges for that event. It would be worth the trip down there just to hear the judges performance.

Received a note from Bob Martin, Aumsville, expressing his appreciation for the help and encouragement he received at Salem at the District 8 Session on the 19th. He is a beginning mandolin player and will do fine. Sorry I'm too short on space for the entire note.

WINNERS OF THE CANYONVILLE PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST - 1982

JUNIOR-JUNIOR		INTERMEDIATE	
1	Tiffany Wheeler	1	Gene Lowe
2	Natalie Ohle	2	Susan Smith
3	Andy Emert	3	Rob Hakanson
4	Tony Spatz	4	Bob Crump
5	Sue Hill	5	Les Tucker
JUNIOR		OPEN	
1	Grant Wheeler	1	Carol Ann Wheeler
2	Sheri West	2	Bill Yohey
3	Jim Braskett	3	Jim Hoots
4	Danny Emert	4	John Melnichuk
5	Mike McMullan	5	Bill Warwick
SENIOR		JUDGES	
1	Ray Krogstad	Fred Virtue	
2	Leonard Maahs	Homer McLain	
3	Hugh Samples	Barney Alexander	
4	Van Southwood		
5	Walt Westberry		

Sorry!!! But I am going to exercise my "editors" prerogative this month and pass up the "Fiddler of the Month" article in favor of a note from Jim and Gynn Deaton which I feel is timely and has something to say that we all need to hear. But next month (space permitting), you can look forward to the return of the article, featuring one of the most popular fiddlers in the organization. (No guessing).

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

We want to thank everyone who helped make the Canyonville Contest a success again. 52 Fiddlers!! The most ever and each one very pleasing to hear. You are all winners! Financially, we came out about \$1.00 ahead. That's close but O.K. There isn't space enough to thank each one who did a special job important to the contest, but you know that we appreciate each and every one of you. We do want to especially thank Dusty Yancey and District 4 who provided the sound systems as they have each year. Also Les and Lois Tucker and Homer and Rosa Lee McLain who helped us clean up on Sunday morning. Also, we want to mention that those fiddle champs who took the time to write "Thank you" notes to those businesses who donated their trophies are setting an example for all of us. Those business people really appreciate it.

There has only been one criticism of the show. That is the noise factor. It just seems there are always those people who do more visiting than listening. This makes it impossible for the serious listeners (who do not get to hear this kind of music very often) to get the full enjoyment of our wonderful music. Don't you feel that those who pay \$3.00 for the privilege of sitting in uncomfortable seats in a hot gym deserve to hear the music without distraction?? Please, lets all do our part to cut down on the talking at the shows. We will get more paying customers that way, which is the only way contests and shows are going to survive. Once, again, "Thanks" to everyone who participated in the Canyonville Contest, be it fiddler, accompanist, or member of the audience. Without you, our contest would not continue to live and grow.

JIM AND GYNN DEATON.

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*                  * SILENT FIDDLES *                  *
*IVAN SHUCK, Medford, Fiddler, Life member, Relatives unknown. *
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*FAYE ARNOLD, Klamath Falls, Associate member, Wife of Martin Arnold. *
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*JIM JONES, Sheridan, Associate member, Husband of Florence Jones. *
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@KATHY EADES & JOE ROSS, Medford, Married August 7th    @
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BITS AND PIECES

By Lois Tucker

To me, old age is always ten years older than I am. (Bernard Baruch).

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THE OLD FIDDLER'S SONG

An old gray haired man sat aplayin,
With his fiddle tucked under his chin
And this is the song he was singin
As he played on his old violin.

Oh my old fiddle and I, Oh my old
fiddle and I
Bring back, bring back, memories of
days gone by;

Til I lay down my shovel and hoe, and
I hang up the fiddle and bow
We'll live through the years, through
sunshine and tears,
Just my old fiddle and I.

But now the old fiddle is silent
For the old man has gone to his rest,
And the angels in heaven will listen
When he sings the old song he loves
best.

