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COMING EVENTS

MARCH 1983

DISTRICT

Mar	6	Jam Session	Warner Grange	New Era	7
	6	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Florence	5
	13	Jam Session	Poison Creek Grange	Burns	1E
	13	Jam & ELECTION	Amer Legion Hall	Lebanon	6
	13	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Bend	3
	18 & 19	STATE CONVENTION	County Fairgrounds	Roseburg	
	24,25 & 26	Contest	Spokane Falls Comm Coll	Spokane, WA	NW Regional
Apr	8	Benefit	City Hall	Garibaldi	8
	9	Jam Session	City Hall	Garibaldi	8
	8 & 9	Contest	High School	Hermiston	BMOTFA
	10	STATE JAM	Elsie Stuhr Center	Beaverton	7
	10	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Yreka, Ca	4
	17	STATE JAM	Senior Citizen Center	Salem	8
May	8	Jam Session	Clackamas Comm Coll	Oregon City	7
	22	Benefit Jam	Grange Hall	Woodburn	8
June	5	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Gladstone	7
	20 thru 25	Contest	High School	Weiser Id	NOTFA
	30 - Jul 2	Contest	High School	Burns	C of C

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be two amendments to the by-laws for discussion at the General Meeting to be held at the Convention this year. One, will be the proposal for the formation of a new District in Eastern Oregon, and the other will be a proposal for elimination for requirement for both District Officers at State meetings. There will also be a short Board of Directors meeting prior to the General Meeting. We have also learned that there will be free all-night parking for Thursday night only, at the IWA Hall behind the Montgomery Ward Store. There will also be finger foods and coffee. This is a nice gesture and greatly appreciated.

All Members and Musicians are invited to the State Jam Sessions to be held in Beaverton and Salem on April 10th and 17th respectively. The money derived from these shows will be used for a barbeque, roundup, campout for all members of the OOTFA at a beautiful site near Vernonia Oregon, July 21, 22, 23 & 24th. We plan on three nights and three and one half days of fun, departing after Church Service on Sunday the 24th. Penny Mead, reporter for District 7, will keep us informed of developments.

You may purchase tickets, in advance, for the State Contest in Lebanon, Ore May 14th. Afternoon admission is \$3.00 - evening performance is \$4.00, combination is \$6.00. Send money to TICKETS, P.O. BOX 675, LEBANON, OREGON.

The Moose Lodge and American Legion Post are sponsoring the 1983 State Fiddlers Contest. Don Loring, Lebanon is State Chairman for the Show. Contact him for any information you need.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

NOTE: To All District Secretaries! It will not be necessary to bring your books to the Convention this year as NO books are to be audited until AFTER June Bank Statements are balanced. Watch the Hoedowner for further instructions.

Editors Note - Due to extra requirements for Convention notices and announcements of the many contests this month I am going to be very short on space, so will have to eliminate the lists of names this month, but don't stop sending them. Thanks.

MESSAGE FROM JIM DEATON:

We are making plans for the usual "kitchen" during Convention again. Also, since most of you seemed to be satisfied with our "do it yourself" banquet last year, we will try it again this year. I am counting on those good people who helped last year to lend a hand again, because without these volunteers we can not be successful. Due to remodeling, the kitchen space and facilities have been reduced considerably, but we will do our best to cope.

We will serve breakfast on both Friday and Saturday. \$2.50 for two eggs, choice of bacon or sausages, and choice of hotcakes or toast.

Banquet tickets will be \$5.00. We are planning food for 150 persons. Tickets will be on sale Friday and Saturday with the banquet to be held Saturday evening. Menu will be much the same as last year: Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Salad, Three Bean Salad, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Cake, Coffee, Tea and Milk.

Remember, we will provide good quality styrofoam plates and cups as well as plastic eating utensils, but if you wish to bring your own table service, feel free to do so.

Thank you - Jim and Gynn Deaton.

NOTE FROM LARRY MODRELL

The Order of the Eastern Star is putting on a Country and Western Show at the Garibaldi City Hall in Garibaldi, Oregon on April 8, 1983. This program is to raise money for the Cancer Research Program for the State of Oregon. All Moneys Received go to the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland. (None of the donations are used for administrative purposes.) The program will start at 8:00 PM Friday evening. We would like some help from some of the members of the OOTFA. There will be trailer space available for those who want to stay overnight.

Then on April 9th, next day, there will be a Fiddlers Jam Session at the City Hall in Garibaldi. Potluck around noon and show by Fiddlers at 2:00. Hope to see all the fiddlers and accompanists there.

Larry Modrell.

DISTRICT 1

District 1 Fiddlers had a busy month in February. We had a Valentine party and just had a good time playing in groups and wherever we wanted to. It was quite well attended, though we missed some who were away or under the weather.

Our Jam Session was a real fun thing and everyone had a good time it seemed, especially with our MC, Elma Ewing's quips. We had a pretty good crowd and they stayed with it until it was over. The weather cooperated quite well.

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We were happy to have Jack and Clemmie McCasland and Bob Hinch from Dist 3. Come again folks.

We had election of officers and Chuck Bruneau will be our new Chairman, Charles Sandusky Co-Chairman, and Paul King the Secretary-Treasurer. We are looking forward to another good year with lots of fun and fellowship. We want to give Jerry and Irene a real vote of approval for their leadership in the past two years and encourage each and everyone of us to do our part to keep things going well and helping our new officers out.

We will miss one of our members Cliff Tunnell, who passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday February 22. We express to his family, our deepfelt sympathy and condolences.

We give a big vote of thanks to the Fury family for keeping the food situation going well. The whole family works at it. Thanks folks!

We thank everyone for their part in keeping engagements and filling in when necessary. Next meeting will be at Altamont School Auditorium, March 13, one week early on account of the convention. Please mark your calendars, same time as usual.

May our Lord bless and keep each one with peace, good will and good health.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 1E

The weather has warmed up a little and you can tell it by the turn-outs for our jams. At the last one we had new people who showed up with their different instruments. We plan on having some new members by next month.

Here are the categories and prizes for our contest June 30 thru July 2nd.

Champion - 1st place	\$650.00	plus trophy	Seniors - 1st Place	\$100.00	Plus trophy
2nd "	300.00	" "	2nd "	75.00	" "
3rd "	200.00	" "	3rd "	50.00	" "
4th "	100.00	" "	4th "	25.00	" "
Intermed - 1st	200.00	" "	Juniors - 1st	100.00	" "
2nd "	100.00	" "	2nd "	75.00	" "
3rd "	75.00	" "	3rd "	50.00	" "
4th "	50.00	" "	4th "	25.00	" "

Accompanists to be judged seperately:

1st - \$100.00, 2nd - 75.00, 3rd - 50.00, 4th - 25.00, 5th - 15.00, 6th - 10.00.

Entrance Fees:

Champion - \$17.50, Intermediate - 15.00, Seniors - 7.50, Juniors - 7.50

Accompanist - \$7.50.

There is a 20% discount if registered by June 1st. We will have brochures at the Convention.

Our next jam is March 13 at the Poison Creek Grange in Burns.

JOAN KNIGHT - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

Most of the information in this month's report was given to me by Lois Chisholm, as I could not attend the jam myself. Thank you Lois.

District 3 held its regular monthly jam on Sunday, February 13, at the Bend Senior Center. We had a good turn out of fiddlers and a fine group of accompanists as well. Visitor Loren Hicks of Bend played a special on the harmonica. Good! Do it again. We had two visitors from out of town who came to listen.

Happy to see Rose McElroy back after a long illness and convalescence. Keep improving Rose. Bob Whitley celebrated his 83rd birthday. "We all send our best

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wishes Bob."

Our own Tony Spatz just returned from the contest at Longview, Washington, where he won first place in the Pee Wee Division. Congratulations Tony! We're very proud of you.

The next jam will be on March 13 at the Bend Senior Center. Please note this! There has apparently been some confusion about our change in meeting dates. We are now meeting on the SECOND Sunday of each month. The time has remained unchanged.

PEGGY HANSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

There will be no District Jam Session in March as we all hope to be attending the STATE CONVENTION in Roseburg on March 18 and 19th.

April 10, Jam Session, Yreka, Calif. Senior Citizen Center, 821 N. Oregon St., Potluck at noon.

Our Feb. 13 Jam Session & Election in Central Point proved to be a big success. We had 26 Fiddlers and 4 Specials. Visitors included Jerry and Irene Ruddock from District 1, Klamath Falls; Fred and Geraldine Virtue from District 5, Coquille; Don and Ruth Loring, District 6, Albany, on their way to Arizona.

Hugh Samples was welcomed back after illness and his kids, Fred and Dixie Samples from Colorado were his guests. Tom Barkley has been under the weather with a sore back. Hope you're feeling better, Tom. Vic Flood has been on the sick list. He had a splitting headache & felt the Jam Session would make it worse. Hope you're better, Vic.

Pat Wheeler expresses her appreciation for the prayers and cards extended to her husband, Forrest, who is seriously ill with pancreatitis. He will be in Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital for at least six more weeks.

Our new Officers for 1983-84 are: Chairman - Julian Christiani, Co-Chairman - Carvil "Jiggs" Rost and Sec-Treas - Margie Cox.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

The last Saturday in January we played in Port Orford. The Senior Citizens appreciated our playing and the floor was always full of dancers. Thanks to all of the fiddlers, the back up, and the dancers who turned out for the evening of fun and music.

The first Saturday in February found us back at Green Acres Grange, just south of Coos Bay for our business meeting, a potluck, and an evening of fiddling and dancing. A good group of District 5 members turned out for the business meeting. Chairman Al Lively conducted the meeting. Election of Officers was held. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers for the coming year: Chairman - Al Lively from Bandon, Co-Chairman - Roy Zeigler from McKinley, and Sec-Treas. - Lew Holt from North Bend. Al encouraged as many of us as can to attend the state meeting in Roseburg March 18 and 19th.

March will be a busy month for District 5 fiddlers and friends. Saturday, March 5, there is a special evening planned at the Green Acres Grange. The Grange has a new grill, so we decided to take advantage of it and we will all buy hamburgers instead of having our regular potluck.. It will start about 6:00 PM.

The next afternoon, Sunday, March 6th, we will hold a District 5 Jam at the Elks Lodge in Florence at 4:00. We want to especially invite our friends from around the state to join us for the jam. The Elks Lodge is a block or so North of the light at the Junction of 101 and the highway to Mapleton. The lodge is in behind the Whistler Restaurant.

Monday, the 7th, we are invited to play for an R.S.V.P. Party in Empire Hall at S.W.O.C. in Coos Bay at 12:00 Noon. It will last about 30 minutes.

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The 26th of March we will be down at the Sixes Grange to play for their dance. They have invited the fiddlers, the back-up, and the wives/husbands for spaghetti about 6:00. We'll see you there.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

First, as the result of a special phone call to the editor - A SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU TO WALTER AND MAXINE BENSON, for all the work and trouble they put into the cake for the party.

District Six fiddlers got so busy celebrating birthdays with a ham dinner and a fifty pound cake (Maxine Benson's creation) at the February 20 Jam Session at the Eugene Moose Lodge--so busy that the election of District Officers had to be postponed. So the election will be held instead at the Lebanon Jam, March 13, in the American Legion Hall. From the freeway, it's on the main road through town, at the North end of the business district. Lunch will be served to musicians and spouses at noon; business meeting and election to follow, then program begins at 1:00 PM.

At the birthday party jam, Thelma Berg was Mistress of Ceremonies for 13 fiddlers, 6 specials and the McKenzie River Boys bluegrass band.

Fiddlers from the district continue to entertain at rest homes; Thelma and a varied crew of stalwarts play for dancing whenever and wherever their services are requested. Everett Bennett, Carol and Larry Larson and friends play frequently for dances at Junction City. Stan and Addie are part of a group that provides dance music every Thursday at River Road Park in Eugene. Everett, Marsha, Linda and friends played a benefit for Surplus Foods (a distribution agency to assist the needy) on St Patrick's Day, March 17th, Linda will be playing with Apples in Winter at the Eugene Hilton. (Let me know what you're doing each month and then I won't have an easy excuse to put my own name in here so many times-- but it is interesting to know who's playing where in the district. Keep me posted.)

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

Lane Community College offers Fiddling Classes

Stan Gonshorowski will teach a series of ten class fiddle lessons during spring term through Adult Education at Lane Community College, Eugene.

Class sessions will be held at McKenzie Senior Center, 300 West Fairview, in Springfield, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning March 31. The fee for the ten-week course is \$25, \$10 for senior citizens. For more information, call the LCC Downtown Center, 484-2126.

DISTRICT 7

We are sure proud of District #7. It is alive and well and really booming. We had another wonderful turn out at Milwaukie, 36 fiddlers and 18 accompanists. Out of the 18 accompanists, only 4 were not fiddlers. We had an audience of about 150.

We had our election of officers last month. Our new Chairman is Greg Baker, our Co-Chairman is Helen Hakanson and our Secretary-Treasurer is Clara Knight.

Our next two jams are as follows: March 6th at Warner Grange at New Era, which is between Oregon City and Canby, and April 10th our State Jam at the Elsie Sthur Center in Beaverton. Warner Grange is donating the Hall and they do have their water system fixed. So please come, as they have promised a crowd and lots of advertising. May 8 is at Clackamas College, Oregon City, and June 5 is at Gladstone Senior Citizen Center on Portland Blvd across from Thriftway Store.

I made a mistake on our newlyweds last month. It is Esther and SAM Morris.

Sorry about that, I said Jim Morris. (Ed Note - The real Jim Morris of Waldport, said he didn't mind the error. His only problem was convincing his wife, Bea, that he wasn't trying to beat the record of the man in Phoenix Arizona who married 105 times. I haven't heard from Sam - yet.)

NOTICE: Due to the fact that we are getting so many fiddlers, we are having a hard time getting them all in, even with two tunes. So we want to start our meal at 11:30 and start the show at 12:30. We have a busy summer planned and it looks like we are going to have fun.

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

We had a big turnout at McMinnville Grange on the 13th. We had our election of Officers and the Officers for next year will be Chairman Leonard Maahs, Co-Chairman - Les Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer - Slim Schultz. We wish them luck and hope they get the cooperation we have always had.

The program was enjoyed by everyone. A big thanks to all the musicians who took part in it. And we welcome those that came a long way to play in our program. Visitors are always welcome. Also thanks to all the cooks and kitchen help.

There will be no Jam Session in March for District 8, as we have a convention to go to in March at Roseburg. Come one, Come all and lets make this a good, big convention. Our next two Jam sessions will be benefit jams. We will have a State jam on April 17th at Salem Senior Center and on May 22 a benefit jam at Woodburn Grange for the Dogs for the Deaf. And of course, the Cancer Research show at Garibaldi April 8 & 9th.

Our deepest sympathy to Erle Bequette and family for the loss of wife and mother Clara Bequette. Services were in Canby on February 8th.

Leonard Maahs, our present Co-Chairman and future Chairman and State Vice-President, had surgery at the McMinnville Hospital February 7th at McMinnville and is recovering at home and doing well.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

NORTHWEST REGIONAL FIDDLER'S CONTEST - P.O. Box 395, Veradale, Wash. 99037
Judges: Hal Amundsen, John Francis, Mabel Voight, Cy Lovell, Dale Lake, Carol Ann Wheeler and John Melnichuk. Alternates: Kim Ferch and Wayne Wagner

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>SENIOR</u> <u>LADIES/MEN</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>JR/JR</u> (12 & Under)	<u>PEEWEE</u> (8 & Under)
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PLACE

1.	\$350/Trophy	\$200/Trophy	\$150/Trophy	\$100/Trophy	Trophy
2.	\$250/Trophy	\$125/Trophy	\$100/Trophy	\$75/Trophy	Trophy
3.	\$150/Trophy	\$75/Trophy	\$75/Trophy	\$50/Trophy	Trophy
4.	\$100/Trophy	\$50/Trophy	\$50/Trophy	\$25/Trophy	Trophy
5.	\$75/Trophy	\$25/Trophy	\$25/Trophy	\$10/Trophy	Trophy
6.	\$50/Trophy				
7.	\$25/Trophy				
8.	\$20/Trophy				

Trophy for Most Popular Accompanist.
Donated By: Spokane Valley Kiwanis

HERMISTON FIDDLE CONTEST, c/o Les McMasters %5 E. Main, Hermiston, Or 97838

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>JUNIORS</u>
1st	Trophy \$100	Trophy \$65	Trophy \$50	Trophy \$40
2nd	" 75	" 50	" 40	" 30
3rd	" 50	" 40	" 30	" 20
4th	"	"	"	"
5th	"	"	"	"

 * SILENT FIDDLES *
 * CLARA BECKETTE - Aurora, Oregon, Feb 4, 1983, Wife of Erle, Life member. *
 * J. C. "CLIFF" TUNNELL - Klamath Falls, Oregon, Life member. Fiddler. *

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

BILL WARWICK

On George Washington's Birthday in 1956, Bill Warwick was born to Red and Martha Warwick. At a very tender age Bill exhibited a love for music and rhythm. At the age of five he asked for, and received drums; at seven an accordion, and at nine a trumpet which he played in the band, alternating with a French horn, all through school.

When he was eleven, Bill met Kelley Kirksey and Nan Maheras who introduced him to the mandolin, fiddle and guitar. In October of his eleventh year, Nan got him started on the mandolin. His ear was tuned, however, to the fiddle and Kelley helped him to start a good bowing practice.

On his twelfth Birthday, he met George Vernon, a fiddle maker. George was so impressed with Bill's progress and fiddling ability that he gave him one of his fiddles. Bill treasures that fiddle to this day.

Bill's Mom took him to many fiddle contests and programs so that he could hear all types of fiddling. She made many tapes for him to listen and learn. Many nights Bill fell asleep with his fiddle on his chest for Mom to remove on her nightly rounds. From this dedication, he developed a fine style of fiddling.

Since 1966, Bill has only missed one or two years at the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest at Weiser, Idaho. He has placed in the top twenty there and has been in the top five at the Oregon State Contest every year since he became of age. Because of his love of fiddling, he has entered in many contests in other states, usually taking a top prize. He never seems to tire of oldtime fiddling. He will play anytime and anyplace when he gets with other fiddlers. Many times he just sits alone and fiddles. He has taught several young people to fiddle, thus doing his part to perpetuate oldtime fiddling.

As an adult, Bill has worked the past 5 or 6 years in a mill, just as many of our fiddlers have done. This never deters him from his music. There are nights and weekends to fiddle. He has become very versatile with his playing, so many people can enjoy his music.

There has never been a time, Bill has not expressed his thanks to the many fine fiddlers who have helped him over the years.

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The Fiddler's Story

From the interviews of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Project

Hugh Samples

Hugh remembers a homemade radio station he and some friends operated at Kinzua, Oregon in 1947.

"We got ahold of a Packard*Bell record player and radio, and we got an outfit that went with it, that you could broadcast for about eight or ten miles. Every Sunday a bunch of the musicians--there was quite a few around there--would come up home and we'd broadcast this stuff. And we started getting all kinds of people writing in, you know, for us to play this and play that, and we'd get a stack of letters six inches high every Saturday, for our Sunday program."

--Linda Danielson--

Jack Gish is the son of Don Gish, a fiddler most of us know. This was written for his dad.

Fiddler's Green

Well I guess I'm not a soldier
but I've heard of soldier's joy
and I'm really not a cowboy
just an old time fiddler's boy
and I never been a sailor
but I share the sailor's dream
when my ship is slowly sinking
I hope I wind up in Fiddler's Green
I hope I wind up in Fiddler's Green

I've seen the Fire on the Mountain
and I've dreamed the Devil's Dream
I wish that I could find expression
for the wonders that I've seen
cause memories only last forever
if you pass them all along
the memory of my father
is in this old time fiddler's song

He goes every year down to Weiser, Idaho
and enters in a contest he doesn't have a chance in
there may be better fiddles and there may be better bows
but there ain't a better man than Don to get 'em dancin'
Pick up your fiddle dad and get them goin'
Pick up your bow you gotta start bowin'
he can play the sunshine and he can play the snow
I don't think there's a song that my daddy don't know

*Jack Gish
Maybe Later Music*

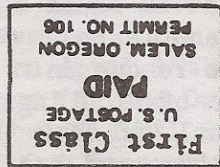
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