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COMING EVENTS		MAY 1983		DISTRICT
May	1	Jam & Election	Poison Creek Grange	Burns 9
	8	Jam Session	Clackamas College	Oregon City 7
	8	Jam Session	Oregon IOOF Hall	Gold Hill 4
	8	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Bend 3
	14	STATE CONTEST	High School	Lebanon OOTFA
	15	Jam Session	Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	22	Benefit Jam	Grange Hall	Woodburn 8
Jun 3 & 4		Contest	Grant Union High School	Canyon City BMOTFA
	5	Jam Session	Senior Citizen Center	Gladstone 7
	12	Cowboy Breakfast		Cherry Grove --
20 thru 25		Contest	Weiser High School	Weiser, Idaho NOTFA
30 thru Jul 2		Contest	Union High School	Burns 9
July 15 & 16		Contest		Baker BMOTFA
22 & 23		Contest	VFW Hall	Enterprise BMOTFA
20 thru 24		Campout	Rock Creek	Vernonia OOTFA
Aug 1 thru 5		Workshop	Haystack '83	Cannon Beach PSU
Aug 28 thru				
Sept 5		Campout	Warwick's	Williams --

STATE CONTEST REPORT

By Bill Yohey

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be in Lebanon, Oregon, May 14, 1983 at the South Lebanon High School. There will be plenty of parking space, but no hook-ups. There will be a place to jam and pre-register available AFTER 3:30 PM Friday evening at the school. Please do not go to the school before that time as school will still be in session until 3:30. This courtesy is for Members Only.

There will be no practicing or jamming in the Registration Room on Saturday morning. Other rooms and space will be available for this. Pee Wees, Junior Juniors and Juniors will have a separate place to register. Weiser rules will prevail. Each contestant must play a Hoedown, a Waltz and a selection of their own choice, other than a hoedown or waltz. Novelty tunes such as Orange Blossom Special, Listen to the Mockingbird, and Black Mountain Rag will not be permitted. All tunes must be of danceable quality. A time of four minutes will be allowed for your performance. The same number of places will be awarded as last year, including accompanists awards. All accompanists who appear on stage must be registered and pay a \$3.00 fee. Out of state accompanists may be used, but only Oregon residents are eligible for any award. State rules require residence in Oregon for

six months and a member of the Association for six months. Five (out of state) qualified judges have been chosen to judge the contest. They are as follows: Harry Johnson - Bothell, Washington, Margaret Brank - Winlock, Washington, James Mason - Toledo, Washington, Oak Gibson - Citrus Heights, California, and Delbert McGrath - Sacramento, California. There will be a meeting of all fiddlers and judges in the registration room prior to the contest Saturday morning. Good Luck to everyone and may you all play well and Have Fun!!!

NOTE TO ALL DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURERS -----

As soon as your June Bank Statements are reconciled - Please send your books for audit to Gynn Deaton, P.O. Box 487, Canyonville, Oregon 97417.

NOTE FROM DON LORING:

Directions to the High School in Lebanon for the State Contest; Coming from either North or South on I-5, take Highway 34 exit, follow 34 into Lebanon to 5th Street. Turn right on South 5th St and go 17 blocks. High School is in 1700 block on S 5th. RV Parking is on the left across from School. Don will be there on the 13th after school is out and will be glad to give any assistance if needed.

DISTRICT 1

We held our Jam Session at the Fairgrounds and the meeting was conducted by our leader, Jerry Ruddock. He does a very good job and a good crowd attended.

There are several places to play in the coming weeks. Groups are playing at Pizza Parlors, Bowling Alleys and Cafes, as well as the usual Nursing Homes and Clairmont House once a month. Thanks to everyone who is enthused about keeping it going. We are very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful organization and to know so many marvelous people. Its a real experience to play with so many different fiddlers, and I really appreciate them letting me.

We give special recognition to our elder fiddlers, Angie Weeks, 91, Minnie Springer, 86, Bill Noble, (he wont tell) and Martin Arnold ????. Not many people keep going at their ages, let alone fiddle. We missed Martin who is away taking care of his brother who is ill. Our prayers are for his comfort, peace of mind and strength. Bill met with a serious accident. He had a large object drop on his foot and was pinned under it for awhile. He finally found something to pry it off with, behind him on the scrap pile. Needless to say it hurt his toes and he can't get his shoe on yet, he is none-the-less his smiling, happy self, fiddlin' away. Its so nice to see everyone playing and enjoying themselves and we enjoy Elma Ewing's quips and funny comments. Everyone seems to be improving and so are our new fiddlers. What happened to Pat Boyer?? Music is one of the best ways to express ourselves and it seems to grow on people.

Our next Jam Session will be at the Fairgrounds, May 15th, same time. I goofed last month and didn't get it in. My apologies please. There will be a fun night at the Shasta Grange the 1st Thursday of every month, 6:30 - 9:00.

I just heard Donna Lynch lost her step-mother after a lengthy illness. Also Ray Lane lost his brother with a heart attack. Lois and Les Tucker have had a flu bug. We want all of you to know we miss you and express our deepfelt sympathy to those bereaved and we love all of you and remember you in our prayers.

Several couples attended the Jam Session of District #4 at Yreka and certainly enjoyed the hospitality and were happy to see so many friends. Also it was a really nice Convention this year and a real enjoyable time.

Until next time Peace and Godspeed to all

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

District 3 met on Sunday, April 10th at the Bend Senior Center. There wasn't much of a crowd, but there were 10 fiddlers, and the music was great!

Our District has been invited to play for the Moose Lodge potluck on Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 P.M.

Our next jam will be at the Moose Lodge on Sunday, May 8th. The building is located on Division Street, across from the train depot. If anyone needs further directions feel free to call me at 382-5450.

PEGGY HANSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Sunday May 8th - MOTHER'S DAY, Gold Hill, Oregon IOOF Hall. Doors open at 10:00 AM. Potluck at 11:30. Open to the public at 1:00 PM. The position of Secretary is now open as Margie Cox had to resign because of medical reasons. Nominations will be received from the floor at the May meeting.

May 14th--Fiddlers will be in the parade in Central Point, Oregon.

The Yreka jam was wonderful. Everyone always has such a good time with the Yreka bunch. Those attending were: Forrest Samples, Dusty Yancey, Jim Hoots, N. L. Couch, Hank Wobbe, Peter & Velma Hogan, Bob and Freda Hinch, Julia & Frank Pantel, Jonas and Margie Cox, Julian Christiani, Arnie & Marian Jorgenson, Ted & Annie, Tommy Grissom, Alta Bance, Tom Barkley, and Jiggs Rost. (Hope I haven't forgotten anyone). Howard Jones and Marvin sure MC'd a wonderful show! Oops, almost forgot Dorena & Dave Winkelman were in Yreka too.

Congratulations to Heather Bennett of Grants Pass who was recently on TV for cutting a record, which will be available soon.

Congratulations also to Natalie Ohle, (grand-daughter of Nolan and Elizabeth Grissom and niece of Tommy and Joyce Grissom) who came in 2nd place at the North west Regional Fiddle Contest in Oroville, Calif. Amanda Ohle also placed 11th. We are sure looking forward to their visit this summer when we can hear them play.

Tex Looper is home from the hospital after getting a new hip joint. We want to see you on the floor dancing soon, Tex.

As of this writing, Mae Baldwin is still in Providence Hospital and Forrest Wheeler is again in Rogue Valley Hospital. We hope they are home soon. Olive has been down South visiting in California.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

All the rain has not dampened our spirits, or our ability to get out our fiddles for some music. March 26, we went down to play for the Grangers at Sixes. They were nice enough to invite us down for their potluck and everybody ate well as usual. They do feed well. The hall sounded with fiddle music and dancing throughout the evening.

The next Saturday, April 2, a large turn out of fiddlers and back-up played for the Green Acres Grange. Again it was an evening of fiddle music and dancing. This was an especially nice evening. The musicians really enjoyed what they were doing and the whole evening radiated with a spirit of old time music. Les McLeod reached back in time to fiddle and sing some good old time tunes for us that we had not heard for a long time. Thanks Les.

The 16th we went to the Senior Center in Coos Bay to play for their dance. We had not been there for a long time so it was a first for several of us. It is a nice hall and the dance floor was alive with dancers all evening.

District 5 Cont'd

Gene Gosney had a nice write up in the North Bend News recently, with pictures and a well written story about him. Gene is an active fiddler in our area who makes his own fiddles. The article dealt with both his fiddling and building. Congratulations Gene.

Thanks to all of you who responded last month to my request for the music to Rosalee. I found out that there are a number of tunes that are all named Rosalee. The Rosalee (music) that I want goes like this:

CHORUS: And hang up the fiddle and the banjo on the wall
Lay away the bones and the tamborine
As they (haul) away my Rosalee, the sweetest flower of all,
From my little old log cabin by the stream.

Any fiddle friends have music to this song?

As I get ready to mail, Al reports that they had a good turn out at Port Orford - the 23rd. Alice and I had a big family get together and could not get away. Elmer Benson, Les McLeod, and Dorothy Cory from Crescent City played their fiddles. The back-up included Dale, Murrel, Roy, George, Dick, Jane, Claude, Betty and Al.

May will be another busy month for District 5 fiddlers. May 7 we will be back at the Green Acres Grange, playing for their dance. We have been invited to order from their menu again. Two weeks later on Saturday the 21st, we have been asked back to the Senior Center in Coos Bay. They are a dancing group and they like our fiddle music. We'll start around 7:00 and have some finger food during the evening.

Are you ready for Memorial Day week-end? We will be playing at two jams that week-end. The first one will be in Brookings on Saturday, May 28th, at the VFW Hall from 4:00 to 8:00. We hope to have our float in the Azalea Festival parade that morning. The next day we will hold a jam a hundred miles up the coast at Lakeside. All the information we have right now is that it will be "noonish" at the county park.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

On May 15, District 6 will meet at Cottage Grove Moose Lodge. The Lodge is located on Highway 99 South of the center of town. Potluck at 12 noon, bring own table service. Doors open to the public at 1:00. On April 24, we will have been at Coburg, but happenings there will be too close to News Deadline for reporting.

We want to welcome back our various members who were fortunate enough to be able to winter in the South. Also several District 6 people participated in the benefits this month at Garibaldi, Beaverton and Salem. We appreciate the help.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

I'm very proud to report that our State Jam at Beaverton, April 10th was a real success and very enjoyable, all because of you lovely people who came and helped to make it so. First, thank you, to our two MC's Ed Mead and Bob Fast. Both did an excellent job. And thank you Helen Hakanson for your fine job of advertising. It takes a lot of team work like that for an excellent jam, such as this one was.

We had 37 musicians from all over, they were: Joey McKenzie, Bob Crump, Stan & Addie Gonshorowski, Jack Smith, Katie Melnichuk, Dee Johnson, Ruth & Al Keen, Carol Ann Wheeler, Bob & Delette Huffman, Leona Casale, Herman Classen, Penny Mead, Bob Fast, Hollis Taylor, Bill Yohey, John Melnichuk, R. Buckman, Frank Williams, Gary Evans, Ed Hjelseth, Jack Sweet, Chris Delzer, Ray Lane, Dee Fry, Clara Knight,

Dist 7 Cont'd

Del Anderson, Jimmy Braskett, Gladys Braskett, Sam & Esther Morris, Thelma Berg, Donna Oldham, Jason Ewing, Fred and Geroldine Virtue, Jim Ramsey, Bill Herd, and Jason Adams.

Where is Vernonia????? As the crow flies, it is about 45 miles northwest of Portland and 62 miles northeast of Tillamook. But, if you are not a crow, directions and a map, in detail, will be in the July Hoedowner. The campground is 6½ miles west of Vernonia. Signs are being made and will be posted on Highway #47 leading to the picnic grounds on Rock Creek. There are some planned events and everyone may participate if desired.

There have been inquiries about inviting a guest to the campout. This is an OOTFA State function and our members are covered by insurance. Why not just sign them up in the Association and bring them along?

Bill Yohey is the Head Wrangler and 2nd Cook. Any member hitch-hiking to this event will be offered a place to stay and food to eat (after being assigned to a work detail).

Our next jam is at Clackamas Community College, May 8th, doors open at 10:00, potluck at 11:30 to 12:25 and program starting at 12:30.

Our dear friend Dulcie Fast is in the hospital today. She will be going into surgery Thursday morning April 21st. Our Dulcie is usually doing so much to help us, that we never think that she could not be feeling well. But she will be up and around soon. She is in Eastmoreland Hospital. I hope she knows how dearly we all love her.

PENNY MEAD - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Our next jam session will be a Benefit for Hearing Dogs at Woodburn Grange Hall, May 22nd. The Hall is on Settlemeir and Hwy 214, across from the Junior High School. It is at the third stop light from the Freeway. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at noon, bring own service. Show starts at 1:00 for the public.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Campout Benefit at the Salem Senior Center at Salem. We had a capacity crowd, and just about capacity musicians too.

On June 12th there will be a jam at Oak Grove Grange Hall. More details later.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Our big news this month is, Susie Smith took first place in the Intermediate Division at Hermiston. We are proud of you Susie!

We have added four more prizes to our Champion Division in the High Desert Fiddler's Contest. The prizes are \$85.00, 65.00, 45.00 & 25.00. There will be no trophies for these places. Also the only restrictions on entering divisions are, you must be 65 years old to enter the Seniors and under 18 years old to enter the Juniors.

Our jam the 17th was really fun. About one half of the people there played something. We had seven fiddlers.

Everyone should try to make the next jam as we will have ELECTION OF OFFICERS at 11:00 AM. The jam will be June 1st at the Poison Creek Grange in Burns.

JOAN KNIGHT - Reporter

EDITOR'S NOTES

A late phone call has informed me that there may be problems with the question of invited guests to the Vernonia Campout. Mr Yohey has asked me to say that the questions will be reviewed and with help from the Board, a decision will be made and published later in this paper. Anyone who wants to comment on this matter, pro or con, should contact their District Chairman soon.

Additions to Coming events Calendar.

May	15	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove	6
Jun	12	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Oak Grove	8
Aug	27	Contest		Canyonville	

REPORT ON HERMISTON CONTEST

By Les McMasters

SENIOR DIVISION

- 1 - Vic Halvorson, Ceres CA
- 2 - Leonard Maahs, McMinnville, OR
- 3 - Ole Wynn, Olympia WA
- 4 - Walt Langlitz, Baker OR
- 5 - Henry McVeigh, Tacoma WA

JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1 - Grant Wheeler, Sherwood OR
- 2 - Lisa McMasters, Hermiston OR
- 3 - Kendra Ruwe, Meridian ID
- 4 - Brian Eisele, Chattaroy WA
- 5 - David Wascher, Kennewick WA

QUAD COUNTY DIVISION

- 1 - Lisa McMasters, Umatilla Cty
- 2 - Bob Hunt, Umatilla County
- 3 - Duane Loving, Wheeler Cty
- 4 - Wally Ralston, Umatilla Cty
- 5 - Denise Berg, Umatilla Cty

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- 1 - Susie Smith, Burns OR
- 2 - Pattie Kessie, Kennewick WA
- 3 - Chris O'Keefe, Lincoln City OR
- 4 - Sonny Morris, Salem OR
- 5 - Delmar Goude, Kennewick WA

JUNIOR JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1 - Michelle Eisele, Chattaroy WA
- 2 - Chadley Ruwe, Meridian ID
- 3 - Tiffany Wheeler, Sherwood OR
- 4 - Rachel Thompson, Spokane WA
- 5 - Ruston Ruwe, Meridian ID

OPEN DIVISION

- 1 - John Francis, Spokane WA
- 2 - Tony Ludiker, Spokane WA
- 3 - Carol Ann Wheeler, Sherwood OR
- 4 - Jay Dean Ludiker, Spokane WA
- 5 - Randy Pollard, Redding CA

The Washington County Association of Riding Clubs wishes to extend an invitation to members of the Oregon OT Fiddlers Association to attend the annual Cowboy Breakfast June 12 at Cherry Grove, Oregon to fiddle for your breakfast and provide music. They are also invited to join the ride if they bring a horse or mule. The breakfast starts at 8:00 AM, sausage, pancakes, juice, eggs & coffee served under the open sky. Breakfast can be purchased for non-fiddlers. For more information call Ray or Betty Wold 647-2161, Gary Poole 324-0611 or Morris Elverud 648-1917. (Near Forest Grove)

Adrid Van Horn wishes to express her appreciation to everyone who contributed to the publicity effort for the Roseburg Convention. The editor regrets lack of space for her letter, which is beautiful.

SUFFERIN SI SAYS

I hope everyone can come to the Contest this year and have fun. There are NO LOSERS in a fiddle contest. Everyone who participates in a contest is a WINNER whether he gets a trophy or not.

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

STAN GONSHOROWSKI

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" MAY 6

Stan Gonshorowski of Eugene, Was born in northern Minnesota, and as many of our fiddlers have, grew up in a musical family with fiddle music all around him, so it was only natural for him to be playing right along with his father and uncles at an early age. By the time he was in his teens he was playing for dances where and when he had a chance.

When he was about fourteen, he heard that there was to be an amateur hour on the local radio station.. He wanted to attend but his mother objected, finally consenting only if he left his fiddle at home.. When he arrived, someone asked him if he would like to play and rounded up a fiddle for him. Needless to say, his mother found out about it immediately.

Stan served in the Army during World War II. He carried his fiddle with him all over the Pacific and carved a map on the back of all the places he had been. He sold the fiddle in the late 50's and now wishes he could find it again and buy it back.

Soon after joining the OOTFA in the early 70's he met Linda Danielson. She was interested in his style of playing and through her efforts, he was one of the fiddlers from the Northwest, chosen to play at the Bi-Centennial Folklore Festival in Washington D. C.

Stan is very active in fiddling and loves to play for dances. He makes up many of his own tunes, some of which are old tunes, based on remembered parts of tunes played by his father and uncles when he was young. He also repairs fiddles, many times buying old broken up instruments and putting them back together. Many of these have turned out to be of excellent quality.

Stan retired from the City of Eugene, where he lives with his wife Addie. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. However, he is not completely retired as he is currently teaching fiddle classes at Lane Community College.

Stan is very popular at Convention shows and in jam sessions, because of his musical talent and amiable disposition. He takes some kidding from announcers and others about his name, but says that his name isn't at all unusual in Minnesota. But he does have unusual talent which is evident when he plays "Ragtime Annie" in a tempo that would "soothe the savage beast."

Credit for poem on back page

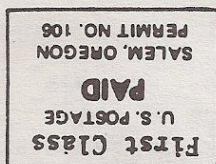
THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA

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THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA (To a Fiddle Contest)

The Devil went down to Georgia
He was looking for a soul to steal
He was in a bind, he was way behind
He was willing to make a deal
When he came across this young man
Sawing on a fiddle and playing it hot
And the Devil jumped up on a hickory stump
And said "Boy, let me tell you what!

I guess you didn't know it
But I'm a fiddle player too
And if you care to take a dare
I'll make a bet with you
Now you play pretty good fiddle, Boy!
But give the Devil his due
I'll bet a fiddle of gold against your soul
'Cause I think I'm better than you."

The Boy said "My name is Johnny
And it might be a sin
But I'll take your bet, you're gonna regret
'Cause I'm the best that's ever been."
Johnny, rosin up your bow
And play your fiddle hard
'Cause Hell's broke loose in Georgia
And the Devil deals the cards.
- And if you win, you'll get this shiny
fiddle made of gold - but if you lose
the Devil gets your soul - -

The Devil opened up his case
And said "I'll start this show."
And fire flew from his fingertips
As he rosined up his bow
Then he pulled his bow across the strings
And it made an evil hiss
Then a band of demons joined in
And it sounded something like this

When the Devil finished, Johnny said
"Well you're pretty good old son
But sit down in that chair right there
And I'll show you how its done."
He played Fire on the Mountain, Run Boy Run,
The Devils in the house of the rising sun.
Chicken in the Breadpan, Kickin' out Dough
Granny will your Dog Bite, No Child No.

The Devil bowed his head
Because he knew that he'd been beat
He layed that golden fiddle
On the ground at Johnny's feet
Johnny said "Devil, just come on back
If you ever want to try again,
'Cause I told you once, you son of a gun
I'm the best that's ever been

He played Fire on the Mountain, Run boys run,
The Devil's in the House of the Rising Sun.
Chicken in the Bread Pan, Kickin' out Dough,
Granny will your Dog Bite, No Child No.