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COMING EVENTS		JULY 1983		DISTRICT	
July	2	Parade	White Cedar Days	Powers	5
	9	Jam & Smelt Fry	High School	Yachats	8
	9	Jam	Senior Citizen Center	Waldport	8
	10	Jam	IOOF Hall	Gold Hill	4
	10	Jam	Grange Hall	Lowell	6
	10	Jam	Senior Citizen Center	Bend	3
15 &	16	Contest		Baker	BMOTFA
	17	Bohemia Days Fair	High School	Cottage Grove	OOTFA
	17	Jam	Wlard Park	K Falls ?	1
20 to	24	CAMPOUT	Rock Creek Campground	Vernonia	OOTFA
	22	Coburg Golden Years		Coburg	6
22 &	23	Contest	VFW Hall	Enterprise	BMOTFA
22 &	23	Bluegrass Festival (Peter Britt)		Jacksonville	--
	24	Jam & Festival	Grange Hall	Winchester Bay	5
	30	Steam-up & Jam	Music Hall	Brooks	8
30 &	31	Applegate Trail Days		Veneta	6
Aug 1 -	6	Haystack Workshop	Carol Ann Wheeler	Cannon Beach	PSU
	5 & 6	Show	Benton Co Fairgrounds	Corvallis	OOTFA
	7	Show CANCELLED	Seio Grange Hall	Seio	OOTFA
	13	Show	Rockwell Grange Hall	Elgin Or	BMOTFA
	14	Jam	Grange Hall	Central Point	4
	18	Show	Clackamas Cty Fair Gnds	Canby	OOTFA
	20	Show	Polk Cty Fairgrounds	Rickreall	OOTFA
	21	Jam	Malin Park	K Falls ?	1
	27	Contest		Canyonville	--
Aug 29 thru					
Sept 5		CAMPOUT	Warwicks	Williams	--

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive your Hoedowner, I will be your new President. I feel honored to have been elected to serve you, along with Fred Virtue, Vice President and Maxine Benson, Secretary Treasurer. I'm also happy to report that Lee Jones has agreed to stay on as our Editor. He has done a very fine job this past year for for us. I hope I can serve you as well as your past Presidents. We are very interested in keeping the organization up to what it is now, and doing whatever we can to make it even better. In order to do this we will need each and every members cooperation. We'll be open for any suggestions or advice that will preserve and help our organization grow bigger and better. I believe that OOTFA is one of the best

in the nation, and anyone should be proud to be a member. Hope everyone can make it to the campout at Vernonia, July 20th through the 23rd, so we can get better acquainted.

I would like to have you keep dates open for the fairs and the other State programs scheduled for July and August. Check the "Hoedowner for dates". The proceeds from these programs are the State's largest source of income. We need lots of good fiddlers, accompanists, and other good entertainers to put together a real good show for the people. Meanwhile - Keep Fiddlin' and have fun. Thank You!

Your President LEONARD MAHNS

DISTRICT 1

District #1 held their jam session at the Fairgrounds July 19th and had a good group of fiddlers and accompanists. There was also a good crowd of listeners and we were honored in having with us, Fred Virtue and Bud Richardson. Come again folks. Our Chairman, Jerry Ruddock, opened the meeting with announcement of the upcoming events for this month and some for August. He also read a "Thank You" card from the Furrys and we wish to express our happiness in seeing Earl back fiddling again after having surgery. We offer our prayers for his complete recovery.

Jerry turned the meeting over to Chuck Bruneau to finalize, as he is the incoming Chairman. He expressed thanks to the Officers for their cooperation and help during the past two years and Chuck recognized Jerry as to his wonderful job as Chairman and a large hand was in order for the services of all of them Dick Harris as Co-Chairman and Harold North as Sec-Treas. Chuck passed out plaques for the outgoing Officers. We all wish to express our appreciation for a job well done. Also we wish to say a big 'Thanks' to Sarah Furry for her service in the kitchen, and her family for their help to her. Also Thanks to Elma Ewing for her services. We wish to encourage everyone for staying with the fiddling and their service this past year and their cooperation.

We had a good practice session at Shasta Grange June 2nd, and the next one will be July 7th from 6:30 to 9:00.

There will be the usual jam session at John and Irene Lewis' on July 4th after the parade, all fiddlers, accompanists and their families are invited. Bring anything but the meat and soft drinks. John and Irene will furnish that. Any members are welcome.

Our July meeting will be at Wiard Park on July 17th and at Malin Park on August 21st (Ed Note: I assume at Klamath Falls) at 12:00 or around that time. The club will furnish the watermelons and the soft drink on Aug 21st.

We welcome our new Officers, Chuck Bruneau as Chairman, Charlie Sandusky as Co-Chairman and Paul King as Sec-Treas and wish them good luck and hold them up in prayers. We should each of us help out whenever we can and encourage those who need it. Until next month, Godspeed to all and have a safe summer.

ANNE JOHNSON - REPORTER

Correction from last month - Change Jame Lachance to James Lafrance - Sorry!

DISTRICT 3

District 3's next jam will be on Sunday, July 10 at the Bend Senior Center I cannot report on last month's jam as I was out of town. However, I do have a couple of items to report.

Our youngest fiddler, Tony Spatz, took first place in the junior division of the Blue Mountain Contest at Canyon City. Congratulations again Tony!

On June 11, our District participated in the Sisters Rodeo Parade and our float won 2nd place.

PEGGY HANSON - REPORTER

DISTRICT 4

SUNDAY, July 10 --- I.O.O.F. HALL, Gold Hill, Oregon - No Potluck, just bring finger food. Short Meeting before jam-- Open at 12:00 noon--- Open to public at 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, Aug 14 -- Central Point Oregon Grange Hall, Bring finger food, no potluck. open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

A group of 32 friends, relatives & fiddlers helped Noah Couch celebrate his 88th birthday on Friday, June 10. He wishes to thank everyone who came to make this birthday such a happy occasion.

Our fiddlers have been busy playing for schools, retirement parties, Rogue Valley Genealogy Society picnic, various valley functions & Senior Citizen homes and hospitals.

Those planning to go to Weiser Festival are: Tommy & Joyce Grissom, Hjalmer & Irene Edwards, Ray Hansen, Betty Deckard, Sam & Virginia Stelle, Jim Hoots, Ray & Alice Krogstad, Jack & Clemmie McCasland, Bob Hinch & Freda and hopefully, Sheri West. We're all rootin for you.

Natalie Ohle (Grand-daughter of Nolan & Elizabeth Grissom) has been in Medford and joining Grandpa Nolan & Tommy Grissom with her fiddling. Her sister Amanda will be joining them soon---The girls are from Livermore Calif. We sure do enjoy their fiddling!

PAT WHEELER - REPORTER

DISTRICT 5

July 2 White Cedar Days at Powers. Parade at 11:00

9 Jubilee Days in North Bend. The parade in the morning and we will play on the bandstand at 3:30.

24 Ocean Festival Jam at Winchester Bay - 1:00 at the Grange Hall.

Everything hasn't been decided yet for July, but I have to write District 5 news early this month since I am going to be gone when the news should go in. If we schedule other times to play, we'll try to get the word to you.

We ended last month at the Azalea Festival in Brookings on Memorial Day weekend. The jam started at 4:00 at the VFW Hall with the biggest audience that I have seen in my few years fiddling. Many of them sat there the four hours enjoying every minute of it. We appreciated the help of the fiddlers from other districts - and from California - who came to play. The people from that area sure did enjoy fiddling and they let us know that they did.

The next day we played at Lakeside for the Blue Gill Derby. Mother nature almost got us but the tent kept the wind off of us enough to kind of stay in tune.

June 4 was our regular night at the Greenacres Grange playing for the dance. Chairman Al started the evening with a short business meeting. We wont be going to Greenacres in July because we will be in Powers that day.

On the 11th we went to Winchester Bay to play for the Grange dance. We hadn't been there for some time so it was good to be back playing for a good turn out.

Saturday, June 18, we were to have been in Port Orford, but it was cancelled, so a group of us got together and played for the Retired Teachers' picnic in North Bend. Again mother nature almost got to us, but there was a nice shelter, so we played for our "dinner".

The next day we were out to Lakeside again to play for the Father's Day weekend activities. It rained all morning but the sun came out and dried off the grass. I counted well over 200 people out in front of us enjoying music. There had been good TV coverage and a lot of announcements. It helped bring out the crowd.

On the 25th we will be at Mast Grove for a Mason Picnic, but I'll have to tell you about it next month.

I have enjoyed sharing the music and words to a number of songs with my friends

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and getting many in return. A friend wants the music or words to "LITTLE SHOE MAKER." Who out there in fiddle land can help us out? Thanks.

Keep fiddling - have a good summer - and we'll be seeing you.

LEW HOLT - REPORTER

DISTRICT 6

July 10 -- Regular Jam - Lowell Grange
July 17 -- Bohemia Days Fiddle Show, Cottage Grove High School
July 22 -- 5 to 9 - Coburg Golden Years, Coburg Or
July 30 - 31, Applegate Trail Days, Veneta, Or.

Our jam for June was held at the Cottage Grove Moose Lodge with a slate of 23 individual numbers including seven vocals, and more than 15 playing backup. Since we have a lot of news this month, I will not name all the players, but specials included Ray Goble doing a couple of fine solos on his mandolin. First time he's let us hear him. Keep it up Ray, we want to hear more from you. The Booher Family played an all-family number, and Ella Savery, guest from North Bend, played her new Dobro to accompany her songs. Paul and Jessie Williams, from Reedsport, were also guests; Paul adding extra oomph with his lively bass back-ups. Part of the group were so fired up that they stayed and jammed after the end of the program until after 8 p.m.

Members still continue to play at various nursing homes and some furnished an afternoon of good music for the Senior Citizen's Strawberry Feed at Peterson's Barn.

July 10th jam will be held at the Lowell Grange Hall, with the ladies of the Grange selling lunch. Remember the Grange Hall is located to the left off Hwy #58 across the covered bridge into Lowell. Turn left just past city center, then right about one block on the Fall Creek Road, (edge of town.) Grange hall is on the right side.

The Coburg Golden Years celebration music, July 22nd, is being set-up by Stan Gonshorowski. Don't forget the Applegate Trail Days in Veneta, July 29, 30 and 31. Remember the Fiddlers entertain in the afternoon on Saturday and have fiddle and group contests on Sunday. Lots of down-home fun.

The Bohemia Days Fiddle Show will be in Cottage Grove at the High School on July 17th, 2:00 PM. If you have any questions, call Wayne Holmes at 484-1074. For those wishing to take R.V. rigs down for the entire Bohemia Days, how about all fiddlers camping together FREE at Schwarz Park at the west end of Dorena Lake. No hook-ups, but water, toilets and showers are available and lots of free space. Take the first Cottage Grove exit, and turn left under the overpass. Watch for signs to Dorena Lake. Take the road to the right of Anderson's store, and the park will be on the left side, less than a mile past the store.

THELMA BERG - REPORTER

DISTRICT 7

Report on our NORTHERN SUMMER CAMPOUT AND BARBECUE, and the Directions to the Park. From Portland go out Sunset Highway 26, 27 to 30 miles, take a right on Hwy 47. Go approximately 15 Miles to Vernonia. North through Vernonia, cross bridge over Rock Creek. Proceed a block or so to road sign saying Rock Creek road and Keasey Rt. School is on right hand side. Turn to your left and follow Rock Creek road out 6½ to 7 miles. Just before you get to the place you will cross over a small cement bridge. Immediately after you cross there is an aluminum building and a gate on your right. This is the Harold Maiken Farm. There will be signs on way out and at destination.

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Our Gladstone jam was very nice for those who didn't make it. Since it was our first time there it was quite nice. A little smaller than some of the others, but the people were so appreciative and want us back again. We had 26 fiddlers and several specials, and 11 good back up players. The highlight for me was when Greg Baker presented Ed and I with a beautiful Hanging Fuschia plant in appreciation. Thank you Greg. That was very kind and thoughtful of you. I was so surprised, I just said "Thank You" and didn't say anything else, but it really touched both Ed and I. Sometimes the words just aren't there.

This is my last report and I want to first thank our Editor for his wonderful presentation of our reports. It is real rewarding to a reporter to see their own words come back in the paper and not all changed. Thank you Lee, Its been a pleasure working with you and with my husband Ed Mead, Bob and Dulcie Fast, Bill and Edna Yohey, Maxine and Walt Benson and Clara Knight and of course all our readers. Keep Fiddling, Enjoy, I love you all.

PENNY MEAD - REPORTER

More DISTRICT 7

The June jam at Gladstone drew about 20 fiddlers and a good audience. Thanks went to Penny and Ed Mead for doing such a great job for District 7 this past year. Thanks also to the other Officers and Volunteers who helped with the equipment and other chores.

Greg Baker reports that the bake sale given by the fiddle class at Clackamas Community College brought in close to \$70 and was a benefit for OOTFA Dist 7.

We will not have a regular jam in July because of the Vernonia Campout. However we have been asked to provide some music for the West Linn Old Fashioned Fair on Saturday July 30 from 1-3 P.M. The fair is held in a park in the Willamette area at the bottom of 12th St. Take the 10th St exit off I 205 and follow signs for the boat landing. Hope to see some of you there.

HELEN HAKANSON - REPORTER

DISTRICT 8

July 9---Fish fry, Yachats High School, Yachats Ore Afternoon

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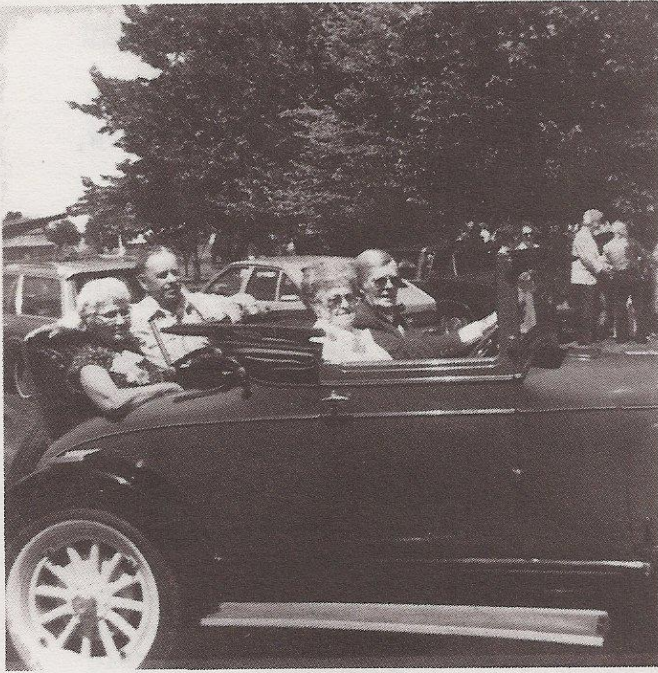
Our next jam session will be the fish fry at Yachats, Start playing about one o'clock on Saturday. We will get a free Smelt dinner for musicians and spouses. Then in the evening we will be at Waldport for a jam session and potluck at 5:30 PM, at The Senior Citizen Center. Free parking for members.

Don't forget the Steam up at Brooks Oregon July 30. There will be a jam session at 7 P.M. with a donation for District 8 from Antique Powerland. Free admission after 5:30 with musical instrument or association card. They play all day at the music hall July 30 and 31st. Also Aug 6th & 7th for who ever wants to play.

We had a very nice crowd at our Oak Grove jam and lots of players. We also had a 60th anniversary song for Mr & Mrs Don Toomb and two 50th Anniversary notices, one for Willis (Shorty) Allen and Virgie and one for Slim and Fern Schultz.

SUFFERIN SI SEZ

Never ask a fiddler where he is from. If he is from Oregon he will tell you, if he is not he is probably ashamed of it.



June 5th, a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon in Suver, hundreds of friends came with well wishes. The occasion--- "Shorty" and Virgie Allen celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Fiddles were singing most of the afternoon and there were several special songs. Les Johnson brought his 1928 Whippet for a short, short ride in the yard. Musicians were, alphabetically, Shorty Allen (When not greeting old friends, Martha Birkholz, Bob Crump, Vi & Charlie Jensen, Les Johnson, Lee Jones, Fern & Slim Schultz, and Chuck Williams from Vancouver Washington. Jim & Bea Morris came by earlier enroute to relatives in Albany.

Fern & Slim Schultz also celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary this month on the 17th of June, in Seattle with their son Jim, daughter Jean, five grandchildren and a host of friends at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Editor's notes: There was no report received from District 9 this month. However the report in the June issue was in error. Following is the report as received from the reporter after editing for contraversial matter. Anything else was published without the consent of the reporter.

DISTRICT 9

"At our May 1st jam we elected new Officers, The new Officers are Chairman, Ruel Teague, Co Chairman Brick Calloway and Secretary Treasurer Pat Scott. Rusty Knight has resigned as adviser to the Fiddlers Contest Committee. We will not be having a jam in June due to the Contest."

JOAN KNIGHT - REPORTER

No report was received of Weiser Winners as yet. I hope to have a full report in the next issue. However unofficial reports say that Joey McKenzie won the Men's Division and Heather Bennett won the Ladies Division. How Great Thou Art.

Haystack '83, An adventure in Learning. By Carol Ann Wheeler. Emphasis on American music with a national fiddle champion. Daily lectures, demonstrations and group playing; individualized instruction on intonation, position, bowing, timing and other aspects of playing. This and much more at Cannon Beach Aug 1-5.

Winners to be congratulated in the Golden Spike Fiddle Contest at Ogden Utah were Tiffany Wheeler 3rd place in Jr Jr. Grant Wheeler 5th place in Junior, Joey Mc Kenzie 1st place in General Division and Carol Ann Wheeler 2nd place in General Div. There was no Senior Division.

BITS AND PIECES
By Lois Tucker

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is woser today than he was yesterday.

Johathan Swift

FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

Carol Ann Wheeler

On a Sunday morning, October 4th, Carol Ann the first of two children was born to Robert and Irene Ledbetter in San Francisco, California. When she was nine years old, the family moved to Oakland where she was tested and began the violin in the school orchestra on a rented instrument. She begged for, and was given, private lessons causing her parents to buy her her first violin at the age of ten. Two years later she asked for, and started, piano lessons from the same teacher. "Daddy" now has to look for and buy a piano. Carol Ann still has the piano and the first violin and bow her parents bought for her. Upon graduation from high school, she attended San Jose State College on a scholarship as a music major.

While yet in college, she met and married Jim Wheeler. Following graduation from college she was a string instructor in the San Carlos Schools, near San Francisco, until the birth of her first child, Grant.

Soon after the birth of Grant the Wheelers moved to Portland, Oregon where the family was blessed with the birth of another child, a girl, called Tiffany.

Following the birth of Tiffany, Carol Ann completed graduate studies at Portland State University obtaining her Oregon State teacher's credentials.

Although Carol Ann has always loved the sound of country-western music, which was her father's favorite, she as a child was never allowed to play it. Her music teacher taught her only classical and frowned on any other type. About nine years ago, it was through The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers that she got her chance to try this type of "toe-tapping" music and with the help of members of this organization that she began competing in the different contests. She loves all styles of fiddling and has had difficulty in choosing any one style, wanting to try them all.

Carol Ann has taught many of the youngsters and adults in the fiddler organization and at one time had three students in the top five of the Junior-junior division at Weiser, Idaho. Each year she teaches a "Work-shop" at Cannon Beach, through Portland State, and for the past two years has worked throughout Oregon for the Young-Audience program.

Some of the contests she has won are: North-West Open, National Ladies, Weiser Fanciest Fiddler, Two times Oregon State, three times North-West Ladies, and four times Weiser's Fanciest Dressed Lady.

She taught her two children fiddling at a young age and both are champions in their own right, having won State, Regional or National honors in their division.

Carol Ann is a certified judge and has judged contests at a local, state, regional, national level and in Canada. She has two albums out, The Joy of Fiddlin, Vol. I and Vol. II.

She feels a deep sense of gratitude to The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Organization and its many members who have assisted and given her encouragement in her efforts to become a "fiddler".

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