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COMING EVENTS		MARCH 1984		DISTRICT	
Mar	4	Jam Session	Centro Cultural Bldg	Cornelius Or	7
	11	Jam Session	Senior Center	Bend	3
	11	Jam Session	Central Point Grange	Central Point Or	4
	11	Jam Session	Senior Center	Burns	9
15, 16 & 17		STATE MTG & CONVENTION	Douglas County Fairgrounds	Roseburg Or	OOTFA
	16	Jam Session	Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
22, 23 & 24		Contest	NW Regional	Spokane Falls Wa.	
	24	Annual Mtg & Show,	Methodist Church	Union Or	BMOTFA
	25	Jam Session	Community Center Hall	Stayton Or	8
	25	Jam Session	Benton Cty Historical Museum	Philomath	6
Apr	8	Jam Session	Community Center	Yreka, Ca	4
	6 & 7	Contest	Hermiston HS	Hermiston Or	BMOTFA
	15	Jam Session	Salem Senior Center	Salem Or	8
May 11 & 12		STATE CONTEST	Lebanon High School	Lebanon Or	OOTFA
	20	Benefit Jam	City Hall	Garibaldi Or	8
	26	Cystic Fibrosis Show,	Fairgrounds	Baker Or	BMOTFA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members: I think Spring is just around the corner. Anyway, we all do know that our annual convention is just around the corner, March 15,16 & 17, I'm hoping every member and their families can be present. This should be the best convention ever, because we have selected the best people in the organization available to put this whole three day program together for your benefit and pleasure. So be there for a fun time of your life. The following information will give you some idea of just some of the action that will be of interest to everyone from the oldest to the youngest. The finalization of the program will be put together Friday afternoon. Be there to sign up and ready to demonstrate a part of your presentation, so it can be fitted into the program for the audience. We are going to a lot of expense for advertising this show and need a big outside ticket sale and audience to help make it successful. We need every member to make this happen. I know you will all do your best. Space permitting, we will publish a schedule for members elsewhere in this issue.

LEONARD MAAHS - President

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New Editor for the HOEDOWNER, effective July 1, 1984. I have enjoyed my term of duty, but it is time to pass it on to someone else. Anyone who is interested, please think it over, and let the next elected President know at the convention. Believe me, it is a very rewarding experience.

DISTRICT 1

Mar 16 -- Jam at the Fairgrounds. Meeting at 1:00 and eat soon after.
playing at 2:30

The meeting was led by Charlie Sandusky in the absence of Chuck Bruneau, who is very busy lambing. Minutes were read and approved and a treasurer's report given. There was a discussion on several items to be taken to the State Meeting at the convention on March 17th. A computer and advertising was discussed.

We had election of Officers and Chuck Bruneau was reelected as Chairman. Al Nelson was elected as Vice Chairman and Faye Patterson as Secretary-Treasurer. Faye is a new fiddler, but hasn't played on the stage yet. We have elected a good slate of officers, so lets all stand behind them with encouragement and help through the next year. We wish to express our gratitude to Chuck Bruneau, Charlie Sandusky and Paul King for their faithful service the past year, as they are all doing a great job.

There was a nice crowd attended the jam and we gained two members as associates, Troy and Leona Qualls. We truly welcome them and want them to enjoy themselves at the different events.

Lois Tucker reported on the progress of the school assemblies that have been played at and the ones coming up. All fiddlers are being called and given a chance to play at these events, and so far they are very well received, with about three hundred kids at most of them. Les Tucker has been giving a brief history on fiddling and the association, and also some of the tunes and the kids are really enthused.

There were ten fiddlers, including two young girls who are just beginning. We were happy to have them and they'll be fiddling before long. Their names were Jenny and Tina Moore. Al Nelson was our accordion player and there were four guitar players and two mandolins. Also Virgil Schmoë accompanied his sister while she sang a song that was written by a friend and she and Virgil put it to music. Good job Ruth Maxwell, come again. She also played the banjo. Lots of talent in that family. There was another vocalist, John Holliday. We are pleased to have some new participants, and hope you come again. We missed those who weren't there, Angie Weeks, Frank Boyd, Jerry Ruddock, Doris Ellingson, Chuck and Betty, Jack and Louise Pollock and Pat Boyer and Richard and Lavonne Vaughn. We were happy to see Irene Lewis back on deck again and John playing.

Charlie Sandusky and Teresa Schmoë did the announcing and we thank them for a job well done.

We express our condolences to Louise Pollick and offer our prayer for her in the loss of her brother.

May our dear Lord bless and keep all fiddlers and musicians everywhere and we hope to see some of you at the convention, if not all.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 3

Mar 11... Regular jam session at the Bend Senior Center 1:30 PM

Eight fiddlers and six accompanists, including a new, to the group, banjo player, Dean Thomas, joined in to make a lot of music at our regular February jam on the 12th. We had a fine audience, in fact a bit larger than at some sessions.

Three fiddlers took part in the Talent Show at the Senior Center on February 10th. Bob Hawes provided backup tunes for a "Kitchen" Band, and Harley and Marge Nimmo sang and fiddled.

Hill Edwards danced a jig that he called a "Buck and Wing" at the February jam. He sure can kick up his heels.

Tony Spatz won first place in the Junior Junior Division at the Longview Pioneer Lions Club Fiddle competition the weekend of the 19th. Congratulations, Tony!

Dist 3 Cont'd

Don Hanna wishes to remind all members of District 3 that there will be an election of Officers after the jam March 11th, so please be present.

The "BUG" has laid a few members low for a time, but at present it looks like the "Lil" critter has been beaten back.

MARGE NIMMO - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Mar 11...Jam Session, Central Point Grange, Potluck, doors open at 10, open to public at 1:00.

Apr 8.... Yreka Community Center, 821 N. Oregon St, Yreka. Bring own table service. Doors open at 10:00, open to public at 1:00. Take first off ramp, Go West two blocks.

The Feb 12 jam at Talent was well attended. Fiddlers included Jack McCasland, Olive Davis, Howard Jones, Jerry Crawford and the Yreka boys. (It was really great the Yreka bunch could be with us.) Van Southwood from Williams, Claire Johnson, Steve Hardesty, Noel Couch, Betty Deckard, Sheri West, Nolan Grissom, Chris Christiani from Grants Pass, Joe Ross, Ray Hanson, Doreen Winkelman, Van Garrett from Roseburg, Tex Looper, Virginia Calderon, John Baldwin, Jiggs Rost, Vic Flood, Sam Stelle, Jack Lester, Max Buffington, Frank Carter, Kathy Ross, and Ray Corbin. Good to see Cecil Lacy back in such fine form. Thanks to all the back-ups who make the show!

Joe and Kathy Ross had a 6 week trip to Europe. They saw hammered dulcimers and old fiddles in Duetches Museum in Munich and Alpenhorns at the Octoberfest in Munich. They visited 13 countries.

Sam and Virginia Stelle have been on a two week trip to Phoenix, Arizona getting some sunshine.

Alta Bance has had the flu, so she hasn't been able to join us. We missed her.

Hugh Samples has again been in the hospital with foot and leg problems, he is doing fine.

Election of 1984 officers were: Chairman, Sam Stelle, Co-Chairman Dusty Yancey, and Sec/Treasurer, Mona Givens.

Many new members have been asking where they can obtain the OLD TIME FIDDLERS PINS: Cascade Speciality Products, 3432 N. Pacific Hwy. Medford Oregon, Ph 773 4823.

Our fiddlers have been busy giving of their time and talents. A Grand Ol Opry type show was put on at the Veterans Domiciliary in White City. Nursing homes, Schools and Senior Centers have been well served by our generous fiddlers.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Mar 3...Greenacres Grange Dance

Mar 24..McKinley Grange Dance

Greetings to all our fiddling friends from all of us in District 5. We will be seeing and hearing may of you in a few days at the State meeting and jam in Roseburg. It's that time of the year already.

Meanwhile in District 5, we had two chances to play our fiddle music during February. The first time we played was at the Greenacres Grange dance on Saturday the 4th. Gene Gosney, Carl Dean, Bob Shaffar, Dave Pinkerton, Norma Allen, Mapril Combs, and Catherine Hall played their fiddles for the dances. Murrel Walton, Dan Pullis, Ella Severy, T McGowan, Paul Williams, and Abbie Shaffar backed up the fiddlers. Alice and I were in Salem that week-end - missed the fiddling- but enjoyed our family.

We certainly did not miss the next week-end when the District 5 gang gathered at the VFW Hall in Bandon for a potluck, a business meeting and election of officers,

and for good old fiddle music.

Chairman Al Lively conducted a business meeting which took care of the old and new business and elected a slate of officers for 1984-1985. The new Officers are: Lew Holt, Chairman, North Bend; Al Lively, Co-Chairman, Bandon; Marion Loomis, Sec/Treasurer, Coquille. Chairman Al has done a wonderful job leading us for the last two years and soon it will be up to me to see what I can do for a year. But with the wonderful people in District 5, it will be easy.

Looking ahead to March will find us at our first Saturday get together at Greenacres. We will order from the menu about 6:00. This is a special night in that it will be a benefit for Les and Barbara McLeod - to help with some of the expenses while Barbara has had their long stay in the hospitals.

Things will be rather quiet locally until the 24th, when we go to McKinley Grange to play for their dance. They have invited us to eat from a special menu that they will prepare for us and the community. For a few dollars we can have a nice meal (and no dishes to do afterwards.) We hope that you will join us.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Mar 25...Jam session, Benton County Historical Society Museum, Philomath

We hope everyone is recovered and ready to fiddle the week after the State convention, because the District's March jam session is happening March 25 in Philomath, at the Benton County Historical Society Museum. Watch for the sign; the museum is on the road into town from Corvallis, near the center of town. We will not be having a noon meal this time, as the museum has no facilities for it.

We were all a little round-eyed with surprise at the packed house crowd in the Lebanon American Legion Hall on February 12. Guests from District Four included Paul Lakey and the Booher Family; from District five, State Vice-President Fred Virtue; from District seven Bunky McFee, and from District eight, Minnie Bennett, Shorty Allen, Rusty Modrell, State President Leonard Maahs, Donna Oldham, who played cousin (not twin) mandolins with Thelma Berg; Lee Jones, Hoedowner editor; and Bob Crump. Among the local folks, fiddlers included Wayne Holmes, also Master of Ceremonies; Tom Given, Stan Gonshorowski, Linda Danielson, Vilas Sanson; Buck Milligan, Ed Nugent, Carol Lockard, Hugh Doolittle, Leroy Sims, Dale McCoy, Darla Miller, Al Swigert, Charlie Sanford, Laura Weber and Walt Westberry.

Specials included Ray Goble on harmonica, and songs by Addie Gonshorowski, "Smitty" Smith, Loren Wetherell, and Jack Walker. Leroy and Shirley Sims combined fiddling and singing, as did Everett Bennett and Marsha Ledbetter. Both unusual and special were the Ukranian tunes played by Alex Paladijczuk, fiddle, Ben Paladijczuk, accordion, and Ed Anheluk, hammered dulcimer. The afternoon ended with a dance exhibition of the "Clap your hands" Polka, by Legion members, whose names I missed.

Other backup players included Dave Boyd, Shirley Bailey, Dick Ondrasek, Don and Ruth Loring, Vivian Steele, Al Hawkins, Ted Miller, Tab Allen, Jake McCullogh, and Vera and Jerry Kinnaman.

During the 11 AM business meeting we elected the following officers for the next year: Buck Milligan, District Chairman; Charlie Sanford, District Co-Chairman; and Joe Barta, District Secretary-Treasurer.

We'll See you all at the convention

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Mar 4...Jam Session at Centro Cultural Bldg, Cornelius Oregon

Our February 12th jam had a fairly good attendance with 20 fiddlers and eight accompanists. We conducted a business meeting, elected officers for next year and discussed the upcoming convention. After the meeting some unfinished business was brought to my attention. We will cover this business at the tail end of next potluck (12:45.) Our next jam/potluck will be held at the Centro Cultural Building, which is the only new building in the town of Cornelius. (Cornelius is near Hillsboro.) As usual our potluck is at 12:00 and the show starts at 1:00. However, this time we will be the Sunday afternoon featured act for the town's annual Sadie Hawkins Day Celebration. We can expect a large crowd and I encourage our fiddlers and backup folks to come on out.

GREG BAKER - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Mar 25...Jam Session, Stayton Community Center, Stayton

Apr 15...Jam Session, Salem Senior Center, Salem

We had a wonderful jam at McMinnville Grange. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We particularly want to thank the people who came down from Washington to play for us. Come back again.

At our business meeting we elected new officers for 1984-85. Those elected were: Lee Jones, Chairman; Philip Emert, Co-Chairman; Walter 'Slim' Schultz, Secretary-Treasurer, and Minnie Bennett volunteered to be the reporter. Hope to see everyone at the convention at Roseburg.

Our next Jam Session will be at Stayton Oregon March 25th, at Stayton Community Hall. Doors open at 10 o'clock, lunch at noon, show for public at 1:00. Potluck, bring own service. To find it from Highway 22 come in on main street. Pass one redlight, then Safeway, then another redlight. After the second red light go one block to Virginia Street and look for "Fiddler sign". Turn right on Virginia, go about half a block and look for another sign, Turn left, then left again to Community Center Hall.

JEANETTE ROBINSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Mar 11...Jam Session, Burns Senior Center, 1 PM

Busy is about the best way to describe this last month. Plenty of musicians and listeners turned out for the monthly jam held on the 12th. Fiddlers Ruel Teague, Brick Callaway, Susi Smith, and Turen Dunten entertained the crowd which numbered around 90. Backup people included Ben Scott, Helen Sargent, Rose Roberts Paul McCart, Della Dunten, and Mike Cowing. H.J. Atkins on Bass, Red Wolverton on harmonica and Kim Tyler on Guitar are all new additions to the group. Pat Scott and Connie Lefor joined the listeners this time around - doctors orders.

In February, fiddlers entertained at the Nursing Home on the 14th, the golf club on the 18th, and the pizza parlour on the 25th in conjunction with the Lions Club work day.

March has us scheduled for the Fair Board Banquet on the 10th, and tentatively at the Pioneer Pizza on the 18th from 2-4 and 6-8. The monthly jam will be Sunday the 11th at 1PM in the Burns Senior Center. We will potluck first and fiddle after.

District 9 Cont'd

High Desert Fiddle Contest literature has been distributed around. This year the contest has been increased to seven categories plus the accompanist category. If anyone would like information they may call Teagues at 573-2863 or Ben Scott at 573-2653.

Teagues, Scott's, Smith's, Callaway's and Enneberg's are all planning to attend the State meeting in Roseburg in March, so look for them there.

JANET BURGESS - Reporter

Dear Fiddler Friends: In regards to the Convention Show this year, we would like to digress a little from past years and maybe get more of a group. Such as two or even three fiddles, guitar, a banjo, or mandolin, penny whistle, accordion, etc., to work up more of a group presentation passing the lead around some.

We want to work in different styles of music and fiddling, such as Irish, Cajun, Bluegrass, Old Time, Western Swing, Ragtime, Texas Style, Canadian Style, Scandinavian, Slavic style, etc.

If you can have this sort of thing organized and ready when you come, great, if not I am sure you could all put it together at the convention in time for the show. We will put together the final show on Friday afternoon and use everyone we can fit in, still holding for a two hour show.

We havemany good singers, but again want to group up as much as possible. Our thinking on this is to be able to use as much of our great talent as we can, and also give the audience a good show with greater variety, which they are paying for. If we don't get to use all who have contacted me and are continuing to contact, its not because we don't think you are good enough, it is just not enough time, or we have too much of one thing.

Please remember that we use the ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL for a finale only. Looking forward to seeing you at the convention. God bless and keep fiddling.

LES TUCKER - Program Chairman

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, MARCH 15, 16 & 17th, DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ROSEBURG OREGON, WAYNE HOLMES CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.

Thursday March 15th. Doors open at 7 PM. Everyone that plans to attend, please bring finger foods. Social time- informal jamming- dancing. Close at 12 PM.

Friday March 16th. Doors open at 8AM. Breakfast and sandwiches served during day at a small cost. Everyone is asked to sign the register upon arrival, get your name card and enter your name in the day's hourly drawings. All those bringing items for this drawing and those bringing centerpieces for the banquet, please give them to the State Secretary.

There will be workshops during the day. Times & places will be posted by the registration table.

Les Tucker is Chairman for the Fiddle Show and those who sent in their application please see him as early as possible. The show schedule will be made up during the day. There was a "flood" of applications and all may not be used due to time limit. Doors will be closed at 6PM to prepare for the fiddle show.

FIDDLE SHOW 7:45 PM.

Saturday March 17th. Doors open at 8AM. Breakfast and sandwiches served during day at small cost. Visiting, workshops and jam sessions until 12 noon. Workshop times and places posted. 10:45 AM State Quarterly Business meeting on stage - All District Chairmen or representative please be on time. Bring your District Decisions on pending motions so we can make recommendations from this Board. 1:30 PM Annual State General Members Business meeting and election of Officers. Doors closed at 5 PM to prepare for banquet.

6:30 PM ANNUAL BANQUET. Tickets \$5.00 each. Limit 300 so get them as early as

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

"HUGH SAMPLES, This is your Life"

Hugh Samples was born in West Virginia and has lived in Montana, South Dakota and Eastern Oregon before coming to Central Point, Oregon about 1950.

"I started playing when I was about 17 in a lumber camp in Black Hills, South Dakota" Hugh recalls. His first musical instrument was a flat top guitar. Some time later Hugh got his first fiddle. "That was in Custer, South Dakota when I was working at cutting logs" he said. The fiddle cost \$6.95 from the Montgomery Ward catalog. Hugh gave his guitar to his brother, but made him promise he would learn to play chords. He did learn and the brothers then played for country dances in South Dakota.

Hugh has his own style of playing - strictly his own and says "I don't know notes I just play". He has written several songs. Some of them were "Hills of South Dakota", "Black Diamond", "Lilac Sweetheart", "The Boy and his Dad", and "My Darling Daughter". He has made records and tapes of some of the tunes he has written.

Since Hugh has joined the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association, he has won 9 beautiful trophies.

The "Highlight" of Hugh's fiddling life was when he was invited to play in Washington, D. C. in July 1976 for the nations 200th birthday. The event was called the American Folklife Festival. Hugh was one of 5000 from all over America and the world who demonstrated their skills and heritage in a great exhibition of just ordinary people just being themselves.

Hugh Samples has been a member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association since its beginning, and has served as its Vice President and continues active in District 4.

On October 1, 1983, Hugh and Fern Samples celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We are proud to have them as a part of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association, District 4.

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possible on Friday.- Officers recognized. Drawing of all centerpieces.

8:30 PM. Oldtime Dance. Music furnished by members. 12 PM dance over.

See you there. LEONARD MAHNS, State President.

Presidents Note: For your information, OOTFA has been asked to host the entertainment at Weiser Idaho this year. We would appreciate all the help we can get.



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I can't help it but when Spring comes
I always seem to hear
Fiddles playing in my head
This same time every year.

For though it seems so far away
It will soon be June
It's time to resin up the bow
And practice on a tune.

And as I play, I picture
A mkestand at my feet;
I can feel the tense excitement
I get when I compete.

Yes, my winter blues flee quickly
When the warm wind sends
Memories of late nights playing
Hoedowns with good friends.

In three months June will be here
And I cant wait to go
To greet friends not seen for a year
At Weiser, Idaho.

Written by KAY MATTERI
District 7