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DISTRICT

DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION	CONTACT
Apr 6 & 7	Contest	High School	Hermiston
8	Jam Session	Community Center	Yreka Calif
8	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center	Bend Or
8	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center	Milwaukie Or
8	Jam Session	Senior Center	Burns Or
15	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center	Salem
15	Jam Session	Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls
15	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Lebanon Or
May 11 & 12	STATE CONTEST	High School	Lebanon Or
20	Benefit Jam	City Hall	Garibaldi
20	Jam Session	Jerome Prairie Comm Hall	Grants Pass Or
20	Jam Session	Eagles Lodge	Albany Or
26	Cystic Fibrosis Show, Fairgrounds	Baker Or	BMOFTA
10	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center	Milwaukie Or
18 Thru 23	Nat'l Contest	High School	Weiser Id
28 Thru 30	High Desert Contest,	High School	Burns

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Seventeenth Annual Convention is over, in spite of the weather, it was a great convention. Our Friday night show was the greatest, due mainly to the efforts of the great program Chairman, Les Tucker. I want to thank all who performed on the show. Nashville couldn't have done better. Our MC's Les Tucker and Leroy Sims did a great job, I received many compliments as the crowd was leaving. Our giving away of gifts, by drawing each hour was enjoyed by all. Maybe we can do it again. My thanks to all who donated such nice gifts to make it such a big success. I also want to thank those who held the workshops, Bill Kohy on Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo, Dave Boyd on Bass, and Greg Baker on fiddle. From all reports, the shops were really enjoyed by all who attended. The Executive Board meeting was represented by all Districts, each having a Chairman or Representative there. The annual meeting was well attended also. A few things decided upon were: (1) A majority voted not to post scores at the contests. (2) Voted to donate \$500.00 for exhaust fans in the Canyonville where we hold a yearly contest. (3) A proposal for the Secretary-Treasurer to hold office more than two years did not pass. (4) Election of Officers were as follows: For President, Howard (Buck) Willigan, For Vice President Maxine Benson, For Secretary-Treasurer Gynn Deaton. We want to thank Jim and Gynn Deaton and family for not only catering our banquet, but also for serving breakfast in the morning and hamburgers during the day. It was really appreciated by all in attendance. Thanks to Walt Benson for cooking the ham, it was very good. Thanks to all the ladies who decorated and set the tables. They looked sooo nice. Also thanks to each District for the table arrangements, they were so pretty and were really appreciated.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

May our Dear Lord bless and keep each one till we meet again.

Les Tucker.

We had word at the convention that Hugh Samples has been in the hospital and needs our prayers, which we will be happy to submit. Those attending the convention were, Les and Lois Tucker, (Les was MC for the show) Iven and Anne Johnson, Winnie Springer, and Paul and Joyce King. It was real nice to see all those we've gotten to know and love. The show was well put together and run, which was also done by Les Tucker.

I am the proud possessor of a beautiful Afghan that I won at the convention and it was made by Helen Roberts. Thanks so much Helen, it was just gorgeous.

Lois gave a report on what is going on at the schools, and there was some extra jamming.

First, I must apologize for my goof last month, I'm sorry and I'll try to do better. I'm just real pleased that everyone catches these mistakes and goes the right time anyway. Chuck was not able to be there because of having had surgery, and has to take it easy. We miss you Chuck, and hope you get well fast. The crowd was small, and the fiddlers were few, because of spring vacation and the convention, and some didn't make it home from it in time. Never-the-less, some of the faithful put on a good program anyway. There was Earl, Angie, Les, Virgil, Ed, Harold, Jerry, Sandy and even Paul who played on the stage this time. Good for you Paul. Al was on the accordion, Jerry on the banjo, Les on the mandolin and Lois and Dick the only guitarists. There were four young people that I didn't get the names of, who are starting to play, and we are happy to have them.

Apr 5th... Practice time at the Grange Hall at 6:30 PM
Apr 15th... Regular jam session at the Fairgrounds
Apr 22nd... Nursing Homes

DISTRICT 1

LEONARD MAHNS - President

NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES
We are now required to file for an exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. We have a new number for you to use at the bank. The number is 93-085 3507. We still have to apply for tax exempt status. This will be coming soon. We hope to have this completed by the time our new officers take over, July 1, 1984.

Thanks to Wayne Holmes, our Convention Chairman, he did a fine job as MC at our banquet also. Thanks to Dave Robinson for the dance music. He put together a really great bunch of musicians. They were really enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who played in the groups. Thanks so much for the fine job done by Grace and Furl Fox at the door selling tickets. They were always there, from morning till night. Thanks to all who helped with the chairs, bleachers and tables, and a big thank you to all the men and ladies who came by Sunday morning and helped with the cleanup. Thanks to Winnie Bennett, our historian, for having put together so much back history and pictures. It was truly enjoyed by all.
Please watch your Hoedowner for Fair dates, Bohemian Days and Town and Country days at Tigar. Lets try and plan our jams so they won't conflict with these dates. To put on good shows, we need everyone.
Don't forget the State Contest at Lebanon, May 11 & 12. Sign up starts Friday the 11th at 4 PM, until Contest time for Seniors, which starts at 7 PM. Saturday sign up starts at 9 AM until 11 AM for all other divisions. Contest starts at 11 AM Saturday. Night playoffs start at 7 PM. See you all there.

DISTRICT 3

Apr 8...Jam Session at Bend Senior Center from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. ALL fiddlers and friends welcome.

Ten fiddlers played at the March jam session. A new fiddler joined in.. Joe-Bob Alger. Joe-Bob plays with a Bluegrass group called "Fresh Cut Grass" and they are quite a hit in this area. He brought his friend, Jack Kohler, to back him with his guitar. The fiddlers were nicely backed up by nine accomp-anists with guitars, banjos and piano. One of our regular fiddlers was missing, Bob Hawes was ill. He is better now, but we missed you Bob. Harry Krainer, our lively dancer, celebrated his 92nd birthday in March. He was at the jam as usual and kicking his heels up high. The Hannas, Chisholms and O'Neals attended the State Meeting at Roseburg. Tom O'Neal reported, with awe, "Those fiddlers never stop playing!" He said they had a wonderful time there and recommends it for everyone. At the business meeting, held after the jam, elections were held. The fol-lowing were elected... CHAIRMAN; Don Hanna, CO-CHAIRMAN; Volle Chisholm, SEC/TREASURER; Tom O'Neal. Ed Note: A poem by Thelma Terrill was submitted, but I think I will save it for the back page when I need it. Thanks Thelma.

MARGE NIMMO - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Apr 8.... Treka Community Center, 821 N. Oregon St., Treka. Potluck, bring own table service. Doors open at 10:00. Open to public at 1:00. Take first off ramp. Go West two blocks. May 20... Jerome Prairie Community Hall - Grants Pass. Potluck. Doors open at 10:00; Open to public at 1:00.

The Central Point Jam was well attended with 11 specials including banjo, mandolin, guitar, singers and harmonica. 20 fiddlers were present. Sam Stelle, MC apologizes to the three fiddlers that didn't get a chance to play, as time ran out. He knows they will understand and will get them on the program early next time. Steve Milton, Banjo, was a visitor from District 5. Mike Oenbring, fiddler, was a visitor from Washington. Convention; Fiddlers who traveled to Roseburg were Joyce and Tommy Grissom, Sam and Virginia Stelle, Tom and Doris Barkley, Julian and Mildred Christian, Gene and Mary Lowe, A.C. and Marian Jorgenson, VI & Bud Brown, Shert West, Kathy and Joe Ross, A lot of District 4 Roseburg fiddlers attended. Everyone is rav-ing about the convention and it has been likened to a "Little Weiser." Sorry to hear Bernice Bobell from Merlin, Oregon has been in Rogue Valley Hospital in Medford. Wishing you a speed recovery! Alta Bance has moved. New address is 641 Ellen St., Medford. She is trying to have her old phone moved with her, but she can be reached at this number, 779-0779. Hugh and Fern Samples wish to thank fiddlers for all of their help when Hugh was in the hospital and Fern was up to her neck in water that had to be pumped out of the house! Good to have Hugh back playing with us again. Good to see Hjalmer & Irene Edwards and Joyce & Tommy Grissom back from win-tering in warm weather.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Apr 15...Jam Session, Moose Lodge, Lebanon
May 20...Jam Session, Eagles Lodge, Albany

We can't report details of our March jam session because it falls on the very day of the Hoedown deadline. We met at the Benton County Museum in Philomath, that's where the Sims family lives, but it's new to the association. On April 15 we'll be at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon; they'll serve lunch to musicians and spouses. From the freeway, you can find the Lodge all the way past the South end of town on the main street, right hand side of the road. The Lodge is one of the sponsors of the State Contest so a good show that day will be a crowd builder for the contest.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

As usual March found us busy fiddling and enjoying ourselves in District 5. The first Saturday, a large group of musicians, dancers, and friends gathered at the Greenacres Grange Hall for a benefit dance held especially for Les and Barbara McLeod. It is one of those events that people are still talking about. Every-body enjoyed themselves. Fiddlers came from all over to play and to be with their friends. Warren Baker, Hollis Real, Carl Granich, Fred Virtue, Gene Gosney, Carl Dean, Dave Pinkerton, Bob Shafar and John Allen. Guitar Players were Roy Ziegler, Shorty Dow, Dan Pullis, and Murrel Walton. Dick Long and Bob McKee played their banjos. George Ferguson and Al Lively took turns on the bass. Betty Lively and Abbie Shafar took their turns on the piano. Don Matix was the harmonica man and Carlton Smith played the accordion. And---the floor was full of dancers. March 15 a group of fiddlers and their back-up played for a lodge dinner at the Timber Inn in Coos Bay. Thanks to Gene Gosney, Carl Dean, Murrel Walton, Norma Allen, and Catherine Hall for representing us while many of us were over at the State Convention in Roseburg. The same evening many of us were enjoying the fine fiddle program put on at the convention. It is a great place to see friends again and to enjoy good old time music -- and a hamburger and a good stack of pan cakes. Congratulations to the new officers and our thanks to the outgoing officers for all of their work. To help our Hoedown Editor out - I will mail this early and wait to tell you about the dance at McKinley on the 27th - next month. Speaking of next month - right now we have two performances confirmed and Chairman Al is working on a couple more. April 7th, we will gather at the Greenacres Grange Hall as usual for our first Saturday dance. It is about 9 miles south of Coos Bay for those of you who might come and join us. We always have a good time. On the 14th, we will gather at the community building in Reedsport to play at a Saturday Tea market from 10:00 to 4:00. This just a day of fun. We want to invite our friends from all over to come and join us. It will be an informal day of playing, talking, eating, shopping and whatever you wish. As long as people are shopping, we will have fiddlers playing. It sounds like a day to relax and just enjoy ourselves. We will have free camping at the campground at Winchester Bay, just a couple of miles South. So why not come over to the coast and join us for a day that will be different.

Apr 7...Greenacres Grange Dance 6:00 - Hamburgers.
Apr 14...Reedsport Community Building 10:00 - 4:00.

DISTRICT 5

May 20, we will be at another new site, the Eagles Lodge in Albany. There is no potluck, but the lodge will sell lunch for a reasonable price. The street address is 2700 S.W. 3rd St. I'm told the building is visible as you come into town on the road from Corvallis, it that helps.

It's been a busy month. Besides our wonderful convention, as always a real refresher, various District Six members played throughout the county at Grange halls for their annual play festivals, and a group played for a Campfire directors' barbeque at Camp Willam. Vilas Sansom recently performed with a bluegrass band at the Western Oregon Opera, Dorena Grange. I played for an Irish dance during Eugene's St. Patrick's celebration. Bill Sprunger and David Kohl hit the big time by playing on the Oregon Country Jamboree in the Hult Center's Soreng Theatre. They were backed by Dave Boyd and Buck Milligan.

Now may be the time to resolve to save either or both August 3 or 4 for the Benton County Fair Shows. We do get paid a considerable amount for that one, and it's in our district. Maybe district officers or a show chairman could help us organize ourselves into shifts for the two shows.

We'll look for you all at Lebanon, April 15.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Apr 8...Jam Session, Senior Center, Milwaukie.

Our March 4th Jam at Cornelius is one I'll have to include on my resume. Sadie Hawkins was there and helped out with the door prize drawing. What a gal... I've never met anyone quite like her.

I certainly enjoyed our convention in Roseburg. To me, this is the highlight of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Calendar. If you missed this one, you don't want to miss the next one.

Our next jam will be at the Milwaukie Senior Center on Kellogg, just off the Rusk Road Exit from the Milwaukie Expressway #224. It will be held on April 8th. Our June 10th jam will be there also.

Our May Jam will be on Mother's Day at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City Oregon on May 13th. (Ed Note: Sorry I missed this in the calendar.)

GREG BAKER - Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Apr 15...Regular Jam session at Salem Senior Center, potluck, warming ovens only.

Being one of the few privileged characters who can report on happenings on the 25th, I will cover the jam of District 8, at Stayton on that date. I have been asked to be my own reporter this month. The jam at Stayton was new territory for us and we had a nice crowd. 21 performers signed up, with a nice variety of fiddlers, mandolins, vocals, guitar leads and a Jew's harp. Plenty of accompanists were on hand for a good show. Several people from District 7 were on hand to help out.

Our next jam will be at Salem Senior Center on April 15th, where we always have a good turn out of both musicians and audience. Unfortunately a Contest board meeting is scheduled the same day at Lebanon, so some of us won't be at Salem.

Also, please plan ahead for our Benefit Jam at Garibaldi on May 20. We need a good turnout there and it's for a good cause.

I am now going to live dangerously. I am going to attempt to name from memory, all the people from District 8 that I saw at the convention in Roseburg. At the time I didn't know I would be writing this, so didn't make a list. These are the ones I remember, if I miss someone--- I apologize in advance. They were: Charlie and Vi Jensen, Dave and Jeanette Robinson, Bob and Joyce Crump, Bill and Edna Kohey, Rusty and Vi Modrell, Leonard and Faythe Maas, The Emert family, Shorty and Virgie Allen, Bob Hughes, Jim and Bea Morris and of course the Jons family. Everyone seemed to have a super good time as always.

LEE JONES - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Apr 8...Jam and potluck, 1 pm Burns Senior Center. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

"We had a blast!" said Susie Smith summing up District 9's trip to the State meeting, and so everybody agrees. Attending were Ruel and Margaret League, Ben and Pat Scott, Brick and Ellen Callaway, Susie Smith, Helen and Kattie Sargent, and Doug, Paula, Stacey and Monte Reynolds. Guests from Eugene were Charlie and Rita Hughbanks. Ruel, Margaret, Ben and Ellen won centerpieces to bring home as moments of the trip.

Quite a crew showed up to entertain at the jam on March 11. Fiddlers included Turen Dunten from Drewsey, Harry Blair, Brick Callaway, John Murray from John Day, Ruel League, Susie Smith, Della Myrtle Dunten from Drewsy, Kim Tyler, who is just beginning, and Dell Anderson, a left hander who dropped in from Vancouver, Wash. Paul McGart played his harmonica, Pat Scott tried out the wash tub bass, Benny Scott accompanied on guitar, along with Ruel League, and Helen Sargent joined in on piano and banjo. Stan Phillips brought his bass down from John Day and Janet Burgess threw in a lick or two on the spoons. Guests of Dell Anderson were Karen Vanderwel and Stephanie and Alex from Boise, Idaho.

The past month we have fiddled at the Nursing home, the Harney County Fair Association Banquet, Murphy's Tavern and Pioneer Plaza. For April, plans are in the making for performances at the Burns Nursing Home and Slater Grade School. The April Jam will be on Sunday the 8th. Election of Officers will be held at 11AM with a potluck lunch at 1PM and music starting about 2PM. Fiddle Kids and Co. will be next performers on Friday and Saturday nights at the High Desert Fiddle Contest June 28, 29, and 30th. Irv and Susie Smith and Benny and Pat Scott will be attending the Hermitston Contest on April 6 & 7.

JANET BURGESS - Reporter

SUFFERIN SI SEZ

Saint Patrick's Day is a great day-- That's the day an Irishman feels like a Fiddler feels all year.

BITS AND PIECES
By Lois Tucker.

"Death is only separation, it is not extinction."

Diane Elrod, a lady fiddler, formerly of Salem has now moved to Pendleton and would like to contact any Old Time Fiddlers in that area. Her address is 314 NW 14th #1 Pendleton and her telephone is 276-3229 (evenings).

Maxine Benson, Sec-Treas has these items. Found in bathroom at Roseburg. I Billfold - Identify - No name, some small pictures. I Notepad - SELCO CREDIT UNION - with leather cover

LOST - FOUND

WAYNE HOLMES - Convention Chairman

Beautiful. Registering, selling banquet tickets and signing up new members were tasks handled by MAXINE BENSON, GRACE FOX and ETTA POWELL. Handling the cashier's desk for the Friday night show were LEE JONES and ANNE JOHNSON. Last, but certainly not least, I have to thank DAVE ROBINSON for his handling of the fine dance Saturday night. He saw to it that everyone that wanted to play, got to do so, but no one played so long that they prevented anyone else from doing so. Dave is always a gentleman; smooth, capable, and never abrasive. Thanks to all of you, and thanks to anyone deserving of recognition that I did not mention. There's a saying that "Virtue is its own reward". If you did some vital work at the convention, and I didn't mention you, maybe you can say to yourself, "I know I did a good job, and whether I get public recognition for it isn't the most important thing."

INSOON headed the table decorating committee, and the results of their efforts were several ladies assisted with the table setting. FAYTHE MAHNS and JANETTE ROBERTSON headed the table decorations were submitted by the District supplying two.

except that I will have to say that SAM STEBLE is always there when something like this needs to be done. proceed smoothly were taken care of by a group of men too numerous to mention sweeping the floor and all of the things that someone has to do make a convention Munda ne tasks, such as putting up tables and chairs and taking them down, and

BENSON and CARLTON SMITH. were helped by several capable, willing people, not the least of which were WALT JIM and GYNN DEATON performed their culinary artistry in the kitchen, and here again fiddlers, accompanists and singers who performed in that show. superd show on Friday night, capably assisted by LEROY SIMS and of course, all the in key roles that I can't refrain from mentioning them: LES TUCKER organized the someone out who helped make it so successful, but some people performed so well best ever, and I think so too. One hesitates to name names for fear of leaving From Wayne Holmes: Everyone I've talked to thinks the 1984 convention was our

Mrs Mary Holmes, wife of Wayne, has had major surgery and is now convalescing at home. Cards may be sent to her at 1539 Willard St., Eugene Or. 97403

We have received information from Martha Warwick that the Campout will again be held from the last weekend in August through Labor Day, as usual. It will be listed in the activities calendar later.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

* We are saddened by the recent passing of Al Keen, Life Member, of Portland, Ore.
* Al and his wife, Ruth have been a part of our group since Ruth took up fiddle
* and Al learned to play guitar so he could back her up. Always ready to help
* Ruth in her musical interests, he will be missed by all.

* SILENT FIDDLES

WINNERS OF LONGVIEW WASHINGTON CONTEST, February 18, 1984

- JUNIOR DIV
1. Grant Wheeler, Sherwood Or
 2. Tiffany Wheeler, Sherwood Or
 3. Susie Hill, Portland Or
 4. Amy Smith, San Leandro, Ca
 5. Keith Heberle, Colfax Wa

- OPEN DIV.
1. Carol Ann Wheeler, Sherwood Or
 2. John Melnichuk, Portland Or
 3. Harry Johnson, Bothel Wa
 4. Brenda Wallace, Toledo Wa
 5. Joey McKenzie, McMinnville Or

- ACCOMPANIST AWARDS
1. John Melnichuk, Portland Or
 2. Joey McKenzie, McMinnville Or.

- JUDGES
- Jim Herd
Rusty Modrell
Monte Berg

- SMALL FRY DIV.
1. Tiffany Paulin, Chehalis Wa
 2. Katie Melnichuk, Portland Or
 3. Tammy Anderson, Oakville Wa
 4. Allison Aasen, Morton Wa
 5. Brett Thomas, Okanogan, Wa

- SENIORS DIV
1. Ole Wynn, Tacoma Wa
 2. Lyman Rogers, Seattle Wa
 3. Leni Warren, Longview Wa
 4. Erwin Meyers, Portland Or
 5. Bill Herd, Portland Or.

- JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIV.
1. Tony Spatz, Bend Or
 2. Wade Thomas, Okanogan Wa
 3. Janet Reeves
 4. Erik Aasen, Morton Wa
 5. Laura Weber, Corvallis Or

- INTERMEDIATE DIV
1. Gynnie Thomas, Yakima Wa
 2. Chris O'Keefe, Lincoln City Or
 3. Maxine Stankay, CastleRock Wa
 4. Dee Johnson, Portland Or
 5. Greg Baker, Oregon City Or

To All Concerned:

The Weiser National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest parade will be held June 23rd at noon. For those wanting to take part, the theme is Fiddlin' Around - Our National Past Time!!! This years' Marshalls will be Harry and Ruth Reeves. Harry has been the National Contest Announcer for many years now. Ruth helps out until Jack Link of Seattle gets here on Thursday. The Chairman of the parade this year is Jenna Edwards, 124 East Main Street, Weiser, ID 83672. Phone number is 208-549-1792. Please contact her for anything you may need upon arrival.

The National Contest fiddle letter should have been received by now, so please fiddlers send in your entry to us as soon as possible. Pre-registration helps us with the scheduling.

The National Bus Association has selected the Weiser Contest for the second year in a row as one of the top 100 events in North America to see. We are quite proud to be included in this list as the Portland Rose Parade, New Years Tournament of Roses, Calgary Stampede and many other top events are listed.

Be seeing you in June!!! JUDIE PARSONS - Secy.
Note: Don't forget Oregon is the Entertainment Host this year, so be there with your fiddles for the night! shows. Bob Crump is the Chairman for the Committee.

Ed Note: Hope you like the larger paper this time. Hope it won't happen again as it is more expensive, but there was just too much for the usual paper this time. and the notes have been accumulating, so they are all printed at last. Also don't forget. Unless our newly elected President has heard something I haven't, we still will need a replacement Editor, July 1st. So think about it. Its Fun Fun Fun!!!!

STANDING RULES

I. Official State Contest Rules

A. Contest Division

1. Championship Division
 2. Intermediate Division
 3. Senior Division
 4. Junior Division
 5. Junior-Junior Division
 6. Pee Wee Division
- B. Division Rules
- Anyone can enter the Championship Division, otherwise must play in their age group. No one can play in more than one Division in this contest

1. Championship Division includes contestants eighteen (18) years old and less than sixty-five (65) who have placed as follows:

- a. In top twenty (20) of Championship Division at Weiser.
- b. In top three (3) of Ladies Division at Weiser or Certified Regional Contest.
- c. In top five (5) of any State Championship Division.
- d. Any other contestant who qualifies by age and who feels qualified, may enter the Championship Division.

Exception:

Any person placing first in the Intermediate Division of the Oregon State Contest must compete in the Championship thereafter. If such contestant does not make the first elimination in the Championship Division at the State Contest two years in a row, he may drop back to Intermediate Division competition the following (or third) year.

Responsibilities:

Contestants who participate in the Championship Division shall be expected to actively participate at fiddling functions during the year including fairs, shows and the State Convention.

The first place winner in the Championship Division will be expected to represent the OOTFA at the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho in June. In the event that the reigning champion establishes residency in another state, or for other reasons cannot represent the OOTFA a Reserve Champion will be selected by the Board of Directors as a substitute. This Reserve Champion will be the second place winner in the Championship Division. Should the Reserve Champion not be able to attend, then a Reserve Champion will be selected in top order of placement in the Championship Division at the State Contest.

2. Intermediate Division includes all contestants eighteen (18) years old to sixty-five (65) who do not qualify for Championship Division.

3. Senior Division includes all contestants sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

4. Junior Division includes all contestants under eighteen (18) years of age and not qualifying for Junior-Junior Division.

5. Junior-Junior Division includes all contestants under thirteen (13) years of age.

1. Participants in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Contest shall:
 - A. Have resided in Oregon Permanently for six (6) months prior to the contest date.
 - B. Hold a current valid individual OOTFA membership card for a six (6) month period prior to the contest date.
 - C. Qualify for competition by payment of entry fee as established by Contest Chairman and may play in one division only.
2. At registration, all contestants shall draw for initial order of appearance for the first preliminary round. Contest Chairman in further rounds will draw before each round for new order of appearance.
3. Contestants at each appearance must first play a hoedown, second a waltz, and third a tune of their choice other than a hoedown or waltz. No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of contestant. Suggested total playing time is four (4) minutes. Points will be deducted if playing becomes monotonous or repetitions.
4. Contestants may play without accompanist or with no more than two.
5. Any danceable folk tunes played in Oldtime Fiddle fashion are acceptable.
6. Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be permitted.
7. No trick or fancy fiddling will be allowed during the contesting appearances.
8. Judging will be scored for Oldtime Fiddling Style, Rhythm or timing, Tone Quality and Danceability. 25 points each, all scores will be accumulative. Points will be deducted for any violations of the above rules #3 through #7 inclusive.
9. Any contestant wanting total scores mailed after contest will pay an additional fee at the time for registration. This fee is to be established by Contest Committee.
10. Any protest must be submitted to the Contest Chairman and signed by not less than three contestants of the contest involved within three (3) hours of the protest occurrence.
11. Judges will be selected by the Contest Committee and will number either three (3) or five (5) at the discretion of the committee.
12. All decisions of the Judges and of the Contest Committee will be final.
13. All other considerations, such as payment of registration fee at the National Contest and determinations regarding residency and eligibility will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of OOTFA.

Joey McKenzie was born 20 years ago in McMinnville and still makes his home there with his parents Joe and Helen, when he is not on the road doing a show or entering a contest. His father is a collector of Musical Instruments and always has a house full. When Joey was eleven he decided he wanted to play an instrument and of course he had plenty to choose from. He started on the guitar, banjo and mandolin all at the same time. When he was in the seventh grade he met David Altman, who taught in the Jr High School and played a mandolin. He was also a fiddler and belonged to the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and was a member of a Bluegrass Band called "Patchwork" in Portland. He was going to teach Joey to read notes, but Joey wasn't interested. He would listen to the tune and watch David's hand, then pretend that he was reading the music, so never did learn to read music. He feels that if he ever needs to learn, then he can do so, but playing by ear serves his purpose at present very well. He joined the Patchwork band before he was twelve, and after 6 weeks on the mandolin, came in 2nd at a Eugene Bluegrass Festival. David took him to his first OTF jam when he was 12. He has always been grateful to the Old Time Fiddlers for giving him a stage to play on, and friendly people always helping him with his music. He started to play the guitar more in High School, and played Bass with the Twi-Lighters jazz singing group. His director would sit down with him and help him with the notes and Joey would just listen to the music and play it. This group won the World Jazz Festival in Reno that year.

Joey is in great demand as an accompanist, especially at contests. Two years ago he accompanied 69 fiddlers at Weiser and won a trophy for 2nd place. Four years ago he decided to learn the fiddle which he says is the hardest of all the instruments. So he bought more tapes and records and was off again. He plays 33 different stringed instruments and most of them are at his parents house. He has made soundtracks for numerous TV commercials and for three movie films, one of which won the Golden Eagle Award, the highest award a non-theatrical film can achieve.

Joey currently holds these titles: National Men's Fiddle Champion, Best Old Time Fiddler in the Certified contest at Weiser, (Dual Champ at Weiser.) Golden Spike International General Division, Northwest Regional Mens Champion for two years. He is the Northwest Regional Flat pick guitar Champ. He came in 2nd at the National Mandolin Contest at Winfield, Kansas, and in March of this year, came in 3rd in the Championship Division in the U.S. Open at Dillon, Montana. He has tried hard to devote his time for the betterment of Old Time music, with emphasis on the fiddle. He is always willing to help anyone, particularly children, as he has had a lot of help along the way. If Joey has a motto its Practice, Practice, Practice, and master a new song every week if you are capable.

JOEY MCKENZIE

ENTERTAINER OF THE MONTH

FIDDLERS
PRAYER

Dear Gabriel, when your trumpet sounds
to let the Pilgrims through
Would it be OK for me
To bring my fiddle too?

It has been a grand companion
Been right with me all these years
Many a time when I was lonely
It has driven back the tears

We have been the rounds together
Soothed many an aching heart
That's why I love my fiddle
We two just hate to part.

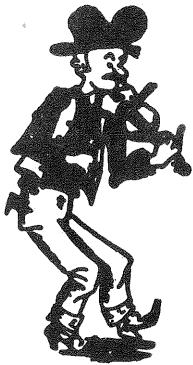
I know the Harp is beautiful
It causes Angels to rejoice
But the fiddle is the instrument
That has the human voice.

So when life on earth is ended
If perchance I escape the griddle
Won't you please find me a corner
Where I can sit and play my fiddle?

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