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COMING EVENTS	MAY 1984			DISTRICT
May 11 & 12	STATE CONTEST	High School	Lebanon Or	OOTFA
13	Jam Session	Clackamas Cty Comm Coll	Oregon City	7
13	Jam Session	Senior Center	Bend Or	3
20	Benefit Jam	City Hall	Garibaldi Or	8
20	Jam Session	Jerome Prairie Comm Hall	Grants Pass Or	4
20	Jam Session	Eagles Lodge	Albany Or	6
26	Cystic Fibrosis Show,	Fairgrounds	Baker Or	BMOTFA
26	Jam & Parade	Azalea Festival	Brookings Or	5
June 10	Jam Session	Senior Service Center	Milwaukie Or	7
10	Benefit Jam	Dogs for the Deaf	Woodburn Or	8
17	Jam Session	--	Brownsville Or	6
18 thru 23	NATIONAL CONTEST,	Chamber of Commerce	Weiser, Idaho	NOTFA
28 thru 30	HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST,	High School	Burns Or	9
July 24-28	Campout	Rock Creek	Vernonia Or	OOTFA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be in Lebanon, Oregon, May 11th & 12th 1984 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. Bring finger foods for Friday evening. The contest for Seniors will start at 7:00 PM Friday. There will be no practicing or jamming in the Registration Room on Saturday morning. Other rooms and space will be available for this. It is the responsibility of the contestant to be at the stage entrance ready to play when his turn comes. Weiser rules will prevail. Each contestant must play a Howdown, 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 qualified judges have been chosen to judge the contest. They are as follows: Herman Johnson - Oklahoma, Brenda Wallace - Washington, Cynthia Bartlett - Washington, Johnny McDonald - California and Rusty Modrell - Oregon. There will be a meeting of all fiddlers and judges prior to the contest Friday night and Saturday morning. Good Luck to everyone and may you all play and Have Fun!!!

## Presidents Message Cont'd

Our Campout Chairman Bill Yohey, has arranged for the campout this year from July 24 thru 28, same place as last year. We hope he also arranged for dry weather. We hope to have Districts 6,7, & 8 give a benefit jam to provide funds for this event. District 7 has already scheduled theirs, and hopefully the others will fit in such a program.

By all means, watch your Hoedowner real close for Fair Dates and times for the programs. We need every Fiddler, Accompanist, and other entertainers present and ready to do your thing at these fairs. We must put on a real good show in order to hold our spots at these fairs. Our organization needs these fair programs as our main source of income. Also remember that we, OOTFA, are hosting the entertainment program at the Weiser Contest. We should be proud that we were recognized. This means we must put on a 30 minute entertainment program, start the show each night. Every fiddler and accompanist will be expected to be there to start the shows promptly. For more information on this, contact me or Bob Crump, Chairman of the Weiser Entertainment Committee. More on this in the June Hoedowner.

LEONARD MAAHS - President

We just want to say a special "THANK YOU" to ALL of our Associate Members and especially to Helen Robert for donating the beautiful afghan for the raffle in March and to Joe and Stella Barta for their faithful service at the Convention. You are all very important to the Association and we appreciate each and every one of you.

MAXINE BENSON - Secy-Treas.

### DISTRICT 1

May 3....Practice Session. 6:30 PM to 9 PM. Shasta Grange, Shasta Way & Madison.  
May 24...Apartments. Clairmont House.  
May 27...Playing at the Nursing Homes.

The meeting was conducted by Ch. Chuck Bruneau and we were happy to see him back on deck. There was a fairly large crowd in attendance, with quite a few fiddlers and four guitars and two mandolins.

We had Tom and Doris Barkley from Central Point and Alta Bance for our guests and it was a real treat to have them. Come again folks.

At this time, we hear Minnie Springer is in the Hospital and we remember her in prayer. We missed seeing her at the Jam and also Grant and Doris Ellingson, Jerry and Irene Ruddock, Dick and Jo Harris, Virgil Schmoë and his family and all the others that were not there.

Several ideas were discussed about how to hold the jams and we came up with the idea to not have potluck next time and try some different approaches. Harold North announced that he advertised for guitar players and heard from one, Jack Armstrong. Chuck appointed Harold to set up the nursing home groups for a while so different ones can play together. Chuck thanked Sandy and Paul for carrying on while he was away, and Louise Pollock for making the center pieces that were our representation at the convention.

Because of Easter being on the day to play at the nursing homes it was changed to the 29th so people could celebrate Easter with their families.

Several engagements were announced to be played for in the future and some to be ascertained.

There being no further business we adjourned and ate together, then started playing. May all have a happy Easter and month ahead and may our dear Lord bless each one and bring us back safely for another Jam.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

### DISTRICT 3

May 13...Jam at Bend Senior Center, 1:30 to 5:00 PM. There will be a potluck dinner immediately following the jam.

Eleven fiddlers attended, and played at, the April 8th Jam at the Senior Center. Dick William made his fiddling debut and did just fine indeed. Ruel Teague, from over in the Burns area, played his fiddle, guitar and harmonica. He played the harmonica while backing himself with his own guitar. We all held our breath for fear he'd swallow that harmonica. Ruel brought his own cheering section... his lovely daughter Paula Reynolds and two bright grandchildren. His granddaughter is also a budding fiddler.

Five guitar pickers backed the fiddlers, and Marge Nimmo played a bass that hubby Harley put together. She made a few bloopers, but tried to make them quietly. Don Hanson tickled the strings on his mandolin beautifully.

"Uncle" Lenny Speth celebrated his 80th birthday by sharing his delicious chocolate birthday cake with everyone present. Then he played a couple of numbers on his banjo. It was a great day, Lenny, so have a lot more.

Harry Kraner danced with "Dolly" a homemade dancing partner, guaranteed never to miss a step or talk back. And Don Hanna kept everyone on their toes making quips over his personal lapel mike.

Hope you all had a very nice Easter.

MARGE NIMMO - Reporter

### DISTRICT 4

May 20...Jerome Prairie Community Hall - Grants Pass. Potluck. Doors open at 10:00  
Open to public at 1:00

YREKA JAM: A big thank you to the Yreka bunch for having us. Vic Flood and Marion did a good job of MC'ing. A good time was had by all. Those making the trip to Yreka were: Julian Christiani, Tom & Doris Barklay, Alta Bance, Tommy & Joyce Grissom, Julia and Frank Pantel, Billie Carpenter, Tex & Chris Looper, Dave & Dorene Winkleman, Vic & Neva Flood, Ray & Crystal Hanson, Sam & Virginia Stelle, Betty Deckard, Joe & Martha Scheiblauer, Jack Lester, Ted & Anna Wagner, Les Hawkins, Bob Hinch & Frieda and Frieda's sister.

April 13, 14 & 15 found our Oregon Old Time Fiddlers in the Rogue Valley volunteering their time and talent to the Veteran's Admin. Domiciliary Hobby Fair in White City. The crowds really enjoyed the fiddling!

We are sorry to report that Chris Looper has been on the sick list, but she is improving. We have you in our prayers, Chris.

Hugh Samples is currently in Providence Hospital, 1111 Crater Lake Ave., Medford, OR 97504, recovering from leg surgery. We're a'huggin you, Hugh!

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

### DISTRICT 5

May 5...Greenacres Grange Dance  
May 19...Greenacres Grange Booster Program  
May 26...Brookings Azalea Festival and District Jam.

April Showers bring May flowers and a busy month for fiddlers in District 5. But first- we started the month of April at the dance at Greenacres Grange Hall on the 7th. We had a good turn out of fiddlers and back up so we played the evening away. Fiddlers were Gene Gosney, Les McLeod, Lew Holt, Catherine Hall, Alice Holt, Bob Schaffar, Norma Allen, Hollis Real, Dave Pinkerton, Carl Dean, and Claude Stradar. Back up included: Dale Alley, Roy Zeigler, Ella Savery, Dan Pullis, Betty Lively, Abbie Shaffar, Max

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Schieman, Al Lively, Paul Williams, George Ferguson, Carlton Smith, Don Mattix and Shorty Dow. We are almost always there the first Saturday of every month - so why don't you join us. Greenacres is 9 miles south of Coos Bay on Highway 42 towards Coquille.

The Next Saturday we were in Reedsport at a flea market from 10:00 to 4:00. It was an interesting day. We played for the shoppers who often stood around to listen. It seemed to slow everybody down. I don't imagine that they thought about there being old time fiddle music when they went shopping. I watched many faces light up when we started a tune. We had a great turn out with musicians coming from Florence, Mapleton, Veneta, Creswell, Bandon, Elkton, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Coos Bay, North Bend, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, and Reedsport. It would take a whole page to list everybody but our appreciation goes out to all of you for the fine turnout. Also, our thanks to Jessie and Paul Williams who invited us up for a fine lunch. They live within walking distance of the community building so it was good to sit down and relax with a plate of food.

On the 18th Betty Lively, Ivon Cowdrey, Maxine Schieman, Norma Allen, and Elmer Benson played at the Laurel Grove Care Center in Bandon. And then on the 20th Les McLeod, Elmer, Norma, Max, Catherine Hall, and Murrell Walton played at the Coquille rest home.

May will be a busy month for us in District 5. On the 5th we will be at Greenacres for the Grange dance. We will order from the menu and then start playing about 7:30 for the dance. The 19th we will return to Greenacres for the Grange booster program. There will be a grange meeting first, so we won't be playing until after 8:00. This really went over big last year so we hope that you will turn out to help make this another great evening of fiddle music.

Memorial Week-end-- on Saturday the 26th, we will be in Brookings for their Azalea Festival. We will (weather permitting) be in the parade Saturday morning. That afternoon from 4:00 to 8:00 we will have a District 5 Jam at the VFW hall. Again we want to invite our friends from across the state and from California to come and share their music with us. We only have a few jams a year, since we mostly play for dances, so why not join us at Brookings. I imagine that some of you think that it is far away. I guess it depends where you start from. Never-the-less, it is one of the most interesting spots in Oregon. The beautiful Oregon coast line, the harbor, the weather (usually), and the wild azaleas make it a great place. Evergreen Savings and Loan has invited us to park our RV vehicles in their parking lot. We hope that May is as good for you.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

## DISTRICT 6

May 20...Jam Session, Eagles Lodge, Albany  
Jun 17...Jam Session                      Brownsville

The April 15 jam session at Lebanon's Moose Lodge turned out to be another good one. The Lodge fed us well, there were a lot of us, and a good audience full of dancers. Contributing a shot of fresh energy were out-of-state guests Chuck Williams, banjo player from Vancouver, Waxhington; and Rae Hoffman, fiddler from Oxnard, Calif. Other guest musicians from outside District Six were Leonard Maahs, State President, Bill Yohey, Lee Jones and granddaughter Kim Jones, June and Jim Secor from District Eight, and Bob Fast from District Seven. District Six fiddlers included Buck Milligan, Carol Lockard, Vilas Sansom, Linda Danielson, LeRoy Sims, Hugh Doolittle, Elsie Bostick, Darla Miller, Al Swigert, Walt Westberry, and Charley Sanford. Among the specials were two harmonica soloists, Ray Goble and Jim Secor, the fiddle-accordion-hammered dulcimer trio of Alex and Ben Paladijczuk and Ed Anheluk, and Alan Ede on Banjo-mandolin. Alan was also among the singers, who included Charlotte Sanders, Jack Walker (twice by popular demand!), John Clark, Stan Smith, and Shirley Bailey. My apologies to the many fine accompanists who made it all work, but I didn't manage to keep a list

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this time, and rather than trust my week-old memory, I'll opt for an apology instead of a doubtfully accurate list.

District Chair Thelma Berg sends out a special invitation to anyone who would like to join in a jam at the Celeste Campbell Senior Center (155 High St, Eugene) on May 13, noon to 4 p.m. This event is the kickoff for Historic Preservation Week, and I guess our organization has a good bit to do with historic preservation of our music. Our next jam session will take place in Albany on May 20 at the Eagles Lodge, 2700 S.W. Third St. We'll be able to purchase lunch for a reasonable price, but there is NO POTLUCK. Now, we're going to have to arrive a bit early this time, and here's why. It is a great honor to District Six that President-elect Buck Milligan is one of us, but he was also recently elected to district chairmanship. So now, unless we want a very worn-out president, Buck says, we need to elect a new district chairman. So folks, 11 a.m. on May 20, please, and we'll take care of that before lunch. There should also be time for casual music-making before lunch too. See you all at the contest May 11-12, and save some energy for May 20.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

P.S. The Roster Address for the new President-elect is now wrong. Everyone please change your rosters to: Howard (Buck) Milligan, 3447 Oregon St, Springfield, Or 97477, Phone 726-5436.

## DISTRICT 7

May 13...Jam Session, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City  
Jun 10...State Jam, Milwaukie Center, Clackamette Park, Milwaukie.

We had a pretty good turn out at our last jam as I understand. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend. Our new Chairman-elect, Gary Evans, sat in for me and did a great job as Emcee.

Some fiddlers showed some concern over scheduling our next jam the day after the contest on Sunday May 13th, at Clackamas Community College. I apologize for the tight weekend, but we're going to have to stick with it for that date, since I could not book another location at this late date...Sorry!!

Our June 10th jam will be at the Milwaukie Center at North Clackamette Park on Kellogg Creek Drive. (take the Milwaukie Expressway #224 to the Rusk Road Exit and a right on Kellogg Creek Dr). This is an important Jam because our proceeds are going to the State to help fund our July Campout. I have asked Helen Hakanson and the Center to advertise because we need a big crowd. I am also going to ask members to bring cookies and baked goods for a bake sale at this jam. We will have a ten minute business meeting on May 13th to plan the bake sale. Until then -- Happy Fiddling.

GREG BAKER - Reporter

## DISTRICT 8

May 20...Benefit Jam, City Hall, Garibaldi, Or.  
Jun 10...Benefit Jam, Dogs for the Deaf, Woodburn Grange, Woodburn Or.

April has been a very busy month. Besides the regular monthly jam session, there were convalescent homes, retirement homes, workshop for the blind, dances, practice sessions, and a benefit show on the agenda. What with taxes and other pressing spring time needs; finding the time seems a bit difficult sometimes. But, the rewards always more than compensate.

The benefit show at the Moose Lodge in Waldport was fun. Host, Rusty Modrell, in his usual friendly, outgoing way, made everyone feel special, needed and very welcome. The Salem jam on the 15th was well attended, as usual, with 21 fiddlers, 6 accompanists, and 6 specials, smoothly and ably managed by M.C. Dave Robinson. Several of our fine fiddlers were missing, including our Chairman Leonard Maahs, who was detained

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by a business meeting in Lebanon. Lee and Ruth Jones, with granddaughter Kim arrived from the same meeting, in time to take part. Kim, who had practiced her fiddle barely one month amazed us all. She sounded like a pro and deserves a big blue ribbon.

Don't forget the benefit show in Garibaldi, May 20. Everybody is needed. The proceeds are to be donated to "St Mary's By the Sea" building project. Location, City Hall, which is near the Fire Department. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at noon and program at 1:00 as usual. Contrary to some rumors, there is no show on Saturday night.

Since we have to elect a new Secretary Treasurer, it has been decided to hold the election June 10th at the benefit show in Woodburn. More about that later.

Good luck to all contestants in Lebanon.

MINNIE BENNETT - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

- May 4....Live broadcast over Radio KZZR 1230, Burns
- May 12...Harney Electric Co-op Annual Meeting, Denio, Or
- May 20...Jam at Burns Senior Center, Potluck at 1 pm.
- May 24...100 year Celebration of Burns School District
- May 27...Pioneer Plaza 2-4 and 6-8
- Jun 9....Pioneer Day Dance
- Jun 28,29,30. High Desert Fiddle Contest, Burns.

Howdy! At the April jam an election of officers for District 9 took place. Taking office July 1 are Pat Scott, Secretary-treasurer, Brick Callaway, vice-chairman and Ruel Teague, Chairman. All are serving their second term. Ellen Callaway was nominated to be a goodwill person.

Fiddlers present at the jam on April 15th were Harry Blair, Ruel Teague, Susi Smith, Brick Callaway, Connie Lefor, Turen Dunten from Drewsey, and John Murray from John Day. Guitar pickers were Benny Scott, Joe Enneberg, Ruel, and Edie Stowe of Drewsey. Piano players were Helen Sargeant and Betty Oglesbee, both of Drewsey. Other musicians included Helen on Banjo, Janet Burgess on spoons and Pat Scott on wash tub bass. The next jam will be May 20th and will be the last regular jam until September. In addition to the jam we also played at the nursing home, Pioneer Pizza, and at the Rotary Water Fowl Festival during the last month.

JANET BURGESS - Reporter

P.S. We are saddened by the news that Benny Scott, 50, passed away in the night on April 23. Benny has been an instrumental part of the Old Time Fiddlers in this part of the country as a guitar picker, worker and friend. Our hearts go out to you Pat. We'll Miss Benny.

Thanks to all the Fiddlers! I would like to thank all the Fiddlers for the beautiful cards and messages.

BERNICE BOBELL - District 4.

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 \* SILENT FIDDLES \*  
 \* W. R. (Bob) HAMBY, Sheridan, Died April 4, 1984. Husband of Doris. \*  
 \* BENNY SCOTT, Burns Or. Died April 23, 1984. Husband of Pat. \*  
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WINNERS OF OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST AT HERMISTON OREGON APRIL 6 & 7 1984

JUNIOR - JUNIOR

1. Michele Eisele
2. Janet Reeves
3. Tony Spatz
4. Kevin Hardesty
5. Wendy King

JUNIORS

1. Grant Wheeler
2. Tiffany Wheeler
3. Lisa McMasters
4. Brian Eisele
5. Marianne Miller

INTERMEDIATE

1. Irene Walters
2. Chris O'Keefe
3. Delmer Goude
4. Duane Loving
5. Albert Nix

JUDGES

1. Jess Cooper
2. Ole Wynn
3. John Francis (Joey McKenzie, Friday Night alternate for John Francis)

SENIORS

1. Leonard Maahs
2. Vic Halverson
3. Walter Langlitz
4. Henry McVey
5. Wally Ralston

OPEN

1. Jay Dean Ludiker
2. Joey McKenzie
3. Jim Herd
4. Carol Ann Wheeler
5. Terry Ludiker

FOUR COUNTY WINNERS

1. Wally Ralston
2. Duane Loving
3. Denise Berg
4. Bill Noble
5. Gene Curley

Leonard Green Trophy (Most Improved)  
Darla Washer

RESULTS OF NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONTEST, SPOKANE WASHINGTON, MARCH 22,23,24, 1984

PEE-WEES

1. Ryan Bills
2. Tammy Anderson
3. Katie Melnichuk
4. Jimmy Neaves
5. Kyami Niehenkle

JUNIOR -JUNIORS

1. Michele Eisele
2. Ruston Ruwe
3. Rachael Thompson
4. Amy Stukenholtz
5. Kim Brooks

JUNIORS

1. Leslie Overland
2. Matt Hartz
3. Kendra Ruwe
4. Grant Wheeler
5. Chadley Ruwe

SENIORS

1. Jim Herd
2. Buck Milligan
3. Curley Ratcliffe
4. Cy Lovell
5. Grover Bieley

MENS DIVISION

1. Terry Ludiker
2. Tim Hodson
3. Nolan Murray
4. Marion Moore
5. Tony Smadych

LADIES DIVISION

1. Sherry Hill
2. Lisa Barrett
3. Carol Ann Wheeler
4. Donna Johnson Rueter
5. Carrie Rule

OPEN DIVISION

1. John Francis
2. Brenda Wallace
3. Joey McKenzie
4. John Melnichuk
5. Arvid Lundin

TWIN FIDDLING DIV #1 (JUNIORS)

1. Dan Emmert-Andy Emmert
2. Rachael Thompson-Tammy Meeks
3. Chadley Ruwe-Ruston Ruwe

TWIN FIDDLING DIVISION #2

1. Lisa Barrett-Brenda Wallace
2. Carol Ann Wheeler-Grant Wheeler
3. Kendra Ruwe-Joey McKenzie

ACCOMPANISTS AWARDS

1. Terry Ludiker
2. Joey McKenzie
3. Mike Henderson

OLDEST FIDDLER

1. Maynard Lyman

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