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## COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
June 1 & 2	Contest	High School	
5	Jam Session	Booster Club	
10	Special Jam	North Clackamas Park	
10	Benefit Jam	Woodburn Grange	
10	Jam Session	Senior Center	
10	Jam Session	Community Hall	
17	Jam Session	Brownsville Park	
17	Jam Session	Fairgrounds	
18 thru 23	CONTEST	Weiser High School	
28 thru 30	CONTEST, HI Desert,	High School	
8	Special Jam	Senior Citizen Center	
20 & 21	Contest	Wallowa County	
21	Smeat Fry	Yachats School	
22	Fair	High School	
24 thru 28	Campout	Rock Creek	
Aug 3 & 4	Fair	Benton City Fairgrounds	
		Corvallis Or	OOTFA
		Vernonia Or	OOTFA
		Cottage Grove Or	OOTFA
		Yachats Or	8
		Enterprise Or	BMOFTA
		Salem Or	8
		Burns Or	9
		Weiser Id	NOTFA
		K Falls Or	1
		Brownsville Or	6
		Talent Or	4
		Bend Or	3
		Woodburn	8
		Millwaukie Or	7
		Florence Or	5
		Canyon City Or	BMOFTA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members: The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers State Contest was a big success. Our sponsors, the American Legion and Moose Lodge of Lebanon were well pleased. They are a great group to work with. A big Thank You to all of them, also to the Lebanon High School for the use of their facilities, and the excellent help from Pete and all the other school personnel.

I want to thank all who took part in and attended the contest. The contestants who played their best, and the accompanists who so faithfully backed them up. A big thank you to our M.C.'s, PA and sound system operators, the judges, counters, sign-up people, and the girls who helped present the trophies. Thanks to our entertainment chairman and those who helped provide the entertainment, it was just great. Thanks also to the Chairman and the Co-Chairman, they did a great job putting the show together. I hope I haven't missed anyone - you were all great and really appreciated.

Our next big project is hosting the Weiser Contest. We really need every fiddler and accompanist, who can come and help put on a good show there. We are expected to put on a half hour show each evening as well as other places around town. We are also expected to enter a float in the Saturday Parade, and we'll need fiddlers to ride on it. Please contact Bob Crump, our Program Chairman, for information about the entertainment. Our State Flag, furnished by State Senator Tony Weaker, has been sent to Weiser and will be displayed annually, along with other state flags.

As you all know, Minnie Bennett is our OOTFA Historian. She is doing a fine job, but since our organization is growing, she does need some help with the work. I have appointed Donna Oldham to help her and Donna has accepted the job as Co-Historian. Thanks Donna. We all join in thanking Minnie for putting together a very nice scrapbook; it was enjoyed so much by all at the State Convention. Please watch your Hoddowner for all Fair Dates, and if possible, try and attend. You are all needed to make these shows a success. I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Week-end, and hope to see you all at Weiser, if not before.

LEONARD H. MAHRS - President

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

To all the people who helped me with registration and coffee at the Contest May 11 & 12 - Thank You Very Much for a job well done - Joe & Stella Barta, Jim & Lynn Deaton, Susie Milligan, Virginia Anderson, Margie Sanford and Darla Miller. If I missed someone, please forgive me. Everyone Please Note: As of July 1, '84, Lynn will be the new Secretary-Treasurer, but I will continue to handle membership. So everyone continue to send your dues to me. I will then be Vice-President and will handle the membership function as an additional duty. For information of all concerned, Denna Scott of Oakridge is ill in a hospital in Ohio. He sends greetings to all his friends, but has no permanent address. I will keep contact as best I can.

MAXINE BENSON - Sect-Treas

DISTRICT 1

- May 23 - Special playing at Klamath County Nursing Home, Fiddlers were engaged.
- May 24 - Apartments at 8:00 PM
- May 26 - Veterans Park. Fiddlers were engaged.
- May 27 - Nursing Homes
- Jun 17 - Jam at Fairgrounds, Meeting at 1:00 PM and Jam at 2:00 PM. Finger Foods.

The meeting opened with Chairman Chuck Bruneau presiding and a moment of silence was asked for in memory of Odessa Noble, wife of Bill, and Fred Shippen, Guitars, concertina and banjo player. Those of us who knew and loved Odessa are thankful she is at peace with our dear Lord, as she has been ill for a long while and our concern and prayers are with Bill. We also offer our concerns and prayers for Gelta Shippen and will miss him as a friend and fellow musician. Let us all offer calls and help for Gelta

Lois Tucker reported on the youth program in the schools and how the assemblies have been received with enthusiasm. There are some more to be given before school is out. Lois has done a real fine job.

Harold North reported on the work he has done setting up the Nursing Homes Program. Some recommendations were given. Ernie Fury announced there was a call for fiddlers for a parade on June 23rd and asked those who are willing to play to call him. Chuck announced that Earl Fury is very ill at this time and encouraged members to offer prayers, help, cards and calls to aid Sarah and the family. The air conditioning was discussed for Canyonville and the Secretary was asked to contact Glyn Deaton about the need. The "Most Improved Fiddler", "Most Improved Accompanist", and "Most Enthusiased Associate" were voted on for recognition next month. Les Tucker reported that the schools are interested in having a "Fiddle Teaching Seminar" in the fall and we are asked to do what we can to aid the situation. We are enthused about it and have four or five new fiddlers starting.

We missed Virgil Schmoer, who is working, and Pat Boyer, who hasn't been there lately. We are pleased that everyone is working together to make our program a success. There were seventeen fiddlers there and eleven played. I encourage those who didn't to try it, it's not so bad. Harry Fury read a poem that he had written and I will send it in next time. Another brother from Reno played several songs on the guitar and sang one. There were several specials and a few guests. We are happy to have Dale and Mildred Meints back from Texas. I apologize for not putting in where the jam was to be held last month. If any visitors didn't find us, we are sorry. Thanks Clyde for coming over and playing with us.

ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

God Bless All!!!

DISTRICT 3

June 10 - Senior Center, Bend. 1:30 P.M.

Next jam session will be June 10th at the Bend Senior Center at 1:30 PM. Everyone is welcome so come bring your fiddles, guitars, mandolins, banjos, accordions, etc., and have fun making music. Listen to the great sounds. Eleven fiddlers participated at the Mother's Day Jam May 13th and five good folks backed them up. Jane Thompson missed the jam due to the fact that she was vacationing in California with her hubby, Darrell. Eight year old Tony Spatz won 6th place in the Open Class at the State Contest in Lebanon. He arrived in Bend just in time to play some tunes for us and to let us admire his beautiful trophy. Congratulations Tony! Orlo and Hazel Flock, Don and Lee Hanna, Vollie and Lois Chisholm and Tom and Betty O'Neal also made the trip to Lebanon and enjoyed the contest. Lois Chisholm has been on the sick list and spent a few days in the hospital recently for tests. Hurry and get well, Lois. You are being remembered in lots of prayers. Thelma Terrill, our very own poetess, read three original poems in honor of Mother's Day and Marge Nimmo sang a Mother's Day song, backed by hubby Harley. Visitors from Long Beach, California, Bonnie and Floyd Lawrence came with their son and daughter-in-law, (who live in Bend) to enjoy our jam. Hope you had a good time. The Potluck after the jam session helped all of us top off a nice afternoon. The food was delicious!

MARGE NIMMO - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Jun 2 & 3 - Applegate Country Fair, (Benefit for Handicapped Children) Applegate Store. Paul Allard Ranch, 17070 Hwy 238, Applegate Oregon. If lost ask at Jun 10 - Jam Session, Talent Comm Hall, Talent, Or. Potluck, Doors open at 10:00 - Open to public at 1:00

Jerome Prairie Jam: We had a light crowd but a good session! The sound system with the piano was exceptionally good. Those attending were: Dusty Xancey, Mona Givens, Julia Pantel, Julian Christiant, Jiggs Host, Hugh Samples, Sam Stelle, Shert West, Nolan Grissom, Ginger Calderon, Tom Barkley, Vic Flood (Our MC), Shert West's student, Lani, Frank Carter, Tex Cooper, Jack Lester, Bob Hinch & Frieda, Betty Deckard, Forrest Samples, Ernest Wolfe and Tommy Grissom. It was good to see Bill & Agnes Cheney from Fort Dick, Calif. We also welcomed a guest from Jerome Prairie named Max who played guitar. Juanita Xancey was in Arkansas and Ginger Calderone graciously took her place as kitchen hostess. Our Chairman, Julian Christiant brought home a trophy for eldest fiddler from the Lebanon State Contest!

Juanita Lacey is home from the hospital now. We expect to see Juanita and Cecil dancing soon! Pat Wheeler would like to thank fiddlers who serenaded her while in the hospital and recovery at home. It was very special to have Natalie and Amanda Ohle play for her in the hospital. They were visiting Grandpa Nolan and Uncle Tommy Grissom during Easter vacation. Thanks too for all of the cards. Roy Harnden is getting famous for his jokes. It is always nice to see Elmer Ross, one of our fiddlers, when we go to Hearshstone Nursing Home. Glad Noah Couch is over his walking pneumonia and Millie Couch is over her bout with the flu. Our fiddlers have been busy with Senior Centers, Nursing Homes, and even played in the showroom of Roe Motors in Grants Pass recently!

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter.

DISTRICT 5

Jun 2 - Greenacres Grange Dance  
Jun 9 - District 5 Jam at the Booster Club in Florence

The first Saturday of the month found us, as usual, at the Greenacres Grange Hall 9 miles south of Coos Bay. There was a good turn out and we were pleased to have Warren Baker and Marie Gates down from Elktion and Tommy Grissom over from Medford. Also there was Les McLeod, Max Schlemmer, Bob Shafter, Betty Lively, Claude Strader, Abbie Shafter, Jerene Shafter, Shorty Dow and Dale Alley from Bandon. Ella Savery, Alice Holt, Carl Dean, Joe Graham, and I from North Bend. Carlton Smith, Murrell Walton and Fred Virtue from Coquille, Roy Zeitler, Myrtle Point, Dan Pullis and Terrance McGown from Coos Bay, Don Matlix from Greenacres, Ernest and John Allen and Paul Williams from Reedsport and of course our MC, Al Lively from Bandon.

On Saturday, the 12th, Norma Allen, Catherine Hall, Minnie Dean, Carl Dean, Alice Holt and I played for the Methodist Church in North Bend. Norma told me that the day before, she and Les, Catherine, Murrell and Elmer Benson had gone to the rest home at Fairview to play. She said that some of the older people respond to fiddle music when they don't respond too well to other activities. Thank you all for playing for them.

On May 17th, Les, Elmer, Norma, Catherine, Alice, Betty, Dale and Ivon, played for the primary students at Ocean Crest Elementary School in Bandon. We are pleased to see that the schools see value in introducing kids to old time music. The group was introduced by Ryan Lively, a student at Ocean Crest and a grandson of our Chairman, Al. Good job Ryan!

We gathered again on the 19th at the Greenacres Grange for its Booster night. Fiddlers were Les, Norma, Catherine, Carl, Bob, and Bob Bridgeman. Back-up was Jerene, Abbie, Dan, Don, Ella, Dale, Ivon, Paul, George, Al, Carlton, Shorty and Betty.

June starts off with us at Greenacres on the 2nd. On the 9th we will be holding a District Jam in Florence at the Booster Club. As you go North on 101, turn left on 15th (the sign also says Airport Road). Go down 15th and you can't miss the building on the left. We'll be starting about 7:00 or 7:30 so we sincerely hope that we will have a good group of fiddlers and back-up from all over to come and help us out. We have had a lot of help the last two years.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

June 3 - Central Grange Picnic, Veneta  
June 14 - Strawberry Social, Petersen's Park Barn, Eugene  
June 17 - Jam Session, Brownsville Pioneer Picnic, Brownsville  
July 21 - Trudy Kaufman Senior Center, yard sale, Eugene

Hope everyone is in the mood for a picnic in the Park on June 17--the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic, to be exact, at the Brownsville Park. We'll have a potluck picnic at noon and play at 1:00 PM. Thelma says it's easy to find, and Brownsville is too small to get lost in. This event will be our June jam session. Speaking of getting lost--sorry about the address last month. A good many of us saw Albany's park while trying to find the Eagles Lodge according to a wrong address. Turns out that what telephone information gave me was a Corvallis address.

We've been invited to play at the Central Grange picnic, Sunday June 3, with a potluck at noon and music after. The Grange is near Veneta, south from West 11th, on Perkins Road, about two miles. I know a bit more about the Pater- sen Park Barn Strawberry Social, at 870 Bennett Road, Eugene, on Thursday after- noon, June 14. We're invited to play from 1 to 3 PM, and they'll feed us straw- berry shortcake.

Despite all the misinformation, we had a good session in Albany on May 20, which is encouraging because Albany and its Eagles Lodge are new territory for us. Besides a wrong address, it turned out that we didn't have to have an election we thought we had to hold, and the Eagles did treat us to lunch after all--now that kind of misinformation is okay. Shorty Allen of District Eight joined all us District Six regulars, providing a couple of accordion numbers as well as fiddle tunes, and several Albany musicians were our guests: Gaylan Morris, banjo, Denny Denton, guitar and vocal, and Rick Rebel, fiddle, vocal and guitar. Last thing I knew, as I left, they, along with a couple more folks from Rick's band and Leroy Sims on fiddle, were closing the place down. But nobody was in a hurry to leave. And the musicians were just getting warmed up.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

June 10 - Special Jam, Milwaukie Center, Milwaukie

We had a surprisingly good turn out at our Mother's Day jam at Clackamas Community College, however, the fiddler turnout was rather small due to the State Contest held the day before. Many fiddlers got to play twice! A spec- ial thanks to Jack Smith and Carl Helgerson for their continued backup during the show.

Our next jam will be held at the Milwaukie Center at North Clackamette Park on June 10th. (Take the Milwaukie Expressway #224 to the Rusk Rd Exit and turn right on Kellogg Creek Drive.) This is a special jam and I'd like to have all members attend. The proceeds of this jam will go to the State to help pay for the Campout, and we need a good turnout. I have asked Helen Hakanson to contact the press. Also I am asking each member to bring cookies and other baked goods for a bake sale. If you can bring some cups and some punch or soft drinks, this would help as well.

Here is a couple of additional events: 1) I am teaching a Beginner, Inter- mediate, and Advanced workshop at Westser this year on June 20, 21, and 22 respec- tively from 2 - 4 PM at the Hooker Wall Auditorium. 2) I am also conducting sev- eral four day workshops in Portland near Lloyd Center from July 16 - 19. Inter- ested persons should contact me, Greg Baker, at 281-1450.

Our June 10th jam is my last chance to Emcee as Chairman, so I'd like to say thanks to all our members and welcome our new Chairman, Gary Evans.

GREG BAKER - Reporter

PS: Judy Arter is looking for a good sounding fiddle at a modest price. If you have one to sell, please contact her at 632-4616

DISTRICT 8

June 10 - Benefit Jam & Election, Dogs for the Deaf, Woodburn Grange, Woodburn Or  
July 8 - Special Jam, Funds for Campout, Senior Center, Salem Or.  
July 21 - Smeit Fry, Yachats School, Yachats Or.

Our District is proud of our members who took part and won honors at the State Contest. Congratulations to Joey McKenzie, Floyd Beck, Shorty Allen, Denny Emert, Andy Emert, Bob Crump, June Secor and Leonard Maahs.  
The benefit jam at Garibaldi was a huge success, thanks to Larry Modrell and others in charge. The dinner was extra delicious and greatly enjoyed. The capacity crowd was unusually attentive and quiet. Even the weather cooperated beautifully. A hearty thanks to all who came. Each of us will be looking forward to a return visit.  
It is reported that our editor, Lee Jones, spent a short stint in the hospital recently. He now appears fit as his fiddle, but wife Ruth, just quit the use of crutches, due to an injury at home. (sprained foot.) Ed Note: She fell down the steps while she was cold sober.  
As Historian, I am compiling a biological album. Among the many others, I have included sketches, but need snapshots or small photos of the following musicians: Hugh Samples, Carol Wheeler, Homer McElain, John Melnichuk, Ruth Loring, Penny Mead, Marion Enlow, Ivan McDaniel, Dolores Lakey, Bob Crump, Stan Gonschowski, Hollis Taylor, Stuart Williams, Richard Franklin, Barney Alexander, Earnest Syron, Floyd Parsons and Virgil Hascall. It was requested that I include a story and picture of Jim Rose. Would someone who knew him, please supply them? I also need stories and pictures of the rest of you who have not sent yours in. The album will never be complete without you.  
Don't forget the benefit jam and business meeting at Woodburn Grange Hall, June 10. Doors open at 10:00 - meeting at 11:00 - potluck at 12:00 and program at 1:00. We need to elect a Secretary-treasurer. Anyone interested and willing? Address correction for roster: Charles & Violet Jensen, 611 N.W. Brentwood, Dallas, Oregon 97338, Ph 623-5733.

MINNIE BENNETT - Reporter

DISTRICT 9

June 28, 29, 30 - High Desert Fiddle Contest, High School, Burns, Or.

Howdy! We're sitting on top of the world over here in Eastern Oregon. The sun has been shining off and on and Susi Smith brought home the first place trophy from the State Contest in the Intermediate Division. Yippee!! (Good luck at Weiser Susi.)

The High Desert Fiddle contest is rapidly approaching. Circle these dates on your calendar: Burns, Oregon the weekend following the Weiser Contest, June 28, 29, and 30th with \$3155 in cash prizes and trophies, 7 categories and special entertainment by Fiddle Kids and Company. If you need further information, please phone (503) 573-2636 or 573-2863 or write to Harney County Chamber of Commerce, 18 West D Street, Burns, Or 97720. We're all looking to have a terrific time. In the meantime we are just fiddling around. In May we played over the radio from the Home-Ag Show, at the Harney Electric Coop Annual Meeting, at Pioneer Plaza, at the Burns Nursing Home and for the Hines Grade School Spring Concert. The May jam was cancelled due to lack of performers available.  
During the month of June we will play for the Pioneer Day Dance on the 9th and work at the High Desert Fiddle Contest June 27, 28, 29 and 30th.

JANET BURCESS - Reporter

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 \* SILENT FIDDLES \*  
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 \* ODESSA NOBLE, Bonanza Oregon, Dates unknown, Wife of Bill.  
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 \* FRED SIPINEN, Klamath Falls Oregon, Dates unknown, Husband of Celia.  
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DATES AND INFO ON THIS YEAR'S CANNON BEACH FIDDLE WORKSHOP, To be conducted by our next Oregon State Champion, Carol Ann Wheeler.

July 30 - Aug 3. FIDDLE I: New this year! Added to fill the many requests for MORE individual help. Especially created for fiddlers who have had Fiddle II (though not a prerequisite) and are interested in doing serious work on improving their techniques. Will consist of "Arabic for Fiddlers", class and INDIVIDUAL projects.  
 Aug 6-10. FIDDLE II: Will continue, as in past, with a fast-paced, broad approach to fiddling, culminating with the Friday evening Concert. June Secor, class accompanist, Grant and Tiffany Wheeler, teacher assistants. Anyone interested may write: Oregon State System of Higher Ed. P.O. Box 1491, Portland Or. 97207, or call toll-free: Out of State 1-800-547-8887, in state 1-800-452-4909. Or you may call or write Carol Ann for specific questions. (628-2411)

The new editor of the Hoedowner, effective 1 July will be THELMA BERG, of Veneta, Or. Thelma plays fiddle, mandolin and piano and plays excellent harmony. She was editor of her High School newspaper and year book in High school, which by the way, she completed in three years. She also graduated as Valdactorian from Southern Oregon College in Ashland and taught school for 28 years. She has been a member of OOTFA about four years and considers the organization her "family". Thelma is a "super person" and with the kind of support and help I have had, she will do a super job.

Mrs Wayne Holmes (Mary) says, "I'd like you to put a little 'blurb' in the next Hoedowner, thanking all the people who sent 'Get Well' cards and letters to me recently. It certainly does so much good to one's heart and spirit to receive love and good wishes during ones convalescence."

To the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association: Everyone who made our concert a great success. President Leonard Masha, Larry Madrell, The Jim Miller Band for radio time and encouragement, all the fine folks from District 8 and people from other Districts. On behalf of Pastor Fr. Amancio Rodrigues, St Marys By the Sea Building Fund, and all the members we say to you and all who came to listen and fellowship with us, a heartfelt Thank You.  
 Most Sincerely and Fraternally yours - Oscar Bolliger, Garibaldi, Or.

Ed Note: I am sorry, but for the second month in a row, I have no room for an "After-tainer of the month" article. I am not complaining, just explaining. It will always keep, and maybe next month I will make it. By the time each reporter adds just one extra paragraph, and I receive a few important small articles, such as "thank you's" it soon uses up the extra space. I shortened several reports this month, and still had to use the back page for the contest results. We may have to go to a larger paper which costs considerably more, both in postage and printing. Its something the new administration can think about.

BITS & PIECES  
 By Lois Tucker

"A proper perspective turns problems into opportunities."

USE THE TALENTS THAT YOU POSSESS  
 FOR THE WOODS WOULD BE STRANGELY SILENT  
 IF NO BIRD SANG, BUT THE BEST.  
 Copied from the District 5 Newsletter "Fiddlesticks"

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## RESULTS OF OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS STATE CONTEST MAY 11 & 12 1984

### PEE WEE DIVISION

1. Katie Melnichuk
2. Richard Pietzold

### JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIV.

1. Laura Weber
2. David Kohl
3. Bill Sprunger
4. Jason Ewing
5. Jessica Bartlett

### JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Grant Wheeler
2. Tiffany Wheeler
3. Scott Raney
4. Dan Emert
5. Andy Emert
6. Jennifer Huckins
7. Susie Hill

### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1. Susan Smith
2. Floyd (Bud) Beck
3. Chris O'Keefe
4. Penny Mead
5. Mike Grace
6. Bob Crump
7. Dee Johnson

### SENIOR DIVISION

1. Ray Krogstad
2. Buck Milligan
3. Edwin Hjelseth
4. Bob Fast
5. Leonard Maahs
6. Shorty Allen
7. Walt Westberry

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

1. Carol Ann Wheeler
2. Joey McKenzie
3. Hollis Taylor
4. John Melnichuk
5. Nolan Murray
6. Tony Spatz
7. LeRoy Sims