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<u>COMING EVENTS</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 1984</u>	<u>DISTRICTS</u>
Sept. 5-10	Harney Co. Fair & Race Meet	Burns 9
8	State Meeting, Senior Center	Springfield OOTFA
8	Stage show, Talent Harvest Festival	Talent 4
9	Benefit Jam, City Park	Sheridan 8
9	Jam, Senior Center	Bend 3
15	Harvest Fest Fiddle Comttest	Harrisbuirg 6
16	Jam, K.F. Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
16	Jam, Gladstone Sr. Center	Gladstone 7
23	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
23	Picnic, Tom Pearce Park	Grants Pass 4
30	Cranberry Festival	Bandon 5
Oct. 14	Jam, Tri-City Elem. School	Tri-City 4
14	Jam, Beaverton Senior Center	Beaverton 7

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I just want to let everyone know how pleased I am with the turnout we had for all the fairs. I think the response was terrific and I appreciated it very much. I also had a good time at all of them.

So, may you always camp where the wind won't hit you, the snakes won't bite and the bears don't get you. Love you all.

Buck

EDITOR NOTES:

Many thanks from all of you for being so prompt in sending in your news and being so patient and kind with me. Bill Yohey asked me to thank you, in his own inimitable fashion (which we know cannot be duplicated by ANYONE) for all the fine help and cooperation at the Vernonia Campout. Next year's campout will be very much on the same plan as this year and we will hope for perfect weather and a good crowd to enjoy the music, fellowship and camping.

Thelma

DISTRICT 1

Hello, Dist. 1 checking in. Boy, this is a busy month everywhere. Aug. 2nd was fun night for the fiddlers at Shasta Grange. There were 16 musicians wound up and enjoying each other's company and music.

August 11 & 12, at Diamond Lake, there were fiddlers and their families (about 30 people) at the campout. Some had campers and others stayed in cabins. Sat. evening we had an old fashioned get-together with homemade ice cream and plenty of good music under the shade trees. Then we went to the lodge and played for a large, enthusiastic crowd for 2 and a half hours. After a Sunday potluck, part of the crowd came home but some stayed and fished for a few days.

Aug. 25, fiddlers will play for the Favell Museum Benefit at the Veteran's Park in Klamath Falls.

On July 27, 28, 29, the Albertson's family in Yokum Valley had a fiddler's campout on their ranch. This was the first time the Lakeview Oregon Old Time Fiddlers had asked outsiders to join in their camping fun. They were calling their group "The Country Fiddlers and Friends. Several attended from Dist. 1 and reported a good campout and fishing. They hope this can be an annual event.

Several from around K. Falls are making plans to attend the Warwick's Campout. That's something special to look forward to. That just about winds up a very busy and fun summer. Now all you deer hunters put the fiddles to bed and dust off the hunting irons (guns) and start looking for those big bucks. This Mr and Mrs. Reporter team is going to the Ozarks in Arkansas to see our kids, so someone else will cover the news for next month.

Louise Pollick, Reporter

Al sez he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music. Sez he played his old fiddle so much that his first wife divorced him.

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### DISTRICT 3

Regular Jam will be SEPT. 9, at 1:30 p.m., at the Bend Senior Center

We were a bit short-handed for our August Jam the 12th but seven fiddlers kept the toes tapping for the afternoon. Dick Williams, Tony Spatz, Bob Hawes, Harley and Marge Nimmo and "Swingin' Fiddler", Al Swigart, from Alvador, OR, kept hands clapping and toes tapping to lively and sweet tunes. Vollie Chisholm, Ches Fullerton, Bill Spatz, Jane Thompson, Dick Williams and Harley Nimmo backed the fiddlers with guitar, banjo and mandolin. We really appreciate our excellent accompanists. They could make even the most nervous beginner sound good. Thanks, You All. Later in the afternoon, visitor Al Swigart and several fiddlers teamed up to play harmony, to the delight of the audience as well as the fiddlers. You certainly are a fun fiddler, Al. Among the lively audience were visitors from Independence, Alvador and Redmond, Oregon and Kennewick, Wash. Several dancers whirled around the room, to the music.

We missed Don and Lee Hanna, due to the haying season, Don and Bernie Hansons, who are in Wyoming due to illness in Bernie's family, Lois Chisholm, who is now in Portland for medical tests and Orlo and Hazel Flock, who have been ill for some time but are reported to be improving. We want you to know that you are really missed and that our prayers are for you. We all hope you are able to be back with us soon.

Marge Nimmo, Reporter

TS: Marriage is just about like pantyhose. A lot depends on what you put into it.

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#### DISTRICT 4 SOUTH

Sept. 8	Stage show, Talent Harvest Festival	Talent
Sept 23	Picnic, Tom Pearce Park	Grants Pass
Oct 14	Jam, Tri City Elem. School	Tri City

Sixteen fiddlers, with their faithful back ups, and five specials, visitors and guests, entertained a nice listening and dancing crowd at the jam in Gold Hill on Aug. 12th. Thank you, Ray Hanson, for being M.C. and to your wife, Crystal, for signing up the players. It is great to have so many younger people being interested, and doing so well in the organization. All of them seem to be young ladies...where are the young men?

The door prize was won by Ester Anderson, a new member. Dist. 4 has signed up twelve new members this past month. Among these are fiddle players, guitar pickers, a piano player, and an accordian player. All of you, welcome aboard!

Congratulations, Betty Deckard, upon winning 1st place Trophy at the Harmonica competition in Central Point, Aug. 5th.

Members will play on stage in the afternoon program at 3:00 p.m., at the annual Harvest Festival in Talent on Sat., Sept. 8th. This will be in the city park by the Talent Fire Station. Come out and help us. Marge and Jonas Cox will NOT be serving a dinner after the parade, but the fiddlers are invited to the Cox home at 232 Gibson for coffee, punch and cookies in the afternoon.

NOTICE: There will be NO JAM at the Rogue Comm. Ctr. in Grants Pass on Sept. 9th. Instead, there will be a picnic for all paid up members, at the Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass on Sun., Sept. 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meat, rolls and beverage will be furnished by the organization. Please bring potluck dishes, and your table service. Don't forget your instruments! Directions from South take I-5 to South Grants Pass exit 55, proceed to amber traffic signal, turn left onto Foothill Blvd, go straight ahead on Pearce Park Rd. to Park Entrance. From the North, take S. Grants Pass Exit 55, favor the left to traffic signal, straight across intersection onto Foothill Blvd. and proceed as above. Follow signs.

Best wishes to all who have been experiencing poor health this past month. Get well quickly and join us all soon.

Marian Jorgenson, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4 NORTH

From this end of our district, happenings are about the same. What with playing for nursing homes, dances and at senior centers, we are kept pretty busy. The one big thing was the Scottsburg Fair where some of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers played for a large crowd. This was an annual event and enjoyed by all. Keep Fiddlin!

Glen Brown, Reporter

## DISTRICT 5

Sept. 30 Cranberry Festival Jam in Bandon

We finished July with the Ocean Festival Jam on the 29th in Winchester Bay. We had an especially good turnout of fiddlers and back-up from Dist. 5 and from several other districts in the state. It was a beautiful afternoon at the coast and we had a grange hall full of people. It was an all-around pleasant get-together of musicians and friends. We hope that you can join us next year.

August 4th was a busy day. A group of us gathered at Penney's that afternoon to play for an hour. A few hours later we went to the Greenacres Grange for a bite to eat, a District 5 business meeting, and an evening of playing and dancing.

On the 11th, District 5 fiddlers played for a dance at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. On the 18th we played for the Coos County Historical Society picnic in Coos Bay. It is too early to report the details but we will have played on the Mall in Coos Bay for the Blackberry Festival on the 25th.

On Sept. 1st we will start the month off with our dance at Greenacres. The Greenacres Grange Hall is 9 miles south of Coos Bay on Highway 42 on the way to Coquille. Watch for the signs and do as they say. Crossing the highway is just a little different and the first time you go there you kind of wonder.

The last week end in September we will be playing at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon. Saturday the 29th we will be in the big parade starting at 9:00. At 11:00 we will be playing for the barbecue in the park. That evening we want all of the musicians and friends to get together. Check with us - we're still working on a hall. And then on Sunday the 30th we hold our big jam at 1:00 in the Ocean Crest Elementary School. We want to invite all of you to come and help us out to make this our biggest and best jam. Traditionally we have people from California, Medford, Portland, Roseburg, and all over. We hope that you will come on down and be there to enjoy fiddling, back us up, listen, and enjoy the beaches.

Lew Holt, Reporter

## DISTRICT 6

Sept. 8 State Meeting, Springfield Senior Center, Springfield  
Sept 23, Regular Jam at Moose Lodge, Lebanon

We had a wonderful turnout at our August 19th jam at the Cottage Grove Moose Hall. We had about 25 main performers, plus plenty of good back-up and a lively crowd. One fiddler literally LAID AN EGG when he played a lively Cackling Hen tune. We had several welcome visitors from Districts 4 and 5. A few of the die-hards stayed and played until about 8:00 p.m. Just couldn't stop having fun.

Speaking of turnouts, I think we redeemed ourselves with the turnout and performances at the Benton County Fair, August 3 and 4. Not only were there a lot of us, including several people from other districts who offered very welcome help, but the crowd stuck around for the whole show both days. Regrettably, some bit of fair publicity was wrong, and in consequence OOTFA founding member, Dave Quinlan, showed up just as the next band was setting up on Saturday, so Laura Weber, Walt Westberry, Al Hawkins and I played a few tunes for his tape recorder. Good to see you, Dave.

The entire week-end of August 3, 4, and 5 proved especially busy for some members who played Friday morning at Armitage Park for the Lane County Senior Center's Nutrition Program's annual picnic. Then on Saturday and Sunday (both mornings) the same group played for about an hour each day in Springfield to help the Jaycees open and celebrate their annual Broiler Festival. Dashing up to the Fair for Fri. and Sat. afternoons, then out to the Applegate Trail Days for a jam, and fiddle contest Sunday afternoon.

The campout at Maiken's Meadow in Vernonia was delightful, except we missed a bunch of you who couldn't make it. The weather cooperated, and everything ran smoothly since this wasn't the first time for the event and everyone knew what to do.

Don't forget the State Meeting on Saturday, September 8, at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Senior Center, 215 West C Street. We will have a potluck, so bring a dish, and your own table service. Doors will be open at 8:00 a.m. so we can jam before the meeting and after lunch.

The district's regular jam session will be at the Lebanon Moose Lodge, Sunday, September 23. The Moose Lodge will serve lunch to musicians and spouses (and senior citizens) at noon, with program at 1 p.m. Coming from the freeway, the Moose Lodge is on the right-hand side of the main street through town, at the very south end of the business district. Look for their lodge sign. We'll see you there!

Linda Danielson, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 7

September 16, Jam at Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave, Gladstone  
October 14, Jam at Beaverton Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton

First I would like to note the above jams. We will open at 11 o'clock for general jamming, and friendship. We'll play for the public starting at 1 o'clock. We're going to discontinue the potlucks for September and October. The District will provide cookies and coffee for afternoon snacks. Our turnout at the past few potlucks has been light. This, in turn, has affected the selection of food. In discussing this with several folks, the general consensus is to discontinue the potlucks for Sept. and Oct. At the October jam we can have a short business meeting to see if we want to go back to a potluck or discontinue.

Helen Hakanson will M.C. the September jam, in my absence. Thanks, Helen. Want to also thank Forrest Jacklin for handling our sound equipment this year. While I'm at it, I especially thank all of you folks who turned out for the Tigard Days and the Clackamas County Fair programs. Many folks came from out of district and even out of state (Idaho champ, Matt Hartz). The Association put on great shows and added money to the OOTF coffer.

Any suggestions from anyone on how to improve our great district would be greatly appreciated. Jot your ideas on a piece of paper and give it to either Helen or me.

Gary A. Evans, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8

Sept. 9 Benefit Jam at the City Park in Sheridan

Not much to report this month as we did not have a regular jam session because of the many fairs, and campouts, etc. The campout at Vernonia was great, with beautiful weather and lots of fun. A conflict in schedules, however, thinned the crowd down considerably the last night. We are already looking forward to next year. The Fire Mountain Hoedown and Campout in Washington was a beautiful location, with a view of Mt. St. Helens, but it was poorly attended. Probably too soon after Vernonia. Chuck Williams sure worked hard on it and those that did attend thought it was great. District 8 was well represented at all the Fair Programs throughout the state. We played at Cottage Grove, Tigard, Corvallis, Canby, and, of course, Rickreall.

Next month we hope to see everybody at the Warwick Campout and then return for the Dist. 8 Jam at the Sheridan City Park, Sept. 9. This is a benefit jam and the proceeds are to help pay for a new roof on the Sheridan United Methodist Church. Just come down the main street in Sheridan (Highway 18 Business) and watch for Oak Street. Turn north on Oak and you will hit the corner of the park. Potluck for fiddlers and church members at noon and open to the public at 1:00. If some of you would rather eat spaghetti than potluck, the Catholic Church nearby is also having a spaghetti feed the same day for a nominal fee. In case of rain, the jam and potluck will be in the VFW Hall at Willamina, five miles west of Sheridan. BCNU.

Lee Jones, Reporting for Minnie Bennett

#### DISTRICT 9

Well, it looks like these warm summer days will soon be turning into beautiful fall weather. Time sure does fly when you're having fun. We're still on vacation over here in eastern Oregon. Susi and Irv Smith travelled to Maine this month, Dennis Sedam has been on vacation and John McGohtlin went rafting on the Deschutes River. Some of the group got together to play at the Elk's Picnic, the Larry Sheldon Family Reunion, and the Clyde Wensick Family Reunion as well as a couple of practice sessions. John Murray of John Day and Helen Sargeant of Drewsey have both been in the hospital this last month. We hope they are back on their feet real soon.

Coming up in the month of September is the Harney County Fair and Race Meet. Have a good one!

Janet Burgess, Reporter

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TS: Show me a man who says he understands women and I'll show you someone who's in for a big surprise.

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NOTE: Betty Canning, Dist. 6, says to tell her fiddlin' friends that if they don't hear from her for a LONG TIME not to worry. She has not forgotten them, it's just that she and hubby, Arnold, have embarked on a lengthy tour of the United States.

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SILENT FIDDLE: Hardy A. Walker, of Springfield, OR, passed away July 11th. Kindest thoughts to his wife, Pauline.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Many of you know or remember Greg Baker. He has recently moved to Portland where he teaches fiddle. He has just recently published his first of an eight book series of tapes and books entitled FIDDLE SERIES.

I would like to give you a preview of Greg's series, as reviewed by Hollis Taylor:

THE FIDDLE SERIES, BOOK I, By Greg Baker.

Hollis says: Beginning fiddling books usually disappoint me in several ways--they leave out important information on technique; the tunes are all at one level rather than progressing in difficulty; they are sloppy in areas of bowings, fingerings, and other notations; and, in general, they lack an intelligent approach. Greg Baker has satisfied all my objections to beginning fiddle books in his Book I of The Fiddle Series. He has had the patience to set down what beginning fiddlers need to and ought to know in the clearest way I've seen.

Designed for self, private, or group instruction, Book I of the series begins by offering points on overall technique and how to get started with helpful illustrations. Baker has taken what he considers the best from many different methods, including Suzuki and other classical approaches to the instrument. He offers, in addition to regular music notation, a unique tablature for fiddle which is very easy for the beginner to comprehend.

Baker's intelligent approach and sense of detail surfaces everywhere, such as his bowing directions, which are designed with repeats in mind. Each tune has an informative introduction, and he doesn't miss a chance to nudge the student with tips and explanations.

At the end of the book are the words to the songs he has presented, a rhythm review, and an explanation of how to play backup. The backup information is particularly useful, and this backup theme is followed all the way through this book and the ones to come. (Baker has an eight-book series in the works). I think this is the book's strongest point -- giving the beginner a sense of how a tune might be varied, an understanding of basic chords, and an encouragement to explore simple backup right from the start. He takes away the mystique, for he is not just teaching fiddle tunes, but fiddle performing.

A book is no substitute for a private instructor, who can correct, encourage and guide. As teachers, we must train ears and not fingers. Nevertheless, the accompanying tape goes a long way towards spanning that gap. A sixty-minute cassette with tunes recorded at slow or moderate speeds in stereo with guitar on the left channel and fiddle on the right enables students to turn off the fiddle channel and practice along. Baker brings his own fiddle and guitar skills to bear here, with the assistance of another local musician, Chick Rose. Happy fiddling!

Persons wishing to purchase Book 1/Tape 1 of The Fiddle Series should contact Greg Baker Publications, P.O. 12230, Portland, Oregon 97212-0230.  
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WEDDING BELLS: Greg Baker and his New Bride.

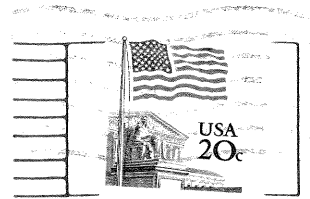


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### PBE-WEE DIV.

1. Tiffany Paulin
2. Nikki Fogerty
3. Katie Melnichuk
4. Tohy Spatz
5. Tammy Anderson

### JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIV.

1. Rustin Ruwe
2. Rachael Thompson
3. Laura Weber
4. Megan Lynch
5. Regina Snow

### SENIOR-DIV.

1. Jim Hoots
2. Lloyd Wanzer
3. Marvin Johnson
4. Coy Dally
5. Jess Glover

### JUNIOR DIV.

1. Leslie Overland
2. Matt Hartz
3. Dan Carwile
4. Kendra Ruwe
5. Michelle Eiselie

### MEN'S DIV.

1. Tim Hodson
2. Danny Smith
3. Ed Carnes
4. Bryce Holttry
5. Terry Ludiker

### LADIES DIVISION

1. Lisa Barrett
2. Sherry Hill
3. Jay Dean Ludiker
4. Shelly Johnson
5. Linda Ralph

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

1. Mark O Conner
2. Ricky Turpin
3. Tony Ludiker
4. Ricky Boen
5. John Francis
6. Joe Sites
7. Bert Trotter
8. Dale Morris
9. Randy Pollard
10. Joey McKenzie
11. Carol Ann Wheeler
12. Jimmy Teneagal
13. Brian Wurst
14. Brian Coude
15. Jennifer Wrinkle

### ACCOMPANIST

1. Wild Bill Lyle
2. Terry Ludiker
3. Joey McKenzie
4. Vern Baughman
5. Lee Berchett

### FIDDLE CONTEST JUDGES

1. Dick Barrett
2. Millie Barron
3. Fred Carpenter
4. Monte Gaylord
5. Herman Johnson
6. Brenda Wallace

SPACE IS RUNNING OUT SO  
I WILL PRINT THE CERTIFIED  
WINNERS & THEIR JUDGES  
IN OUR OCTOBER ISSUE.  
BE WATCHING FOR THEM.

TS: The trouble with life is that it is so daily!