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COMING EVENTS	OCTOBER 1985	DISTRICTS
Oct 2,3	Fiddle Workshop, Sheldon High School	Eugene 6
3	Fun Night, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
6	Jam, Jerome Prairie Hall	Grants Pass 4
13	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
13	Jam, V F W Hall	Willamina 8
19	Parade, Potato Festival	Merrill 1
20	Jam, American Legion Hall MEETING, also	Lebanon 6
20	Jam & Meeting, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
20	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Center	Beaverton 7
20	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
Nov 3	Jam, Community Hall	Talent 4
10	STATE MEETING, Woodburn Grange	Woodburn OOTFA
17	Dinner & Jam, Thurston Grange Hall	Springfield 6
17	Jam, Gresham Senior Center	Gresham 7
Dec 15	Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

The "thing" I dreaded most when elected to this office was my FIRST Executive Meeting! And it finally happened! Now that it's over, I can face almost anything - I think!

Bend and Burns did a fantastic job of hosting. We appreciated the treats, good food, the nice meeting place in Bend, and, especially, the hospitality. It was great! Thanks, Districts 3 and 9 for a job well done.

The meeting was 2 hours long but we got a lot accomplished. The main items of business were the proposed changes in our By-Laws; appointing a new committee (consisting of each District Representative, with Wayne Holmes, Chairman). They are to formulate a set of rules governing our paid functions. The 1986 plans were approved for our CONVENTION, March 13-15, in Roseburg, for our STATE CONTEST May 9-10, in Lebanon, and our CAMPOUT, July 16-20, in Vernonia. Each District Chairperson will be expected to meet with their District to discuss their assignments and be ready with a progress report on NOV 10th, the date of the 2nd State Executive Board Meeting to be held in Woodburn. Hosts are Districts 7 & 8. Every District was represented at the meeting except Dist. 5. One exciting change that this Board voted on unanimously was to give each family a 1986 Roster FREE! So, get your dues in early (deadline Jan. 31, 1986). We want YOUR names to appear in that Roster.

There was lots of discussion and decisions reached from those present before

we adjourned. Things are moving right along. I'm proud to be a part of such a fine, active Organization. Aren't you?

FAIR REPORT: Just want to say THANK YOU to all the Players and Associates who came out so faithfully to our paid events this summer. The following is a recap - hope I didn't leave anything out.

DISTRICT	EVENT	LOCATION
1	Klamath County Fair	Klamath Falls
6	Bohemia Days	Cottage Grove
6	Timber Carnival (new)	Albany
6	Benefit for Campout, 2 days playing at Strawberry Festival	Lebanon
6	Benton County Fair (2 days)	Corvallis
6	Linn County Fair (new)	Albany
7	Clackamas County Fair	Canby
7	Benefit for Campout	Portland
8	Polk County Fair	Rickreal
8	Benefit for Campout	Rockaway

It takes a lot of people to put on these many paid events besides playing for and attending the District's local activities, and we THANK all of you for your help. The several Contest Winners who came, plus other fiddlers, players, accompanists and singers who performed for hours on end, to our PA people, to the Emcees and to those faithful Associates (who listen and encourage), MANY THANKS, again. We did notice the absence of most of our Contest Winner Fiddlers. We understand they were busy with contest, jobs and vacations. Some absent because of illness. We just want you to know you were missed and needed and we hope you can be with us at our confirmed fairs for 1986. God Bless.

MAXINE BENSON, President

DISTRICT 1

It's hard to get the brakes on in time to get the news in. The fiddlers did some good playing for the Tulelake Fair, even if it did rain every day. The Fiddlers' Contest on Sunday was fine. First went to Sherry West, of Medford, Second went to Virgil Schmoie, of Klamath Falls, and 3rd went to Bill Noble, of Langell Valley. It rained every day, but it didn't dampen the fairgoer's spirits.

Sunday, the 15th, the Jam at Lakeview was well attended and entertainment was great. There were 6 new members joined, which was very good for one occasion. They were: Roger Albertson, Edna Lee Schulze, William Edwin Selby, Lynn Albertson, Ken Egnatovech, all of Lakeview and Steve Burger, of Alturas, CA. Fiddlers will play for the Senior Citizens at Claramont House the 4th Thursday, Sept. 27 and at the nursing homes, Sunday, Sept 29.

Oct. 3rd is Fun Night at the Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. Come at 6:30 p.m. and do some practising and fellowship together.

The next Jam will be at the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds, Oct. 20, with a business meeting at 1 p.m. and the Jam starts at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Oct. 19, the fiddlers will be in the parade at 11 a.m. at the Merrill Potato Festival. Hope there will be a bunch of you fiddlers help out. See you there.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

October 13 Jam, Bend Senior Center at 1:30 p.m.

At the September jam, six fiddlers were in attendance to make the Senior Center ring with good fiddle music. Five accompanists did a beautiful job of backup. And then there were the dancers, and how they did dance!

Some of our regulars were away camping and it rained, but they had a good time.

Tony Spatz went to a fiddling contest at Canyonville, OR on Aug. 25th and won a third place in the Open Class Division. Congratulations, Tony, you've done it again!

The State Jam is now history. Bend was the host city and we had a wonderful turnout. Fiddlers came from East, West and South Oregon communities, as well as the home folks. Saturday evening several fiddlers entertained a very receptive audience and enjoyed finger foods. Dancers practiced up for the big day on Sunday.

Sunday started out with a business meeting at 10 a.m. and then a potluck. All reported the food was plentiful and delicious. It is a sure thing that no one went away hungry. Then, after lunch, the fun began in earnest. The music from over 20 fiddlers (and such great accompanists) was so great. The floor in front of the stage was filled with dancers many times. Ruel Teague, from Burns, was the MC, and kept the program moving smoothly along, and did some dpretty good fiddling and singing to boot. A great accor-
ianist from Klamath Falls played a Button accordion and those Scandinavian tunes were great. Our nice editor really got jumping with her mandolin. The 150 folks in the audience came from all over Oregon and even from down south in California.

A big thanks goes out to everyone who helped to make the State Jam a great success.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4 S

Oct 6	Jam	Jerome Prairie Hall	Grants Pass
Nov 3	Jam	Community Hall	Talent

Our gratitude is extended to all those who attended, participated, and helped in many ways at the Canyonville Contest on Aug. 24th. Congratulations, Sheri West, upon receiving 1st place in your division at the contest. From Martha: "Thank yous are extended to all of you who attended the Warwick Campout in Williams and for the many cards and letters recieved. Hope to see you all again next year."

To the following who traveled to Drain, on Sept. 7, to aid in the Civic Center benefit and meeting: Dave & Dorene Winkelman, Tom & Doris Barkley, Mona Givens, Giggs Rost, and Betty Decard, a note of gratitude. Reports are of having a good time and a delicious BBQ.

The weather didn't cooperate all that great for the members who were in the Talent Harvest Festival parade and celebration, but many turned out. Jonas and Margie Cox did their Big Thing again this year by serving a noon day feed to the members of Dist. 4. They can't be thanked enough!

Oct. 6 Jam will be at the Jerome Prairie Hall out of Grants Pass by Redwood Hwy. Turn left onto Redwood Ave., approx a half mile. Hall is on right hand side of the road across from the school. Doors will be open at 10 a.m. for jamming. Stella Neathammer has volunteered to serve coffee, and members may bring their own lunch, as it has been voted upon by members to dispense with potlucks for this season. Thank you, Stella, you are a "good Irish Lassie".

On Nov. 3rd there will be a jam at the Talent Community Hall. Because of an earlier occupancy, the hall will not be available until 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. There will be NO POTLUCK. Please note the time.

Plans are being made for the Christmas Party in Dec. We have the Rogue River Live Oak Grange Hall reserved. More details later.

Richard and Esther Anderson, a backup and a fiddler from Cave Junction, have recently moved to Alaska. We are sorry rto see you go so far away. Maybe you will be back with us soon. It's cold up there!

Happy 77th Birthday, Julian Christiani, on October 19th!!!

Condolences to the family of Frank Pantel who passed away Aug. 23rd, following a year-long illness; and to the family of Weyburn Kenyon, who passed away Aug. 25th. Our deepest sympathy to all. As this report is being written, I learned of the death of Joyce Grissom's mother. Sorry I don't have her name. Please accept our sympathies, Joyce. Welcome aboard, to all you new members entering into District 4. Please make yourselves known to us all so we can become acquainted.

MARION JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5 No news

DISTRICT 6

Thanks to our several members who helped with many of the county fairs around the state this summer. We know it took a lot of work and travel, but wasn't it fun!!

Our September Jam at the Eugene Moose Lodge was a great one with a whole dance floor full of dancers and many more just enjoying the music. Special thanks to those who graciously helped Gaylen carry and set up equipment. Sometimes we forget it is a pretty backbreaking job and a helping hand is appreciated. Let's not forget to help in the future. Someone at the potluck that day left a sack containing 2 bamboo plate holders, 1 large serving fork, plastic fork & spoons and a small Corning baking dish with plastic cover (that had contained French cut green beans). Anyone who is missing these, please contact Thelma Shephard.

Stan Gonshorowski's group played at Willamalane Park in Springfield as a fundraiser for the Neighborhood Watch. They also played for a Mobil Home Park one evening and raised \$37.00, which was given to the district.

Another group played at the Springfield Museum during their Centennial Days Celebration.

Our first Fiddle Workshop, with Greg Baker as teacher, was reported a big success. We are looking forward to the two-day workshop in early October and think there will be more student participation from the schools.

Buck Milligan reports if there are any beginners who need an inexpensive fiddle, he can get one-half, three-quarter and full size fiddles for them for only \$50.00, plus mailing. If you need one, please contact him and he will go down and pick one out personally for you.

Cheryl Nelson is home from the hospital after back surgery but will be down for some time. Please send her your good wishes for her recovery. (Address P.O. Box 651, Marcola, OR 97454) Athia Standley is also just out of the hospital for the second time this summer, following surgery and follow-up complications. Wish her well at 24884 Hwy 126, Elmira, OR 97437.

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be a short BUSINESS MEETING before lunch at our next jam in Lebanon, October 20 (American Legion Hall). Get there early so we will have enough to hold a meeting. We MUST have this meeting prior to the next State Meeting in November, so plan to be there.

Don't think I've forgotten the great turnout and wonderful help we had from Districts 4 and 5 for the Benefit fundraiser at Drain. The new building is something to be proud of, and we held our business meeting (prior to the jam) in one of their new conference rooms. The BBQ lunch was great, and a variety of music for the jam entertained a good audience.

The Harrisburg Fiddle Contest turned into a Talent Contest (by magic) and was won by Dennis and Thelma Allen, from Roseburg. Jack Walker & Vivian Steele tied with Lorrie Jones for Second Place, and Walt Westberry took Third. Walley Bloom, Stan Gonshorowski and others helped with the rest of the entertainment.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

October 20, Jam at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, Beaverton, OR

Hi folks! Our first jam of the fall season brought out a full-house of fiddlers, backup and fiddler-friends. The music was great and the potluck was scrumptious, with a nice assortment of dishes.

We were happy to see Chris Reed from Astoria..nice to see our members from the outlying areas.

Some visitors from District 10 in Vancouver included Ethel Riggs, Florence Cowing and Marge and Ernie Warwick. Ernie's the chairman up there in Dist. 10. Our next jam will be October 20 at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. Doors will be open for set-up at 10:30, potluck at noon and the show for the public will be from 1 to 5. Bring your

own table service for the potluck.

The November Jam will be the 17th of November at the Gresham Senior Center. More about that one in the next issue of the Hoedowner.

Remember folks, if you have any items of news, just let me know. We'll see you all on the 20th of October in Beaverton.

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Our next jam will be held Oct. 13 in the V.F.W. Hall at Willamina. Potluck at noon (oven available), program at 1:00 p.m., as usual. A short business meeting for Dist. #8 will be called at 11:00.

Another fun-filled summer has passed! Our musicians have been kept busy playing everywhere; Rest Homes, Retirement Homes, Fairs, Pancake Feeds, picnics, jams, contests and once at Lancaster Mall, Salem.

The campouts were wonderful. The one at Vernonia was not as well attended as was hoped, but those who were there, had a grand time. I am sure that the legs of Lee Jones, our Dist. Chairman, must have been several inches shorter when it was over. The thousands of steps he took to see that everything was in its place and everybody was having a good time! Lee is a perfectionist who takes his duties very seriously, and spends his efforts to the limit to perform them to the best of his ability. He is, indeed, a great asset to our organization. Others, besides Lee and Ruth, to whom we are indebted are Bob & Dulsie Fast, Bill Yohey, Rusty & V Modrell, Maxine and Walt Benson, Phil Emert and the other volunteers. What would we do without them.

I was disappointed that so few, from our district, came to the Warwick Campout. I had a wonderful time there. The grounds and the weather were beautiful, as were the people who came. I especially want to thank Roscoe Lewis, Dwane Lewis and Dave Boyd for being the good Samaritans they were to me.

The Salem jam, Sept. 15, was a good one. 15 fiddlers, 11 specials and 5 accompanists made up the program. Lee Jones and Slim Schultz were M.C.'s. It is reported that a serving spoon was missing after the dinner. If we don't find it, we will be charged \$2.45 for replacement. Finder, please, either return it to the Center and get credit for Dist. 8, or contact the Dist. Chairman. Everyone, please check for the spoon.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

TO THE HOEDOWNER:

"I wish to thank Dist. 8 members for the beautiful basket of flowers they brought. It was so thoughtful. The memorial Service for Jim was truly nice. I do so thank Guy Kinman for playing 'Whispering Hope' on Jim's fiddle, also Dennis Allen on the guitar. Rev. Vaughn, who married us, spoke a few words that were very inspiring. Thank you all for coming; nice to have lovely friends at a time like this. Dave & Jeanette Robinson have really seen me through the worst of it. Jim is interned in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland." BEA MORRIS, 819 Young St., Apt. C, Woodburn OR 97071 (Garden View Manor)

DISTRICT 9

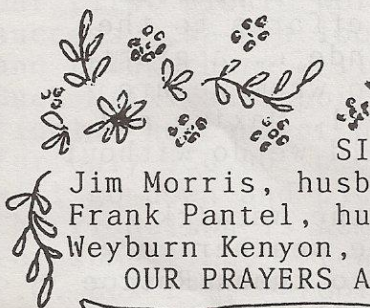
District 9 is getting off to a good start now that everyone is back from vacation. We've had Jams at the Scotts, Smiths and Teagues. We played for the Gospel concert at the Harney County Fair. The Fiddlers had a float for the parade, winning a red ribbon. We sponsored a float for Stacey Reynolds for the Children's Parade on Friday, & Adult Parade Saturday. She came away with 2 blue ribbons. Her accompanists were Ruel Teague (Grandpa) and Martie Reynolds. They had a surprise -- LORETTA LYNN and her busses were passing through and followed Stacey's float down the street. Loretta waved

and the Bus driver told them to "Keep on Pickin'".
We've played for the nursing home.
Susie, Stacey & Ruel played for a benefit to help, a gentleman that is term-
inally ill.
John & Eva Murray have been over from John Day to help the group and they are
really appreciated.
We had a good group attend the State Meeting and Jams at Bend. Everyone
had a great time.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

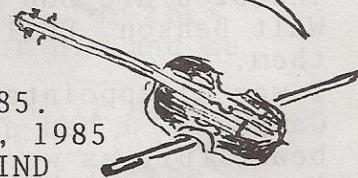
TO THE DEAR FRIENDS OF JIM MORRIS: This note is to thank you for the special
friendship you gave our Dad over the last years. He thought a lot of you
and fiddling and your friendship meant so much to him. We want you to know
that we appreciate all that you've done for him, especially in the last
few weeks. All three of us girls were able to spend very special time with
him in the last weeks of his life. We know you'll miss him as much as we
will. Music was so important to him and to us because of him. Thanks for
everything.

Very Sincerely,
SHERYL BARKER & family
BARBARA PRATT & family
DEBRA LARKEY & family



SILENT FIDDLES

Jim Morris, husband of Bea, passed away August 30, 1985.
Frank Pantel, husband of Julia, passed away August 23, 1985.
Weyburn Kenyon, husband of Bernice, passed away August 25, 1985
OUR PRAYERS AND LOVE GO OUT TO THE LOVED ONES LEFT BEHIND



DEAR FRIENDS, I would like to thank you all for my beautiful week at "Hay-
stack '85" in Cannon Beach.

I feel that I gained a great deal from my week of intensive study with the
Wheelers. Also, the fun and close companionship with my fellow fiddlers
contributed immensely to my enjoyment.

I am trying my best to promote Old Time Fiddling here in the southern part
of the state by giving lessons and playing at every opportunity.
Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,
SHERI WEST

Otha "Tex" & Chris Looper and their children's families send their thanks
and appreciation to all the musicians, singers and friends who participated
in the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. You helped make this
an especially happy and joyous occasion. Thanks.

Please make welcome these new members to your district activities:

- Lynn Albertson, H C 60 Box 2510, Lakeview, OR 97603
- Roger Albertson, HC 60 Box 2510, Lakeview, OR 97603
- Steve Barger, Box 548, Alturas, CA 96101
- Raymond E. Brown, 2510 Hwy 199 Sp #50, Crescent City, CA 95531
- Darrell G. Craddock, 2121 Rhododendron, Springfield, OR 97477
- Helen Forrest Hager, 255 Juniper P O Box 66, Florence, OR 97439
- Jim Hall, P O Box 101, Williams, OR 97544
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- Howard Mattoon, 42986 McKenzie Hwy, Leaburg, OR 97401
- Lee Miller, P O Box 5026, Roseburg, OR 97470
- Pauline Morton, P.O. Box 451, Yreka, CA 96097
- Peggy O'Neill, 24960 Cultus Ln, Bend, OR 97701

William E. Selby, HC 64, Box 154, Lakeview, OR 97630
Rev. Harold M. Sherman, 853 S.E. Waverly, Albany, OR 97321
Gail M. Taylor, 5508 S.W. Miles Court, Portland, OR 97219
Don G. Wilson, 60903 Amethyst, Bend, OR 97702

My apologies to the spouses (speece or spice) for omitting their names,
but took these names from my mailing list & space is limited. But we love you.

Just talked on the phone with FREETA COLTRIN, home from the hospital with
her brand new knee. She is getting along fine, but these weeks are very
painful. Believe me, I KNOW!!! Let her know you care. Address in Roster.

WINNERS AT CANYONVILLE PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST - 1985

JUNIOR-JUNIOR

1. Gina Wuennecke, age 11,
Kennewick, WA
2. Kathleen Wuennecke, age 6
Kennewick, WA

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Leonard Maahs
2. Walt Westberry
3. Ervin Myers
4. Bill Heard
5. Van Southwood
6. Glen Brown
7. Paul Shanklin

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1. Homer McLain
2. Dorothy Cory
3. Eileen Witler
4. Bob Bridgeman
5. Bob Shaffar

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sheri West, age 17
2. Laura Weber, age 16
3. Tony Spatz, age 9
4. Guy Kinman
5. Bud Beck
6. Fred Virtue

ACCOMPANISTS

(Accompanists received Trophies)

Tommy Grissom
Vic Flood
Shorty Dow
Bill Spatz
Abbie Shaffar
Dennis Allen
Bob Huffman
Fred Anderson
Bonnie Powell

With the exception of the two Jr.-Jr. winners, all other entrants were from
Oregon. All who performed got a prize. The beautiful trophies were donated
by Canyonville Merchants. Approximately 80 attended the afternoon show and
150 in the evening. The exhaust fan donated by the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers
Assoc. to the Canyonville School kept the gym much more comfortable than in
the past years. The fiddlers entertained for an hour on stage at Pioneer
Park Thursday evening and another hour at Forest Glen Senior Residence on
Friday evening. Contest was held on Saturday, August 24th.

PACKING FOR THE WARWICK CAMPOUT

SHE starts weeks in advance, making plans and writing lists. HE says,
"What's your hurry, Barbie Doll?" SHE spends days washing and polishing
inside the camper from one end to the other. HE takes the hose and lightly
sprays the pickup and camper on the outside--total elapsed time -- 3 1/2
minutes. SHE plans her menus down to the last can of Pork 'N Beans. HE
says "Don't let me forget a can of engine oil, Babe." SHE packs the camper
with books, a radio, tape deck, Trivial Pursuit and Scrabble. HE carries out
one lone fiddle. SHE fills the closet with coats, pants, shirts and blouses
for each and every occasion. HE ponders, "Should I take my new cowboy boots
or not?" SHE says, "How is our cooking gas situation?" HE says, "Just use
all you want to, Baby. I'll get the tank filled when it runs out." (It did
in the middle of the week with a trip to town necessary) SHE showers, sham-
pooos and dresses in clean clothes for the first day. HE says, "I'll bathe
when I get there. The graffiti on the camp bathroom walls are so interest-
ing." Ten miles down the highway SHE explodes with "Damn it". HE says "I
knew it, I knew it, NOW what did YOU forget?" SHE answers "Just your apple
pie and cookies, Dear." HE yells, "Damn it, do I have to think of everything?"

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Article II

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oldtime music. To encourage the younger people to
learn & appreciate this type of music.
