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MAY 1987

COMING EVENTS

			DISTRICT
May	2	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	3	Tri-City Elem. School	Tri-City 4
	3	Stayton Community Center	Stayton 8
	4	Burns Nursing Home	Burns 9
	7	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
	10	Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
	8,9	STATE FIDDLE CONTEST Lebanon High School	Lebanon OOTFA
	17	Lunch & Jam, Moose Lodge	Lebanon 6
	17	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	17	Jam, Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center	Beaverton 7
	21	Fun Nite, Merrill Civic Ctr.	Merrill 1
	23	Azalea Festival (See #5 News)	Brookings 5
	24	Nursing Homes	Klamath Falls 1
	29	Dance, Bandon Grange Hall	Bandon 5
Jun	7	STATE QUARTERLY MEETING Drain Civic Center, #4 & #6 hosts	Drain OOTFA
	14	Canby Senior Center	Canby 7
	14	Jam, Majestic Theater	Dallas 8
	21	Jam, Brownsvill Pioneer Picnic	Brownsville 6
	22.27	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST NOTE: THIS IS A CORRECTED DATE	Weiser Weiser Chamber of Comm.
Jul	3,4	HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST	Burns 9
	9,11	N.W. Open Fiddle Contest	Spokane 6
	12	Bohemia Days Fiddle Show	Cottage Grove 4
	15,19	VERNONIA CAMPOUT	Vernonia OOTFA
	25	Summer Festival	Myrtle Creek 4
	26	Salmon Harbor Days	Winchester Bay 5
Aug	5	Klamath County Fair	Klamath Falls OOTFA
	7,8	Benton County Fair	Corvallis OOTFA
	12	Douglas County Fair	Roseburg OOTFA
	15	Polk County Fair	Rickreal OOTFA
	10,14	Fiddle Workshop, C.A. Wheeler	Cannon Beach PSU
	19	Clackamas County Fair	Canby OOTFA
	19	Lane County Fair	Eugene 6



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

April was a sad month for several of our Fiddle Families and their friends. Once again, we offer our condolences and prayers to the loved ones. We all grieve for you.

This year is going so fast! The month of May is upon us and we are almost face to face with our 1987 State Contest. I promised to give last minute details - so here goes!

The ball field in Lebanon will be open for parking at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 8th. PLEASE wait until then to come to the school. The LINN COUNTY NIGHT-WATCHERS CB CLUB will patrol and be in charge of the parking. If it rains, contact them for other arrangements. JIM LOCKARD will be at the INFORMATION DESK in the REGISTRATION ROOM. See him for PARKING PASSES and SCHEDULES. No one will be allowed to park or camp without a pass.

Those PREVIOUSLY contacted are to be at the school around 1 or 1:30 to set up. FOR ALL OTHERS, contestants & accompanists, REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 4 p.m.

CAROL ANN WHEELER & JOEY MCKENZIE are in charge of the Friday Night Show. RUSS PHILLIPS is in charge of the on-stage Jamming. For last minute TWIN FIDDLE registration, see GYNN DEATON as soon as possible.

Our Lodges have requested that only the WORKERS, SPECIAL ENTERTAINERS, (not their spouses), and contestants and Accompanists receive passes to the Show and Contest. (Your RIBBONS get you in free. See MAXINE BENSON). Accompanists & Contestants will each receive one extra free pass. ALL OTHERS, including those in the On-Stage Jams, both Friday and Saturday Nights - please purchase your tickets early from the ticket office in front of the auditorium. All side doors to the Stage will be off limits to the public. We might arrange for tickets to be sold in Registration Room. (See Information Desk)

The school will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 9th. THE NIGHTWATCHERS CLUB will be selling sweet rolls. Coffee is furnished by District #6. Coffee donations appreciated. Registration for late comers until 8:15 a.m. JUDGES MEETING IN STUDENT HALL AT 8:30 AM. Contest starts promptly at 9 a.m. with PEE WEE DIVISION and goes on until all Round 1's are completed. Saturday evening session begins at 6:30 p.m., with ON STAGE JAMMING. ALL DIVISIONS EXCEPT PEEWEES will play Round II. Oldest & Youngest Awards early in evening. All other awards will be the last on the program.

The LEBANON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION will have an outside Concession for your convenience.

Only our FIDDLE FAMILIES will be selling their wares in the lobby this year! BUCK MILLIGAN & LEE JONES have purchased 100 tee shirts and 50 caps with OOTFA insignia. The proceeds are to go to the SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Others selling will be ISOM PATTERSON - Fiddle Clocks, MARGE SMITH - beaded ties, ELYSE BENSON - Nation & OOTFA buckles, SHORTY DOW - Nation Cookbooks & pins and Record sales by our FIDDLERS. So visit the lobby and support our Scholarship Fund!

The Contest Committee has worked hard and we think we have a good program and contest planned and we hope many of you will be there! God Bless,

MAXINE

DISTRICT 1

All's well in our District, even if we couldn't hunt Easter eggs. Maybe some other time there will be a Senior Citizen egg hunt! Well, I can hope, can't I? I feel very thankful we can have hopes and faith in our hearts.

On Easter, our Jam Day was at the new Lorella Assembly Church. Big dinner and large enthusiastic crowd appreciated the guests, Tom & Joyce Grissom, Betty Deckard and friends from the Medford area.

We also want to say WELCOME HOME "Mr. & Mrs. Arizona", the Earl Barnums. They have been missing the pickin' and fellowship. Come and get back in our circle.

April 14th, the fiddlers played for Merrill Senior Citizens' dinner. The Seniors extend their gratitude for the music and special songs. It was a fun time for all.

Sunday, May 3rd, we are supposed to fiddle for the Klamath Art Association at 1 p.m. at 120 Riverside Drive, in Klamath Falls. We will play for about half an hour.

Also on May 3rd, at 2 p.m., fiddlers will play at the Stewart Lennox Baptist Church honoring the memory of Clifford Tenell, who was one of our Fiddlers.

Thursday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. will be Fun Nite at Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. Come join in. A reminder - the JUNE fun nite is also POTLUCK time. Sounds good. There's sure some good cooks in this group.

May 17th will be Jam day at Klamath Falls Fairgrounds. 1 p.m. business meeting - music starts 2 p.m. Come join in or just listen.

Thursday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. will be Fun Nite at Merrill Civic Center. The last one was nice. The music and singing makes one feel good to join in.

Sunday, May 24th, at 2 p.m., Fiddlers will play for the nursing homes. The people sure enjoy the good music. It's nice we can help along the way a little for someone.

Please, let's remember to honor our Mothers May 10th. If our own mother isn't with us any longer, we can be nice to some other mother in memory of our own mother.

One thing we ought to keep after giving it is our word!

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

Greetings from all of Dist. #3 in sunny Central Oregon. Due to the beautiful weather and a visit from several couples from Dist. #6, we had a real good turnout of musicians, as well as spectators for our April jam. We were real happy to have our State Pres., Maxine & Walt Benson, Charlie & Vi Jensen, Phil, Hazel & Jack Walker, Dawn Meldrim & Wally Bloom over. Sorry the stage wasn't larger and wish you could have stayed longer. We also had another visitor, Harold Dillon, from Hammet, CA., on banjo for a couple of specials.

Missed our Reporter and newly-elected Sec./Treas., Thelma Terrill, as she was in Portland with family.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Lebanon for a great contest and a real fun time and thanks for the great Convention.

WINONA SPATZ; Reporter for
Thelma Terrill

DISTRICT 4N

The fiddlers in Dist. #4 North have been fairly active lately. With playing at Nursing Homes, Dining Centers and playing for a dance once in awhile, we keep pretty busy.

We are looking forward to the Jam and Business Meeting at the Tri-City Elementary School, on May third, also the Jam at Drain on the seventh of June.

There will also be a Jam at the Myrtle Creek Summer Festival in their new Park, from 3:30 to 5:30, on Saturday, July 25th, like last year.

I am sorry to report the death of two of our good Music friends: Jim Coltrin, from near Rice Hill who died April 1st, and Frank Kent, who died on April 6th. They will be missed.

Bill Washburn has been having a struggle with sickness the last few weeks, and his wife, Gladys, had a broken leg. We wish them all the best good luck. We miss you both.

Keep lookin' good.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

DISTRICT 4S

May 3rd jam will be at the Tri-City Elementary School at Myrtle Creek.

Take Exit 103, go north 1 mile on old Hwy. 99 to Circle Market, then left to school on the left. Doors open at 10, meeting at 11 (we still NEED ALL OFFICERS FOR NEXT TERM), potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1.

We want to thank Siskiyou Fiddlers at Yreka for hosting the jam April 12. There was a very good turn out from Dist. 4 for a pleasant afternoon of music and dancing. It was a beautiful day and I'm sure was enjoyed by all. It was good to see Ted and Annie Wagner out and dancing again. We thank Siskiyou Fiddlers again, and hope to see them at some of our jams soon.

June 7 will be the jam at Drain, co-hosting with Dist. 6 for the state Quarterly Meeting at the Drain Civic Center. Meeting will be at 10, potluck at noon and open to public at 1.

Our District has lost two members by death since the convention. Our sympathy goes to the friends and families of Jim Coltrin, of Oakland, and Frank Kent, of Roseburg.

We wish Glen Brown and Ray Krogstad a speedy recovery from their recent surgeries.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

After the wonderful state convention in Roseburg, it was back to the real world. We started the first week end in April with a get-together at the Greenacres Grange. After hamburgers, we played for the evening while our friends danced or just listened to our music.

The next week end we headed for Myrtle Point and a good time. We sneaked in several hours of fiddling Friday evening in the school cafeteria. It was a good chance to visit with our friends and to play some music. Saturday afternoon, April 11, we started at 2:00 playing for an ice-cream social to help Myrtle Point celebrate its 100th birthday. Besides those of us from Dist. 5, we had Guy Kinman and Dennis and Thelma Allen from Roseburg, Marie and Kater Gates from Elkton were there, too. We're sure glad you came over to help us out. And we appreciate the good turn out from our district, too.

That evening we came back at 7:00 and played for a dance in the school cafeteria. The week-end was almost like a camp-out. We made ourselves at home in the school parking lot in our RV's Friday and Saturday nights. It was a week end of fiddling.

After the contest down at Crescent City we will be ready for May. On the 3rd we will be back at Greenacres for hamburgers at 6:00 and music at 7:30. The next week end a lot of us will be in Lebanon for the contest. Memorial week-end we will be in Brookings for the Azalea Festival. Our jam will be Saturday afternoon, May 23rd at 4:00 in the VFW Hall up on the hill where we have played so many years. We especially appreciate those of you who come in from California, Medford, Grants Pass, and around to help us out. This is one of our big shows of the year. And then on May 29th we have been asked to play at a dance at the Bandon Grange. This will be a first for us.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Our district is saddened by the loss of Fred Anderson, who passed away during April. Fiddlers played and sang at a memorial service for Fred, and offer their heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Virginia and family. Fiddle Friends of Dolores White are saddened by her recent death. She and her husband, Tom, always came and danced at our local fiddle functions.

We welcome back some of our "snowbirds" for the spring and summer months. Charlie and Vi Jenson are home, and want their friends to know they have a new phone number, 345-9217. Word was also received in late April from Betty Canning, in Houston, Texas. She recently underwent open heart surgery to replace a heart valve and her daughter, Bonnie, had surgery for a tumor. Both are coming along fine, and Betty and Arnold expect to be home in about a month, if all continues to go well.

A ladie's tan full length raincoat was left at the Thurston Grange in April when the fiddlers were there. All other LOST items have been FOUND and returned "home".

Our pianist, Vera Kinnaman, recently fell and broke her "other" hip. She has just been recovering from breaking a hip earlier in the winter and was doing fine. At present she is in Sacred Heart Hospital. I didn't know that Jerry was such a good cook that she would do a thing like this just to get him to cook for her again!!!

Besides the "usual" rest and retirement homes around the valley, groups of fiddlers also played at Western Sizzlin Steak House, Willamette Oaks and for the Men's Breakfast at Willamalane Sr. Center.

Our jam at the Elk's Lodge in Sweet Home was a full afternoon of good musi after a great potluck. We especially would like to thank our visiting guest from other districts; Shorty & Virgie Allen, Chuck & Dorothy Booher, Lois Chisholm, and Don Hanna, for sharing our afternoon. We had a full slate of good fiddlers and specials during the afternoon. At this time I would like to deviate from the usual and give special "thanks" to our wonderful group of back-up musicians: Calvin Boyles, Jim Powell, George & Kay Donathan, Don Hanna, O.W. Perini, Dave Boyd, Alan Ede, Chuck & Dorothy Booher, Charlie Jenson and Vivian Steele. Also thanks to Thelma Shephard, who played the piano for us all afternoon. A good group of backup can make even a good musician sound better!

Our next jam will be a lunch and jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge May 17th.

For the June 7th State Meeting and Jam at the Drain Civic Center, please BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE for the POTLUCK. Coffee and punch will be furnished by the center.

Then, before you take off for the National Fiddle Contest at Weiser, come to our jam (from 1 to 4) at the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic, in the Park at Brownsville, June 21st. There will be no potluck or lunch, but plenty for you to buy at the concession booths.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

"We wish to thank all of the OOTFA who played and sang tribute to Fred Anderson at the Memorial Service and at the Thurston Grange. We know he would have been pleased."

The Family

DISTRICT 7

We had a good turn out for our April jam in Svenson. Those Astoria folks are real hospitable! It was a beautiful day for the ride down, and we all had a good time making music with friends we don't see all the time.

Our next jam will be May 17, at the Elsie Stuhr Center, in Beaverton. The address is 5550 SW Hall Blvd. Take the Allen Blvd., Exit off Hwy. #217. Remember! This one is to be a fund-raiser for the Vernonia Camp-out in July. Doors open at 10, potluck as usual, show at 1:00.

Just a reminder that the June Jam will be at the Canby Senior Center in Canby June 14th.

Forrest Jacklin (former Co-Chairman) is recuperating at home after having surgery at Emmanuel Hospital on Aptil 14. (He sounded pretty feisty on the phone). Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Forrest.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Erwin Meyers, who died March 31. He will certainly be remembered for his big happy smile as he was fiddling, but his love of life was clearly shown by his courage in the final weeks of his illness.

Don't forget, May 17th, next jam!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

We will have a Jam May 3rd at the Stayton Community Center. Proceeds will go for the Vernonia Campout. We will have a short meeting, startingf at

11 o'clock. Doors will open at 10, potluck at 12 noon, and show for the public starts at 1 o'clock.

June 7th is our State Quarterly Meeting at Drain. Your Chairman, Dave, would like to have a big turnout from Dist. #8.

June 14th we will have a Jam at Dallas. It is at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas. There is a music store in front of the hall. We will have to have finger food or picnic food, as there is NO STOVE, in the kitchen as yet. There's a refrigerator and everything else, so, if you want hot food you will have to bring Crock Pots, or Fry Pans. I think it would be nice to have an indoor picnic.

The address is 976 Main, Dallas, OR - Gene Hall Music Studios. See you at Stayton, May 3rd.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Howdy! I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather! And I also hope that everyone enjoyed the State Convention..

Our fiddlers have been fairly busy this month. We played at the Burns Nursing Home on April 6th, and on April 12th we played at the Burns Senior Center, which we didn't just have fiddlers and dancers - we had KOIN - TV. (Channel six). On the 10th and 11th, we played for the Waterfowl Festival, which had a good turnout. On the 18th we played at the Rebekah Lodge.

I would now like to take the time to thank Ruel & Margaret Teague, Paula, Stacey & Monty Reynolds, and Brick and Ellen Callaway, for making a successful trip to the Convention in Roseburg.

May 4th we will play at the Burns Nursing Home.

Don't forget the High Desert Fiddle Contest in Burns, July 3rd and 4th.

MICHELLE AUSTIN, Reporter

50th ANNIVERSARY....

The children of Rusty and Vi Modrell invite you to attend a reception in honor of their parents' 50th anniversary year at the Terrebonne Grange Hall, Terrebonne, Oregon, Saturday, June 6, 1987, at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. No gifts please.

Katherine Skeie is hunting for a two-row push button accordion to buy for her husband Ed's 94th birthday present. Ed has lost his sight and is in a nursing home in Grants Pass. He says he would rather have an accordion that is well "broken in" as it would be easier for him to operate. If you have such an instrument you could sell, contact Katherine Skeie at 924 N.E. 12th St., Grants Pass, OR 97526, or call 476-0478.

VIOLINS WANTED: Buying violins, violas, cellos, basses, any quantity or quality. ph. 503-235-2547, David. Leave message please!

SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE: At the Convention in Roseburg, a couple walked up to me and gave me a \$20.00 check for the Scholarship Fund. They said that they would like to challenge other OOTFA members to also contribute to the fund. How about that, OOTFA members? If an out-of-state couple can do it, how about us here in Oregon.

LEW HOLT

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!!! I have a great list of fiddle tune music notations from Warren Colebank, 639 North Charlotte, Bremerton, WA 98312. He will mail tunes to you for 35¢ per copy and they are easy to read notes. I can get a copy of the list to you, if interested, but don't have room in the Hoedowner at this time. Let me know if you want a list.

THELMA

May 8,9-Oldtime Fiddlers Weekend



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March 24, 1987

Maxine Benson, President
Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Assn.
2140 Ranch Corral Drive
Springfield, OR 97477

Dear Ms. Benson:

I am in receipt of your very kind invitation to attend the Annual State Fiddle Contest on May 8 & 9, 1987 at the Lebanon High School and am pleased to accept such an invitation. Please accept my apology that I did not respond to your invitation sooner.

On behalf of the City of Lebanon, we are pleased and honored that your organization has chosen Lebanon to hold your annual contest.

Also, as requested by you, I have prepared a proclamation in honor of this event. (to be signed the evening of May 8).

Please contact my office either in writing or by phone at 451-7421 if there is anything further I can do to assist in making this a most pleasant and successful occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald T. Passmore

Ronald T. Passmore
Mayor

RTP/km

enc.

PROCLAMATION CITY OF LEBANON

WHEREAS, May 8 and 9, 1987 has been proclaimed as OLDTIME FIDDLERS WEEKEND IN LEBANON in recognition of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association State Contest; AND

WHEREAS, the observance of this event affords our citizens a rare opportunity to perpetuate the art of oldtime fiddling and oldtime music and to encourage youth to participate in learning this art form and the opportunity to contribute towards the advancement and preservation of oldtime fiddling and music; AND

WHEREAS, the citizens of this City and surrounding communities are deeply honored to host the OOTFA state contest; AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that May 8 and 9, 1987 is to be observed in our community as OLDTIME FIDDLER'S WEEKEND in Lebanon, Oregon and I urge the recognition of this event as part of our American Heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Corporate Seal of the City of Lebanon to be affixed this _____ day of May, 1987.



Mayor - Ronald T. Passmore

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Silent Fiddles

Fred Anderson, of Eugene, passed away April 15, 1987.

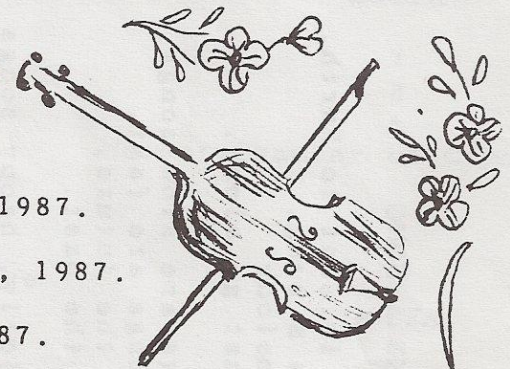
Jim Coltrin, of Oakland, OR, passed away April 1, 1987.

Frank Kent, of Roseburg, passed away April 6, 1987.

Arnold Mackey, of Newport, passed away in early April, 1987.

Erwin Myers, of Portland, passed away March 31, 1987.

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the families and friends of those who have left us. May their music linger on in our hearts forever.



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LIFE IS LIKE A SONG

When each of us is sent to Earth,
Our life is like a song,
WE compose the melody
And the words that go along.

Some of our songs are slow songs,
While others' songs are fast,
Some sing about the future,
Some sing about the past.

Some sing such jolly, happy songs
Some people's songs are sad,
Some people sing of sorrow
While others' songs are glad.

Some sing with friends and loved ones
While others sing alone,
Some still have many songs to sing
While others' songs are done.

So, after I have sung my song,
How happy I shall be
If some of my song still lives on
In someone's memory.

And when we meet in Heaven,
What music there shall be
With all those voices raised in song
In perfect harmony.

By Thelma Shephard