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A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate the Old-time Fiddling and Oldtime Music. To encourage the younger people to learn & appreciate this type of music."

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JUNE 1987

COMING EVENTS			DISTRICT
June 4	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls	1
7	STATE QUARTERLY MEETING, Civic Ctr.	Drain	4&6
14	Rocky Point Church at Mt. Lake	Bible Camp	1
14	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
14	Jam, old Majestic Theater Bldg.	Dallas	8
14	Jam, Canby Senior Center	Canby	7
18	Fun Nite, Merrill Civic Center	Merrill	1
21	Jam, Klamath Co. Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
21	Jam, Brownsville Pioneer Park	Brownsville	6
22-27	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST	Weiser, Idaho	Weiser Ch. of Comm.
28	Mt. View & County Conv. Homes	Klamath Falls	1
July 3,4	High Desert Fiddle Contest	Burns	9
5	Jam Talent Community Hall	Talent	4
9-11	N.W. Open Fiddle Contest	Spokane	
12	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
12	Fiddle Show, Bohemia Days	Cottage Grove	OOTFA
15-19	VERNONIA CAMPOUT	Vernonia	OOTFA
25	Summer Festival (3:30 to 5:30)	Myrtle Creek	4
26	Salmon Harbor Days	Winchester Bay	5
Aug. 2	Annual Picnic, Palmerton Park	Rogue River	4
5	Klamath County Fair	Klamath Falls	OOTFA
7,8	Benton County Fair	Corvallis	OOTFA
9	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
10-14	Fiddle Workshop, C.A. Wheeler	Cannon Beach	PSU
12	Douglas County Fair	Roseburg	OOTFA
15	Polk County Fair	Rickreal	OOTFA
19	Clackamas County Fair	Canby	OOTFA
19	Lane County Fair	Eugene	6
29	Fiddle Contest	Canyonville	



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

We sure had a good contest in Lebanon this year. Thanks to the Lodges and their workers, the contestants, accompanists and our workers! Also those that played in the public jam and our capable - flexable - M.C. You did it again! We had a good Friday night Variety Show and Twin Fiddle Contest. Eleven couples entered. Perhaps that will become a permanent part of the State Contest. Our Sound Men did a fantastic job and the entertainment was good. Anyway, thanks to everyone who took part. There are too many of you to mention individually, but you know who you are. It was hot and attendance was less than last year due to the heat and conflicting activities in Lebanon, but they will invited us back again next year! Thank you! We appreciate that!

On June 7th, at Drain Civic Center, we'll hold the last Quarterly State Meeting. Hope to see all the outgoing officers there at 10 a.m. After a short business session, the meeting will be turned over to your New Officers: LEW HOLT, President, BOB FAST, Vice President and incumbent Sec/Treas, GYNN DEATON. Lew will be doing the Workshops and I know he'll want the New District Officers for that. The Jam will start at 1 p.m. after a noon POTLUCK. Bring your own table service, please, along with a potluck item. Beverages will be furnished.

This will be my last report. It has been an experience for me, and for Walt, too, serving as a state officer for 5 consecutive years - the last 2 as your President. Special thanks to all of you for making that heppen and a special thanks goes to the officers who served with me. But now is the time for all of you to turn to your NEW INCOMING OFFICERS. They are a great team and will serve you well, BUT they will also need all your SUPPORT & GOOD WILL.

So, Bye, now - See you someplace, sometime. God Bless!

MAXINE

Office of the Governor
State of Oregon



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: In 1965 Oregonians revived their interest in fiddling through the formation of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association which is now incorporated as a non-profit organization; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of the Association is to preserve the inheritance of oldtime fiddling and fiddle music which has been passed from generation to generation; and
- WHEREAS: The Association is family oriented and does its best to attract young people through jam sessions, scholarships, music workshops in the public schools, and contests which encourage young people to appreciate this music; and
- WHEREAS: Fiddle music is a challenge to musicians, and contests provide the necessary competition to keep the art alive, and all of the contest winners, as well as those who do not compete in contests, are willing, when available, to perform for any occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Goldschmidt, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim the second week of May as

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS' WEEK

in recognition of our fiddlers and accompanists and encourage citizens to support this part of our American heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem and the State of Oregon, on this day, May 7, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven.

Neil Goldschmidt
Neil Goldschmidt, Governor



WINNERS
1987 OREGON FIDDLE CONTEST

PEE WEES

1. Erin McMullen
2. Sarah Fox
3. Andrea Curtis

JUNIOR-JUNIORS

1. Tony Spatz
2. Stacey Reynolds
3. Andrew Burt
4. Jakob Curtis
5. Richard Pietzold

JUNIORS

1. Laura Weber
2. Rudy Booher
3. Andy Emert
4. Julianne Planer
5. Joshua Bjornstedt

INTERMEDIATE

1. Sheri West
2. Eileen Wittler
3. Starr McMullen
4. Bob Bridgman
5. Don Hanna
6. Bob Heinith
7. Donna Foreman
8. James Carter
9. Gary Evans
10. Elyse Benson

SENIORS

1. Wayne Holmes
2. Leonard Maahs
3. Edwin Hjelseth
4. Bob Fast
5. Guy Kinman
6. Buck Milligan
7. Barney Alexander
8. Shorty Allen
9. Bob Kaiser
10. Walt Westbury

OPEN WINNERS

1. Joey McKenzie
2. Carol Ann Wheeler
3. Dan Emert
4. Susan Smith
5. Dave Moffitt
6. Wally Bloom
7. Dee Johnson

TWIN FIDDLES

1. Joey McKenzie
Laura Weber
2. Carol Ann Wheeler
Linda Danielson
3. Rudi Booher
Tony Spatz

ACCOMPANISTS

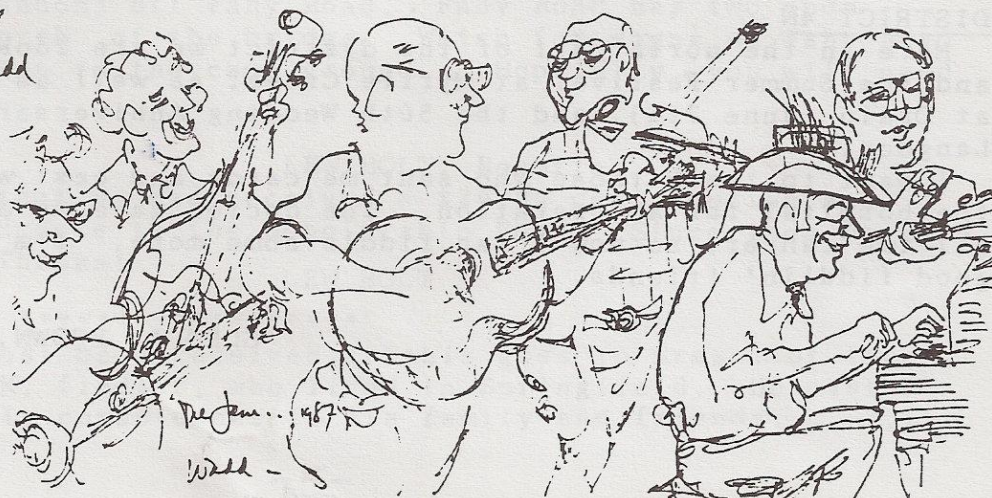
1. Joey McKenzie
2. Dan Emert
3. Penny Mead
4. Chris Booher
5. Bob Huffman
6. Dennis Allen
7. Cactus Finley (tied)
Vic Flood

YOUNGEST FIDDLER

Andrea Curtis, 8 yrs. old

OLDEST FIDDLER

Jack Smith, 79 yrs. old



DISTRICT 1

Hello from District one. Another month has gone by - they go so fast. We could run out of summer sooner than we want to.

The 17th was a good jam day with lots of good music and fun. We were glad to have a guest from over Medford way. I got acquainted with a cute little lady, Sheri West. She sure can play that fiddle and she has such a nice personality. We'll miss her, as she is going in the service for our country. Sheri, with the nice smile you have, you will be a winner wherever you go.

Thursday, June 4, will be Fun Nite at Klamath Falls' Shasta Grange Hall. There is no potluck, as they are discontinued for the summer. We missed several of you folks the last Fun Nite.

June 7th will be our State Quarterly Meeting & Jam at Drain, Oregon.

June 14th, fiddlers will play from 2 to 4 p.m. for Rocky Point Christian Church, at Mountain Lake Bible Camp. Turn off on Barney Creek Road near Rocky Point.

Our Jam day will be June 21, on Fathers Day, so bring Dad and let him enjoy the good music.

We will get together soon to paint the trailer, so it will be all shined up to carry these musicians in the Klamath Falls 4th of July parade, then on to Tulelake for their celebration. So, everyone wear your "fast" boots - we may need them to keep up with the crowd.

June 18th will be Fun Nite at Merrill Civic Center. Come help us out. Public is welcome.

June 28th, the fiddlers will play for Mountain View and County Convalescent homes. Come out - you're needed. Play at 2 p.m.

When night comes and you're dog tired, it could be that you have gone around yapping all day!

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

We had a nice thruout of musicians and listeners. I suspect some were fishing, as the week-end weather was beautiful. It was also a beautiful week-end for the state contest.

Several from our area went to the contest and played in different divisions. Don Hanna placed 5th in the Intermediate Division. Tony Spatz, the defending Jr.Jr. Champion, came home with the Jr.Jr. Champion title again. Congratulations, fellas. Although Orlo didn't bring home a trophy, I think he's a winner for knowing the most old time tunes.

We're still missing Thelma Terrill, our Reporter and new elected Sec./Treas. She's one busy gal!

Hope to see a bunch of you at Weiser next month.

WINONA SPATZ, Acting Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

Here in the north part of the district we are looking forward to summer and the Summer Festival at Myrtle Creek, as well as the meeting and jam at Drain (June 7th), and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Percy & Lucille Langdon.

I want to thank those who sent me cards and best wishes while I was in the hospital for an operation. The doctor gave me assurance that he got all the cancer, so now I can fiddle some more. I'm glad to have so many good fiddlin' friends.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

DISTRICT 4S

State Quarterly Meeting at Drain, June 7, co-host with Dist. 6. Meeting at 10, potluck at noon and open to public at one.

Next Dist. 4 jam at Talent Community Hall, July 5. Doors open at 10:30, potluck at noon and open to public at one.

Annual Dist. 4 picnic at Palmerton Park at Rogue River, August 2. This will be our last attempt to gain officers for the coming year. All positions are open. LET'S BE THINKING OF WHAT WE WANT TO HAPPEN TO THIS DISTRICT.

We had a nice jam at Tri City Elementary School, May 3, with 20 fiddlers and 5 specials. We were pleased to have some from Dist. 5 and 6 attend. At the business meeting there wasn't anything gained about new officers. It was agreed to let Dave continue until the Aug. 2 picnic. A "thank you" to Joyce Grissom for being Sec. Treas pro tem.

We are glad to hear Glen Brown is recovering nicely from his second surgery.

I would like to thank all those who sent condolences to me on the death of my Mother who died May 7th. It means so much at a time like this to have friendships.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Greetings from District 5. We started May off at Greenacres Grange Hall on the 2nd. We had a good turn out of fiddlers and back-up. Warren and Sherry Baker came down from Elkton to join us. The grange hall is getting new siding, new windows, a new porch, and other changes. We look forward to playing at their open house this summer.

District 5 had a good representation from our district down at Crescent City at the contest in late April and then again at Lebanon at the contest the 9th. Bob Bridgman, Alice Holt, Gene Gosney, and Fred Virtue brought home trophies from Crescent City. Bob brought home a nice fourth place trophy from Lebanon.

The 24th we went to Brookings to play at our jam at the Azalea Festival. We always look forward to this jam and we especially appreciated the turn out of our friends from across the state and from California. We had such an appreciative audience. Many of them sat there for the entire four hours enjoying the fiddle music and specials.

We have had fiddlers playing at rest homes, shopping malls, and art museums this month. It is this time of the year that we start getting requests to play "all of the time." It is a compliment but we sure can't do them all.

Our first playing in June will be at the state meeting in Drain on the 7th. The next week-end we are invited to Shorty Dow's for a District 5 campout. Shorty and the crew from Timbucto will have the camp ready on the afternoon of the 12th. Shorty's place is a mile or so north off Bullsards Bridge (north of Bandon) off Fahy Road. Fahy Road has two ends - one perhaps two miles north of the bridge. Watch for signs on Fahy Road pointing out the direction to the camp ground. Hopefully, you will need

LEW HOLT, Reporter

Last month I mentioned that we had received a \$20.00 contribution and challenge to others to donate to the Scholarship Fund. Since then we have received \$40.00 more. Thanks!

LEW HOLT

NEWS FLASH!! Word has just been received, as this goes to press, of the death of REEVES HOLBROOK, fiddler, who lived in Springfield. He passed away May 22nd. Heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. T.S.

DISTRICT 6

I want to thank all those who helped me so much with the sound system at our recent State Fiddle Contest. It is a big job and cooperative people always make it that much less difficult.

I also want to commend Maxine, and Walt, her faithful helper, for all the personal hard work and organization that went into making the contest such a successful one. They both put in many many hours both before and during the contest, in all sorts of weather, to make sure everything was just right.

Musicians in our district have been busy playing for the usual rest and retirement homes and other functions. A small group played out on the lawn of the Shelton McMurphy House during the Open House for Eugene's Historic Homes, May 10th. A group played at Jasper Grange Hall, May 16th, for a pieauction and ice cream social to raise money for a lady who was seriously ill. They raised over \$600.00 during the evening, then everyone had pie and ice cream and coffee.

Our Jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge was a big success with a record crowd, good eats, great music, and a floor full of dancers. We had around 30 sign-ups for the jam.

Our little pianist, Vera Kinnaman, is recuperating fine with her second broken hip of the past year. She missed playing for two dances, but was able to play again at the May 16th dance in Crow.

Hope to see many of you at our quarterly meeting in Drain at the Drain Civic Center, June 7th. Bring potluck and your own table service - drinks will be furnished (coffee and punch, that is).

Then on June 21st, we will play from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Days Celebration in the Brownsville Pioneer Park. There will be NO POTLUCK, but there are plenty of concession booths around the park where you can buy food and goodies. Some musicians will have gone early to Weiser, so we sure need the rest of you to come on up, or down, (as the case may be), and help us out. We always have a lively audience there.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

DISTRICT 7

Our Reporter, Joanne Minato, is in Holland seeing about getting her first grandchild, so I am filling in for her.

The jam in Beaverton was well attended with a good response to our fund raising for the Vernonia campout. We welcome the James DePorter family from Hillsboro into our fiddle family as new members. Their daughter, Karen, was a crowd pleaser playing her tune on her 1/4 size fiddle.

Our June 14 jam will be at the Canby Senior Center, 1250 S. Ivy St. If you are travelling South, turn left at the first stop light in Canby. Doors open at 11 (note, this is different from usual), potluck at noon and show at 1 p.m.

All you pie bakers are requested to get out the rolling pin and bake some pies to sell for a fund raiser at the June jam. We can't lose on this one. Those who don't make pies love to eat 'em!

HELEN HAKANSON, Reporting for
Joanne Minato

DISTRICT 8

Our next Jam will be at Dallas, Oregon, June 14th, at the old Majestic Theater. We have a kitchen but no stove in it as yet, so let's bring finger foods or indoor picnic foods. The address is 976 Main, in Dallas. It is in the same building as Gene's Music Studios.

We will have a short business meeting at 11 o'clock. Doors open at 10, picnic foods at 12, noon, and show for the public at 1 o'clock. Tell

your friends to come so we will have a good turnout besides just musicians.
We had lots of musicians at Stayton, but very little audience, so we did not get a good collection.

There is a quarterly meeting at Drain, and Dave would like to have a good turnout from Dist. #8.

Our district will not have a jam in July, as it is the Vernonia Campout July 15th through the 19th.

Guy Kyler is very ill and in the Mt. Angel Nursing Home.

Congratulations Leonard Maahs and Joe McKenzie on winning your trophies. District #8 is very proud of you.

See you at Dallas, June 14th. Come and bring a friend. Let's have a good turnout.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

On April 6th we had a Baby Shower for Anita Kemp. On April 24th we played for John & Eva Murray's 65th Wedding Anniversary Party. Had a nice crowd attend. We played for the Burns Nursing Home on the 11th.

Congratulations to Susie Smith & Stacey Reynolds at the State Contest. Good job, guys!

Remember the High Desert Fiddler's Contest in July on the 3rd & 4th. Hope we see all of you here.

MICHELLE AUSTIN, Reporter

A SPECIAL THANKS to all of my Oregon friends who came to Crescent City and helped make the contest a success. We could not have done it without your help and I am truly grateful.

With love and friendship,
DOROTHY CORY

PERK UP TIME

Are your stomach muscles saggin
Eyes a'droopin, tail a'draggin
And your clothes are far from baggin
What's the reason?

Try to not be quite so bitter
With the younger folks a'twitter
While YOU can't get off your sitter
Let's just face it!

Are you sittin there a'wishin
You could find the definition
Of the malady called "Fishin"
It's the season

Quit your bitchin and GO FISHIN
You CAN help your worn condition
Get yourself some new ambition
And embrace it.

As you contemplate your pills
For your multitude of illls,
Fallen arches, aches and chills,
Take it easy!

THELMA SHEPHARD

Just don't try to "reason-why" it,
There's another way, just try it -
Find yourself the latest diet
It's so breezy.



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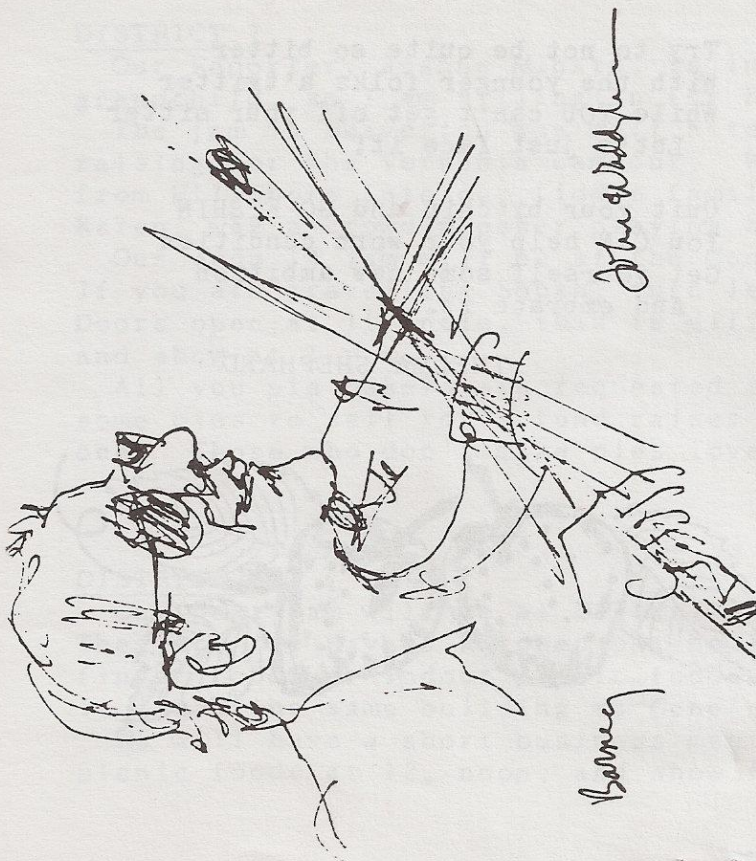


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The charming sketch above and those used elsewhere in this edition were done at our state fiddle contest by one of our newest members, John Waddingham, of Portland. He is well known throughout the United States for his easel paintings and drawings which have appeared in many periodicals, and in invitational shows and galleries throughout the United States. In these sketches he has aptly captured the motion and vitality of our fiddlers doing what they like to do best - jamming with other musicians.